

ESPEasy CO2-Tuya-detector

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This device has a good NDIR CO2 Sensor: the Winson MHZ19D. It has Tuya / SmartLife WIFI connection. It costs between 35 and 40 Euro's. The main disadvantage is that it's self-calibrating (24 hours cycle, but you can calibrate it manually too).

Parameter (condition)	Value
CO2 Range	0 .. 5,000 ppm
CO2 Accuracy	+/- (50 ppm +5%)
CO2 Repeatability	+/- 10 ppm
CO2 Response Time	60 sec
Temperature	-10 .. 50 °C
Temperature accuracy	+/- 0.3 °C
Temperature Response Time	120 s
RH Range	0 .. 100 %
RH Accuracy	+/- 2%
Total Power	? Watt

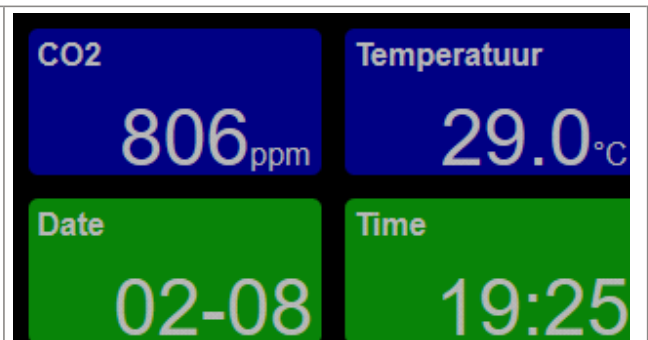
By adding an ESP32-C3 and removing one resistor, you can get rid of the auto-calibrate functionality and get also some new features (see here on the right)

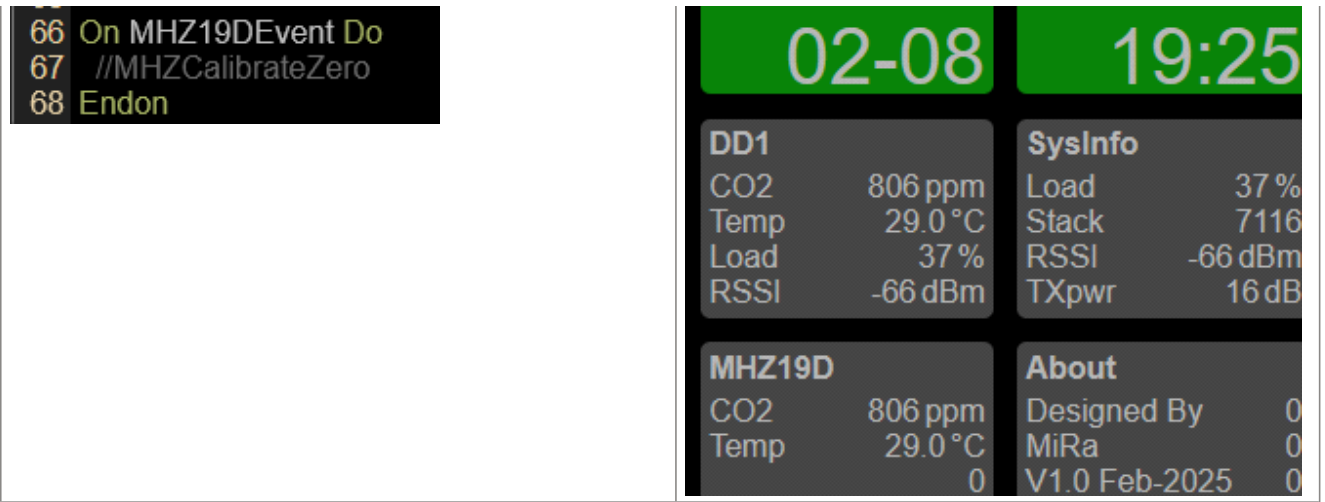
ESPEasy based software
P2P Network
Web interface
5 .. 10 days Recording
MQTT broadcast
Software Calibration

The default web interface, automatically generated by EasyFetch.

