

# Product Specification

## eSENSE

Carbon dioxide sensor in a housing



### General

eSENSE is a simple, low cost, state-of-the-art, maintenance-free carbon dioxide transmitter for installation in the climate zone or in the ventilation duct.

eSENSE measures the carbon dioxide concentration in the ambient air, using infrared technology, up to 2000ppm, and transforms the data into an analogue output.

Item	eSENSE
Target gas	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Operating Principle	Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR)
Measurement range	0 – 2000ppm <sub>vol</sub> <sup>1</sup>
OUT1	0 – 10V for 0 – 2000ppm ±2% of reading ±20mV
OUT2	2 – 10V (or 4 – 20 mA) for 0 – 2000ppm ±2% of reading ±20mV
Accuracy	±30ppm ±3% of reading <sup>1, 2</sup>
Response time (T1/e)	<10sec. @ 30 cc/min. flow rate, <3min. diffusion time
Rate of Measurement	0.5Hz
Operating environment	Residential, commercial and industrial spaces <sup>3</sup>
Operating temperature	0 – 50°C
Operating humidity	0 – 95%RH non condensing
Storage temperature	-40 – 70°C (display model ( <i>Disp</i> ): -20 – 50°C) <sup>3</sup>
Dimensions (mm)	<i>See housing options below</i>
Power supply	24VAC/VDC ±20%, 50Hz (half-wave rectifier input)
Warm Up time to spec. precision	1min (@ full specs <15min)
Life expectancy	>15 years <sup>4</sup>
Serial communication	UART
OUT 1	Linear Conversion Range: 0 – 10V for 0 – 2000ppm <sup>1</sup> Electrical Characteristics: R <sub>OUT</sub> <100Ω R <sub>LOAD</sub> >5kΩ D/A conversion accuracy: ±2% of reading ±20mV D/A Resolution: 10mV (10 bit)
OUT 2	Linear Conversion Range: 2 – 10V (or 4 – 20mA) for 0 – 2000ppm <sup>1</sup> Electrical Characteristics: R <sub>OUT</sub> < 100Ω R <sub>LOAD</sub> > 5kΩ D/A conversion accuracy: ±2% of reading ±0.3mA D/A Resolution: 0.02mA (10 bit)
Thermistor outputs	Temperature measurement resistor terminal output with signal return connected to ground terminal (option TR) <sup>5</sup>
Maintenance	Maintenance-free with using Senseair ABC logic Self calibration using for normal indoor applications <sup>4, 6</sup>

Table 1: Key technical specification for the eSENSE

Note 1: Extended range up to 10000ppm ±10%

Note 2: Accuracy is defined after zero calibration or after minimum three (3) ABC periods of continuous operation.

Note 3: All corrosive environments are excluded.

Note 4: In normal Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) applications @ NTP (25 C, 101.3kPa).

Note 5: Resistive probe is to be mounted by the user. Can be factory pre-mounted upon request.

Note 6: Requires fresh air (400ppm) once every ABC period.



## Housing options

### WALL HOUSING (standard)

With or without display.

eSENSE: Dim.: 100 x 80 x 28mm  
(H x W x D)

Protection class: IP30

60mm hole separation for European standard J-boxes.

eSENSE II: Dim.: 130 x 85 x 30mm (H x W x D)

Protection class: IP30

Fits US standard J-boxes.

### INDUSTRIAL WALL HOUSING

With or without display

Dim.: 142 x 84 x 46mm (H x W x D)

Protection class: IP54

### DUCT HOUSING

Protection class: IP65

Duct probe length: 245mm

(adjustable according to duct dimension)

### ALL-ROUND HOUSING

Dim.: 106 x 67 x 26mm (H x W x D)

Protection class: IP50

Connection: 34cm 3-wire pigtail (no OUT2)

For wall and duct applications.



Figure 1: Housing options

## Calibrations

The default eSENSE is maintenance free in normal environments thanks to the built-in self-correcting ABC algorithm (Automatic Baseline Correction). This algorithm constantly keeps track of the lowest reading of the sensor over a 7.5 days interval and slowly corrects for any long-term drift detected as compared to the expected fresh air value of 400ppm CO<sub>2</sub>.

Rough handling and transportation might, however, result in a reduction of sensor reading accuracy. With time, the ABC function will tune the readings back to the correct numbers. The default “tuning speed” is limited to about 30ppm/week. For post calibration convenience, in the event that one cannot wait for the ABC algorithm to cure any calibration offset, two switch inputs DigIn2 and DigIn3 are defined for the operator to select one out of two prepared calibration codes. If DigIn3 is shorted, for a minimum time of 8 seconds, the internal calibration code **bCAL** (*background calibration*) is executed, it is assumed that the sensor is operating in a fresh air environment (400ppm CO<sub>2</sub>). If DigIn2 is shorted instead, for a minimum time of 8 seconds, the alternative operation code **CAL** (*zero calibration*) is executed, in which case the sensor must be purged by some gas mixture free from CO<sub>2</sub> (i.e. Nitrogen or Soda Lime CO<sub>2</sub> scrubbed air). If unsuccessful, please wait at least 10 seconds before repeating the procedure again. Make sure that the sensor environment is steady and calm!

