

# Emission monitor for SF<sub>6</sub> gas and oxygen Model GA38

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# O<sub>2</sub>/SF<sub>6</sub>-IR-Monitor

# **Applications**

Monitoring of the concentration of  $SF_6$  gas and oxygen in the ambient air for guaranteeing operational safety in enclosed spaces

# Special features

- Responds only to SF<sub>6</sub> gas and is not sensitive to humidity and the usual volatile organic compounds (VOC)
- Double safety by the use of two sensors
- Fast response time
- Continuous measurement
- Optional temperature and humidity measurement (hygro station)



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# **Description**

## **Continuous monitoring**

The model GA38 emission monitor has been specifically designed for determining the concentration of  $SF_6$  gas in enclosed rooms.

If  $SF_6$  gas is processed or stored, harmful quantities of  $SF_6$  gas can escape due to improper operation or leakage. The model GA38 makes it possible to monitor areas of up to  $250~\text{m}^2$ .

 $SF_6$  gas is five times heavier than air, therefore breathing air can be displaced in case of higher concentrations of  $SF_6$  gas so that there is a risk of suffocation.

The GA38 checks the room air for SF $_6$  gas and oxygen continuously using two sensors. Usually, samples are continuously taken close to gas tanks or gas-insulated switchgear, from which large quantities of SF $_6$  gas can escape within a short period of time.

## Reliable warning

Via a loud alarm, there is an immediate warning of any hazardous gas concentrations in the air. Since SF<sub>6</sub> gas sinks due to its high molecular weight compared to the room air, it is useful to mount the sampling box near to the ground.

Particle filters in the sampling box and in the tube connection ensure that the measuring result is not falsified by impurities. To ensure reliable operation, the flow control of the GA38 emits an error alarm in the event of a pump failure or a clogged supply line.



# **Specifications**

## Measuring principle

Oxygen: Limiting current sensor from zirconium oxide SF<sub>6</sub> gas: Two wavelengths, non-dispersive infrared sensor

## Measuring ranges

Oxygen: 0.1 ... 25 %SF<sub>6</sub> gas:  $0 ... 2,000 \text{ ppm}_{V}$ 

Temperature: -40 ... +120 °C (only with hygro station option) Humidity: 20 ... 80 % r. h. (only with hygro station option)

#### Resolution

Oxygen: 0.1 %  $SF_6$  gas: 5 ppm $_{\rm V}$ 

Temperature: 0.1 °C (only with hygro station option)
Humidity: 0.1 % r. h. (only with hygro station option)

## **Accuracy**

Oxygen:  $< \pm 1 \%$ 

SF<sub>6</sub> gas: ±5 ppm<sub>v</sub>,measured value ≤ 100 ppm<sub>v</sub>

 $\pm 2.0$  %, measured value > 100 ppm<sub>v</sub>

Temperature:  $\pm 0.3$  °C (only with hygro station option) Humidity: 3.0 % r. h. (only with hygro station option)

## Response time t<sub>90</sub>

< 30 s

#### Warm-up time

Ready for operation after 3 minutes Meets the specifications after 40 minutes

## Voltage supply

Selectable via internal switch. AC 88 ... 138 V, 50/60 Hz AC 172 ... 276 V 50/60 Hz

## **Displays**

Oxygen: 4-digit LCD, alarm LED

SF<sub>6</sub> gas: 4-digit LCD, alarm LED 1, alarm LED 2
Temperature: 4-digit LCD (only with hygro station option)
Humidity: 4-digit LCD (only with hygro station option)

Fault: Fault LED, flow fault LED

#### **Controls**

3 x control dials for setting the alarm values

1 x button for displaying the alarm value for oxygen 2 x buttons for displaying the alarm values for  $SF_6$  gas 1 x button for testing the display and the buzzer

#### **Electrical output**

Output signal selectable via internal switch.

Oxygen:  $0 \dots 20 \text{ mA} \text{ or } 4 \dots 20 \text{ mA}$  SF<sub>6</sub> gas:  $0 \dots 20 \text{ mA} \text{ or } 4 \dots 20 \text{ mA}$ 

#### **Relay outputs**

4 x potential-free change-over contacts (1 x oxygen, 2 x SF<sub>6</sub> gas, 1 x fault) Resistive load at DC 24 V = 8 A Resistive load at AC 250 V = 8 A

#### Audible alarm

The buzzer sounds when the set alarm values are exceeded

#### Maximum hose length

30 m

#### Monitoring range

≤ 250 m<sup>2</sup>

#### Permissible temperature ranges

Operating temperature: 0 ... +45 °C Storage temperature: -10 ... +60 °C

#### **Dimensions**

W x H x D: 395 x 365 x 165 mm

#### Weight

3.5 kg

#### **Calibration interval**

Recommended every 2 years

## **Options**

 Hygro station for optional temperature and humidity measurement

# **Ordering information**

Model / Options

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