



# Winsen MC226A Catalytic Flammable Gas Sensor User Manual

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**Model: MC226A**

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## **Product**

MC226A adopts catalytic combustion principle, and its two arms of electric bridge consists of a test element and a compensate element. The resistance of the test element rises once it meets the combustible gases, in the same time, the output voltage of the bridge changes and the voltage variation rises in direct proportion to the gas concentration. The compensate element, as a conference, has the function of compensating temperature and humidity.



## Features

- Bridge output voltage in linear
- Fast response
- Good repeatability and selectivity
- Good stability and reliability
- Resist H<sub>2</sub>S poisoning & organosilicone.

## Main Applications

It is widely used in public places (not industrial occasion) to detect the concentration or leakage of combustible gases such as natural gas, LPG, coal gas.

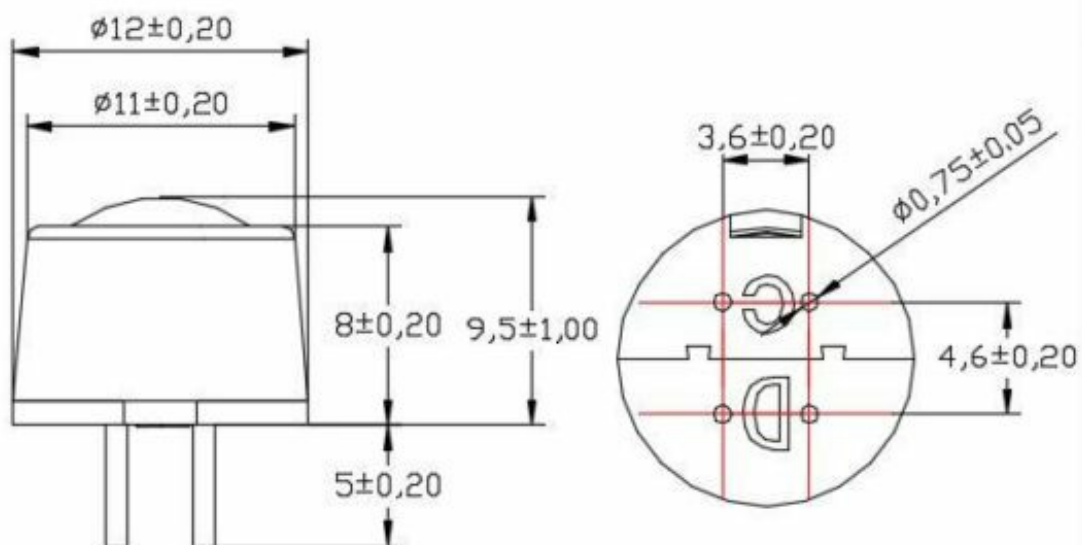


Fig1. Sensor Structure

## Parameters:

Model	MC226A	
Sensor Type	Catalytic Type	
Standard Encapsulation	Plastic	
Working voltage(V)	$2.5 \pm 0.1$	
Working current(mA)	$150 \pm 10$	
Sensitivity (mV)	20%LEL CH <sub>4</sub>	15~40
	20%LEL C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	10~30
Linearity	$\leq 5\%$	
Measuring range(%LEL)	0~100	
Response Time (90%)	$\leq 10s$	
Recovery Time (90%)	$\leq 30s$	
Working Environment	$-40 \sim +70^{\circ}\text{C}$ <95%RH	
Storage Environment	$-25 \sim +70^{\circ}\text{C}$ <95%RH	
Lifespan	5 years	

