# **SENSIT® HXG-3P**

Combustible Gas Detector INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Read and understand instructions before use.

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# Warning:

To reduce the risk of ignition of a flammable atmosphere, batteries must only be changed in an area known to be nonflammable.

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# **ACCESSORIES AND PARTS**

# Standard Accessories (included)

Carrying Case A0152 Duracell #PC1400 Battery P014015
Wrist Strap PHXG0350 Varta #4914 Battery P014015-VARTA
Instruction Manual IHXG30500P-ATEX

# **Optional Accessories and Parts**

Extension Adapter ASG0150
Printer AJN02021
PC Interface with Software AJN02033-PCIS

Calibration Kit C0158-P LEL Sensor P17005

## **NOTICE**

CAUTION: This safety symbol is used to indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

**WARNING:** This safety symbol is used to indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in serious injury.

The Sensit® HXG-3P is designed to detect combustible gases. Sensit® HXG-3P instruments incorporate an internal sampling pump with an advanced low power semiconductor sensor to measure combustible gases in LEL (Lower Explosive Limit) range. All measurements are displayed simultaneously in 0.1% LEL and 10ppm increments (resolution). A LEL only version is available upon special request. An automatically backlit display shows all gas concentrations being measured. LEDs located on the front of the instrument indicate preset visual warnings of increased gas concentration.

Audible and visual alarms warn the operator of hazardous conditions being sensed. The preset alarms are indicated by a red flashing LED, display indicator and alarm sound. The combustible gas alarm is preset at 50% LEL (2.5% methane).

The **Sensit® HXG-3P** instrument is approved for the ATEX Directive EN60079-0:2004 & EN60079-11:2007 when used with *Duracell<sup>TM</sup>* PC1400 or *VARTA#* 4914 Alkaline cells.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS				
TYPE	RESOLUTION	RANGE	ACCURACY	
PPM	10ppm	0-50,000ppm	±10%	
LEL	0.1%	0-100%	±10%	

# PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Size: 292 x 76 x 69 mm (11.5" x 3" x 2.32")

Weight: 1.2 lbs.

Operational Temp: -20 to 40°C (-4 to 104° F)

Battery Life-Alkaline: Approximately 12 hrs. continuous



**Sensit® HXG-3** instruments are constructed of durable Nylon 66 plastic to withstand the rigors of field use.

Incorporated in the hand grip area is the battery compartment. All **Sensit® HXG-3** instruments require 3 "C" type alkaline batteries. *Duracell PC1400* batteries provide approximately 12 hours of continuous use. A thumbwheel is located on the right side of the instrument to activate the audible tick sound that helps in locating the source of a gas leak. This tick is generated by using specialized circuitry in combination with the LEL sensor located at the end of the gooseneck assembly.

The tick can be easily heard with the speaker located in the back of the instrument.

The Infrared Communication window is located on the right side to allow the **Sensit® HXG-3P** instrument to download: calibration data; communicate with Smart-Cal Calibration Station; communicate withPCI-2s computer Interface and to download readings the operator has elected to save to the instrument's onboard memory.

A flexible gooseneck is used to assist in locating the source of gas leaks and remote sampling.

A two line display continuously updates the operator of all available gas concentrations and alarms simultaneously as well as indicates battery power. Below the display is a series of LEDs that are preset to indicate combustible gas concentrations. During an alarm condition the red LED on the right side will flash and an audible warning will sound.

There are 3 operational button pads on the front of all **Sensit® HXG-3** instruments.

- POWER/MUTE BUTTON (A): Operate the POWER and MUTE feature and exit menu items.
- MENU BUTTON (B): Use to enter, change and select menu items.
- SAVE/ZERO BUTTON (C): Use save data feature, zero sensor, scroll and change menu items.

# **Combustible Gas Sensor**

All **Sensit® HXG-3** instruments incorporate a highly sensitive semiconductor type sensor. The function and accuracy of the sensor are monitored and controlled by specialized circuitry and a microprocessor. This sensor is capable of measuring concentrations of 10ppm of methane (natural) gas up to 100% LEL.

# The Pump

The instrument is equipped with a powerful and efficient rotary vane pump. A water/dirt filter at the end of the gooseneck protects the pump. An additional internal filter protects the pump if the external filter is missing or damaged. Audible and visual indicators alert for insufficient flow conditions

# BATTERY INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT

⚠ WARNING: Always change batteries in an environment free of combustible gases.

