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GasAlertMax
User Manual

CAUTION: FOR SAFETY REASONS THIS EQUIPMENT MUST BE OPERATED AND SERVICED BY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ONLY. READ AND UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTION MANUAL COMPLETELY BEFORE OPERATING OR SERVICING.

GasAlertMax Gas Detector

Order Number	Description
GAMAX3-4	GasAlertMax (4 Gas) Detector (H ₂ S, CO, O ₂ , %LEL)
GAMAX3-4-DL1	GasAlertMax (4 Gas) c/w Black Box Datalogger
GAMAX3-4-DL2	GasAlertMax (4 Gas) c/w User Downloadable Datalogger
GAMAX3-3H	GasAlertMax (3 Gas) Detector (H ₂ S, O ₂ , %LEL)
GAMAX3-3H-DL1	GasAlertMax (3 Gas) c/w Black Box Datalogger
GAMAX3-3H-DL2	GasAlertMax (3 Gas) c/w User Downloadable Datalogger
GAMAX3-2	GasAlertMax (2 Gas) Detector (O ₂ , %LEL)
GAMAX3-2-DL1	GasAlertMax (2 Gas) c/w Black Box Datalogger
GAMAX3-2-DL2	GasAlertMax (2 Gas) c/w User Downloadable Datalogger

GasAlertMax Multi-Gas Detector

GasAlertMax with the prefix "GAMAX3-"
The detector comes complete with motorized sampling pump.

GasAlertMax with Black Box Datalogger

Provides full time continuous datalogging while the detector is operating. Wrap around memory ensures the most recent data is always saved. Data cannot be accessed by the user. Data is retrievable by an authorized BW factory service center in the event of an incident or occurrence.

GasAlertMax with User Downloadable Datalogger

Provides full time continuous datalogging while the instrument is operating. Data is saved on a convenient MultiMediaCard and can be removed and downloaded by the user. Data is imported into standard office software (Microsoft® Excel, Access etc.)

GasAlertMax

Introduction

Warning

To ensure your personal safety, read “Safety Information” before you use the detector.

The GasAlertMax gas detector (“the detector”) warns of hazardous gas at levels above factory set alarm setpoints. This product is a gas detector.

The detector is a personal safety device. It is your responsibility to respond properly to the alarm.

Table 1 lists the gases monitored.

Table 1. Gases Monitored

Gas Detected	Unit of Measure
Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S)	parts per million (ppm)
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	parts per million (ppm)
Oxygen (O ₂)	percent by volume (%)
Combustible Gases (LEL)	percent of lower explosive limit (% LEL)

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Safety Information - Read First

Use the detector only as specified in this manual, otherwise the protection provided by the detector may be impaired.

International symbols used on the detector and in this manual are explained in Table 2.

Read the **Warnings** and **Cautions** on the following pages before using the detector.



***This instrument contains a rechargeable battery.
Do not mix with the solid waste stream. Spent
batteries should be disposed of by a qualified
recycler or hazardous materials handler.***

⚠ Caution

To avoid possible personal injury:

- ⇒ **Warning:** Substitution of components may impair Intrinsic Safety.
- ⇒ Do not use the detector if it is damaged. Before you use the detector, inspect the case. Look for cracks or missing plastic.
- ⇒ If the detector is damaged or something is missing, contact BW Technologies immediately (see p. 2).
- ⇒ Approved by BAM for use in potentially explosive atmospheres where oxygen concentrations do not exceed 20.9% (v/v).
- ⇒ Make sure the back is closed and fastened, and the battery is locked in place before you operate the detector.
- ⇒ Use only a sensor specifically designed for your GasAlertMax model. (See the section, "Replacement Parts and Accessories.")
- ⇒ Periodically test the sensor's response to gas by exposing the detector to a targeted gas concentration that exceeds the High Alarm setpoint. Manually verify that the audible and visual alarms are activated.
- ⇒ Prior to each day's usage sensitivity must be tested on a known concentration of the target combustible gas (methane, etc.) equivalent to 25-50% of full-scale concentration (accuracy must be within 0 to +20% of actual). Accuracy may be corrected by recalibrating the instrument.
- ⇒ It is recommended the detector be calibrated before first-time use, and then at least once every 180 days.
- ⇒ Do not turn off the detector during a work shift. Turning off the detector resets the TWA (time-weighted average) and maximum gas exposure values to 0. (See the section, "Alarms.")
- ⇒ It is recommended that the accuracy of the GasAlertMax be checked with known concentration calibration gas before each day's use and immediately after any known exposure to contaminants.

⚠ Cautions (cont.)




- ⇒ **Make sure the pump filter is not blocked.**
- ⇒ **The LEL sensor is factory calibrated to methane. If monitoring a different combustible gas, calibrate the sensor using the appropriate gas.**
- ⇒ **High off-scale % LEL readings may indicate an explosive concentration.**
- ⇒ **Protect the LEL sensor from exposure to lead compounds, silicones, and chlorinated hydrocarbons. Although certain organic vapors (such as, leaded gasoline and halogenated hydrocarbons) may temporarily inhibit sensor performance, in most cases, the sensor will recover after calibration.**
- ⇒ **Any rapid up-scaling reading followed by a declining or erratic reading may indicate a gas concentration beyond upper scale limit, which may be hazardous.**
- ⇒ **Use only Black & Decker VersaPak™ batteries, properly charged and installed in the detector case. (See the section, "Replacement Parts and Accessories.")**
- ⇒ **Only charge batteries using VersaPak™ charger. Do not use any other charger. Failure to observe this precaution could lead to fire or explosion.**
- ⇒ **Do not change or charge batteries in a hazardous location. Doing so will impair the Intrinsic Safety of the unit, and may lead to fire or explosion.**
- ⇒ **Read and observe all instructions and precautions in the literature provided with the charger. Failure to do so may result in fire, electric shock, or other forms of personal injury or property damage.**

Caution (cont.)

To avoid possible damage to the detector:

- ⇒ **Extended exposure of the GasAlertMax to certain concentrations of combustible gases and air may stress a detector element, which can seriously affect its performance. If an alarm occurs due to high concentration of combustible gases, recalibration should be performed, or if needed the sensor replaced.**
- ⇒ **Exposure to some substances (e.g. silicones, phosphates, lead or sulfur containing compounds) can cause LEL sensor sensitivity loss.**
- ⇒ **Do not test the combustible sensors response with a butane cigarette lighter; doing so will damage the sensor.**
- ⇒ **Do not expose the detector to electrical shock and/or severe continuous mechanical shock.**
- ⇒ **Do not attempt to disassemble, adjust, or service the detector unless instructions for that procedure are contained in the manual and/or that part is listed as a replacement part. Use only BW Technologies replacement parts.**
- ⇒ **Do not immerse the detector in liquids.**
- ⇒ **The detector Warranty will be voided if customer personnel or third parties damage the detector during repair attempts. Non-BW Technologies repair/service attempts void this Warranty.**

Table 2. International Symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Approved by Canadian Standards Association to both U.S. and Canadian Standards
	European Explosion Protection
CE	Conforms to European Union directives
BAM	BAM performance verification and expert opinion (in progress)
ATEX	Conforms to European ATEX Directive 02 ATEX 6103X ATEX  II 2G
AUS	Certified to Australian standards

Getting Started

The items listed below are included with your detector. If the detector is damaged or something is missing, contact the place of purchase immediately.

- Black & Decker VersaPak™ Batteries (2 cells)
- VersaPak™ battery VAC charger
- H₂S/CO sensor (dual sensor)
- O₂ sensor
- LEL sensor
- Calibration hose
- Sampling hose

To order replacement parts, see the section "Replacement Parts and Accessories."

