

## (1) Operating Conditions

Table 1 : Operating Conditions of the AF-Series

Parameter	Ratings
Operating Temperature	-10°C~55°C
Storage Temperature	-30°C~85°C
Load Resistor $R_L$	Variable
Rated Sensor power consumption $P_s$	$P_s \leq 15mW$
Rated Working Voltage of Circuit $V_c$	DC or AC 5V (Max12V)
Rated Working Voltage of Heater	DC or AC 5V $\pm$ 0.2V

$$P_s = \frac{V_c^2 \cdot R_s}{(R_s + R_L)^2}$$

$R_s$  : Sensor Resistance

## (2) Specifications

### (2-1) Sensitivity Characteristics

Table 2 : Sensitivity Characteristics of the AF30

Items	Ratings
Gas Sensitivity Sensor Resistance	$0.20 \leq R_{GAS} / R_{AIR} \leq 0.40$ $10K\Omega \leq R_{AIR} \leq 50K\Omega$ $R_{AIR}$ is Sensor resistance in the clean air without noise gases. $R_{GAS}$ is Sensor resistance in the air containing 10ppm hydrogen. Temperature: $25 \pm 2^\circ C$ , Humidity: $50 \pm 5\%RH$
Power Consumption	535mW (Max)

### (2-2) Mechanical Durability

It displays excellent resistance against shock or vibration, since the gas-sensitive element is fixed on the ceramic board being sandwiched from the both sides by a pair of electrodes, and baked hard concomitantly with the formation of the external protection film.

Table 3 : Mechanical Durability of the AF-Series

Items	Test Conditions	Criterion
Vibration Test	Frequency : 10-500Hz	It maintain the characteristics shown in Table 2.
	Amplitude(10-50Hz) : 2mm Acceleration(50-500Hz) : 10G Reciprocal scanning time : 5min Test time : 2 hours respective for X, Y and Z directions	
Shock Proof Test	Acceleration : 200G Number of impacts : 5	

## (5) Standard Test Conditions

### (5-1) Atmospheric Conditions

Clean air with  $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  and R.H.  $50 \pm 5\%$

(without noise gases such as organic solvent vapor, exhaust gas and smell)

### (5-2) Circuit Conditions

$V_C$  (Circuit voltage) :  $5 \pm 0.05 \text{ V}$

$V_H$  (Heater voltage) :  $5 \pm 0.05 \text{ V}$

$R_L$  (Load resistance) :  $10 \text{ K}\Omega \pm 1\%$

### (5-3) Test Gas

Hydrogen : 10 ppm

## 【NOTES】

- Used the AF30 on the continuous operation, because if the AF30 is used after it is straged for a long peirod, it will takes about a hour untill its characteristics are stabilized.
- Measure the gas sensor characteristics after operating more than 24 hours to fully stabilize the sensor.
- Sensor characteristics must be measured in clean air without noise gases.
- If the sensor is used after it is left for a long time under high humidity without current supply, it will takes some time untill its characteristics are stabilized. In general, the longer it is left under high humidity, the longer it will take to stabilize.
- The temperature of the sensor case, heated by the built-in heater, will be  $30^\circ\text{C}$  to  $40^\circ\text{C}$  higher than the ambient temperature during operation.
- The sensors display excellent resistance against shock and vibration, but do not apply excessive shock and vibration to it.
- If it is to be used or stored in a special environment or gas, consult us.

#### (4) Basic Test Circuit

The pin allocation of the AF-Series is shown in Fig. 4, where pins No.1 and No.3 are connected to the heater section, and pins No.2 and No.4 to the sensor section.

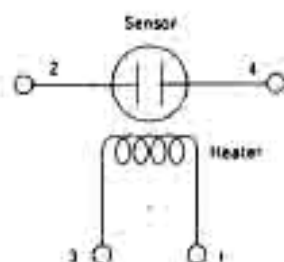
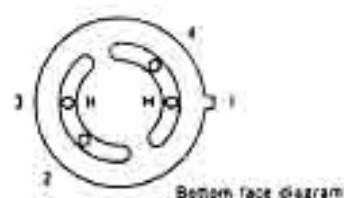
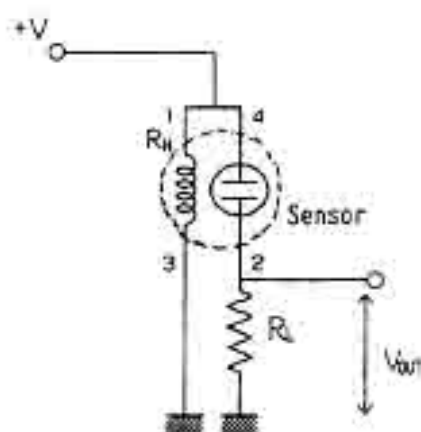


Fig. 4 : Pin Allocation

The basic test circuit for use with AF-Series is shown in Fig. 5. The circuit voltage and the heater voltage are applied in the basic test circuit shown below. The AF-Series is designed to operate with a stabilized 5V. And then any heater voltage value higher or lower than 5V will adversely affect the sensitivity characteristics.