⚠WARNING: Do not mix batteries of different type or age. Battery replacement is necessary when the display reads BAT LOW, an audible alarm sounds and the green ready LED flashes. When the instrument remains in BAT LOW, a countdown will appear starting at 300 seconds (5 minutes) which is the maximum time remaining to shutdown.

Remove the battery sleeve cover by removing the battery sleeve screw with a T-8 screwdriver. Depress the locking tab on the front of the handle with a coin or flat object and pull the battery sleeve handle away from the top or display area of the instrument.

Place 3 approved batteries into the battery holder. For best results hold the battery compartment so that it lays in one hand. (Continued on page 6)

With the other hand install the battery that goes toward the front first, the battery that is in contact with the rear spring second and finally insert the third battery in the center by forcing the second battery such that the spring compresses and allows the batteries to go into place.

If you do not use your hand to hold the bottom of the battery compartment the batteries can come out. Observe the polarity markings on the inside of the battery holder for proper battery installation. Improper installation will cause the instrument not to operate. Replace the battery sleeve and allow the locking tab to snap into position. Replace the battery sleeve retaining screw.

**NOTE:** Improper battery installation will disable the instrument. Check to be sure the handle is secure to the instrument body by gently pulling the handle away. The handle will remain firmly in place if a proper connection is made.

# ADJUSTABLE FEATURES (FACTORY ONLY)

MENU ITEMS	RANGE	DEFAULT
Session Saves	1-15	6
Alarm-LEL	0-100%	50%
Cal Due Interval	30, 45, 60,	
	90, 180, 360	30 days
Show Session Log*	1-15	6
Warm-up Time	10-30 sec.	20 sec.
Purge Time	1-60 sec.	0 sec.

\* Can be disabled

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# **OPERATION AND USE** continued from page 7

- ⚠ CAUTION: Always start any Sensit® HXG-3 in a gas free environment to insure a proper zero.
- **1.** Push and hold the power button (A) until the display illuminates.
- **2.** If the display fails to illuminate or **BAT LOW** is shown on the display replace the batteries.
- 3. During successful start-up the instrument will display:
  - a. Product name and model version
  - b. System check
  - c. Date and time
  - d. Serial number
  - e. CAL PAST DUE when calibration is overdue
  - f. Warm-up countdown
  - g. AUTOZERO indicating the zeroing of the sensor
  - h. Working display

**NOTE**: If a sensor is completely inoperable or improperly zeroed at start up, the display will show **ERROR LEL** followed by **FAIL**.

**4.** Model 3.33 displays LEL% only. Model 3.37 displays LEL% and ppm. All LEL readings have a resolution of 0.1% LEL or 50ppm methane. All ppm readings have a resolution of 10ppm and are displayed simultaneously with the LEL display.

- **5.** It may be necessary to manually zero the instrument based on company practices and environmental conditions.
- **↑**CAUTION: Zeroing should be done in a gas free environment only.
- **6.** Prior to use, test the integrity of the sensor cap and any probes used for air-tightness. Block the air intake for 4-5 seconds until the display reads "FLOW BLOCKED" and the audible alert is heard. If the instrument does not alarm, change the cap and all "O" ring seals and retest. During flow block the alarm will be heard every two seconds until adequate flow is present.
- 7. When testing high areas or overhead lines the use of the optional extension adapter will allow a broom handle or painters stick to extend the instrument to the area where sensing must be accomplished. This slides onto the battery sleeve and is held in place by the locking nut assembly.
- **8.** When a gas is sensed the display will update. Additionally, a series of LEDs on the front of the instrument will illuminate when the preset concentrations are reached. If an alarm condition exists, based on a preset alarm point, the red (HAZ 3) LED will flash and the alarm will sound.

The preset levels of the LED warning lights are:

Amber LED/Low 5 - 9.9% LEL methane

Red LED/Haz1 10.0 - 24.9% LEL methane Red LED/Haz2 25.0 - 49.9% LEL methane

Red LED/Haz3 50.0 - 100% LEL methane

Caution: These instruments have cross sensitivities to a variety of gases.

