

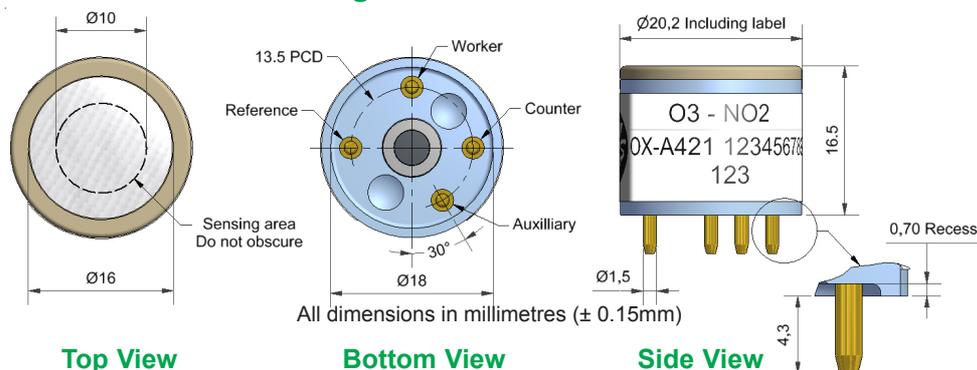


# OX-A421 Oxidising Gas Sensor Ozone + Nitrogen Dioxide 4-Electrode



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**Figure 1 OX-A421 Schematic Diagram**



Technical Specification

## Specification O<sub>3</sub> Sensing

### PERFORMANCE

Sensitivity	nA/ppm at 1ppm O <sub>3</sub>	-200 to -425
Response time	t <sub>90</sub> (s) from zero to 1ppm O <sub>3</sub>	< 60
Zero current	nA in zero air at 20°C	-50 to 70
Noise*	±2 standard deviations (ppb equivalent)	15
Range	ppm O <sub>3</sub> limit of performance warranty	20
Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 20ppm O <sub>3</sub>	< ±0.5
Overgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse	50

\* Tested with Alphasense AFE low noise circuit

### LIFETIME

Zero drift	ppb equivalent change/year in lab air	0 to 20
Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< -20 to -40
Operating life	months until 50% original signal (24 month warranted)	> 24

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Sensitivity @ -20°C	(% output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm O <sub>3</sub>	60 to 80
Sensitivity @ 40°C	(% output @ 40°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm O <sub>3</sub>	80 to 105
Zero @ -20°C	nA	0 to 25
Zero @ 470°C	nA	50 to 200

### CROSS SENSITIVITY

H <sub>2</sub> S	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	H <sub>2</sub> S	< 100
NO	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	NO	< 3
Cl <sub>2</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	Cl <sub>2</sub>	< 85
SO <sub>2</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	SO <sub>2</sub>	< -6
CO	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	CO	< 0.1
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 100ppm	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	< 0.1
NH <sub>3</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 20ppm	NH <sub>3</sub>	< 0.1
H <sub>2</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 100ppm	H <sub>2</sub>	< 0.1
CO <sub>2</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5% Vol	CO <sub>2</sub>	0.1
Halothane	sensitivity % measured gas @ 100ppm	Halothane	< 0.1

### KEY SPECIFICATIONS

Temperature range	°C	-30 to 40
Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120
Humidity range	% rh continuous	15 to 85
Storage period	months @ 3 to 20°C (stored in sealed pot)	6
Load resistor	Ω (AFE circuit recommended)	33 to 100
Weight	g	< 6

**NOTE:** all sensors are tested at ambient environmental conditions, with 47 ohm load resistor, unless otherwise stated. As applications of use are outside our control, the information provided is given without legal responsibility. Customers should test under their own conditions, to ensure that the sensors are suitable for their own requirements.



# OX-A421 Performance Data

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**Figure 2 Sensitivity temperature dependence**

