

# Application Note

## Detectable Gases with Electrochemical Sensors

The following chart indicates the substances presently detectable with the electrochemical sensors.

Table 1 shows all gases directly with a specific sensor.

Table 2 shows other substances which are also detectable by using sensors listed in Table 1.

**Note:** Some compounds (e. g.  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{BCl}_3$ ,  $\text{BBr}_3$ ) can be detected indirectly by using their property to react with the moisture present in the ambient air, thus forming compounds for which a specific sensor is available (e. g.  $\text{HF}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{HBr}$ ). Other gases can be detected by using cross-sensitivities of some of the sensors. The enclosed data are offered solely for consideration, investigation and verification.

Please check the individual technical data sheets of the gas sensors for more detailed information or contact us directly.

**Table 1** Detection of toxic gases

Gas	Formula	Sensor (ppm)
Ammonia	$\text{NH}_3$	$\text{NH}_3$
Arsine	$\text{AsH}_3$	$\text{AsH}_3$
Carbon Monoxide	$\text{CO}$	$\text{CO}$
Chlorine	$\text{Cl}_2$	$\text{Cl}_2$
Chlorine Dioxide	$\text{ClO}_2$	$\text{ClO}_2$
Diborane	$\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$	$\text{AsH}_3$
Fluorine	$\text{F}_2$	$\text{F}_2$
Germane	$\text{GeH}_4$	$\text{GeH}_4$
Hydrazine	$\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$	$\text{N}_2\text{H}_4$
Hydrogen Bromide	$\text{HBr}$	$\text{HCl}$
Hydrogen Chloride	$\text{HCl}$	$\text{HCl}$
Hydrogen Fluoride	$\text{HF}$	$\text{HF}$
Hydrogen Sulfide	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$
Nitric Oxide	$\text{NO}$	$\text{NO}$
Nitrogen Dioxide	$\text{NO}_2$	$\text{NO}_2$
Ozone	$\text{O}_3$	$\text{O}_3$
Phosgene	$\text{COCl}_2$	$\text{COCl}_2$
Phosphine	$\text{PH}_3$	$\text{PH}_3/\text{AsH}_3$
Silane	$\text{SiH}_4$	$\text{SiH}_4$

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**Table 2** Toxic Gases detectable with sensors from *Table 1*

Gas	Formula	Sensor (ppm)
Acetaldehyde	CH <sub>3</sub> CHO	CO
Arsenic Trichloride	AsCl <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Arsenic Trifluoride	AsF <sub>3</sub>	HF
Arsenic Pentafluoride	AsF <sub>5</sub>	HF
Boron Trichloride	BCl <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Boron Tribromine	BBr <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Boron Trifluoride	BF <sub>3</sub>	HF
Butanethiol	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> SH	TBM
Carbonyl Fluoride	COF <sub>2</sub>	HF
Chlorine Dioxide <sup>2</sup>	ClO <sub>2</sub>	ClO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>
Chlorine Trifluoride	ClF <sub>3</sub>	ClO <sub>2</sub> , HF
Dichlorosilane	SiH <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	HCl
Disulfur Decafluoride	S <sub>2</sub> F <sub>10</sub>	HF
Disulfur Dichloride	S <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	HCl
Formic Acid	HCOOH	CO
Germanium Chloride	GeCl <sub>4</sub>	HCl
Iodine <sup>2</sup>	I <sub>2</sub>	Cl <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>
Isopropanol <sup>2</sup>	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHOH	CO w/o Filter
Methanol <sup>2</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	CO w/o Filter
Phosphorous Trichloride	PCl <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Phosphorous Pentachloride	PCl <sub>5</sub>	HCl
Phosphoryl Chloride	POCl <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Silicon Tetrachloride	SiCl <sub>4</sub>	HCl
Stibin <sup>2</sup>	SbH <sub>3</sub>	AsH <sub>3</sub> 3E
Thiophene	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> S	THT
Tin Tetrabromide	SnBr <sub>4</sub>	HBr
Tin Tetrachloride	SnCl <sub>4</sub>	HCl
Tin Tetrafluoride	SnF <sub>4</sub>	HF
Titanium Tetrachloride	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	HCl
Trichlorosilane	SiHCl <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Trichlorotriazine	C <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	HCl
Trifluorotriazine	C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub>	HF

1) TRK-Values (Technical Concentration Limits)

2) MAK or TLV-TWA monitoring

**Table 3** Detection of explosive gases

Gas	Formula	LEL	Sensor
Ethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH	3.28	H <sub>2</sub>
Hydrogen	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2.75	H <sub>2</sub>