Input Switch Terminal (normally open)	Default function (when closed for minimum 8 seconds)
Din3	<b>bCAL</b> (background calibration) assuming 400ppm CO <sub>2</sub> sensor exposure
Din2	<b>CAL</b> (zero calibration) assuming 0ppm CO <sub>2</sub> sensor exposure

Table 3: Switch input default configurations for eSENSE

## Self-diagnostics

The system contains complete self-diagnostic procedures. A full system test is executed automatically every time the power is turned on. In addition, constantly during operation, the sensor probes are checked against failure by checking the valid dynamic measurement ranges. All EEPROM updates, initiated by the sensor itself, as well as by external connections, are checked by subsequent memory read back and data comparisons. These different system checks return error bytes to the system RAM. If this byte is not zero, the LED **Status** will be put into Low level state. The full error codes are available from the UART port or via I<sup>2</sup>C communication. *Offset regulation error* and *Out of Range* are the only bits that are reset automatically after return to normal state. All other error bits have to be reset after return to normal by UART overwrite, or by power off/on.

LED	Default function
Status / Yellow	OFF = OK, Lit = Fault

Table 4: Default Logic output configured for eSENSE

## Maintenance

The eSENSE is basically maintenance free in normal environments thanks to the built-in self-correcting ABC algorithm. Discuss your application with Senseair in order to get advice for a proper calibration strategy.

When checking the sensor accuracy, PLEASE NOTE that the sensor accuracy is defined at continuous operation (three (3) ABC periods after installation)!

## Installations

The modules are factory calibrated and ready for use directly after power up. There are several alternative ways to connect the eSENSE to a host system (see also installation manual for the actual product):

**Do not use edge connector for connection to the host system without discussion with Senseair!**

1. Using "UART connector" UART (TxD, RxD)
2. Using the 4 pins **main terminal**. Available signals are power supply (G+ and G0) and the buffered analogue outputs (OUT1, OUT2).

**Note:** The terminals are not protected against reverse voltages and current spikes! Proper ESD protection is required during handling, as well as by the host interface design.

## Default functions / configurations

### Outputs

The basic eSENSE configuration is a simple analogue output sensor transmitter signal directed to OUT1 and OUT2. Via the serial communication terminal, the CO<sub>2</sub> readings are available to an even higher precision, together with additional system information such as sensor status, analogue outputs, and other variables.

The user can modify the output ranges at any time using a dedicated development kit, including PC software and a special serial communication cable.

Terminals	Output	Correspondence
OUT1	0 – 10,0VDC	0 – 2000ppm CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>1</sup>
OUT2	2.0 – 10.0 VDC or 4.0 – 20.0mA  0.9 – 1.6VDC or 1.5 – 2.5mA  0VDC or 0mA	0 – 2000ppm CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>1</sup>  Status = ERROR  Status = NOT READY

Table 5: Default analogue output configuration for eSENSE

Note 1: eSENSE ext. range 10000ppm: 0 – 10000ppm

## Error codes and action plans

(Error code can be read via one of communication channels)

Bit #	Error code	Error description	Suggested action
0	1	Fatal Error	Try to restart sensor by power OFF/ON. Contact local distributor.
1	2	Offset regulation error	Try to restart sensor by power OFF/ON. Contact local distributor.
2	4	Algorithm Error. Indicate wrong EEPROM configuration.	Try to restart sensor by power OFF/ON. Check detailed settings and configuration with software tools. Contact local distributor.
3	8	Output Error Detected errors during output signals calculation and generation.	Check connections and loads of outputs. Check detailed status of outputs with software tools.
4	16	Self-Diagnostic Error. May indicate the need of zero calibration or sensor replacement.	Check detailed self-diagnostic status with software tools. Contact local distributor.
5	32	Out of Range Error Accompanies most of other errors. Can also indicate overload or failures of sensors and inputs.  Resets automatically after source of error disappearance.	Check connections of temperature and relative humidity probe (if mounted). Try sensor in fresh air. Perform CO <sub>2</sub> background calibration. Check detailed status of measurements with software tools. <i>See Note 1!</i>
6	64	Memory Error Error during memory operations.	Check detailed settings and configuration with software tools.
7	128	Reserved	

Table 6: Key Error code and action plan for the eSENSE

Note 1: Any probe is out of range. It occurs, for instance, during over-exposure of CO<sub>2</sub> sensor, in which case the error code will automatically reset when the measurement values return to normal. It could also indicate the need of zero point calibration. If the CO<sub>2</sub> readings are normal, and still the error code remains, the temperature sensor can be defect or the connections to it are broken.

**Remark:** If several errors are detected at the same time the different error code numbers will be added together into one single error code!