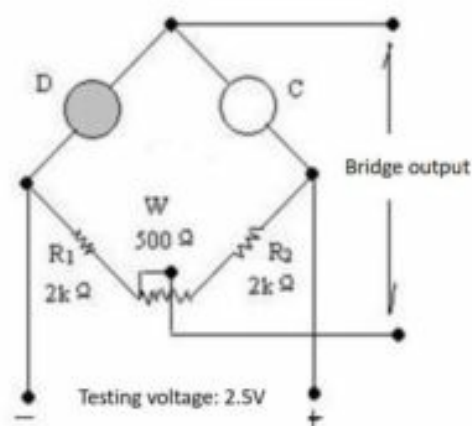


Fig2. Basic Test Circuit

## Sensitivity and Response

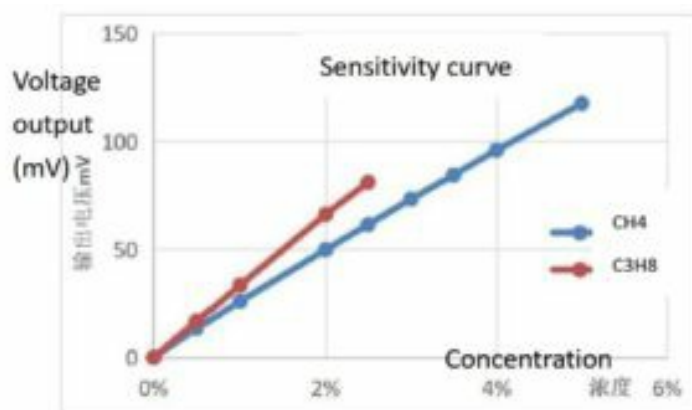


Fig3. Sensitivity Curve

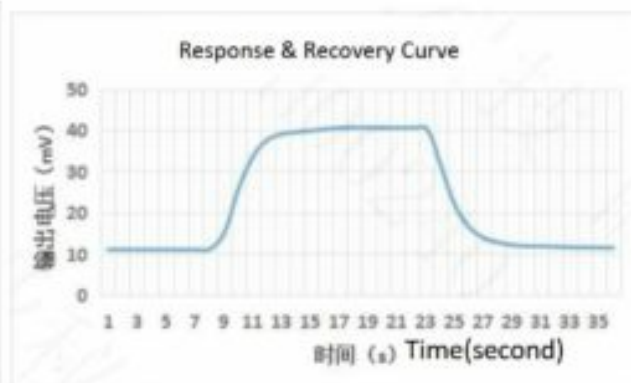


Fig4. Response and recovery

## Changing of output signal at different temperature

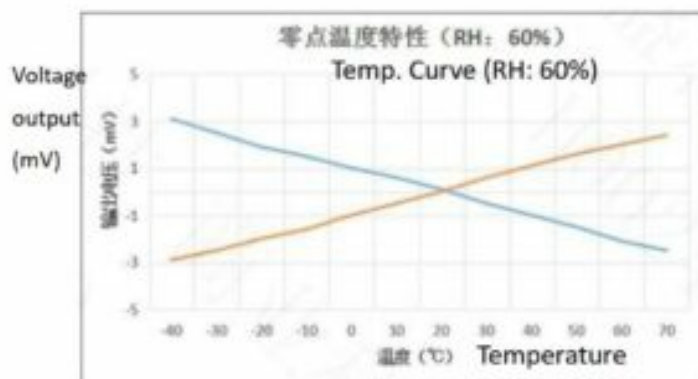


Fig5.Zero point at different temp.

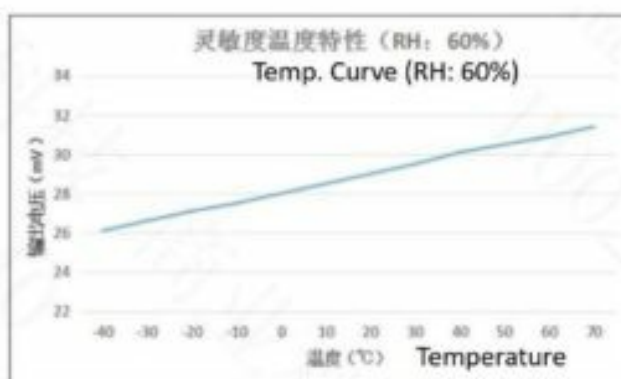


Fig6. Sensitivity at different temp.

