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OX-A431 Oxidising Gas Sensor
Ozone + Nitrogen Dioxide
4-Electrode

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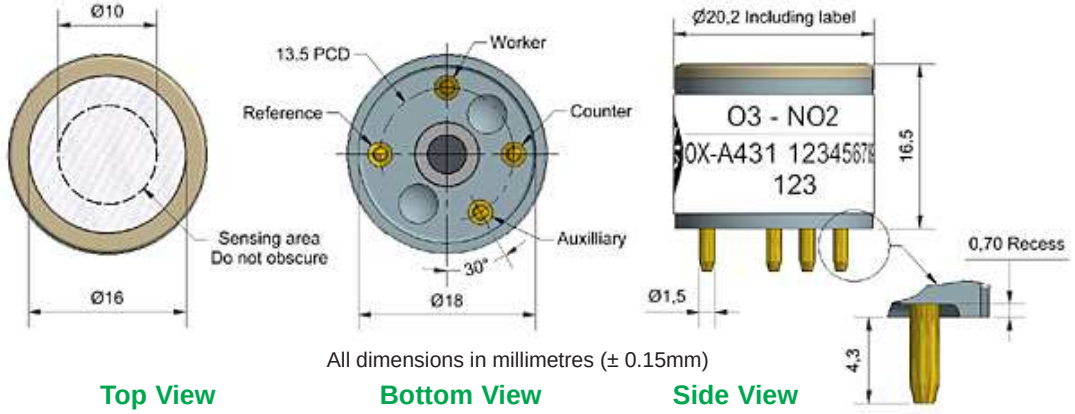
Technical Specification

Figure 1 OX-A431 Schematic Diagram



All dimensions in millimetres (± 0.15mm)

Top View | Bottom View | Side View

Specification O_3 Sensing

PERFORMANCE

Sensitivity	nA/ppm at 1ppm O_3	-200 to -650
Response time	t_{90} (s) from zero to 1ppm O_3	< 45
Zero current	nA in zero air at 20°C	-50 to 70
Noise*	±2 standard deviations (ppb equivalent)	15
Range	ppm O_3 limit of performance warranty	20
Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 20ppm O_3	< ±0.5
Overgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse	50

*** Tested with Alphasense AFE low noise circuit**

LIFETIME

Zero drift	ppb equivalent change/year in lab air	0 to 20
Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< -20 to -40
Operating life	months until 50% original signal (24 month warranted)	> 24

ENVIRONMENTAL

Sensitivity @ -20°C	(% output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm O_3	60 to 80
Sensitivity @ 40°C	(% output @ 40°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm O_3	80 to 105
Zero @ -20°C	nA	0 to 25
Zero @ 40°C	nA	20 to 90

CROSS SENSITIVITY

H_2S	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	H_2S	< 100
NO	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	NO	< 5
Cl_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	Cl_2	< 85
SO_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	SO_2	< -6
CO	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	CO	< 0.1
C_2H_4	sensitivity % measured gas	@	100ppm	C_2H_4	< 0.1
NH_3	sensitivity % measured gas	@	20ppm	NH_3	< 0.1
H_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	100ppm	H_2	< 0.1
CO_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5% Vol	CO_2	0.1
Halothane	sensitivity % measured gas	@	100ppm	Halothane	< 0.1

KEY SPECIFICATIONS

Temperature range	°C	-30 to 40
Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120
Humidity range	% rh continuous	15 to 85
Storage period	months @ 3 to 20°C (stored in sealed pot)	6
Load resistor	Ω (AFE circuit recommended)	33 to 100
Weight	g	< 6

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Figure 2 Sensitivity temperature dependence to 1ppm O_3

