RAM 4021-DPH and 4021-DPL
Operation Manual

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For Your Safety

Like any piece of complex equipment, the GfG Instrumentation RAM 4021 series will do the job it is designed to do only if it is used and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. All individuals who have or will have the responsibility of servicing the equipment must carefully read this manual.

The warranties made by GfG Instrumentation with regards to this instrument are voided if the product is not used and serviced in accordance with the instructions in this manual. Please protect yourself and others who depend on this instrument by following these instructions. The above does not alter statements regarding GfG Instrumentation’s warranties and conditions of sale and delivery.

Description

General

This unit is designed to provide continuous monitoring of carbon monoxide and dew point levels in breathing air.

The instrument’s electronics are enclosed in a NEMA-4X polycarbonate case. The case is corrosion resistant, positively pressurized by the compressor supply line, and sealed except for a bleed hole (to release the compressor’s air). The unit operates on 110 VAC power. It comes equipped with a case-mounted horn that can be disconnected if it is not required.

Calibration adjustment controls are not necessary since they are automatically performed by the microprocessor.

The carbon monoxide chemical cell has a life expectancy of two to three years with a recommended 30-day calibration check. The dew point sensor has an expected life of one year and requires no calibration due to its automatic calibration feature.
Setup Mode
By briefly pressing the bottom switch it is possible to cycle through the setup parameters. Each time the bottom switch is pressed the display screen will identify the selected mode and indicate the current setup.

The following paragraphs outline the setup modes and options available. In each mode it is possible to change the setup using the top switch.

Lights/Alarms
DP Alm – XX  Dew point alarm in degrees Fahrenheit.
CO Alm – XX  The alarm point in parts per million is displayed (i.e. CO ALM 10).
Cal  The parts per million of carbon monoxide to be used for calibration is displayed (i.e. CO - 20).

NOTE: This set-up must be identical to the ppm concentration of the carbon monoxide calibration gas (5-100 ppm CO).

The carbon monoxide test gas concentration may be set from 5 to 100 ppm and is factory set to 20 ppm. It is important to use the same test gas as the “CAL” setting, otherwise the calibration will fail due to the error protection feature.

Changing the calibration gas concentration to another value without calibrating will fault (FLT) the unit’s reading. The FLT message may be removed by returning to the calibration value prior to changing or calibrating with the new test gas concentration.

CO # RLY
The carbon monoxide alarm relay can be enabled (ON) or disabled (OFF) in this mode. The top switch will change this option. Setting the relay ON or OFF permits any auxiliary device connected to the monitor to be shut off if it is not needed. During calibration it will be automatically shut off.
**Test Mode**
Activates alarm, relays, LCDs, and solid squares on the LCD readout when the top switch is pushed.

The alarm horn and relays may be tested by pressing and holding the top switch while in alarm test setup mode. When testing an auxiliary horn, be sure the relay is turned ON.

**Operation**
Plug the unit into a 110 VAC outlet and the display will show introductory messages and a warm-up countdown. If the unit does not power up, check the electrical connections and try re-plugging in the unit. If start-up does not occur, call the factory.

After the warm-up countdown, the instrument will display CO and dew point readings. The air regulator may be adjusted at any time to set the flow level from 0.5 to 0.9 CFH. If the low flow indication shows on the display, increase the flow to 1 CFH and then drop the flow to the operational range of 0.5 to 0.8 CFH.

**CAUTION:** If the unit is reading a carbon monoxide gas level, do not make any adjustments for a few hours until the unit has settled in. If calibration is attempted within the first fifteen minutes, a TOO SOON message will occur on the display.

If the carbon monoxide gas readings remain high or below zero (0), recalibration may be needed. We also recommend checking the compressor’s air intake, which may be the cause of high readings. Outside air intake is recommended, but can easily be contaminated by furnace exhaust, building vents, parking lots, etc. Intakes within the building are to be avoided because they often contain low ppm levels of carbon monoxide.
Calibration

Calibrating Carbon Monoxide Sensor with CO Test Gas
(recommended every 30 days)

Although the unit is calibrated at the factory, it may require carbon monoxide recalibration due to handling. The only way to ensure that the sensor is operating properly is to test it with calibration gas.

To calibrate the unit with carbon monoxide test gas, shut off the air from the compressor supply line with the regulator and a **LOW FLOW** message will appear. Assemble the calibration kit and connect the tank of test gas to the calibration port connector on the instrument. Open the gas valve (use only the fixed flow regulator provided with the calibration kit). The display will read “CAL GAS” and a 60 second countdown will begin.

If the compressor air supply line is not shut off, a message will appear: **SUPPLY OFF**. If such a message occurs, shut off the supplied air and then begin the calibration process again to activate the calibration port switch.

