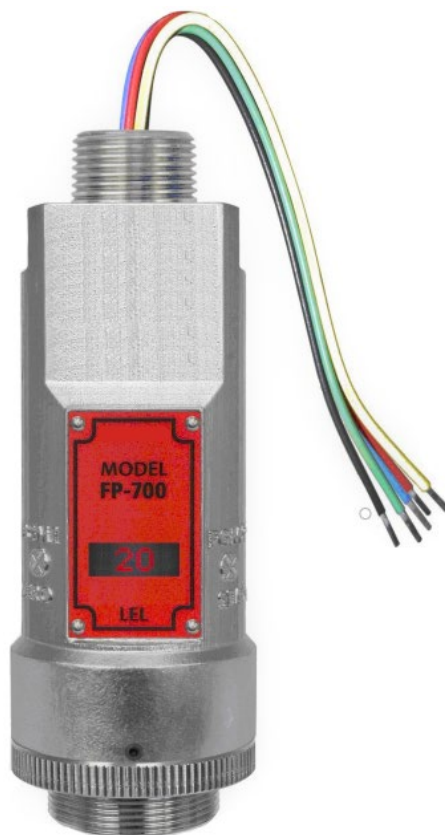


# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## Detcon Model FP-700



### FP-700 Combustible Gas Sensor

0-100% LEL

0-50% LEL



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Description

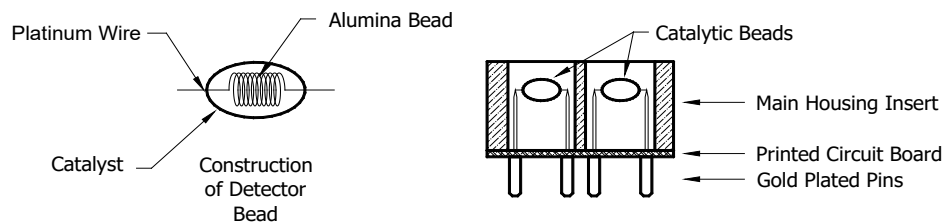


Detcon Model FP-700 combustible gas sensors are non-intrusive “Smart” sensors designed to detect and monitor combustible gases in air. Range of detection is 0-100% LEL or 0-50% LEL. The sensor features an LED display of current reading, fault and calibration status. The unit is equipped with standard analog 4-20mA and Modbus™ RS-485 outputs. A primary feature of the sensor is its method of automatic calibration, which guides the user through each step via fully scripted instructions displayed on the LED display.

The microprocessor-supervised electronics are packaged in an encapsulated module and housed in an explosion proof casting. The unit includes a 4 character alpha/numeric LED used to display sensor readings, and the sensor’s menu driven features when the hand-held programming magnet is used.

### Catalytic Bead (Pellistor) Sensor Technology

The sensor technology is a poison-resistant catalytic bead type. Catalytic bead sensors show a strong response to a long list of combustible gases. The sensor is supplied as a matched-pair of detector elements mounted in a plug-in replaceable module. One bead is a catalytically active detector and the other is a non-active reference detector. Each detector consists of a fine platinum wire coil embedded in aluminum oxide. A catalytic mixture is applied to the active detector while the reference detector is treated so that oxidation of the gas does not occur. The technique is referred to as non-selective and may be used to monitor most any combustible gas. Detcon catalytic bead sensors are specifically designed to be resistant to poisons such as sulfides, chlorides, and silicones. The sensors are characteristically stable and capable of providing reliable performance for periods exceeding 5 years in most industrial environments.



**Figure 1** Sensor Cell Construction

### Principle of Operation

Method of detection is by diffusion/adsorption. Air and combustible gases pass through a sintered stainless steel filter and contact the heated surface of both the active and reference detectors. The surface of the active detector promotes oxidation of the combustible gas molecules while the reference detector has been treated not to support this oxidation. The reference detector serves as a means to maintain zero stability over a wide range of temperature and humidity.

When combustible gas molecules oxidize on the surface of the active detector, heat is generated, and the resistance of the detector changes. Electronically, the detectors form part of a balanced bridge circuit. As the active detector changes in resistance, the bridge circuit unbalances. This change in output is conditioned by the amplifier circuitry, which is an integral part of the sensor design. The response and clearing characteristics of the sensor are rapid and provide for the continuous and accurate monitoring of ambient air conditions.

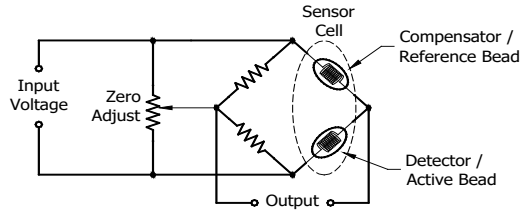


Figure 2 Wheatstone Bridge

### Performance Characteristics

The detector elements maintain good sensitivity to combustible gas concentrations in the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) range, as shown in the response curves in Figure 3. However, for gas concentrations significantly above the LEL range (100% LEL = 5% by volume Methane), the bridge output begins to decrease. Ambiguous readings above the LEL range dictate that alarm control logic be of the latching type, wherein alarms are held in the “ON” position until reset by operations personnel.

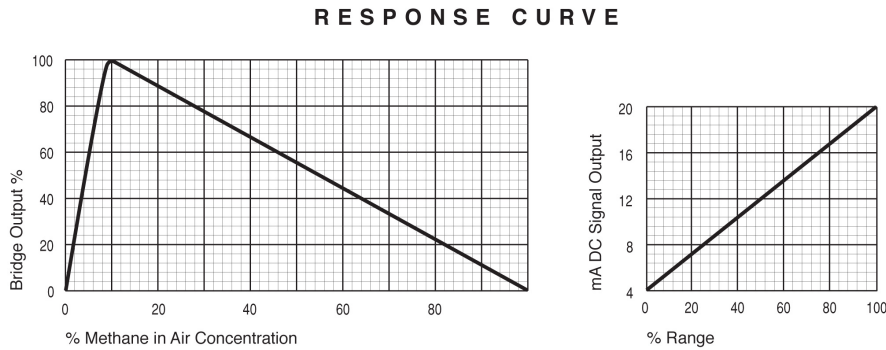


Figure 3 Response Curves

## 1.2 Sensor Electronics Design

### Intelligent Sensor Module

The Intelligent Transmitter Module (ITM) is a fully encapsulated microprocessor-based package that accepts a plug-in field replaceable combustible gas sensor. Circuit functions include extensive I/O circuit protection, sensor pre-amplifier, bridge voltage (temperature) control, on-board power supplies, microprocessor, LED display, magnetic programming switches, linear 4-20mA DC output, and Modbus™ RS-485 output. Magnetic program switches located on either side of the LED Display are activated via a hand-held magnetic programming tool, thus allowing non-intrusive operator interface with the ITM. Calibration can be accomplished without declassifying the area. Electrical classifications are Class I, Division 1, Groups B C D, Class I, Zone 1, Group IIB+H<sub>2</sub> and II 2G Ex d IIB+H<sub>2</sub> Gb.

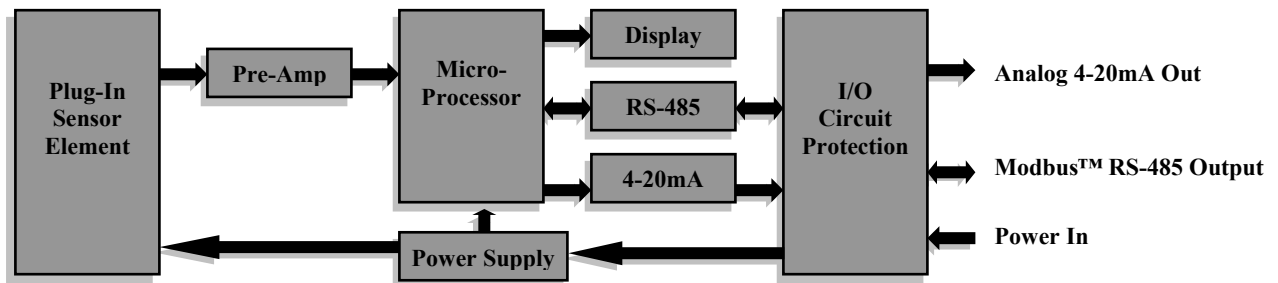


Figure 4 ITM Circuit Functional Block Diagram

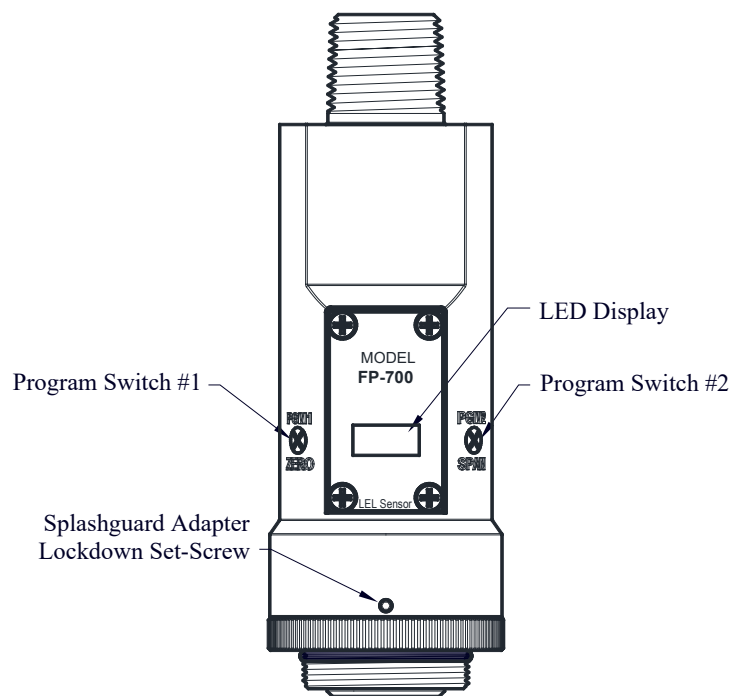


Figure 5 Sensor Assembly Front View

### 1.3 Modular Mechanical Design

The Model FP-700 Sensor Assembly is completely modular and made up of four parts (See Figure 6 for Assembly Break-away):

- 1) FP-700 Intelligent Transmitter Module (ITM)
- 2) Field Replaceable Plug-in Combustible Gas Sensor
- 3) Model 700 Housing Bottom Assembly (contains the Housing Bottom, Flame Arrestor, Retaining Ring, and rubber O-Rings)
- 4) Splash Guard.

NOTE: All metal components are constructed from electro-polished 316 Stainless Steel in order to maximize corrosion resistance in harsh environments.

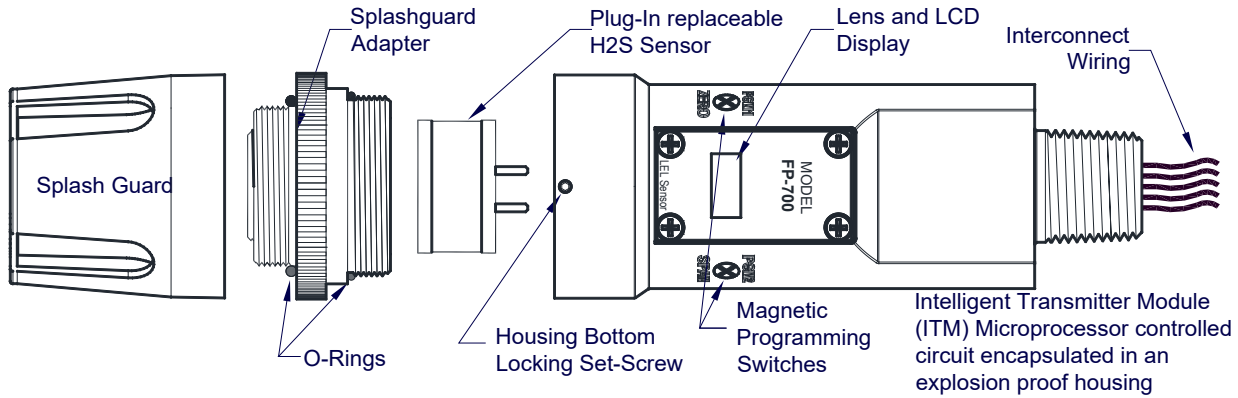


Figure 6 Sensor Assembly Breakaway

## 1.4 Plug-in Replaceable Sensor

The Detcon combustible gas sensor is a poison-resistant and field proven design. It is packaged as true plug-in replaceable type sensor with over-sized gold-plated connections that eliminate corrosion problems. It can be accessed and replaced in the field very easily by releasing the locking screw and unthreading the housing bottom. The Detcon combustible gas sensor has an infinite shelf life, and is supported by a 2-year warranty. The expected service life is 3-5 years.



Figure 7 FP Replaceable Sensor Cell



**Caution:** Hazardous areas must be declassified before removing and/or replacing the plug in sensor



## 2. Installation

### 2.1 Operational Guidelines for Safe Use – HazLoc Certifications

1. It is recommended for end-users to read and reference the procedures described in IEC 60079-29-2 for guidance on the proper installation, operation, and servicing of this type of combustible gas detectors.
2. Install sensor only in areas with classifications matching with those described on the ATEX approval label. Follow all warnings listed on the label.
3. Detector is performance tested to ANSI/UL 12.13.01:2013 Performance Requirements of Detectors for Flammable Gases. Performance Testing was completed by CSA Group on March 28, 2018. This Model FP-700 detector is performance tested only for methane gas measurement in the 0-100 % LEL (0-5% by volume) range and with use of Accessory PN 613-120000-700 Sensor Splashguard with integral Cal Port. There are no special conditions for use other than what is specified here in Section 2.1 of Instruction Manual.

