

Humidity Sensor

LubCos H₂O

Continuous Oil Condition Monitoring





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Dimensions

Description

Application area

Water is not desired in hydraulic fluids and lubricants. High concentration of water can cause severe disturbance in operation and damage.

Performance features

The LubCos H₂O measures the relative humidity of the oil and thus directly displays the saturation degree in the water:

- > 0%: Absolutely dry oil.
- 100%: The oil is completely saturated with water. Additional water will not be dissolved anymore and will present itself as free water.

In contrast to the humidity analysis from laboratories, where the absolute water content is defined in ppm (parts per million), the saturation limit of the oil can be determined by relative humidity measurement. The advantage of the relative humidity over the absolute water content is, that it is not necessary to know the oil or its saturation limit in order to determine if there is free or dissolved water.

Example:

- Mineral oils (e.g. HLP) have a comparatively low water absorption capacity. 500 ppm may signify that the oil is over-saturated and that free water exists.
- Ester oils (e.g. HEES) have a relatively high water capacity. 500 ppm may show that the oil is just saturated by 15%.

Please also note the characteristics of the relative humidity with different temperatures: Warm oil can dissolve more water than cold oil. Therefore, the relative humidity of the oil increases in case of no further water supply. Hot, relatively dry oil, may suddenly keep free water if the ambient temperature cools down.

The LubCos H_2O points out the current saturation of the oil with water, independent from oil type and temperature and additionally assures operation of systems by direct warning.

Measuring principle

The sensor records the relative oil humidity and oil temperature. Through an oil specific calibration it is possible to calculate the absolute humidity up to the saturation limit.

The measuring values are given by RS 232 and the analogue outputs.

Design characteristics

The sensor is provided with a G³/₄ thread and can be integrated in the tank or via adapter in lines.

Communication with the sensor either takes place over a serial interface or over two analog outputs (4 \dots 20 mA).

Software

A free software for data recording and evaluation of the measured values can be downloaded from our website at www.argo-hytos.com > Products > Sensors & Measurements > Software.

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| Sensor data | Size | Unit |
| Max. operating pressure | 50 (725) | bar (psi) |
| Operating conditions | | |
| Temperature ¹ | -40 +105 (-40 +221 | °C °F) |
| Rel. humidity ¹ | 0 100 | % r.H. (non-con- densing) |
| Compatible fluids | mineral oils (H, HL, HLP, HLPD, HVLP), synthetic esters (HETG, HEPG, HEES, HEPR), polyalkylenglycols (PAG), zinc and ash-free oils (ZAF), polyalphaolefins (PAO) | |
| Wetted materials | aluminum, HNBR, polyurethane resin, epoxy resin, chemical nickel/gold (ENIG), soldering tin (Sn60Pb40,Sn96,5Ag3Cu0,5 NiGe), aluminum oxide, glass (DuPont QQ550) | |
| Protection class ² | IP67 | |
| Power supply ³) | 9 33 | V |
| Power input | max. 60 | mA |
| Output | | |
| Power output (2x) ⁴ Accuracy power output ⁵ Interface | 4 20 ± 2 RS 232 | mA % - |
| Connections | | |
| Threaded connection Tightening torque of threaded connection | G¾ 45 ±4.5 | inch Nm |
| Electrical connection | M12 x 1, 8-pole | - |
| Tightening torque M12-connector | 0.1 | Nm |

| Measuring range Rel. humidity Temperature | 0 100 -20 +120 (-4 +248 | % °C °F) |
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| Measuring accuracy | | |
| Rel. humidity Temperature | 1 0.1 | % r.H. K |
| Measuring accuracy ⁶ Rel. humidity (10 90%) ⁷ Rel. humidity (<10%, >90%) ⁷ Temperature | ±3 ±5 ±2 | % r.H. % r.H. K |
| Response time (T90 ⁸) humidity measurement | <1 (air) <5 (oil) | min |
| Weight | 115 | g |

¹ Outside the specified measuring range, there are possibly no plausible measuring values to be expected

² With screwed on connector

 $^{\rm 3}$ Automatic switch off at U <8 V and U >36 V,

with load-dump impulses over 50V an external protection must be provided ⁴ Outputs IOut1 and IOut2 are freely configurable

(see interfaces and communication commands)

⁵ In relation to the analogue current signal (4 ... 20 mA)

⁶Works calibration

⁷ Calibrated to air at room temperature

⁸ Time required for a sensor to reach 90% of the final value at the output in the event of an abrupt change

Order code

| LubCos H ₂ O | SCSO 300-1000 |
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| Accessories | |
| Screw-in block for mounting in a return line, connection G¾ | SCSO 100-5070 |
| Complete data cable set, 5 m (16 ft) length | SCSO 100-5030 |
| Data cable with open ends, 5 m (16 ft) length | SCSO 100-5020 |
| Contact box for connection of a data cable | SCSO 100-5010 |
| USB adapter - RS 232 serial | PPCO 100-5420 |
| Power supply | SCSO 100-5080 |
| Ethernet - RS 232 gateway | SCSO 100-5100 |
| Display and storage device LubMon Visu | SCS0 900-1000 |