



# CO-BX Carbon Monoxide Sensor

## Low Hydrogen Cross Sensitivity



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Figure 1 CO-BX Schematic Diagram



Technical Specification

<b>PERFORMANCE</b>	Sensitivity	nA/ppm in 400ppm CO	70 to 130	
	Response time	t <sub>90</sub> (s) from zero to 400ppm CO	< 25	
	Zero current	ppm equivalent in zero air	< ± 3	
	Resolution	RMS noise (ppm equivalent)	< 0.5	
	Range	ppm limit of performance warranty	2,000	
	Linearity	ppm CO error at full scale, linear at zero, 1000ppm CO	< ± 20	
	Overtgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse	5,000	
<b>LIFETIME</b>	Zero drift	ppm equivalent change/year in lab air	< 0.2	
	Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< 3	
	Operating life	months until 80% original signal (24 month warranted)	> 24	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	Sensitivity @ -20°C	% (output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 400ppm CO	40 to 60	
	Sensitivity @ 0°C	% (output @ 0°C/output @ 20°C) @ 400ppm CO	65 to 85	
	Sensitivity @ 50°C	% (output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 400ppm CO	110 to 130	
	Zero @ -20°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	< 0 to 4	
	Zero @ 0°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	< 0 to 3	
	Zero @ 50°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C	< 0 to -6	
	<b>CROSS SENSITIVITY</b>	Filter capacity	ppm-hrs	H <sub>2</sub> S
Filter capacity		ppm-hrs	NO <sub>2</sub>	120,000
Filter capacity		ppm-hrs	NO <sub>2</sub>	120,000
Filter capacity		ppm-hrs	SO <sub>2</sub>	160,000
H <sub>2</sub> S sensitivity		% measured gas @ 20ppm	H <sub>2</sub> S	< 0.1
NO <sub>2</sub> sensitivity		% measured gas @ 10ppm	NO <sub>2</sub>	< -3
Cl <sub>2</sub> sensitivity		% measured gas @ 10ppm	Cl <sub>2</sub>	< -0.1
NO sensitivity		% measured gas @ 50ppm	NO	< -5
SO <sub>2</sub> sensitivity		% measured gas @ 20ppm	SO <sub>2</sub>	< 0.1
H <sub>2</sub> sensitivity		% measured gas @ 400ppm	H <sub>2</sub> at 20°C	< 5
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	< 10	
NH <sub>3</sub> sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	NH <sub>3</sub>	< 0.1	
<b>KEY SPECIFICATIONS</b>	Temperature range	°C	-30 to 50	
	Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120	
	Humidity range	% rh continuous	15 to 90	
	Storage period	months @ 3 to 20°C (stored in sealed pot)	6	
	Load resistor	Ω (recommended)	10 to 47	
	Weight	g	< 13	

**Important.** The CO-BX must be operated with a 0 Volt bias between Reference & Working electrodes. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a loss of its low Hydrogen cross sensitivity performance.



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 10 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.



# CO-BX Performance Data

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**Figure 2 Sensitivity Temperature Dependence**

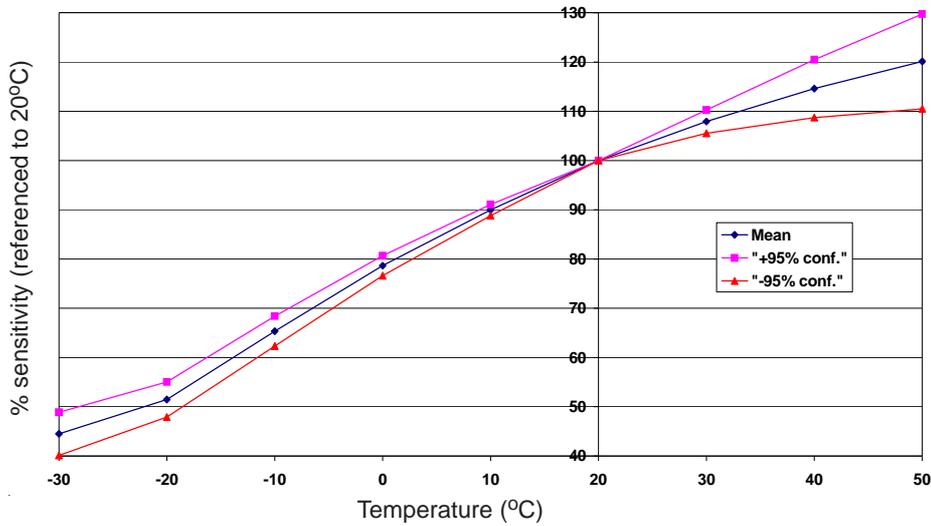


Figure 2 shows the variation in sensitivity caused by changes in temperature.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors. The mean and  $\pm 95\%$  confidence intervals are shown.

