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# **MQ-2 Gas Sensor Modul**

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### 1. Introduction

Sensitive material of MQ-2 gas sensor is SnO<sub>2</sub>, which with lower conductivity in clean air. When the target combustible gas exist, The sensor's conductivity is more higher along with the gas concentration rising. Please use simple electrocircuit, Convert change of conductivity to correspond output signal of gas concentration. MQ-2 gas sensor has high sensitivity to LPG, Propane and Hydrogen, also could be used to Methane and other combustible steam, it is with low cost and suitable for different application.

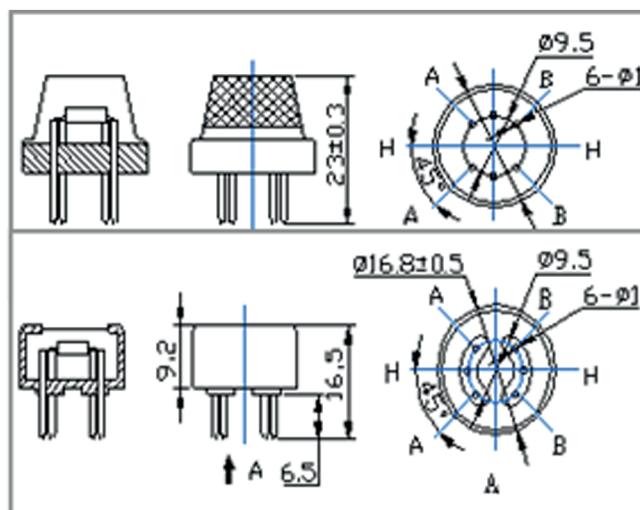
### 2. Character

- Good sensitivity to Combustible gas in wide range
- High sensitivity to LPG, Propane and Hydrogen
- Long life and low cost
- Simple drive circuit

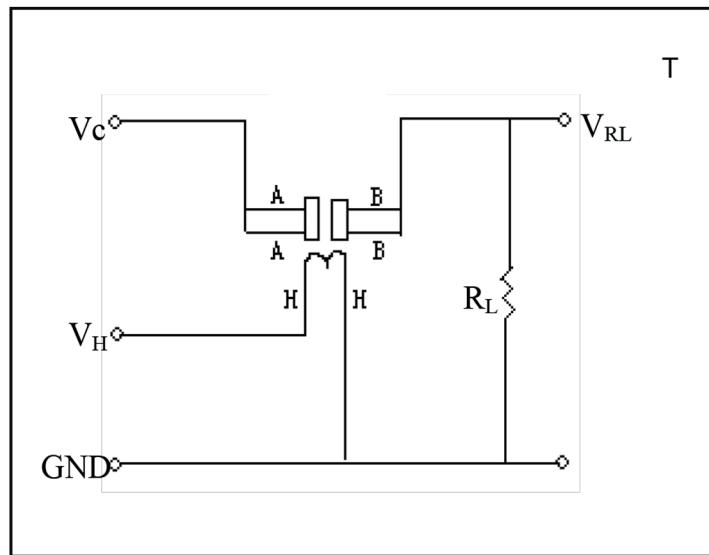
### 3. Application

- Domestic gas leakage detector
- Industrial Combustible gas detector
- Portable gas detector

