

# Product Specification

## **tSENSE VAV**

CO<sub>2</sub>-, Temperature- and RH-  
transmitter with colour touch display



### **General**

**tSENSE VAV** is an advanced and versatile 3-in-1 transmitter designed for installation in the air-conditioned zone. It measures CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, temperature and humidity in the ambient air accurately without need for additional compensation – true read. The data transmits to a BMS system or stand-alone controller using industry standard output signals and communication protocols.

Complies with ASHRAE standard 189.1  
(±50ppm @ 1000ppm of measured CO<sub>2</sub> value)

## Key technical specification

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| <b>Item</b> | <i>t</i> SENSE VAV |
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### General performance

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| <b>Operating environment</b>               | Residential, and commercial spaces <sup>1</sup>  |
| <b>CO<sub>2</sub> measurement range</b>    | 0–2000ppm <sub>vol.</sub>  |
| <b>Temperature measurement range</b>       | 0–50°C   |
| <b>Relative humidity measurement range</b> | 0–100%RH   |
| <b>Storage environment</b>                 | Non condensing, non-corrosive environment  |
| <b>Storage temperature range</b>           | -30–70°C   |
| <b>Communication</b>                       | Modbus (MB) or BACnet (BAC) protocol over RS485  |
| <b>Linear analogue outputs</b>             | Voltage 0–10V.   |
| <b>Digital output</b>                      | Relay  |
| <b>Warm up time</b>                        | ≤1min. (@ full specs 15min)  |
| <b>Life expectancy</b>                     | >15 years  |
| <b>Self-Diagnostics</b>                    | Complete function check, red LED and LCD error indication (display model)                                |
| <b>Display</b>                             | Configurable colour LCD with CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm), Temperature (°C) and Humidity (%RH)                  |
| <b>Maintenance</b>                         | Maintenance-free by using Senseair® ABC algorithm ( <i>Automatic Baseline Correction</i> ). <sup>2</sup> |

### CO<sub>2</sub> measurement

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| <b>Operating principle</b>             | Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR)   |
| <b>Sampling method</b>                 | Diffusion  |
| <b>Response time (T<sub>1/e</sub>)</b> | <3 min diffusion time  |
| <b>Measurement period</b>              | 15s  |
| <b>Measurement range</b>               | 0–2000ppm <sub>vol</sub>   |
| <b>Accuracy</b>                        | ±50ppm @ (1000ppm <sub>vol</sub> , 17–28°C and 30–60%RH)<br>Typical full range: ±30ppm ±3% of measured <sup>3, 4</sup> |
| <b>Pressure dependence</b>             | +1.58% reading per kPa deviation from normal pressure<br>101.3kPa  |

<sup>1</sup> SO<sub>2</sub> enriched environments excluded

<sup>2</sup> ABC is enabled in default configuration

<sup>3</sup> Accuracy is specified over operating temperature range 0–50°C and relative humidity 0–95%RH non condensing at normal pressure 101.3 kPa. Specification is referenced to certified calibration mixtures. Uncertainty of calibration gas mixtures (±1% currently) is to be added to the specified accuracy for absolute measurements.

<sup>4</sup> Accuracy is defined after minimum three weeks of continuous operation with ABC enabled (default configuration)

## Temperature measurement

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| <b>Operating principle</b>              | Bandgap temperature sensor            |
| <b>Temperature measurement range</b>    | 0–50°C                                |
| <b>Temperature measurement accuracy</b> | ±0.5°C (@ 17–28°C), ±1.0°C (@ 0–50°C) |
| <b>Repeatability</b>                    | ±0.25°C (@ 17–28°C)                   |
| <b>Response time</b>                    | <6min (Air velocity of 0.15m/s)       |
| <b>Measurement period</b>               | 15s                                   |

## Relative humidity measurement

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Operating principle</b>                    | Capacitive humidity sensor      |
| <b>Relative humidity measurement range</b>    | 0–100%RH                        |
| <b>Relative humidity measurement accuracy</b> | ±5%RH (@ 20–80%RH)              |
| <b>Hysteresis</b>                             | ±1%RH (@ 20–80%RH)              |
| <b>Annual drift</b>                           | <±0.5%RH                        |
| <b>Repeatability</b>                          | ±0.25°C (@ 17–28°C)             |
| <b>Response time</b>                          | <6min (Air velocity of 0.15m/s) |
| <b>Measurement period</b>                     | 15s                             |

## Electrical / Mechanical

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| <b>Power supply</b>                                | 12VDC, 24VDC, or 24VAC ±20%, 50/60Hz   |
| <b>Power consumption</b>                           | <0.6W  |
| <b>Peak power consumption</b>                      | <2W  |
| <b>Wiring connections</b>                          | Screw terminal, max 1.5mm <sup>2</sup><br>Containing: Power, GND, Out1, Out2, Out3, RS485, and passive temperature or relay (just one of them can be available). |
| <b>Dimensions</b>                                  | 125 x 85 x 22 mm (Length x Width x Height)   |
| <b>Dimensions display</b>                          | 49 x 37 mm (Length x Width)  |
| <b>Linear analogue outputs protection</b>          | PTC-fuses (auto reset), short-circuit safe   |
| <b>Linear analogue outputs conversion accuracy</b> | ±2% of reading ±20mV   |
| <b>Linear analogue outputs signal</b>              | Voltage output 0–10V, R <sub>out</sub> <100Ω, Load: >5kΩ   |
| <b>Linear analogue outputs resolution</b>          | 10-bits, 10mV steps, 0.1% steps of full ppm / °C / %RH range   |

Table 1: Key technical specification for *tSENSE VAV*

## Terminal descriptions

The table below specifies terminals and I/O options available on the **tSENSE VAV**

| Functional group | Descriptions and ratings |
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### Power supply