**Figure 3 Zero Temperature Dependence**

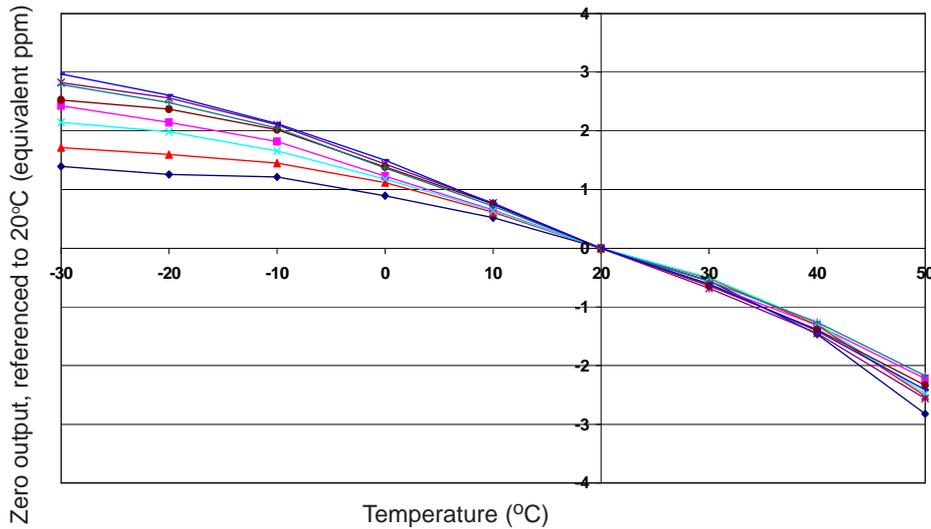
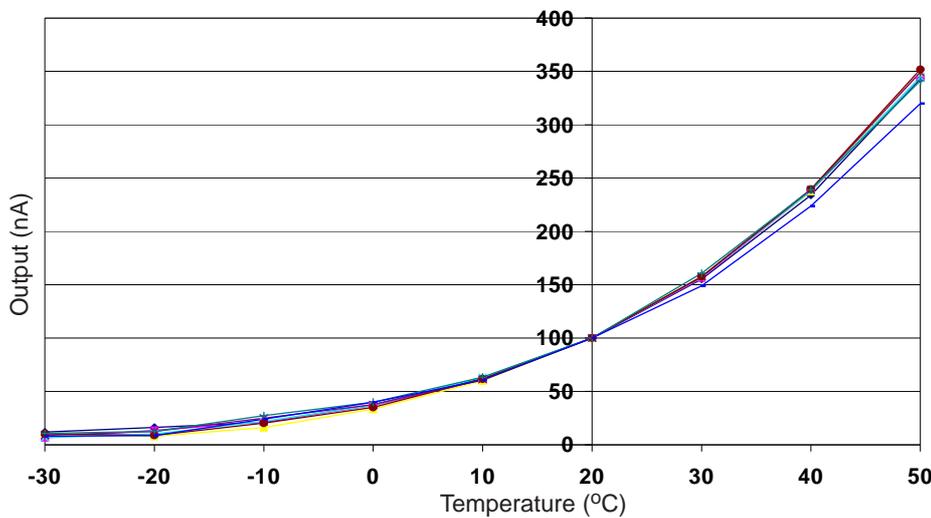


Figure 3 shows the variation in zero output caused by changes in temperature, expressed as ppm gas equivalent, referenced to zero at 20°C.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

**Figure 4 Hydrogen Temperature Dependence**



Hydrogen sensitivity is very dependent on temperature.

At low temperatures hydrogen sensitivity can be ignored, but above 30°C it is important.

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](http://www.alphasense.com)".

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