# **High Temperature Zirconia Oxygen Probe**

ZGP2 Series





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<u>^</u>	Warning – Refer to the manual for instructions
<u>A</u>	Caution – Risk of electric shock
	Protective earth (ground) terminal
<u></u>	Earth (ground) terminal

===	Direct current supply only
~	Alternating current supply only
~	Both direct and alternating current supply
	The equipment is protected through double insulation

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- 5. Chemicals must be stored away from heat, protected from temperature extremes and powders kept dry. Normal safe handling procedures must be used.
- 6. When disposing of chemicals ensure that no two chemicals are mixed.

Safety advice concerning the use of the equipment described in this manual or any relevant hazard data sheets (where applicable) may be obtained from the Company address on the back cover, together with servicing and spares information.

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

The ZGP2 Zirconia Oxygen Probe is designed to measure oxygen in oxidising, and some reducing, furnace atmospheres. When used in conjunction with an appropriate electronics unit the probe output voltage may be converted to a signal related either to oxygen concentration, or oxidising potential, terms i.e.  $%O_2$ , ppm $O_2$ , kilocalories or millivolts.

Concentration terms are usually applicable to measurements in oxidising atmospheres and potential terms are used for reducing atmospheres.

Atmospheres which are strongly reduced, and which may have free carbon present, are best monitored using the Z-CS2 Carbon Sensor Probe.

The probe provides a true measurement of the atmospheric conditions in situ and permits continuous and accurate measurement over a wide temperature range without frequent maintenance associated with external sampling systems. It also eliminates 'equilibrium shift', common to other systems in which gas samples are cooled before measurement, and has a fast response to changes in atmosphere, enabling rapid corrective action to be taken when necessary.

The probe comprises a ceramic detector cell housed in a protective sheath. A thermocouple is fitted within the probe to enable the process temperature to be monitored or for automatic temperature compensation to be provided – see Section 5.1. The sheath material is either aluminous porcelain (recommended for oxidising atmospheres) or Incoloy 800 (recommended for reducing atmospheres) for use at maximum temperatures of 1250°C (2282°F) and 1000°C (1832°F) respectively. Special sheaths are available for use up to 1400°C (2552°F). A connector head (protected to IP54 or IP56) facilitates connection of the cell output, thermocouple and reference air connections.

A calibration gas inlet port is provided to enable the probe to be checked using test gas mixtures without removing it from the process.

Reference air, at a volume of 500 to 1000 ml/min. (1 to 2 ft³/hr), is required for accurate operation. This can be supplied from a mains-powered pump unit (Part No. 003000240) or a flow regulator unit (Part No. 003000241), full details of which are included in the Operating Instructions: Zirconia Reference Air Supply Units – Part No. 003000239, Issue 1 onwards.

The ZGP2 probe can be operated with any of the following instrumentation supplied by the Company, full details of which are included in their respective Operating Instructions:

Z-MT Oxygen Analyzer - IM/ZMT, Issue 5 or later

**ZDT Oxygen Analyzer (Low Temp. Version)** – IM/ZDT/FG, Issue 4 or later

**ZDT Oxygen Analyzer (High Temp. Version)** – IM/ZDT/GP, Issue 3 or later

COMMANDER SR100A Advanced Process Recorder – IM/SR100APAK.

COMMANDER SR100B Multipoint Chart Recorder – IM/SR100BPAK.

# 2 PREPARATION

### 2.1 Unpacking

**Warning.** The probe contains refractory ceramic fibres. Inhalation of fibre or dust particles should be avoided. If the probe is dismantled or damaged in service, the materials of construction are NOT classified as Hazardous Waste and may be disposed of at tipping sites for Industrial waste.

**Caution.** The probe is very fragile. Unpack and handle with care.

Each probe is despatched with its components individually placed within a common pack. Retain this pack to facilitate return of the probe to the manufacturer if necessary. Remove the probe from its packing as follows:

- a) Place the polystyrene pack, top uppermost, on a flat surface and cut the tapes holding the two halves together.
- b) Carefully lift the top half of the pack, to gain access to the probe components which are individually located within the bottom half.
- c) When removing the components from the pack take great care to support the terminal head and not to twist or bend the electrode assembly attached to it.
- d) Re-assemble the packing for future use.

**Note.** If for any reason a non-standard sheath is fitted adjust the diameter of the wadding at the end of the probe to allow a snug fit.

