Gas Detection

EC-FX-NH3
A new and improved approach to ammonia gas detection.
EC-FX-NH3 Sensor and Transmitter

Introducing a better, tougher, longer-lasting sensor for industrial refrigeration

Breakthrough technology, only from Honeywell Analytics.

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So whether you’re monitoring ammonia in blast freezers, cold storage or engine rooms, you can feel confident in the effectiveness of your gas detection system, helping you ensure life safety, prevent food spoilage and manage costs.

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- **Rugged construction for long-term reliability.** Unlike fragile plastic housings that may break in cold temperatures, the heavy-duty steel enclosure of the EC-FX-NH3 was built to withstand cold and wet environments. The EC-FX-NH3 is also available in stainless steel.
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- **Optional LCD for real-time visibility.** With an easy-to-read display, you can clearly see the ammonia concentration at any given time. The optional display also makes it easy to set alarm levels and change settings — all from the detector.
- **Backwards compatible.** The EC-FX sensor is backwards compatible with both EC-F9-NH3 and EC-F2-NH3.

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### EC-FX-NH3 Transmitter Specifications

**General Specification**
- **Use**: Electrochemical (diffusion) type sensor that works in conjunction with any Honeywell Analytics readout or alarm unit. Readouts have built-in visual and audible alarms, as well as relay output for ventilation fan actuation, central alarm tie-in, etc. The EC-FX-NXH3 can provide a linear 4-20 mA signal input into PLCs.

**Common Operation**
- **Operation**: In units without the optional LCD module, a group of LEDs are installed to the PCB. In units with the optional LCD, two external push buttons, "Accept" and "Scroll" are used to navigate test functions and operating modes.
- **LCD display (optional)**: 2 lines by 8 alpha-numeric characters and continuous backlight
- **Output**: Isolated 4/20 mA, 700 ohms max. at 24 VDC. Signal output reduces to 0.5 mA to indicate a fault condition. RS-485, Modbus RTU protocol
- **Accuracy**: ±5% full scale*
- **Environmental IP rating**: Indoor use, IP 44 in accordance with EN60529:1992

**Operational**
- **Humidity**: 5-100% RH (condensing)
- **Temperature**: -50°F to +120°F (-45°C to +49°C), ATMOS™ equipped enviro-adaptive technology required for refrigerated areas or outdoors
- **Sensor Pressure Limit**: 0-10 PSIG
- **Storage**: -40°F to +176°F (-40°C to +80°C), 20 to 80%RH (non-condensing)

**Common Module**
- **Communication**: 4/20 mA output: #18/3 shielded cable (Belden 8770 or equal), cable runs ≤ 1,500 ft. RS-485, for communication cable use 24 AWG twisted pair, shielded (Belden #9841 or equal), cable runs up to 2,000 ft. For power cable use 14 AWG (Belden #5100UE or equal), cable runs up to 1,000 feet.
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- **Repeatability**: <10% of full scale

**Sensor Specifications**
- **Sensor Pressure Limit**: Atmospheric ±10%
- **Response Time (T90)**: +3s for EC-FX-NH3 LH ranges 0-100 ppm, 0-200 ppm, 0-250 ppm, 0-500 ppm, 0-1000 ppm.
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- **Sensor Warranty**: Three years from date of shipment
- **Sensor Viability Test**: SensorCheck™, an internal microprocessor determines the sensor’s electrical viability every 24 hours. If the viability test fails, a 0.5 mA signal will indicate a fault. An internal light will show if a sensor is dried up or disconnected.
- **Enclosure**: NEMA 1, gasketed, #16 gauge steel (standard). Stainless steel, including modified enclosures for low temperatures, ventilation ducts, etc. are available.
- **Weight**: 3 lbs (1.36 kg)

* ±5% of full scale range at temperature of calibration. Contact HA for additional details.

**CAUTION:**
- The EC-FX-NH3 is designed for operation in a wide range of environments and harsh conditions. However, it is important that exposure to high concentrations of volatile vapors is avoided both during storage, fitting into instruments, and operation.
- The EC-FX-NH3 is designed for industrial safety critical applications. To ensure that the sensor performs correctly in such critical and extreme environments, it is an essential requirement that the function of the device is confirmed by exposure to target gas. However, it is essential that the user carefully monitors the system and provides EC-FX-NH3 with the best possible safety critical application. To ensure that the sensor performs correctly in such critical and extreme environments, it is an essential requirement that the function of the device is confirmed by exposure to target gas. However, it is essential that the user carefully monitors the system and provides EC-FX-NH3 with the best possible safety critical application.

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Honeywell Analytics Gas Detection Offerings

Honeywell Analytics gas detectors protect people, assets and environment from toxic and combustible gas hazards, helping to create safer, more comfortable, secure and productive environments. Our strength derives from Honeywell’s leadership in sensor technology; in fact Honeywell operates four sensor manufacturing plants, supplying an entire industry with its core detective element.

### Commercial
Gas detection from standalone units to fully engineered, multi-point systems, all offering cost-effective regulatory compliance.
- Applications: parking structures, chillers, mechanical rooms, office towers, commercial buildings, shopping centers, swimming pools, golf courses, schools and universities, laboratories

### Industrial
Renowned Sieger and Manning gas detection systems with advanced electrochemical, infrared and open path sensing technologies.
- Applications: oil and gas, cold storage, water/wastewater treatment, chemicals, engine rooms, plastics and fibers, agriculture, printing and light industrial

### Portables
Single or multi-gas detectors ranging from compact, lightweight designs for personal protection to systems-based, networkable instrumentation for industrial hygiene.
- Applications: underground utility and electricity ducts, boiler rooms, post-fire sites, sewers, industrial plants, industrial hygiene, first responder teams, remote fleets

### High Tech/Government
Reliable gas and chemical detection including infrared spectroscopy (MST) with no cross interference, to Chemcassette paper-based solutions (MDA Scientific) offering detection down to parts per billion.
- Applications: semiconductor manufacturing, aerospace propulsion, specialty chemicals industry, research laboratories, emergency response

### Technical Services
24/7 global network includes post-sales service and Systems Integration teams.
- Emergency call out, service contracts, on/off-site repair, training and commissioning
- Complete range of spares, consumables and accessories

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