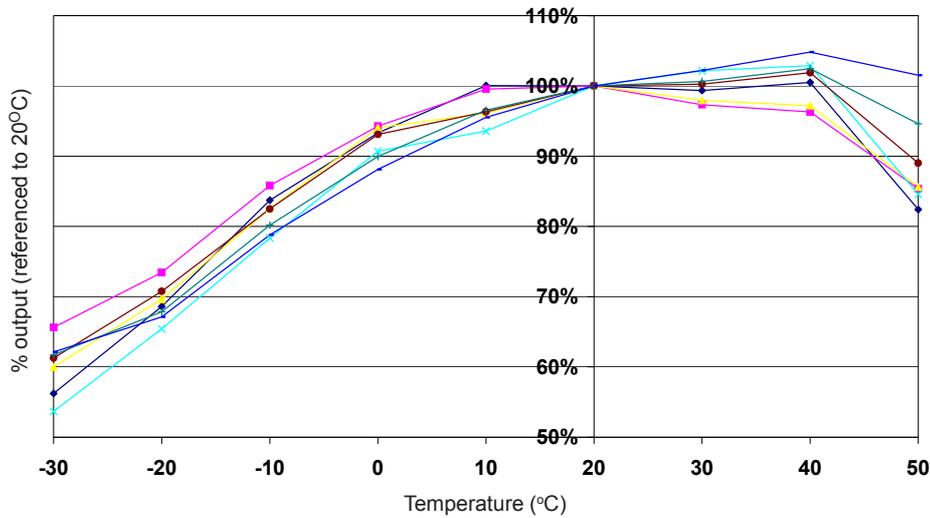


Figure 2 shows the temperature dependence of sensitivity at 1ppm O<sub>3</sub>.

Measuring Ozone at higher temperatures requires good casing design to ensure the Ozone reaches the sensor before reacting.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

**Figure 3 Zero temperature dependence**

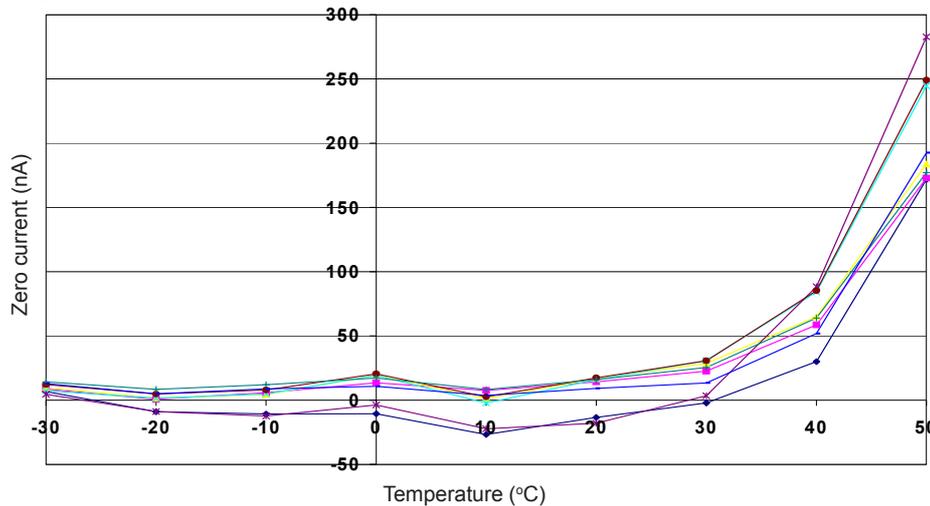


Figure 3 shows the variation in zero output of the working electrode caused by changes in temperature, expressed as nA.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

Contact Alphasense for further information on zero current correction.

**Figure 4 Response to 200 ppb O<sub>3</sub>**

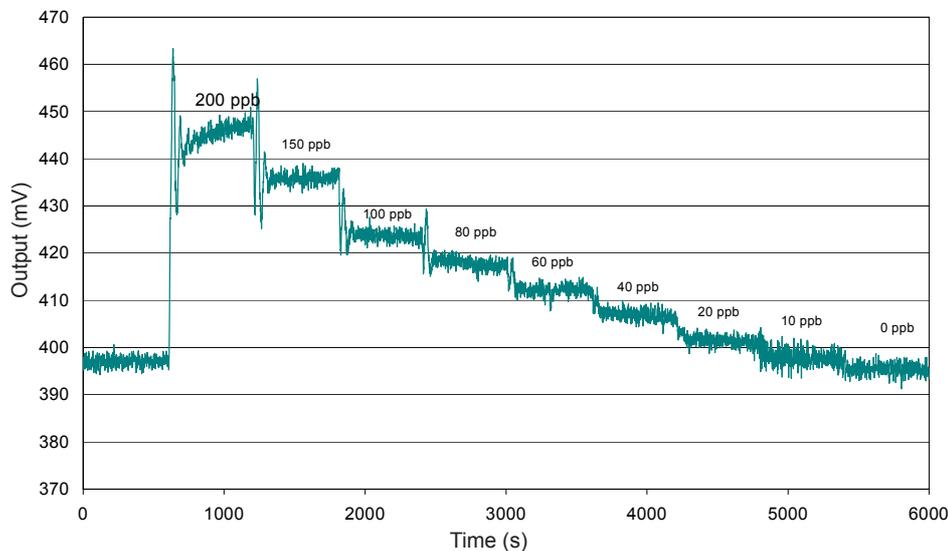


Figure 4 shows response from 200ppb O<sub>3</sub> to 0ppb O<sub>3</sub>.

