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TGS 6812 - for the detection of Hydrogen, Methane, and LP Gas

Features:

- * Linear output
- * Compact size
- * Small sensitivity to alcohol
- * Sensitive to hydrogen, methane, and LP gas
- * Meets RoHS requirements

The TGS6812 catalytic type gas sensor can detect levels of hydrogen up to 100%LEL. This sensor features high accuracy, good durability and stability, quick response, and linear output. This sensor can detect not only hydrogen, but also methane and LP gas, thus making it an excellent solution for monitoring gas leakage from stationary fuel cell systems which transform combustible gases into hydrogen.

As the sensor possesses an adsorbent inside its sensor cap, its cross sensitivity to alcohol is much smaller than traditional catalytic type sensors. In addition, TGS6812 is more durable against silicone compounds than traditional catalytic type sensors.

Applications:

- * Hydrogen and combustible gas leak detectors for fuel cells



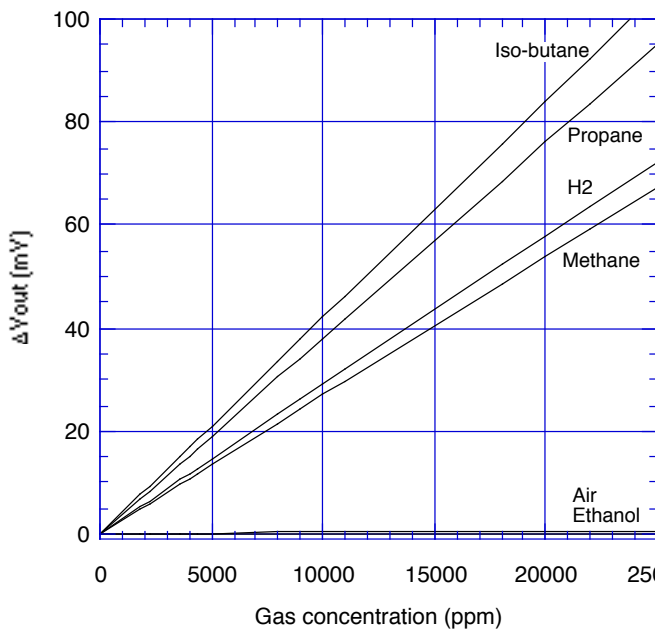
The figure below represents typical sensitivity characteristics, all data having been gathered at standard test conditions (see reverse side of this sheet). The Y-axis is indicated as sensor output sensitivity -- ΔV_{out} (mV):

$$\Delta V_{out} = V_{out} \text{ in gas} - V_{out} \text{ in air}$$

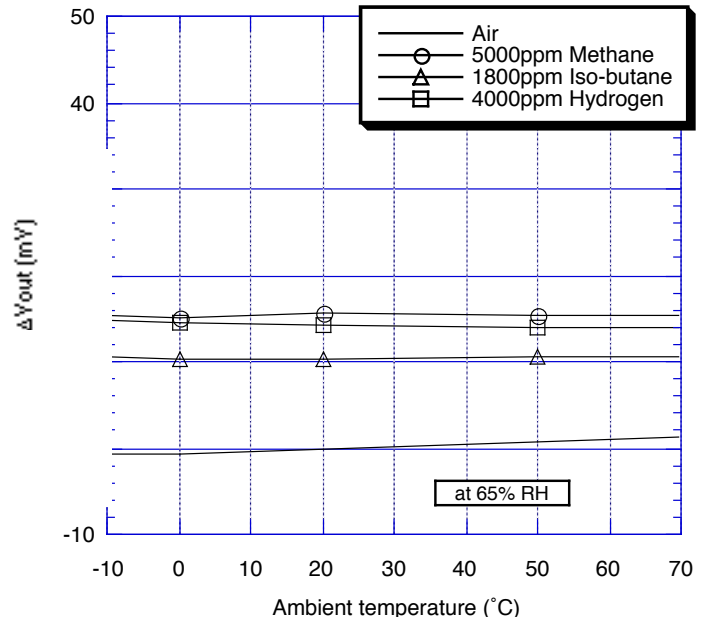
The figure below represents typical temperature dependency characteristics at 65%RH. Again, Y-axis is indicated as sensor output sensitivity -- ΔV_{out} (mV):

$$\Delta V_{out} = V_{out} \text{ in gas} - V_{out} \text{ in air at } 20^\circ\text{C}$$