After 60 seconds, a gas reading will appear along with a count number. With 20 ppm of test gas applied the gas reading should be 20 and the count 70. At 70 counts with 20 ppm CO the unit will automatically calibrate.

The count number is also used for troubleshooting (see troubleshooting section). After the unit auto calibrates, a message will appear: **CO G SET**, indicating that the CO gain adjustment has been set for 20 ppm. Next, an informational message on the automatic control pot value is displayed which also can be used in troubleshooting.

**NOTE:** The dew point sensor does not require calibration.
If an incorrect gas concentration is used or the sensor and/or instrument is not properly functioning, a message will appear: **CO G FAILED, PREV CAL, END CAL.** This affords improper calibration protection and an effort should be made to understand why it did not calibrate (see troubleshooting section for assistance).

After proper calibration, the next messages will be **REMOVE CALIBRATION GAS, END CAL, SUPPLY ON.** This prompts the calibrator to remove the test gas and turn the supply on at the regulator.

**“ZERO/CAL” Adjustment for Carbon Monoxide**

The carbon monoxide read-out (ppm) will be “0” in the absence of carbon monoxide. This “0” can be calibrated by flowing clean air over the sensor and activating the ZERO/CAL set switch.

The “ZERO/CAL” switch is activated through a small hole in the face of the unit using a bent paper clip or similar thin wire or tool.

**Two** methods are available to check or set the carbon monoxide ZERO/CAL.

With normal flow through the unit from a clean air supply depress the ZERO/CAL switch and hold until the carbon monoxide read-out stops flashing (about 3 seconds) and then immediately release the switch.

The auto zero process will begin immediately. If the supply air is clean the display will indicate **CO SET, END CALIBRATION** which indicates that a zero setting has been accepted and is now in use. If the supply line has more than a trace of carbon monoxide, the following messages will appear: **BAD O AIR, PREV CAL, END CAL.** The instrument is informing the user that it will not calibrate because of bad zero air and it will use its previously zeroed calibration setting.
The other method to zero the unit is to supply zero test gas (impurity free air) in the same manner as described previously with calibration gas. The unit will initiate its calibration routine. However, the unit will assume that 20 ppm CO is being applied to the calibration port unless the zero switch is pushed. Check to see that the message says zero gas instead of calibration gas as the 60 second countdown proceeds. At any time during the countdown the zero switch may be pushed to calibrate the unit with zero gas. If the switch is not pushed, a cal fail message will appear and values will be reset to the previous calibration. After the zero switch is pressed, a ZEROING message appears and then RELEASE UNLESS ZERO INIT.

Holding the zero switch for 15 seconds will reinitialize the unit. This step is used when replacing a sensor or as discussed in the troubleshooting section. Do not ZERO INIT unless instructed to do so in the troubleshooting section.

**Maintenance (qualified technicians only)**

**NOTE:** Except for the sensors, all internal parts are to be serviced only by the factory or its authorized agents.

**Dew Point Sensor Replacement**
The dew point sensor is shipped to you pre-calibrated; no calibration is required. To replace the sensor, remove it from the dew point sensor chamber, plug-in the new sensor, and reassemble the unit.

**Carbon Monoxide Sensor Replacement**
When CO test gas fails to show a gas response during calibration, a new sensor is required. Most CO sensors will last from one and a half years to three years. To replace the sensor, disconnect the power to the unit and remove the four corner screws and the electronics front cover. Next remove the three screws that hold the sensor block and unplug the CO sensor from its socket. Install a new sensor after **being sure that the shorting wire is removed** from the new sensor. Reassemble the unit and reconnect it to power. Let the new sensor settle in for at least an hour before calibrating.
A NEW SENSOR MUST BE INITIALIZED

When calibrating a new sensor, an initializing step is added to the procedure. This permits the sensor to be zero calibrated regardless of the background air and caution must be taken that the air is free of carbon monoxide. If the supply line is not CO free, then obtain a tank of impurity free air test gas from GfG (stock number 7802-006).

To initialize the unit, hold the ZERO/CAL switch for 15 seconds (airline OFF). During the fifteen seconds, messages will read: **ZERO CAL, RELEASE UNLESS ZERO INT, INIT-ING.** Release the zero set switch when INIT-ING appears and the display will read: **ZERO GAS REQUIRED.**

Supply clean air from either the supply line or calibration port and the unit will set its ZERO/CAL after 60 seconds. The instrument message will then read **CAL GAS REQUIRED.**

Supply 20 ppm calibration gas (or another value selected in the setup mode on the unit) until the display reads **END CAL, REMOVE GAS, SUPPLY ON.** After turning the air supply on, the unit will reset the error protection and monitor the carbon monoxide of the compressor air supply line.