The detector comes with sensors installed. The "Maintenance" section describes how to install the batteries.

To become familiar with the features and functions of the detector, study the following figures and tables:

- Figure 1 and Table 3 describe the detector's components.
- Figure 2 and Table 4 describe the detector's display elements.
- Table 5 describes the detector's pushbuttons.

The detector is supplied with a sampling hose, which can be used to draw a gas sample from a remote area.

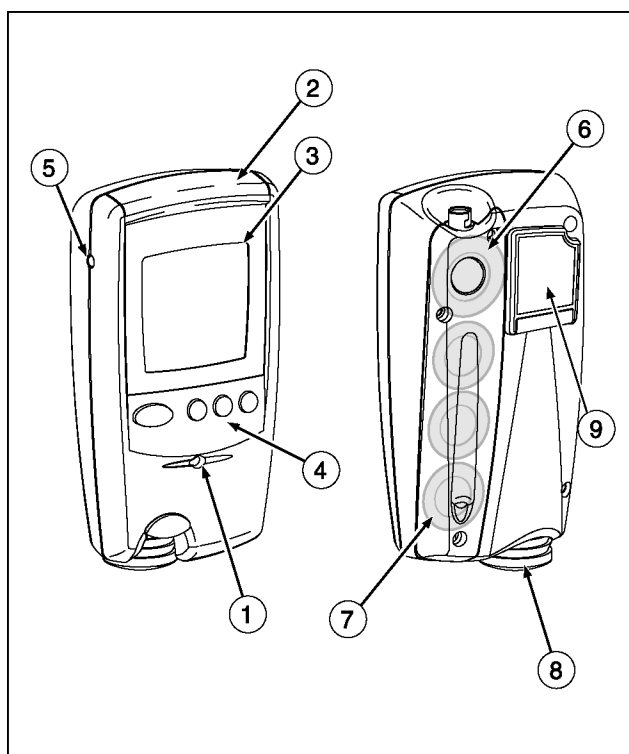
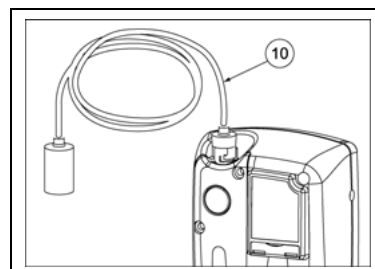


Figure 1. GasAlertMax Detector

Table 3. GasAlertMax Detector

Item	Function
①	Audible Alarm
②	Visual Alarm
③	Display
④	Pushbuttons
⑤	Accessory Output Jack
⑥	Pump and Pump Filter
⑦	Sensors
⑧	Battery
⑨	Datalogger (optional)
⑩	Sampling Hose



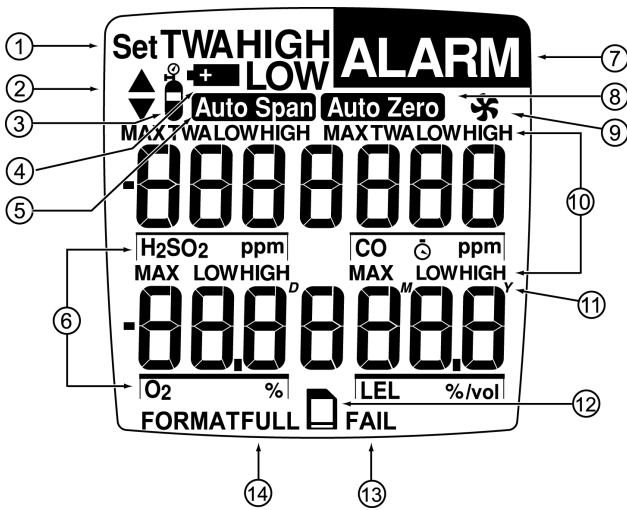


Figure 2. Display Elements
























Note

The display backlight automatically activates for 10 seconds whenever there is insufficient light to view the display and during alarm conditions. Any pushbutton reactivates the backlight.

Table 4. Display Elements


Item	Function
①	Set Value
②	Increment or Decrement Value
③	Gas Cylinder
④	Battery
⑤	Automatically Span the Sensor
⑥	Gas Identifier Bars
⑦	Alarm Setpoint or Alarm
⑧	Automatically Zero the Sensor
⑨	Pump
⑩	Multi-Gas Alarm Condition or View TWA and Maximum Gas Exposure
⑪	Real Time Calendar (Date, Month, Year)
⑫	Optional Datalogger Card Indicator
⑬	Optional Datalogger FAIL Indicator
⑭	Other Symbols – future use

Table 5. Pushbuttons

Pushbutton	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To turn on the detector, press . • To initiate the Confidence Beep, press  while pressing  at startup. • To turn off the detector, press  and hold for 5 seconds.
 CAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To decrement the displayed value, press . • To initiate calibration and setting alarm setpoints, press  and  simultaneously. • To enter the user options menu, press  and  simultaneously.
 TWA MAX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increment the displayed value, press . • To view the TWA and maximum gas exposures, press  and  simultaneously.
 OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To initiate calibration and setting alarm setpoints, press  and  simultaneously. • To manually reset maximum (peak) hold, press  and hold for 5 seconds. • To initiate the Confidence Beep, press  while pressing  at startup. • To initiate Sampling Pump recalibration press . • To acknowledge latched alarms press .


Activating the Detector

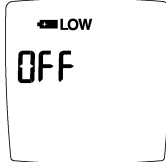
The detector must be activated before entering a potentially explosive area.

⇒ To activate the detector, press  in a normal atmosphere (20.9% oxygen).

Self-Test

The detector performs the actions in steps 1-9. Manually check that all actions occur.

1. If the battery is low,  **LOW** flashes, the display reads **OFF**. Replace the battery and restart the detector.



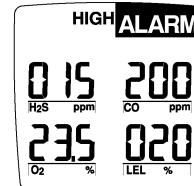
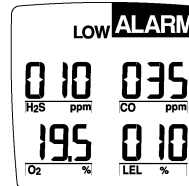
2. The display shows all elements.
3. The detector beeps and flashes.
4. The detector briefly turns on the backlight.

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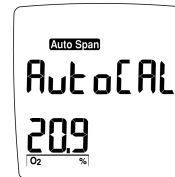
5. The detector tests data card. Display advises if card is present and ready for use (page 11).
6. The display shows the time, day and date.

7. The display shows the Low and High Alarm setpoints.


Note: The alarm setpoints on a shipped detector may vary by region. See *Resetting Gas Alarm Setpoints*.



8. The display reads **tEST** (test) as the detector tests the sensors.
9. The oxygen sensor is calibrated automatically.



If the detector fails steps 1-9, see the section, "If the Detector Does Not Work."

MultiMediaCard icon  is displayed continuously on Black Box Dataloggers and when card is present in User Downloadable Dataloggers.

Datalogger Operation

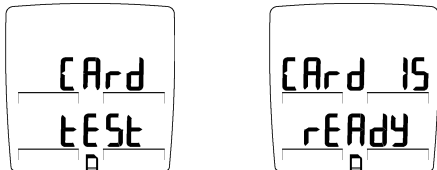
Datalogger operation is automatic and requires no settings.

Black Box Datalogger

The “Fail”, “Alarm” and card icons will blink if the card malfunctions or is removed.

User Downloadable Datalogger Test

The detector tests the data card. The display advises if the card is present and ready for use.



