

# Upload Instructions for Air Quality Monitor

This guide explains how to upload the provided Arduino code to your board and set up the hardware.

## 1. Required Components

- Arduino board (Uno, Nano, Mega, etc.)
- DHT11 temperature & humidity sensor
- MQ135 air quality sensor
- SSD1306 OLED display (128×64, I2C)
- Jumper wires and breadboard

## 2. Wiring

Connect the components as follows:

Component	Pin	Arduino Pin
DHT11	VCC	5V
DHT11	GND	GND
DHT11	OUT	Digital 8
MQ135	VCC	5V
MQ135	GND	GND
MQ135	AOUT	Analog A0
OLED	VCC	5V
OLED	GND	GND
OLED	SDA	A4 (SDA)

Component	Pin	Arduino Pin
OLED	SCL	A5 (SCL)

**Note:** If using a different Arduino model, check the correct I2C pins (e.g., for Mega: SDA = 20, SCL = 21).

### 3. Software Setup

#### Install Arduino IDE

- Download from [arduino.cc](https://www.arduino.cc)
- Install and open the IDE

#### Install Required Libraries

Go to **Sketch** → **Include Library** → **Manage Libraries** and install:

- DHT sensor library by Adafruit (version ≥1.4.4)
- Adafruit GFX Library by Adafruit
- Adafruit SSD1306 by Adafruit

### 4. Prepare the Code

1. Copy the complete code from the provided file.
2. In Arduino IDE, create a new sketch (**File** → **New**).
3. Delete any default text and paste the copied code.
4. Save the sketch (e.g., AirMonitor).

### 5. Upload to Arduino

#### Select Board and Port

- **Tools** → **Board** → choose your Arduino model (e.g., "Arduino Uno").

- **Tools** → **Port** → select the correct COM port (Windows) or `/dev/cu...` (Mac/Linux).

## Compile and Upload

- Click the **Verify** button (checkmark) to compile. Fix any errors if they appear (usually missing libraries).
- Click the **Upload** button (right arrow). Wait for “Done uploading” message.

## 6. Verify Operation

### Serial Monitor

- Open **Tools** → **Serial Monitor** (set baud rate to **9600**).
- You should see calibration messages and then periodic readings:

text

Calibrating MQ135, keep sensor in clean air...

MQ135 baseline set to: 312

Temp: 24.5 C | Humidity: 55.0 % | Air: 320 (baseline: 312)

### OLED Display

- After a brief “Calibrating...” message, the display should show:
  - Temperature, Humidity, Air quality value (with deviation from baseline)
  - Status line: “OK ✓” or “BAD AIR X” (depending on air quality)

## 7. Troubleshooting

Problem

Possible Solution

**OLED not found**

Check I2C address (default 0x3C). Use an I2C scanner sketch to verify. If address is 0x change `OLED_ADDRESS` in code.

Problem	Possible Solution
<b>DHT read fails</b>	Verify wiring (pin 8). Ensure sensor is 5V compatible. Try adding a 10kΩ pull-up resistor on data line.
<b>MQ135 values erratic</b>	Allow sensor to warm up for 2-3 minutes. Adjust baseline by increasing <code>CALIBRATION_SAMPLES</code> or adding a warm-up delay.
<b>Upload fails</b>	Check that correct board and port are selected. Try pressing the Arduino's reset button just before uploading.

## 8. Customization

- **Air quality threshold:** In `updateDisplay()`, change `diff > 100` to a value that matches your environment.
- **Reading interval:** Modify `READING_INTERVAL` (in milliseconds).
- **I2C pins:** If using non-default pins, add `Wire.begin(SDA, SCL);` in `setup()` with your pin numbers.