To reduce its diameter the wadding may be compressed slightly.

To increase its diameter, apply slight end pressure on the wire bonding at both ends of the wadding. Mould the wadding by hand to ensure a light push fit into the sheath.

# 2.2 Checking the Code Number

Ensure that the correct equipment is being installed – check the code number on the probe against Table 2.1 below. Code number labels are fitted inside the probe head.

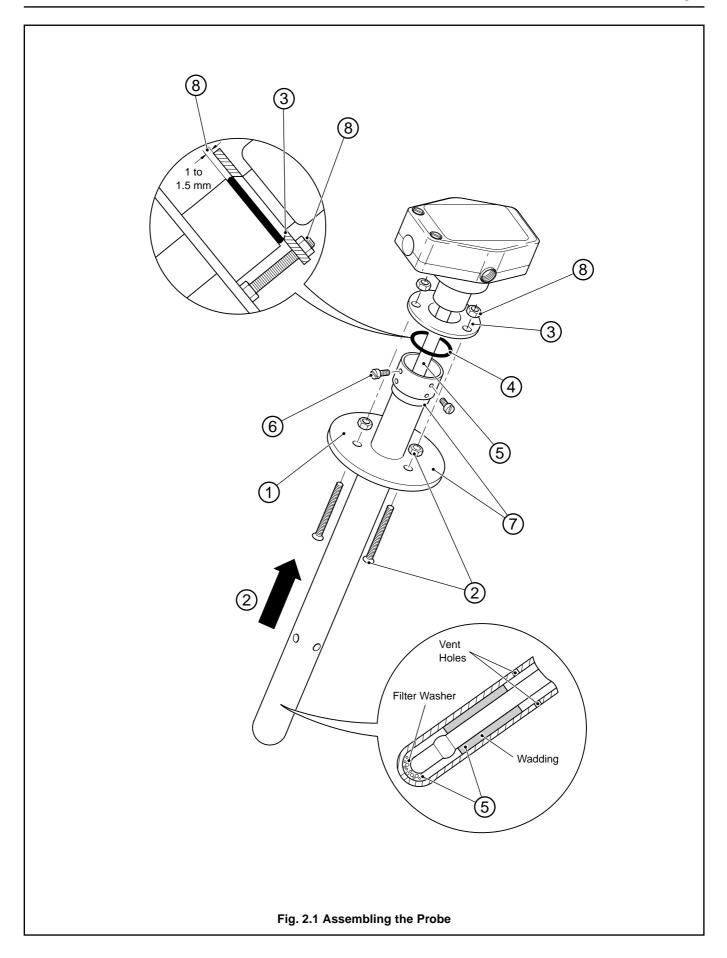
### 2.3 Assembling the Probe - Fig. 2.1

**Caution.** Take care to avoid damage to the probe when fitting the sheath assembly.

- (1) Drill the fixing flange to suit the local fixing requirements.
- 2 Push the three long countersunk-head screws through the fixing flange and secure them in position with the three lock nuts.
- (3) Position the clamp ring over the boss on the probe head, ensuring correct orientation of the ring's centre taper.
- 4 Position the sealing ring over the boss, ensuring that it locates correctly in the centre taper.
- (5) Carefully insert the probe into the ceramic sheath ensuring that the wadding at the probe end is not damaged and that the filter washer is in position at the end of the sheath.
- Secure the sheath to the boss with the three cheesehead screws.
- (7) Slide the fixing flange over the sheath, ensuring that it is seated over the locating step.
- (8) Locate the clamp ring over the three screws on the flange (2) and secure using three nuts. Tighten the nuts down equally so that the fixing flange is pulled tightly against the locating step on the sheath and the sealing ring is compressed until the adjacent faces of the clamp ring and sheath are 1 to 1.5mm apart. Use a 1mm drill or shim to set the gap correctly.

ZGP2 Zirconia Oxygen Probe		ZGP2	1	X	X	Χ	X	X
Insertion length	600mm 1000mm Special		:	1 2 9				
Thermocouple	Pt/Pt 13% Rh BS4937 Pt 3 Type R NiCr/NiAl BS4937 Pt 4 Type K Special				1 2 9			
Sheath	Aluminous Porcelain (standard) Incoloy 800 Special					1 2 9		
Mounting	Flange						1	
Connector Head	Standard Twin Gland Type C95							0

**Table 2.1 Checking the Code Number** 



# 3 INSTALLATION

**Warning.** The probe operates at high temperatures – take all necessary precautions to avoid injury through burns.

**Caution.** Thermal shock may damage the zirconia cell if the flue is cleaned using a high pressure water hose. If this method of cleaning is employed, remove the probe from the flue prior to cleaning. Never use the probe without the sheath.