If the card is missing or malfunctioning, the detector beeps and flashes quickly. The display advises **card error** and the detector continues the self-test and proceeds to normal operation.

The detector does not require the data card to be present or functioning to operate.

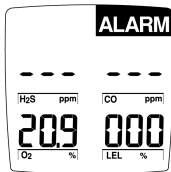
Removing the card will cause a “Card Out” message and a brief alarm. Inserting the card will cause a “Card In” message and a beep.



Add or change the data card on User Downloadable units at any time. The detector supports card insertion and removal while instrument is active.

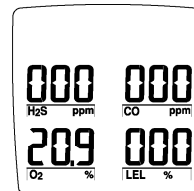
Sensor Test

The pump draws air over the sensors. If a sensor fails the self-test, the audible alarm emits a slow modulating tone and the visual alarm flashes slowly. Sensor fail display advises failed sensor:



Self-Test Pass

If the detector passes the self-test, the detector begins normal operation. The display shows the ambient gas readings:



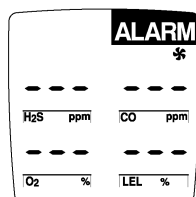
The detector starts recording the maximum gas exposure and calculating the TWA (time-weighted average).

Self-Test Fail

If the detector fails the self-test, see the section, "If the Detector Does Not Work."

Sampling Pump Test

The pump is tested continuously after activation. If the pump fails the display will show:



Note

If Pump Alarm continues for more than 5 seconds and the display advises Inlet Blocked, see "Pump Calibration".


Battery Test

The battery is tested on activation and continuously after activation. If the battery is low, **LOW** flashes.

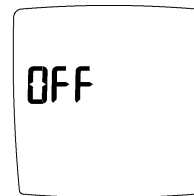
Note

If the Confidence Beep is on, the audible alarm beeps if the battery has sufficient power and stops if the battery power is low. (See the section, "Confidence Beep.")

Deactivating the Detector


⇒ To turn off the detector, press  and hold for 5 seconds.

The audible alarm beeps four times, the visual alarm flashes four times and then the display shows:



The display turns off and the detector stops normal operation.

Note



If  is held down for less than 5 seconds, the detector will not shut down.

Confidence Beep

The Confidence Beep tells you the Detector is ON and the battery has sufficient power respond to a hazardous level of gas and emit an alarm. Instead of beeping when the battery's power is low, the audible alarm beeps to advise you the battery has sufficient power. The Confidence Beep stops when the battery power is low.

You can only activate the Confidence Beep at startup.

To turn on the Confidence Beep:

1. If the detector is on, deactivate the detector.
2. Press  and  simultaneously.



After the self-test completes, the detector continuously beeps once every 5 seconds.

⇒ To turn off the Confidence Beep, turn off, and then restart the detector.




User Option Menu


User options are:

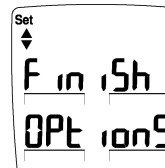
1. Finish options and exit User Options Menu.
2. Set latching alarm function.
3. *User Downloadable Datalogger model only:* Adjust real-time clock and calendar.
4. Enable or disable operation of one or more sensors.
5. Enable or disable Pass Code Protection.

To access the User Options press  and  simultaneously until the display reads:



To choose the desired options press  or . Press  to select the option.

To exit the options menu and return to normal operation at any time, press  when the display shows **Finish Options**.

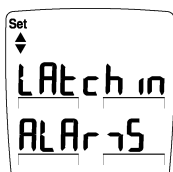


For options 4 and 5, see "User Options" (P. 40).

Latched Alarms User Option

The detector is shipped with the latching alarm function disabled. If the gas alarms are set to latch, the audible and visual alarms persist in the event of an alarm condition until the alarm is acknowledged by pressing \odot .

To enable (or disable) the latching alarm function press \odot when the display advises Latching Alarms.



The display will advise latching alarm function is ON.



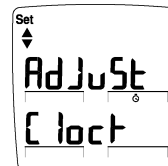
Repeat above sequence to disable latched alarms. The display will advise the latching function is OFF.

Change the Date and Time

Time and date adjustments apply only to the User Downloadable Datalogger detectors.

1. Set the time and date to your local time.

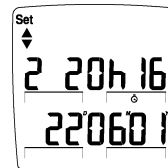
To set the real-time clock calendar, press \odot when the display advises to Adjust Clock.



Display reads in order:

- Day of the week, *Monday =1*
- Hours (h),
- Minutes,
- Date^(D),
- Month^(M),
- Year^(Y).

Use \blacktriangledown and \blacktriangle to adjust time and date. Press \odot after each new setting.



Alarms

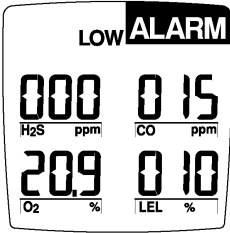
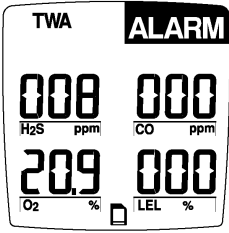
Table 6 describes the detector alarms and shows how the display looks for each alarm.

Table 7 describes the computed gas exposures.

During an alarm condition, the detector activates the backlight and the display shows the current ambient gas reading.

The High Alarm overrides a TWA Alarm and a TWA Alarm overrides a Low Alarm.

Table 6. Alarms

Alarms	Display	Alarms	Display
<p>Low Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow modulating tone and flash. • ALARM and target gas bar flash. 		<p>TWA Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast modulating tone and flash. • ALARM and target gas bar flash. 	

Latching Alarm User Option: If the Latched Alarm function is turned ON, the audible and visual alarms continue to sound and flash until the Low or High Alarm condition is acknowledged. Press to deactivate the audible and visual alarms when the current ambient gas reading falls below the low alarm level. The alarms cannot be deactivated if an alarm condition is still present. A TWA alarm condition will not reset.

Table 6. Alarms (cont.)

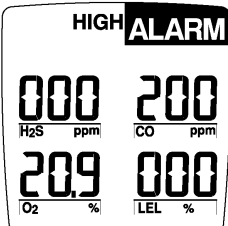

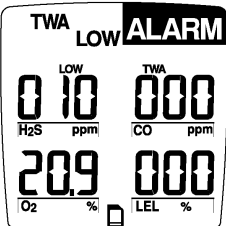
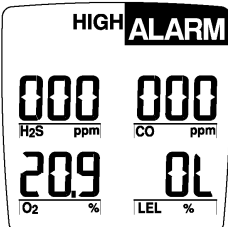
Alarms	Display	Alarms	Display
<p>High Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast modulating tone and flash. • ALARM and target gas bar flash. 		<p>Multi-Gas Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternating Low and High Alarm tone and flash. • ALARM and target gas bars flash. <p><i>Note:  icon displayed advises the data card is present.</i></p>	
<p>Over Range Alarm: (Over Level Exposure)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast modulating tone and flash. • ALARM and target gas bar flash. 			

Table 6. Alarms (cont.)