Use of Alphasense AFE circuit reduces noise to 15ppb, with the opportunity of digital smoothing to reduce noise even further



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The OX-A421 detects both ozone and nitrogen dioxide ( $O_3 + NO_2$ ). The NO2-A42F measures only nitrogen dioxide, filtering out ozone. Using these sensors together allows you to calculate the  $O_3$  concentration by subtracting the corrected NO2-B42F concentration from the corrected OX-A421 concentration.

Before subtracting to determine ozone concentration, ensure that the signals from the two sensors have been corrected for electronic zero offset, sensor zero offset and temperature dependence, and sensitivity (nA/ppm) calibration and temperature dependence.

## Specification NO<sub>2</sub> Sensing

### PERFORMANCE

Sensitivity to NO <sub>2</sub>	nA/ppm at 2ppm NO <sub>2</sub>	-175 to -420
Response time	t <sub>90</sub> (s) from zero to 1ppm NO <sub>2</sub>	< 30
Zero current	nA in zero air at 20°C	-10 to 70
Noise*	±2 standard deviations (ppb equivalent)	15
Range	ppm NO <sub>2</sub> limit of performance warranty	20
Linearity	ppm error at full scale, linear at zero and 20ppm NO <sub>2</sub>	< ±0.5
Overgas limit	maximum ppm for stable response to gas pulse	50

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### LIFETIME

Zero drift	ppb equivalent change/year in lab air	0 to 20
Sensitivity drift	% change/year in lab air, monthly test	< -20 to -40
Operating life	months until 50% original signal (24 month warranted)	> 24

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Sensitivity @ -20°C	(% output @ -20°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm NO <sub>2</sub>	50 to 80
Sensitivity @ 40°C	(% output @ 50°C/output @ 20°C) @ 2ppm NO <sub>2</sub>	115 to 130
Zero @ -20°C	nA	0 to 25
Zero @ 40°C	nA	50 to 200

### CROSS SENSITIVITY

H <sub>2</sub> S	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	H <sub>2</sub> S	< 100
NO	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	NO	< 3
Cl <sub>2</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 5ppm	Cl <sub>2</sub>	< 85
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NH <sub>3</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 20ppm	NH <sub>3</sub>	< 0.1
H <sub>2</sub>	sensitivity % measured gas @ 100ppm	H <sub>2</sub>	< 0.1
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### KEY SPECIFICATIONS

Temperature range	°C	-30 to 40
Pressure range	kPa	80 to 120
Humidity range	% rh continuous	15 to 85



At the end of the product's life, do not dispose of any electronic sensor, component or instrument in the domestic waste, but contact the instrument manufacturer, Alphasense or its distributor for disposal instructions.

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**Figure 5 Sensitivity temperature dependence**