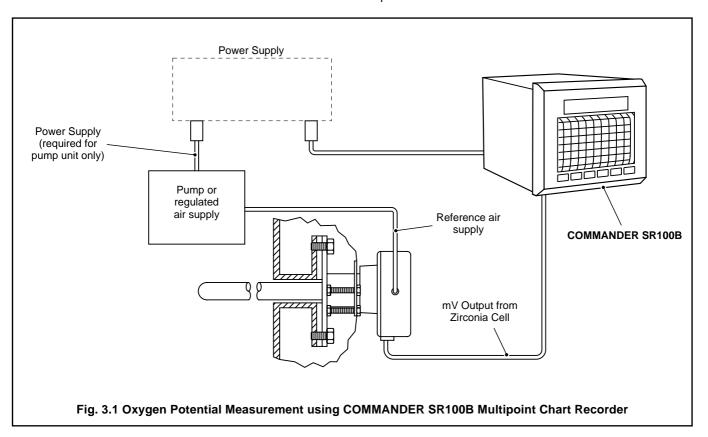
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If the process temperature is constant, or if variations in operating temperature do not produce unacceptable errors, as in some flue gas measurement, it is possible to measure  $\rm O_2$  concentration without temperature compensation using a system similar to that for oxygen potential.

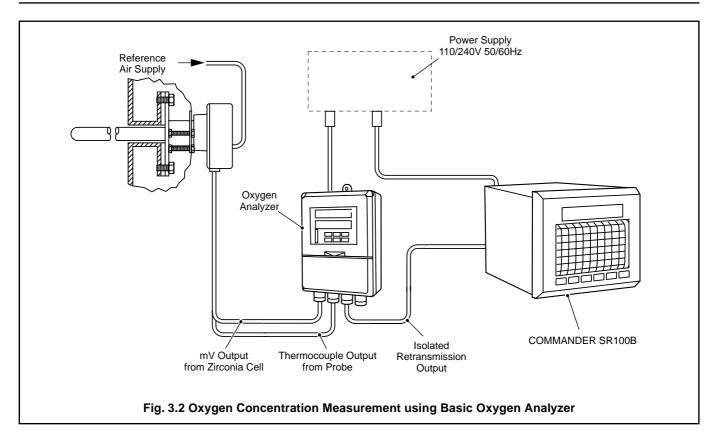
Systems for two types of measurement are shown in Figs. 3.1 to 3.3.

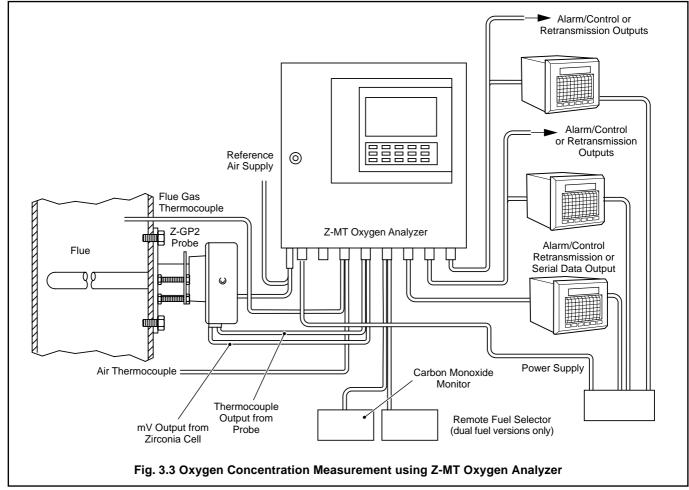
In metal heat treatment applications oxygen potential is normally measured and temperature compensation of the probe output is therefore not required.

Full installation details for other units are given in their respective instruction manuals.



