



# Catalytic Gas Sensor

(Model: ZC2521-I)

# Manual

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## ZC2521-I Catalytic Flammable Gas Sensor

### Profile

ZC2521-I adopts catalytic combustion principle, and its two arms of electric bridge consists of a test element and a compensate element. The resistance of the test element rises once it meets the combustible gases, in the same time, the output voltage of the bridge changes and the voltage variation rises in direct proportion to the gas concentration. The compensate element, as a conference, has the function of compensating temperature and humidity.

### Features

The bridge output is linear, quick response, good repeatability and selectivity, good stability, excellent resistance to the interference of  $H_2S$  gas and organosilicone.

### Main Applications

It is widely used in industrial occasion to detect the concentration of hydrogen, ethyne, gasoline, VOC such as alcohol, ketone, benzene.

### Technical Parameters

Model		ZC2521-I
Sensor Type		Catalytic
Standard Encapsulation		Plastic Encapsulation
Working voltage(V)		$2.5 \pm 0.1$
Working current(mA)		$100 \pm 10$
Sensitivity (mV)	1% $H_2$	20~50
	1% $C_2H_2$	40~90
Linearity		$\leq 5\%$
Measuring range (%LEL)		0~100
Response Time (90%)		$\leq 10s$
Recovery Time (90%)		$\leq 30s$
Working Environment		$-40 \sim +70^\circ C$ , less than 95%RH
Storage Environment		$-25 \sim +70^\circ C$ , less than 95%RH
Lifespan		2 years