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67 //MHZCalibrateZero
68 Endon
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Connection to Tuya / SmartLife

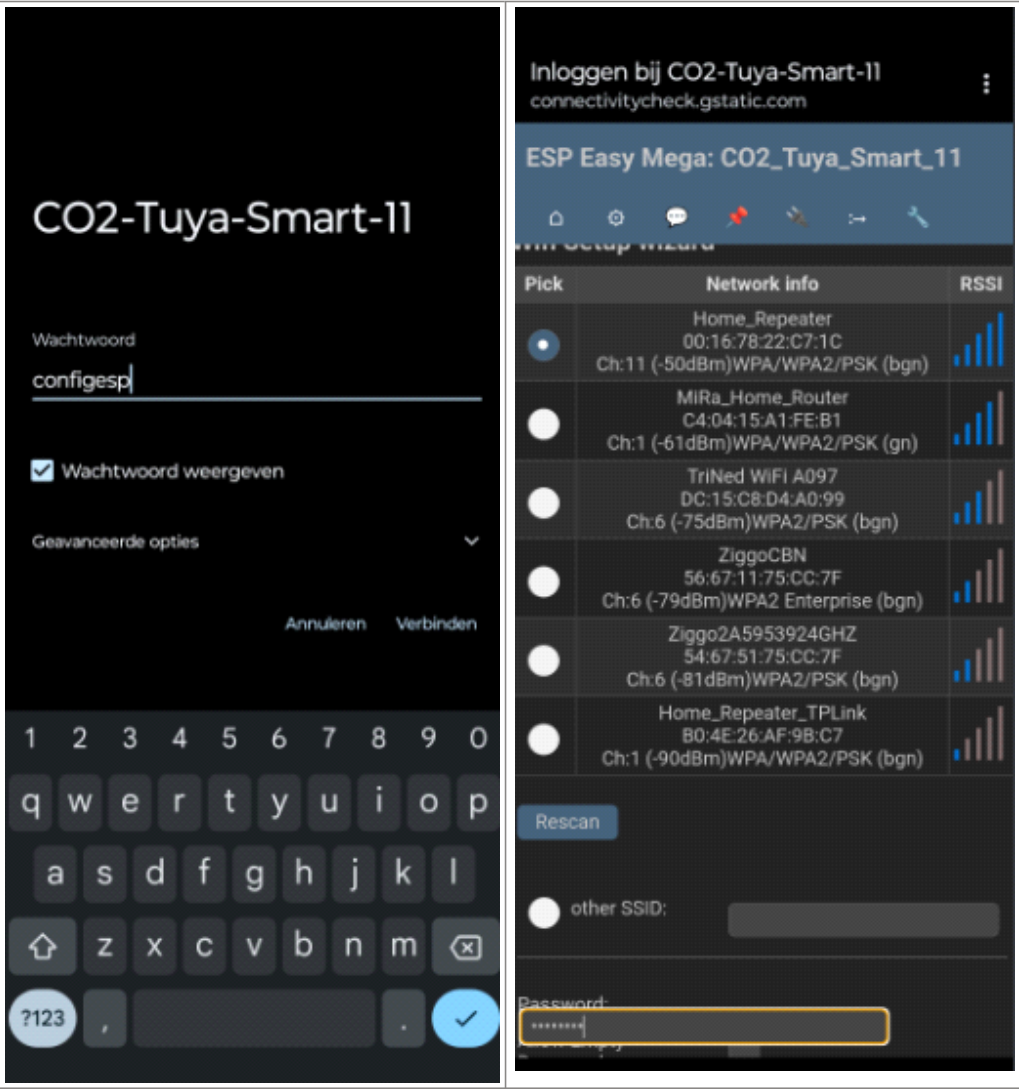
See original instruction manual.
This connection should be made, otherwise the CO2 readings are not stable.

Connecting to Home WiFi

Every time the device is powered up, and it cannot contact to a home network, it will start a WIFI Access Point.

If the device is not connected to your home network yet: On your smartphone (most easy), connect to the Access Point, Log in, select the correct network and provide the network password.

If the connection didn't succeed, reconnect the power to get the device in the Access Point mode.



Version	Date	History
1.0	Feb-2025	Original Release

		Based on original ESP_Easy_mega_20231225 Custom build ESP_Easy_mega_20250106_custom_ESP32c3_4M316k_CDC Jan 6 2025
		TODO (ideas for future improvements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fetch the Temperature and RH from the AHT20 sensor • Better 5 V coupling so you don't need the Tuya connection • Take over the complete display control • Get rid of the original processor

Temperature Correction

The temperature measured is often too high, due to the heat generated by the electronics.

If the device is on a permanent position, you can correct the temperature in the device settings by changing the formula. Here on the right a 10 degrees correction is made,

Values		
#	Name	Formula ?
1	CO2?ppm	
2	Temp?°C	%value%-10

CO2 Calibration

Leave the device for at least 15 minutes in a room where the CO2 is equal to the outside CO2 level.

Then in the web-interface to the Tools-tab, you can enter the command "mhzCalibrateZero" and the CO2 sensor will be reset tot 400 ppm.

