

**TECHNICAL DATA****MQ-3 GAS SENSOR****FEATURES**

- \* High sensitivity to alcohol and small sensitivity to Benzine .
- \* Fast response and High sensitivity
- \* Stable and long life
- \* Simple drive circuit

**APPLICATION**

They are suitable for alcohol checker, Breathalyser.

**SPECIFICATIONS****A. Standard work condition**

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical condition	Remarks
V <sub>c</sub>	Circuit voltage	5V±0.1	AC OR DC
V <sub>H</sub>	Heating voltage	5V±0.1	AC OR DC
R <sub>L</sub>	Load resistance	200K Ω	
R <sub>H</sub>	Heater resistance	33 Ω ± 5%	Room Tem
P <sub>H</sub>	Heating consumption	less than 750mw	

**B. Environment condition**

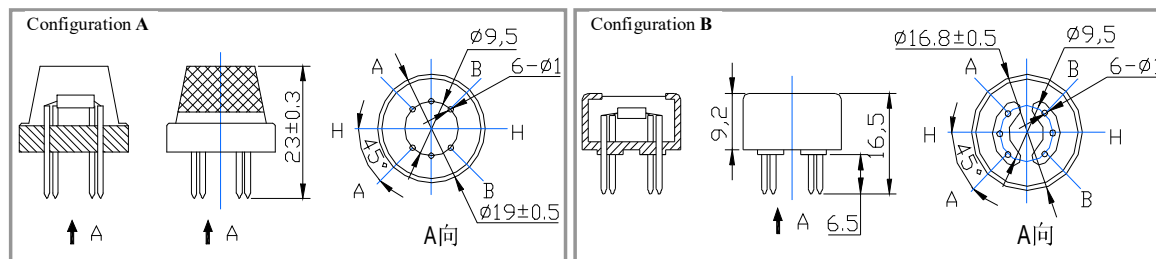
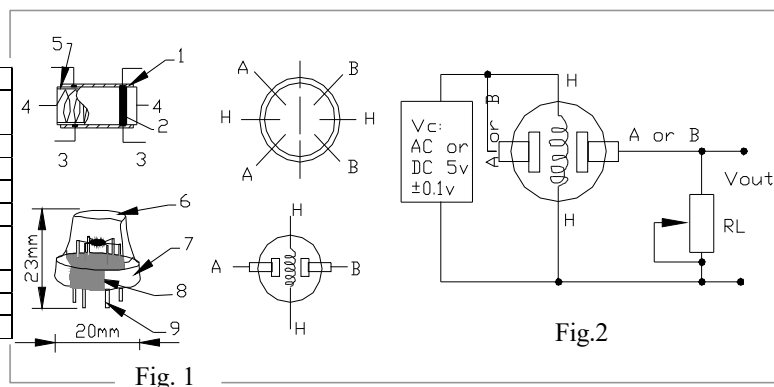
Symbol	Parameter name	Technical condition	Remarks
T <sub>ao</sub>	Using Tem	-10℃-50℃	
T <sub>as</sub>	Storage Tem	-20℃-70℃	
R <sub>H</sub>	Related humidity	less than 95%Rh	
O <sub>2</sub>	Oxygen concentration	21%(standard condition)Oxygen concentration can affect sensitivity	minimum value is over 2%

**C. Sensitivity characteristic**

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical parameter	Remarks
Rs	Sensing Resistance	1M Ω - 8 M Ω (0.4mg/L alcohol )	Detecting concentration scope: 0.05mg/L—10mg/L Alcohol
α (0.4/1 mg/L)	Concentration slope rate	≤0.6	
Standard detecting condition	Temp: 20℃ ± 2℃ Humidity: 65%±5%	Vc:5V±0.1 Vh: 5V±0.1	
Preheat time	Over 24 hour		

**D. Structure and configuration, basic measuring circuit**

Parts	Materials
1 Gas sensing layer	SnO <sub>2</sub>
2 Electrode	Au
3 Electrode line	Pt
4 Heater coil	Ni-Cr alloy
5 Tubular ceramic	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
6 Anti-explosion network	Stainless steel gauze (SUS316 100-mesh)
7 Clamp ring	Copper plating Ni
8 Resin base	Bakelite
9 Tube Pin	Copper plating Ni



Structure and configuration of MQ-3 gas sensor is shown as Fig. 1 (Configuration A or B), sensor composed by micro  $Al_2O_3$  ceramic tube, Tin Dioxide ( $SnO_2$ ) sensitive layer, measuring electrode and heater are fixed into a crust made by plastic and stainless steel net. The heater provides necessary work conditions for work of sensitive components. The enveloped MQ-3 have 6 pin, 4 of them are used to fetch signals, and other 2 are used for providing heating current.