### Changing of output signal at different humidity

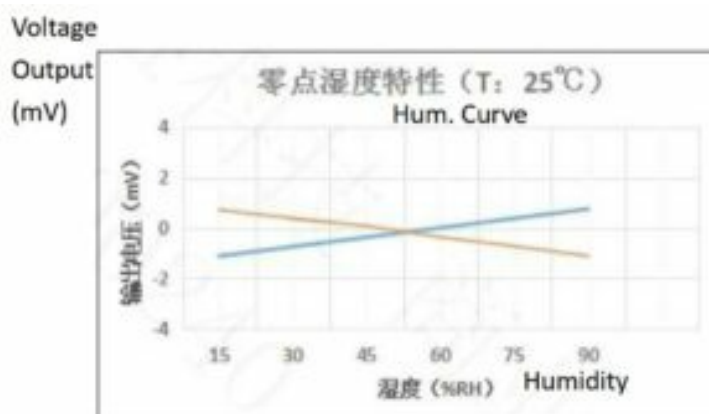


Fig7.Zero point at different humidity

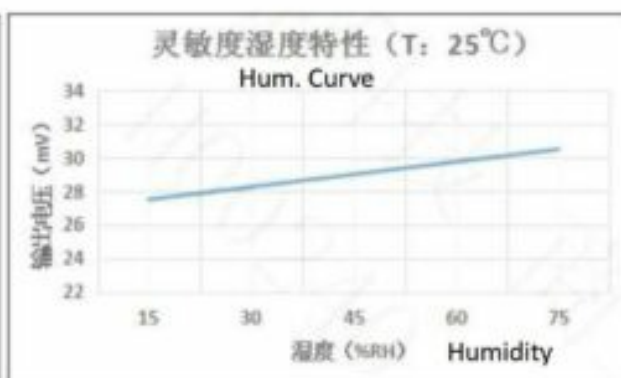


Fig8. Sensitivity at different humidity

### Changing of output signal with different voltage supplying

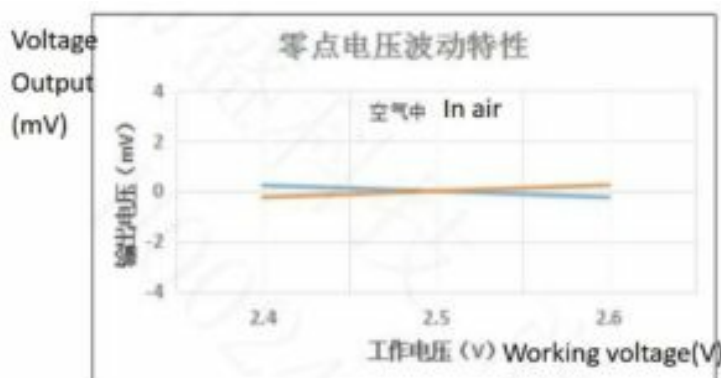


Fig9.Zero Drift with different voltage

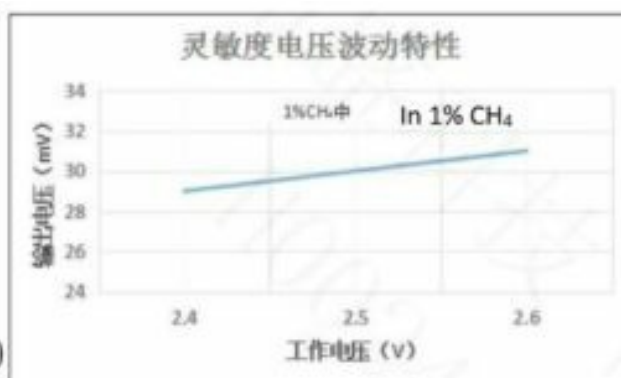


Fig10.Sensitivity with different voltage

### Long-term Stability

The drift in air per year is within  $\pm 2\text{mV}$ , in 1%CH<sub>4</sub> is within  $\pm 2\text{mV}$ . For a short period storage (in 2 weeks), the sensor need be galvanical continuously for 8 hours to reach stability. For long period storage (one year), it need 48 hours.