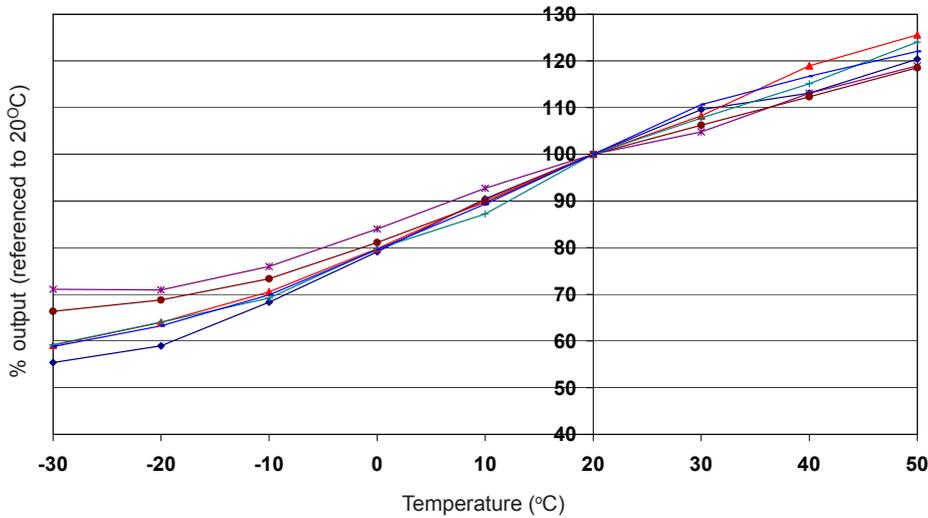
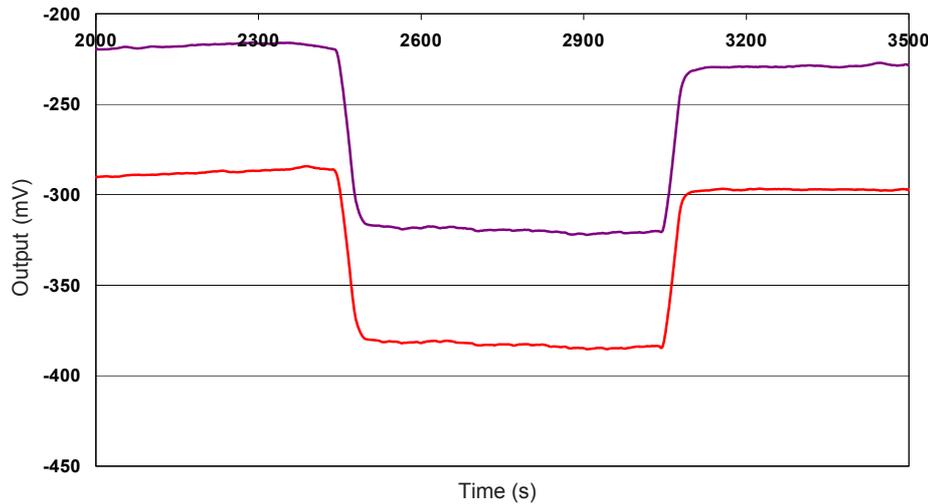


Figure 5 shows the temperature dependence of sensitivity at 2ppm NO<sub>2</sub>.

This data is taken from a typical batch of sensors.

**Figure 6 Response to 50ppb NO<sub>2</sub>**



The OX-A421 shows fast response and return to baseline, even at low concentrations.

**Figure 7 Response to 200 ppb NO<sub>2</sub>**

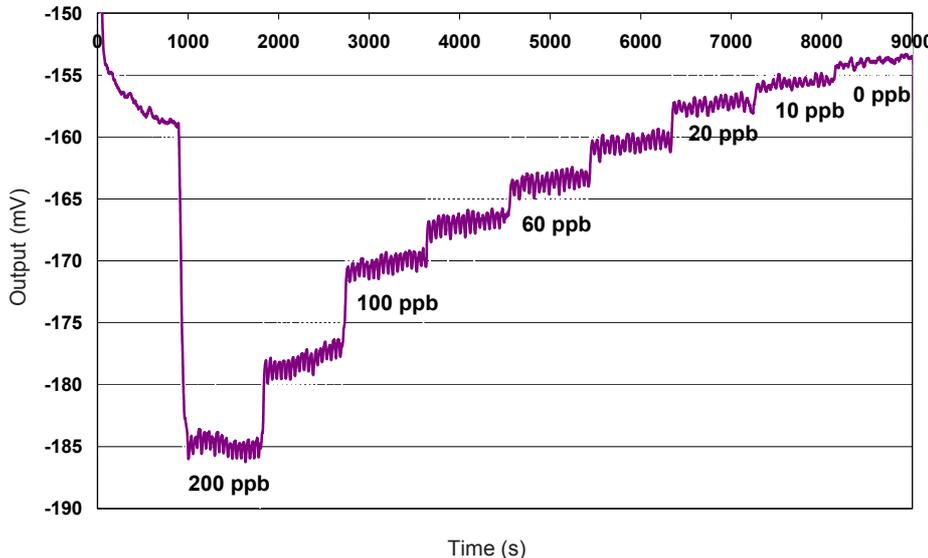


Figure 7 shows response from 200ppb NO<sub>2</sub> to 0ppb NO<sub>2</sub>.

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For further information on the performance of this sensor, on other sensors in the range or any other subject, please contact Alphasense Ltd. For Application Notes visit "[www.alphasense.com](http://www.alphasense.com)".

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