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# 3.2 Siting - Figs. 3.4 and 3.5

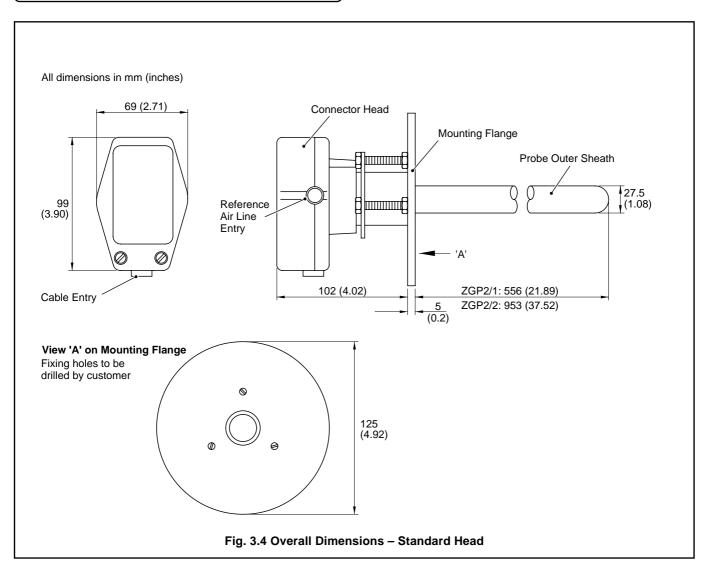
Select the position for the probe avoiding obstructions which may inhibit insertion or subsequent removal. Dimensions for the probe are shown in Figs. 3.4 to 3.6. A clearance of at least 25mm in excess of the overall probe length is necessary for installation or removal procedures.

- a) where it is subjected to mechanical or thermal shock.
- b) in the presence of aggressive components, e.g. molten slags, molten silicates, metals and vapours of lead, zinc, silicon and vanadium.
- where it is subject to temperatures in excess of those specified in Table 3.1.
- d) where gas components attack the platinum electrode above 600°C (1112°F), e.g. in atmospheres containing sufficient concentrations of heavy metals such as sodium, vanadium, lead, zinc etc.
- e) where the connector head temperature can exceed 100°C (212°F).

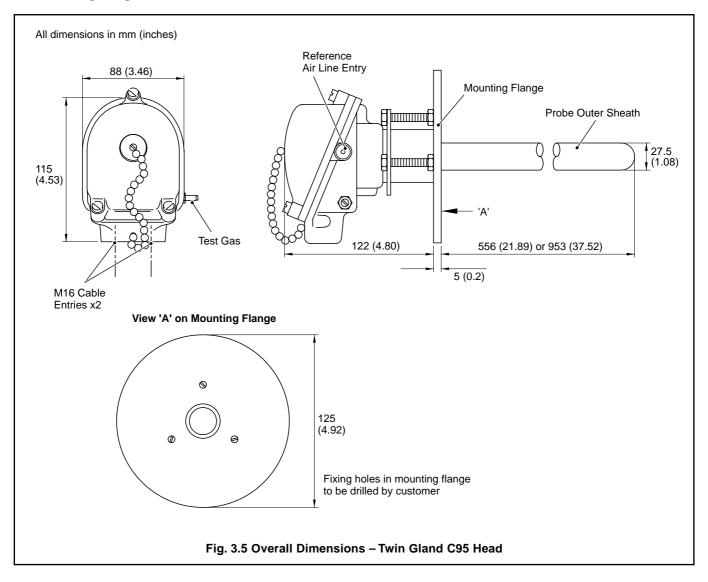
	Thermocouple Type				
Sheath Type	Тур	e K	Type R		
Incoloy 800	900°C	1652°F	1000°C	1832°F	
Aluminous Porcelain	900°C	1652°F	1350°C	2462°F	
Recrystallized Alumina (special)	900°C	1652°F	1400°C*	2552°F	

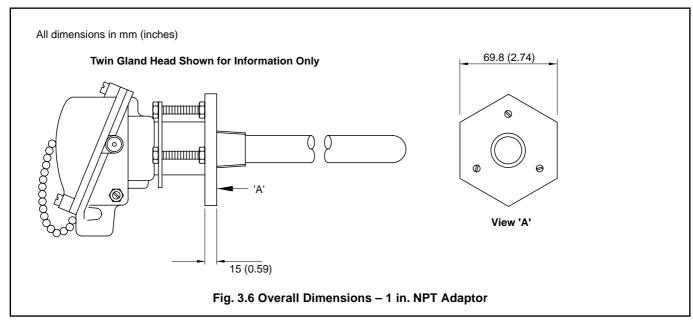
\*Reduced probe cell life may result if probe is operated continuously above 1250°C (2282°F).