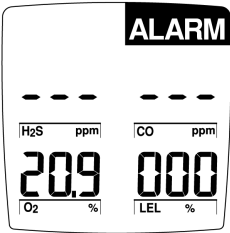
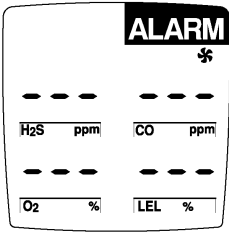
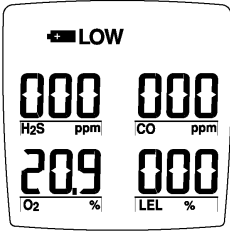
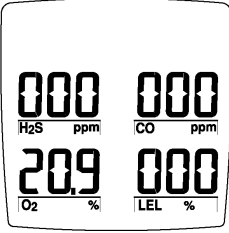

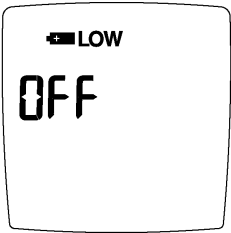
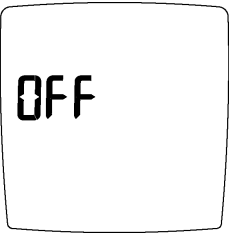
Alarms	Display	Alarms	Display
<p>Sensor Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow modulating tone and flash. • ALARM and gas bar(s) flash. 		<p>Pump Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow modulating tone and flash. • ALARM and gas bars flash. <p>If LCD reads Inlet Blocked, clear obstruction (p. 23). If alarm persists, see "Pump Calibration".</p>	
<p>Low Battery Alarm: (Confidence Beep disabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 beep and 1 flash every 5 seconds. • LOW flashes. 		<p>Confidence Beep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 beep every 5 seconds. 	

Table 6 Alarms (cont.)

Alarms	Display	Alarms	Display
<p>Automatic Shutdown Alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 beeps and flashes. •  LOW displays periodically. 		<p>Normal Shutdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 beeps and flashes. 	

Gas Exposures Computed

⚠ Warning

To avoid possible personal injury, do not turn off the detector during a workshift. The detector automatically resets the TWA and maximum gas exposures at startup. If you restart the detector during a workshift, these values will not reflect the entire workshift.

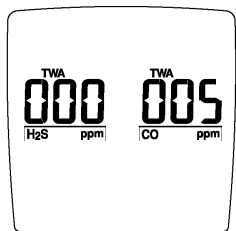
Table 7. Computed Gas Exposures

Gas Exposure	Description
TWA (CO and H ₂ S only)	Time-weighted average based on an 8-hour work day. Accumulated value.
Maximum* (Peak)	For each gas level further from the acceptable range, the detector resets the maximum gas exposure to the new level.
* Maximum gas exposure describes both very high and very low levels of oxygen.	

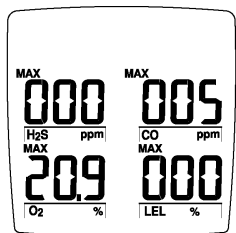
Viewing Gas Exposures


⇒ Press  and  simultaneously.

The display first shows the TWA gas exposure:



The display then shows the maximum gas exposure:



Press  and hold for 5 seconds to reset the maximum exposures.

Gas Alarm Setpoints

The detector's gas alarm setpoints trigger the gas alarms, which are described in Table 8.

Table 8. Gas Alarm Setpoints

Alarm	Condition
Low Alarm	<i>CO, H₂S, and LEL</i> : Ambient gas level above Low Alarm setpoint. (for O ₂ see below)
TWA Alarm (CO and H ₂ S only)	TWA above Low Alarm setpoint.
High Alarm	<i>CO, H₂S, and LEL</i> : Ambient gas level above High Alarm setpoint. (for O ₂ see below)
Multi-Gas Alarm	Two or more gas alarm conditions.

Oxygen Alarm Setpoints: User selectable for Low and High Alarms in the 0-30.0% range. Set both below, or both above, or one above and one below 20.9%, as desired.

Alarm setpoints >20.9% (v/v) for increasing oxygen concentrations.

Alarm setpoints <20.9% (v/v) for decreasing oxygen concentrations.

Resetting Gas Alarm Setpoints

Note: Standard factory alarm setpoints may vary by region.

Table 9. Factory Set Alarm Setpoints

Gas	Low	High
CO	35 ppm (parts per million)	200 ppm
H ₂ S	10 ppm	15 ppm
O ₂	19.5%	23.5%
Combustible Gases	10% LEL	20% LEL

To change the factory-set alarm setpoints, refer to the section “Calibration and Setting Alarm Setpoints.”


You can disable an alarm by setting the alarm setpoint to 0. Setting the Low Alarm setpoint to 0 turns off the Low and TWA Alarms.

The detector allows you to set the O₂ alarm setpoints for Low Alarm above or below 20.9% and to set High Alarm above or below 20.9% as desired.

Stopping a Gas Alarm

The Low and High Alarms stop when the ambient gas level returns to the acceptable range.

Note

If alarms are set to latch, press  to reset the audible and visual alarms.

The detector computes the TWA value based on an 8-hour workday. Only deactivating the detector can stop the TWA Alarm.

Sensor Alarm

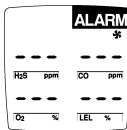
The detector tests for a missing or defective sensor during the activation self-test. See the section, "If the Detector Does Not Work."

Pump Alarms

The internal pump draws air over the sensors. If the pump stops working or the pump filter becomes clogged, the detector activates the Pump Alarm.

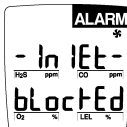
Pump Alarm:

- Turn off the detector immediately and clear the pump inlet, hose and filter



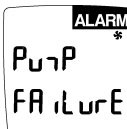
Blocked Pump Alarm

- If the Pump Alarm continues and the LCD advises the inlet is blocked, see the "Pump Calibration" section.



Pump Failure Alarm: Activates if

- The pump calibration is incomplete.
- The pump is missing or broken



The pump may alarm when attaching a calibration hose, replacing the filter, or applying calibration gas.

Low Battery Alarm

The detector tests the battery on activation and continuously thereafter. If the battery voltage is low, the detector activates the Low Battery Alarm.

The Low Battery Alarm continues until you replace the battery or the battery power is almost depleted. If the battery voltage drops too low, the detector executes an Automatic Shutdown.

Automatic Shutdown Alarm

If the battery voltage is in immediate danger of dropping below the minimum operating voltage, the audible alarm beeps 8 times and the visual alarm flashes 8 times. After 3 seconds, the display blanks out and the detector stops normal operation. The display shows **+ LOW** periodically until the battery power is depleted.

Replace the battery. (See the section, "Replacing the Battery.")

Note

If the Confidence Beep is on, the audible alarm does not beep during a Low Battery alarm. (See the section, "Confidence Beep.")

Typically, the Low Battery Alarm continues for 30 minutes before Automatic Shutdown.

Calibration and Setting Alarm Setpoints

Guidelines

Caution

The detector must be calibrated using the following gas concentrations: H₂S = 25 ppm, CO = 100 ppm, Methane = 2.5 % (50 % LEL), and balance air.

If you do not calibrate all of the sensors, use the gas concentration listed above for the target sensor being calibrated.

When calibrating the detector, adhere to the following guidelines.

- CG-Q58 Calibration Gas (four-gas mix) is available from BW Technologies. (See the section "Replacement Parts and Accessories.")
- Calibration accuracy is never better than the calibration gas accuracy. BW Technologies recommends a premium-grade calibration gas. Gases with NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) traceable accuracy will improve the validity of the calibration. Do not use a gas cylinder beyond its expiration date.
- Calibrate a new sensor before use. Allow the sensor to stabilize before starting calibration (used: 60 seconds; new: 5 minutes).
- Calibrate the detector at least once every 180 days, depending on use and sensor exposure to poisons and contaminants.
- Calibrate the detector if the ambient gas display varies at startup.
- It is best to calibrate the sensor before changing alarm setpoints.
- Calibrate only in a clean atmosphere, which is free of background gas.
- To disable an alarm, set its alarm setpoint to 0.
- The LEL sensor is factory calibrated to methane. If monitoring a different combustible gas, calibrate the sensor using the appropriate gas.
- The O₂ sensor is automatically calibrated on activation. Activate detector in a normal 20.9% O₂ atmosphere.
- If you require a certified calibration, contact BW Technologies using one of the numbers on page 2.

