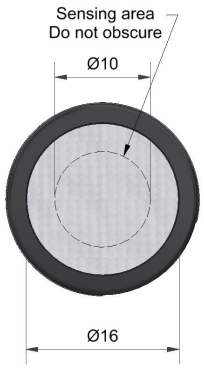
NH3-AF/NH3-AF+ Ammonia Sensor

The NH3-AF sensor is a PPM sensor that is designed for a broad variety of applications and instrumentation including portable gas detectors and fixed gas detection systems for industrial safety, environmental air quality analysis and process control. The A series is the most widely used sensor format for portable gas detection applications. It is available in our standard format (NH3-AF) and with our patented Integrated Smart Technology (NH3-AF+) that has an IST board with a memory chip and temperature sensor integrated in the sensor. The + sensors store specific calibration, specification, and identification data on every sensor allowing plug and play operation. The on-board temperature sensor improves the accuracy and simplicity of temperature compensation algorithms.

NH3-AF Ammonia Sensor – 3-Electrode



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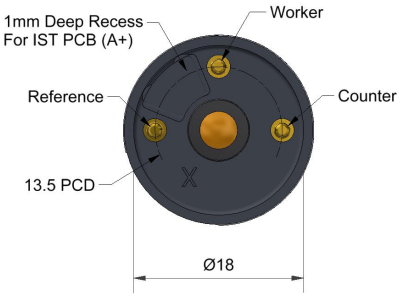

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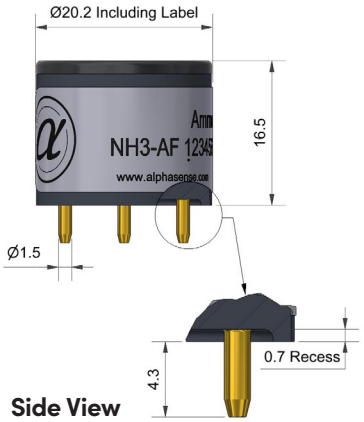
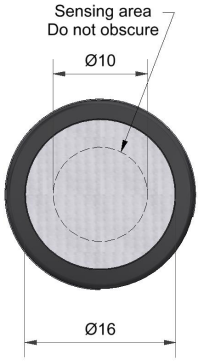


Side View

NH3-AF Ammonia Sensor – 3-Electrode (with Integrated Smart Technology)



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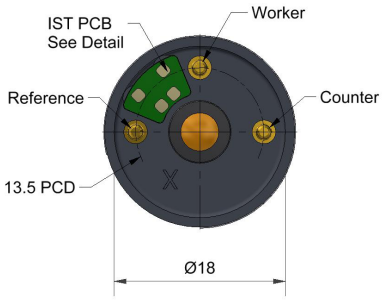

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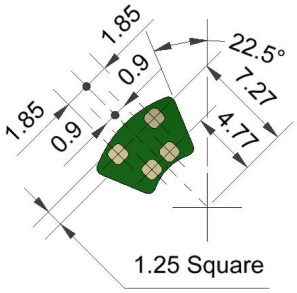
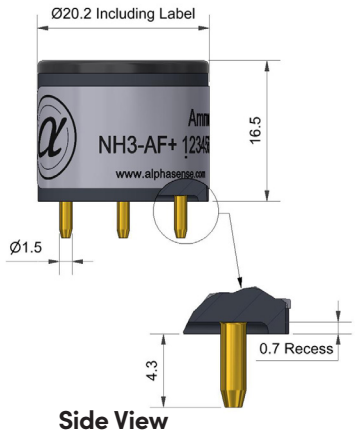


IST Board



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Dimensions are in millimetres (± 0.15 mm).