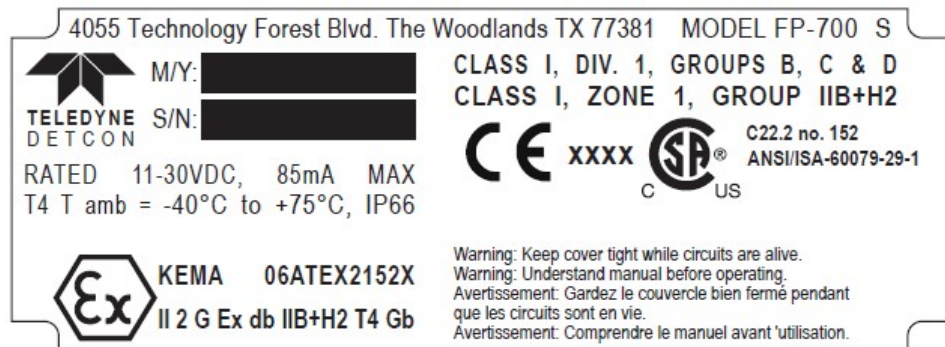


Figure 8 HazLoc Certification Approval Label

4. Ensure that the sensor is properly threaded into a suitable flameproof rated junction box with a downward pointing female  $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT threaded connection. The sensor should be threaded up at least 5 full turns until tight, with the LED display facing forward ( $\pm 15^\circ$ ). Minimize use of Teflon Tape, or any type of non-conductive pipe thread coating on the NPT threaded connection.
5. A good ground connection should be verified between the sensor's metal enclosure and the junction box. If a good ground connection is not made, the sensor can be grounded to the junction box using the sensor's external ground lug. Also verify a good ground connection between the junction box and earth ground. Installer shall use ring terminal to make connection to earth ground to be secured by screw and lock washer on sensor housing.
6. Ensure that the Housing Bottom and plug-in sensor are installed during operation. The Housing Bottom should be threaded tightly to the Intelligent Transmitter Module. The locking setscrew (M3 x 0.6 6g6h Stainless Steel Allen set screw cup point with yield strength of greater than 40,000 PSI, typical 80,000 PSI) should then be tightened down to keep the Housing Bottom from being inadvertently removed or from becoming loose under vibration. The locking setscrew ensures that Housing Bottom is only removable by authorized personnel with the use of special tools. A M1.5 Allen Wrench is required. If screw requires replacement, only an identical screw may be used.
7. Removal of the Housing Bottom violates the Ex d protection method and hence power must be removed from the sensor prior to its safe removal.

8. The screws holding down the retaining plate label are special fasteners of type Stainless Steel Phillips Pan-head Machine screw, M3 x 0.5, 6g6h having yield strength of greater than 40,000 PSI, typical 80,000 PSI. If screw requires replacement, only an identical screw may be used.
9. Proper precautions should be taken during installation and maintenance to avoid the build-up of static charge on the plastic components of the sensor. These include the splashguard and splashguard adapter.
10. Do not operate the sensor outside of the stated operating temperature limits.
11. Do not operate the sensor outside the stated operating limits for voltage supply.
12. These sensors meet EN60079-0:2012:A1:2013, EN60079-1:2007.

## 2.2 Sensor Placement

Selection of sensor location is critical to the overall safe performance of the product. Seven factors play an important role in selection of sensor locations:

- (1) Density of the gas to be detected
- (2) Most probable leak sources within the industrial process
- (3) Ventilation or prevailing wind conditions
- (4) Personnel exposure.
- (5) Maintenance access.
- (6) Personal Exposure.
- (7) Oxygen is required in the background gas

### Density

Placement of sensors relative to the density of the target gas is such that sensors for the detection of heavier than air gases should be located within 4 feet of grade as these heavy gases will tend to settle in low lying areas. For gases lighter than air, sensor placement should be 4-8 feet above grade in open areas or in pitched areas of enclosed spaces.

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**NOTE:** Methane and Hydrogen are lighter than air. Most other combustible gases are heavier than air. Compare the molecular weight, density, or specific gravity of the target gas(es) with that of air to determine appropriate placement.

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### Leak Sources

The most probable leak sources within an industrial process include flanges, valves, and tubing connections of the sealed type where seals may either fail or wear. Other leak sources are best determined by facility engineers with experience in similar processes.

### Ventilation

Normal ventilation or prevailing wind conditions can dictate efficient location of gas sensors in a manner where the migration of gas clouds is quickly detected.

### Personnel Exposure

The undetected migration of gas clouds should not be allowed to approach concentrated personnel areas such as control rooms, maintenance or warehouse buildings. A more general and applicable thought toward selecting sensor location is combining leak source and perimeter protection in the best possible configuration.

## Maintenance Access

Consideration should be given to providing easy access for maintenance personnel. Consideration should also be given to the consequences of close proximity to contaminants that may foul the sensor prematurely.

**NOTE:** In all installations the gas sensor should point straight down, refer to Figure 13. Improper sensor orientation may result in false readings and permanent sensor damage.

## O<sub>2</sub> in Sample Gas Background (Required)

**CAUTION:** Oxygen gas in the background is required for proper operation. The sensor will not perform as specified if there are not normal levels of ambient Oxygen (~ 20.9% O<sub>2</sub>) present in the sample gas or measurement environment. If there is zero O<sub>2</sub> in the background, the sensor will not respond to combustible gas at all. If there is somewhat less than 20.9% O<sub>2</sub> available, then the sensor will read low.

## Additional Placement Considerations

The sensor should not be positioned where it may be sprayed or coated with surface contaminating substances. Painting sensor assemblies is prohibited.

Although the sensor is designed to be RFI resistant, it should not be mounted in close proximity to high-powered radio transmitters or similar RFI generating equipment.

When possible in an area void of high wind, accumulating dust, rain or splashing from hose spray, direct steam releases, and continuous vibration. If the sensor cannot be mounted away from these conditions then make sure the Detcon Harsh Environment Splashguard accessory is used.

Do not mount in locations where temperatures will exceed the operating temperature limits of the sensor. Where direct sunlight leads to exceeding the high temperature-operating limit, use a sunshade to help reduce temperature.

## 2.3 Sensor Contaminants and Interference

Detcon combustible gas sensors may be adversely affected by exposure to certain airborne substances. Loss of sensitivity or corrosion may be gradual if such materials are present in sufficient concentrations.

The performance of the detector elements may be temporarily impaired during operation in the presence of substances described as inhibitors. Inhibitors are usually volatile substances containing halogen compounds. Inhibitors include halide compounds such as Cl<sub>2</sub>, ClO<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, HF, HCl, Br<sub>2</sub>, vinyl chloride, and methyl chloride. Inhibition is typically a temporary effect and the detectors generally recover after short periods of operation back in clean air.

Some background gases may act as poisoning agents and have a more damaging effect on the sensor. Although the sensor is designed to be poison resistant, it does have physical limits. Poisoning gases deactivate the active detector's catalytic ability and cause a permanent reduction in the span sensitivity. Examples of typical poisons are: silicone oils and greases, siloxanes (HMDS), H<sub>2</sub>S, anti-knock petrol additives, and phosphate esters. Activated carbon filters can be used to provide additional protection from poisoning in most cases.

The presence of such inhibitors and poisons in an area does not preclude the use of this sensor technology, although it is likely that the sensor lifetime will be shorter as a result. Use of this sensor in these environments may require more frequent calibration checks to ensure safe system performance.

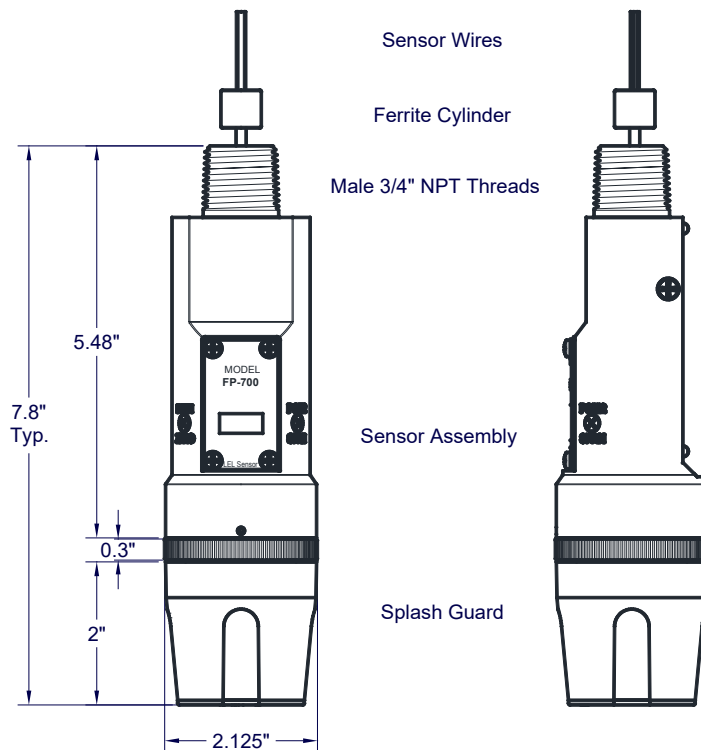
## 2.4 Mounting Installation

The FP-700 sensor assembly is designed to be threaded into a ¾" Female NPT fitting of a standard cast metal, Explosion-Proof Enclosure or Junction Box. Thread the sensor up until tight (5 turns is typically expected) and until the display is pointed in the direction that sensor will normally be viewed and accessed.

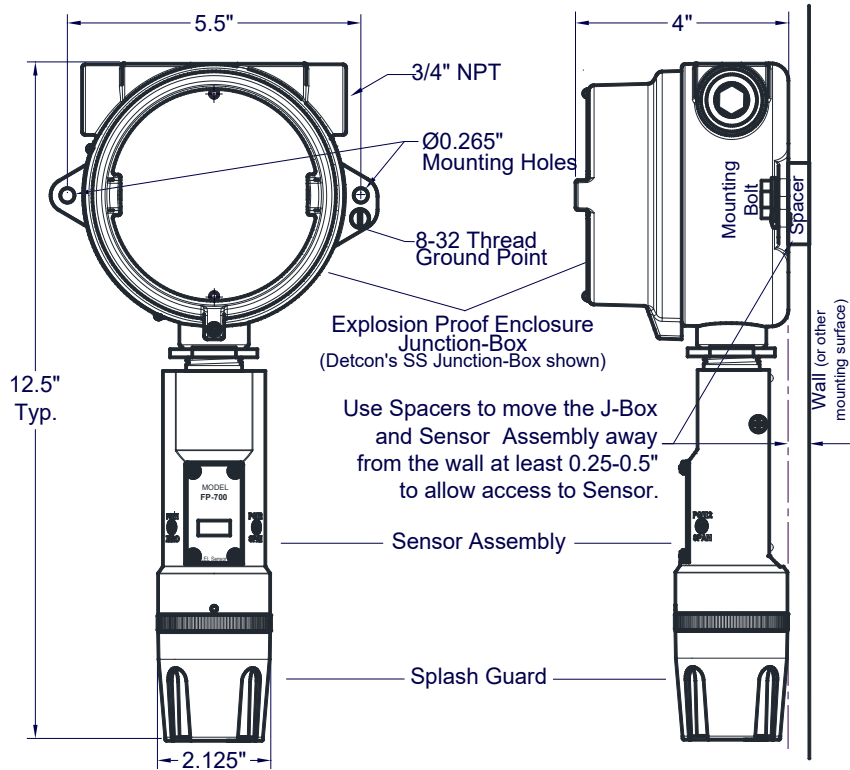
The FP-700 should be vertically oriented so that the sensor points straight downward. The explosion-proof enclosure or junction box would then typically be mounted on a wall or pole. Detcon provides a standard selection of junction boxes available as sensor accessories (See Figures 9, 10, 11, and 12 below), but any appropriately rated enclosure with a downward facing ¾" NPT female connection will suffice.

When mounting on a wall, it is recommended to use a 0.25"-0.5" spacer underneath the mounting ears of the Detcon standard J-Box to offset the sensor assembly from the wall and create open access around the sensor assembly. Spacing requirements for other junction boxes may vary.

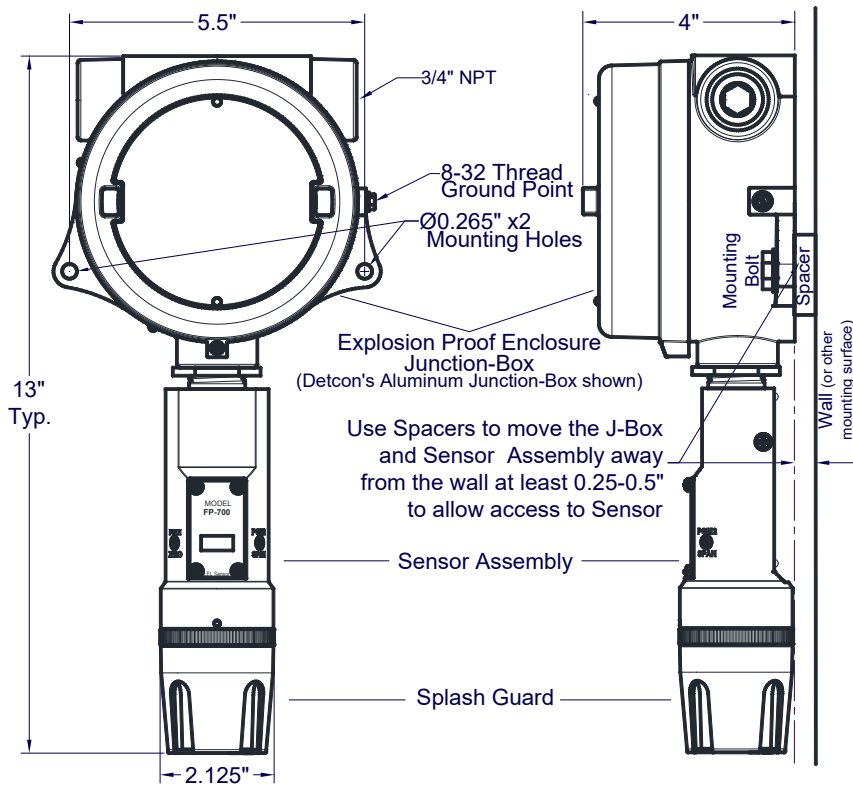
When mounting on a pole, secure the Junction Box to a suitable mounting plate and attach the mounting plate to the pole using U-Bolts. (Pole-Mounting brackets for Detcon J-box accessories are available separately.)