**Table 3.1 Temperature Limits** 



# ...3.2 Siting - Figs. 3.4 to 3.6





### ...3 INSTALLATION

### 3.3 Mounting - Figs. 3.7 to 3.9

The probe may be fitted horizontally or, preferably, vertically for prolonged high temperature operation.

Mount the probe through the furnace wall using the preferred method shown in Fig. 3.7. Ensure that a sufficiently large hole is provided through the mounting (min. bore 42mm diameter) to avoid damage to the probe during insertion or use.

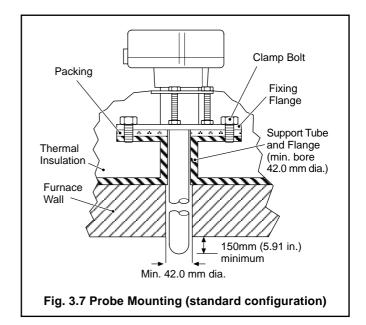
Drill the fixing flange to suit the local fixing requirements before assembling the probe – see Section 2.3.

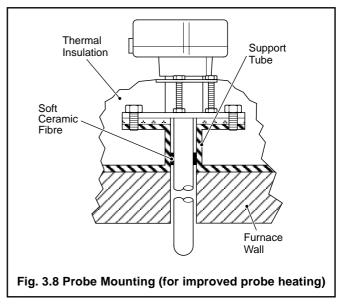
**Caution**. To prevent furnace gas from contaminating the reference air, always ensure that the clamp ring, fixing flange and sealing ring are fitted to the probe as described in Section 2.3.

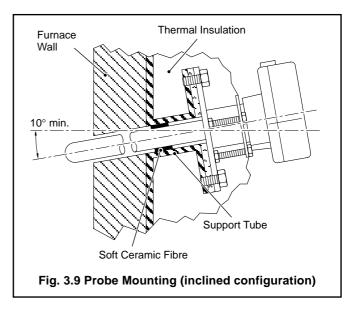
In applications such as high temperature incinerators, fluid bed boilers, and ore roasters, where the level of water vapour in the waste gases to be measured can be extremely high, it is important that the mounting flange of the probe, including any stand-off which may be used, is thermally insulated to minimize condensation within the probe – see Fig. 3.7. Condensation within the probe sheath, particularly in outdoor installations, can be sufficient to allow water to come into contact with the hot ceramic (zirconia) tube leading to thermal shock and failure of the sensor. This problem is most likely to occur on such installations where the plant is shut-down regularly over the week-end. Additionally, take care to protect the head of the probe from the elements in out-door installations.

Raising the temperature of the probe as rapidly as possible will assist in reducing the level of condensation. This is not possible on some processes where the plant temperature is gradually raised to the normal operating level. The temperature rise at the head of the probe can be assisted by having a large clearance hole in the refractory allowing hot gases to get up to the mounting flange/stand-off – see Fig. 3.8.

The problems described above are more likely to occur on horizontal installations. Where it is not possible to mount the probe in the vertical position, install the probe with a slope of at least 10 to  $15^{\circ}$  downwards from the head of the probe – see Fig. 3.9.







# 4 CONNECTIONS

# 4.1 Access to Electrical Connections – Fig. 4.1

For access to the terminal block:

- Standard Head remove the two screws and open the hinged cover.
- (1) **Twin-gland C95 Head** remove the three screws retaining the cover and lift off the cover and gasket.

#### 4.2 Cable Details

Make connections to the oxygen cell via 16/0.2mm red and blue twin copper braid with overall PVC sheath. Where the ambient temperature in the vicinity of the probe head exceeds 100°C use 0.75mm² silicone rubber sheathed (part no. YBM0614) and join to the screened cable via a suitable junction box where the ambient temperature is lower.

**Type K thermocouple** – 3/0.9mm<sup>2</sup> flat twin compensating cable for use with NiCr/NiAl thermocouples to BS4937, sheathing to BS6746 (part no. E35).

**Type R thermocouple** -3/0.9mm<sup>2</sup> flat twin compensating cable for use with Pt/Pt 13% Rh thermocouples to BS4937, sheathing to BS6746 (part no. E37).