### 4. Configuration



## 5. Basic test loop



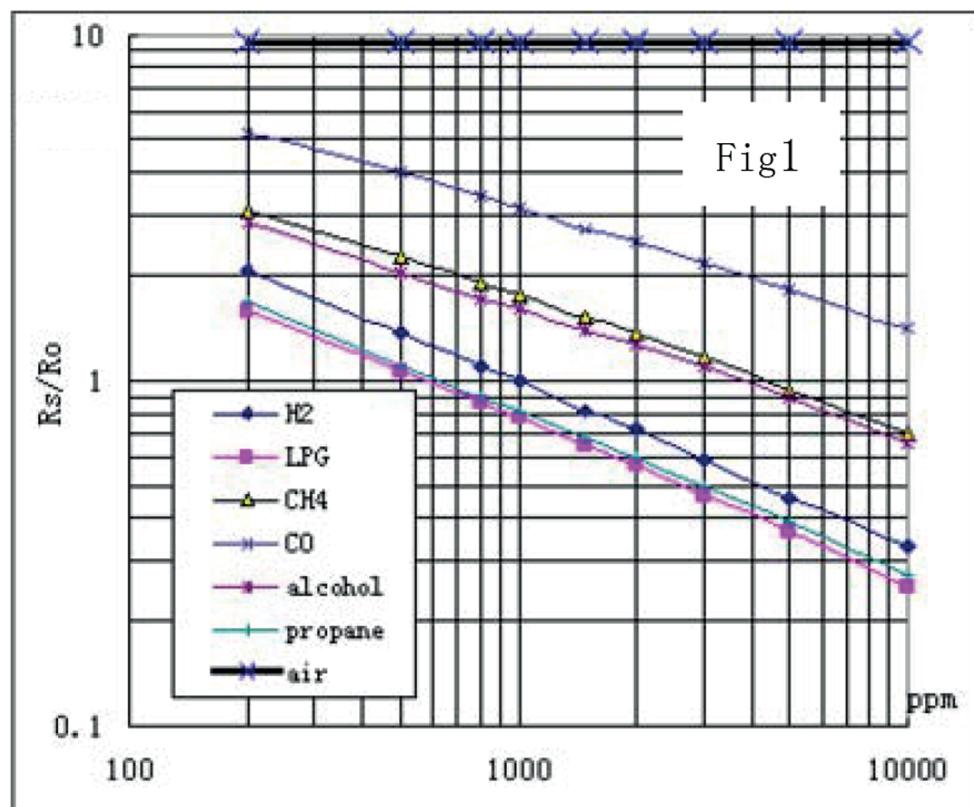
The above is basic test circuit of the sensor. The sensor need to be put 2 voltage, heater voltage (VH) and test voltage (VC). VH used to supply certified working temperature to the sensor, while VC used to detect voltage (VRL) on load resistance (RL) whom is in series with sensor. The sensor has light polarity, Vc need DC power. VC and VH could use same power circuit with precondition to assure performance of sensor. In order to make the sensor with better performance, suitable RL value is needed: Power of Sensitivity body(Ps):  
 $Ps=Vc^2 \times Rs/(Rs+RL)^2$

Resistance of sensor (Rs):  $Rs=(Vc/VRL-1) \times RL$

## 6. Technical Data

Model No.		MQ-2	
Sensor Type		Semiconductor	
Standard Encapsulation		Bakelite (Black Bakelite)	
Detection Gas		Combustible gas and smoke	
Concentration		300-10000ppm ( Combustible gas)	
Circuit	Loop Voltage	V <sub>c</sub>	≤24V DC
	Heater Voltage	V <sub>H</sub>	5.0V±0.2V AC or DC
	Load Resistance	R <sub>L</sub>	Adjustable
Character	Heater Resistance	R <sub>H</sub>	31Ω±3Ω (Room Tem.)
	Heater consumption	P <sub>H</sub>	≤900mW
	Sensing Resistance	R <sub>s</sub>	2KΩ-20KΩ(in 2000ppm C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )
	Sensitivity	S	R <sub>s</sub> (in air)/R <sub>s</sub> (1000ppm isobutane)≥5
	Slope	α	≤0.6(R <sub>5000ppm</sub> /R <sub>3000ppm</sub> CH <sub>4</sub> )
Condition	Tem. Humidity		20°C±2°C; 65%±5%RH
	Standard test circuit		V <sub>c</sub> : 5.0V±0.1V; V <sub>H</sub> : 5.0V±0.1V
	Preheat time		Over 48 hours

