

# MQ309A

for CARBON MONOXIDE(CO) and Methane Detection

## General Information

MQ309A is a tin dioxide semiconductor gas sensor which has excellent performance in detecting both CO and Methane. It is miniature sensor adopt changing working temperature periodically to detect with high sensitivity and selectivity, the humidity has little influence on it.

## Configuration

Gas sensor sensitivity material is a mini bead, a heater coil and electrode wire are embedded in the element, this element is installed in the in the metal housing which uses double stainless steel mesh(100mesh) with anti-explosion function. ( As figure1 )

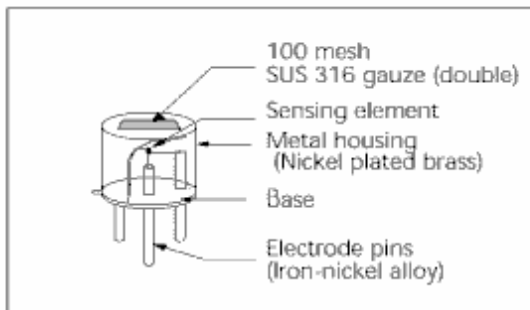


Fig 1a. Configuration

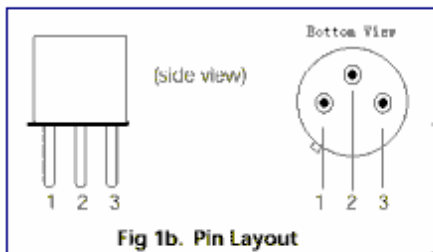


Fig 1b. Pin Layout

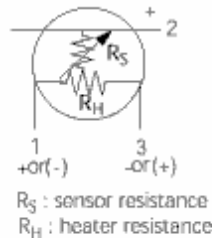
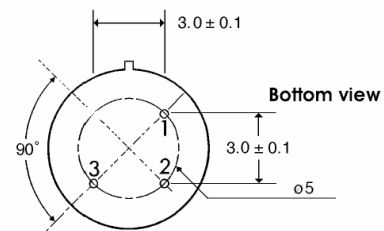
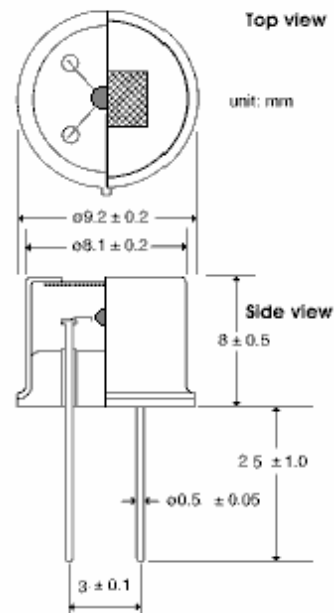


Fig 1c. Equivalent circuit

## Structure and Dimensions:



### Pin connection:

- 1 : Heater
- 2 : Sensor electrode (+)
- 3 : Heater

## Operating conditions

When the gas sensor is operated with high/low periodic operation (As figure 2), sensor signal changes according to its temperature dependency. By detecting the sensors signal at sufficient timings (at high temperature for methane and at a low temperature for CO), selective detection of both methane and CO has been achieved. Figs 3 and 3b show the sensitivity characteristics of the MQ309A, at high temperature and at low temperature signals respectively.

