



Aurora

Reliable moisture measurement

Panametrics Aurora analyzer uses tunable diode laser absorption spectroscopy (TDLAS) to rapidly and accurately measure moisture in a variety of background gases. The analyzer is suitable for installation in hazardous areas and operates over a wide range of environmental conditions. Aurora's fast response immediately alerts when moisture concentrations are out of compliance or natural gas dehydration process is upset; once corrected, gas can be quickly cleared for re-entry to pipeline or process.

The Aurora analyzers have an intuitive interface that makes them easy to learn, configure and operate. With a local service team to support them, you have the confidence of knowing that Aurora analyzers are always ready for immediate moisture measurements. With power and gas lines easily connected, the Aurora moisture analyzer provides a wide range of reliable measurement with accuracy and fast response you need for immediate alerts to process upsets or out-of-compliance moisture concentrations.

Technical Specifications

Range

Range 0 to 5000 ppm
For CO₂ applications: 0 to 1000 ppm

Dew/Frost Point -97° to 27.3°F (-71° to -2.6°C) frost point @ STP of 25°C, 14.696 psia

Process Dew/Frost Point Process or equivalent dew point/frost point by calculation with process pressure signal (4-20 mA) or constant

Absolute Humidity 0.095 to 237 lbs/MMSFC
(1.52 to 3,803 mg/m³)

Accuracy

Moisture reading (parts per million by volume) ±1% of reading or ±2 ppm, whichever is greater; for > 1000 ppm, ±5% of reading

For CO₂ applications:
±3% of reading or ±5 ppmv
Note: Lower detection limit 20 ppm
For H₂ recycle applications: ±1% of reading or ±2 ppmv (for up to ±5% H₂ and ±1% C₂H₆ variation from nominal calibration composition)
(Background conditions for individual instrument calibrated accuracy provided in Certificate of Conformance. Accuracy of other parameters derived from ppmv.)

Repeatability ±0.2 ppmv or ±0.1%, whichever is greater
For CO₂ applications: ±1.0 ppmv or ±0.5%, whichever is greater

Calibration Certification NIST or equivalent
NMI traceable certification

Calibration Options Nitrogen, standard natural gas and 3 customizable calibration curves

Response Time

Response Time Optical system <2 seconds

System Response The system response is dependent on the length of sample tubing, sample system components, flow rate and pressure, as well as the change in moisture concentration.

Pressure

Operating Sample Cell Pressure 10 to 25 psia (69 to 172 kPa)

Maximum Pressure 200 psi (1380 kPa)

Process Pressure 400 psig (2.76 MPa) [2500 psig (17.23 MPa) with heated pressure regulator option]
Higher pressure available with application of additional sampling system components.

Flow Rate

Sample Cell Flow Rate 10 to 60 SLH (0.4 to 2 SCFH);
30 SLH (1 SCFH) nominal

By-pass Fast Loop 5 to 10X of flow rate through sample cell

I/O

Display Backlit LCD. Three programable simultaneous parameters. Alphanumeric status and diagnostic display. LEDs for power, laser temperature stability, keypad lockout

Power Analyzer: 100–240 VAC, 50–60 Hz, 24VDC

Analog Outputs Three 0/4–20 mA DC (source) with 500 ohm load. User programmable for any parameter and scalable. Complies with NAMUR protocol for analog signals.

Analog Input Loop powered 4–20 mA input for remote pressure transmitter. Aurora supplies 24 VDC.

Digital Interfaces Two programmable digital communications ports: RS232, RS485 with multidrop capability and assignable address, MODBUS RTU protocol. One Ethernet port: Modbus TCP/IP protocol

User Interface Programmable “through-the-glass” via magnetic stylus

Laser Class 1 product. Conforms to IEC 60825-1. Edition 2.0 Safety of Laser Products

Enclosure

Ingress Protection IP-66

Net Weight 45 kg (100 lb)

Dimensions (H x L x W) 841.2 mm x 461 mm x 332.3 mm (33.12 in. x 18.31 in. x 13.08 in.)

Temperature

Operating -20 to 65°C (-4 to 149°F)

Storage -20 to 70°C (-4 to 158°F)

Optional Heater/Thermostat Set Point 20°C/68°F ±5°C/9°F for US/Canada, 10°C/50°F ±5°C/9°F EU and elsewhere

Hazardous Area Certification

USA/Canada Explosion-proof for Class I, Division 1, Groups B, C, D

EU and Elsewhere ATEX and IECEx:
Ex de IIB+H2 T6 -20°C to +65°C
Flameproof with increased safety compartment