

# Laser Methane Sensor Module

(Model No.: MH-L9041A)

# **Manual**

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#### MH-L9041A Laser Methane Sensor Module

#### **Product Profile**

MH-L9041A laser methane sensor module adopts laser spectral absorption detection technology, the sensor has stable and reliable performance and long service life. The module has the characteristics of strong corrosion resistance, high precision, fast response, low power consumption and can be used in the various complex environment.



The module has Standard mechanical thread connection and TTL digital communication interface, the output data is stable without zero drift, and the product is free of calibration and maintenance, which is convenient for customers to integrate and engineering application.

#### **Feature**

Good consistency,
Fast response,
High precision,
Long lifespan
Good water vapor resistance,
Good anti-interference performance

#### Application

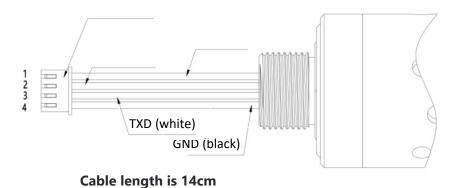
Petroleum, chemical, mining
Natural gas pipeline, galcon,
LPG stations
Coal mine safety monitoring
Gas pipeline leak monitoring
Underground pipe rack
Gas leakage monitoring
Marsh gas monitoring and other
related safety and testing field

#### Parameters - Table 1.

| Model No.          | MH-L9041A                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Working principle  | Laser                               |
| Detection Gas      | CH4                                 |
| Detection Range    | 3~100%LEL                           |
| Detection Accuracy | ±3%LEL                              |
| Repeatability      | 1% *(Note1)                         |
| Resolution         | 0.2%LEL                             |
| Response time      | ≤ 15s(cold boot)                    |
| Working Voltage    | DC (3.6~5)V                         |
| Average Current    | ≤ 60 mA @25°C                       |
| Working conditions | -20~60°C; 0-99%RH (no condensation) |
|                    | 80~116kpa                           |
| Storage conditions | -40~85°C 0-95%RH(no condensation)   |
| Output             | UART (TTL 3.3V)                     |
| Size               | Ф 40mm*68mm                         |
| Weight             | About 120g                          |
| Life               | ≥5 years                            |
|                    | •                                   |

**Note1:** Test conditions is warm-up time 15s, 20.00%LEL CH4 standard gas, testing time is 1min.

#### Pins order



\*Type of terminal: PH2.54-4P(pitch 2.54mm)

Fig1. Pins order

#### Pins Description Table 2.

| Pin No.     | Description |
|-------------|-------------|
| Pin1 red    | VCC         |
| Pin2 yellow | RXD         |
| Pin3 white  | TXD         |
| Pin4 black  | GND         |

#### **Communication Protocol**

#### 1.Hardware connection

Sensor's VCC-RXD-TXD-GND connects to user's VCC-TXD-RXD-GND respectively. Users must use 3.3V TTL level, if you use RS232 level, it must be switched.

#### 2. General Settings

Table 3

Baud Rate 115200

Data Byte 8

Stop Byte 1

Parity None

Flow control None

#### 3. Protocol instruction

Data description:

Module data output form is ACSII fixed-length string , a total of 29 bytes, the specific format is as follows: symbol xxx. xx space symbol nn.n space pppp.pp space SS space HH<CR><LF> symbol xxx. xx represents the concentration, the unit is %LEL, the range is +000.00 $^{\sim}$ +999.99; symbol nn.n represents the temperature, the unit is  $^{\circ}$ C, the range is -99.9  $^{\sim}$  +99.9. pppp.pp indicates the signal strength, unit is none, range 0000.00  $^{\sim}$  4095.00, normal range 400.00  $^{\sim}$  4000.00;

SS is module status code, please see Table 4;

HH is the XOR check value of the first 24 bytes (in the green area of example 1). The check byte is output in the form of two characters; <CR><LF> represents a carriage return newline character.

Within 2 seconds after the module is initially powered on, pre-output two groups of data in the preceding data output format to represent the module communication is normal. Only the temperature values are valid measurements.

For example:

Example 1. The current temperature is 26.1 ° C. The output is as follows after the initial power-on for 2 seconds:

- +000.00 +26.1 0000.00 00 0B <CR><LF>
- +000.00 +26.1 0000.00 00 0B <CR><LF>

When the module is in the continuous detection status:

Example 2. The current concentration is 0.00%LEL, the temperature is 21.4 $^{\circ}$ C, and the signal strength is 1001.01. The output is as follows:

+000.00 +21.4 1001.01 00 28 <CR><LF>

Example 3. The current concentration is 2.10%LEL, the temperature is -9.4  $^{\circ}$ C, and the signal strength is 829.00. The output is as follows:

+ 002.10 -09.4 0829.00 00 25 <CR><LF>;

Example 4. The current concentration is 20.10%LEL, the temperature is -9.4  $^{\circ}$ C, and the signal strength is 829.00. The output is as follows:

+020.10 -09.4 0829.00 00 23 <CR><LF>;

**Table4-Status Code** 

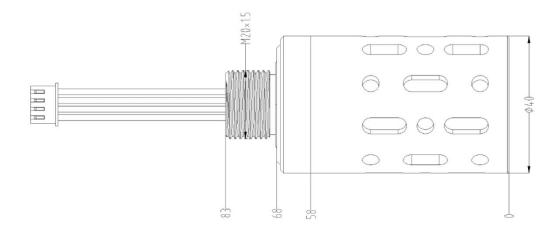
| Status Code | Meaning                               | Description                            |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 00          | Normal Working status                 |  |
| 01          | Optical path fault                    | Signal strength is out of normal range |
| 02          | Temperature acquisition is abnormal   | Temperature sensor fault               |
| 03          | Laser temperature control is abnormal | temperature control fault              |

#### **Cautions**

- 1. The sensor vent hole should not be blocked when the sensor is installed and used.
- 2.Do not disassemble the sensor at will;
- 3. The air hole of the sensor shall not be blocked or polluted, and liquid and debris shall not be allowed to enter the gas pipeline of the sensor;
- 4. The sensor shall not be subjected to excessive impact or vibration;
- 5.Do not use the sensor if the shell is damaged or deformed.



### **Product Sizes (mm)**



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