Diagnostics Protection:

The detector test the ambient air (auto zero) and the test gas applied (auto span) to ensure it meets expected values.

In auto zero if any background target gas is present, the sensor(s) affected will read **no** and exit the auto zero function retaining the previous set value(s).

In auto span if any target gas is not present or does not meet expected values the sensor(s) will advise you and exit calibration mode retaining the previous set value(s).

Applying Gas to the Sensors

The calibration hose, which is shipped with the detector, simplifies sensor testing and calibration. Table 10 and Figure 3 show how to use it when applying gas to the sensors.

Table 10. Applying Gas to the Sensors

Item	Description
①	Detector Back
②	Calibration Hose
③	Regulator and Gas Cylinder

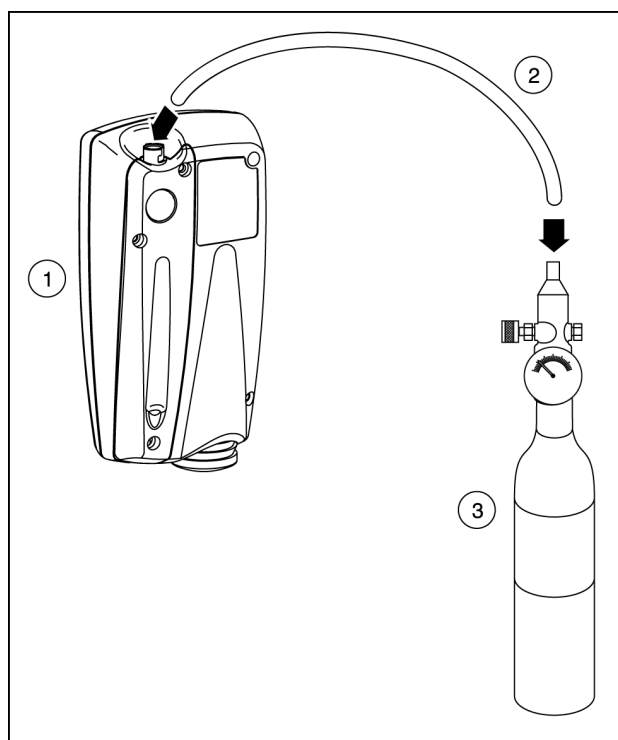



Figure 3. Applying Gas to the Sensors

Calibration Procedure

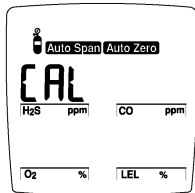
To calibrate the detector and set its alarm setpoints, perform the following 6-step procedure.

Start Calibration

To quit at any point after auto zero, press . The detector retains any saved values, and the audible alarm beeps four times before the detector returns to normal operation.

1. Press  and  simultaneously.

The display shows:

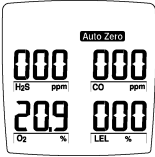
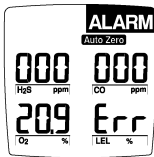


The audible alarm beeps once.

Auto Zero and Oxygen Sensor Calibration


The display flashes “auto zero” while the detector automatically zeroes the H₂S, CO and LEL sensors and calibrates the oxygen sensor.

The audible alarm then beeps twice.

Auto Zero	Sensor Fail
	

Note

Do not apply the calibration gas until the display shows a flashing gas cylinder; otherwise, the auto zero step will fail.

If a sensor fails, the display advises error (ERR) and skips the span for the failed sensor(s). Other sensors span normally. Press  to exit. Then restart calibration in an atmosphere that is clear of the targeted gases. If the auto zero fails a second time, restart the detector to test the sensors.

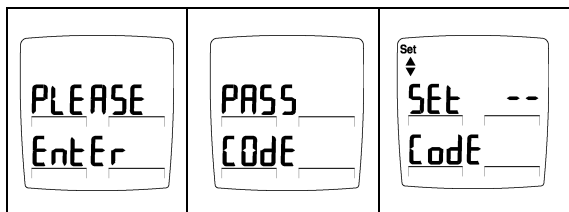
Pass Code Protect: If the detector is pass code protected, after a successful Auto Zero, the detector will ask for the pass code before proceeding to Auto Span and Alarm Setpoints.

Pass Code Protect Activated

Before setting span the display will advise if the detector is pass code protected. The display will advise Calibration is locked.



Then display requests the Pass Code.



The Set up/down arrow icon lights to prompt entry of the three-digit pass code. Enter the correct pass code using ▲ and ▼ keys. Press ○ key to accept the displayed pass code.

If the correct code is entered the detector automatically proceeds to auto span.

If the pass code is not entered within 8 seconds or the wrong pass code is entered, the detector advises the code is **not correct**.



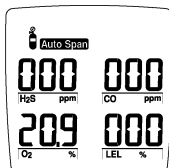
The detector beeps four times and automatically returns to normal operation.

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Auto Span

The display shows a flashing gas cylinder, prompting you to apply a calibration gas to the sensor or skip the span (sensitivity adjustment):



Use a calibration gas containing the gas concentrations listed in the Guidelines.

2. Apply gas to the sensor at a flow rate of 250 to 500 ml/min.
Or, press now to skip the span.

When the detector senses approximately one-half of the expected gas concentration (30 seconds), the audible alarm beeps once. The detector then begins spanning the sensor (2 minutes).

The audible alarm beeps three times at the end of the span.

Note

The detector will not span a sensor if:

- You do not apply gas to the sensor.
- The sensor fails to detect at least one-half of the expected gas concentration in the first 30 seconds.
- The gas concentration drops below one-half of the expected gas level during the 2-minute span.

If you apply gas to a sensor and the detector fails to span the sensor, repeat the calibration process using a new gas cylinder. If the sensor fails the span a second time, replace the sensor. (See the section, "Replacing a Sensor or Pump Filter.")

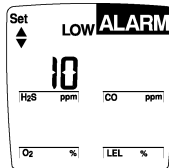
Alarm Setpoints

Alarms may be set anywhere within the detection range for the sensor (page 46), or set to zero for OFF.

Setting the Low Alarm Setpoint

Next set the Low and High Alarm setpoints for each sensor in turn, starting with H₂S.

The display shows the Low Alarm setpoint for H₂S:



The Set up/down arrow icon lights, prompting you to input a new Low Alarm setpoint. To accept the displayed value, press \bigcirc .

3. To change the Low Alarm setpoint for this sensor, press \blacktriangle or \blacktriangledown until the display shows the new value. Press \bigcirc to save the displayed value.

Note

If you do not press any pushbuttons within 10 seconds, the detector automatically retains the Low Alarm setpoint.

If you change the displayed value but pause for 10 seconds before pressing \bigcirc , the detector rejects the new value. The display shows error (Err) and the audible alarm beeps six times. The saved Low Alarm setpoint is displayed.

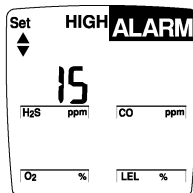
The detector allows you to set both (Low and/or High) O₂ alarm setpoints below or above 20.9%, or one below and one above 20.9%.

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Setting the High Alarm Setpoint

The display shows the High Alarm setpoint for H₂S:




The Set up/down arrows lights, prompting you to input a new High Alarm setpoint.

4. To change the High Alarm setpoint for this sensor, press  or  until the display shows the new value.
5. Press  to save the displayed value.