### 4.3 Electrical Connections - Fig. 4.2

Make connections as shown in Fig. 4.2 and on the label inside the probe head cover. The connecting cable must enter the probe head via the bush provided (standard head) or suitable cable glands (twin gland C95 head).

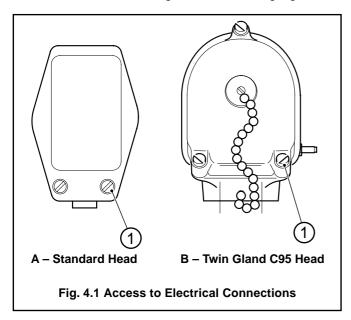
### 4.4 Reference Air Connections – Fig. 4.2

The reference air connector is  $^{1}/_{8}$  in. BSP fitted with an adaptor to accept  $^{1}/_{4}$  in. i.d. x  $^{3}/_{8}$  in. o.d. nylon or PVC tubing ( $100^{\circ}$ C/212°F ambient maximum).

The probe requires a supply of clean, dry air at a flow rate of 500 to 1000ml/min. (1 to 2ft³/hr), which may be supplied from regulated, clean, instrument air or preferably atmospheric air from a small pump unit. Suitable air supply units are available from the Company:

Model 003000240 – mains-powered pump unit with flow gauge

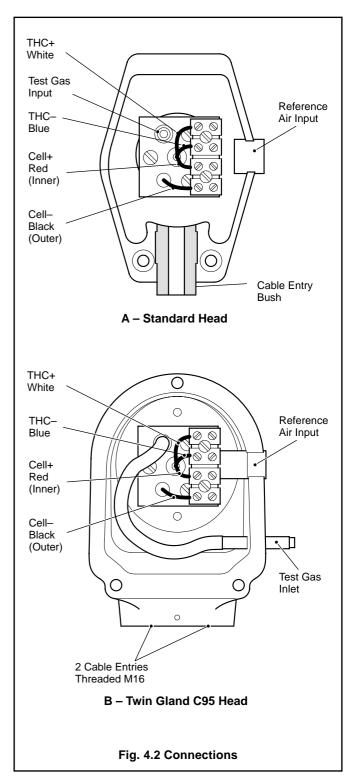
Model 003000241 - regular unit with flow gauge.



### 4.5 Test Gas Inlet - Fig 4.2

The test gas inlet on standard heads is situated inside the probe head and is sealed by a screwed plug. The inlet accepts  $^{1}$ /<sub>4</sub> in i.d.  $\times$   $^{3}$ /<sub>8</sub> in o.d. plastic/silicone tube.

Twin-gland C95 heads are fitted with a permanent external 6mm o.d. test gas inlet. The inlet is connected internally to the test gas input by means of a silicone tube.



# 5 OPERATION

# 5.1 Principles of Operation

The ZGP2 probe contains a high temperature oxygen concentration cell using zirconium oxide as a solid electrolyte. Inner and outer electrodes are attached to the cell which is specific to oxygen.

Air is supplied to the inner reference electrode to provide a constant partial pressure of oxygen while the process gas to be measured is in contact with the outer electrode.

A voltage is generated across the electrodes which is a function of the ratio of the oxygen partial pressures at the two electrodes. This voltage output represents 'oxygen potential' and can be used to control the atmosphere of annealing processes etc.

For the measurement of 'oxygen concentration' it is necessary to correct for absolute temperature of the probe. The temperature term in the Nernst equation, on which the voltage output depends, illustrates this point:

 $E = 0.0496 \text{ T} (\log_{10} P_0/P_1) + C \text{ mV}$ 

Where: T = Absolute Temperature (°K)

P<sub>0</sub> = Partial Pressure Reference Gas

P<sub>1</sub> = Partial Pressure Sample Gas

C = Cell Constant

For 'oxygen potential' measurement the following two expressions relate the oxygen probe output (E mV) to oxygen potential  $(\mu)$ 

E =  $(10.84\mu + 40)$  where  $\mu$  is in kilocalories

or

 $E = -(2.591\mu + 40)$  where  $\mu$  is in kilojoules

### 5.2 Range of Operation – Fig. 5.1

The internal resistance of the cell, i.e the resistance of the electrolyte between the electrodes, decreases approximately exponentially with increasing temperature and for this reason it is recommended that the probe is used at temperatures greater than 600°C (1112°F).