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Note: the relative humidity during calibration should be below 60%, otherwise the humidity will lead to a wrong calibration (a high humidity will also absorb the infrared light in the sensor)

MQTT messaging

In line 13 of Rules the MQTT message is constructed.

The MQTT message will be sent every time a new value of the CO2 sensor is fetched.

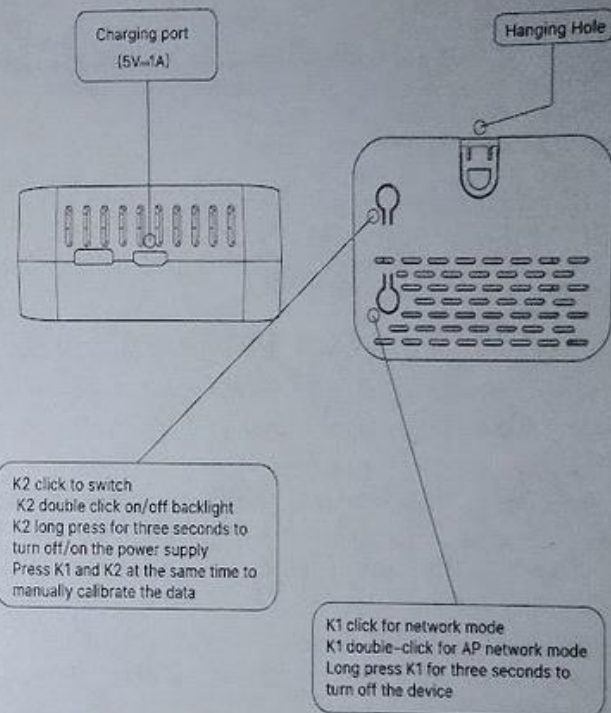
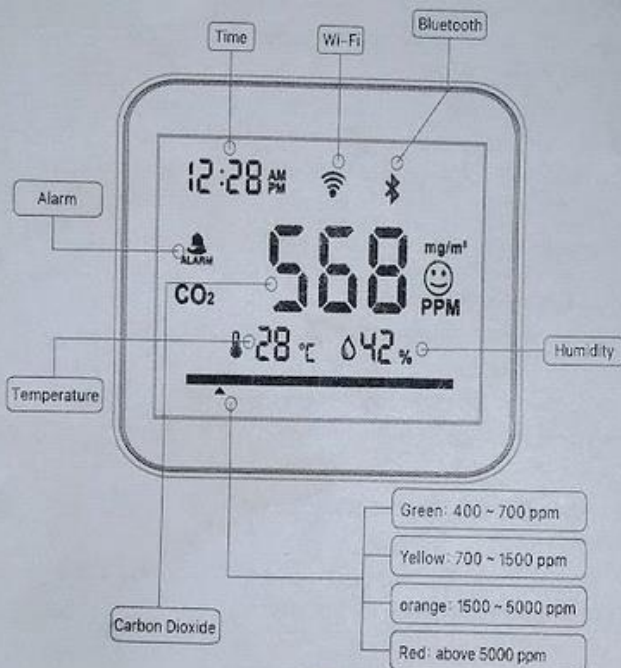
The address of the MQTT broker is set through the Controller-tab | MQTT-Controller