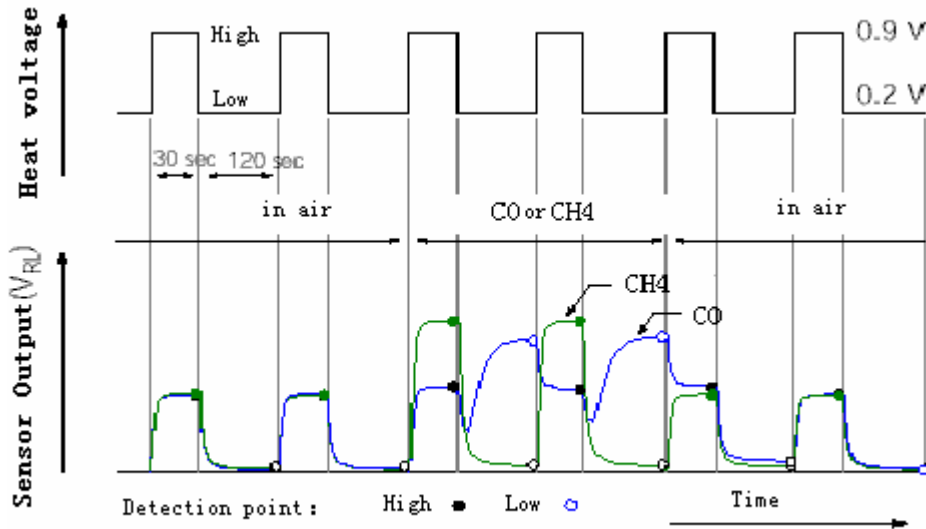


Fig2 MQ309A Operating conditions and output signal

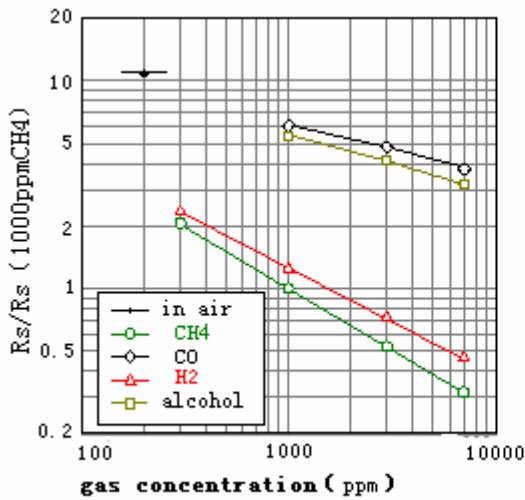


Fig3 sensitivity at high signal for methane

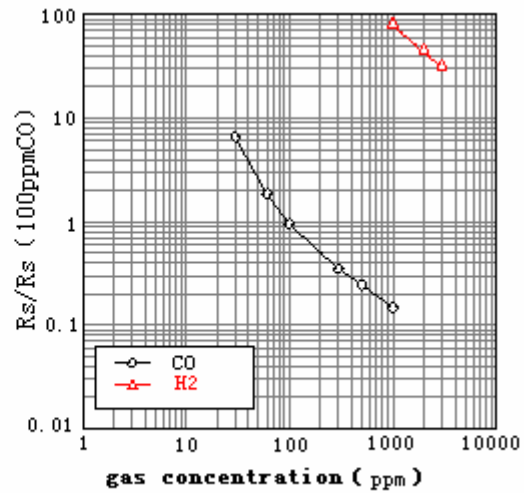


Fig 4 sensitivity at low signal for CO

A. Standard working conditions

Symbol	Paramant	Specifications	Remarks
VH(H)	Heater voltage ( high )	0.9V ± 0.10V	AC or DC
VH(L)	Heater voltage ( Low )	0.2 V ± 5%	DC (polarity is important)
V <sub>c</sub>	Circuit Voltage	= 6 V	
R <sub>L</sub>	Load resistance	Adjustable (> 10 Ω)	P S < 10 mW
R <sub>H</sub>	Heater Resistance	4.0 ± 1.0 Ω	At room temperature
TH (H)	Heating time ( high )	30sec ± 5 sec	
TH (L)	Heating time ( low )	120 sec ± 10sec	
DT (L)	Detecting time ( low )	< 1 sec	Before switching to Low
I (H)	Currentconsumption( high )	=80mA	VH=0.9V
I (L)	Current Consumption( low )	40 ± 5mW	VH=0.2V
P <sub>s</sub>	Power siddipation	=10 mW	P S = (V <sub>c</sub> - V <sub>RL</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> /R <sub>s</sub>

**B. Environmental Conditions**

Symbol	Parameter	Specification	Remarks
Tao	Operating Temperature	-20 °C to 50 °C	<b>Recommended range</b>
Tas	Storage temperature	-20 °C to 70 °C	
RH	Relative Humidity	95% RH	
(O <sub>2</sub> )	Oxygen Concentration	21% ± 1%(Standard Terms) The sensitivity character are influenced by the variation in OXYGEN concentration	Absolute Minimum Level: more than18%

**C. Sensitivity**

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Symbol	Parament	Specifications	Remarks
R <sub>s</sub>	<b>Sensor resistance at low period</b>	(20k? ?to 200 k? )	In 200 ppm CO
? (100-300)	<b>Sensitivity Slope(30-100PPM)</b>	1.05 to 2.1	Rs (300 ppmCO) / Rs (100 ppm CO)
? (3000-5000)	<b>Sensitivity slope at Low</b>	0.75 to 1.2	Rs(5000 ppm CH <sub>4</sub> ) /Rs(3000ppm CH <sub>4</sub> )
Standard test Conditions : Temperature: 20 °C ? 2 °C    V C : 5.0 V ? 1% Humidity: 65% ? 5%    V H : 0.9 V ? 1% R L : 50K ? 5% Preheating time : more than 48 hours			

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