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## AT-G-DETECT

Refrigerant Gas  
Sensing System



**INSTALLATION  
INSTRUCTIONS**



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Please read these instructions carefully and keep them in a safe place (preferably close to the module) for future reference. These instructions must be followed carefully to ensure proper operation.

### 1.1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The AT-G-DETECT is the ideal gas detection solution for installations requiring a quality and affordable stand-alone gas detector. It consists of 1 to 6 remote gas sensors connected to and powered by a controller. The controller provides visual, audible, and relay alarms on the detection of gases. The system is available with one or two levels of alarm. The AT-G-DETECT can be used for:

- detecting refrigerant gases (including NH3 and CO2)
- speedy detection of combustible gases
- detection of toxic and VOC gases.

A range of gas detector and sensor enclosures are available for special applications. The AT-G-DETECT Controller is required. With the AT-G-DETECT, it creates a stand-alone gas detection system and is used to remotely monitor up to six devices. Models are available with 1, 2, 4, and 6 channels. Wiring diagrams are provided later in this manual.

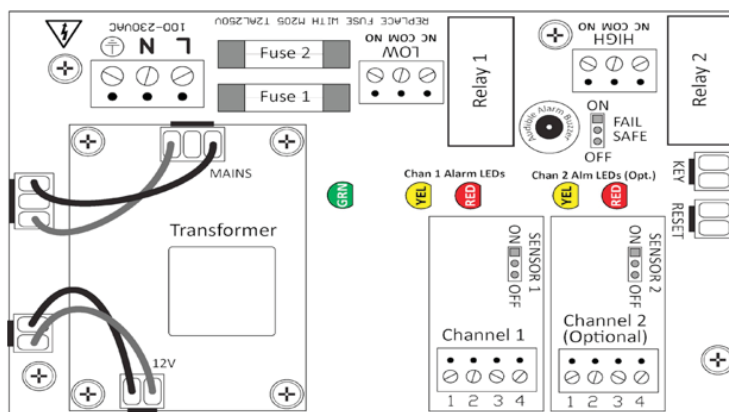


Figure 2. AT-G-DETECT 1- and 2-Channel Controller PCB

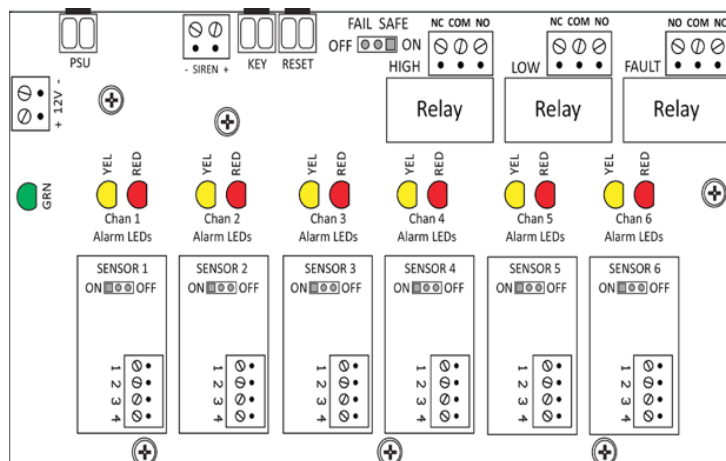


Figure 4. AT-G-DETECT 4- and 6-Channel Controller PCB

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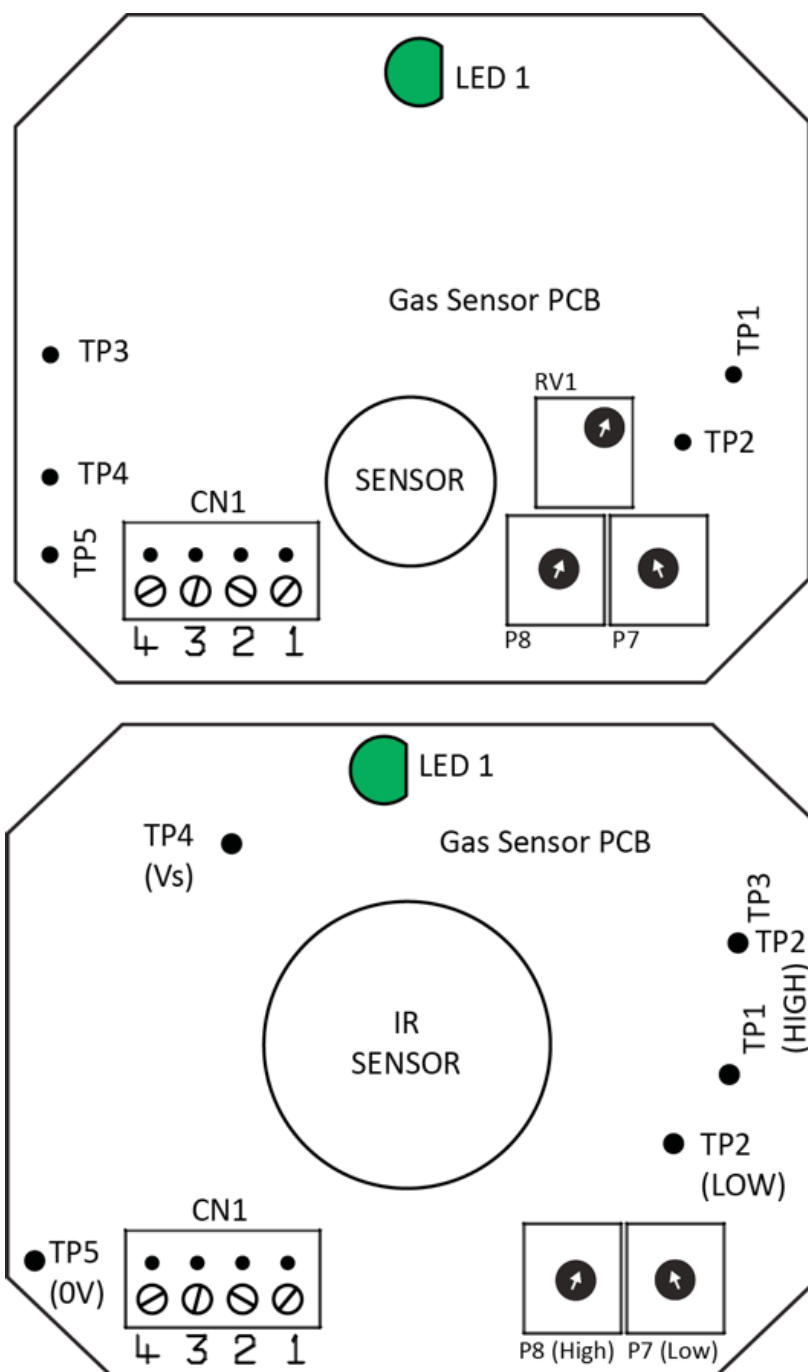


Figure 5. Examples AT-G-DETECT sensor PCBs

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### 1.2. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### POWER SUPPLY

100-230Vac 50-60Hz, or 12Vdc (specified at time of order)

#### ALARM SILENCE

Key Switch

#### POWER MONITORING LED

Green

#### ALARM RELAY(S)

10 A, 120V/230V

#### WARM-UP DELAY

Minimum of 3 minutes

#### COMMUNICATIONS WIRING

4-conductor cable (stranded); 500 ft (152 m) max; 22 AWG; Max 8.8Ω/wire

#### APPROVALS

UL/CSA/IEC/EN 61010-1; CE

Sensor Channels	1- and 2-channel	4- and 6-channel systems
Max Power	15W	25W
Alarm Levels	2 Levels	2 Levels
Audible Alarm (buzzer)	Internal, intermittent (low), continuous (high)	Internal, intermittent (low), continuous (high)
Alarm Reset	Automatic (low alarm), manual (high alarm)	Automatic (low alarm), manual (high alarm)
Visual Alarm LED(s)	Yellow, Red	Yellow, Red
Fault Indication(s)	Red LED	Red LED, Relay
Std. Enclosure Ratings	Sensor: IP41 Panel: IP51	Sensor: IP41 Panel: IP51
Dimensions and Weight: Controller	160 x 200 x 70 mm 1.35 kg	325 x 245 x 70 mm 2.7 kg