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10 On MHZ19D#All Do
11 TaskValueSet,30,1,%eventvalue1%
12 TaskValueSet,30,2,%eventvalue2%
13 Publish,huis/ergens/%sysname%/Sensors,'{"CO2":%eventvalue1%, "Temp":%eventvalue2% }'
14 LogEntry,""====> Publish"
15 Endon

```

Product Introduction



Specification

WiFi Smart CO₂ Detector

Power: 5V1A

CO₂ Sensor: 400~5000PPm

Accuracy: ±(50ppm+5%reading value)

Humidity sensor: 0~100%RH

Accuracy ±2%RH(25°C) Working

Temperature: -10°C~+50°C 0~95%RH -10~+65°C Accuracy +0.3°C

Communication protocol: WiFi

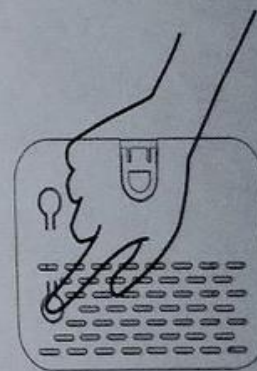
How to connect to the app





Scan and download before using

1. Please confirm you have enabled the phone Bluetooth, 2.4G WiFi and location service.

2. Open Smart Life APP, click "Add Device" on the home page or click the icon "+" on the top right.



3. Long press the “” button until the “” icon flashes on the screen, and the device enters the network configuration state.

4. Click “Add” when searching devices, choose your 2.4G WiFi by entering password for clicking “Next” to wait for successful device adding.



5. Click “Done” and enter the device page to enjoy smart life with home automation.



Note:

Note: 1. During the connection process, it is necessary to ensure that the device and the mobile phone are within 30 meters during the connection process, as Wi-Fi is short-distance connection.

2. During the connection process, make sure that the device and the mobile phone are in the same Wi-Fi environment, and only support the 2.4GHz Wi-Fi signal

Q&A

Question:Why these carbon dioxide detector can only detect carbon dioxide concentration above 400ppm?

Answer:Because this co2 meter only suitable for indoor carbon dioxide concentration detection.As we all know co2 is an important part of the air. Main function of the product is to alarm when the carbon dioxide concentration exceeds the standard,such as when indoor people are crowded or room closed for a long time without ventilation. So this indoor carbon dioxide detector with a co2 detection starting concentration of 400ppm.

Question:Does it include usb cable?

Answer:Our product package includes 1x CO2 Detector, 1x USB Charging Cable, 1x User Manual.

Question:How often are you supposed to calibrate this? Readings seem irratic

Answer:Calibrate when you think the device reading is inaccurate.

We recommend that you calibrate your device when you first receive it.

Question:Does it have a “hold” function? So can you put it into an environment, leave it for a period of time, and it stores or fixes the reading?

Answer:Place the detector in an open environment. After shutdown, long press the K1 and K2 buttons at the same time , the detector will enter the calibration state.

This CO2 detector does not have the function of storing data for the time being.

Question:Does an audible alarm sound if/when co2 levels become dangerous?

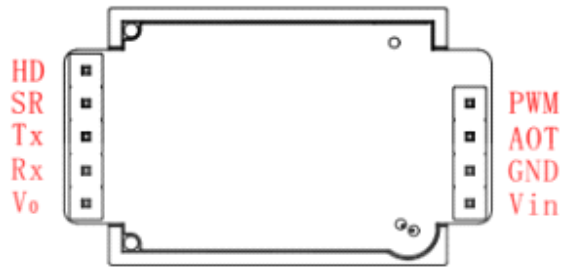
Answer:Have alarm sound. When carbon dioxide levels exceed normal,it will have sound to remind you .

MHZ19 pinning



Pins connection type table3.

Pin	Pin Definition
Vin	Positive pole of power (Vin)
GND	Negative pole of power (GND)



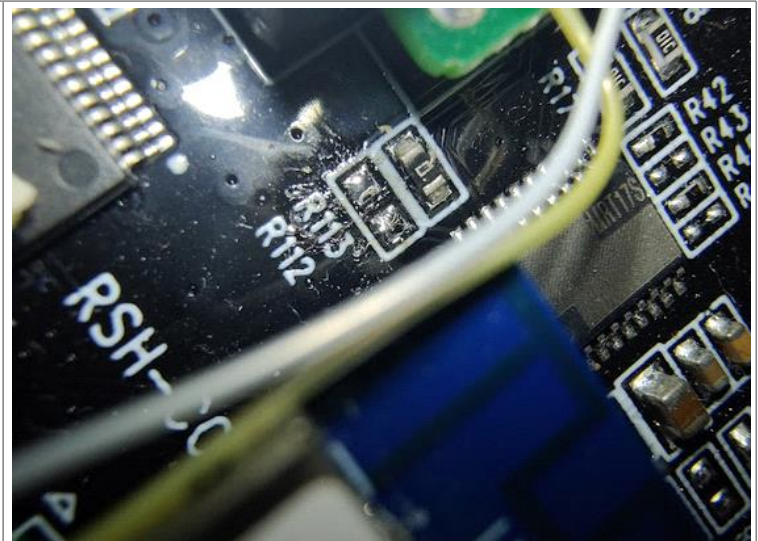
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Vin	Positive pole of power (Vin)
GND	Negative pole of power (GND)
PWM	PWM
Hd	HD(zero point calibration, low level lasting for over 7s is effective)
Rx	UART(RXD)TTL Level data input
Tx	UART(TXD)TTL Level data output

Remove R112

R112 (an 0 Ohm resistor connected to the Rx of the MHZ19D) is removed.

The original micro-processor sends "set auto-calibrate" command at regular time intervals.

Now the ESP32 sends the commands to the MHZ-19D, including calibration commands if initiated by the user.



Connect Power to ESP32