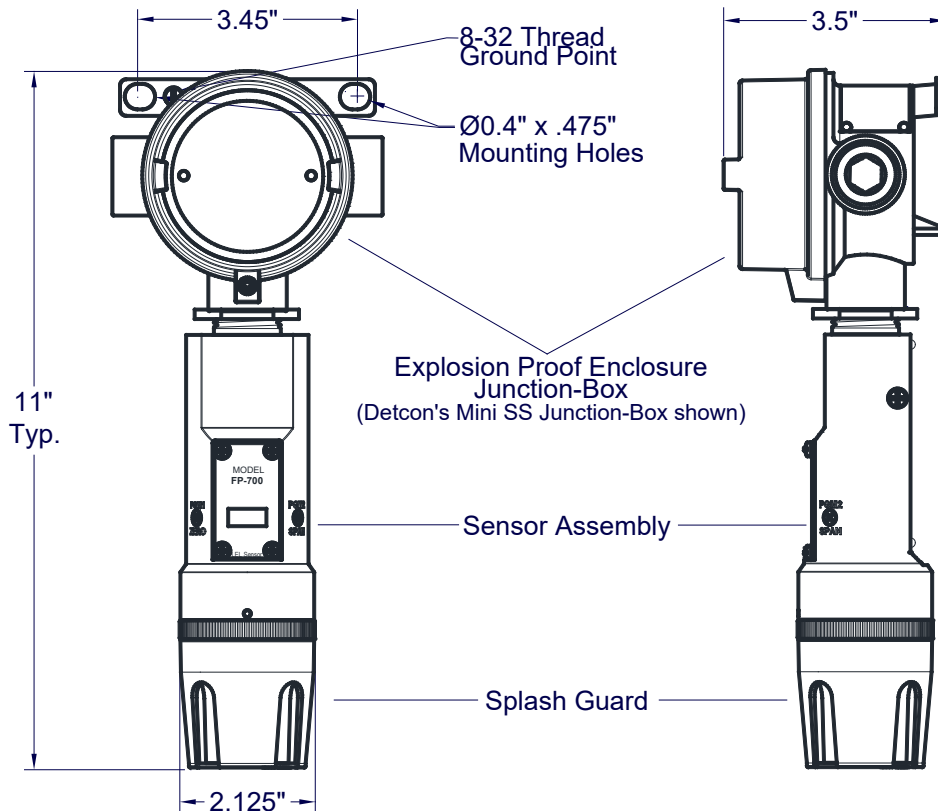
**Figure 9** Outline and Mounting Dimensions (Sensor Assembly only)



**Figure 10** Outline and Mounting Dimensions (Stainless Steel Junction Box)



**Figure 11** Outline and Mounting Dimensions (Aluminum Junction Box)



**Figure 12** Outline and Mounting Dimensions (Mini Stainless Steel Junction Box)

## 2.5 Electrical Installation

The Sensor Assembly should be installed in accordance with local electrical codes. The sensor assemblies are CSA/NRTL approved (US and Canada) for Class I, Division 1, Groups B, C, & D area classifications, and are ATEX Approved for II 2G Ex d IIB+H<sub>2</sub> Gb area classifications.

Proper electrical installation of the gas sensor is critical for conformance to Electrical Codes and to avoid damage due to water leakage. Refer to Figure 13 and Figure 14 for proper electrical installation.

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**NOTE:** If a conduit run exits the secondary port, repeat the installation technique shown in Figure 13.

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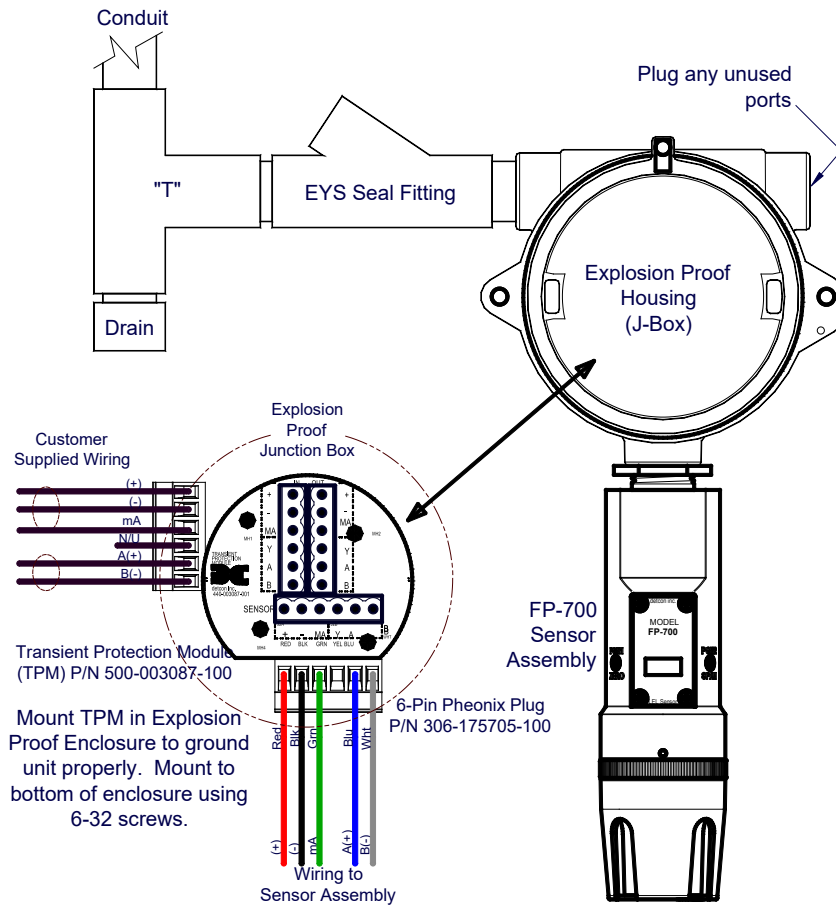
In Figure 13, the drain allows H<sub>2</sub>O condensation inside the conduit run to safely drain away from the sensor assembly. The electrical seal fitting is required to meet the National Electrical Code per NEC Article 500-3d (or Canadian Electrical Code Handbook Part 1 Section 18-154). Requirements for locations of electrical seals are covered under NEC Article 501-5. Electrical seals also act as a secondary seal to prevent water from entering the wiring terminal enclosure. However, they are not designed to provide an absolute water-tight seal, especially when used in the vertical orientation.

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**NOTE:** For products utilizing the aluminum junction box option, the conduit seal shall be placed at the entry to the junction box (see Figure 13 as an example). For products utilizing the stainless steel junction box option, the conduit seal shall be placed within 18" of the enclosure. Crouse Hinds type EYS2, EYD2 or equivalent are suitable for this purpose.

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**NOTE:** The Detcon Warranty does not cover water damage resulting from water leaking into the enclosure through the conduit connections. However, since the electronics are 100% epoxy encapsulated, only the wire terminations could get wet. Moisture could cause abnormal operation and possibly corrosion to the terminal connections, but permanent damage to the sensor would not be expected.



**Figure 13** Typical Installation

**NOTE:** Any unused ports should be blocked with suitable 3/4" male NPT plugs. Detcon supplies one 3/4" NPT male plug with their accessory J-box enclosures. If connections are other than 3/4" NPT, use an appropriate male plug of like construction material.

## 2.6 Field Wiring

Detcon Model FP-700 sensor assemblies require three conductor connections between power supplies and host electronic controller's 4-20mA output, and two conductor connections for the Modbus™ RS-485 serial interface. Wiring designations are + (DC), - (DC), mA (sensor signal), and Modbus™ RS-485 A (+), and B (-). Maximum wire size for termination in the Detcon J-Box accessory is 14 gauge.

Max Resistance drop on red and black wire is 10 ohms. This considers wire diameter, wire length and maximum operation temperature.

**Table 1** Wire Gauge vs. Distance

AWG	Wire Dia.	Meters	Feet	Over-Current Protection
22	0.723mm	700	2080	3A
20	0.812mm	1120	3350	5A
18	1.024mm	1750	5250	7A
16	1.291mm	2800	8400	10A
14	1.628mm	4480	13,440	20A

Max loop load resistance between green and black wire is 500 ohms. Minimum loop load resistance between green and black wire is 100 ohms. This is considers wire diameter, wire length, max operating temperature and selected termination resistor.

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**NOTE 1:** Wiring table is based on stranded tinned copper wire and is designed to serve as a reference only.

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**NOTE 2:** Shielded cable is required for installations where cable trays or conduit runs include high voltage lines or other possible sources of induced interference. Separate conduit runs are highly recommended in these cases.

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**NOTE 3:** The supply of power should be from an isolated source with over-current protection as stipulated in table.

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**Terminal Connections**



**CAUTION:** Do not apply System power to the sensor until all wiring is properly terminated. Refer to Section 2.7 Initial Start Up



**CAUTION:** Do not apply power to the sensor assembly in a hazardous area unless the junction box cover is tight and all electrical seals have been installed



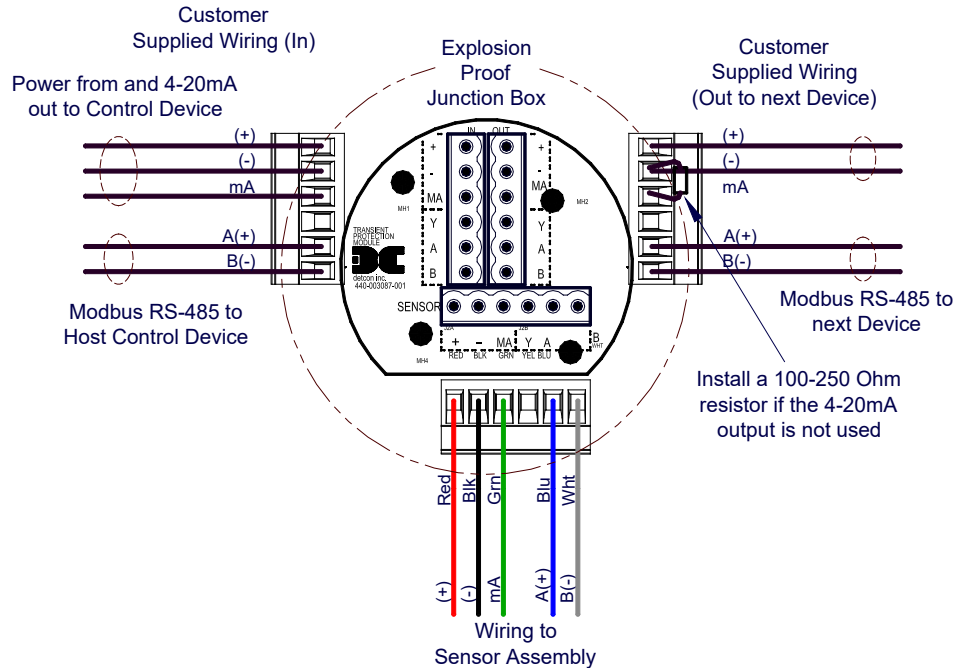


Figure 14 Sensor Wire Connections

- a) Remove the junction box cover. Identify the terminal blocks for customer wire connections.
- b) Observing correct polarity, terminate the 3-conductor 4-20mA field wiring (+, -, mA) to the sensor assembly wiring in accordance with the detail shown in Figure 14. If the 4-20mA output is not used, the green wire from the sensor must be connected to the (-) terminal on the Transient Protection Module.

**NOTE: If the 4-20mA output is not being used, the Green wire from the sensor *must* be connected to the Black wire at the (-) terminal on the Transient Protection Module to ensure proper sensor operation.**

- a) If applicable, terminate the RS-485 serial wiring as shown in Figure 14. Use the second plug (Out) as termination point on the customer side to facilitate a continuous RS-485 serial loop

The RS-485 (if applicable) requires 24 gauge, two conductor, shielded, twisted pair cable between sensor and host PC. General Cable Commodore part number ZO16P0022189 is recommended.

**NOTE: Install a 120Ω resistor across A & B terminals on the last sensor in the serial loop.**

- c) Trim all exposed wire leads if they are not permanently landed in the terminal block.
- d) Replace the junction box cover.

## 2.7 Initial Start Up



**CAUTION:** Do not apply power to the sensor assembly in a hazardous area unless the junction box cover is tight and all electrical seals have been installed

Upon completion of all mechanical mounting and termination of all field wiring, apply system power in the range of 11.5-30VDC (24VDC typical) and observe the following normal conditions:

- a) FP-700 display reads “0”, and no fault messages are flashing.
- b) A temporary upscale reading may occur as the sensor heats up. This upscale reading will decrease to 0ppm within 1-2 minutes of power-up, assuming there is no combustible gas in the area of the sensor.

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**NOTE:** The 4-20mA signal is held constant at 4mA for the first two minutes after power up.

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### Initial Operational Tests

After a warm up period of 1 hour, the sensor should be checked to verify sensitivity to combustible gas.

### Material Requirements

- Detcon PN 613-120000-700 700 Series Splash Guard with integral Cal Port –OR–
- Detcon PN 943-000006-132 Threaded Calibration Adapter
- Detcon PN 942-520124-050 Span Gas; 50% LEL methane/balance Air at fixed flow rate of 200-500cc/min (use with 0-100% LEL range).
- Detcon PN 942-520124-025 Span Gas; 25% LEL methane/balance Air at fixed flow rate of 200-500cc/min (use with 0-50% LEL range).

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**NOTE:** Do not use calibration gases in Nitrogen background gas mixtures. This will cause significant reading inaccuracies.

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- a) Attach the calibration adapter to the threaded sensor housing. Apply the test gas at a controlled flow rate of 200 – 500cc/min (200cc/min is the recommended flow). Allow 1-2 minutes for the reading to stabilize. Observe that during the 1-2 minutes the ITM display increases to a level near that of the applied calibration gas value.