$V_C$  : Circuit voltage

$R_L$  : Load resistance

$V_{OUT}$  : Output voltage

Fig. 5 : Basic Test Circuit

In this test circuit, the sensor resistance ( $R_S$ ) is calculated from output voltage ( $V_{OUT}$ ) by the following formula.

$$R_S = \frac{V_C - V_{OUT}}{V_{OUT}} \cdot R_L$$

The sensitivity denotes the ratio ( $R_{GAS}/R_{AIR}$ ) of the sensor resistance obtained in the gas-containing air ( $R_{GAS}$ ) to the sensor resistance obtained in the clean air without noise gases ( $R_{AIR}$ ).

### (3) Characteristics

#### (3-1) Sensitivity

Fig. 2 shows the typical sensitivity characteristics of the AF30 for Isobutane, Propane and the several gases. The sensitivity denotes the ratio ( $R_{GAS}/R_{AIR}$ ) of the sensor resistance obtained in the gas-containing air ( $R_{GAS}$ ) to the sensor resistance obtained in the clean air without noise gases ( $R_{AIR}$ ).

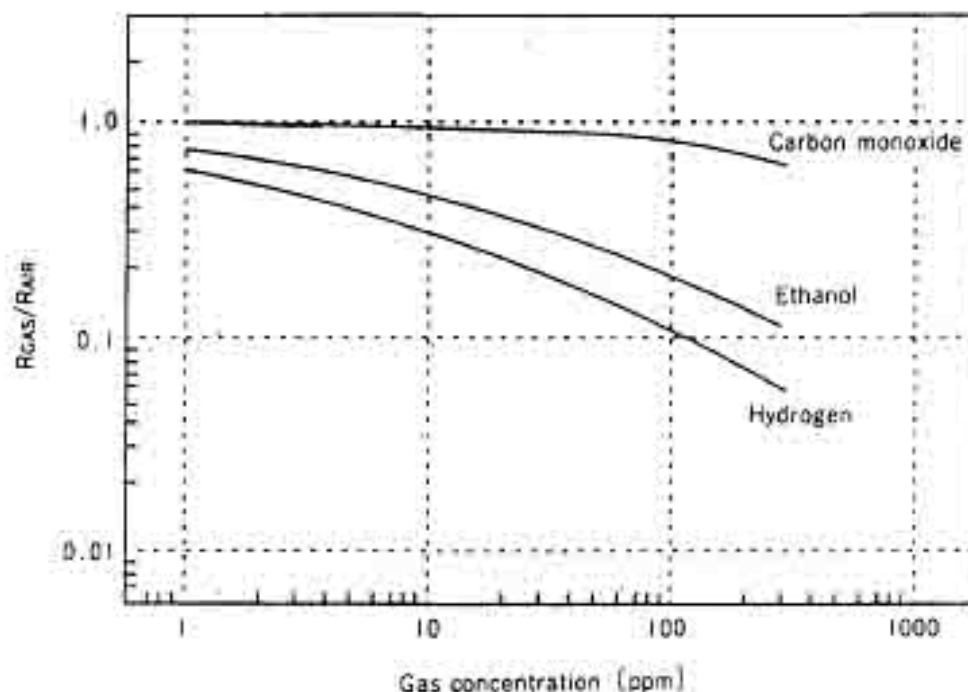


Fig. 2 : Sensitivity Characteristics

$R_{AIR}$  is Sensor resistance in the clean air.

$R_{GAS}$  is Sensor resistance in various concentrations of gases.

The measurements have done after operating more than 48 hours.

#### (3-2) Initial Stabilization Time

Fig. 3 shows typical change in resistance of the AF30 observed from the time point immediately after current supply, where this AF30 corresponds to the sensor kept standing for a year at normal temperature and under normal humidity without current supply.

The initial stabilization time largely depends on the atmosphere and the storage period. In general, the longer the storage time, the longer the initial stabilization time.

In the AF30, the initial stabilization time will be less than 1 hour.

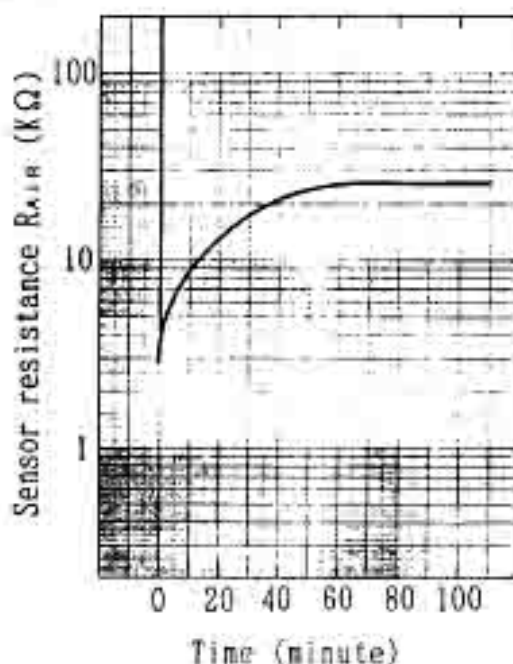


Fig. 3 : Initial action of the AF30 stored for a year without current supply.

$R_{AIR}$  is Sensor resistance in the air.

## (2-3)Material

Table 4 : Material of the AF-Series

Name	Material
Sensing Element	Semiconducting oxide
Thick-film Heater	Platinum
Lead Wire	Platinum alloy
Case	Nylon 66
Pin	Nickel alloy
Flame Arrestor	Double 100-mesh stainless steel gauze (SUS 316)

## (2-4)Appearance and Dimentions

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