**Troubleshooting**

**Count Numbers**

Another set of numbers is displayed during CO calibration beside the gas concentration. These numbers are there to assist in troubleshooting in case zero or calibration fails or other malfunctions occur. These numbers are called counts.

The CO zero calibration will not set if the counts are less than 46 or greater than 53; when the unit sets to zero, the number will read 50 +/- 1 counts. With 20 ppm CO calibration gas the count number will be 70 +/- 1 to set. If the computer cannot auto adjust the readout to these values of 50 and 70, the zero or calibration will fail.
Zero Fail During CO Calibration
If a failure occurs during CO zero calibration, it means the counts are not between 46 and 53. If the counts are above 53, a BAD AIR message occurs and the zero air should be checked for CO content. When the count level is below 46, it may be a malfunctioning unit or during initial zero calibration (without error protection) it could have been zeroed with a contaminated gas sample.

Another initialization will remove the 46 to 53 count restraint, and with known zero air the unit may be re-zeroed. If the counts never reach 50, the unit is malfunctioning; please call the factory for further instructions.

Calibration Gas Fail During CO Calibration
With 20 ppm CO gas supplied to the unit, the reading should reach 70 counts. If the reading does not reach 70 counts, use the appropriate procedure:
1. If the counts or gas reading do not show any increase when the gas is applied, the sensor is probably expired or the test gas has a concentration of zero CO. Check hose connections to ensure that gas is flowing into the sensor chamber.
2. If the counts are close to 70, a zero reinitializing with known zero gas will probably correct the problem. If the unit was initialized with more than 2 ppm of CO, the calibration will fail when 20 ppm test gas is applied.

CAUTION: Be sure that the cylinder in use is “zero gas” impurity free air (standard air) when zero initializing.
## Accessories and Field Replacement Parts

### Accessories
Calibration kit (includes calibration connector and 34 L, 20 ppm test gas)  
7750-001  
High pressure regulator (5,000 PSI)  
2605-002  
Regulator for 4021 DPL and 4021 DPH  
2605-014  
Remote horn – 110 VAC  
1301-002

### Replacement Parts
CO sensor – chemical cell  
5503-020  
Low dew point sensor (DPL model)  
5503-034  
High dew point sensor (DPH model)  
5503-035  
Regulator, mini-filter  
2608-004

### Test Gas
20 ppm carbon monoxide 34 L  
7802-001  
Impurity free air 34 L  
7802-006
### Equipment Technical Data

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<th><strong>Dew Point</strong></th>
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<td>Solid state hydro sensor</td>
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<td>(H) +10 to +70°F</td>
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<td>(L) -40 to +15°F</td>
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<td>5 ppm CO and (H) 10 ppm CO</td>
<td>+39°F (L) 10°F Below anticipated ambient</td>
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<td>Inlet pressure range</td>
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<td>1 – Dew point</td>
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Warranty

GfG Instrumentation warrants our products to be free from defects in material and workmanship when used for their intended purpose, and agrees to remedy any such defect or to furnish a new part (at the option of GfG Instrumentation) in exchange for any part of any product that we manufacture that under normal use is found to be defective; provided that the product is returned, by the purchaser, to GfG’s factory, intact, for our examination, with all transportation costs prepaid, and provided that such examination reveals, in our judgment, that it is defective.

This warranty does not extend to any products that have been subjected to misuse, neglect, accident, or unauthorized modifications; nor does it extend to products used contrary to the instructions furnished by us or to products that have been repaired or altered outside of our factory. No agent or reseller of GfG Instrumentation may alter the above statements.
Figure 1

4021-DPH

To Calibrate with 20 ppm CO:
1) Turn air off at regulator.
2) Attach 20 ppm test gas to cal. port.
3) Flow gas at 0.5 cu ft/min. Unit auto-calibrates.
4) Resume flow.
5) To zero.
Same as above except in step 3, flow zero gas and push zero cal. switch.
See manual for alternative methods and complete instructions.

ABL-4021-DP

1/8" NPT input for 0-120 PSI sample
4021-DPL

FIGURE 2

WARNING: WARRANTY VOIDED IF REGULATOR PRESSURE IS EXCEEDED.
New Style

NOTE: Optional GfG remote horn part number 1301-002
Old Style

[Diagram of electrical connections]

Transformer

1702-113B
Power Board

Wiring Connections:
- EXTERNAL POWER FOR AUXILIARY ALARM
- RECORDER OUTPUT
- TRANSFORMER
- YELLOW RELAY
- RED RELAY
- EXT. 12V OPER.
- GND.
- +12V EXT.
- +12V INT.
- REMOVE JUMPER
- 12V OPERATION

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