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### SENSOR DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS

Type/Enclosure	Dimensions	Weights
IP41	3.35" x 5.59" x 2.09" 86 x 142 x 53 mm	6.3 oz 180 g
IP56	6.89" x 6.5" x 3.29" 175 x 165 x 82 mm	1 lb 6 oz 629 g
IP66 w/ Splash Guard	6.89" x 8.9" x 3.29" 175 x 225 x 82 mm	1 lb 9 oz 700 g
IP66 w/ Remote Sensor	6.89" x 6.1" x 3.29" 175 x 155 x 82 mm	1 lb 11 oz 790 g
IP66 w/ Exd Remote Head	6.89" x 6.1" x 3.29" 175 x 155 x 82 mm	2 lb 10 oz 1185 g
IP66 w/ PRV Sensore Head	6.89" x 6.1" x 3.29" 175 x 155 x 82 mm	2 lb 0.3 oz 916 g
IP66 Airflow/ Duct (See Table)	6.89" x 4.9" x 3.29" 175 x 125 x 82 mm	1 lb 4 oz 578 g
Exd (ATEX only)	5.12" x 6.3" x 3.54" 130 x 160 x 90 mm	9 lb 4 oz 4200 g

**NOTE:** The hazardous area Exd Gas Monitor products are designed with individually certified Exd main housing enclosures and certified Exd remote or attached sensor enclosures. The main housing enclosure and its PCB assembly are also Exd certified, but the final Exd Gas Monitor assemblies (main enclosure and/or sensor assembly) are not currently Exd certified, but are pending additional testing.

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### SUPPORTED CFM AND DUCT SIZES FOR THE DUCT MOUNT HOUSING

Units		Duct Sizes			
Inches	66	68	82	40	29
Feet	79	72.5	89	50	35.5
Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	105	85	106	71	46
CFM		Ft/min (Based on CFM and Duct Size)			
2800	2800	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3000	3000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3400	3400	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3800	3800	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4000	4000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4400	4400	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
4800	4800	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
5000	5000	2500	n/a	n/a	n/a
5400	5400	2700	n/a	n/a	n/a
5800	5800	2900	2578	n/a	n/a
6000	6000	3000	2667	n/a	n/a
6400	6400	3200	2844	n/a	n/a
6800	6800	3400	3022	n/a	n/a
7000	7000	3500	3111	n/a	n/a
7400	7400	3700	3289	n/a	n/a
7800	7800	3900	3467	n/a	n/a
8000	8000	4000	3556	n/a	2548
8400	8400	4200	3733	n/a	2675
8800	8800	4400	3911	n/a	2803
9000	9000	4500	4000	n/a	2868
9400	9400	4700	4178	n/a	2994
9800	9800	4900	4356	n/a	3121
10000	10000	5000	4444	2500	3185



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### 2. PLACING SENSORS

#### 2.1 INSTALLATION WARNINGS

**NOTE:** This instrument can be equipped with a semiconductor sensor for the detection of refrigerant, combustible and VOC gases. Semiconductor sensors are not gas specific and respond to a variety of other gases including propane exhaust, cleaners, and solvents. Changes in temperature and humidity may also affect the sensor's performance.

**WARNING:** Explosion hazard! Do not mount the AT-G-DETECT in an area that may contain flammable liquids, vapors, or aerosols. Operation of any electrical equipment in such an environment constitutes a safety hazard.

**CAUTION:** The AT-G-DETECT contains sensitive electronic components that can be easily damaged. Do not touch nor disturb any of these components.

**NOTE:** The mounting location of the monitor should allow it to be easily accessible for visual monitoring and servicing.

**NOTE:** The monitor must be connected by a marked, suitably located and easily reached switch or circuit-breaker as means of disconnection.

**NOTE:** Connect monitor power and signaling terminals using wiring that complies with local electrical codes or regulations for the intended application.

#### 2.2 GENERAL GUIDELINES

**NOTE:** The AT-G-DETECT should be installed plumb and level and securely fastened to a rigid mounting surface.

The AT-G-DETECT alarm panel and its sensor(s) should be positioned carefully to avoid mechanical damage (from moving machinery, doors, etc.) and thermal extremes (close to heaters). Units should not be placed unprotected in direct strong drafts/airflows and areas where water or moisture is present unless an appropriate enclosure is used.

Avoid routing sensor cabling outside of premises, or between buildings via overhead cables. Also, sensor wiring should be kept to a minimum of 20 in (500mm) from the main power supply and telephone cables. When connecting the main power supply and/or sensor cables ensure a second mechanical fixing is used. Use a cable tie inside the enclosure within 1 in (25mm) of the cable termination.

When power to the unit is switched on, there is a 3-minute delay before the system activates. This allows the sensors to warm up to the correct temperature for gas detection. On a two-alarm unit, the green light on the alarm panel comes on after the delay, indicating that the system is ready. On a one-alarm system the green light comes on immediately. When a unit has been off or stored for a long time the stabilizing period may be longer than 3 minutes. After the 3 minutes has expired, alarms may activate. You may deactivate the siren until stabilization is complete. (Use the key switch on two-alarm units. Remove jumper JP1 in the case of a one-alarm unit).

Mount the controller using the mounting holes in the base such that the sensor cable terminal blocks are at the bottom of the unit in a convenient position.

Sensors must be located within the appropriate wire lengths from the controller.

In all cases the sensor supplied is designed for maximum sensitivity to a particular gas. However, in certain circumstances false alarms may be caused by the occasional presence of sufficiently high concentrations of other gaseous impurities. Examples of situations where such abnormalities may arise include the following:

- Plant room maintenance activity involving solvent or paint fumes or refrigerant leaks.
- Accidental gas migration in fruit ripening/storage facilities (bananas - ethylene,



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- apples - carbon dioxide).
- Heavy localized exhaust fumes (carbon monoxide, dioxide, propane) from engine-driven forklifts in confined spaces or close to sensors.

A sensor response delay is built in to the system to minimize the possibilities of false alarms.

### 2.3 MACHINERY ROOMS

There is no absolute rule in determining the number of sensors and their locations. However, a number of simple guidelines will help to make a decision. Sensors monitor a point as opposed to an area. If the gas leak does not reach the sensor then no alarm will be triggered. Therefore, it is extremely important to carefully select the sensor location. Also consider ease of access for maintenance.

The size and nature of the site will help to decide which method is the most appropriate to use. Locations requiring the most protection in a machinery or plant room would be around compressors, pressurized storage vessels, refrigerant cylinders or storage rooms or pipelines. The most common leak sources are valves, gauges, flanges, joints (brazed or mechanical), filling or draining connections, etc.

- When mechanical or natural ventilation is present, mount a sensor in the airflow.
- In machinery rooms where there is no discernible or strong airflow then options are:

**Point Detection**, where sensors are located as near as possible to the most likely sources of leakage, such as the compressor, expansion valves, mechanical joints or cable duct trenches.

**Perimeter Detection**, where sensors completely surround the area or equipment.

- For **heavier-than-air** gases such as halocarbon and hydrocarbon refrigerants such as R404A, propane, and butane sensors should be located near ground level.
- For **lighter-than-air** gas (e.g., ammonia), the sensor needs to be located above

the equipment to be monitored on a bracket or high on a wall within 12 in (300 mm) of (or on) the ceiling – provided there is no possibility of a thermal layer trapped under the ceiling preventing gas from reaching the sensor.

