

QMA601

Process Moisture Analyzer

Fast, high-precision moisture measurements for hazardous areas.

The next generation Advanced Quartz Crystal Microbalance analyzer from Michell Instruments is designed to provide reliable, fast and accurate measurement of trace moisture content in a wide variety of process applications where keeping moisture levels as low as possible is of critical importance.



Highlights

- Fast and reliable measurement from 0.1 to 2000ppm_v
- Accuracy of ± 0.1 ppm_v at < 1 ppm_v and 10% of reading from 1 to 2000ppm_v
- Maintenance-free for 3 years
- Built-in verification of customer process gas
- IECEx, ATEX, TC-TR Ex certified for Exd flameproof, CSAUs certified for explosion proof
- Intuitive, color HMI with touch-screen keypad; no 'hot work' permit required
- 14 internal alarms
- 21 predefined carrier gases and 3 user-defined gases
- Proven Michell Instruments quality: 40 years of expertise in moisture measurement built into the design

Applications

- Glycol dehydration of natural gas
- Molecular sieve dehydration of natural gas
- Natural Gas transmission and storage
- Refinery catalytic reforming — recycle gas monitoring
- Ethylene and propylene production
- LNG production / revaporization



40 Years of Experience with Moisture Measurement

The control of moisture is critical for the operational safety and efficiency of the plant equipment in upstream through to downstream processes. We at Michell Instruments have been developing expert moisture-sensing instruments and systems for 40 years. Over this time, we have developed the world's largest range of moisture and hydrocarbon dew-point analyzers for the oil, natural gas, refining and power industries. We have gained extensive knowledge of applications in these industries, with thousands of installations in sites across the globe.

Introducing the QMA601 Process Moisture Analyzer

Precision Measurement

- High accuracy with lower detection limit of 0.1 ppm_v
- Wide range of 0.1 to 2000ppm_v
- Sensitivity of 0.01ppm_v

The QMA601 is the result of Michell Instruments' continuous effort to improve Quartz Crystal Microbalance technology. The new analyzer utilizes a new generation of precision crystal oscillators guaranteeing a highly accurate measurement which is completely insensitive to changes in background gas composition.

While other moisture technologies are being stretched at sub-ppm trace moisture levels, the new QMA601 can offer reliability, simplicity and greatly reduced cost of ownership from trusted and proven Quartz Crystal technology.

Reliability

For maximum stability, all critical components of the QMA601 — the moisture generator, sensor and flow control devices — are precisely temperature controlled. This ensures that fluctuations in sample gas or environmental temperature have no influence on the measurement.

The analyzer utilizes a mass flow controller to ensure precise control of the sample and reference gas flows to ± 0.1 ml/min. Coupled with a pressure transducer, this system ensures continued accuracy of measured and calculated parameters even during fluctuations in sample pressure.

Simplicity

Human Machine Interface (HMI)

The QMA601 provides a highly intuitive, menu driven color interface, utilizing a capacitive touch-screen keypad. This powerful HMI makes control, logging and configuration of analyzer parameters very simple. The main display also incorporates real-time trend graphing and alarm indicators based on the NAMUR 102 standard. This allows operation and interrogation of the analyzer in the field with no need for a 'hot work' permit.

Easy Integration into Existing Control Systems

The QMA601 is equipped with two analog outputs, configurable for either current or voltage scaling. It also provides both Modbus RTU Protocol over RS485 and Modbus TCP for easy connection to a SCADA or other user-defined data acquisition system.

Dedicated remote application software is also available.

Integrated Sampling System

The instrument can be supplied with a high quality, in-house designed, sample conditioning system that is optimized for the application, as well as for the requirements of the analyzer.

Reduced Cost of Ownership

Minimum Maintenance

Sophisticated instruments are often complicated and require experience and special care in use, increasing cost of ownership. The QMA601 differs through its very uncomplicated approach to field service; the desiccant dryer is easy to replace via its mounting on the sampling panel. The moisture generator has an average life span of 3 years before replacement is required. The analyzer will therefore perform reliably for many years with just basic maintenance and housekeeping.

Automated Verification

The QMA601 incorporates an automatic or manual verification system that can use either the internal traceable moisture generator or an external reference supplied by the user. Carried out on the process gas flow, these periodic validation-checks of sensor performance can be initiated on demand, or automatically (at user-defined intervals and time of day), providing a verification of analyzer performance and automatically adjusting out any change. The moisture generator at the core of the system is supplied with a calibration traceable to NPL and NIST.

Ease of Installation

Available with a choice of either AC or DC powered versions.* No barrier unit or safety earth are required, saving the user both cost and inconvenience.

*CSAus version 24V DC only

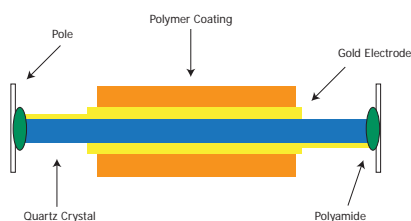
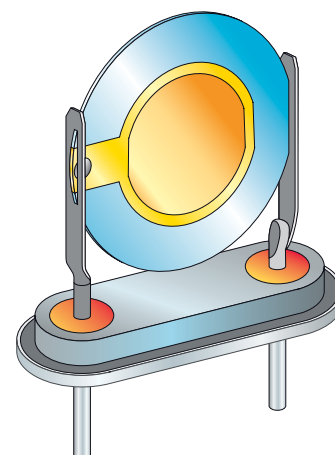
Technology:

Quartz Crystal Microbalance

The Quartz Crystal Microbalance (QCM) technology for moisture measurement is based on monitoring the frequency modulation of a hygroscopic-coated quartz crystal with specific sensitivity to water vapor.

