

TGS 2620 - for the detection of Solvent Vapors

Features:

- * Low power consumption
- * High sensitivity to alcohol and organic solvent vapors
- * Long life and low cost
- * Uses simple electrical circuit

The sensing element is comprised of a metal oxide semiconductor layer formed on an alumina substrate of a sensing chip together with an integrated heater. In the presence of a detectable gas, the sensor's conductivity increases depending on the gas concentration in the air. A simple electrical circuit can convert the change in conductivity to an output signal which corresponds to the gas concentration.

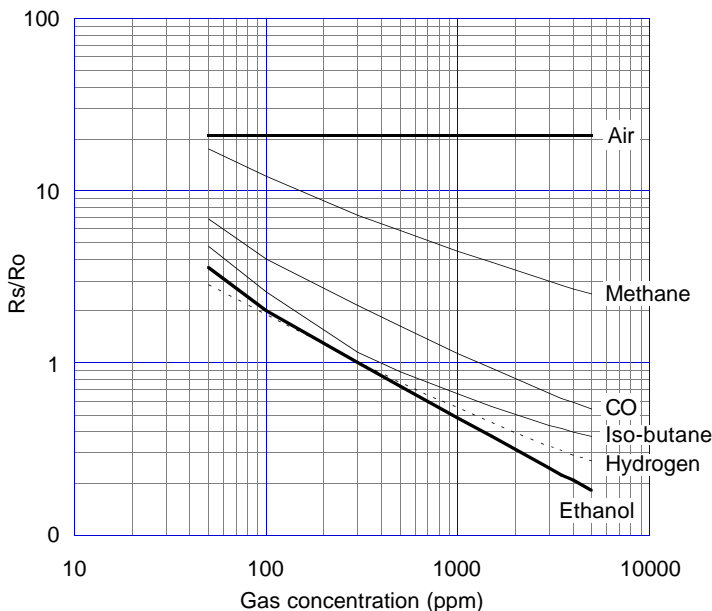
The **TGS 2620** has high sensitivity to the vapors of organic solvents as well as other volatile vapors. It also has sensitivity to a variety of combustible gases such as carbon monoxide, making it a good general purpose sensor.

Due to miniaturization of the sensing chip, TGS 2620 requires a heater current of only 42mA and the device is housed in a standard TO-5 package.

The figure below represents typical sensitivity characteristics, all data having been gathered at standard test conditions (see reverse side of this sheet). The Y-axis is indicated as *sensor resistance ratio* (R_s/R_o) which is defined as follows:

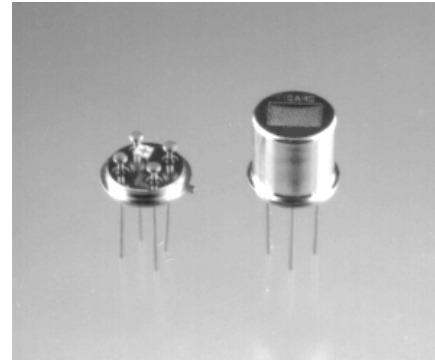
- R_s = Sensor resistance in displayed gases at various concentrations
- R_o = Sensor resistance in 300ppm of ethanol

Sensitivity Characteristics:



Applications:

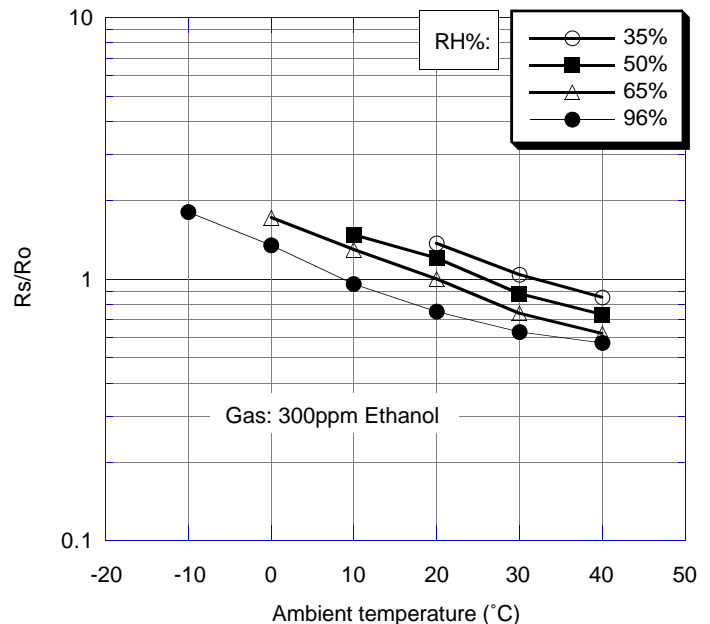
- * Alcohol testers
- * Organic vapor detectors/alarms
- * Solvent detectors for factories, dry cleaners, and semiconductor industries



The figure below represents typical temperature and humidity dependency characteristics. Again, the Y-axis is indicated as *sensor resistance ratio* (R_s/R_o), defined as follows:

- R_s = Sensor resistance in 300ppm of ethanol at various temperatures/humidities
- R_o = Sensor resistance in 300ppm of ethanol at 20°C and 65% R.H.