**NOTE:** At very low temperatures (e.g., refrigerated cold store), ammonia gas becomes heavier than air.

- With similar density or miscible gases, such as CO or CO<sub>2</sub>, sensors should be mounted about head high (about 5 feet [1.5 m]).
- Sensors should be positioned just far enough back from any high-pressure parts to allow gas clouds to form and be detected. Otherwise, a gas leak might pass by in a high-speed jet and not be detected by the sensor.
- Make sure that pits, stairwells and trenches are monitored since they may fill with stagnant pockets of gas.
- If a pressure relief vent (PRV) pipe is fitted to the system, it may be a requirement to mount a sensor to monitor this vent pipe. It could be positioned about 6.5 ft (2 m) above the PRV to allow gas clouds to form.
- For racks or chillers pre-fitted with refrigerant sensors, these should be mounted so as to monitor the compressors. If extract ducts are fitted the airflow in the duct may be monitored.

### 2.4 REFRIGERATED SPACES

In refrigerated spaces sensors should be located in the return airflow to the evaporators on a sidewall, below head height preferred, or on the ceiling, not directly in front of an evaporator. In large rooms with multiple evaporators, sensors should be mounted on the central line between 2 adjacent evaporators, as turbulence will result in airflows mixing.

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### 2.5 CHILLERS

In the case of small water or air-cooled enclosed chiller units mount the sensor so as to monitor airflow to the extract fans. With larger models also place a sensor inside the enclosure under or adjacent to the compressors.

In the case of outdoor units:

- Such as enclosed air-cooled chillers or the outdoor unit for VRV/VRF systems mount the sensors so as to monitor airflow to the extract fan. With large units also place a sensor inside the enclosure under or adjacent to the compressors.

In the case of non-enclosed outdoor units:

- If there is an enclosed machinery section then locate a sensor there.
- In the case of the units with enclosed compressors, mount sensors in the enclosures.
- Where you have protective or acoustic panels mount the sensors low down under the compressors where it is protected by the panels.
- With air-cooled chillers or air-cooled condensers with non-enclosed condenser sections it is difficult to effectively monitor leaks in the coil sections. With some designs it will be possible using an airflow sensor to monitor airflow to the start-up fans in the front or rear sections.
- If there is a possibility of refrigerant leaks into a duct or air-handling unit, install a sensor to monitor the airflow.

Weatherproof sensors should be used for unprotected outdoor applications.

### 2.6 AIR CONDITIONING – DIRECT SYSTEMS VRV/VRF

EN378 states that detectors to ensure safety have their sensors located in such positions that they monitor the concentration at heights of the occupants of a human occupied space taking into account the characteristics of the refrigerant used e.g. at less than bed height with heavier than

air gases in a hotel room. It also states that ceiling voids are regarded as part of the human occupied space.

**① Monitoring ceiling voids in a hotel room would not strictly comply with EN378.**

#### DOs

- Mount the in-room sensor at less than the normal heights of the occupants e.g. in a hotel room this is less than bed height – between 200-500mm off the floor.
- Keep away from draughts and heat sources like radiators etc.
- Avoid sources of steam.

#### DON'Ts

- Do not mount sensors under mirrors, at vanity units or in or near bathrooms.

**IMPORTANT: Carefully consider ramifications of using too few sensors. A few extra sensors could make a significant difference if a gas leak occurs.**