Note

If you do not press any pushbuttons within 10 seconds, the detector automatically retains the High Alarm setpoint.

*If you change a High Alarm setpoint but pause for 10 seconds before pressing , the detector rejects the new value. The display shows **no** and the audible alarm beeps six times. The display then shows the unchanged High Alarm setpoint.*

Setting the Remaining Alarm Setpoints

The display shows the Low Alarm setpoint for the next sensor. The Set up/down arrows lights, prompting you to input a new Low Alarm setpoint.

6. Repeat steps 3 through 6 to set alarm setpoints for CO, LEL and O₂.

After all alarm setpoints are set, the audible alarm beeps four times and the detector returns to normal operation.

Verification (optional)

Test the detector using a gas cylinder other than the one used in the calibration steps. The gas concentration should not exceed the sensor's detection range. Confirm that the display shows the expected concentration.

Instrument Maintenance

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<i>Sensor Enable or Disable</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Pass Code Protection</i>	<i>41</i>

Maintenance

To keep the detector in good operating condition, perform the following basic maintenance as required:

- Calibrate, test, and inspect the detector at regular intervals.
- Keep an Operations Log of all maintenance, calibrations, and alarm events.
- Clean the exterior with a soft damp cloth. Do not use solvents, soaps, or polishes.
- Do not immerse the detector in liquids.

Replacing the Battery

⚠ Warning

To avoid personal injury:

- ⇒ **Replace the battery as soon as the detector emits a Low Battery Alarm.**
- ⇒ **Use only Black & Decker VersaPak™ batteries, properly installed in the detector case.**
- ⇒ **Only charge batteries using a VersaPak™ charger (such as the D4-VP130 or V-CHARG1). Do not use any other charger. Failure to observe this precaution could lead to fire or explosion.**
- ⇒ **Do not change or charge batteries in a hazardous location. Doing so will impair the intrinsic safety of the unit, and may lead to fire or explosion.**
- ⇒ **Before you use the detector for the first time, fully charge the batteries, following the instructions provided with the charger.**

Table 11 and Figure 4 illustrate how to replace the battery. If the detector is on, shut down the detector before replacing the battery. Push the release button. The battery pulls out and snaps in.

Table 11. Replacing the Battery

Item	Description
①	Detector Front
②	Release Button
③	Battery

To preserve battery life, turn the detector off when you are not using it.

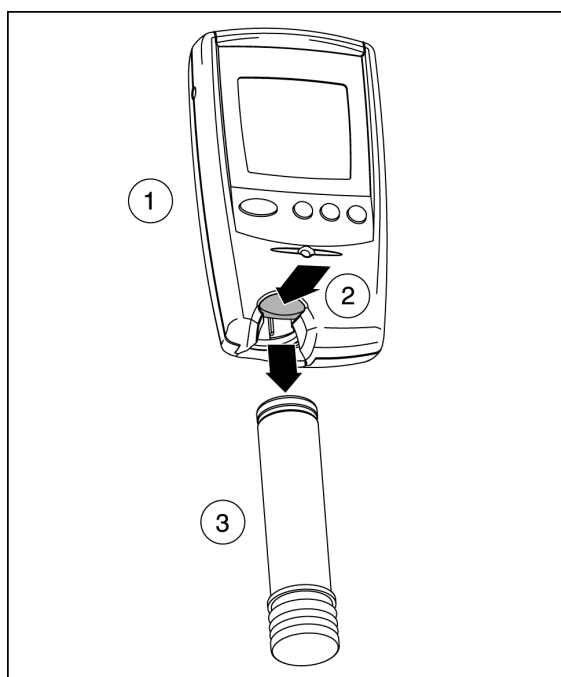
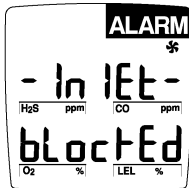



Figure 4. Replacing the Battery

Pump Calibration

The pump may need recalibration if the Pump Alarm continues for more than 5 seconds and the display advises the inlet is blocked.

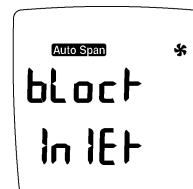


Note: The pump can only be calibrated if the above display is shown.



1. Press  for 3 seconds until the audible alarm beeps. Wait for the auto zero function to complete. The display advises pump calibration.



Then, the audible alarm beeps twice, the pump icon stays lit, the auto span icon flashes and the display shows:



To complete calibration, block the pump inlet (*within 8 seconds*) after the display shows **Block InlEt**.

Pump Calibration Successful		Pump Calibration Fail	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 beeps • Display reads success • Pump Calibration complete • Returns to normal operation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 fast beeps • Display reads failure <p>Try again. If pump continues to fail, replace the pump.</p>	

Replacing a Sensor, Pump or Pump Filter

⚠ Warning

To avoid personal injury, use only sensors specifically designed for the detector. See the section, "Replacement Parts and Accessories."

Each sensor has a high degree of resistance to common vapors and gases. A sensor will most likely clear itself if you remove the detector to a clean environment and wait 10 to 30 minutes.

Do not expose a sensor to the vapors of inorganic solvents (such as, paint fumes) or organic solvents.

The section "If the Detector Does Not Work" describes problems caused by a sensor in need of calibration or replacement.

The internal pump draws air over the sensors. If the pump stops working or the pump filter becomes clogged, the detector activates the Pump Alarm. Turn off the detector immediately.

Pump Filter

Check if the pump filter is clogged by viewing the pump filter through the window on the back of the detector. Clean the filter using a soft, clean brush and clean, warm water. Let the filter dry before replacing it.

If the Pump Alarm activates a second time, insert a new pump filter. If the alarm activates with the new filter in place, contact BW Technologies. (See page 2.)

Table 12 and Figure 5 illustrate how to replace a sensor or pump filter. If the detector is on, shut down the detector. Use a Phillips head screwdriver to loosen and tighten any screws.

Do not use excessive force when removing or inserting the sensor, or the sensor may be damaged. Gently rocking the sensor back and forth may help free a tightly held sensor. Insert new sensor in the corresponding labeled compartment.

Table 12. Replacing a Sensor, Pump or Pump Filter

Item	Description
①	Detector Back Screws
②	Sensor and Pump Cover
③	Pump Filter Window
④	Pump Filter and O-Ring
⑤	Pump
⑥	Sensors

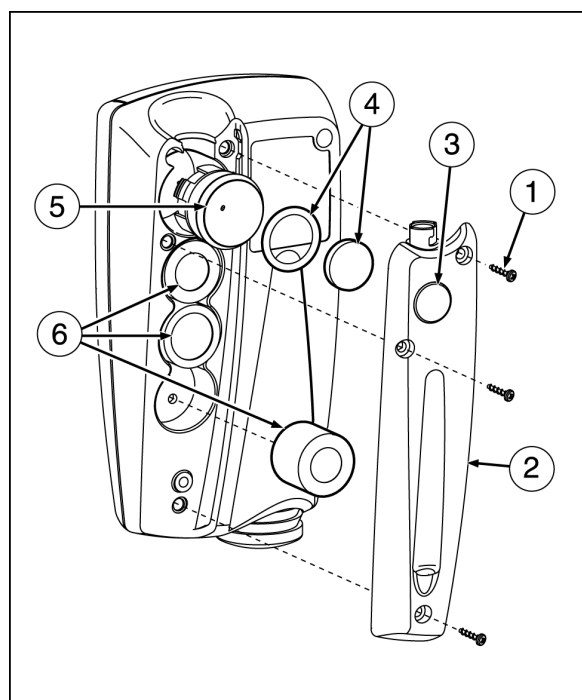


Figure 5. Replacing a Sensor, Pump or Pump Filter

User Options

Upgrade a 2 or 3 Gas Unit

A GAMAX3-2 (2-gas: O₂, LEL) or GAMAX3-3H (3-gas O₂, LEL, H₂S) can be upgraded in the field to a 3 or 4-gas unit. Install the desired H₂S or Twin Tox (CO/H₂S) sensor (this must be done outside the potentially explosive atmosphere). Then, in the User Option's Sensor Menu enable the newly installed sensor(s).