Sensitivity Characteristics:



Temperature Dependency:

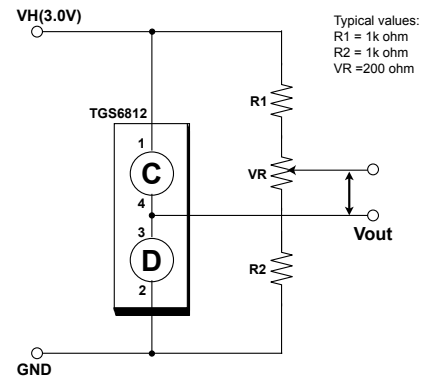


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Basic Measuring Circuit:

The TGS6812 is comprised of two elements: 1) element (D) which is sensitive to combustible gases and 2) a reference element (C) which is not sensitive to combustible gases. These elements are installed into a "Wheatstone Bridge". A variable resistor should be adjusted so that the bridge will produce a stable baseline signal when in an environment free of combustible

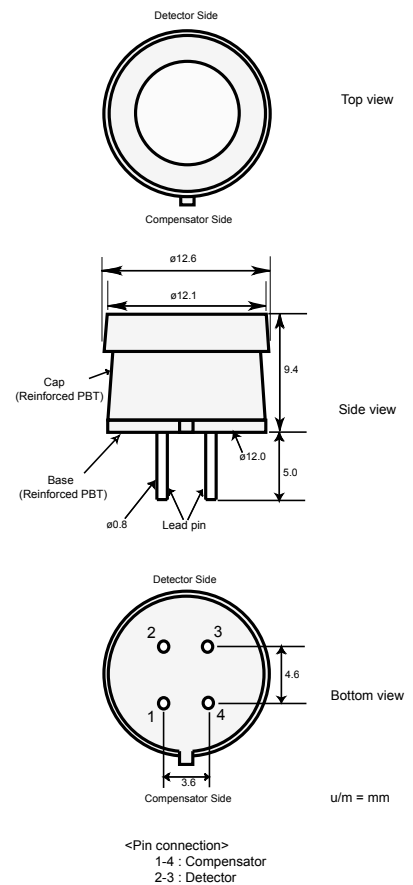
gases. When combustible gases are present, they will be combusted on the detecting element, causing its temperature to rise. Accordingly the resistance of this element will increase. This results in an "out-of-balance" signal across the bridge and a corresponding change in output voltage which can be measured.



Specifications

Model number		TGS 6812		
Sensing element type		Catalytic		
Target gases		Hydrogen, methane, iso-butane		
Typical detection range		0~100%LEL of each gas		
Standard circuit conditions	Operating Voltage	3.0±0.1V AC/DC		
Electrical characteristics under standard test conditions	Heater current	175mA (typical)		
	Heater power consumption	525mW (typical)		
	Zero offset	±35mV		
	Output sensitivity (ΔVout)	hydrogen	12~18mV in 4000ppm	
		methane	12~18mV in 5000ppm	
iso-butane		7~11mV in 1800ppm		
	Response time (90%)	≤15 sec.		
Standard test conditions	Test gas conditions	Hydrogen/methane/iso-butane in air at 20±2°C, 65±5%RH		
	Circuit conditions	3.0±0.05V AC/DC		
	Conditioning period before test	≤30 sec.		
Operating conditions		-10~+70°C, ≤99%RH (w/o dew condensation)		
Storage conditions		-10~+80°C, ≤99%RH (w/o dew condensation)		

Structure and Dimensions:



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