The maximum operating temperature is limited by two factors:

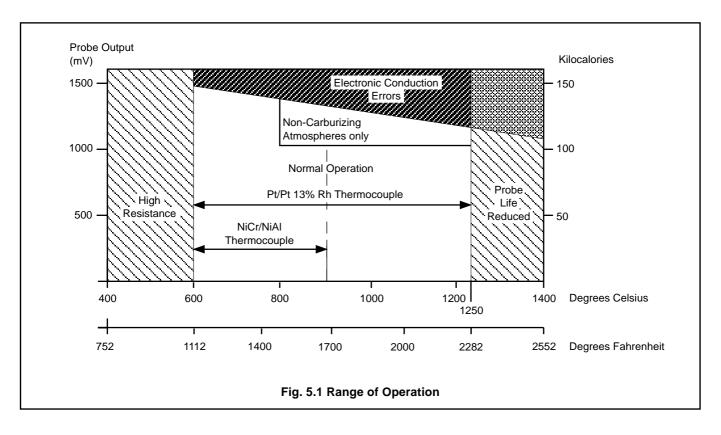
- The onset of electronic conduction through the electrolyte which reduces the measured output below its theoretical value.
- b) Evaporation of the outer electrode.

Electronic conduction is a function of both temperature and oxygen partial pressure and, for stabilized zirconia, it occurs at low levels of oxygen and high temperature. For the above reasons it is recommended that the probe is used at temperatures between 600°C (1112°F) and 1250°C (2282°F) – see Fig. 5.1. [900°C (1652°F) max. for Type K thermocouple].

# **6 MAINTENANCE**

**Caution.** No maintenance is necessary, or possible, on the probe and any attempt to dismantle it could cause irreparable damage. The probe can be tested for accuracy whilst connected to its measuring system but without removal from its operating position.

It is recommended that at least one spare probe is held for replacement or comparison purposes.



# 7 FAULT FINDING

**Warning.** The probe operates at high temperatures. Take all necessary precautions to avoid injury through burns.

During its working life under normal recommended conditions the probe output remains accurate and without drift. Probe malfunctions can result from a fault in the probe or from incorrect operating conditions.

The testing of a suspect probe can only be carried out satisfactorily in its working position or in a furnace controlled within the normal probe operating temperature range.

If a probe failure is suspected, first perform a test gas check as described in the following sections.

# 7.1 In Situ Checking Using a Test Gas

Introduce a test gas of known concentration around the outer electrode in the space between the filter washer, at the bottom of the sheath, and the wadding around the lower end of the probe – see Fig. 2.1. Four vent holes prevent the gas from being trapped in the upper part of the sheath.

### 7.1.1 Standard Head

- a) Gain access to the interior of the probe head by unscrewing the lid fixing screws – see Section 4.1, Access to Electrical Connections.
- b) Remove the screwed plug from the test gas connector see Fig. 4.2A.
- c) Fit <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in i.d. x <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>in o.d. plastic or similar tubing and supply a test gas of known oxygen concentration to the probe at a steady flow rate of 800 to 1000ml/min (1.7 to 2.1ft<sup>3</sup>/hr). Allow at least 5 minutes for the system to stabilize before making a measurement.
- d) Check that the oxygen concentration measured by the probe system indicator or recorder, compares with the specification for the test gas used.
- e) Disconnect the test gas and ensure that the screwed plug is replaced in the test gas connector. Failure to do this may result in serious measurement errors due to the entry of air into the probe.
- f) Proceed to Table 7.1.

### 7.1.2 Twin Gland C95 Head

- a) Remove the blanking screw in the external test gas inlet and connect a gas supply of known oxygen concentration

   see Fig. 4.2. If a permanent test gas connection is used, switch on the gas supply.
- b) At a steady flow rate of 800 to 1000ml/min (1.7 to 2.1ft³/hr), allow at least 5 minutes for the system to stabilize before making a measurement.
- c) Check that the oxygen concentration measured by the probe system indicator or recorder, compares with the specification for the test gas used.
- d) If the test gas supply is not connected permanently to the probe head, disconnect the supply from the external test gas inlet and replace the blanking screw.
- e) Proceed to Table 7.1.