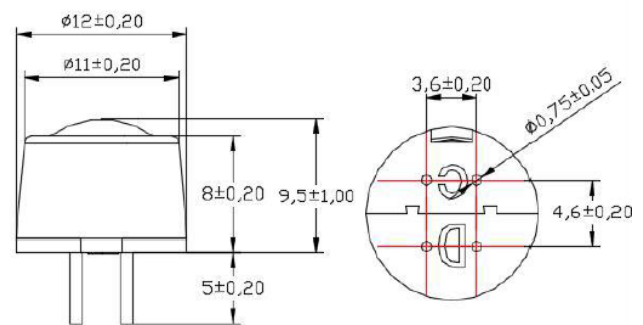


Fig1.Sensor Structure

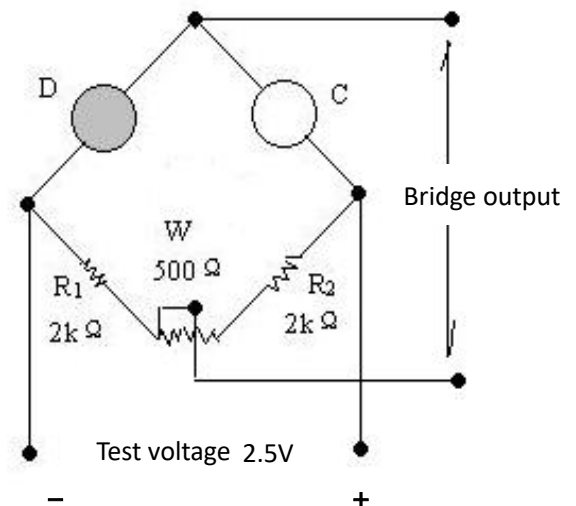


Fig2. Basic Test Circuit

## Sensitivity, response and recovery

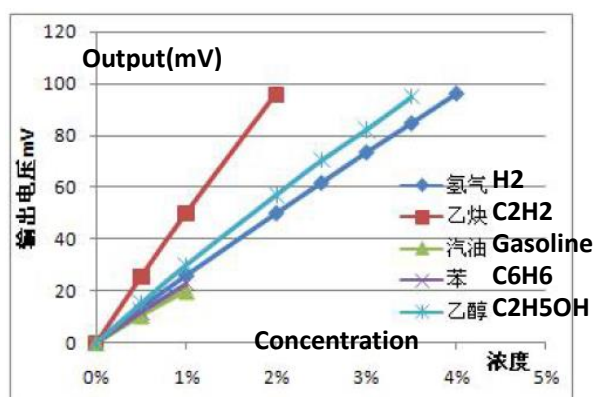


Fig3. Sensitivity Curve

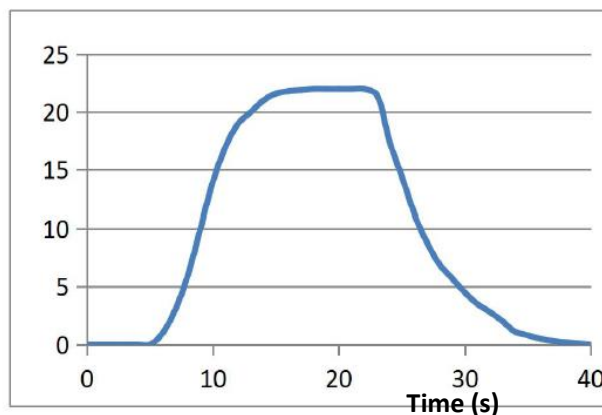


Fig4. Response and recovery curve

## Changing of output signal at different temperature

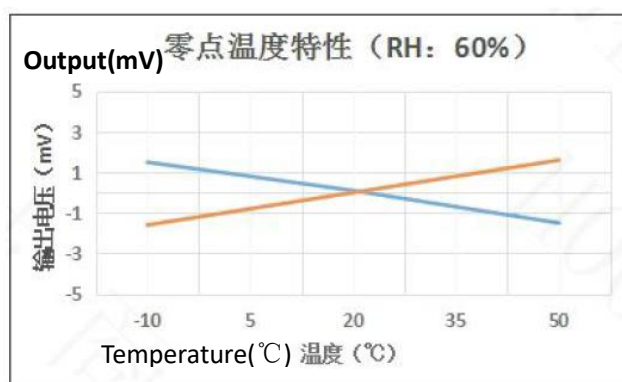


Fig5. Zero point at different temp.

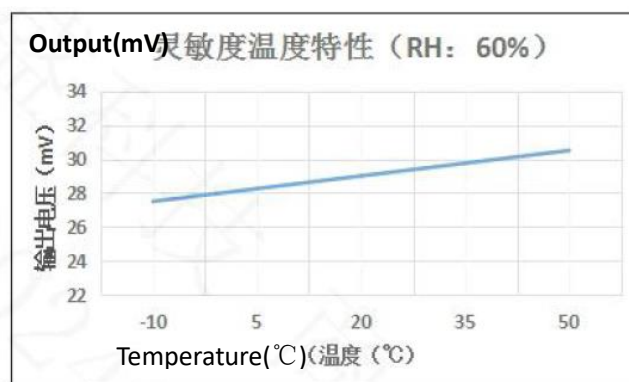


Fig6. Sensitivity at different temp.

## Changing of output signal at different humidity

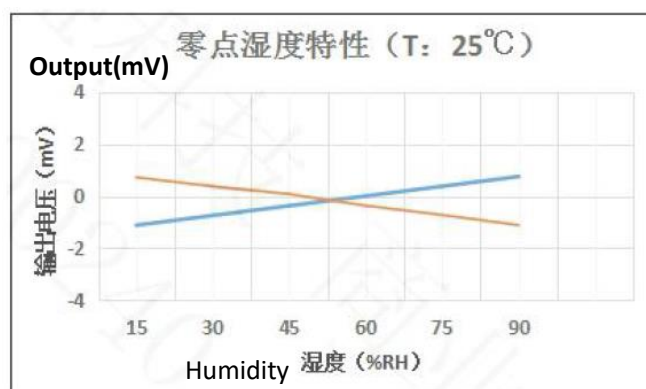


Fig7. Zero point at different humidity



Fig8. Sensitivity at different humidity

## Changing of output signal with different voltage supplying

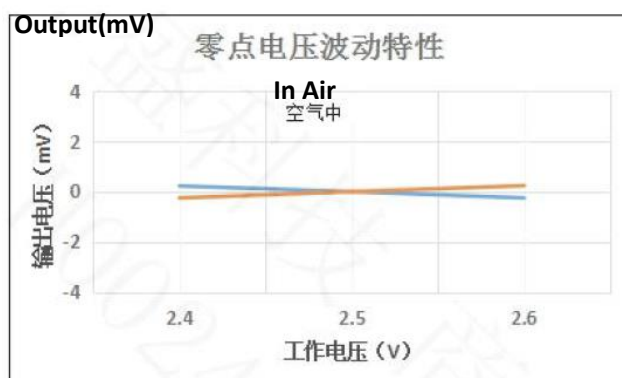


Fig9. Zero point with different voltage

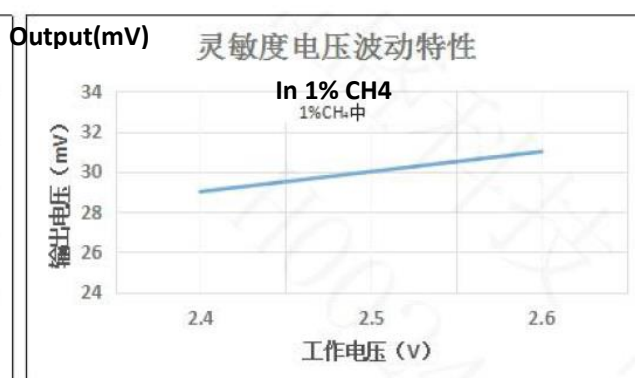


Fig10. Sensitivity with different voltage

## Long-term Stability

The drift in air per year is within  $\pm 2\text{mV}$ , in 1%CH<sub>4</sub> is within  $\pm 2\text{mV}$ . For a short period storage (in 2 weeks), the sensor need be galvanical continuously for 8 hours to reach stability. For more than one year storage, it need more than 48 hours.

