

Technical Information

OCS240 and OCS241

Sensors for chlorine dioxide

Amperometric, membrane-covered sensors for installation in the OCA250 assembly



Application

Chlorine dioxide is used for disinfection of water. Its dosing must be carefully controlled to suit the application. Too low a concentration makes the degree of disinfection questionable. Too high a concentration can result in corrosion effects, impairment of taste or skin irritation. The OCS240 and OCS241 sensors are applied for measurement of chlorine dioxide in the following fields:

- Drinking water treatment
- Pool water treatment
- Industrial water treatment

Your benefits

- Minimum flow rate for installation in the OCA250 flow assembly: 30 l/h
- Measurement almost independent of flow rate in the range above 30 l/h
- No zero point calibration necessary. This means complicated installation of an active carbon filter, as in open chlorine dioxide sensors, is not necessary.
- Measured values are not affected by conductivity fluctuation.
- The OCS240 sensor is ready for measurement after a polarisation time of approx. 10 ... 30 minutes. The OCS241 sensor requires 45 ... 90 min.
- Easy membrane replacement thanks to ready-made membrane head
- Recalibration intervals approx. 1 ... 4 months under constant operating conditions
- Back pressure up to 1 bar / 14.5 psi allowed at the outlet

Function and system design

Measuring principle

The concentration of chlorine dioxide is determined according to the amperometric measuring principle. The chlorine dioxide (ClO_2) contained in the medium diffuses through the sensor membrane and is reduced to chloride ions (Cl^-) on the gold cathode. On the silver anode, silver is oxidised to silver chloride. The electron release of the gold cathode and electron acceptance on the silver anode result in a current flow which is proportional to the chlorine dioxide concentration in the medium. This process takes place within a wide pH and temperature range.

The transmitter transforms the current signal into the measuring unit concentration in mg/l.

Function

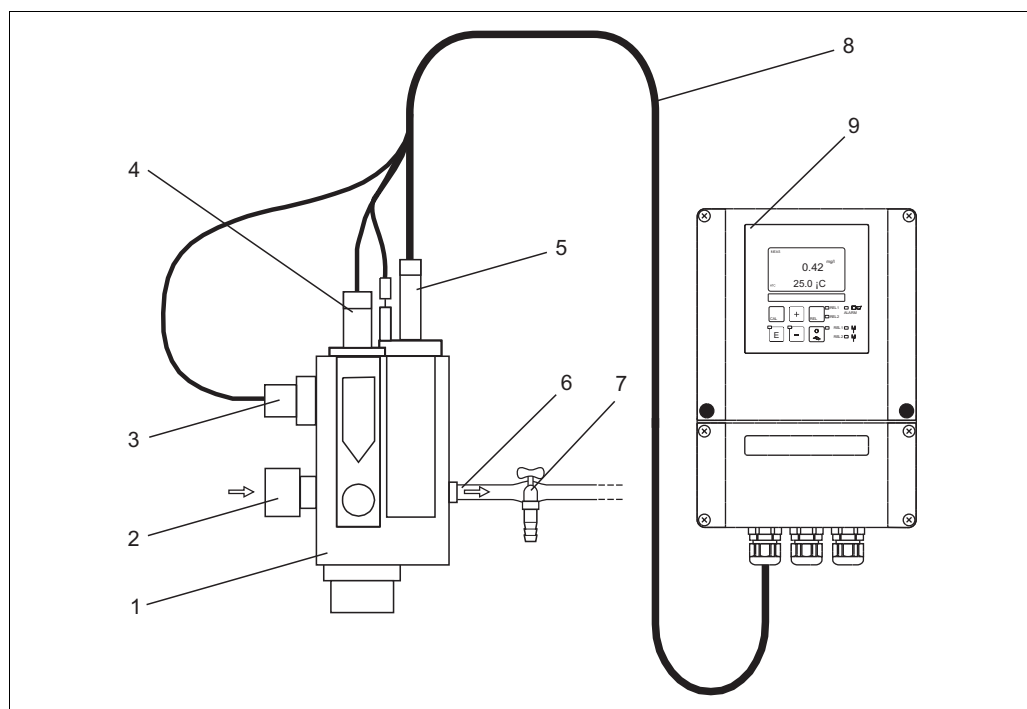
The membrane-capped OCS240 / OCS241 sensors consist of a cathode serving as the working electrode and an anode acting as the counter electrode. These electrodes are immersed in an electrolyte. Electrodes and electrolyte are separated from the medium by a membrane. The membrane prevents the loss of electrolyte and the penetration of contaminants. The OCS240 and OCS241 sensors are used for measurement of chlorine dioxide.