Electric parameter measurement circuit is shown as Fig.2

#### E. Sensitivity characteristic curve

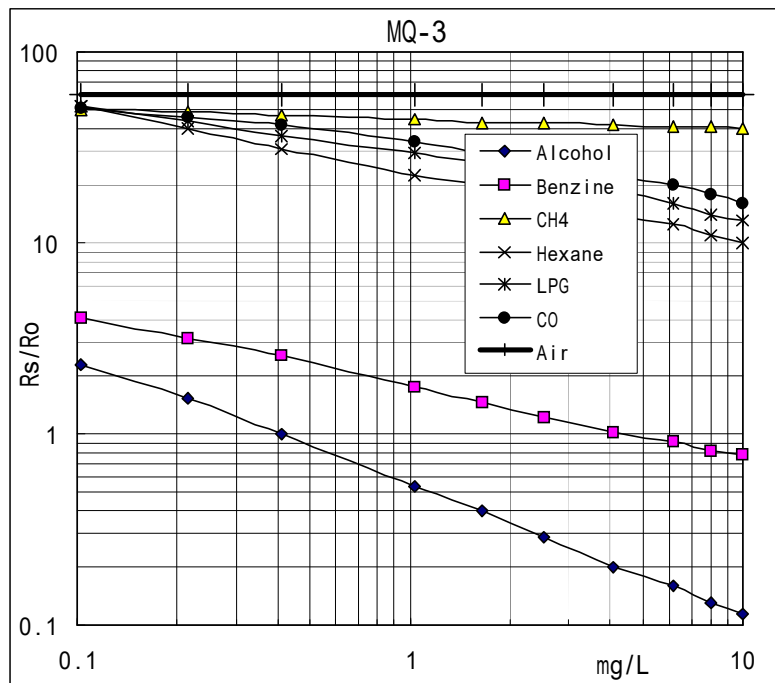


Fig.2 sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-3

Fig.3 is shows the typical sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-3 for several gases.

in their: Temp: 20°C,  
Humidity: 65%,  
O<sub>2</sub> concentration 21%  
RL=200k  $\Omega$

Ro: sensor resistance at 0.4mg/L of Alcohol in the clean air.  
Rs: sensor resistance at various concentrations of gases.

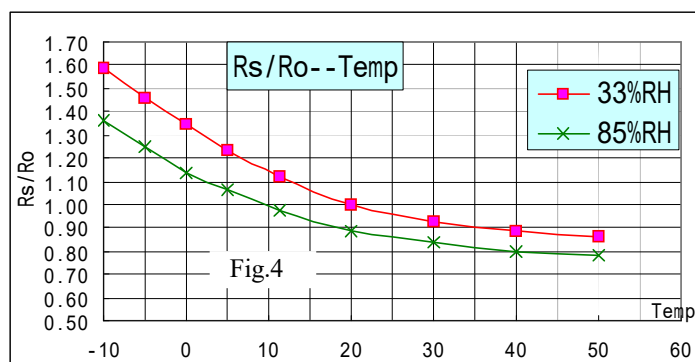


Fig.4 is shows the typical dependence of the MQ-3 on temperature and humidity.

Ro: sensor resistance at 0.4mg/L of Alcohol in air at 33%RH and 20 °C  
Rs: sensor resistance at 0.4mg/L of Alcohol at different temperatures and humidities.

### SENSITIVITY ADJUSTMENT

Resistance value of MQ-3 is difference to various kinds and various concentration gases. So, When using this components, sensitivity adjustment is very necessary. we recommend that you calibrate the detector for 0.4mg/L (approximately 200ppm) of Alcohol concentration in air and use value of Load resistance that ( $R_L$ ) about 200 K  $\Omega$  (100K  $\Omega$  to 470 K  $\Omega$ ).

When accurately measuring, the proper alarm point for the gas detector should be determined after considering the temperature and humidity influence.