**NOTE:** Check response time by confirming that the reading comes onto scale in first 5 seconds and reaches approximately 50% of the applied gas within 10-15 seconds and reaches approximately 90% of the applied gas in 30-40 seconds.

- b) Remove test gas and observe that the ITM display decreases to “0”.

Initial operational tests are complete. Detcon FP-700 combustible gas sensors are factory calibrated prior to shipment, and should not require significant adjustment on start up. However, it is recommended that a complete calibration test and adjustment be performed 16 to 24 hours after power-up. Refer to zero and span calibration instructions in Section 3.4.Operation

## 3. Operation

### 3.1 Programming Magnet Operating Instructions

The Operator Interface of the Model 700 Series gas sensors is accomplished via two internal magnetic switches located to either side of the LED display (see Figure 16). The two switches, labeled “PGM1” and “PGM2”, allow for complete calibration and configuration and thereby eliminate the need for area de-classification or the use of hot permits.



Figure 15 Magnetic Programming Tool

The magnetic programming tool (Figure 15) is used to operate the magnetic switches. Switch action is defined as momentary contact, 3-second hold, and 10-second hold. (Hold times are defined as the time from the point when the arrow prompt “◀” appears.) For momentary contact use, the programming magnet is briefly held over a switch location. For 3-second hold, the programming magnet is held in place over the switch location for three seconds. For 10-second hold, the programming magnet is held in place over the switch location for 10 seconds. The 3 and 10 second holds are generally used to enter calibration/program menus and save new data. The momentary contact is generally used to move between menu items and to modify set-point values. Arrows (“◀” and “▶”) are used on the LED display to indicate when the magnetic switches are activated. The location of “PGM1” and “PGM2” are shown in Figure 16.

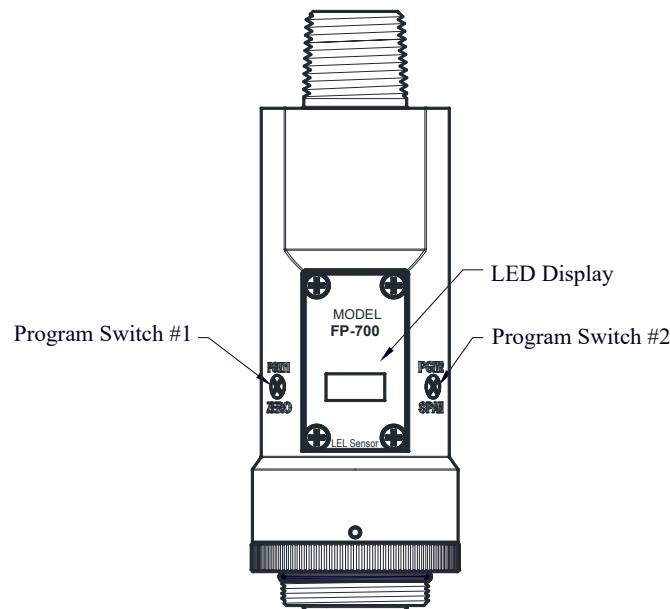


Figure 16 Magnetic Programming Switches

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**NOTE:** While in the Program Mode, if there is no magnetic switch interaction after 4 consecutive menu scrolls, the sensor will automatically revert to normal operating condition. While changing values inside menu items, **if there is no magnet activity after 3-4 seconds the sensor will revert to the menu scroll.**

*(Exception to this is with “Signal Output Check” mode.)*

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## 3.2 Operator Interface

The operating interface is menu-driven via the two magnetic program switches located under the target marks of the sensor housing. The two switches are referred to as “PGM1” and “PGM2”. The menu list consists of three major items that include sub-menus as indicated below. (Refer to the complete Software Flow Chart.)

### Normal Operation

Current Reading and Fault Status

### Calibration Mode

AutoZero  
AutoSpan

### Program Mode

View Sensor Status  
  Sensor Model Type  
  Current Software Version  
  Range of Detection  
  Serial ID address  
  AutoSpan Level  
  Days From Last AutoSpan  
  Remaining Sensor Life  
  Sensor Bridge Current  
  Sensor Bridge Voltage  
  Gas Factor  
  Cal Factor  
  4-20mA Output  
  Input Voltage Supply  
  Operating Temperature  
Set AutoSpan Level  
Set Gas Factor  
Set Cal Factor  
Set Serial ID  
Set Bridge Voltage  
Signal Output Check  
Restore Default Settings

### Software Flowchart

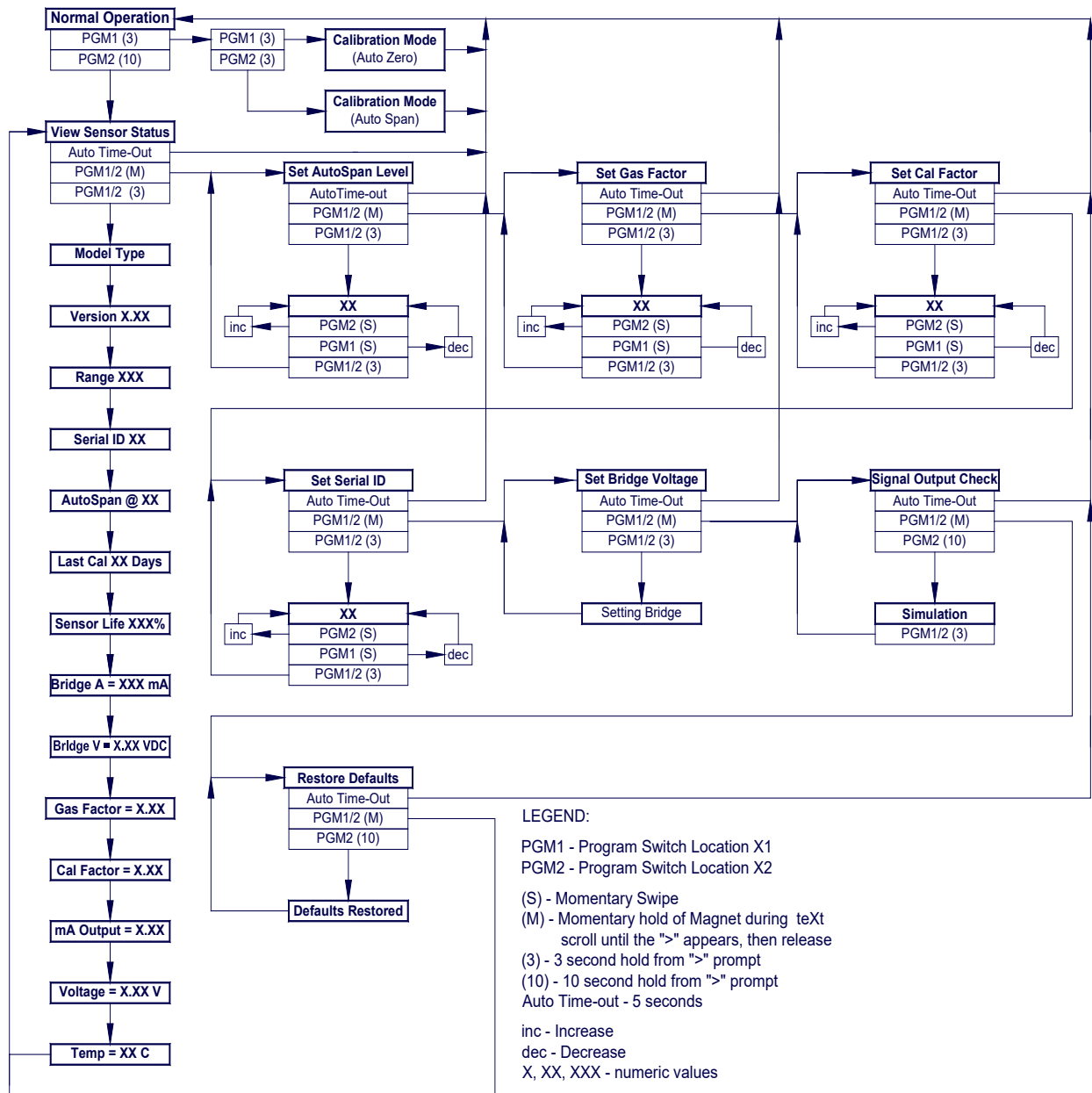


Figure 17 FP-700 Software Flowchart

### 3.3 Normal Operation

In normal operation, the ITM Display continuously shows the current sensor reading, which will normally appear as “ 0 ”. Once every 60 seconds the LED display will flash the sensor’s measurement units and gas type (i.e. % LEL). If the sensor is actively experiencing any diagnostic faults, a “Fault Detected” message will flash on the ITM display every 60 seconds. At any time, while the unit is in “Fault Detected” mode, PGM1 or PGM2 can be swiped to prompt the sensor to display the list of the active faults.

In normal operation, the 4-20mA current output corresponds with the present gas concentration and full-scale range. The RS-485 Modbus™ serial output provides the current gas reading and fault status on a continuous basis when polled.



**Caution:** Off-scale readings may indicate a flammable concentration

### 3.4 Calibration Mode (AutoZero and AutoSpan)

#### 3.4.1 AutoZero

The AutoZero function is used to zero the sensor. Local ambient air can be used to zero calibrate the sensor as long as it can be confirmed that it contains no combustible gases. If this cannot be confirmed then a zero air cylinder should be used.

Material Requirements:

- Detcon PN 327-000000-000 MicroSafe™ Programming Magnet
- Detcon PN 613-120000-700 700 Series Splash Guard with integral Cal Port and Calibration Wind Guard (P/N 943-000000-000) -OR-
- Detcon PN 943-000006-132 Threaded Calibration Adapter
- Detcon PN 942-001123-000 Zero Air cal gas or use ambient air if no combustible gas is present.

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**NOTE 1:** The zero gas source should have a normal background concentration of 20.9% O<sub>2</sub>. Pure Nitrogen gas standards should not be used or errors may result.

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**NOTE 2:** The Calibration Wind Guard must be used when the Splashguard Adapter with integral Cal Port is used. Failure to use the Calibration Wind Guard may result in an inaccurate AutoZero calibration.

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- a) If the ambient air has is known to contain no combustible gas content, then it can be used to zero calibrate. If a zero gas cal cylinder is going to be used then attach the calibration adapter and set flow rate of 200-500cc/min and let sensor purge for 1-2 minutes before executing the AutoZero.
- b) From Normal Operation, enter Calibration Mode by holding the programming magnet over PGM1 for 3-4 seconds. Note, the “◀” prompt will show that the magnetic switch is activated during the 3 second hold period. The display will then scroll “PGM1=Zero ...PGM2=Span”. Hold the programming magnet over PGM1 for 3-4 seconds once the “◀” prompt appears to execute AutoZero (or allow to timeout in 10 seconds if AutoZero is not desired).

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**NOTE:** Upon entering Calibration Mode, the 4-20mA signal drops to 2mA and is held at this level until the program returns to normal operation. Modbus™ Status Register bit 14 is also set to signify when the sensor is in-calibration mode.

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- c) The ITM will display the following sequence of text messages as it proceeds through the AutoZero sequence:

**Zero Cal. . . Setting Zero. . . Zero Saved (each will scroll twice)**

- d) Remove the zero gas and calibration adapter, if applicable.

#### 3.4.2 AutoSpan

The AutoSpan function is used to span calibrate the sensor. Span adjustment is recommended at 50% LEL.

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**NOTE:** Before performing AutoSpan Calibration, verify that the AutoSpan level matches the span calibration gas concentration as described in Section 3.5.3Set AutoSpan Level.

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**Material Requirements:**

- Detcon PN 327-000000-000 MicroSafe™ Programming Magnet
- Detcon PN 613-120000-700 700 Series Splash Guard with integral Cal Port and Calibration Wind Guard (P/N 943-000000-000) -OR-
- Detcon PN 943-000006-132 Threaded Calibration Adapter
- Detcon PN 942-520124-050 50% LEL Methane in balance air (recommended for 0-100% LEL range) or Detcon PN 942-520124-025 25% LEL Methane in balance air (recommended for 0-50% LEL range) or other suitable span gas containing a certified level of % LEL concentration of combustible gas in air balance. A flow fixed rate of 200-500cc/min is recommended.

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**NOTE 1:** The span gas source must have a normal background concentration of 20.9% O<sub>2</sub>. Pure Nitrogen background mixtures are not acceptable! Significant span calibration inaccuracies will result.

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**NOTE 2:** If the span gas is different from the measured target gas, use the appropriate Cal Factor as described in Section 3.5.4.

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**NOTE 3:** If the target gas is other than methane, use the appropriate Gas Factor as described in Section 3.5.4.

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**NOTE 4:** The Calibration Wind Guard must be used when the Splashguard Adapter with integral Cal Port is used. Failure to use the Calibration Wind Guard may result in an inaccurate AutoSpan calibration.

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**CAUTION:** Verification that the calibration gas level setting matches the calibration span gas concentration is required before executing “AutoSpan” calibration. These two numbers must be equal.

AutoSpan consists of entering Calibration Mode and following the menu-displayed instructions. The display will ask for the application of span gas in a specific concentration. This concentration must be equal to the calibration gas level setting. The factory default setting and recommendation for span gas concentration is 50% of the sensor’s range. If a span gas containing the recommended concentration is not available, other concentrations may be used as long as they fall between 5% and 95% LEL (0-100% LEL range) or 2% and 50% LEL (0-50% LEL range). However, any alternate span gas concentration value must be programmed via the “Set AutoSpan Level” menu before proceeding with AutoSpan calibration. Follow the instructions “a” through “e” below for AutoSpan calibration.

- a) Verify that the AutoSpan Level is equal to the calibration span gas concentration. (Refer to View Sensor Status in Section 3.5.2.) If the AutoSpan Level is not equal to the calibration span gas concentration, adjust the AutoSpan Level as instructed in Section 3.5.3 Set AutoSpan Level.
- b) From Normal Operation, enter Calibration Mode by holding the programming magnet over PGM1 for 3-4 seconds. Note, the “◀” prompt will show that the magnetic switch is activated during the 3-4 second hold period. The display will then scroll “PGM1=Zero...PGM2=Span”. Hold the programming magnet over PGM2 for 3-4 seconds once the “▶” prompt appears, until the Display starts to scroll “Span Cal” to execute AutoSpan (or allow to timeout in 5 seconds if AutoSpan is not desired). The ITM will then scroll “Apply XX % LEL” (where XX is the AutoSpan Level).

