Carbon Monoxide Gas Sensor

（Model: MQ-7B）

Manual

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MQ-7B Semiconductor Sensor for Carbon Monoxide

Profile
Sensitive material of MQ-7B gas sensor is SnO$_2$, which with lower conductivity in clean air. It make detection by method of cycle high and low temperature, and detect CO at low temperature(heated by 1.5V). The sensor’s conductivity gets higher along with the CO gas concentration rising. At high temperature (heated by 5.0V), it cleans the other gases adsorbed at low temperature. Users can convert the change of conductivity to correspond output signal of gas concentration through a simple circuit.

Features
It has good sensitivity to carbon monoxide in wide range, and has advantages such as long lifespan, low cost and simple drive circuit & etc.

Main Applications
It is widely used in domestic CO gas leakage alarm, industrial CO gas alarm and portable CO gas detector.

Technical Parameters

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<th>MQ-7B</th>
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<td>Plastic cap</td>
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<td>carbon monoxide</td>
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<th>Loop Voltage</th>
<th>$V_L$</th>
<th>≤10V DC</th>
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<td>Heater Voltage</td>
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<td>1.5V±0.1V AC or DC (Low temp.)</td>
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<td>Heater Time</td>
<td>$T_L$</td>
<td>60±15s (High temp.)</td>
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<td>90±15s (Low temp.)</td>
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<td>$R_L$</td>
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<th>$R_H$</th>
<th>29Ω±3Ω (room temp.)</th>
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<td>$P_H$</td>
<td>≤900mW</td>
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<td>Sensitivity</td>
<td>$S$</td>
<td>$R_s$(in air)/$R_s$(in 150ppm CO)$≥5$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Voltage</td>
<td>$V_S$</td>
<td>2.5V~4.3V (in 150ppm CO)</td>
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<td>Concentration Slope</td>
<td>$\alpha$</td>
<td>≤0.6($R_{300ppm}$/$R_{50ppm}$ CO)</td>
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| Standard test conditions                       | Tem. Humidity     | 20°C±2°C: 55%±5%RH |
| Standard test circuit                         | $V_c$             | 5.0V±0.1V |
| Preheat time                                  |                   | Over 48 hours |

NOTE: Output voltage ($V_S$) is $V_{RL}$ in test environment.

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Basic Circuit

Fig 2. MQ-7 Test Circuit

Instructions: The above fig is the basic test circuit of MQ-7. The sensor requires two voltage inputs: heater voltage ($V_H$) and circuit voltage ($V_C$). $V_H$ is used to supply standard working temperature to the sensor and it can adopt DC or AC power. For this model sensor, $V_H$ should be at 1.5V ± 0.1V low voltage when detect CO while should be at 5V ± 0.1V at non detection status (resuming period). $V_{RL}$ is the voltage of load resistance $R_L$ which is in series with sensor. $V_c$ supplies the detect voltage to load resistance $R_L$ and it should adopts DC power.

Description of Sensor Characters

Fig 3. Typical Sensitivity Curve

The ordinate is resistance ratio of the sensor ($R_s/R_0$), the abscissa is concentration of gases. $R_s$ means resistance in target gas with different concentration, $R_0$ means resistance of sensor in clean air. All tests are finished under standard test conditions.

Fig 4. Typical temperature/humidity characteristics

The ordinate is resistance ratio of the sensor ($R_s/R_0$). $R_s$ means resistance of sensor in 150ppm CO gas under different temp. and humidity. $R_0$ means resistance of the sensor in 150ppm CO gas under 20°C/55%RH.
### Fig5. Sensitivity Curve

Fig5 shows the $V_{RL}$ in CO gas with different concentration.

The resistance load $R_L$ is 4.7 KΩ and the test is finished in standard test conditions.

### Fig6. Response and Resume

Fig5 shows the changing of $V_{RL}$ in the process of putting the sensor into target gas and removing it out.

### Fig7. Long-term Stability

Test is finished in standard test conditions, the abscissa is observing time and the ordinate is $V_{RL}$.

### Cautions

#### 1. Following conditions must be prohibited

1.1 Exposed to organic silicon steam

Sensing material will lose sensitivity and never recover if the sensor absorbs organic silicon steam. Sensors must avoid exposing to silicon bond, fixture, silicon latex, putty or plastic contain silicon environment.

1.2 High Corrosive gas

If the sensors are exposed to high concentration corrosive gas (such as $H_2S$, $SO_x$, $Cl_2$, $HCl$ etc.), it will not only result in corrosion of sensors structure, also it cause sincere sensitivity attenuation.

1.3 Alkali, Alkali metals salt, halogen pollution

The sensors performance will be changed badly if sensors be sprayed polluted by alkali metals salt.
especially brine, or be exposed to halogen such as fluorine.

1.4 Touch water
   Sensitivity of the sensors will be reduced when spattered or dipped in water.

1.5 Freezing
   Do avoid icing on sensor’s surface, otherwise sensing material will be broken and lost sensitivity.

1.6 Applied higher voltage
   Applied voltage on sensor should not be higher than stipulated value, even if the sensor is not physically damaged or broken, it causes down-line or heater damaged, and bring on sensors’ sensitivity characteristic changed badly.

1.7 Voltage on wrong pins
   For 6 pins sensor, Pin 2&5 is heating electrodes, Pin (1,3)/(4,6) are testing electrodes (Pin 1 connects with Pin 3, while Pin 4 connects with Pin 6). If apply voltage on Pin 1&3 or 4&6, it will make lead broken; and no signal putout if apply on pins 2&4.

2. Following conditions must be avoided

2.1 Water Condensation
   Indoor conditions, slight water condensation will influence sensors’ performance lightly. However, if water condensation on sensors surface and keep a certain period, sensors’ sensitive will be decreased.

2.2 Used in high gas concentration
   No matter the sensor is electrified or not, if it is placed in high gas concentration for long time, sensors characteristic will be affected. If lighter gas sprays the sensor, it will cause extremely damage.

2.3 Long time storage
   The sensors resistance will drift reversibly if it’s stored for long time without electrify, this drift is related with storage conditions. Sensors should be stored in airproof bag without volatile silicon compound. For the sensors with long time storage but no electrify, they need long galvanical aging time for stability before using. The suggested aging time as follow:

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<tr>
<td>Less than one month</td>
<td>No less than 48 hours</td>
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<td>1 ~ 6 months</td>
<td>No less than 72 hours</td>
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<td>More than six months</td>
<td>No less than 168 hours</td>
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2.4 Long time exposed to adverse environment
   No matter the sensors electrified or not, if exposed to adverse environment for long time, such as high humidity, high temperature, or high pollution etc., it will influence the sensors' performance badly.

2.5 Vibration
   Continual vibration will result in sensors down-lead response then break. In transportation or assembling line, pneumatic screwdriver/ultrasonic welding machine can lead this vibration.

2.6 Concussion
   If sensors meet strong concussion, it may lead its lead wire disconnected.

2.7 Usage Conditions
   2.7.1 For sensor, handmade welding is optimal way. The welding conditions as follow:
   - Soldering flux: Rosin soldering flux contains least chlorine
2.7.1 If users choose wave-soldering, the following conditions should be obey:

- Soldering flux: Rosin soldering flux contains least chlorine
- Speed: 1-2 Meter/ Minute
- Warm-up temperature: 100±20°C
- Welding temperature: 250±10°C
- One time pass wave crest welding machine

If disobey the above using terms, sensors sensitivity will reduce.