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| G+: | Power supply voltage may be AC or DC. Positive pole of DC power supply shall be connected to G+. Sensor performs half wave rectification of supplied AC voltage. Power supply lines are protected by a varistor and fuse from voltage spikes and over voltage.<br><br>Nominal specification: 12VDC, 24VDC, or 24VAC $\pm$ 20%, 50/60Hz<br>Power consumption: <0.6W |
| G0: | Connected to sensor's ground.<br>Negative pole connection for DC power supply  |

### Outputs

The outputs can be configured with PC software UIP (version 5 or later). See information at [www.senseair.com](http://www.senseair.com)

#### Linear analogue outputs:

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|--|---|
| Out1:<br>CO <sub>2</sub><br>Temperature<br>Relative humidity | Buffered linear output 0–10V<br>600–900ppm <sub>vol</sub><br>22–23°C<br>75–85%RH                            |
| Out2: Temperature (T)  | Buffered linear output 0–10V, corresponds to 0–2000ppm <sub>vol</sub> .<br>Resolution: 10-bits, 10mV steps. |
| Out3: Relative humidity (RH)                                 | Buffered linear output 0–10V, corresponds to 0–50°C.<br>Resolution: 10-bits, 10mV steps.                    |

#### Digital output:

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| Relay (CO <sub>2</sub> ) | On $\geq$ 1000ppm <sub>vol</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> , Off $\leq$ 900ppm <sub>vol</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> .<br>Form C / DPDT, I <sub>max</sub> : 1A/50VAC/24VDC |
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### Serial Communication

|       |                                      |
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| RS485 | Modbus (MB) or BACnet (BAC) protocol |
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Table 1: I/O notations for **tSENSE VAV**

## Maintenance

The **tSENSE VAV** is basically maintenance free. An internal self -adjusting calibration function takes care of normal long term drift associated to the CO<sub>2</sub> sensor. To secure the highest accuracy, a time interval of five years is recommended between CO<sub>2</sub> calibrations, unless some special situations have occurred.

| Calibration option     | CO <sub>2</sub> concentration level             |
|------------------------|---|
| Background calibration | Assuming 400ppm CO <sub>2</sub> sensor exposure |
| Zero Calibration       | Assuming 0ppm CO <sub>2</sub> sensor exposure   |

Table 2: Calibration options for the **tSENSE VAV**

The calibration options can be achieved by Senseair software (UIP5) which can be free downloaded at [www.senseair.com](http://www.senseair.com), or by Modbus communication (more information in document TDE0103 which is available at Senseair website), or using calibration option on tSENSE VAV display (more information in document UMA187 which is available at Senseair website).

**tSENSE VAV** has a manual option to achieve the background calibration by pushing the blue button which you can find in the bottom side of the housing for 15 seconds in fresh air (400ppm CO<sub>2</sub>) more information available in document UMA0176.

## Self-diagnostics

The system contains complete self-diagnostic procedures. A full system test is executed automatically every time the power is turned on. In addition, constantly during operation, the sensor probes are checked against failure by checking the valid dynamic measurement ranges. All EEPROM updates, initiated by the sensor itself, as well as by external connections, are checked by subsequent memory read back and data comparisons. These different system checks return error bytes to the system RAM. The error codes are available by Modbus / BACnet protocols on RS485. Out of Range is the only bit that is resets automatically after return to normal state. All other error bits should be reset manually after return to normal by power off/on.

## Sensor error codes and action plan

| Bit # | Error code   | Error description  | Suggested action  |
|-------|--|--|---|
| 0     | <b>CO<sub>2</sub> sensor: com error</b>                    | Not able to communicate with CO <sub>2</sub> sensor module.  | Restart the sensor by power OFF – power ON.<br>Contact local distributor.   |
| 1     | <b>CO<sub>2</sub> sensor: CO<sub>2</sub> measure error</b> | CO <sub>2</sub> measurement error.   | Background calibration (for more details please read page 17 in UMA187 document which you can find at Senseair website).<br>Contact local distributor.<br>See note 1! |
| 2     | <b>CO<sub>2</sub> sensor: temperature measure error</b>    | Temperature measurement error.   | Restart the sensor by power OFF – power ON.<br><br>Contact local distributor  |
| 3     | <b>RH/T sensor: com error</b>                              | Not able to communicate with RH/T sensor module  |   |
| 4     | <b>RH/T sensor: RH measure error</b>                       | RH measurement error   |   |
| 5     | <b>RH/T sensor: T measure error</b>                        | Temperature measurement error, sensor will use CO <sub>2</sub> sensor temperature is RH/T temperature is unavailable, S_Temp will be set to NTC_Temp |   |
| 6     |  |  |   |
| 7     |  |  |   |
| 8     | <b>Output configuration error</b>                          | Error in output configuration, output is still updated.  | Check connection and loads of outputs.<br>Check detailed settings and configuration with UIP software ver.5 or higher.<br><br>Contact local distributor.              |
| 9     | <b>Memory error</b>  | One or several bytes of sensors parameters memory (settings) are corrupt   | Restart the sensor by power OFF – power ON.<br>Contact local distributor.   |

Table 3: Sensor error codes and action plan

**Note 1.** Any probe is out of range. Occurs, for instance, during over-exposure of CO<sub>2</sub> sensor, in which case the error code will automatically reset when the measurement values return to normal. It can also indicate the need of zero calibration. If the CO<sub>2</sub> readings are normal, and still the error code remains, any other sensor probe mounted (if any) can be defect, or the connection to this probe is broken.

**Remark:** If several errors are detected at the same time the different error code numbers will be added together into one single error code!

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