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**NOTE:** Upon entering Calibration Mode, the 4-20mA signal drops to 2mA and is held at this level until the program returns to normal operation. Modbus™ Status Register bit 14 is also set to signify when the sensor is in-calibration mode.

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- c) Apply the span calibration test gas at a flow rate of 200-500cc/min (200cc/min is the recommended flow rate). As the sensor signal begins to increase, the display will switch to reporting a flashing “XX” reading as the ITM shows the sensor’s “as found” response to the span gas presented. If it fails to meet the minimum in-range signal change criteria within 2½ minutes, the display will report “Range Fault” twice and the ITM will return to normal operation, aborting the AutoSpan sequence. The ITM will continue to report a “Range Fault” and will not clear the fault until a successful AutoSpan is completed.

**NOTE:** Check response time by confirming that the reading comes onto scale in first 5 seconds and reaches approximately 50% of the applied gas within 10-15 seconds and reaches approximately 90% of the applied gas in 30-40 seconds.

After about 1 minute the reading will auto-adjust to the programmed AutoSpan level. For about another 30 seconds the AutoSpan sequence checks the sensor for acceptable reading stability. If the sensor fails the stability check, the reading is re-adjusted back to the AutoSpan level and the cycle repeats until the stability check is passed. Up to three additional 30-second stability check periods are allowed before the unit reports a “Stability Fault” twice and the ITM will return to normal operation, aborting the AutoSpan sequence. The ITM will continue to report a “Stability Fault” and will not clear the fault until a successful AutoSpan is completed.

If the sensor passes the stability check, the ITM reports a series of messages:

“AutoSpan Complete”

“Sensor Life XXX%”

“Remove Span Gas”

- d) Remove the span gas and calibration adapter. The ITM will report a live reading as it clears toward “0”. When the reading clears below the threshold of 5% LEL (100% LEL range) or 2% LEL (50% LEL range), the ITM will display “Span Complete” and will revert to normal operation. If the sensor fails to clear to less than the threshold within 5 minutes, a “Clearing Fault” will be reported twice and the ITM will return to normal operation, aborting the AutoSpan sequence. The ITM will continue to report a “Clearing Fault” and will not clear the fault until a successful AutoSpan is completed.

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**NOTE 1:** If the sensor fails the minimum signal change criteria, a “Range Fault” will be declared and a “Fault Detected” message will be displayed alternately with the sensor’s current reading. The 4-20mA output will be taken to 0mA and the “Range Fault” fault bit will be set on the Modbus output.

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**NOTE 2:** If the sensor fails the stability criteria, a “Stability Fault” will be declared and a “Fault Detected” message will be displayed alternately with the sensor’s current reading. The 4-20mA output will be taken to 0mA and the “Stability Fault” fault bit will be set on the Modbus output.

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**NOTE 3:** If the sensor fails the clearing time criteria, a “Clearing Fault” will be declared and a “Fault Detected” message will be displayed alternately with the sensor’s current reading. The 4-20mA output will be taken to 0mA and the “Clearing Fault” fault bit will be set on the Modbus output.

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### 3.5 Program Mode

Program Mode provides a View Sensor Status menu to check operational and configuration parameters. Program Mode also provides for adjustment of the AutoSpan Level, Bridge Voltage, Gas Factor, Cal Factor, and Serial ID. Additionally, it includes the Restore Factory Defaults and Signal Output Check diagnostic functions.



The Program Mode menu items appear in the order presented below:

- View Sensor Status
- Set AutoSpan Level
- Set Gas Factor
- Set Cal Factor
- Set Serial ID
- Set Bridge Voltage
- Signal Output Check
- Restore Default Settings

### 3.5.1 Navigating Program Mode

From Normal Operation, enter Program Mode by holding the magnet over PGM2 for 4 seconds (until the displays starts to scroll “View Sensor Status”). Note, the “◀” prompt will show that the magnetic switch is activated during the 4 second hold period. The ITM will enter Program Mode and the display will display the first menu item “View Sensor Status”. To advance to the next menu item, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 while the current menu item’s text is scrolling. At the conclusion of the text scroll the arrow prompt (“◀” for PGM1 or “▶” for PGM2) will appear, immediately remove the magnet. The ITM will advance to the next menu item. Repeat this process until the desired menu item is displayed. Note, PGM1 moves the menu items from right to left and PGM2 moves the menu items from left to right.

To enter a menu item, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 while the menu item is scrolling. At the conclusion of the text scroll the “◀” prompt (“◀” for PGM1 or “▶” for PGM2) will appear, continue to hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 for an additional 3-4 seconds to enter the selected menu item. If there is no magnet activity while the menu item text is scrolling (typically 4 repeated text scrolls), the ITM will automatically revert to Normal Operation.

### 3.5.2 View Sensor Status

**View Sensor Status** displays all current configuration and operational parameters including: sensor type, software version number, detection range, AutoSpan level, days since last AutoSpan, estimated remaining sensor life, heater power, raw resistance, input voltage and sensor ambient temperature.

From the **View Sensor Status** text scroll, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold the magnet in place for an additional 3-4 seconds (until the display starts to scroll “Status Is”). The display will scroll the complete list of sensor status parameters sequentially:

#### Sensor Model Type

The menu item appears as: “700 FP”

#### Current Software Version

The menu item appears as: “V X.XXZ”

#### Range of Detection

The menu item appears as: “Range XXX”

#### Serial ID address.

The menu item appears as: “Serial ID XX”

**AutoSpan Level.**

The menu item appears as: “Auto Span Level XX”

**Days From Last AutoSpan**

The menu items appears as: “Last Cal XX days”

**Remaining Sensor Life**

The menu item appears as: “Sensor Life 100%”

**Sensor Bridge Current**

The menu item appears as: “Bridge XXXmA

**Sensor Bridge Voltage**

The menu item appears as: “Bridge X.XXVDC

**Gas Factor**

The menu item appears as: “Gas Factor X.X”

**Cal Factor**

The menu item appears as: “Cal Factor X.X”

**4-20mA Output**

The menu item appears as: “mA Output X.XmA”

**Input Voltage Supply**

The menu item appears as: “Voltage XX.XVDC”

**Operating Temperature**

The menu item appears as: “Temp= XX C”

When the status list sequence is complete, the ITM will revert to the “View Sensor Status” text scroll. The user can either: 1) review list again by executing another 3-4 second hold, 2) move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold over PGM1 or PGM2, or 3) return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “View Sensor Status” 4 times and then return to Normal Operation).

### 3.5.3 Set AutoSpan Level

**Set AutoSpan Level** is used to set the span gas concentration level that is being used to calibrate the sensor. This level is adjustable from 5% to 95% (0-100% LEL range) or 2% to 50% (0-50% LEL range). The current setting can be viewed in View Program Status.

The menu item appears as: “**Set AutoSpan Level**”.

From the **Set AutoSpan Level** text scroll, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold the magnet in place for an additional 3-4 seconds (until the display starts to scroll “Set Level”). The display will switch to “XX” (where XX is the current gas level). Swipe the magnet momentarily over PGM2 to increase or PGM1 to decrease the AutoSpan Level until the correct level is displayed. When the

correct level is achieved, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 for 3-4 seconds to accept the new value. The display will scroll “Level Saved”, and revert to “Set AutoSpan Level” text scroll.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “Set AutoSpan Level” 4 times and then return to Normal Operation).

### 3.5.4 Set Gas Factor

Because of the catalytic bead sensor’s almost universal response to combustible gases, the FP-700 sensor can be configured to specifically detect any of the combustible gases listed in Table 2. This gas is referred to as the “target gas”. In addition, the sensor can also be configured so that it can be calibrated with any of the listed gases regardless of which target gas is selected. This gas is referred to as the “cal gas”. These two features, **Set Gas Factor** and **Set Cal Factor**, allow a significant degree of flexibility in the detection and span calibration process.

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**NOTE:** The default value for gas factor is 1.0. This would be used when methane is the target gas. Values other than 1.0 would be used when the target gas is not methane.

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**Set Gas Factor** is used to make the appropriate signal sensitivity adjustment when the target gas is a gas other than methane. This is necessary because the catalytic bead sensor has different signal strengths for each combustible gas and all reading calculations are made based on a reference to methane. The gas factor value is adjustable from 0.2 to 5.0. It represents the translation between the target gas and methane gas, where methane has a normalized gas factor = 1.0. For example, the gas factor for butane is 1.71, because the signal strength of butane is 1.71 times lower than methane. The current setting can be viewed in View Program Status – Gas Factor.

The following table shows the Gas Factors of most combustible gases that can be measured. Find the target gas and enter the corresponding value as the Gas Factor. For example, if butane were the target gas, the correct gas factor would be 1.71. If there is a mixture of target gases, use a weighted approach to determine the correct Gas Factor. For example, if the target gas was 50% butane and 50% methane, the correct gas factor would be calculated and entered as  $0.5(1.71) + 0.5(1.0) = 1.35$ .

**Table 2 Gas/Cal Factors**

Gas	Factor	Gas	Factor	Gas	Factor
Acetaldehyde	1.66	Decane	3.05	Dimethyl Ether	1.60
Acetic Acid	1.84	Diethylamine	2.05	Methylethyl Ether	2.27
Acetic Anhydride	2.17	Dimethylamine	1.73	Methylethyl Ketone	2.42
Acetone	1.93	2,3-Dimethylpentane	2.51	Methyl Formate	1.49
Acetylene	1.76	2,2-Dimethylpropane	2.52	Methyl Mercaptan	1.64
Alkyl Alcohol	1.96	Dimethyl Sulphide	2.30	Methyl propionate	1.95
Ammonia	0.79	1,4-Dioxane	2.24	Methyl n-propyl Ketone	2.46
n-Amyl Alcohol	3.06	Ethane	1.47	Naphtha	3.03
Aniline	2.54	Ethyl Acetate	1.95	Naphthalene	2.94
Benzene	2.45	Ethyl Alcohol	1.37	Nitromethane	1.72
Biphenyl	4.00	Ethylamine	1.90	n-Nonane	3.18
1,3-Butadiene	1.79	Ethyl Benzene	2.80	n-Octane	2.67
Butane	1.71	Ethylcyclopentane	2.52	n-Pentane	2.18
iso-Butane	1.93	Ethylene	1.41	iso-Pentane	2.15
Butene-1	2.20	Ethylene Oxide	1.93	Propane	1.81
cis-Butene-2	2.06	Diethyl Ether	2.16	n-Propyl Alcohol	2.12
trans-Butene-2	1.97	Ethyl Formate	2.26	n-Propylamine	2.07
n-Butyl Alcohol	2.91	Ethyl Mercaptan	1.78	Propylene	1.95
iso-Butyl Alcohol	1.89	n-Heptane	2.59	Propylene Oxide	2.18
tert-Butyl-Alcohol	1.34	n-Hexane	2.71	iso-Propyl Ether	2.29
n-Butyl Benzene	3.18	Hydrazine	2.22	Propyne	2.40
iso-Butyl Benzene	3.12	Hydrogen Cyanide	2.09	Toluene	2.47
n-Butyric Acid	2.63	Hydrogen	1.30	Triethylamine	2.51
Carbon Disulphide	5.65	Hydrogen Sulphide	2.54	Trimethylamine	2.06
Carbon Monoxide	1.32	Methane	1.00	Vinyl Chloride	2.32
Carbon Oxysulphide	1.07	Methyl Acetate	2.01	Vinyl Ethyl Ether	2.38
Cyanogen	1.12	Methyl Alcohol	1.16	o-Xylene	2.79
Cyclohexane	2.43	Methylamine	1.29	m-Xylene	2.55
Cyclopropane	1.60	Methylcyclohexane	2.26	p-Xylene	2.55

The menu item appears as: **“Set Gas Factor”**.

From the **Set Gas Factor** text scroll, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold the magnet in place for an additional 3-4 seconds (until the display starts to scroll “Set Factor”). The display will then switch to “X.XX” (where X.XX is the current gas factor). Swipe the magnet momentarily over PGM2 to increase or PGM1 to decrease the gas factor level until the correct value is displayed. Hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 for 3 seconds to accept the new value. The display will scroll “Factor Saved”, and revert to “Set Gas Factor” text scroll.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or, return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “Set Gas Factor” 4 times and then return to Normal Operation).

### 3.5.5 Set Cal Factor

Because of the catalytic bead sensor’s almost universal response to combustible gases, the FP-700 sensor can be span calibrated with any of the combustible gases listed in Table 2 above. This specific gas is referred to as the “cal gas”.

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**NOTE:** The default value for cal factor is 1.0. This would be used when methane is the cal gas. Values other than 1.0 would be used when the span cal gas is not methane.

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**Set Cal Factor** is used to make the appropriate signal sensitivity adjustment when the cal gas is a gas other than methane. This is necessary because the catalytic bead sensor has different signal strengths for each combustible gas and all reading calculations are made based on a reference to methane. The cal factor value is adjustable from 0.2 to 5.0. It represents the translation between the cal gas and methane gas, where methane has a normalized cal factor = 1.0. For example, the cal factor for butane is 1.71 because the signal strength of butane is 1.71 times lower than methane. The current setting can be viewed in View Program Status.

Table 2 shows the Cal Factors of most combustible gases that will be used as span calibration sources. Find the gas of interest and enter that value the Cal Factor. For example, if propane were used as the cal gas, the correct cal factor would be 1.81.

The menu item appears as: “**Set Cal Factor**”.

From the **Set Gas Factor** text scroll, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold the magnet in place for an additional 3-4 seconds (until the display starts to scroll “Set Factor”). The display will then switch to “X.XX” (where X.XX is the current cal factor). Swipe the magnet momentarily over PGM2 to increase or PGM1 to decrease the gas factor level until the correct value is displayed. Hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 for 3-4 seconds to accept the new value. The display will scroll “Factor Saved”, and revert to “Set Cal Factor” text scroll.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or, return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “Set Cal Factor” 4 times and then return to Normal Operation).

