

GIR5500 - Biogas Analysers

Multiparameter analysers for biogas applications

- CH₄, CO₂, H₂S and O₂
- ATEX Zone 2
- Continuous monitoring
- Robust, weatherproof design
- Field service friendly
- Wireless option
- 2-, 3- or 4-gas option

Applications

- Digester gas analysis
- Landfill gas monitoring
- Flare stack monitoring
- CDM verification
- Gas to grid
- CHP engine protection and efficiency

The **GIR5500 series analysers** are ideal for biogas applications. These gases are usually a mixture of methane (CH₄) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) together with oxygen (O₂) and hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) which have implications for efficiency and safety. Two, three or four gas versions are available in a variety of configurations for Zone 2 applications.

Methane and carbon dioxide are both greenhouse gases (GHG). Methane is an important fuel gas for CHP engines, if not used as fuel then it is flared off to produce the less harmful carbon dioxide. Hitech use NDIR sensors to measure methane and carbon dioxide. These are sensors specially designed to withstand the damp, corrosive atmosphere often found in these applications.

Oxygen is an important process indicator in both landfill and digester gas. In landfill gas, a low reading might indicate the presence of an underground landfill fire, whilst a high reading may indicate over extraction from the site. In digester gas, a high reading may indicate a decrease in microbial activity due to poisoning. For this application Hitech use a special long-life electrochemical cell designed for use in the presence of acidic gases, e.g. carbon dioxide.

Hydrogen sulphide is present in landfill and digester gas in varying amounts depending on the substrate composition. Hydrogen sulphide can be extremely corrosive to generator sets and continuous measurement can prevent costly damage. Hitech have developed a unique system which allows for continuous measurement of H₂S. At 2000ppm H₂S, good sensor lifetime can still be achieved.

Sample conditioning is important in the variable conditions encountered in this application. Hitech provide internal filters,

an internal pump and low-flow alarm as standard. An external coalescing filter is highly recommended and cooling options can also be offered to remove water. The enclosure itself contains a heater to ensure that water vapour does not condense in the analyser. Hitech are ready to recommend complete systems on receipt of full gas stream specifications.

Attention to application specific detail is a feature of the GIR5500 from the robust, weatherproof case down to the correct internal filter elements. The instrument has a modular design so that if one sensor is requiring maintenance, the others will still work well. All sensor modules are replaceable in the field for minimum downtime.

These are hazardous area applications by their very nature. All GIR5500 versions are designed for use in Zone 2 hazardous areas according to the Industry Code of Practice ESA ICoP Edition 2, a decision endorsed by the Health & Safety Executive in the UK.



SPECIFICATION

Gas sensor options

Methane:

Range: 0 to 100%
Resolution: 0.1%

Carbon Dioxide:

Range: 0 to 100%
Resolution: 0.1%

Oxygen

Range: 0 to 25%
Resolution: 0.01%

Hydrogen Sulphide

Range: 0 to 5000ppm
Resolution: 1ppm

Consult Hitech for other gases and ranges, or installations at high altitude.

Stability (@ STP)

<2 % f.s.d./month

Accuracy (@ STP)

±2% of f.s.d.

Sample flow

100 to 250ml/min for optimum performance

Sample temperature range

-20°C to +55°C (non-condensing)

Sample pressure

Pump-off: Min. 20 mbarg
Max. 1 barg

Sample connections

Inlet and outlet: bulkhead compression fittings suitable for 0.25inch (or 6mm) o.d. tube

Analogue Outputs

4-20mA for each gas, 0-100% span

Maximum output load

Oxygen/hydrogen sulphide: 300 ohms
Methane/carbon dioxide: 400 ohms

Alarm Outputs

2 x Concentration alarms for each gas
1 x Fault alarm for low sample flow rate
1 x Fault alarm for IR sensors
(Volt-free contacts for all alarms)

Ambient operating temperature range

-5°C to +40°C,
RH <90% (non-condensing)

Power

110-120V or 220-240V AC, 50/60Hz
(internally switchable)

Enclosure details

Wall mount, ventilated, GRP enclosure
Protection: IP54 (with door closed)
Net weight: 42 kg
Dimensions (mm): 636w x 300d x 847h

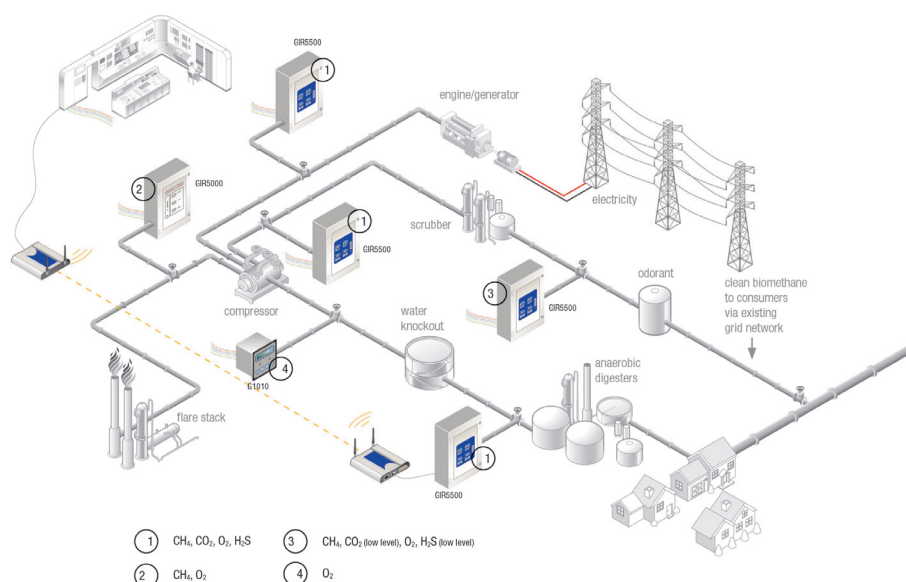
Accessories supplied

Mounting brackets, bushes and screws
Inner- and outer-cabinet door keys

ORDERING INFORMATION

Part no.	Type	Gases measured	Description
GIR5500	811-9100	Methane, carbon dioxide, oxygen and hydrogen sulphide	GIR5500 biogas analyser, ATEX certified, complete with internal pump.
	811-9101	Methane, carbon dioxide and oxygen	
	811-9102	Methane, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide	
	811-9103	Methane, oxygen and hydrogen sulphide	
	811-9104	Methane and oxygen	
	811-9105	Methane and hydrogen sulphide	
Options	850-0035	Large, external coalescing filter	
	Ask for details	Wireless communications option	Suitable for Zone 2 hazardous areas

APPLICATION EXAMPLES



APPROVALS

Country (Authority)	Standards	Certificate number	For
Europe (MTL)	EN 60079-0:2004 EN 60079-15:2005	Pending	Zone 2