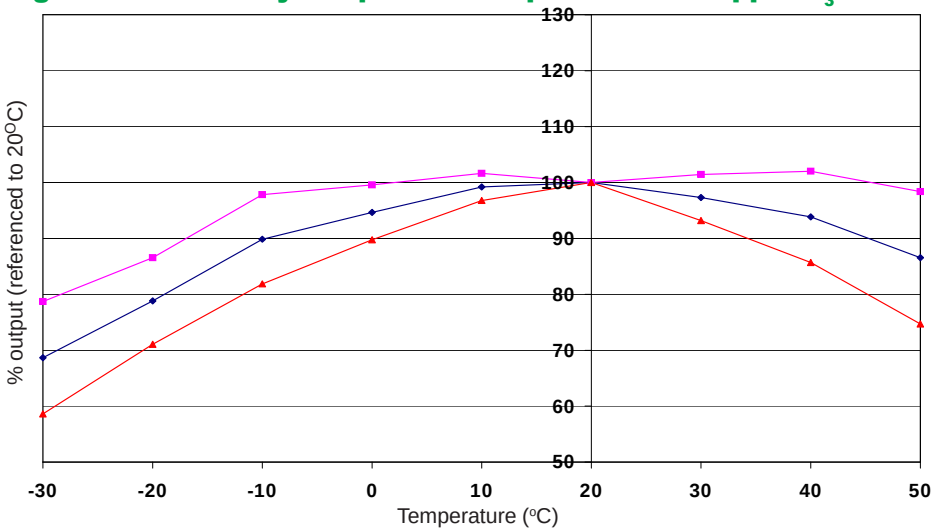

Figure 2 shows the mean and 95% confidence levels for the temperature dependence of sensitivity at 1ppm O_3.

Measuring Ozone at higher temperatures requires good casing design to ensure the Ozone reaches the sensor before reacting.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

Figure 3 Zero temperature dependence

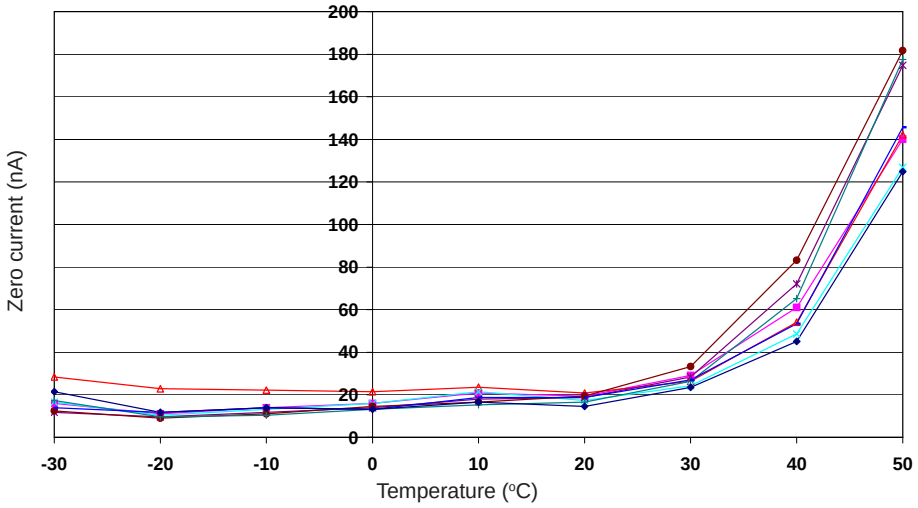

Figure 3 shows the variation in zero output of the working electrode caused by changes in temperature, expressed as nA.

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Contact Alphasense for futher information on zero current correction.

Figure 4 Response from 200 ppb to 0 ppb O_3

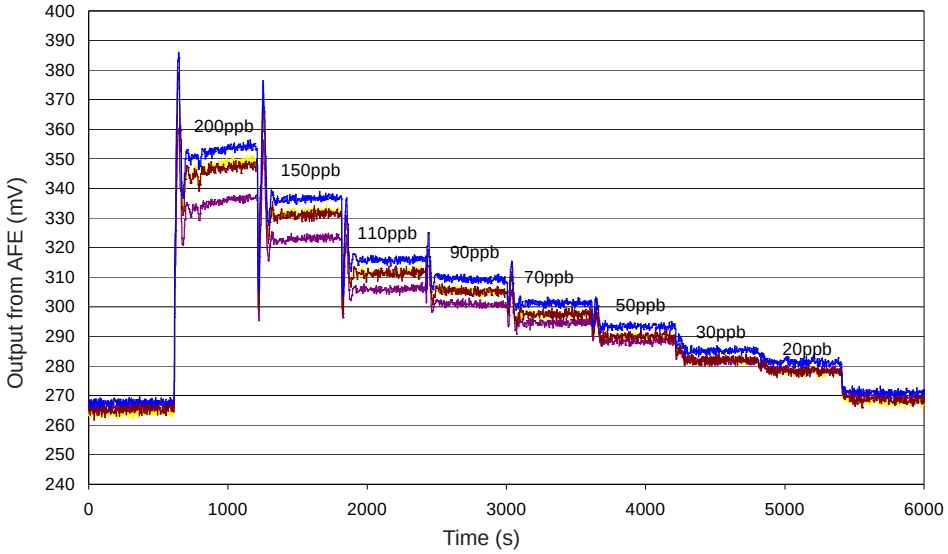

Figure 4 shows response from 200ppb O_3 to 0ppb O_3.