To calibrate the measuring system, determine the content of chlorine dioxide using the DPD method. You need a photometer with the pertaining reagents. The determined value is the calibration value for the transmitter.

Measuring system

A complete measuring system comprises at least:

- Chlorine dioxide sensor
- OCM223/253 transmitter
- Special measuring cable
- Flow assembly
- Reference measuring instrument for determination of chlorine dioxide according to the DPD method



Measuring system in the flow mode (example)

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| 1 | OCA250 flow assembly | 6 | Medium outlet |
| 2 | Medium inlet | 7 | Sampling tap |
| 3 | Inductive proximity switch for flow monitoring | 8 | Fixed measuring cable |
| 4 | Mounting place for pH/redox sensors | 9 | Transmitter |
| 5 | Chlorine dioxide sensor | | |

Input

Measured variable	Chlorine dioxide (ClO ₂)	
Measuring range	OCS240 (for industrial water, pool water):	0.05 ... 20 mg ClO ₂ /l
	OCS241 (for drinking water applications):	0.01 ... 5 mg ClO ₂ /l

Performance characteristics

Response time	T ₉₀ < 2 min T ₉₉ < 5 min	
Polarisation time	OCS240:	
	First polarisation:	30 min
	Repolarisation:	10 min
	OCS241:	
First polarisation:	90 min	
Repolarisation:	45 min	
Drift	< 1.5 % per month	
Electrolyte service life	typically 12 months	

Installation

Installation instructions	<p>The flow assembly OCA250 is designed for on-site installation of the sensor. In addition to the chlorine or chlorine dioxide sensor, a pH and redox sensor can be installed. A needle valve regulates the flow within the range of 30 ... 120 l/h (7.92 ... 31.68 US.gal/h).</p> <p>When installing the sensor, note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The flow must be at least 30 l/h. If the flow drops below this value or stops completely, this can be detected by an inductive proximity switch and an alarm signal plus locking of the dosage pumps can be triggered.• If the medium is fed back into a surge tank, pipeline or the like, ensure that the thus generated back pressure on the sensor does not exceed 1 bar (14.5 psi) and remains constant.• Negative pressure at the sensor, e.g. by feedback of medium to the suction side of a pump, must be avoided. <p>For further installation instructions, see the operating instructions of the flow assembly.</p>
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Environment

