

1. DESCRIPTION:

Sensitive material of MQ-4 gas sensor is SnO₂, which with lower conductivity in clean air. When the target combustible gas exist the sensors conductivity increases higher along with the gas concentration rising.

MQ-4 gas sensor has high sensitivity to Natural gas, Methane and could be used to detect both Methane and Propane. The sensor could be used to detect different combustible gas especially Methane, its low cost and suitable for different application.

2. Reference Source:

/* Testing MQ-4 GAS sensor with serial monitor
Suitable for detecting of Natural gas, Methane and Propane*/

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const int gasPin = A0; //GAS sensor output pin to Arduino analog A0 pin
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void setup()  
{
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```
  Serial.begin(9600); //Initialize serial port - 9600 bps  
}
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void loop()  
{
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```
  Serial.println(analogRead(gasPin));  
  delay(1000); // Print value every 1 sec.  
}
```

TECHNICAL DATA

MQ-4 GAS SENSOR

FEATURES

- * High sensitivity to CH₄, Natural gas.
- * Small sensitivity to alcohol, smoke.
- * Fast response . * Stable and long life * Simple drive circuit

APPLICATION

They are used in gas leakage detecting equipments in family and industry, are suitable for detecting of CH₄, Natural gas, LNG, avoid the noise of alcohol and cooking fumes and cigarette smoke.

SPECIFICATIONS

A. Standard work condition

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical condition	Remarks
V _c	Circuit voltage	5V±0.1	AC OR DC
V _H	Heating voltage	5V±0.1	AC OR DC
P _L	Load resistance	20KΩ	
R _H	Heater resistance	33Ω ±5%	Room Tem
P _H	Heating consumption	less than 750mw	

B. Environment condition

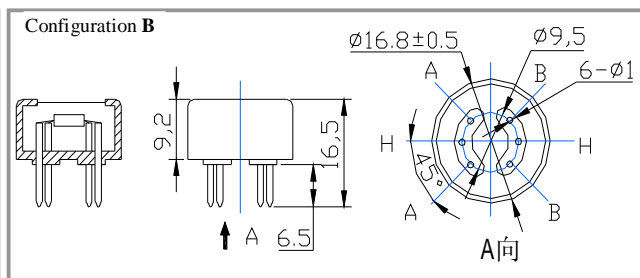
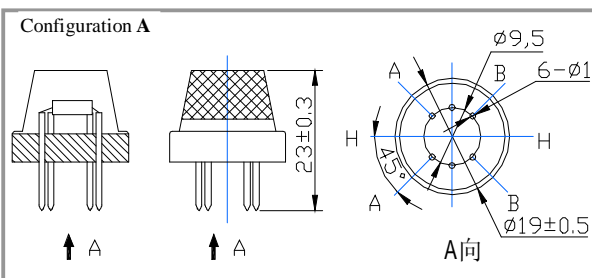
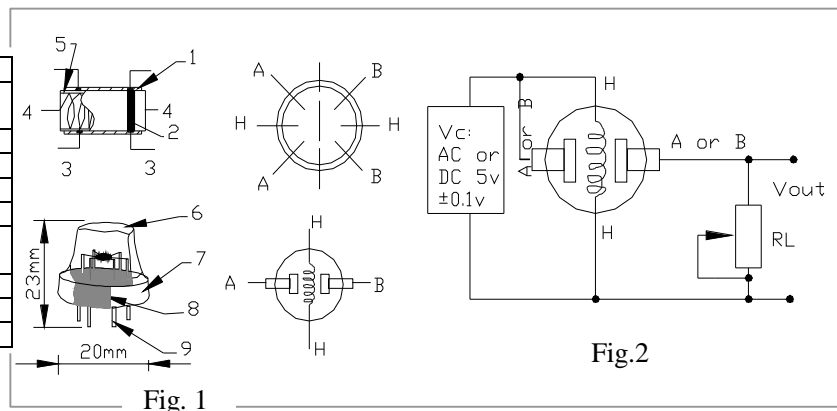
Symbol	Parameter name	Technical condition	Remarks
T _{ao}	Using Tem	-10°C-50°C	minimum value is over 2%
T _{as}	Storage Tem	-20°C-70°C	
R _H	Related humidity	less than 95% Rh	
O ₂	Oxygen concentration	21%(standard condition)Oxygen concentration can affect sensitivity	

C. Sensitivity characteristic

Symbol	Parameter name	Technical parameter	Remark 2