Use of Alphasense AFE circuit reduces noise to 15ppb, with the opportunity of digital smooting to reduce noise even further.

Offset voltage is due to intentional AFE circuit electronic offset.

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The OX-A431 detects both ozone and nitrogen dioxide (O_3 +NO_2). The NO2-A43F measures only nitrogen dioxide, filtering out ozone. Using these sensors together allows you to calculate the O_3 concentration by subtracting the corrected NO2-A43F concentration from the corrected OX-A431 concentration.

Before subtracting to determine ozone concentration, ensure that the signals from the two sensors have been corrected for electronic zero offset, sensor zero offset and temperature dependence, and sensitivity (nA/ppm) calibration and temperature dependence.

Specification NO_2 Sensing

PERFORMANCE			
	Sensitivity to NO_2	nA/ppm at 2ppm NO_2	-200 to -550
	Response time	t_{90} (s) from zero to 1ppm NO_2	< 45
	Zero current	nA in zero air at 20°C	-50 to 70
	Noise*	±2 standard deviations (ppb equivalent)	15
	Range	ppm NO_2 limit of performance warranty	20
	Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 20ppm NO_2	< ±0.5
	Overgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse	50
	*** Tested with Alphasense AFE low noise circuit**		
LIFETIME	Zero drift	ppb equivalent change/year in lab air	0 to 20
	Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< -20 to -40
	Operating life	months until 50% original signal (24 month warranted)	> 24
ENVIRONMENTAL			
	Sensitivity @ -20°C	(% output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm NO_2	50 to 80
	Sensitivity @ 40°C	(% output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm NO_2	115 to 130
	Zero @ -20°C	nA	0 to 25
	Zero @ 40°C	nA	20 to 50

CROSS SENSITIVITY	H_2S	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	H_2S	< 100
	NO	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	NO	< 5
	Cl_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	Cl_2	< 85
	SO_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	SO_2	< -6
	CO	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5ppm	CO	< 0.1
	C_2H_4	sensitivity % measured gas	@	100ppm	C_2H_4	< 0.1
	NH_3	sensitivity % measured gas	@	20ppm	NH_3	< 0.1
	H_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	100ppm	H_2	< 0.1
	CO_2	sensitivity % measured gas	@	5% Vol	CO_2	0.1
	Halothane	sensitivity % measured gas	@	100ppm	Halothane	< 0.1

KEY SPECIFICATIONS			
	Temperature range	°C	-30 to 40
	Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120
	Humidity range	% rh continuous	15 to 85

At the end of the product's life, do not dispose of any electronic sensor, component or instrument in the domestic waste, but contact the instrument manufacturer, Alphasense or its distributor for disposal instructions.

NOTE: all sensors are tested at ambient environmental conditions, with 47 ohm load resistor, unless otherwise stated. As applications of use are outside our control, the information provided is given without legal responsibility. Customers should test under their own conditions, to ensure that the sensors are suitable for their own requirements.

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Figure 5 Sensitivity temperature dependence to 2ppm NO_2