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### 2. HOUSING DIMENSIONS

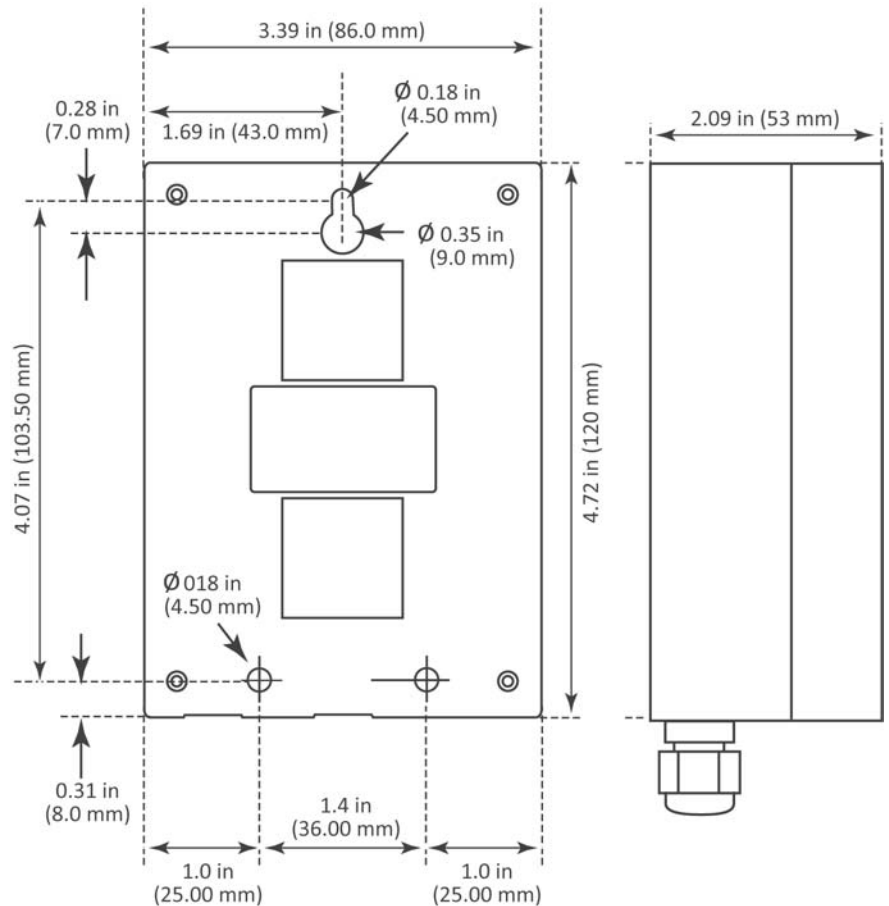


Figure 6. AT-G-DETECT S2L Standard Housing

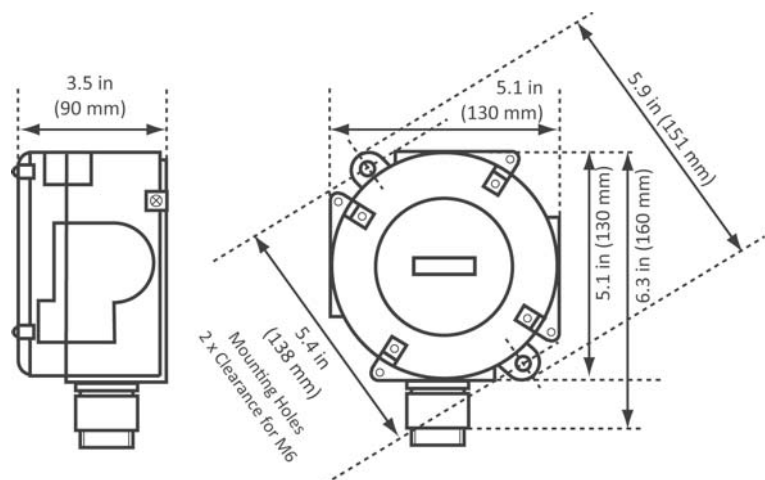


Figure 7. AT-G-Exd Housing

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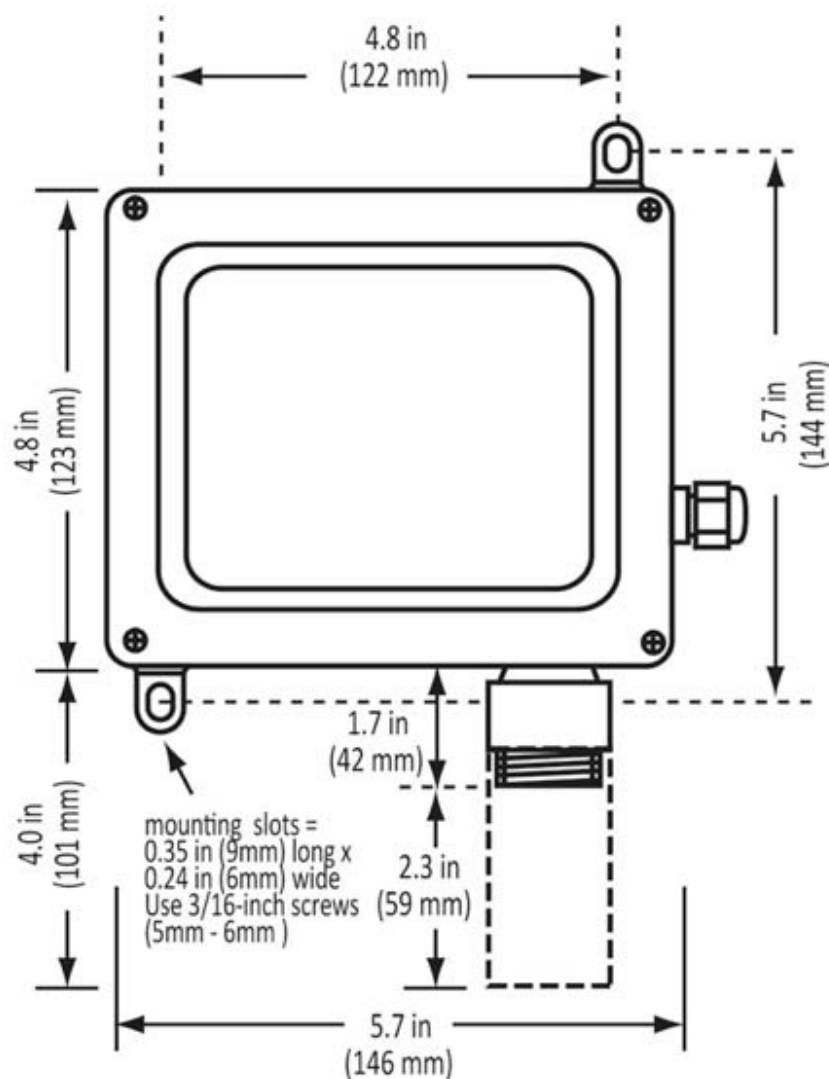


Figure 8. AT-G-IP66 Housing (with Splash Guard)

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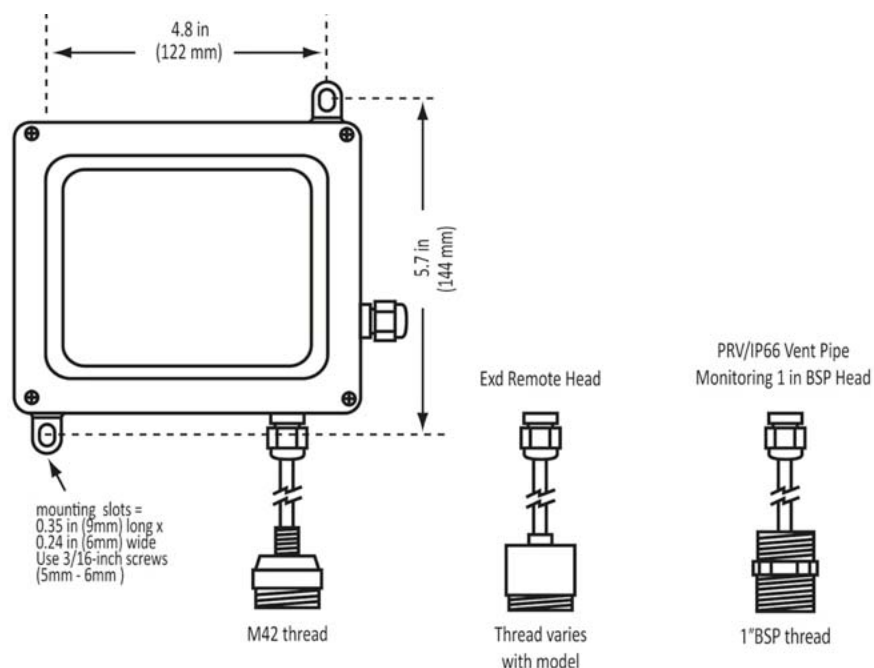