Temperature/Humidity Dependency:

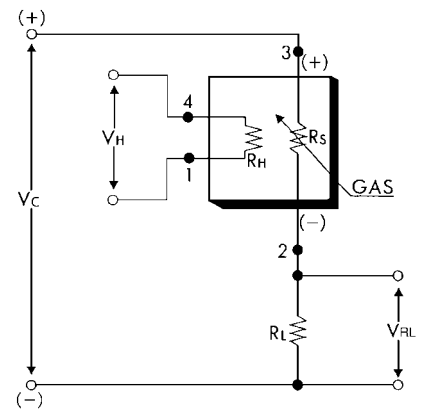


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Basic Measuring Circuit:

The sensor requires two voltage inputs: heater voltage (V_H) and circuit voltage (V_C). The heater voltage (V_H) is applied to the integrated heater in order to maintain the sensing element at a specific temperature which is optimal for sensing. Circuit voltage (V_C) is applied to allow measurement of voltage (V_{RL}) across a load resistor (R_L) which is connected in series with the sensor.

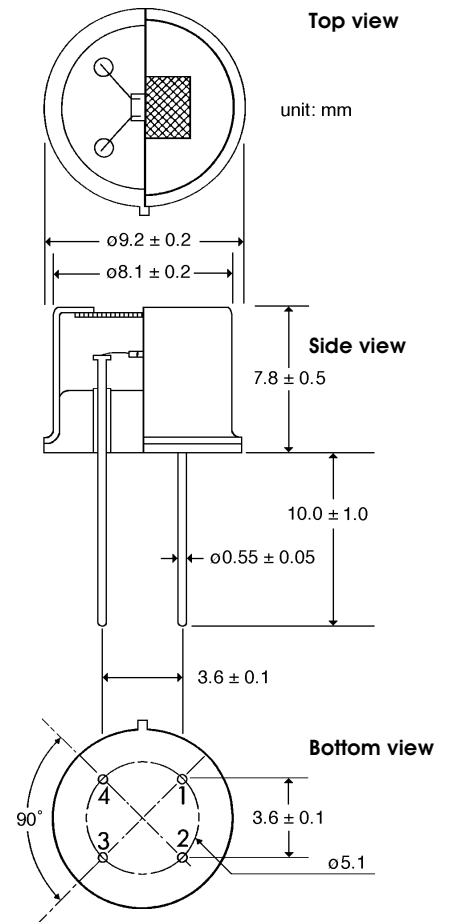
A common power supply circuit can be used for both V_C and V_H to fulfill the sensor's electrical requirements. The value of the load resistor (R_L) should be chosen to optimize the alarm threshold value, keeping power consumption (P_S) of the semiconductor below a limit of 15mW. Power consumption (P_S) will be highest when the value of R_S is equal to R_L on exposure to gas.



Specifications:

Model number		TGS 2620	
Sensing element type		D1	
Standard package		TO-5 metal can	
Target gases		Alcohol, Solvent vapors	
Typical detection range		50 ~ 5,000 ppm	
Standard circuit conditions	Heater Voltage	V _H	5.0±0.2V DC/AC
	Circuit voltage	V _C	5.0±0.2V DC/AC P _S ≤ 15mW
	Load resistance	R _L	Variable 0.45kΩ min.
Electrical characteristics under standard test conditions	Heater resistance	R _H	83Ω at room temp. (typical)
	Heater current	I _H	42 ± 4mA
	Heater power consumption	P _H	approx. 210mW
	Sensor resistance	R _S	1 ~ 5 kΩ in 300ppm ethanol
	Sensitivity (change ratio of R _S)		0.3 ~ 0.5
Standard test conditions	Test gas conditions	Ethanol vapor in air at 20±2°C, 65±5%RH	
	Circuit conditions	V _C = 5.0±0.01V DC V _H = 5.0±0.05V DC	
	Conditioning period before test	7 days	

Structure and Dimensions:



Pin connection:

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

The value of power dissipation (P_S) can be calculated by utilizing the following formula:

$$P_S = \frac{(V_C - V_{RL})^2}{R_S}$$

Sensor resistance (R_S) is calculated with a measured value of V_{RL} by using the following formula:

$$R_S = \frac{V_C - V_{RL}}{V_{RL}} \times R_L$$