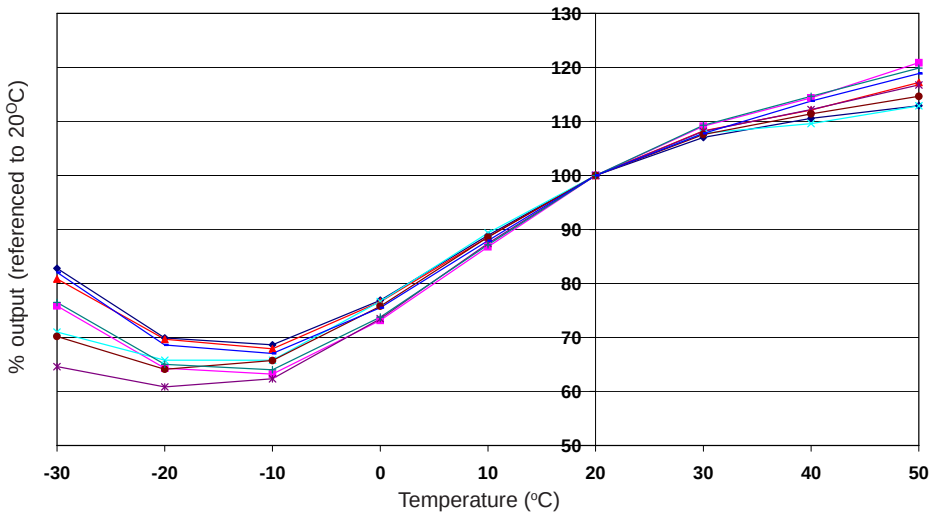
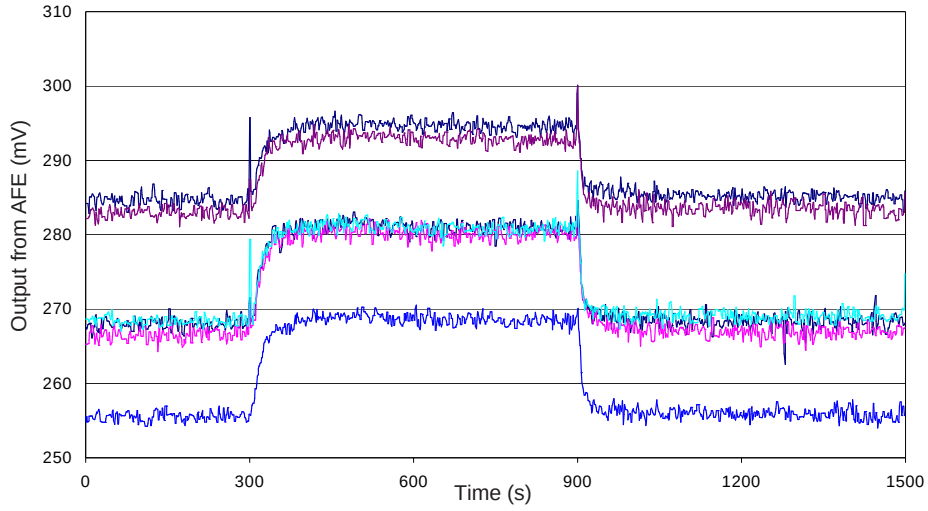


Figure 5 shows the temperature dependence of sensitivity at 2ppm NO_2.

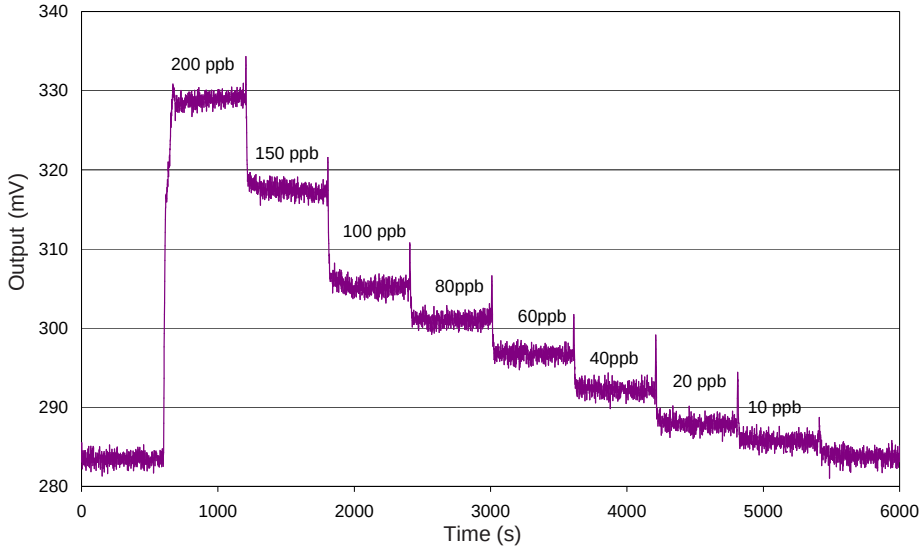
This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

Figure 6 Response to 50ppb NO_2



The OX-A431 shows fast response and return to baseline, even at low concentrations.

Figure 7 Response from 200 ppb to 0 ppb NO_2



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For further information on the performance of this sensor, on other sensors in the range or any other subject, please contact Alphasense Ltd. For Application Notes visit "www.alphasense.com".