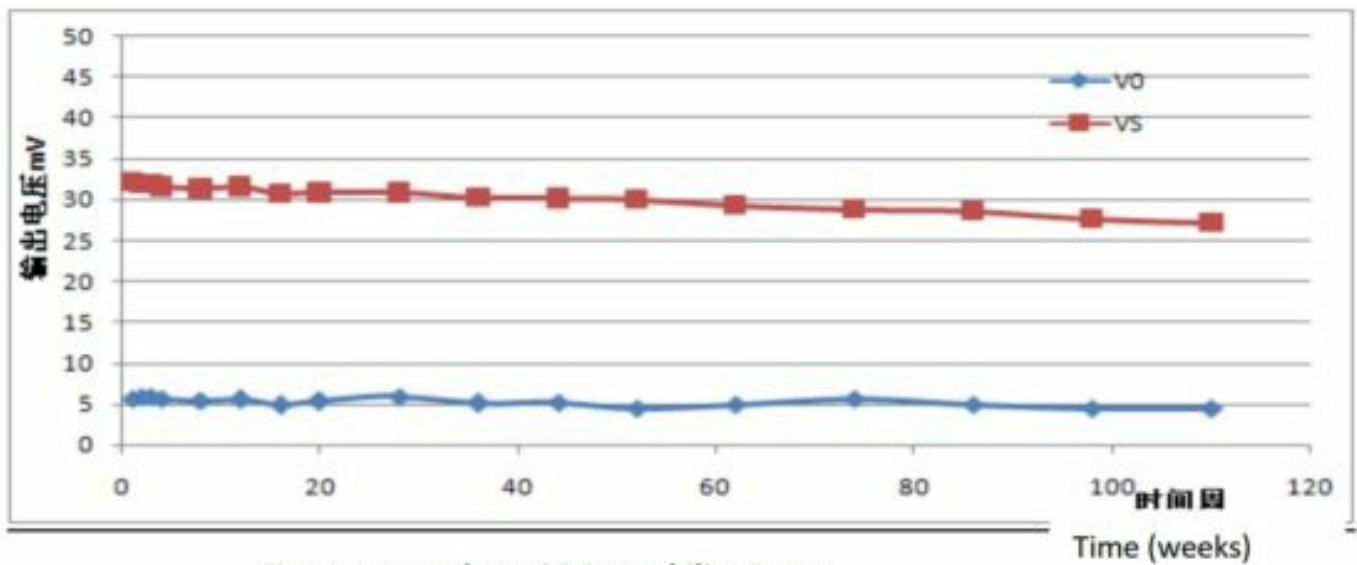


Fig11. Zero and Sensitivity stability curve

## Cautions

### 1. Following conditions must be prohibited

- Exposed to organic silicon steam** Sensing material will lose sensitivity and never recover if the sensor absorbs organic silicon steam. Sensors must avoid exposing to silicon bond, fixture, silicon latex, putty or plastic contain silicon environment.
- High Corrosive gas** If the sensors are exposed to high concentration corrosive gas (such as H<sub>2</sub>S, SO<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, HCl etc.), it will not only result in corrosion of sensors structure, also it cause sincere sensitivity attenuation.
- Alkali, Alkali metals salt, halogen pollution**  
The sensors performance will be changed badly if sensors be sprayed polluted by alkali metals salt especially brine, or be exposed to halogen such as fluorine.
- Touch water**  
Sensitivity of the sensors will be reduced when spattered or dipped in water.
- Freezing**  
Do avoid icing on sensor's surface, otherwise sensing material will be broken and lost sensitivity.
- Applied higher voltage**

Applied voltage on sensor should not be higher than stipulated value, even if the sensor is not physically damaged or broken, it causes down-line or heater damaged, and bring on sensors' sensitivity characteristic changed badly.

### 2. Following conditions must be avoided

- Water Condensation**  
Indoor conditions, slight water condensation will influence sensors' performance lightly. However, if water condensation on sensors surface and keep a certain period, sensors' sensitive will be decreased.
- Used in high gas concentration**  
No matter the sensor is electrified or not, if it is placed in high gas concentration for long time, sensors

characteristic will be affected. If lighter gas sprays the sensor, it will cause extremely damage.

### 3. Long time storage

The sensors resistance will drift reversibly if it's stored for long time without electrify, this drift is related with storage conditions. Sensors should be stored in airproof bag without volatile silicon compound. For the sensors with long time storage but no electrify, they need long galvanical aging time for stability before using. The suggested aging time is 24 hours at least if the storage time is more than half a year.

### 4. Long time exposed to adverse environment

No matter the sensors electrified or not, if exposed to adverse environment for long time, such as high humidity, high temperature, or high pollution etc., it will influence the sensors' performance badly.

### 5. Vibration

Continual vibration will result in sensors down-lead response then break. In transportation or assembling line, pneumatic screwdriver/ultrasonic welding machine can lead this vibration.

### 6. Concussion

If sensors meet strong concussion, it may lead its lead wire disconnected.

## 3. Usage suggestions

### 3.1 Pins connection

When the sensor is connecting to the circuit, one of detection part pins and one of compensation part pins connects as the signal output. The other pin of detection part connects negative electrode, while the other pin of compensation part connects positive electrode. The part with "D" mark on the sensor bottom is the detection one, the other part with "C" mark is the compensation one.

### 3.2 Soldering

For sensor, handmade welding is optimal way. The welding conditions as follow:

- Soldering flux: Rosin soldering flux contains least chlorine
- Homo thermal soldering iron
- Temperature: K3500C
- Time: less than 5 seconds


If disobey the above using terms, sensors performance will get worse.

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