Figure 9. AT-G-IP66-REM Housing with Remote Sensor

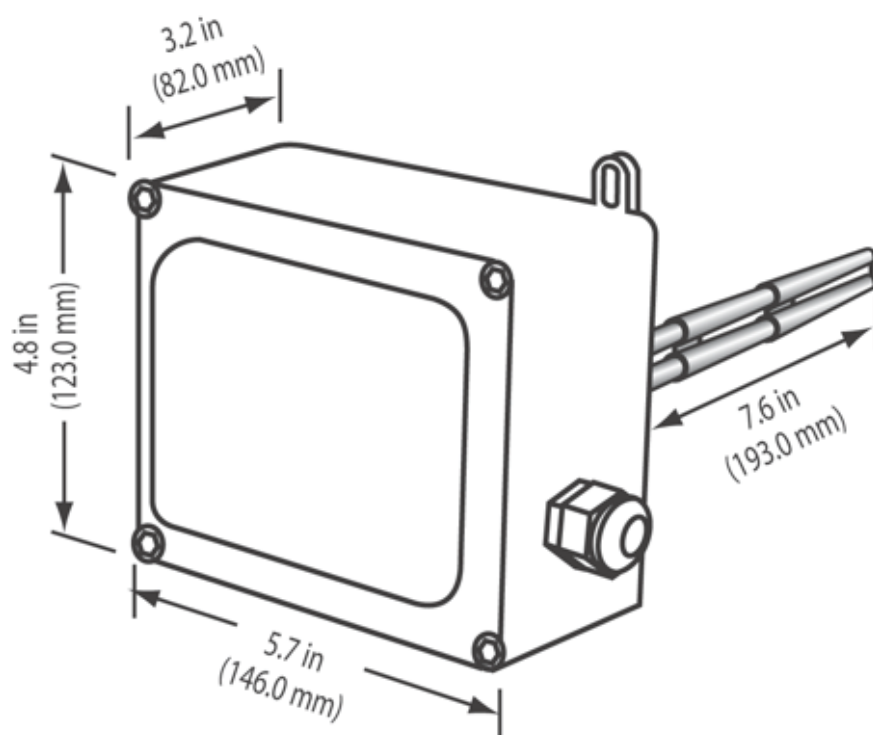


Figure 10. AT-G-IP66-Pitot Housing with Airflow Duct Mount

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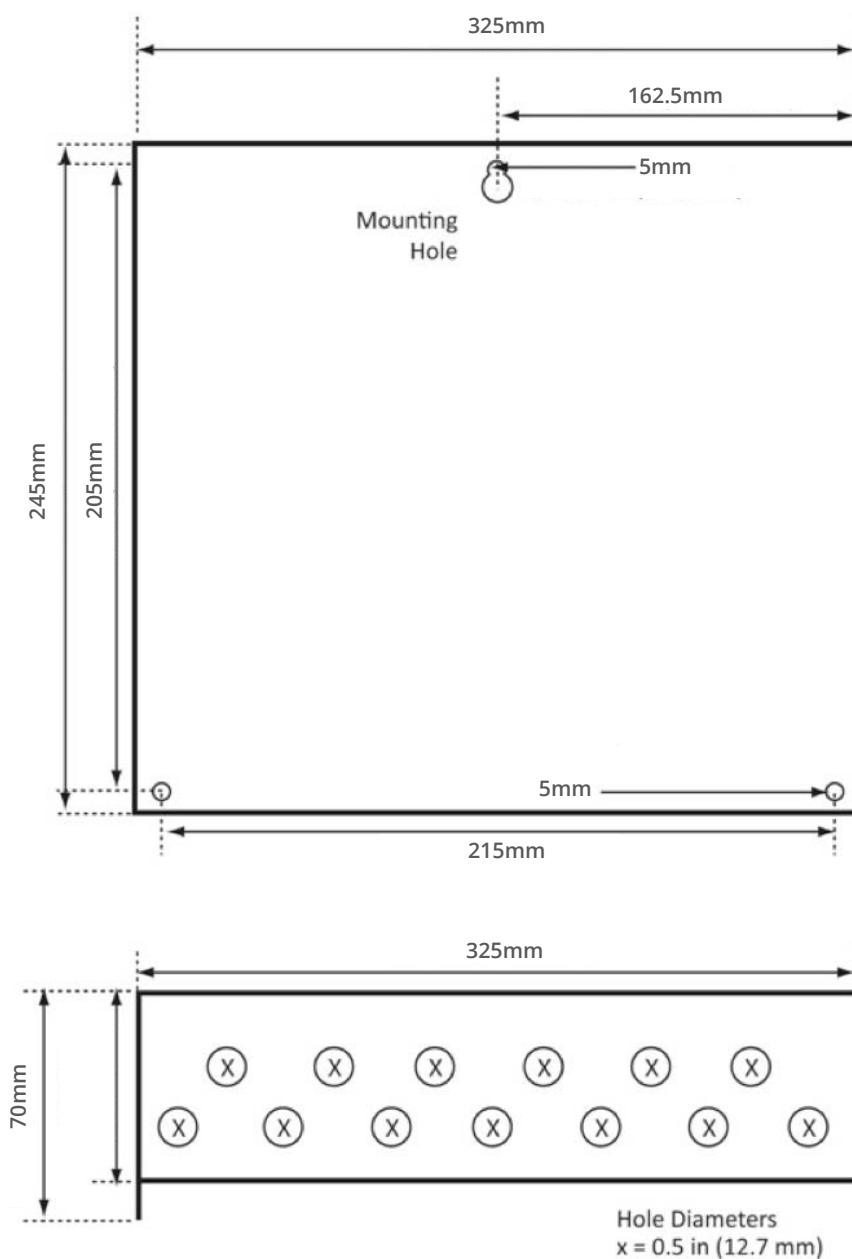


Figure 11. 4- & 6-Sensor Controller Housing

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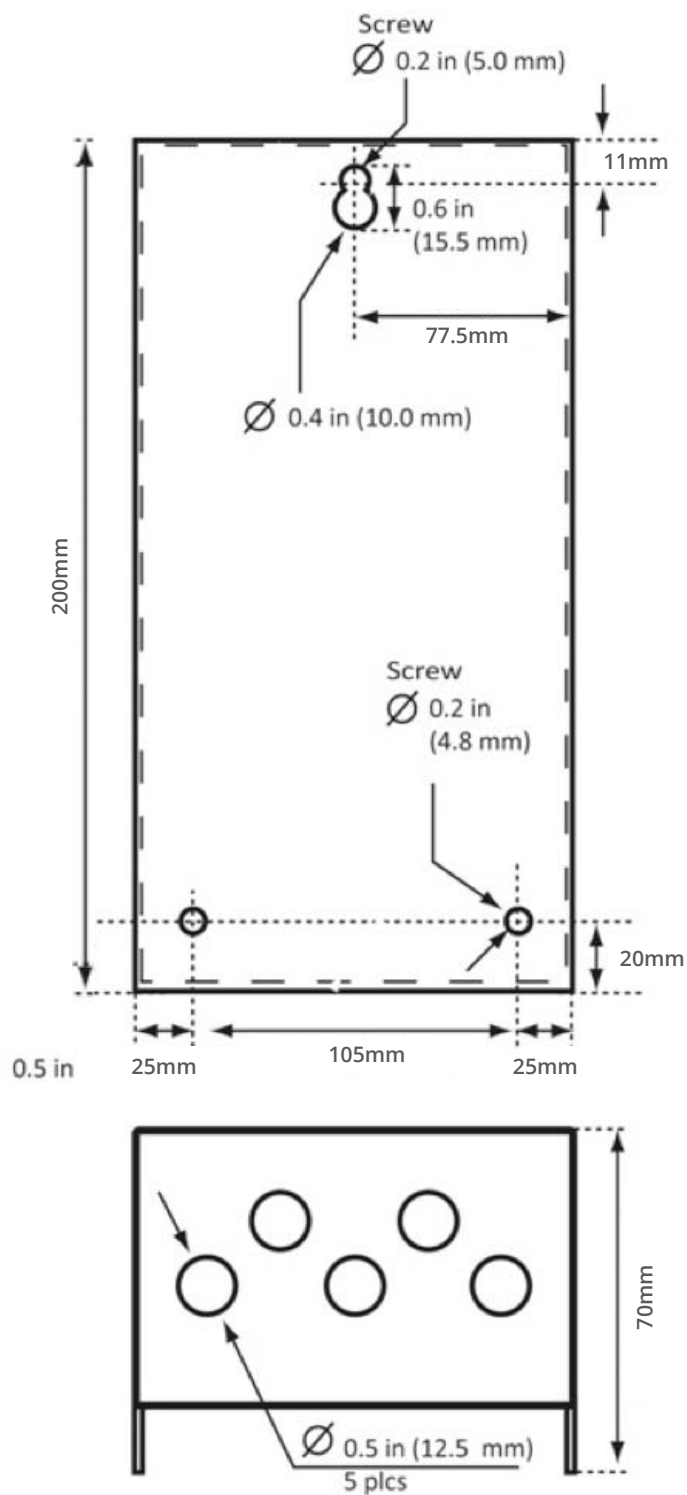


Figure 12. 1- to 2-Sensor Controller Housing



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### SECTION 4. WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 4.1 WIRING THE AT-G-DETECTS

1. Connect a 4-conductor cable (18 AWG recommended) to a terminal block on the AT-G-DETECT panel (CN1, CN2, etc).
2. Route the cable to a sensor.
3. For standard (IP41) sensor housings, remove the lid by:
  - turning the cable clamp ½ turn counter clockwise to loosen the internal nut
  - pressing the clip on top of the enclosure to open.
4. Mount the sensor. See Section 3 for dimensions.
5. Connect the other end of the cable to the control panel using terminal block CN1 positions 1,2,3 & 4. (Installation should be such that pin 1 of the panel is connected to pin 1 of the sensor).
6. Close the housing.
7. Repeat above sequence for any/all remaining sensors.

**NOTE:** Install a 2200 Ohm resistor between input pins 2 and 3 on any unused channels. If unused channels do NOT have a resistor installed a fault will occur.

**IMPORTANT:** Ensure that connections 1 to 4 on the sensor connect to their corresponding numbers on the terminal block in the main control unit, otherwise it could cause damage to the sensor.

#### MAXIMUM WIRING LENGTHS BETWEEN AT-G-DETECT SENSORS AND CONTROL PANEL

**Length:** 152M maximum  
**AWG:** .65 CSA cable (minimum)  
**Type:** Stranded 4-wire cable  
**Resistance:** Max 8.8Ω/wire

**NOTE:** You may use different cables and longer distances provided the corresponding resistance shown above is not exceeded.