Sensor Data

Performance	Sensitivity	nA/ppm in 50ppm NH_3		15 to 50
	Response time	t90 (s) from zero to 50ppm NH_3 (300 seconds)		< 150
	Zero current	ppm equivalent in zero air		< ± 10
	Range	ppm NH_3 limit of performance warranty		100
	Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 40ppm NH_3		+5 to -5
	Overgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse		200
Lifetime	Zero drift	ppm equivalent change/year in lab air		< 2
	Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test		< 3
	Operating life	months until 80% original signal (24-month warranted)		> 24
Environmental	Sensitivity @ -20°C	% (output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 50ppm		100 to 110
	Sensitivity @ 50°C	% (output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 50ppm		100 to 110
	Zero @ -20°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C		-10 to 0
	Zero @ 50°C	ppm equivalent change from 20°C		5 to 20
Cross-sensitivity	H_2S sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	H_2S	< ± 3
	NO_2 sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	NO_2	< -60
	Cl_2 sensitivity	% measured gas @ 10ppm	Cl_2	< -300
	NO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 50ppm	NO	< 20
	SO_2 sensitivity	% measured gas @ 20ppm	SO_2	nd
	CO sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	CO	< 25
	H_2 sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	H_2	< 15
	C_2H_4 sensitivity	% measured gas @ 400ppm	C_2H_4	<2
	CO_2 sensitivity	% measured gas @ 5%	CO_2	0
Key Specifications	Bias voltage	mV (Working Electrode potential is above ground)		+200
	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		< 6

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Figure 1 Sensitivity Temperature Dependence

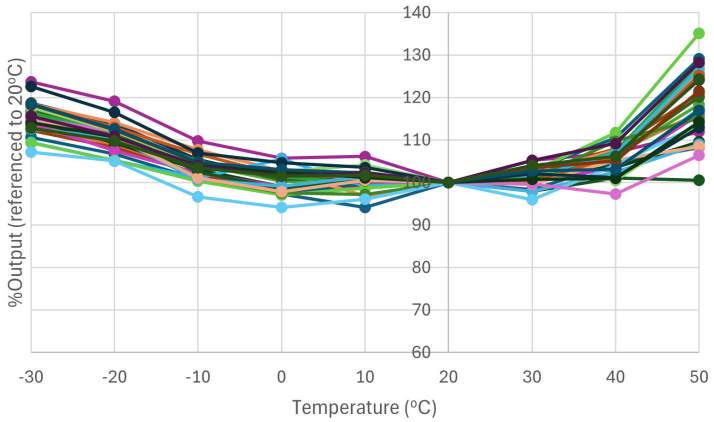

Figure 1 shows the variation in sensitivity caused by changes in temperature.

IST Board Data

Interface	Communication Bus	Compatible with the 400 kHz I²C protocol
	Max. Bus Speed	Up to 1 MHz
	Input Logic Levels	High (Recessive) < 2.3 V | Low (Dominant) < 0.2 V
	Absolute Max. Input Signal	3.6 V
Electrical	Supply Voltage Range	1.7 V to 3.6 V
	Supply current – Stand-By	< 5 µA
	Supply current – Operating	< 0.15 mA (temperature reading only) < 2.15 mA (temperature reading + memory reading/writing)
	Power Supply Conditioning	Built-In 100 nF decoupling capacitor
	ESD Protection	4 kV (human body model) - Enhanced ESD / Latch-Up protection
	Bus Pins Input Capacitance	15 pF max.
Performance	Operational Temperature	–40 °C to +85 °C
	Temperature Sensor Accuracy	±1°C (-0°C to +70°C)
	Memory Data Retention	> 200 years
	Memory Write Cycles	> 4,000,000
Data & Communication	Memory IC & I2C Address	M24128X-FCU | Device Address: R - 0xA0 / W – 0xA1
	Temperature IC & I2C Address	MAX31875R0TZS+T | Device Address: R - 0x90 / W – 0x91
	Product Data Start Address	0x0900
	Calibration Data Start Address	0x0B00
	User Data Area	0x0D00 – 0x18FF (3,072 Bytes)
	CRC Polynomial	0x 01 04C1 1DB7
	Digital Signature Algorithm	SHA-256

Factory-populated data

Product Data
- Data Format Version
- Customer (OEM) ID
- Product ID
- Type of Sensor / Target Gas
- Sensor Serial Number
- End of Storage Period Date
- Sensor Replacement Date
- Product Data Checksum
- Alphasense Digital Signature
- Customer Digital Signature

Calibration
- Calibration Data Units
- Zero (clean dry air) Output
- Calibration Span
- Calibration Output
- Sensitivity
- Calibration Date
- Calibration Data Checksum
- Calibration Data Signature

Sensor Specification
- Over-gas limit
- Concentration Range
- Temperature Range Low
- Temperature Range High
- Humidity Range Low
- Humidity Range High
- Pressure Range Low
- Pressure Range High
- Specification Checksum

15,000+ locations

Customer Specific
- Custom Parameters
- Re-Calibration Due Date
- Operational Limits:
- Low | High | STEL | TWA
- Next Bump Test Due Date
- User Data Area

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