## 7. Sensitivity Characteristics



## Influence of Temperature/Humidity

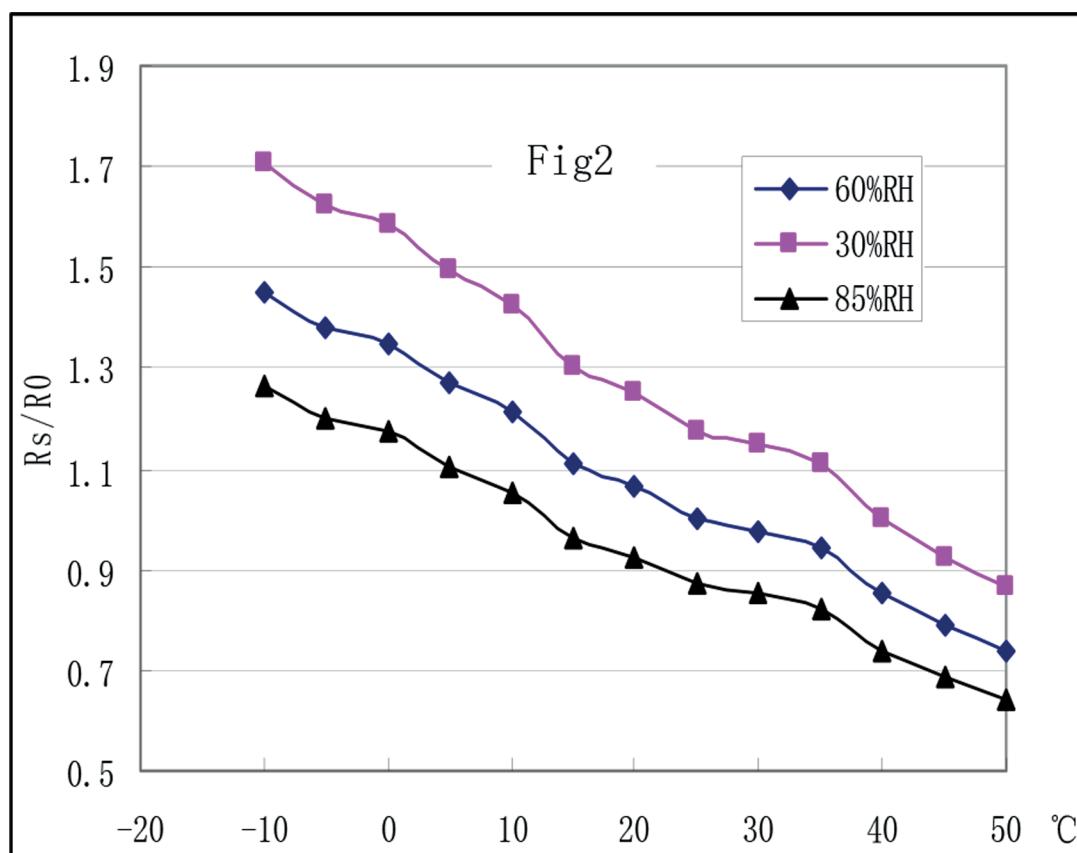
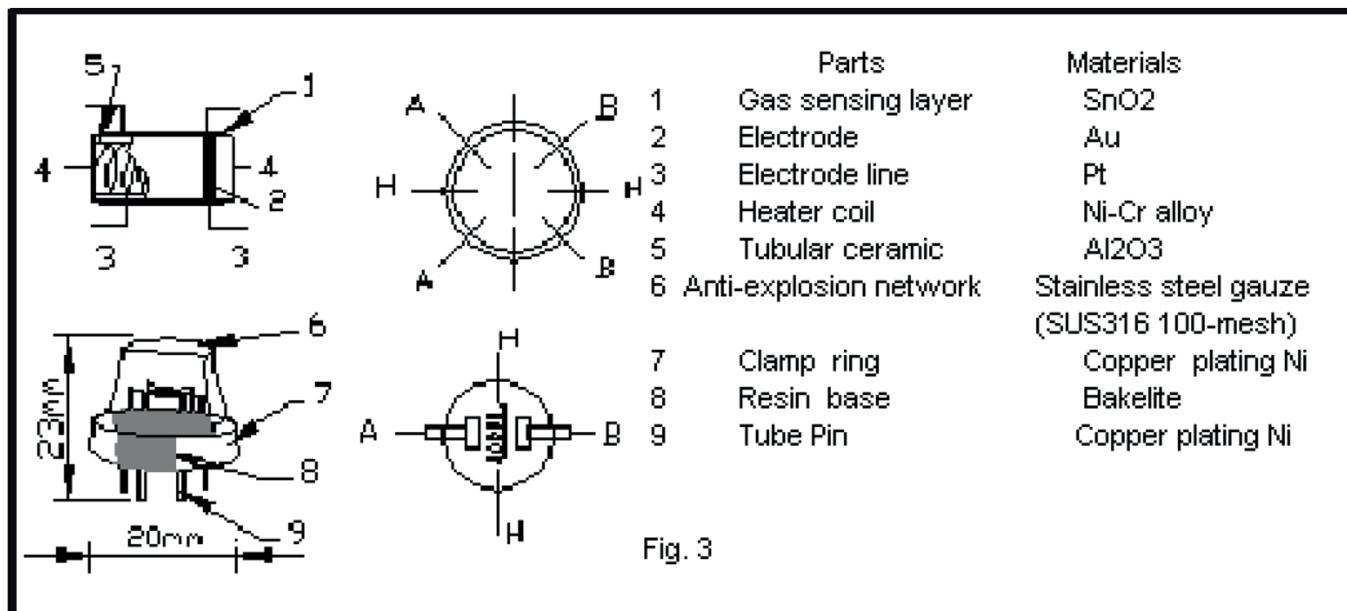