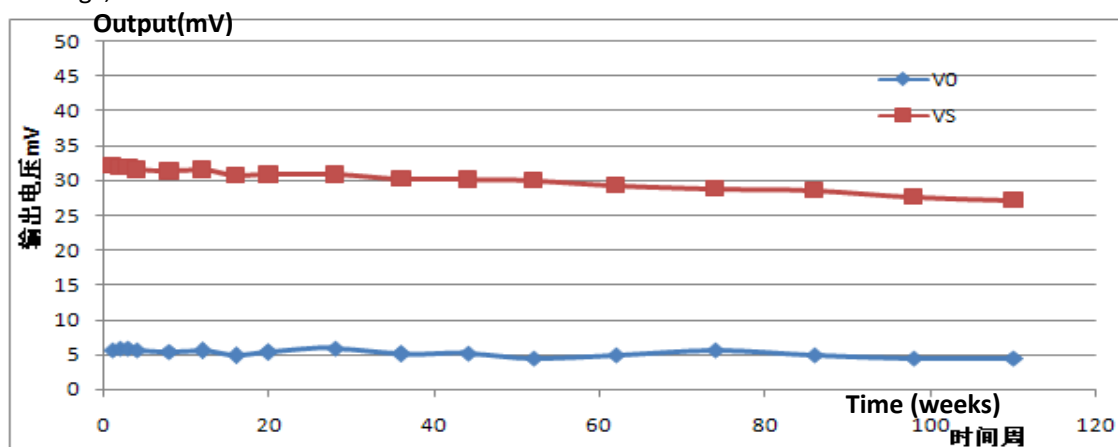


Fig11. Sensitivity fluctuation

## Cautions

### 1. Following conditions must be prohibited

#### 1.1 Exposed to organic silicon steam

Sensing material will lose sensitivity and never recover if the sensor absorbs organic silicon steam. Sensors must avoid exposing to silicon bond, fixture, silicon latex, putty or plastic contain silicon environment.

#### 1.2 High Corrosive gas

If the sensors are exposed to high concentration corrosive gas (such as H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>x</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 splattered or dipped in water.

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### 1.5 Freezing

Do avoid icing on sensor's surface, otherwise sensing material will be broken and lost sensitivity.

### 1.6 Applied higher voltage

Applied voltage on sensor should not be higher than stipulated value, even if the sensor is not physically damaged or broken, it causes down-line or heater damaged, and bring on sensors' sensitivity characteristic changed badly.

### 1.7 Pins connection

When the sensor is connecting to the circuit, one of detection part pins and one of compensation part pins connects as the signal output. The other one of detection part pins connects negative electrode, while the other one of compensation part pins connects positive electrode. The part with "D" mark at the bottom is the detection part while the other part with "C" is the compensation part.

## **2 .Following conditions must be avoided**

### 2.1 Water Condensation

Indoor conditions, slight water condensation will influence sensors' performance lightly. However, if water condensation on sensors surface and keep a certain period, sensors' sensitive will be decreased.

### 2.2 Used in high gas concentration

No matter the sensor is electrified or not, if it is placed in high gas concentration for long time, sensors characteristic will be affected. If lighter gas sprays the sensor, it will cause extremely damage.

### 2.3 Long time storage

The sensors resistance will drift reversibly if it's stored for long time without electrify, this drift is related with storage conditions. Sensors should be stored in airproof bag without volatile silicon compound. For the sensors with long time storage but no electrify, they need long galvanical aging time for stability before using. The suggested aging time is 24 hours at least if the storage time is more than half an year.

### 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 influence the sensors' performance badly.

### 2.5 Vibration

Continual vibration will result in sensors down-lead response then break. 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 Conditions

For sensor, handmade welding is optimal way. The welding conditions as follow:

- Soldering flux: Rosin soldering flux contains least chlorine
- homothermal soldering iron
- Temperature:  $\leq 350^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Time: less than 5 seconds

If disobey the above using terms, sensors sensitivity will be reduced.

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