Sensor Enable or Disable

⚠ Warning


Disabling an installed sensor configures the detector to a one, two, or three gas unit. No protection is now provided for the gas targeted by that sensor(s).

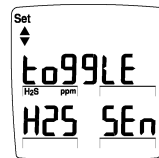
Disabling a sensor should be performed with extreme caution. In the event a sensor fails, Sensor Disable can be used to turn off the sensor fail alarm. The sensor should be replaced and enabled as soon as possible.

To disable a Sensor enter the User Options Menu (page 14).

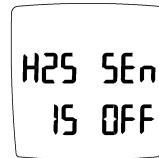
Disabling/Enabling a Sensor

Select the sensor H₂S, CO, LEL, or O₂ to be enabled or disabled. The detector will function normally with remaining enabled sensors. The sensor may be enabled again, at any time.

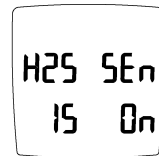
To disable (or enable) the H₂S sensor reading, press  when the display advises:



The display then advises the H₂S Sensor is OFF.




To enable H₂S sensor repeat above sequence. The display advises H₂S Sensor is ON.



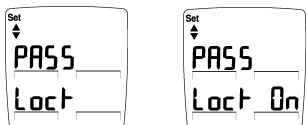
Repeat the sequence for CO, LEL (combustible) and O₂.


Pass Code Protection


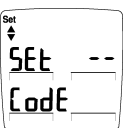
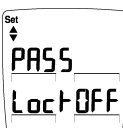
The detector is shipped with the Pass Code protection OFF. Pass Code protection prevents user access to the calibration and adjust alarm setpoints functions.

User Options Menu (page 14): To activate the Pass Code Protect, press  when the screen displays PASS Lock.

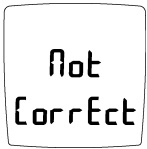
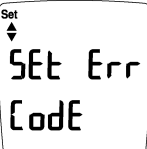
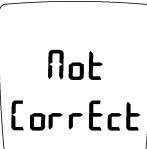
The screen advises Pass Code Lock protection is ON (activated) and beeps 3 times.



If the detector is pass code protected, the display advises the unit is locked and requests Pass Code. Enter correct code and press  to confirm entry. Display advises Pass Lock is OFF. *Note: Factory Code is provided separately.*

Pass Lock ON	Set Code	Pass Lock OFF
		

The correct three digit factory Pass Code must be entered in 8 seconds or the display advises that the code is not correct or error and returns to the options menu.

<p><i>No code entered or Incorrect code entered and confirmed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beeps and flashes • Returns to previous screen 	
<p><i>Code entered, but not confirmed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display shows both LCD's • Beeps and flashes 	 

If the Detector Does Not Work

The detector's electronics are protected from variations in humidity and corrosive atmospheres. If you encounter a problem, try the solutions listed in Table 13.

If you still are unable to correct the problem, contact BW Technologies using one of the numbers on page 2.

Table 13. Troubleshooting Tips

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Detector does not turn on.	No battery. Depleted battery. Damaged or defective detector.	→ Install battery. → Replace battery. → Contact BW. (See page 2.)
Detector enters alarm immediately when turned on.	Sensor needs to stabilize. Low Battery alarm. Sensor Alarm. Pump Alarm.	→ Used sensor: wait 60 seconds New sensor: wait 5 minutes → Replace battery. → Replace sensor. → If the sampling hose is attached, determine if it is obstructed. If it is not, clean or replace the pump filter. If this does not work, see page 30 or contact BW.

Table 13. Troubleshooting Tips (cont.)

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Activation self-test fails during one of the first five steps.	General fault.	→ Contact BW. (See page 2.)
Detector does not display normal ambient gas reading after activation self-test.	Sensor not stabilized. Detector requires calibration. Target gas is present.	→ Used sensor: wait 60 seconds New sensor: wait 5 minutes → Calibrate detector. → Detector is operating properly. Use caution in suspect areas.
Detector does not respond to pushbuttons.	Battery is depleted. Detector is performing operations that do not require user input.	→ Replace battery. → Pushbutton operation restored automatically when the operation ends.
Detector does not accurately measure gas.	Detector requires calibration. Detector is colder/hotter than ambient gas. Sensor screen is blocked.	→ Calibrate sensor. → Allow detector to acquire ambient temperature before use. → Clean sensor screen.

Table 13. Troubleshooting Tips (cont.)

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Detector does not enter alarm.	Alarm setpoint(s) are set incorrectly. Alarm setpoint(s) set to zero. Detector is in calibration mode.	→ Reset alarm setpoints. → Reset alarm setpoints. → Complete the calibration procedure.
Detector intermittently enters alarm without apparent reason.	Ambient gas levels are near alarm setpoint or the sensor is exposed to a puff of the target gas. Alarms set incorrectly. Missing or faulty sensor.	→ Detector is operating normally. Use caution in suspect areas. Check maximum gas exposure reading. → Reset alarm setpoints. → Replace sensor.
Detector automatically shuts off.	Automatic Shutdown feature activated due to weak battery.	→ Replace battery.
Unit will not auto zero or calibrate. O ₂ sensor reading is erratic.	O ₂ sensor replacement may not be compatible.	→ Change O ₂ sensor.

Replacement Parts and Accessories

⚠ Warning

To avoid personal injury or damage to the detector, use only the specified replacement parts.

To order parts or accessories listed in Table 14, contact BW Technologies. (See page 2.)

Table 14. Replacement Parts and Accessories

Model No.	Description	Qty
D4-VP130 D4-VP130-(UK) D4-VP130-(EU) D4-VP130-(AU) V-CHARG1	110 VAC Battery Charger 230 VAC Charger U.K. 230 VAC Charger Europe 230 VAC Charger Australia 12 volt Vehicle Charger	1
GA-VP110	VersaPak™ battery, Rechargeable: NiMH	1
GA-HMAX	Holster	1
GA-BMAX	Boot carrying case	1
GA-PFMAX	Pump Filter	5
MMC16	MultiMediaCard 16 MB	1
MMC32	MultiMediaCard 32 MB	1

Model No.	Description	Qty
DOOR1-K10	GAMAX3-DL2 Single Use Card Lock doors	10
GA-RPMAX	Replacement Pump	1
D4-RHM04	Replacement H ₂ S/CO sensor	1
SR-X10	O ₂ (2 Year) Replacement Sensor	1
D4-RW90	Replacement LEL sensor	1
D4-HSP-10	Sampling Hose	1
CG-Q58	GasAlertMax Calibration Gas	1
CG-Q34	GasAlertMax Calibration Gas	1
REG-0.5	Regulator (0.5 L/min)	1

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Specifications

(Detectors with Model No. prefix "GAMAX3-")

Operating temperature: -20 °C to +50 °C

Storage temperature: -25 °C to +55 °C

Operating humidity: 5 % to 95 % relative humidity
(non-condensing)

Operating pressure: 95 to 110 kPa (LEL)
80 to 120 kPa (O₂)
90 to 110 kPa (CO, H₂S)

Alarm setpoints: May vary by region and are user settable.

