

CO2 sonde MCD-10



Outline

The world-first balloon-born CO2 sonde, the combination with GPS radiosonde and small NDIR type CO2 sensor, was developed to measure the vertical profile of CO2. CO2 sonde can be operated with conventional weather balloon regardless of the observation site (e.g., isolated areas or remote islands), weather condition and time (day/night). CO2 concentration is measured in the troposphere (0-10 km) with about 300 m vertical resolution. Adoption of NDIR senor facilitates easy preparation for preflight and operation. Furthermore, the embedded two reference gases achieve high measurement accuracy of less than 1ppm. CO2 sonde has been utilized for 1) Validation with other observation method such as aircraft, tower or satellite (GOSAT etc.), 2) Evaluation of CO2 absorption/emission in the forest, or 3) Long-term CO2monitoring for climate change prediction and global warming prevention activity, etc.

Features:

- Adopting high accurate NDIR type CO2 sensor
- •Achieved 1 ppm measurement accuracy by loading two reference gases with CO2 sensor
- •Lightweight package, below 2 kg, can be operated with weather balloon
- Balloon-borne instrument usable under any weather condition, day& night and in any place
- •Compatible with ground receiving system RD-08AC and sounding software MGPS-R



Sounding Examples

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Specifications

CO2	Sensor method	NDIR	Output Pump	Data	25 byte/sec
		(Non Dispersive Infrared)		Baud rate	9,600 bps, 8, 1, non
		4.0 and 4.3 micro m		Flow rate	300 ml/min
	Range	350 ppm to 450 ppm * ¹		Туре	Piston
	Resolution	0.1 ppm	Power	Voltage	4.5VDC x 3
	Vertical resolution	150 to 300 m * ²		Current	1,000mA approx.
	Time resolution	80 sec (default)		Туре	Lithium AA x 9
	Accuracy	< 1 ppm (0 to 5,000 m)	Gas pack	Volume	81x2
		< 1.5 ppm (5,000 m to 10,000 m)	Dimensions and Weight	Dimensions	346(W) x 243(D)x 290(H) mm
	Operation time	< 60 min * ³		Weight	2.0 kg approx.

*1) : The range depends on the density of two kinds of standard gas.

*2): The vertical resolution depend on the rise speed of the radiosonde. The recommended rise speed is 3m/s.

*3): The operation time depend on size and the quantity of a carried standard gas pack. The recommended usage is 8 liters of standard gas into an aluminum gas pack of 20 liters.

Block Diagram



Dimensions

Unit (mm)



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