Bulk adsorption of water vapor onto the coated crystal causes an increase in effective mass. This change in mass modifies the oscillation frequency in a very precise and repeatable manner and the frequency change is in direct proportion to the water vapor pressure. The moisture concentration can therefore be measured as a change in the oscillation frequency, with respect to a reference crystal.

The sorption process is fully reversible with no long-term drift effect, giving a highly reliable and repeatable measurement.



The QMA601 Process Moisture Analyzer is designed to provide highly reliable, fast and accurate measurement of moisture content in a wide variety of carrier gases. Utilizing Quartz Crystal Microbalance technology, the analyzer incorporates automatic (or manual) verification using an integrated moisture generator reference source and, with its intuitive touch-screen operated color HMI, provides easy operation.

Our products are also backed up by global service and support. With locations on 6 continents and 56 countries, Michell Instruments offers an extensive network of factory trained application engineers ready to analyze your application and deliver the solution. This allows us to assure customer satisfaction throughout the product's lifetime.

If you can't find a product to fit your application contact your local Michell Instruments office, or visit our website www.michell.com/uk - we're here to help.



The Moisture Specialists:

We have the solution for your moisture sensing needs

With 5 proprietary moisture sensing technologies, Michell Instruments will tailor our solutions to best fit the specifics of the your application, as well as the project budget.

Capacitive humidity sensors:

For quick and easy pipeline integrity measurement in low pressure town gas.

Michell Ceramic Sensor technology:

3rd generation of metal oxide for natural gas applications at high pressure (CNG) and economical, easy gas processing applications.

Chilled Mirror:

For precise reference measurements at highest accuracy and NPL or NIST traceability.

Quartz Crystal Microbalance:

For fast, precise measurement at low ranges in changing backgrounds.

TDLAS:

For fast, precise and low maintenance measurement in both sweet and sour gases from 1000ppm_v to 1ppm_v.

Technical Specifications

Measuring technology	Fast Response Quartz Crystal Microbalance
Calibrated range*	0.1 to 700ppm _v
Measurement range	0.1 to 2000ppm _v
Accuracy	±10% of reading from 1 to 2000ppm _v ±0.1ppm _v between 0.1 & 1ppm _v
Repeatability	±5% of the reading from 1 to 2000ppm _v ±0.1ppm _v between 0.1 & 1ppm _v
Limit of detection	0.1ppm _v
Available units	ppm _v , ppm _w , mg/Nm ³ , vapor pressure (Pa), dew point (°C/°F), lb/MMscf
Response speed	T63 <2 mins to step change in either direction T95 <5 mins to step change in either direction*
Automatic calibration	Internal moisture generator source calibrated traceable to NPL & NIST
Sensitivity	0.01ppm _v or 1% of reading, whichever is greater
Electrical Specifications	
Supply voltage	85 to 264 V AC, 47/63Hz or 24 V DC (ATEX / IECEx) 24 V DC only (CSAus)
Alarms	1 x system alarm, volt-free change-over (FORM C) 3 x process alarms, selectable for various parameters, volt-free changeover (FORM C)
Analog signals	2 x 4–20 mA or 1–5 V (selectable) Maximum load resistance 500 Ω for 4–20 mA and minimum load of 1M Ω for 1–5 V
Digital communications	RS485 ModBus RTU Modbus TCP
Data logging	Available on analyzer (Limited number of values) or via Application Software
Local interface	7" colour LCD with intuitive HMI
Electrical connections	M20 entries for cable glands

*Applies only to standard 30-30 second cycle variant. Contact Michell Instruments for further details

Operating Conditions	
Inlet pressure	3 barg (43.5 psig)
Outlet pressure	2 barg (29 psig)
Sample flow	300ml/min total flow
Sample gas temperature	0 to +100°C (+32 to +212°F)
Operating environment	
Analyzer only	+5 to +45°C (+41 to +113°F) up to 90% RH
Analyzer in sampling system	-20 to +55°C (-4 to +131°F) up to 95% RH (fitted with heater/thermostat and/or enclosure cooling as appropriate to maintain +5 to +45°C (+41 to +113°F) internal temperature)
Mechanical Specifications	
Type	GUB Flameproof Exd
Enclosure	
Lid & body	Cast copper-free aluminum LM25 (EN AC-42000), less than 0.6 magnesium
Glass window	Heat resistant, explosion proof, polyester coated, IP66, NEMA 4
Analyzer gas connections	1/8" NPT
Weight	35kg (77lb) without sampling system
Sample system enclosure	316L stainless steel
Certifications	
Hazardous area certifications	
ATEX	II 2 GD Ex d IIB+H2 T6 Gb, Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db, Tamb -40°C to +60°C
IECEX	Ex d IIB+H2 T6 Gb, Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db, Tamb -40°C to +60°C
CSAc	Class I, ZONES, Ex d IIB+H2 T6 Gb, Tamb -20°C to +55°C
CSAus	Class I, Div 1, Group BCD T6, Tamb -25°C to +55°C
TC-TR	1Ex d IIB+H2 T4 Gb X, 1Ex tb IIIC 130°C Db X and 1Ex d IIB+H2 T3 Gb X, 1Ex tb IIIC 195°C Db X

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