R _s	Sensing Resistance	10KΩ - 60KΩ (1000ppm CH ₄)	Detecting concentration scope: 200-10000ppm CH ₄ , natural gas
α (1000ppm/ 5000ppm CH ₄)	Concentration slope rate	≤0.6	
Standard detecting condition	Temp: 20°C ±2°C Humidity: 65%±5%	V _c :5V±0.1 V _H : 5V±0.1	
Preheat time	Over 24 hour		

D. Structure and configuration, basic measuring circuit

Parts	Materials
1 Gas sensing layer	SnO ₂
2 Electrode	Au
3 Electrode line	Pt
4 Heater coil	Ni-Cr alloy
5 Tubular ceramic	Al ₂ O ₃
6 Anti-explosion network	Stainless steel gauze network (SUS316 100-mesh)
7 Clamp ring	Copper plating Ni
8 Resin base	Bakelite
9 Tube Pin	Copper plating Ni



Structure and configuration of MQ-4 gas sensor is shown as Fig. 1 (Configuration A or B), sensor composed by micro Al_2O_3 ceramic tube, Tin Dioxide (SnO_2) sensitive layer, measuring electrode and heater are fixed into a crust made by plastic and stainless steel net. The heater provides necessary work conditions for work of sensitive components. The enveloped MQ-4 have 6 pin ,4 of them are used to fetch signals, and other 2 are used for providing heating current.

Electric parameter measurement circuit is shown as Fig.2

E. Sensitivity characteristic curve

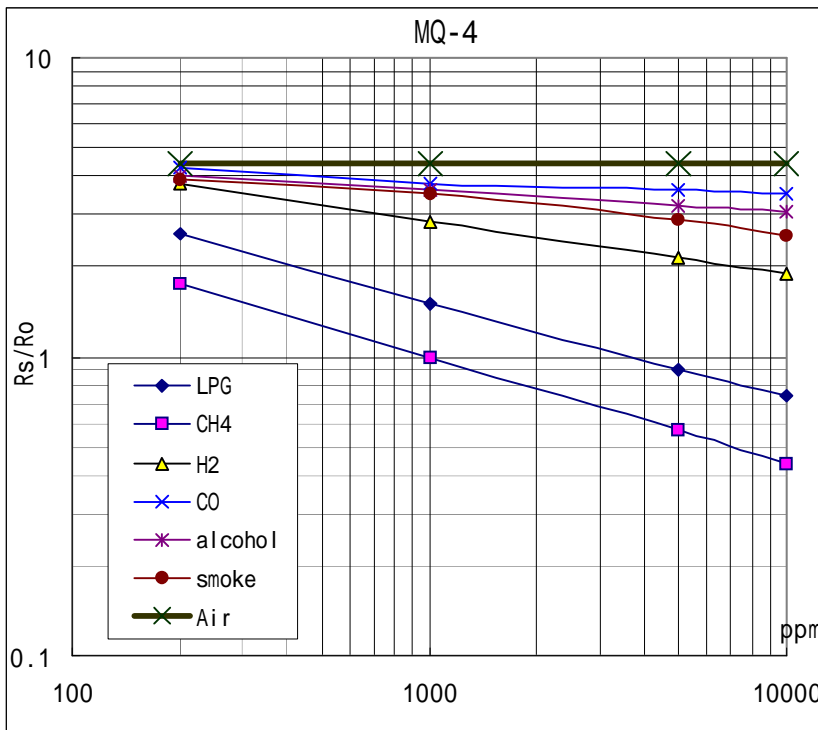


Fig.2 sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-4

Fig.3 is shows the typical sensitivity characteristics of the MQ-4 for several gases.

in their: Temp: 20°C、
Humidity: 65%、
O₂ concentration 21%
RL=20kΩ

Ro: sensor resistance at 1000ppm of CH₄ in the clean air.

Rs:sensor resistance at various concentrations of gases.

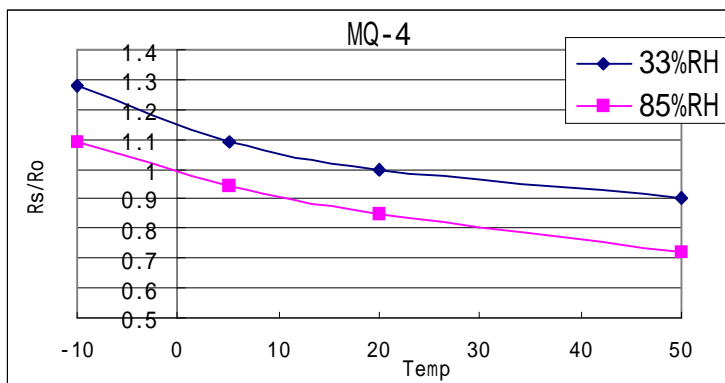


Fig.4 is shows the typical dependence of the MQ-4 on temperature and humidity.

Ro: sensor resistance at 1000ppm of CH₄ in air at 33%RH and 20 degree.

Rs: sensor resistance at 1000ppm of CH₄ in air at different temperatures and humidities.

SENSITIVITY ADJUSTMENT

Resistance value of MQ-4 is difference to various kinds and various concentration gases. So,When using this components, sensitivity adjustment is very necessary. we recommend that you calibrate the detector for 5000ppm of CH₄ concentration in air and use value of Load resistance (R_L) about 20KΩ (10KΩ to 47KΩ).

When accurately measuring, the proper alarm point for the gas detector should be determined after considering the temperature and humidity influence.