#### 4.2 DC OUTPUT

**NOTE: This section applies to the 12 VDC output (4-6 channel systems only).**

1. The 12 VDC/500 mA output is obtained via the 12V terminal. This output may be wired via the relays to obtain a switching 12 VDC output to drive an external relay or solenoid. **NOTE:** The 12VDC output should not exceed 500 mA.
2. If a switching 12Vdc signal is required, connect the "+" of the 12V terminal to the 'COM' terminal of the relay and the device to be switched to either the N/O or N/C terminal (depending on whether a 12V output is required during an alarm condition or while the system is on standby).
3. The return from the device is connected to "-" on the 12V terminal.

#### 4.3 RELAYS

All relay outputs are labeled HIGH, LOW and FAULT on the PCB. Connect leads to terminal block for Common (COM) and N/O and/or N/C connections as required. Note that relays are rated as 10A @ 120/230Vac.

**NOTE:** N/O (normally open) and N/C (normally closed) refer to relay contact status in standby mode. On a two-alarm system, a high-level alarm condition on any sensor will override a low-level alarm condition on another sensor.

**NOTE:** The high-level relay may be set for normal or Fail-Safe operation by setting the fail-safe jumper on the control unit's PCB.

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### 4.4 POWER CONNECTION

Use 3-wire, 0.65mm CSA wire for 230V systems or 3-wire, 1mm CSA wire for 120V systems. Connect the main power supply to the MAINS input terminal block.

**NOTE:** Connection to the main power supply must be made via an approved, readily-accessible, switched and fused plug and socket (or as per local wiring regulations) which should be within 10 feet (3 meters) of the control unit.

**NOTE:** The main power supply cable should be of an approved type based on local regulations.

**NOTE:** The blanking plugs for cable entries should only be removed if being replaced by conduit fittings.

**NOTE:** If replacement of either main power fuse is required, use only a 2A 250V slow fuse (0.79 in/20mm) T2AL250V.

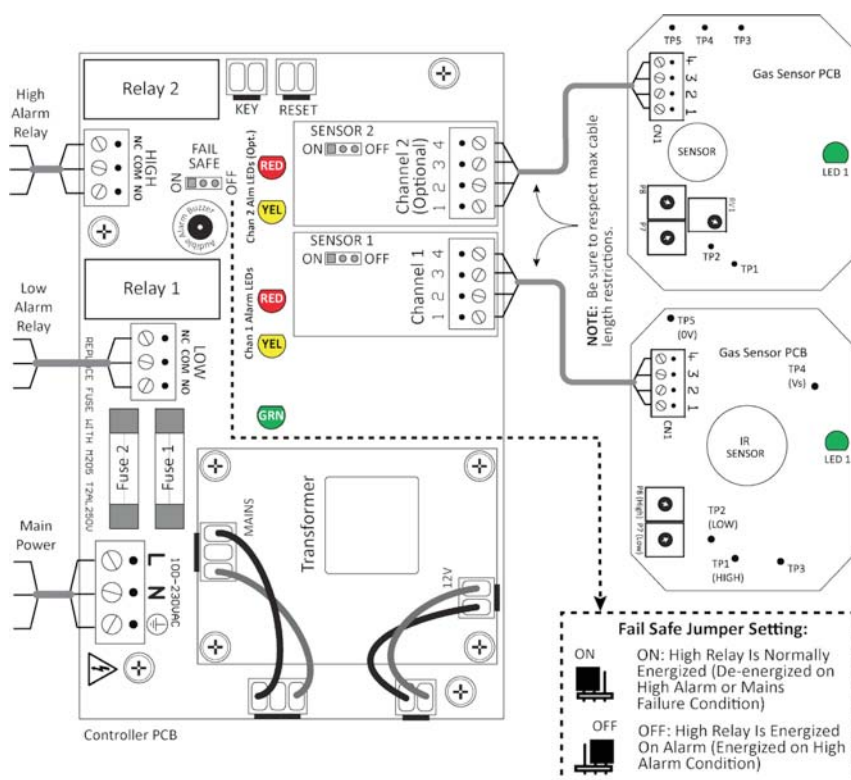


Figure 13. 1- & 2-Sensor, Two-Alarm Installation Diagram

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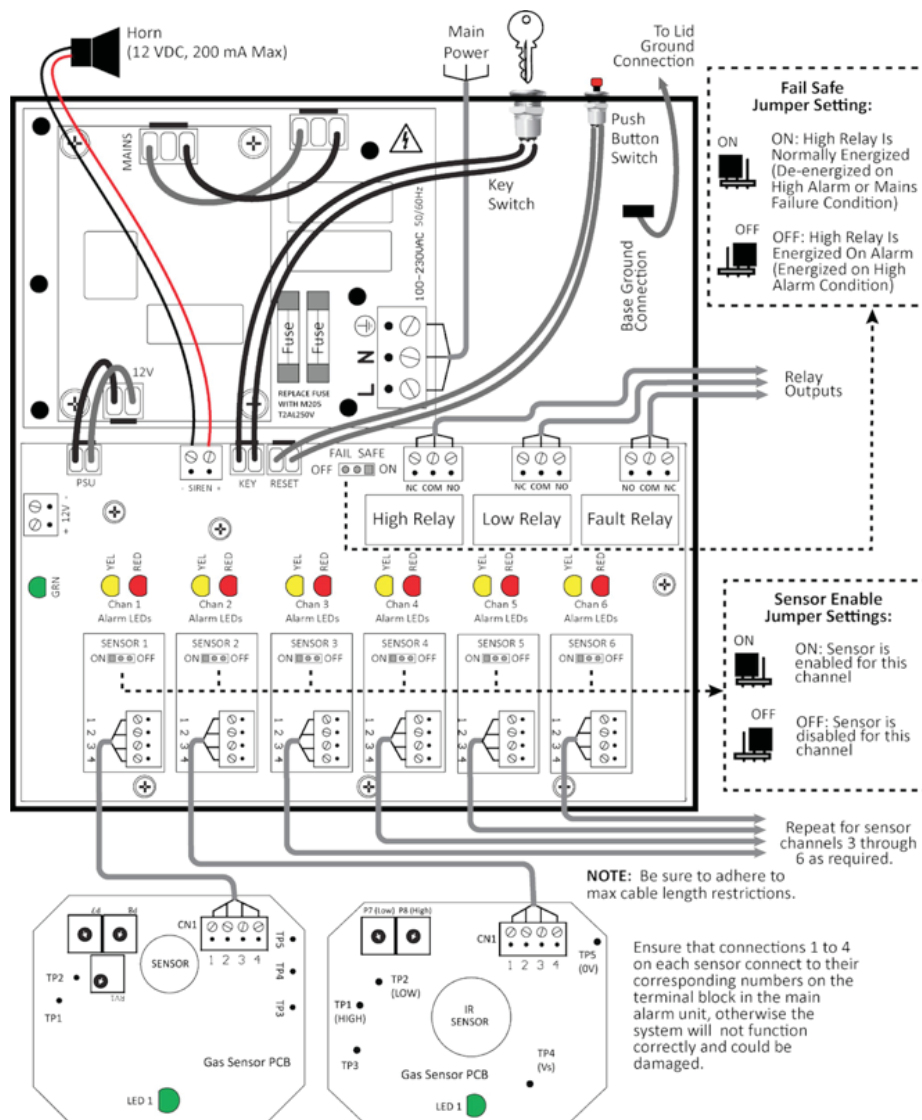