Result of Test Gas Check	Possible Cause of Operation Malfunction	Action
Correct.		None.
Incorrect.	Reference air supply failure (high $\rm O_2$ reading).	Check probe reference air supply.
	Faulty electronics unit or indicator.	Check operation of units concerned.
	Leak in zirconia tube within probe or broken zirconia tube (high O <sub>2</sub> reading).	Compare operation with another O <sub>2</sub> probe. Replace if necessary.
Zero or drifting readings with no	Open circuit probe.	Check for continuity  – see below.
response to test gas.	Faulty electronics unit indicator or connections.	Check operation of units concerned.

**Table 7.1 Fault Finding** 

# 7.2 Comparison with Another O<sub>2</sub> Probe

The probe may be checked by comparison with another of known reliability, either by replacing the suspect probe with the known probe or by mounting the known probe in close proximity and monitoring both probes continuously for a short period.

# 7.3 Returning the Probe to the Factory for Checking

If it is not possible to carry out the above tests on site and failure or malfunction is suspected, the probe may be returned to the Company for checking, in which case the probe must be carefully dismantled and repacked in its original packing to ensure safe carriage.

### 7.4 Continuity Check

Connect a  $100k\Omega$  resistor across the probe output. If the output drops to near zero millivolts and then drifts when the resistance is removed, this indicates that the probe may be open circuit or have a high impedance.

# 8 SPECIFICATION

### General

Temperature limits:

	Thermocouple Type				
Sheath Type	Type K		Type R		
Incoloy 800	900°C	1652°F	1000°C	1832°F	
Aluminous Porcelain	900°C	1652°F	1350°C	2462°F	
Recrystallized Alumina (special)	900°C	1652°F	1400°C*	2552°F	

<sup>\*</sup>Reduced probe cell life may result if probe is operated continuously above 1250°C (2282°F).

Reference air flow 500 to 1000 ml/min. (1 to 2 ft³/hr)

Response rate 0.1s estimated

Measuring range

Refer to Fig. 5.1. The lower limit of operation, determined by the onset of electronic conduction in the solid electrolyte is dependent on temperature. As a guide, the limits are given in Table 8.1 for 1% electronic conduction but, in practice, it may be possible to measure even lower oxygen potential levels without introducing significant errors.

Temperature		Min. O <sub>2</sub> Potential		. O <sub>2</sub> ntration ar)	Output (mV)	
°C	°F	(k cal)	(bar)	(bar) (PSI)		
600	1112	-145	10 <sup>-36</sup>	145 <sup>-36</sup>	1532	
900	1652	-132	10-25	145-25	1391	
1200	2192	-117	10-17	145-17	1228	

**Table 8.1 Measuring Range** 

**Electrical Data** 

Cell Constant 0V ±2mV

Probe accuracy Typically better than  $\pm 5\%$  of reading

System accuracy ±2% of test gas reading when calibrated against a certified test gas

Cell output impedance Typically <100k $\Omega$  @ 700°C (1292°F) Thermocouple Pt/Pt 13% Rh Pt 2 BS4937 Type R

NiCr/NiAl Pt 4 BS4937 Type K

Connections

Probe output 2-core copper screened overall

Thermocouple 2-core compensated to suit type of thermocouple fitted

Mounting

Flange mounted Vertical or horizontal. 42mm (1.65 in.) i.d. minimum bore clearance hole

Overall dimensions (nominal):

Type C95 head 683 or 1080mm (26.9 or 42.5 in.) Standard head 663 or 1060mm (26.1 or 41.7 in.)

Insertion length (nominal): 556 or 953mm (21.89 or 37.52 in.)

Clearance for removal Overall length +25mm (1 in.)

Weight 2.5kg (600mm probe) [5.5lb (24 in. probe)] 2.8kg (1000mm probe) [6.2lb (38 in. probe)]

**Mechanical Data** 

Construction:

Solid electrolyte Stabilized zirconia oxide

Protective sheath Aluminous porcelain, Incoloy 800 or recrystallized alumina

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# **Client Warranty**

Prior to installation, the equipment referred to in this manual must be stored in a clean, dry environment, in accordance with the Company's published specification.

Periodic checks must be made on the equipment's condition. In the event of a failure under warranty, the following documentation must be provided as substantiation:

- A listing evidencing process operation and alarm logs at time of failure.
- 2. Copies of all storage, installation, operating and maintenance records relating to the alleged faulty unit.

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