Figure 2 shows the typical temperature and humidity characteristics. Ordinate means resistance ratio of the sensor ( $R_s/R_0$ ),  $R_s$  means resistance of sensor in 1000ppm Butane under different tem. and humidity.  $R_0$  means resistance of the sensor in environment of 1000ppm Methane, 20°C/65%RH.

## 8. Structure and configuration



Structure and configuration of MQ-2 gas sensor is shown as Figure 3, sensor composed by micro AL<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ceramic tube, Tin Dioxide (SnO<sub>2</sub>) 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-2 have 6 pin, 4 of them are used to fetch signals, and other 2 are used for providing heating current.

## 9. Notification

### 1. Following conditions must be prohibited:

#### 1.1 Exposed to organic silicon steam

Organic silicon steam cause sensors invalid, sensors must be avoid exposing to silicon bond, fixture, silicon latex, putty or plastic contain silicon environment

#### 1.2 High Corrosive gas

If the sensors exposed to high concentration corrosive gas (such as H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, HCl etc), it will not only result in corrosion of sensors structure, also it cause sincere sensitivity attenuation.

#### 1.3 Alkali, Alkali metals salt, halogen pollution

The sensors performance will be changed badly if sensors be sprayed polluted by alkali metals salt especially brine, or be exposed to halogen such as fluorine.

#### 1.4 Touch water

Sensitivity of the sensors will be reduced when spattered or dipped in water.

#### 1.5 Freezing

Do avoid icing on sensor's surface, otherwise sensor would lose sensitivity.

#### 1.6 Applied voltage higher

Applied voltage on sensor should not be higher than stipulated value, otherwise it cause down-line or heater damaged, and bring on sensors' sensitivity characteristic changed badly.

#### 1.7 Voltage on wrong pins

For 6 pins sensor, if apply voltage on 1, 3 pins or 4, 6 pins, it will make lead broken, and without signal when apply on 2, 4 pins

## 2. Following conditions must be avoided

### 2.1 Water Condensation

Indoor conditions, slight water condensation will effect sensors performance lightly. However, if water condensation on sensors surface and keep a certain period, sensor's sensitivity will be decreased.

### 2.2 Used in high gas concentration

No matter the sensor is electrified or not, if long time placed in high gas concentration, it will affect sensors characteristic.

### 2.3 Long time storage

The sensors resistance produce reversible drift if it's stored for long time without electrify, this drift is related with storage conditions. Sensors should be stored in airproof without silicon gel bag with clean air. For the sensors with long time storage but no electrify, they need long aging time for stability before using.

### 2.4 Long time exposed to adverse environment

No matter the sensors electrified or not, if exposed to adverse environment for long time, such as high humidity, high temperature, or high pollution etc, it will effect the sensors performance badly.

### 2.5 Vibration

Continual vibration will result in sensors down-lead response then reprise. In transportation or assembling line, pneumatic screwdriver/ultrasonic welding machine can lead this vibration.

### 2.6 Concussion

If sensors meet strong concussion, it may lead its lead wire disconnected.

### 2.7 Usage

For sensor, handmade welding is optimal way. If use wave crest welding should meet the following conditions:

**2.7.1 Soldering flux: Rosin soldering flux contains least chlorine**

**2.7.2 Speed: 1-2 Meter/ Minute**

**2.7.3 Warm-up temperature : $100\pm20^{\circ}\text{C}$**

**2.7.4 Welding temperature : $250\pm10^{\circ}\text{C}$**

**2.7.5 1 Time pass wave crest welding machine If disobey the above using terms, sensors sensitivity will be reduced.**