

Gas Calorimeter



CVM 16 Cabinet version

Flow computers

Measuring systems

Remote Terminal Unit

Supervisory system

MECI integrated inside an instrumented box one or two CVM 16. CVM 16 gas calorimeter measures the thermal conductivity of a gas mixture at different temperatures and calculates the inferior or superior calorific value or wobbe index of the gas based on its thermal conductivity.

CVM 16 is a compact, lightweight, and high-precision gas calorimeter that complies with international legal metrology standards. It is approved for custody transfer measurement of gases according to OIML R140.

OIML R 140 and Welmec compliant device

Approved according to OIML R140 international recommendation and developed according to Welmec guide, CVM 16 can be used as a calorimeter or as a calorific value determining device (CVDD) for natural gas custody transfer measurement.

Compact and easy to install device

Unlike conventional gas calorimeters, CVM 16 is small and lightweight, allowing a variety of installation site choices. It is ATEX approved and suitable for mounting in zone 1.

Fast response measuring system

CVM 16 represents a revolutionary continuous measurement solution. It can detect a change of quality of gas in processes in near real time by measuring every 2 seconds. The time constant for 90 % response is within 30 seconds resulting in very fast output of gas calorific value.

High stability measurement

CVM 16 automatic calibration functionality guarantees prolonged measurement stability. The automatic calibration uses pure methane and guarantees long-term stable operation.

A wealth of diagnostic functions

Ambient temperature diagnostic

CVM 16 determines whether the operating environment is suitable, making use of a temperature sensor embedded on the same chip as the thermal conductivity sensor.

Operation time tracker

CVM 16 keeps track of the total operation time for comparison with the recommended replacement period (70 000 hours) for the calorimeter.

Automatic calibration history check

CVM 16 shows up to 5 of the latest automatic calibration records to check changes in the calibration factor.

Measurement principle

CVM 16 measures the thermal conductivity of natural gas at different temperatures, changing the temperature of the thermal conductivity sensor in multiple stages.

The calorimeter uses the support vector regression (SVR) method that is also employed for differential pressure transmitters.

The quality of gas is calculated from the measured thermal conductivity values of the process using a characteristics formula created in advance based on thermal conductivities measured at different temperatures of the gas.

Technical data - Gas Calorimeter Cabinet version

Model		CVM 16						
Applications		Gas quality analysis, control of burners, laboratory measurement, field measurement						
Functions		Calculated values Superior calorific value and/or inferior calorific value and/or wobble index						
Number of stream		1 or 2						
Analysis time		2 seconds						
Data storage		Up to 5 calibration records						
Measured gas specifications		Component	High Natural Gas	Low Natural Gas	LNG (gaseous)	Biogas		
		C2H6	0 - 11%	0 - 4%	0 - 14%	0		
		C3H8	0 - 5%	0 - 1%	0 - 4%	0		
		C4+	0 - 2%	0 - 0.05%	0 - 2%	0		
		N2 + O2	0 - 7%	0 - 15%	0 - 1%	0 - 60		
		CO2	0 - 2%	1 - 2.5%	0%	0 - 60		
		CH4	80 - 100%	77 - 100%	80 - 100%	40 - 60		
Standards & performances		Accuracy +/- 1 % of reading (OIML R140 CVDD compliant model)						
Repeatability and T90		+/- 0.02%, T90 between 5 sec to 22 sec (OIML compliance)						
Equipment		Detector Micro TCD (Thermal Conductivity Detector)						
Display		Until two LCD, 5 digits						
Enclosure		Metal 750 x 520 x 285 mm with the possibility of a glass door , Weight: 23,4 kg						
Process gas connection		1/8" OD						
Electric connection		Electrical connection via junction box : cable gland						
Inputs/Outputs		Analog output One or two output 4–20 mA						
Digital outputs		Until 2x 2 open collectors, 24 VDC +/-10 %, 50 mA max. for status output 1 A max for calibration output						
Serial link		HART Version 7.0						
Languages		English, French						
Operating conditions		Temp ref °C	Units MJ/m3	Output	Natural gas biomethane	LNG	Biogas	
		15/15	SCV	Superior Calorific Value	35 - 45	37 - 47	13.97 - 37.94	
			WI_Hs	Wobbe index with SCV	46 - 56	48 - 58		
		20/20	ICV	Inferior Calorific Value	31 - 41	33 - 43		
			WI_Hi	Wobbe index with ICV	41 - 51	43 - 53		
		25/20	SCV	Superior Calorific Value	32.42 ; 37.47	39 - 49	15.97 - 39.94	
			WI_Hs	Wobbe index with SCV	41-53 ; 48-58	50 - 60		
		0/0	ICV	Inferior Calorific Value	33 - 43	35 - 45		
			WI_Hi	Wobbe index with ICV	43 - 53	45 - 55		
		Temperature		-20°C à + 50 °C with heating				
		Humidity, Moisture		95 % RH max. Dew-point temperature -20 °C max.				
		Pressure and flow rate		110 kPa abs max. / 16 PSI abs - at CVM 16 process connection port inlet 50 mL/min +/-10 mL/min				
Dust		Particles size less than 1 µm, 1 mg/m3 max.						
Calibration		Automatic or manual, Pure methane (99.995 purity min.)						
Installation conditions		Protection class IP 65						
Power Supply		24 Vdc +/-10 %, 0.6 A						
Certifications		ATEX ⓈII2G IIB T3 Gb						
Custody transfer approval		According to OIML R140						

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