- **9.** During an alarm condition (factory default at 50% LEL methane) the display will flash, LED HAZ 3 will flash and an audible alarm will sound indicating a potentially unsafe environment. To disable the audible alarm press and release the mute button (A). To enable the alarm press and release it again.
- 10. To assist in locating the source of small combustible gas leaks or surveying areas outdoors or indoors, rotate the thumbwheel located on the right side of the instrument until a steady ticking sound is heard. Note: There is no warm-up for this feature as it uses the LEL sensor that is already operating. Move the sensor toward the area suspected of leakage. As the sensor moves closer to a leak source the tick will increase. When the tick becomes a steady tone rotate the thumbwheel in a clockwise direction while keeping the sensor in the same position. This will slow down the tick and allow the operator to find a higher concentration using the same procedure. If the tick goes away you have moved away from the leak or there is no more gas present. For best results always use the leak detector prior to using any liquid leak detection fluids as these sensors will detect their presence.
- **11.** At any time the operator may save the readings on the display by pressing the SAVE/ZERO button (C). This will save all readings for download at a later time. The memory is factory set

to store 6 events. This can be adjusted from 1-15 at the factory. The most recent save is first during download.

- **12.** Following Country, Province, State, Municipal and/or Company procedures move to the areas where gas readings are suspected or must be tested. During sampling the respective readings may change. Audible and visual alarms will activate when the preset limits are reached.
- **13.** When being used in dark areas an automatic backlight will illuminate the display.
- **14.** To turn instrument off, push and hold the power button (A) for 5-6 seconds until **POWER DOWN** appears on the display.

# **CALIBRATION CHECK**

To verify the accuracy of any **Sensit® HXG-3P**, it must be exposed to a known concentration of test gas. Any sensor that does not meet the specifications listed in this manual may require calibration or replacement. A calibration check does not update the calibration due date. Full calibration is required to update these times.

A calibration past due message will illuminate during warm-up if calibration has not been performed per your company specified interval. Anytime it is suspected the **Sensit® HXG-3P** is not working properly, check calibration.

The **Sensit® HXG-3P** has several features in the user menu. These include:

PRINT MENU: SESSION LOG - print data that was saved.

CAL LOG - print last 4 successful calibrations.

SMART CAL - access to Smart-Cal Calibration Station.

**CALIBRATION:** Calibrate LEL and access Smart-Cal

Calibration Station.

**POWER OFF:** Set the automatic shut off timer in minutes.

**SET CLOCK:** Set date and time.

**SHOW CAL LOG:** Display last calibration.

SHOW SES LOG: Display saved gas reading data with date

and time.

**BUMP TEST:** Perform automatic test for response to minimum

of 80% of calibrated gas value within 30 seconds. **SMART-CAL:** Access automatic calibration station.

# **PRINT MENU**

From the working display access the user menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. The bottom line will read **PRINT MENU**. Press the MENU button (B) to access the print menu options. Use the SAVE/ZERO button (C) to select the **CAL LOG** or **SESSION LOG**.

At this time prepare the printer. Aim the IR window on the right side of the instrument to the IR receptor on the printer. Position the instrument 6-12" from the IR receptor and press the MENU button (B). Downloading will begin immediately. When the display no longer reads **PRINTING...** use the SAVE/ZERO button

(C) to scroll to another PRINT MENU function. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) will reenter the **USER MENU**. Use the SAVE/ZERO button (C) at this time to scroll to another menu function. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) will return the instrument to the working display.

# **POWER OFF**

From the working display access the menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **POWER OFF**. Press the MENU button (B). Use the SAVE/ZERO button (C) to increase the number of minutes of run time and the MENU button (B) to reduce them. Setting the timer to 0 will cause the unit to always remain on. After adjusting the number, press and release the left button (A) to save the adjustment. Use the SAVE/ZERO button (C) at this time to scroll to another menu function. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) will return the instrument to the working display.

# **SET CLOCK**

From the working display access the user menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **SET CLOCK**. Press the MENU button (B). The day will flash upon entering the **SET CLOCK** option. The SAVE/ZERO button (C) advances to the next item

and the MENU button (B) changes the flashing item. All settings are based on US time and date settings using a 24 hour clock. After adjusting all numbers press and release the POWER/MUTE button (A) to save the adjustment. Use the SAVE/ZERO button (C) at this time to scroll to another menu function in the USER MENU. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) will return the instrument to the working display.

#### **SHOW CAL LOG**

From the working display access the user menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **SHOW CAL LOG**. Press the MENU button (B) and the display will show the last gas calibrated and calibration date. Pressing any button will return the display to the user menu. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) will return the instrument to the working display.