This is not the best connection, but it's good enough. It works in both directions, you can either power the ESP32-C3 through the USB-C-connector or power the device through the micro-USB-connector.

You must find a better way if you want to measure CO2 without connecting to the Tuya server.



Rx, Tx Connections

Here you see the Rx and Tx connections.

Some ESP32-C3 have very bad antenna designs, where the antenna signal reflects in the transmitter. In that case it's impossible to make a WiFi connection, even if there's a strong WIFI signal from the home network. The blue wire (about 6.5 cm) connected over the ceramic antenna will improve the WIFI signal significantly and solve the WIFI connect problems.





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	Nr	Enabled	Protocol	Host	Port
Edit	①	✓	ESPEasy P2P Networking	-	8266
Edit	②	✓	Home Assistant (openHAB) MQTT	192.168.0.16	1883
Edit	③	✓	Cache Controller [Experimental]	-	

Cache Reader is disabled, because it's only used to download all the collected data in Cache Controller.

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	Task	Enabled	Device	Name	Port	Ctr (IDX)	GPIO	Values
Add	1							
Add	2							
Edit	3	✓	Generic - Dummy Device	DD1		3		CO2?ppm: 775 Temp?°C: 21.0 Load?%: 41 RSSI?dBm: -66
Add	4							
Add	5							
Add	6							
Add	7							
Edit	8	✓	Generic - System Info	SysInfo				Load?%: 41 Stack: 7116 RSSI?dBm: -66 TXpwr?dB: 16
Edit	9	✓	Gases - CO2 MH-Z19	MHZ19D	HW Serial1	1	RX: GPIO-21 TX: GPIO-20	CO2?ppm: 775 Temp?°C: 21.0 _: 0
Edit	10	✗	Generic - Cache Reader	CacheReader				FileNr: 0 FilePos: 0

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Task Settings

Device: Gases - CO2 MH-Z19 ? i

Name: MHZ19D

Enabled: ☒

Sensor

Serial Port: HW Serial1 ▼

ESP RX GPIO ← TX: GPIO-21 ▼

ESP TX GPIO → RX: GPIO-20 ▼

Device Settings

Auto Base Calibration: ABC disabled ▼

Filter: Fast Response ▼

Checksum (pass/fail/reset): 136/0/1

Detected: MH-Z19B

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Rules

Rules Set 1

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1 // This file has both a section for SCD_Sensor and MHZ19D
2 // Copy the CO2 and Temperature Value to the large Tile
3 On SCD_Sensor#All Do
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5   TaskValueSet,30,2,%eventvalue3%
6   Publish,huis/ergens/%sysname%/Sensors,'{"CO2":%eventvalue1%, "RH":%eventvalue2%, "Temp":%eventvalue3%}'
7   LogEntry,"====> Publish"
8 Endon
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15 Endon
16
17 // Store Values in Cache
18 On Rules#Timer=7 Do
19   timerSet,7,120
20   Let,4,%unixtime%+3600
21
22   TaskValueSet,DD1,1,[MHZ19D#CO2?ppm]
23   TaskValueSet,DD1,2,[MHZ19D#Temp?°C]
24   TaskValueSet,DD1,3,[SysInfo#Load?%]
25   TaskValueSet,DD1,4,[SysInfo#RSSI?dBm]
26
27   // Store all values in the cache (with an identical timestamp)
28   TaskRunAt,DD1,[int#4]
29 Endon
30
31 On System#Boot Do
32   timerSet,8,20    //Wifi Timer
33   Let,8,1
34   timerSet,7,10    //Cache Timer
35   TaskEnable 9    // ONLY for MHZ19
36 Endon
37
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38 // Switch AP-mode off, when connected to an existing network
39 On WiFi#Connected Do
40   LogEntry "++++++ + %ssid%"
41   WiFiMode Sta
42   TimerSet,8,0 // Disable Timer
43   Let,8,0
44 Endon
45
46 // When connection to the network gets lost, start a Timer which will switch to AP-mode
47 On WiFi#Disconnected Do
48   LogEntry,"-----"
49   If [INT#8]==0
50     LogEntry " >>>> Start Timer 600 Sec>>>>"
51     timerSet,8,30 //600
52     Let,8,1
53   Endif
54 Endon
55
56 // Timer test if wifi is connected, and if not will enter AP+STA mode
57 On Rules#Timer=8 Do
58   //LogEntry "WIFI Status [0,1,3,7]: %iswifi%"
59   If %iswifi% < 3
60     LogEntry "LOST"
61     //WiFiMode AP+STA
62     WiFiMode AP
63   Endif
64 Endon
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