

Application Note

Honeywell Zephyr™ Digital Airflow Sensors: HAF Series-High Accuracy, 10 SLPM, 15 SLPM, 20 SLPM, 50 SLPM, 100 SLPM, 200 SLPM or 300 SLPM

Background

Honeywell's Zephyr™ Digital Airflow Sensors: HAF Series-High Accuracy, provide a digital interface for reading airflow over specified full-scale flow and compensated temperature ranges. The thermally-isolated heater and temperature sensing elements help these sensors provide a fast response to air or gas flow.

Zephyr sensors are designed to measure mass flow of air and other non-corrosive gases. Standard flow ranges are 10 SLPM, 15 SLPM, 20 SLPM, 50 SLPM, 100 SLPM, 200 SLPM or 300 SLPM. The sensors are fully calibrated and temperature compensated with an onboard Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC).

Solutions

POTENTIAL MEDICAL APPLICATIONS

Anesthesia Delivery Machines measure the flow of air, oxygen and nitrous oxide so that a specified mixture, as set by the doctor, is delivered to the patient.

Customer Benefits: Improves patient comfort and eases patient breathing; reliable and accurate.

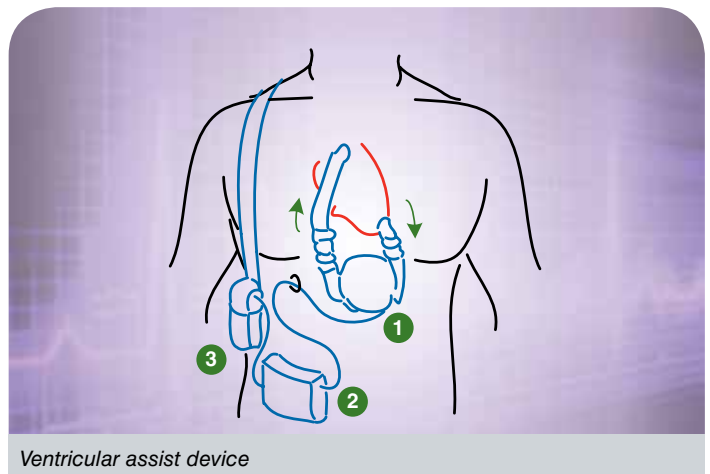
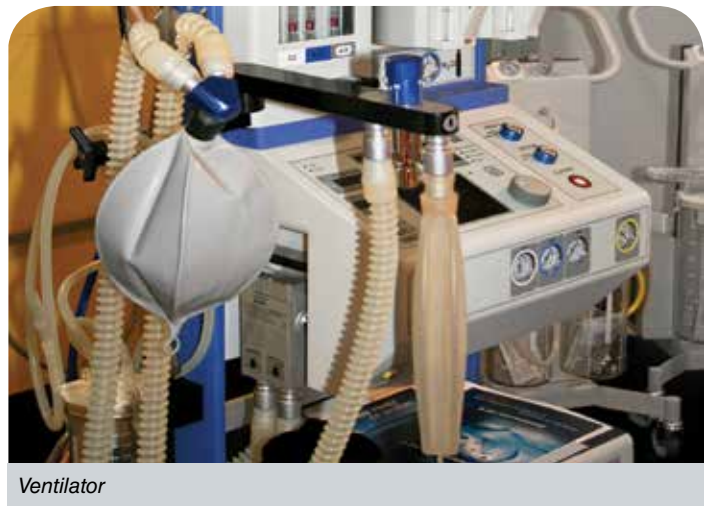
Ventilators measure the flow of air, and oxygen so that a specified mixture, as set by the doctor, is delivered to the patient.

Customer Benefits: Improves patient comfort and eases patient breathing; reliable.

Ventricular Assist Devices (Heart Pumps) are mechanical pumps that assist the heart by pumping blood to the rest of the body for patients with congestive heart failure. Almost all VADs are made up of three parts:

- 1 Pump: A pump is placed inside or outside the body, and is connected to the heart by a tube. Blood travels from the heart, down the inflow tube, and into the VAD. The VAD then pumps the blood into the outflow tube and delivers it to a major blood vessel.