Figure 13. 1- & 2-Sensor, Two-Alarm Installation Diagram

## SECTION 5. OPERATION AND STABILISATION

When power to the unit is switched on, the green LED is illuminated, and then there is a 3-minute delay before the system activates. This allows the sensors to warm up to the correct temperature for gas detection. When a unit has been off or stored for a long time the stabilizing period may be longer than 3 minutes. After the 3 minutes has expired, alarms may activate. You may deactivate the siren using the key switch until stabilization is complete. After the AT-G-DETECT has been installed in accordance with the installation instructions, the AT-G-DETECT system is ready to monitor the chosen air space and detect gas leaks. Each of the remote sensors has a green light to indicate that power is present. To minimize false alarms, the system has a built in delay enforced between the arrival time of gas at the sensor unit, and the time when the alarm occurs. This delay is 20-25 seconds before a low-level alarm, and 25-30 seconds before a high-level alarm. **We recommend that the system is left powered for 24 hours to stabilize.**

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Operation State	Description
<b>Idle</b>	Only the green light on the panel is on. No gas is present.
<b>Power Interrupted</b>	If the green light is off, power to the unit has been interrupted. Refer to Section 7.
<b>Alarm Conditions</b>	<p>One-alarm Units:</p> <p>One or more red lights on the panel turn on. The siren and the relays operate. This indicates that gas at one or more sensors is at a level higher than the alarm point.</p> <p>Two-alarm Units:</p> <p><b>Low Alarm:</b> One or more yellow lights on the panel turn on. The audible alarm operates intermittently, and the low alarm relay operates: this indicates presence of a low level of gas on one or more sensors.</p> <p><b>High Alarm:</b> One or more red lights on the panel turn on. The audible alarm operates continuously, and the high alarm relay operates: this indicates presence of a high level of gas on one or more of the sensors.</p>
<b>Resetting Alarms</b>	<p>On one-alarm units all of which have automatic reset no user intervention is required. The unit will reset shortly after the gas dissipates (all one-alarm systems reset automatically).</p> <p>On two-alarm units, low-level alarm conditions will reset automatically when the gas dissipates. High-level alarm conditions require a manual reset (by pressing the reset button). Please note that a high alarm condition can only be reset 30-60 seconds after the gas clears from around the sensors.</p>
<b>Audible Alarm</b>	For the purpose of system maintenance, the audible alarm may be disabled temporarily by using the key switch.
<b>Fault</b>	This indicates a wiring or sensor problem.

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### SECTION 6. FUNCTIONAL TESTS AND CALIBRATION

#### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

To comply with the requirements of EN378 and the European F-GAS regulation, sensors must be tested annually. However, local regulations may specify the nature and frequency of this test.

**CAUTION:** Check local regulations on calibration or testing requirements.

**CAUTION:** The AT-G-DETECT contains sensitive electronic components that can be easily damaged. Do not touch nor disturb any of these components.

**NOTE:** The AT-G-DETECT is calibrated at the factory. After installation, a zero adjustment may be required due to differences in environmental conditions.

**IMPORTANT:** If the AT-G-DETECT is exposed to a large leak it should be tested to ensure correct functionality by electrically resetting the zero setting and carrying out a bump test. See procedures below.

**IMPORTANT:** The testing and/or calibration of the unit must be carried out by a qualified technician, and must be done in accordance with this manual and in compliance with locally applicable guidelines and regulations. Suitably qualified operators of the unit should be aware of the regulations and standards set down by the industry / country for the testing or calibration of this unit. This manual is only intended as a guide and, insofar as permitted by law, the manufacturer accepts no responsibility for the calibration, testing, or operation of this unit.

The frequency and nature of testing or calibration may be determined by local regulation or standards. EN378 and the F-GAS Regulation require an annual check in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.

**IMPORTANT:** Before testing the sensors on-site, the AT-G-DETECT system must have been powered up and allowed to stabilize for at least 24 hours. See Section 5.

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to test or calibrate the unit in accordance with applicable instructions and with industry guidelines may result in serious injury or death. The manufacturer is not liable for any loss, injury, or damage arising from improper testing, incorrect calibration, or inappropriate use of the unit.

**IMPORTANT:** Aquilar recommends annual checks and gas calibration. Aquilar also recommends sensor replacement every 3 years or as required. Calibration frequency may be extended based on application, but should never exceed 2 years.

**IMPORTANT:** In applications where life safety is critical, calibration should be done quarterly (every 3 months) or on a more frequent basis. Aquilar is not responsible for setting safety practices and policies. Safe work procedures including calibration policies are best determined by company policy, industry standards, and local codes.

**NOTE:** For improved accuracy and response, the instrument should be zeroed and calibrated in the environment in which it is being installed.

There are two concepts that need to be differentiated:

#### Bump Test:

Exposing the sensor to a gas and observing its response to the gas. The objective is to establish if the sensor is reacting to the gas and all the sensor outputs are working correctly. There are two types of bump test.

- **Quantified:** A known concentration of gas is used.

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- **Non-Quantified:** A gas of unknown concentration is used.

### Calibration:

Exposing the sensor to a calibration gas, setting the “zero” or “Standby voltage”, the span/range, and checking/ adjusting all the outputs, to ensure that they are activated at the specified gas concentration.

**CAUTION:** Before you carry out the bump test or calibration:

- Advise occupants, plant operators, and supervisors.
- Check if the AT-G-DETECT is connected to external systems such as sprinkler systems, plant shut down, external sirens and beacons, ventilation, etc. and disconnect as instructed by the customer.
- Ideally, for bump test or calibration the AT-G-DETECT should be powered up overnight. See Section 5 for more information.

### 6.2 ELECTRICAL RESET

If necessary, reset the Standby and low/high Alarm Threshold Voltages to the factory settings as shown on the calibration label. This is performed on the AT-G-DETECT Sensor PCB.

Electrical reset information is listed on the label on the side of the enclosure and is unique to that sensor.

### TOOLS REQUIRED

- A voltmeter (crocodile clips recommended)
- Factory set point electric values (as shown on the rating label)
- Screwdriver (depending on enclosure).

### ELECTRICAL RESET

1. For semiconductor sensors only, connect a DC voltmeter between TP5 (0V) and TP4 (+V) as shown in Figure 14 and Figure 16. Adjust pot RV1.

2. For two-level sensors only, connect your DC voltmeter between TP5 (0V) and TP2 (+V) as shown in Figure 14 and Figure 16. Adjust pot P8.
3. For high-level alarm voltage, connect your DC voltmeter between TP5 (0V) and TP1 (+V) as shown in Figure 14 and Figure 16. Adjust pot P7.

### 6.3. BUMP TESTING

After installation the units should be bump tested. Expose the sensors to test gas (appropriate to the installation). The gas is heavier than air and should fall into the sensor, putting the system into alarm and lighting the red LED. The delay will prevent the audible alarm from sounding or the relay from switching (if a delay is set).

With a bump test you can see the functions of the sensor - the yellow/red LED will light, and the relay and audible alarm will function.

Ideally bump tests are conducted on site in a clean air atmosphere.

**NOTE:** Prior to carrying out a bump test, check and adjust the zero setting as described in the Calibration section.

**NOTE:** Procedures for bump test and calibration vary depending on the sensor technology used and the gas in question. The AT-G-DETECT is available in two sensor versions: Semiconductor (SC) and Infrared (IR).

**NOTE:** Do not pressurize the sensor.

**NOTE:** For semiconductor sensors, you **MUST** use calibration gas in a balance of air (not N<sub>2</sub>).

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### BUMP TESTING USING CALIBRATION GAS CYLINDERS

1. Remove the enclosure lid of the gas sensor and controller.
2. Connect the voltmeter to the sensor under test between TP5 and TP4 to monitor sensor response.
3. Expose the sensor to gas from the cylinder by using a plastic hose/hood to direct gas to the sensor head.