### 3.5.6 Set Serial ID

Detcon Model FP-700 sensors can be polled serially via RS-485 Modbus™ RTU. Refer to Section 4.0 for details on using the Modbus™ output feature.

**Set Serial ID** is used to set the Modbus™ serial ID address. It is adjustable from 01 to 256 in hexadecimal format (01-FF hex). The current serial ID can be viewed in View Sensor Status using the instruction given in Section 3.5.2 View Sensor Status.

The menu item appears as: “**Set Serial ID**”.

From the “**Set Serial ID**” text scroll, hold the programming magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold the magnet in place for an additional 3-4 seconds (until the display starts to scroll “Set ID”). The display will then switch to “XX” (where XX is the current ID address). Swipe the magnet momentarily over PGM2 to increase or PGM1 to decrease the hexadecimal number until the desired ID is displayed. Hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 for 3-4 seconds to accept the new value. The display will scroll “ID Saved”, and revert to “Set Serial ID” text scroll.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or, return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “Set Serial ID” 5 times and then return to Normal Operation).

### 3.5.7 Set Bridge Voltage

Each Detcon plug-in combustible gas sensor requires a one-time setting for optimal bridge voltage. This is set automatically during the “Set Bridge Voltage” sequence. The “Set Bridge Voltage” sequence determines the required bridge voltage such that every plug-in sensor operates at exactly 200mA current. This technique provides for tremendous uniformity in sensor-to-sensor operational performance, and it is notably better than sensors that are operated on a common fixed bridge voltage platform. The range of bridge voltages required for Detcon sensors is generally between 2.5 – 2.9VDC.

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**NOTE:** The “Set Bridge Voltage” function is executed during factory calibration of every FP-700 sensor. In the field, this menu item is only needed when a replacement plug-in sensor is being installed, or when mating a new FP-700 ITM with an existing plug-in sensor.

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The menu item appears as: “**Set Bridge Voltage**”.

From the **Set Bridge Voltage** text scroll, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold the magnet in place for an additional 7-8 seconds (until the display starts to scroll “Setting Bridge”). The ITM will then display “WAIT”. During the 1-minute sequence, the ITM will display the three-digit number that corresponds to the bridge current as it is being adjusted. At conclusion, display will scroll “Set Bridge Voltage”. The new bridge voltage can be viewed in the “View Sensor Status” menu.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or, return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “Set Bridge Voltage” 4 times and then return to Normal Operation).

### 3.5.8 Signal Output Check

**Signal Output Check** provides a simulated 4-20mA output and RS-485 Modbus™ output. This simulation allows the user to conveniently perform a functional system check of their entire safety system. This signal output simulation also aids the user in performing troubleshooting of signal wiring problems.

The menu item appears as: “**Signal Output Check**”.

From the “Signal Output Check” text scroll, hold the magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and then hold continuously for an additional 10 seconds. Once initiated, the display will scroll “Simulation Active” until the function is stopped. During simulation mode, the 4-20mA value will be increased from 4.0mA to 20.0mA (in 1% of range increments at about a 1 second update rate) and then decreased from 20.0mA to 4.0mA. The same simulation sequence is applied to the Modbus™ output gas reading.

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**NOTE:** Signal Output Check stays active indefinitely until the user stops the function. There is no automatic timeout for this feature.

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To end simulation mode, hold magnet over PGM1 or PGM2 for 3 seconds. The display will either move to the prior menu item or move to the next menu item respectively.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or, return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds.

### 3.5.9 Restore Factory Defaults

**Restore Factory Defaults** is used to clear current user configuration and calibration data from memory and revert to factory default values. This may be required if the settings have been configured improperly and a known reference point needs to be re-established to correct the problem.

This menu item appears as: “**Restore Defaults**”.

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**NOTE:** “Restoring Factory Defaults” should only be used when absolutely necessary. All previously existing configurational inputs will have to be re-entered if this function is executed. A full 10-second magnet hold on PGM 2 is required to execute this function.

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From the “Restore Defaults” text scroll, hold the programming magnet over PGM2 until the “◀” prompt appears and continue to hold 10 seconds. The display will scroll “Restoring Defaults”, and then will revert to the “Restore Defaults” text scroll.

Move to another menu item by executing a momentary hold, or, return to Normal Operation via automatic timeout of about 15 seconds (the display will scroll “Restore Defaults” 4 times and then return to Normal Operation).

Following the execution of “**Restore Defaults**”, the TP-700 will revert to its factory default settings. The default settings are:

- Serial ID = 01. The Serial ID must be set appropriately by the operator (Section 3.5.6).

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**NOTE:** The following must be performed in order before the sensor can be placed in operation.

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- AutoSpan Level = 50 %LEL. AutoSpan level must be set appropriately by the operator (Section 3.5.3).
- Gas Factor = 1.0. The Gas Factor must be set appropriately by the operator (Section 3.5.4).
- Cal Factor = 1.0. The Cal Factor must be set appropriately by the operator (Section 3.5.5).
- AutoZero: AutoZero Settings are lost and user must perform new AutoZero (Section 3.4).
- AutoSpan: AutoSpan Settings are lost and user must perform new AutoSpan (Section 3.4).

## 3.6 Program Features

Detcon FP-700 gas sensors incorporate a comprehensive set of diagnostic features to achieve Fail-Safe Operation. These Operational features and Failsafe Diagnostic features are detailed below.

### 3.6.1 Operational Features

#### Over-Range

When gas greater than the full-scale range is detected, the ITM display will continuously flash the full-scale reading. This designates an over-range condition. The 4-20mA signal will report a 22mA output during this time.

#### In-Calibration Status

When the sensor is engaged in AutoZero or AutoSpan calibration, the 4-20mA output signal is taken to 2.0mA and the in-calibration Modbus™ Status Register bit 14 is set. This alerts the user that the ITM is not in an active measurement mode. This feature also allows the user to log the AutoZero and AutoSpan events via their master control system.

#### Sensor Life

Sensor Life is calculated after each AutoSpan calibration and is reported as an indicator of remaining service life. It is reported in the “View Sensor Status” menu and as a RS-485 Modbus register bit. Sensor Life is reported on a scale of 0-100%. When Sensor Life falls below 25%, the sensor cell should be replaced within a reasonable maintenance schedule.

#### Days Since Calibration

This reports the number of days that have elapsed since the last successful AutoSpan. This is reported in the View Sensor Status menu.

## 3.6.2 Fault Diagnostic/Failsafe Features

### Fail-Safe/Fault Supervision

Model FP-700 sensors are designed for Fail-Safe operation. If any of the diagnostic faults listed below are active, the ITM Display will alternately scroll the message “Fault Detected” during normal operation. At any time while the “Fault Detected” message is scrolling, hold the programming magnet over PGM2 for 1 second to display the active fault(s). All active faults will then be reported sequentially.

Most fault conditions result in failed operation of the sensor and in those cases the 4-20mA signal is dropped to the universal fault level of 0mA. These include the AutoZero and AutoSpan Calibration faults, Bridge Fault, Sensor Fault, Processor Fault, Memory Fault, Loop Fault, and Input Voltage Fault. The 0mA fault level is not employed for a Temperature Fault and AutoSpan Reminder Fault. For all diagnostic faults, the associated RS-485 Modbus™ fault register will be flagged to alert the user digitally.

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**NOTE:** Refer to the Troubleshooting Guide section 6 for guidance on fault conditions.

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### Zero Fault

If the sensor drifts below –10% LEL, the “Zero Fault” will be declared. A “Zero Fault” will cause a “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display and drop the 4-20mA output to 0mA. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Zero Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. The sensor should be considered “Out-of-Service” until a successful AutoZero calibration is performed.

### Range Fault – AutoSpan

If the sensor fails the minimum signal (Section 3.4.2) change criteria during AutoSpan sequence, the “Range Fault” will be declared. A “Range Fault” will cause a “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display and drop the 4-20mA output to 0mA. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Range Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. The sensor should be considered “Out-of-Service” until a successful AutoSpan calibration is performed.

### Stability Fault – AutoSpan

If the sensor fails the signal stability criteria (Section 3.4.2) during AutoSpan sequence, the “Stability Fault” will be declared. A “Stability Fault” will cause a “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display and drop the mA output to 0mA. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Stability Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. The sensor should be considered as “Out-of-Service” until a successful AutoSpan calibration is performed.

### Clearing Fault – AutoSpan

If the sensor fails the clearing criteria (Section 3.4.2) during AutoSpan sequence, the “Clearing Fault” will be declared. A “Clearing Fault” will cause a “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display and drop the milliamp output to 0mA. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Clearing Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. The sensor should be considered as “Out-of-Service” until a successful AutoSpan calibration is performed.

### Sensor Fault

If either the active or reference detector should fail and become electrically open or the sensor was missing, a “Sensor Fault” will be declared. A “Sensor Fault” will cause a “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Sensor Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If a Sensor Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal will be set at 0mA until the fault condition is resolved.



### Processor Fault

If the detector has any unrecoverable run-time errors, a “Processor Fault” is declared. A “Processor Fault” will cause a “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Processor Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If a Processor Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal will be set at 0mA until the fault condition is resolved.

### Memory Fault

If the detector has a failure in saving new data to memory, a “Memory Fault” is declared. A “Memory Fault” will cause the “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Memory Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If a Memory Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal will be set at 0mA until the fault condition is resolved.

### 4-20mA Loop Fault

If the sensor detects a condition where the 4-20mA output loop is not functional (high loop resistance or failed circuit function) a “4-20mA Fault” is declared. A “4-20mA Fault” will cause the “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Loop Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If a Loop Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal will be set at 0mA until the fault condition is resolved. If the 4-20mA current loop is still out of tolerance, contact Detcon at [Detcon-service@teledyne.com](mailto:Detcon-service@teledyne.com), or contact Detcon customer service.

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**NOTE: If the 4-20mA output is not being used, the Green wire from the sensor *must* be connected to the Black wire at the (-) terminal on the Transient Protection Module to ensure proper sensor operation.**

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### Input Voltage Fault

If the detector is currently receiving an input voltage that is outside of the 11.5-28VDC range, an “Input Voltage Fault” is declared. An “Input Voltage Fault” will cause the “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The fault register bit for Input Voltage Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If an Input Voltage Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal will be set at 0mA until the fault condition is resolved.

### Temperature Fault

If the detector is currently reporting an ambient temperature that is outside of the -40C to +75C range a “Temperature Fault” is declared. A “Temperature Fault” will cause the “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The Modbus™ fault register bit for Temperature Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If a Temperature Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal remains operational.

### AutoSpan Reminder Fault

If 180 days has elapsed since the last successful AutoSpan, an AutoSpan Fault will be generated. An “AutoSpan Fault” will cause the “Fault Detected” message to scroll once a minute on the ITM display. The Modbus™ fault register bit for AutoSpan Reminder Fault will be set and will not clear until the fault condition has been cleared. If an AutoSpan Reminder Fault occurs, the 4-20mA signal remains operational.

## 4. RS-485 Modbus™ Protocol

Model DM-700 sensors feature Modbus™ compatible communications protocol and are addressable via the program mode. Other protocols are available. Contact the Detcon factory for specific protocol requirements. Communication is two wire, half duplex 485, 9600 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity, with the sensor set up as a slave device. A master controller up to 4000 feet away can theoretically poll up to 256 different sensors. This number may not be realistic in harsh environments where noise and/or wiring conditions would make it impractical to place so many devices on the same pair of wires. If a multi-point system is being utilized, each sensor should be set for a different address. Typical address settings are: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 0A, 0B, 0C, 0D, 0E, 0F, 10, 11...etc.

Sensor RS-485 ID numbers are factory default to 01. These can be changed in the field via the Operator Interface described in Section 3.5.5 Set Serial ID.

The following section explains the details of the Modbus™ protocol that the DM-700 sensor supports.

Code 03 – Read Holding Registers is the only code supported by the transmitter. Each transmitter contains 6 holding registers which reflect its current status.

**Table 3** Modbus™ Registers

FC	REG	Content Description	R/W	Content Definition		
				Value	Meaning	Range
03	40000	Device Type	R	8	700 Sensor	
03 06	40001 40001	Read Detectable Range <sup>1,2</sup> Write Detectable Range	R/W	100 10000	For 0-100 For 0-10000 <sup>2</sup>	DM – 0 to 10000 FP – Read only TP – 20, 50, 100, 200 IR – 0 to 10000 PI – 0 to 10000
03	40002	Read Concentration <sup>3,2</sup>	R	1000	Bound by range. If > range, this value is in fault.	
03 06	40003 40003	Read AutoSpan Level <sup>4,2</sup> Write AutoSpan Level	R/W	50	Span gas at 50	DM – 1% to 95% of Range (40001) FP – 5% to 95% of Range (40001) TP – 2% to 50% of Range (40001) IR – 5% to 95% of Range (40001) PI – 1% to 95% of Range (40001)
03	40004	Read Sensor Life	R	85	For 85% sensor life	
03	40005	Read Fault Status Bits <sup>5</sup>	R	0x0001 0x0002 0x0004 0x0008 0x0010 0x0020 0x0040 0x0080 0x0100 0x0200 0x0400 0x0800 0x1000 0x2000 0x4000 0x8000	Global Fault Auto Span Fault Temperature Fault 4-20mA Fault Input Voltage Fault Memory Fault Processor Fault Clearing Fault Stability Fault Range Fault Sensor Fault Zero Fault Sensor Fault 2 <reserved> In Calibration Communication Error	
03	40006	Read Model #	R	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	DM, FP, IR, TP, PID respectively	
03	40007	Read Days Since Cal	R	29	29days	
03	40008	4-20 Current Output mA x100	R	400	4.00mA	<b>Range</b>
03	40009	Read Input Voltage V x100	R	2400	24.00V	
03	40010	Read Temperature	R	28	28 °C	
03/ 06	40011	Special #1	R/W		Function dependent on value of 40006 (See Special Register Table 4)	

FC	REG	Content Description	R/W	Content Definition		
				Value	Meaning	Range
03/06	40012	Special #2	R/W		Function dependent on value of 40006 (See Special Register Table 4)	
03	40013	Special #3	R		Function dependent on value of 40006 (See Special Register Table 4)	
03/06	40014	Special #4	R/W		Function defendant on value of 40006 (See Special Register Table 4)	
03	40015	Calibration Status	R	0x0000 0x0001 0x0002 0x0003 0x0004	Idle Zero Calibration Started Span Calibration Started Span Set Span Calibration Unsuccessful	
06	40015	Calibration Enable	W	0x0001 0x0002 0x0008 0x0009 0x000A 0x000B	Set Zero Set Span Signal simulation mode Set FP Bridge Voltage Set TP Heater Power Set IR Gain	
03	40016	Read Text 1, first char in L	R		Two Char of Gas/Units String <sup>6</sup>	
03	40017	Read Text 2	R		Two Char of Gas/Units String <sup>6</sup>	
03	40018	Read Text 3	R		Two Char of Gas/Units String <sup>6</sup>	
03	40019	Read Text 4	R		Two Char of Gas/Units String <sup>6</sup>	
03	40020	Read Text 5, last char in H	R		Two Char of Gas/Units String <sup>6</sup>	
03	40021	Text null terminator in L	R		Two Char of Gas/Units String <sup>6</sup>	

Integer ranges from 1 all the way to 10,000.