#### **SHOW SES LOG**

From the working display access the user menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **SHOW SES LOG**. Press the MENU button (B). Use the SAVE/ZERO button (C) to scroll to the saved session you wish to review. **SESSION 1** is the most recent data saved. Pressing the MENU button (B) will display the date and time of that session. Pressing the MENU button

(B) again will display the gas reading. Press the POWER/MUTE button (A) to return to **SESSION**(#) and pressing the SAVE/ZERO button (C) will allow you to scroll all previously saved **SESSIONS**. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) 2 times will return you to the **USER MENU**. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) once more returns you to the working display. The number of stored session log saves is factory set at 6. It can store up to 15 by changing a factory setting (contact J And N for instructions).

## **BUMP TEST**

From the working display access the menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **BUMP TEST**. Prepare 50% LEL methane calibration gas for application to the instrument.

Apply calibration gas to the instrument sensor. Press the MENU button (B). The reading must read 80% of calibrated value within 30 seconds. The reading is on the left side and the timer is on the right side of the display.

If the instrument passes, the display will read **BUMP TEST PASSES**, a beep will sound and the unit display will automatically return to the user menu. If the instrument fails, the display will read **BUMP TEST FAILED** and a beep will sound. Repeated bump test failure indicates possible need for instrument repair. Contact J And N for instructions.

At the end of any bump test press the POWER/MUTE button (A) to return to the working display.

# **CALIBRATION**

#### **SMART-CAL**

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From the working display access the menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **SMART CAL**. Place the instrument into the cradle provided on the left side of the Smart-Cal Calibration Station. Attach the tubing from the station to the instrument sensor. Press the MENU button (B). The display will show **SMART CAL Communicating**. Select the test from the Smart-Cal Station to be performed. At the end of the test the instrument will beep 3 times and display **PASS** or **FAIL**. Retry the test if necessary by pressing the proper button on the Smart-Cal Station again. Press and release the POWER/MUTE button (A) to return the working display. Remove the tubing and return instrument to service or send instrument to the proper place for repair per company procedures.

SHORTCUT TO ACCESS SMART-CAL: Place the instrument into the cradle provided on the left side of the Smart-Cal Calibration Station. Attach the tubing from the station to the instrument sensor. While in the working display press the POWER/MUTE button (A) for 2-3 seconds and release. The display will show SMART CAL Communicating. Perform all tests as described in the SMART CAL section.

Calibration is the process of setting the readings of the instrument to equal the value of certified calibration gases.

NOTE: Use of calibration kits other than recommended by J And N may cause inaccurate readings. Repairs are required if any sensor fails to calibrate. Consult J And N for details.

NOTE: When calibrating, the numbers shown on the display represent the numbers seen by the microprocessor and should not be confused with actual gas readings.

# STEP 1

Prior to calibration allow the instrument to operate for 5 minutes in a gas free environment. Manually zero the instrument by pressing and holding the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the display shows **AUTOZERO**. Turn off the tick rate before calibrating.

## STEP 2

From the working display access the user menu by pressing and holding the MENU button (B) until the top line of the display reads **USER MENU**. Press and release the SAVE/ZERO button (C) until the bottom line displays **CALIBRATION**.

# STEP 3

Prepare 50% LEL methane calibration gas for application to the instrument.

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## STEP 4

Apply 50% LEL methane (balance air) and press the MENU button (B) to start the calibration process.

If calibration is successful, the display will flash **DATA SAVED** before automatically returning to the calibration menu. If calibration is unsuccessful, the display will flash **BAD CAL** before automatically returning to the calibration mode. Recalibration is necessary. Pressing the POWER/MUTE button (A) will return the instrument to the working display. Remember to disconnect and shut off the gas supply.

NOTE: Calibration will be based on the last successful calibration. The calibration due date will not be updated until successful calibration has occurred. Any instrument that does not calibrate requires service. Contact J And N for details.

**CAUTION:** This instrument must be only repaired by a factory authorized repair technician.

Your **Sensit® HXG-3** is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years after purchase (excluding sensor, calibration and batteries). If within the warranty period, your instrument should become inoperative from such defects, the unit will be repaired or replaced at our option. This warranty covers normal use and does not cover damage which occurs in shipment or failure which results from alteration, tampering, accident, misuse, abuse, neglect or improper maintenance. Proof of purchase may be required before warranty is rendered. Units out of warranty will be repaired for a service charge. Internal repair or maintenance must be completed by a J And N authorized technician. Violation will void warranty. Units must be returned postpaid, insured and to the attention of the Service Dept. for warranty or repair.

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