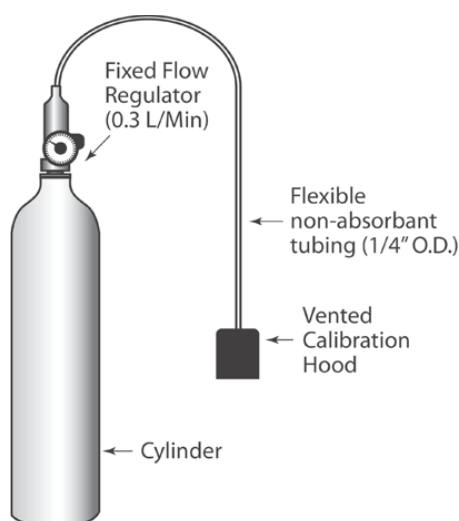


Figure 15. Gas Cylinder and Test Hardware

**NOTE:** If the bump test is unsuccessful, perform a calibration as described later in this manual.

**IMPORTANT:** After a semiconductor sensor is exposed to a substantial gas leak, the sensor should be checked and replaced if necessary.

### 6.4 CALIBRATION OVERVIEW

To comply with the requirements of EN378 and the European F-GAS regulation, sensors must be tested annually. However, local regulations may specify the nature and frequency of this test.

**CAUTION:** Check local regulations on calibration or testing requirements.

### 6.5 CALIBRATION OPTIONS

There are two available calibration options:

- Exchanging the sensor board for a new, pre-calibrated one and send old one to Aquilar for recalibration (available for two-alarm units and 1- and two-alarm IR units)
- On-site gas calibration.

These are explained in the next two sections.

### 6.6 SENSOR BOARD EXCHANGE

There are a number of advantages to sensor board exchange. It is simpler and quicker than gas calibration.

**NOTE:** Aquilar Ltd recommends exchanging your sensor PCB for a new pre-calibrated one every 3 years.

### TOOLS REQUIRED

- A pre-calibrated sensor board
- A voltmeter (crocodile clips recommended)

### SENSOR BOARD EXCHANGE

1. Power off the unit and remove lid of sensor enclosure.
2. Note the color code of the cable in positions 1,2,3 and 4 of the connector block.
3. Undo the cable and 2 screws securing the sensor board and remove the board.
4. Fit the new pre-calibrated sensor and reconnect the cable in the correct color sequence at positions 1,2,3 and 4.
5. Power on the unit and allow to stabilize for 15 minutes (minimum).
6. Check voltage readings on positions 1,2,3 and 4 (see Table 1 on page 42) to ensure that wiring is correct. Note also in the table how to monitor the sensor as it stabilizes.
7. Carry out a bump test to confirm the sensor is responding.
8. Keep records of the test date, sensor serial number, and any observations.



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### 6.7 ON-SITE GAS CALIBRATION

This section and the next cover calibration using calibration gas cylinders. Aquilar offers a calibration kit that consists of a calibration gas cylinder and a flow regulation valve with flexible non-absorbent tubing and vented calibration hood.

In some cases this option may be expensive relative to sensor exchange because of the cost of visiting a site, calibration gas, etc.

The procedure involves electrical set-up followed by adjustment using calibration gases. Equipment required is as follows:

- Gas cylinder with the appropriate target gas and concentration
- Fixed flow regulator – rate 0.3L/min

**NOTE:** The sensor delay is approximately 25 seconds and cannot be deactivated.

All adjustments are performed on the AT-G-DETECT sensor PCB. The Sensor Standby Voltage (SSV) and two Alarm Threshold Voltages (ATV) must be adjusted.

#### ADJUSTING THE SENSOR STANDBY VOLTAGE (SSV)

1. Connect the voltmeter between TP5 (0V) & TP4 (+Ve) and adjust pot RV1 for 0.3V (on IR units SSV is fixed).
2. Monitor the voltage between TP5 (0V) & TP4 (+Ve)/0V and VS on IR units.
3. Apply the low concentration calibration gas to the sensor and wait until the sensor output signal stabilizes. Record this voltage.
4. Adjust P8 to the new value. Record and use the new value for subsequent electrical set-ups.

#### ADJUSTING THE HIGH ALARM THRESHOLD VOLTAGE (ATV)

5. Monitor voltage between TP5 (0V) & TP4 (+Ve)/0V and VS on IR units.
6. Apply the high concentration calibration gas to the sensor and wait until the sensor

output signal stabilizes. Record this voltage.

7. Adjust P7 to the new value. Record and use the new value for subsequent electrical set-ups.

**CAUTION:** The high alarm threshold voltage must be set higher than the low alarm threshold or the unit will not function correctly.

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### SECTION 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

#### ALARM PANEL

##### Problem:

No lights displayed on panel.

##### Cause:

1. Power failure (check supply)
2. Tripped circuit breaker or blown fuse on electrical supply.
3. Blown fuse at the electrical supply on the controller PCB board.
4. Two Level unit only: Has unit warmed up? (This takes 3-4 minutes after power is switched on).

##### Problem:

Red Light is on, but no alarm condition is active. i.e No siren and no relay operation after 3 minutes.

##### Possible Cause:

1. Make sure the siren has not been deactivated (Key switch on 2 level units, link on jumper JP1 on 1 level units removed)
2. This indicates a wiring or sensor fault (call service provider). If these are in order the calibration pot may have been adjusted and may need to be reset. Check with us for instructions.

##### Problem:

Control panel is on, but the sensor is not

##### Possible Cause:

1. This may indicate a wiring fault between the controller and sensor or a sensor fault. Check power supply to the controller. Check connections between the controller and the sensor to ensure that the wires from positions 1 to 4 on the sensor are connected to the corresponding 1 to 4 connectors on the controller.

**NOTE:** If false alarms are being triggered by background gases, paint fumes, etc., or extreme humidity or temperature conditions, you may adjust the settings to compensate. You should adjust the relevant sensor alarm threshold voltage upwards in 0.2 V increments until the condition clears.

To make sure the gas detectors are wired up correctly you can check the voltages at the sensor cable terminal blocks on the controller PCB or sensor PCB using a voltmeter as outlined below in Table 1.

Place the negative probe on terminal position 4 and with the positive on 1, 3, 2, check the values. The readings are lower at the sensor due to power drop in the line.

The terminals should have the values shown in the table below. You can monitor this as follows:

Position Number	At the Sensor	Controller
1	12V Power Supply	+10V
2	Sensor output, These are approximate, typical internal reference values.	(0=Fault) +0.4V +1.6V +2.8V
3	Approximately 4-5V	+4.8-5V
4	Is the negative side of the power supply	Negative

Table 1. Connections Correct Values

*The voltage signal from the sensor will start high and gradually fall (in clean air) to the SSV value shown on the calibration label. IR unit will display 0 Volts until the 2 minute warm-up has finished.*

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### CE DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

<b>The manufacturer of the products covered by this declaration:</b>	Bacharach, Inc. 621 Hunt Valley Circle New Kensington, PA 15068
<b>Year(s) conformity is declared:</b>	2014 (IEC/EN61010), 2011 (EN61326/EN55011)
<b>Product(s):</b>	MGD
<b>Model(s):</b>	MGD-100

The undersigned hereby declares that the above referenced products are in conformity with the provisions of the following standard(s) and is in accordance with the following directive(s).

#### Directive(s):

2004/108/EC	EU EMC Directive
2006/95/EC	Low Voltage Directive (LVD)

#### Standard(s):

IEC 61010-1: 2010 EN 61010-1: 2010	Safety Standards	Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use; Part 1: General Requirements
EN 61326-1: 2006	Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Standards	Electrical Apparatus for the Detection and Measurement of Combustible Gases, Toxic Gases, or Oxygen

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