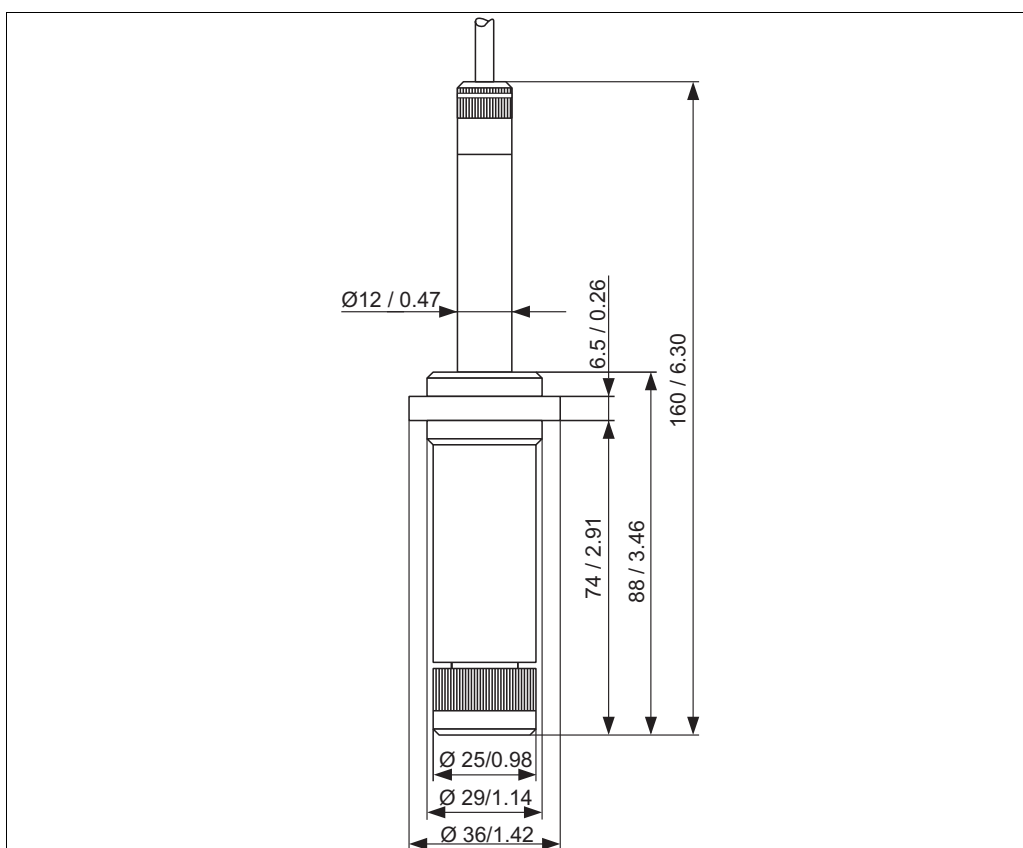
Storage temperature	Filled with electrolyte: 5 ... 50 °C / 41 ... 122 °F Without electrolyte: -20 ... 60 °C / -4 ... 140 °F
Ingress protection	IP 68 (up to the mounting collar Ø 36 mm / 1.42")

Process

Temperature range	2 ... 45 °C / 36 ... 113 °F
pH range	in stability range of ClO ₂
Pressure	Medium in the OCA250 assembly: max. 1 bar (14.5 psi)
Flow	in the OCA250 assembly: min. 30 l/h / 7.92 US.gal./h
Flow velocity	min. 15 cm/s / 0.5 ft/s

Mechanical construction

Dimensions



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Weight	approx. 0.5 kg / 1.1 lb.	
Material	Sensor shaft:	PVC
	Membrane:	PTFE
	Membrane cap:	PBT (GF 30), PVDF
	Cathode:	Gold
	Anode:	Silver / silver chloride
Cable connection	Fixed cable, four cores, double-screened, low noise	
Cable length	max. 30 m / 98.43 ft (cable extension included)	
Temperature sensor	NTC, 10 kΩ at 25 °C / 77 °F	

Ordering information

OCS240 sensor	Version	
	N	with NTC temperature sensor
	Cable length	
	01	1 m / 3.3 ft fixed cable
	03	3 m / 9.8 ft fixed cable
	10	10 m / 32.8 ft fixed cable
OCS240-		complete order code

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Scope of delivery	<p>The scope of delivery comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 chlorine dioxide sensor • 1 bottle filled with electrolyte (50 ml) plus nozzle • 1 membrane cap for protection and storage • 1 replacement cartridge with pretensioned membrane • Operating Instructions, English
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Accessories

Installation accessories

- Flow assembly OCA250 for chlorine, chlorine dioxide, pH and redox;

Connection accessories

- Junction box VBC
Metallic junction box for cable extension, dimensions (W x D x H): 125 x 80 x 54 mm / 4.92 x 3.15 x 2.13 inches
- OMK special measuring cable for cable extension between junction box and transmitter, non terminated, sold by the metre

Transmitter

- OCM223/253
Transmitter for chlorine, field or panel-mounted housing,

Maintenance / calibration

- OCY24-F
Electrolyte for CCS240 / CCS241 chlorine dioxide sensors, 50 ml
- OCY14-WP
2 replacement cartridges ready-made for OCS140/141/240/241 chlorine and chlorine dioxide sensors