<sup>2</sup> Units are determined by “units” field in the “notation” string

<sup>3</sup> Gas Reading times one (*x 1*) with units in notation string for “Low Range” = 0. Gas Reading times one (*x 10*) with units in notation string for “Low Range” = 1. Gas Reading times one (*x 100*) with units in notation string for “Low Range” = 2.

<sup>4</sup> Span Gas must be less than or equal to Detectable Range and is usually about ½ of it.

<sup>5</sup> Fault status bits self-reset when fault clears

<sup>6</sup> Text in ASCII, in order L byte, H byte, L byte... See field descriptions of notation string.

### Gas/Units String

Character #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Description	Units			0x20	Gas Type						0x00

Units – This field is ‘PPM’, ‘PPB’, or ‘\_ \_ %’ (where ‘\_’ is a space, 0x20).

0x20 – The units field is terminated with an ASCII space (0x20)

Gas Type – This field contains the gas type of the cell. Any ASCII string is permissible

0x00 – The notation string is terminated with an ASCII null character

**Table 4** Modbus™ Special Registers

REG	DM (40006 = 1)	FP (40006 = 2)	IR (40006 = 3)	TP (40006 = 4) <sup>1</sup>	PI (40006 = 5)
40011	Low Range= 0, 1, 2 0: Range >25 (0 decimal place) 1: Range 10-25 (1 decimal place) 2: Range <10 (2 decimal place)	Gas Factor (R/W) <b>Range = 79 to 565</b>	Gas Factor (R/W) <b>Range = 20 to 565</b>	Heater Power (mW) (R/W)	Low Range= 0, 1, 2 0: Range >25 1: Range 10-25 2: Range <10
40012	0x8XXX Positive Polarity Cell 0x0XXX Negative Polarity Cell 0xX000 Bias = 0mV 0xX096 Bias = 150mV 0xX0C8 Bias = 200mV 0xX12C Bias = 300mV	Cal Factor (R/W) <b>Range = 79 to 565</b>	Active Counts	Heater Voltage (mV)	0x8XXX Positive Polarity Cell 0x0XXX Negative Polarity Cell 0xX096 Bias = 0mV 0xX0C8 Bias = 150mV 0xX12C Bias = 200mV Bias = 300mV
40013	Gain Code (integer between 0 & 15)	Bridge Current (mA)	Reference Counts	Sensor Resistance (x100 Ω)	Gain Code
40014	Raw Counts 0-0xFFFF (0x8000 = nominal 0)	Bridge Voltage (mV) <b>(Read only)</b>	Range Divisor 1,10,100, or 1000	Heater Current (mA)	Raw Counts

<sup>1</sup> Only possible ranges are 20, 50, 100, 200. Modbus register 40001 will contain either 20, 50, 100, or 200, range divisor is not necessary.

## 5. Service and Maintenance

**NOTE:** It is recommended for end-users to read and reference the procedures described in IEC 60079-29-2 for guidance on the proper installation, operation, and servicing of this type of combustible gas detectors.

### 5.1 Calibration Frequency

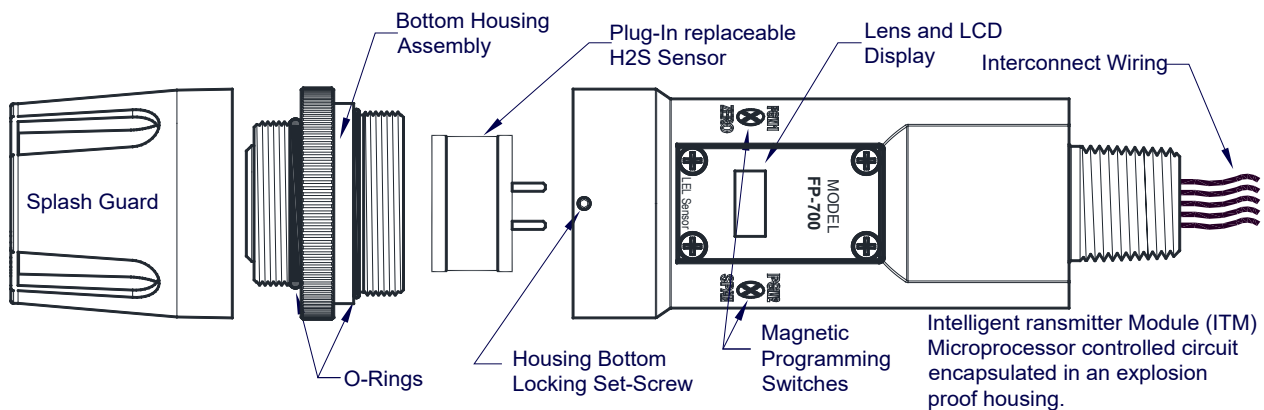
In most applications, quarterly to biannual zero and span calibration intervals will assure reliable detection. However, industrial environments differ. Upon initial installation and commissioning, close frequency tests should be performed, weekly to monthly. Test results should be recorded and reviewed to determine a suitable calibration interval.

### 5.2 Visual Inspection

The Sensor should be inspected annually. Inspect for signs of corrosion, pitting, and water damage. During visual inspection, the Splash Guard should be inspected to insure that it is not blocked. Examine the porous 316SS flame arrestor within the sensor's bottom housing for signs of physical blockage or severe corrosion. Also, inspect inside the Junction Box for signs of water accumulation or Terminal Block corrosion.

### 5.3 Condensation Prevention Packet

A moisture condensation packet should be installed in every explosion proof Junction Box. The moisture condensation prevention packet will prevent the internal volume of the J-Box from condensing and accumulating moisture due to day-night humidity changes. This packet provides a critical function and should be replaced annually. Detcon's PN is 960-202200-000.



**Figure 18** Sensor Assembly

## 5.4 Replacement of Plug-in Combustible Gas Sensor



**Caution:** Hazardous areas must be declassified before opening the junction box or removing and replacing the plug in sensor

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- a) Open the junction box and remove power to FP-700 sensor by lifting the + 24VDC wire in J-Box
  - b) Use a M1.5 Allen wrench to release the locking setscrew that locks the ITM and bottom housing together (One turn will suffice – Do not remove setscrew completely).
    - 04) Remove splashguard. Unthread and remove the Bottom Housing from the ITM.
    - 04) Gently pull the plug-in combustible gas sensor out of the ITM. Orient the new plug-in sensor so that it matches with the female connector pins. It may be necessary to look from below to assure alignment is correct. When properly aligned, press the sensor in firmly to make the proper connection.
    - 04) Thread the Bottom Housing onto the ITM to a snug fit and tighten the locking setscrew using the M1.5 Allen wrench. Reinstall the splashguard.
    - 04) With the new plug-in sensor physically installed, two menu functions are required to be performed. 1) The Set Bridge Voltage function must be performed to match the new sensor with the ITM (Section 3.5.6). 2) Perform a successful AutoZero and AutoSpan to match the new sensor with the ITM (Section 3.4).

## 5.5 Replacement of ITM



**Caution:** Hazardous areas must be declassified before opening the junction box or removing and replacing the ITM

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- 04) Open the junction box and remove power to FP-700 sensor by lifting the + 24VDC wire in J-Box
  - 04) Use a wrench and loosen the locking nut at the top of the ITM and unthread the ITM from the junction box.
  - 04) Use a M1.5 Allen wrench to release the locking setscrew that locks the ITM and bottom housing together (One turn will suffice – Do not remove setscrew completely).
  - 04) Remove splashguard. Unthread and remove the Bottom Housing from the ITM.
  - 04) Gently pull the plug-in combustible gas sensor out of the ITM and set it aside along with the bottom housing and splashguard. Orient the plug in sensor so that it matches with the female connector pins on the new ITM and press the sensor in firmly to make proper connection.
  - 04) Thread the bottom housing onto the ITM until snug, tighten the locking setscrew and reconnect splashguard.
  - g) Feed the sensor assembly wires through the 3/4" female NPT mounting hole and thread the assembly into the J-box until tight and the ITM lens faces toward the front access point. Connect the sensor assembly wires inside J-Box (Refer to Section 2.6, and Figure 14).

g) Perform the following menu functions to adapt to the new ITM: Set Bridge Voltage (Section 3.5.6), Set Serial ID (Section 3.5.6), Set AutoSpan Level (Section 3.5.3), and perform a successful AutoZero and AutoSpan calibration to match the sensor with the ITM (Section 3.4).

## 5.6 Replacement of FP-700 Sensor Assembly



**Caution:** Hazardous areas must be declassified before removing the junction box cover or replacing the sensor assembly

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- a) Disconnect all sensor wire connections at the J-Box, after removing power source.
  - b) Use a wrench and loosen the locking nut at the top of the ITM and unthread the ITM from the junction box.
- 04) Feed the new FP-700 sensor assembly wires through the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " female NPT mounting hole and thread the assembly into the J-box until tight and the ITM lens faces toward the front access point. Connect the sensor assembly wires inside J-Box (Refer to Section 2.6, and Figure 14).
  - 04) FP-700 sensors are factory calibrated. However, they will require an initial AutoZero and AutoSpan (Section 3.4). They must also be configured per customer specific application requirements.

## 6. Troubleshooting Guide

Refer to the list of Failsafe Diagnostic features listed in Section 3.6.2 for additional reference in troubleshooting activities. Listed below are some typical trouble conditions and their probable cause and resolution path.

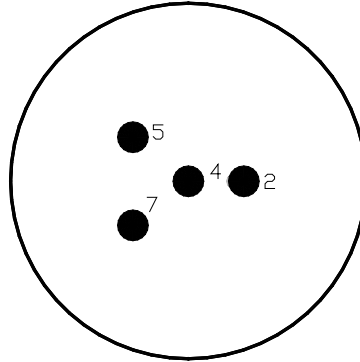


Figure 19 Plug-in Sensor (Bottom View)

### Open Sensor Fault

Probable Cause: Plug-in sensor has failed.

Remove plug-in sensor and verify resistance between PIN 4 and PIN 5 and PIN 4 and PIN 2 using an ohmmeter. At room temperature, the normal reading range should be 2.5-3.5 ohms for both catalytic beads.

Replace plug-in sensor if either measurement is open circuit or significantly out-of range.

### Zero Fault

Probable Causes: Plug-in sensor has drifted.

- Perform AutoZero calculation per Section 3.4
- Replace the plug-in sensor.

### AutoSpan Calibration Faults – (Range, Stability and Clearing)

To clear any AutoSpan Calibration fault, the AutoSpan process must be completed successfully.

### Range Fault

Probable Causes: Failed Sensor, Cal Gas not applied or not applied at appropriate time, or problems w/ cal gas and delivery.

- Check Bridge Voltage (should be 2.7 +/- 0.2VDC).
- Check validity of span gas and flow rate (check MFG date on cal cylinder).
- If using Splashguard with Integral Cal Port, must use Calibration Wind Guard or air movement can compromise span gas delivery.
- Make sure correct Cal Factor is set
- Check for obstructions through stainless steel sinter element (including being wet).
- Replace the plug-in sensor.

### Stability Fault

Probable Causes: Failed Sensor, empty or close to empty Cal Gas Cylinder, or problems w/ cal gas and delivery.

- Check Bridge Voltage (should be 2.7 +/- 0.2VDC).
- Check validity of span gas and flow rate (check MFG date on cal cylinder).
- If using Splashguard with Integral Cal Port, must use Calibration Wind Guard or air movement can compromise span gas delivery.
- Make sure correct Cal Factor is set
- Check for obstructions through stainless steel sinter element (including being wet).
- Replace the plug-in sensor.

### Clearing Fault

Probable Causes: Failed Sensor, Cal Gas not removed at appropriate time, problems w/ cal gas and delivery, or Background combustible gases preventing clearing.

- Confirm that no combustible gasses are present in background.
- Check Bridge Voltage (should be 2.7 +/- 0.2VDC).
- Check validity of span gas and flow rate (check MFG date on cal cylinder).
- Make sure correct Cal Factor and Gas Factor is set
- Check for obstructions through stainless steel sinter element (including being wet).
- Replace the plug-in sensor.

### Poor Calibration Repeatability

Probable Causes: Failed Sensor, use of wrong Cal Gas, problems w/ cal gas and delivery, or Poison or Inhibitor Gases.

- Check for adequate Sensor Life.
- Check Bridge Voltage (should be 2.7 +/- 0.2VDC).
- Check validity of span gas and flow rate (check MFG date on cal cylinder).
- Check for obstructions through stainless steel sinter element (including being wet).
- Evaluate area for presence of poisoning or inhibiting gases as listed in Section 2.3.
- Increase calibration frequency.
- Note the sensor's serial # and report repetitive problems to Detcon's Repair Department.
- Replace plug-in sensor.