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- 2 Controller: A system controller is placed outside the body to control the VAD. The Honeywell Zephyr™ Digital Airflow Sensor may be used in the controller to measure the flow of air so that the correct amount of air is delivered to the pump that drives blood flow through the heart. The VAD and the controller are connected by a cord that exits the body via an opening on the side of the abdomen.
- 3 Energy source: An outside energy source, either an AC power adapter or a battery pack, powers the pump.

Customer Benefits: Highly accurate, sensitive and stable; low pressure drop typically improves patient comfort; fast response time improves response to airflow change; low operating voltage and power consumption enhance portability.

Spirometers are instruments that measure lung capacity for patients with respiratory disorders. Honeywell's airflow sensor measures the airflow from the patient on exhalation.

Customer Benefits: Sensitive, accurate and reliable.

Laparoscopy is a surgical procedure performed by making small incisions in the abdomen. The abdomen is then inflated to allow the surgical instruments to be maneuvered inside the cavity. This minimally-invasive procedure speeds recovery, reduces time in the hospital, and potentially reduces costs to the patient.

Customer Benefits: The media typically used during this procedure is CO₂, the flow of which needs to be tightly controlled to prevent the abdomen from deflating or inflating too much, possibly injuring the patient. By using a Honeywell Zephyr™ airflow sensor to accurately control the flow of gas, a gastro inflator allows the doctor to concentrate on the surgical procedure itself, without having to worry about keeping the abdomen inflated to the proper amount.



Spirometer



Laparoscopy

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POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

Analytical Instrumentation (Spectrometry, Chromatography)

includes equipment used in the analysis of solid materials, gases or chemical compounds in many industrial, scientific, environmental and security applications. Spectrometry assesses the amount of a given chemical, while chromatography separates mixed chemical substances. These applications require precise control for accurate measurement. Honeywell's airflow sensor measures the gas flowing through the instrument to validate that the correct amount of gas is flowing through the system, and then notifies the machine if it is not correct so that the machine can compensate. The flow rate eliminates outgassing and provides the most accurate result for the instrument.

Customer Benefits: Improves accuracy, reliability and stability.

Air-to-Fuel Ratio is the mass ratio of air to fuel present during combustion. In air-fuel ratio sensing applications, such as fired heaters, power plant steam generators and large gas-fired turbines, Honeywell's airflow sensors may be used to control the mixture of air and fuel to optimize operation.

Customer Benefits: Improves accuracy and reliability.

Fuel Cells are chemically-generated energy that require controlled amounts of air or gas to optimize operation. Honeywell's airflow sensor enables precise control over the different gases involved in the fuel cell system to optimize performance.

Customer Benefits: Improves accuracy, reliability and stability.

Fume Hoods in chemical labs expel chemical fumes from work areas.

Customer Benefits: Improves personnel safety.



Analytical instrumentation



Air-to-fuel ratio



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Fume hood

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Gas Leak Detection is possible with the use of airflow sensors on a gas meter to find small amounts of gas flow so that even the smallest leaks in a gas system are reported.

Customer Benefits: Provides accurate reporting and enhances safety.

Process Control Gas Monitoring includes a variety of applications to monitor and control the flow of process gases. Several examples include plasma cutting and welding operations

Customer Benefits: Honeywell's Zephyr™ airflow sensor may be used in a closed loop control to tightly control the flow of process gases, helping to minimize gas waste and potentially reducing the cost of using the device. Additionally, by applying the desired amount of gas, the process is better controlled and the resulting cut or weld can be optimized.

Vacuum Pump Monitoring may be needed when a vacuum pump is used to remove air from the inside of a closed container (i.e., a vacuum leak checker).

Customer Benefits: Honeywell's Zephyr™ airflow sensor may be used in a vacuum pump monitor to accurately measure the flow of the vacuum so that the desired levels are achieved. The more accurate the measurement, the more accurately the process can be controlled.



Gas leak detection



Process control gas monitoring



Vacuum pump monitoring

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