### Unstable Output/ Sudden spiking

Possible Causes: Unstable power supply, inadequate grounding, or inadequate RFI protection.

- Verify Power source is stable.
- Verify field wiring is properly shielded and grounded.
- Contact Detcon to optimize shielding and grounding.

### Nuisance Alarms

- Check conduit for accumulated water and abnormal corrosion on terminal blocks.
- If nuisance alarms are happening at night, suspect condensation in conduit.
- Add or replace Detcon's Condensation Prevention Packet P/N 960-202200-000.
- Investigate the presence of any other combustible gases that may be causing sensor response.

### Processor and/or Memory Faults

- Recycle power in attempt to clear problem
- Restore Factory Defaults – This will clear the processor's memory and may correct problem.



- Remember to re-enter all customer settings for range and cal gas level after Restore Factory Defaults.
- If problem persists, replace the Intelligent Sensor Module.

### **Unreadable Display**

- If due to excessive sunlight, install a sunshade to reduce glare.

### **Nothing Displayed – Transmitter not Responding**

- Verify conduit has no accumulated water or abnormal corrosion.
- Verify required DC power is applied to correct terminals.
- Swap with a known-good ITM to determine if ITM is faulty.

### **Faulty 4-20mA Output**

If Sensor has a normal reading with no Faults displayed, and the 4-20 mA signal output is 0mA....

- Check that wiring is properly connected at terminal blocks and through to controller inputs.
- The 4-20mA output loop must be closed to avoid a Loop Fault. If the 4-20mA output is not being used the green wire from the sensor must be connected to the (-) terminal on the Transient Protection Module to ensure that it does not create a 4-20mA Fault. (section 2.6 Field Wiring)
- Perform a “Signal Output Check” sequence via Section 3.5.8 and verify 4-20mA output with Current Meter.
- Swap with new ITM to determine if the ITM’s 4-20mA output circuit is faulty.
- If the 4-20mA current loop is still out of tolerance, contact Detcon at [Detcon-service@teledyne.com](mailto:Detcon-service@teledyne.com), or contact Detcon customer service.

### **No Communication – RS-485 Modbus™**

If unit has a normal reading with no Faults displayed and the Modbus™ is not communicating....

- Verify that the correct (and non-duplicated) serial address is entered (per Section 3.5.6).
- Check that wiring is properly connected at terminal blocks and through to controller inputs.
- Perform a “Signal Output Check” sequence via Section 3.5.8 and troubleshoot wiring.
- Swap with new ITM to determine if the ITM’s serial output circuit is faulty.

## 7. Customer Support and Service Policy

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All Technical Service and Repair activities should be handled by the Detcon Service Department via phone or email at contact information given above. RMA numbers should be obtained from the Detcon Service Department prior to equipment being returned. For on-line technical service help, customers should have the model number/ part number, and serial number of product type in question.

All Sales activities (including spare parts purchase) should be handled by the Detcon Sales Department via phone or email at contact information given above.

### **Warranty Notice**

Teledyne Detcon Inc. warrants the Model FP-700 gas sensor to be free from defects in workmanship of material under normal use and service for two years from the date of shipment on the ITM electronics and for a 2-year period on the plug-in combustible gas sensor. See Warranty details below.

Teledyne Detcon Inc. will repair or replace without charge any such equipment found to be defective during the warranty period. Full determination of the nature of, and responsibility for, defective or damaged equipment will be made by Teledyne Detcon Inc. personnel.

Defective or damaged equipment must be shipped to the Teledyne Detcon Inc. factory or representative from which the original shipment was made. In all cases this warranty is limited to the cost of the equipment supplied by Teledyne Detcon Inc. The customer will assume all liability for the misuse of this equipment by its employees or other contracted personnel.

All warranties are contingent upon the proper use in the application for which the product was intended and does not cover products which have been modified or repaired without Teledyne Detcon Inc. approval, or which have been subjected to neglect, accident, improper installation or application, or on which the original identification marks have been removed or altered.

Except for the express warranty stated above, Teledyne Detcon Inc. disclaims all warranties with regard to the products sold. Including all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness and the express warranties stated herein are in lieu of all obligations or liabilities on the part of Teledyne Detcon Inc. for damages including, but not limited to, consequential damages arising out of, or in connection with, the performance of the product.

## 8. FP-700 Sensor Warranty

### **Plug-in Combustible Gas Sensor Warranty**

Teledyne Detcon Inc. warrants, under normal intended use, each new plug-in combustible gas sensor (PN 370-201600-700). The warranty period begins on the date of shipment to the original purchaser and ends 2 years thereafter. The sensor element is warranted free of defects in material and workmanship. Should any sensor fail to perform in accordance with published specifications within the warranty period, return the defective part to Detcon, Inc., 4055 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, Texas 77381, for necessary repairs or replacement.

#### Terms & Conditions

- \* The original serial number must be legible on each sensor element.
- \* Shipping point is FOB the Detcon factory.
- \* Net payment is due within 30 days of invoice.
- \* Detcon, Inc. reserves the right to refund the original purchase price in lieu of sensor replacement.

### **ITM Electronics Warranty**

Teledyne Detcon Inc. warrants, under intended normal use, each new Model 700 Intelligent Sensor Module to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of shipment to the original purchaser. All warranties and service policies are FOB the Detcon facility located in The Woodlands, Texas.

#### Terms & Conditions

- \* The original serial number must be legible on each ITM.
- \* Shipping point is FOB the Detcon factory.
- \* Net payment is due within 30 days of invoice.
- \* Detcon, Inc. reserves the right to refund the original purchase price in lieu of ITM replacement.

## 9. Appendix

### 9.1 Specifications

Sensor Type:	Continuous diffusion/adsorption type Matched-Pair Catalytic Bead type True plug-in replaceable type
Sensor Life:	3-5 years typical
Measuring Ranges:	0-100% LEL (Lower Explosion Limit) Testing / Specifications based on 100% LEL = 5.00 % by volume methane As referenced in ANSI/NFPA 497 Standard
Accuracy/ Repeatability:	±3% 0-50% LEL; ±5% 50-100% LEL
Response/Clearing Time:	*T50 < 10 seconds, T90 < 30 seconds *Test Results confirmed using CSA Response Time Flusher Test Apparatus. Results are for methane gas only. Specified response times represent FP-700 detector only and do not reflect use when combined with other Control Units.
Zero Drift:	<5% per year
Outputs:	Linear 4-20mA DC RS-485 Modbus™ RTU
Electrical Classification:	Explosion proof CSA and US (NRTL) Class I, Division 1, Groups B, C, D (Tamb = -40°C to +75°C) Class I, Zone 1, Group IIB+H2 ATEX Ex d IIB+H2 T4 Gb (Tamb = -40°C to +75°C) EN 60079-0:2012 EN 60079-1:2007 EN 50270:2006
Ingress Protection:	NEMA 4X, IP66  <b>NOTE:</b> NEMA 4X, IP66 ratings have been achieved using PN 613-120000-700 Sensor Splashguard with integral Cal Port. This IP rating does not imply that the detector will accurately detect gas after exposure to IP66 conditions and it is recommended to check/adjust calibration following IP66 exposure events.
Safety Approvals:	cCSA <sub>US</sub> Performance Requirements to ANSI/UL 12.13.01:2013 CE Marking SIL2 Certified to IEC 61508
Warranty:	Plug-in detector – 2 years Transmitter – 2 years

**Environmental Specifications**

Operating Temperature: -40°F to +167F°; -40°C to +75°C  
 Operating Humidity: 0-99% RH (Non-condensing)  
 Operating Pressure: +/- 10% of Ambient Pressure (ie. 13.2 – 16.2 psig)  
 Air Velocity Limits: < 6 meters/second

**Storage Specifications**

Storage Temperature: -40°F to +167F°; -40°C to +75°C  
 Storage Humidity: 0-99% RH (Non-condensing)  
 Storage Pressure: 10 – 16 psig  
 Storage Duration: For detectors and all associated parts – 10 years

**Mechanical Specifications**

Dimensions: Sensor Assembly Only  
 7.8”H x 2.125” Dia.; 198mmH x 54mm Dia.

Stainless Steel Junction Box  
 12.5”H x 6.1”W x 4”D; 317mmH x 155mmW x 101mmD  
 Mounting holes (J-box) 5.5”; 140mm center to center

Aluminum Junction Box  
 13”H x 6.1”W x 4”D; 330mmH x 155mmW x 101mmD  
 Mounting holes (J-box) 5.5”; 140mm center to center

Mini Stainless Steel Junction Box  
 11”H x 4.24”W x 3.5”D; 279mmH x 108mmW x 89mmD  
 Mounting holes (J-box) 3.5”; 89mm center to center

Weight: 2 lbs; 0.907kg (sensor only)  
 6 lbs; 2.72kg (w/aluminum j-box)  
 9 lbs; 4.08kg (w/stainless steel j-box)  
 5 lbs; 2.27kg (w/mini stainless steel j-box)

**Electrical Specifications**

Power Input: 11-30VDC  
 Power Consumption: Normal operation = 68mA (<1.7 watt)  
 Maximum = 85mA (2 watts)  
 Inrush current: 1.0A @ 24V  
 RFI/EMI Protection: Complies with EN50270:2006

Analog Output:	Linear 4-20mA DC current (1000 ohms maximum loop load @ 24VDC) 0mA All Fault Diagnostics 2mA In-Calibration 4-20mA 0-100% full-scale 22mA Over-range condition
Serial Output:	RS-485 Modbus™ RTU
Baud Rate:	9600 BPS (9600,N, 8 ,1 Half Duplex)
Status Indicators:	4-digit LED Display with gas concentration, full-script menu prompts for AutoSpan, Set-up Options, and Fault Reporting
Faults Monitored:	Operating Temperature, Loop, Input Voltage, Bridge Voltage, Zero, Sensor, Processor, Memory, Calibration
Cable Requirements:	Power/Analog: 3-wire shielded cable Maximum distance is 13,300 feet with 14 AWG  Serial Output: 2-wire twisted-pair shielded cable specified for RS-485 use Maximum distance is 4,000 feet to last sensor
I/O Protection:	Over-Voltage, Miss-wiring, EMI/RFI Immunity

## 9.2 Spare Parts, Sensor Accessories, Calibration Equipment

Part Number	Spare Parts
S927-xx0000-xxxx <sup>1</sup>	FP-700 Intelligent Transmitter Module (ITM)
S967-xx0xxx-xxxx <sup>1</sup>	FP-700 ITM with Cell, Lower Housing, and Splashguard Adapter
602-003152-000	Model 700 Housing Bottom Assembly (includes Flame Arrestor)
370-201600-700	Replacement Plug-in Sensor
500-003087-100	Transient Protection PCA
<b>Sensor Accessories</b>	
897-850800-010	NEMA 7 Aluminum Enclosure less cover – 3 port
897-850400-010	NEMA 7 Aluminum Enclosure Cover (Blank)
897-850801-316	NEMA 7 316SS Enclosure less cover – 3 port
897-850401-316	NEMA 7 316SS Enclosure Cover (Blank)
613-120000-700	Sensor Splashguard with integral Cal Port ( <b>Included</b> for use in Performance Certificate)
943-002273-000	Harsh Environment Sensor guard ( <b>Not Included</b> for use in Performance Certificate – Will reduce the response time of the unit particularly on Heavy Hydrocarbon gases)
327-000000-000	Programming Magnet
960-202200-000	Condensation prevention packet (for J-Box replace annually)
<b>Calibration Accessories</b>	
943-000000-000	Calibration Wind Guard
943-000006-132	Threaded Calibration Adapter
943-020000-000	Span Gas Kit: Includes calibration adapter, span gas humidifier, 200cc/min fixed flow regulator, and carrying case. (Not including gas).
942-520124-050	Span Gas cylinder: 50% LEL Methane balance air Contains 104 liters of gas and is good for 175 calibrations
942-520124-025	Span Gas cylinder: 25% LEL Methane balance air Contains 104 liters of gas and is good for 175 calibrations
943-090005-502	200cc/min Fixed Flow Regulator for span gas bottle
<b>Recommend Spare Parts for 2 Years</b>	
S927-xx0000-xxxx <sup>1</sup>	FP-700 Intelligent Transmitter Module (ITM)
602-003152-000	Housing Bottom Assembly (includes Flame Arrestor)
370-201600-700	Replacement Plug-in Sensor
500-003087-100	Transient Protection PCA
960-202200-000	Condensation prevention packet (for J-Box replace annually)

<sup>1</sup> Contact Detcon Customer Service for a complete part number

## 10.Revision Log

Revision	Date	Changes made	Approval
2.0	02/29/2008	Previous issue	N/A
2.1	04/25/2011	Removed Teflon note in section 2.5. Added Revision Log Section 10.	LU
2.2	07/11/11	Adding Inrush current information to specifications, drawing for aluminum conduit dimensional	LU
2.3	04/16/12	Changed cable recommendation, updated the Modbus Register Map	LU
2.4	01/07/13	Updated ATEX approvals label, updated EN standards that sensor assembly meets. Updated ATEX listing in specifications	BM
2.5	04/02/13	Updated ATEX installation instructions regarding use of ring terminal for earth ground using screw and lock-washer. Updated guidelines for metric special fasteners used in 700 assembly	BM
2.6	04/05/13	Added 0-50% LEL range	LU
2.7	11/11/13	Updated approvals label, add information on 4-20mA problems	BM
2.8	11/20/13	Correct Modbus™ Register Map	LU
2.9	12/13/13	Updated Field Wiring Section	BM
3.0	02/28/14	Update 4-20mA wiring and Specifications	BM
4.0	06/16/16	Update cert specs, update technical information.	MM
5.0	04/17/18	Updates for ANSI/UL 12.13.01:2013 Performance Testing	BM
5.1	06/05/18	Updated Conduit Seal in Section 2.5	MM
5.2	11/11/19	Updated Company Information	MM



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