Detection range:

CO: 0 - 500 ppm in 1 ppm increments
H₂S: 0 - 100 ppm in 1 ppm increments
O₂: 0 - 30 % in 0.1% increments
LEL: 0 - 100 % LEL in 1% LEL increments

Sensor type:

H₂S/CO: Twin plug-in electrochemical cell
O₂: Plug-in electrochemical cell
LEL: Plug-in catalytic bead

O₂ measuring principle: Capillary controlled concentration sensor

Pump flow rate: 250 ml/min (minimum)

Detection techniques:

H₂S and CO: Low, TWA, and High Alarms
O₂ and LEL: Low and High Alarms

Alarm Conditions: Low Alarm, TWA Alarm, High Alarm, Multi-Gas Alarm, Sensor Alarm, Pump Alarm, Low Battery Alarm, Confidence Beep, Automatic Shutdown Alarm

Audible alarm: 95 dB at 1 ft (0.3 m) variable pulsed beeper

Visual alarm: Red light-emitting diode (LED)

Display: Alphanumeric liquid crystal display (LCD)

Backlight: Automatically activates whenever there is insufficient light to view the display and during alarm conditions

Self-test: Initiated at activation

Calibration: Automatic Zero and Automatic Span
Oxygen Sensor: On Activation (auto)

User Enable/Disable Options:

Confidence Beep, Latching Alarms, Password Protect, Sensor Disable

Batteries: Two Black & Decker VersaPak™ batteries

Battery Charger: Black & Decker VersaPak™ VP130 charger

Battery operating time: NiMH: 10 hours

First-time charge: NiMH: 12 hours for 2 batteries

Normal charge: NiMH: 12 hours for 2 batteries

Approvals:

Approved by CSA to both U.S. and Canadian Standards.

Approved: Class I, Division 1, Group A, B, C, and D;
Class I, Zone 0, Group IIC

Cenelec (LCIE): EEx ia d IIC

ATEX: 02 ATEX 6103X

AUS: Ex ia s IIB Ambient 40 °C

BAM performance verification to EN 50054 and EN 50057 for the measurement of methane and to EN 50104 for oxygen, according to expert opinion BAM II-468/2002 for apparatus with implemented software version "Code D" (MX2-D).

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General Specifications for Datalogger Units*

Media Type: MMC (MultiMediaCard)

Size: 16 MB (standard); 16, 32 and 64 MB cards available

Storage: 250,000 lines of data (16 MB)
2.2 months (based on a normal work week)

Memory Type: Wrap-around memory ensures most recent data is always saved

Sample Rate: One reading every 5 seconds (standard)

Data recorded: All sensor readings, all alarm conditions, calibrations, event flags, battery status, sensor status, confidence activation, sampling pump status, and product status along with the time and date for each reading and unit serial number.

MMC Card Test: Automatically on activation

** not part of BAM certification*

GasAlertMax with Black Box Datalogger

Operation: Requires no user intervention

Continuous: Full time continuous datalogging while the detector is operating

Access: Data cannot be accessed or manipulated by the user

Data Retrieval: Authorized factory representative if required

Advise Indicators: Icon advises datalogger operating status

Card Alarm: MMC Card fail or missing

**GasAlertMax with User Downloadable
Datalogger**

Operation: Requires no user intervention (automatic)

Indicators: Icon advises Datalogger is operating normally,
MMC card missing / malfunction advise and Card In/Out
advise

Compatible with: Desktop PC Computer or Laptop

Operating System: Windows 95 or higher

Download via: USB, parallel port, floppy disk or PC card
adapter

Software required: Spreadsheet or database compatible
with comma-separated-value (CSV) text files
(Excel, Access, Quattro, etc.)

Card Alarm: Card Fail or Missing

Support:

BW E.D.M (Excel Datalog Manager): E.D.M. is an Excel
software add-in that enhances the abilities of Microsoft Excel
when handling GasAlertMax User Downloadable Datalogger
data files.

Appendix A

- Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.)* B
- Installing Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.)*..... C
- MMC Card Reader Installation* C
- Direct Import to Compatible Programs* F
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Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.)

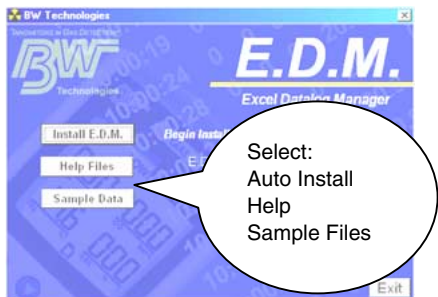
The Support CD for the User Downloadable Datalogger Detectors contains:

- BW Technologies Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.) software plug-in.
- Installation and Use Instructions
- Datalogger example data files and spreadsheets.

IMPORTANT

E.D.M. Review and use the CD Help and Sample files for installing and using the E.D.M. program.

Excel: All functions and features of Microsoft® Excel are available, including automatic graphing. Use Excel Help to sort, format, archive etc data easily and automatically.



B

Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.) Software plug-in

Data import is fully automated and allows Excel to load files larger than 65,535 lines. The E.D.M. program will automatically create additional worksheets for larger files.

System Requirements

Recommended E.D.M. system: 750 MHz Pentium (or equivalent), 100 MB hard disk space, Microsoft Windows 2000, Microsoft® Excel 2000

Minimum E.D.M. system requirements: 300 MHz Pentium (or equivalent), 30 MB free hard disk space, Windows 95, Microsoft® Excel 95

Sample data files

Sample data are available on CD. Sample data files help you become familiar with the software.

Files with the .CSV extension are samples of actual data files downloaded from GasAlertMax Dataloggers. CSV files may be imported into Excel using the E.D.M. wizard or loaded directly into Excel or a compatible database, spreadsheet or word processor.

Installing Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.):

- Place the GasAlertMax Datalogger E.D.M. Support CD in the middle of the CD-ROM tray and close.
- **AutoPlay:** From the main window Click on the "Install E.D.M". Button, the installation wizard will guide you.
- **AutoPlay not Activated:** In "My Computer" find the E.D.M. icon on your CD drive. Double Click the E.D.M. icon to select the drive. Then, double Click the folder "EDM v###" to open. Next double click the "Setup" file. Now the installation wizard will guide you.



After setup is complete and you have restarted your computer, you will find a new item listed in your start menu called **BW Technologies**, which contains:

- EDM Help – (Use instructions & Help information)
- Excel Datalog Manager (Starts the Excel Datalog Manager software)

MMC Card Reader Installation

To retrieve recorded data, a MultiMediaCard reader has to be configured and installed to your computer. The Adapter provides the physical connection between the MultiMediaCard and your computer. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

Ensure your Card Reader is compatible with your computer. Several Card Readers that support Windows are available from BW Technologies.

Types of MultiMediaCard Readers

MultiMediaCard readers are available in four types:

- Floppy Disk adapters;
- Parallel Port External Drive Adaptor (USB)
- Universal Serial Bus (USB) or
- PCMCIA (PC card) adapters.

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Start Excel Datalog Manager

Double click on the E.D.M. icon on the desktop to start the Excel Datalog Manager Wizard. This provides a simple method of transferring data from the datalogger system to Microsoft® Excel.



Import Your Data File.

After starting the E.D.M. wizard follow the easy steps

1. Start: The first screen asks you to click '**Next**' to begin the data file import.

2. File Location: Click '**Browse**' to locate your data file. Once located, highlight the file and Click '**Open**', then '**Next**' to move to the next option.

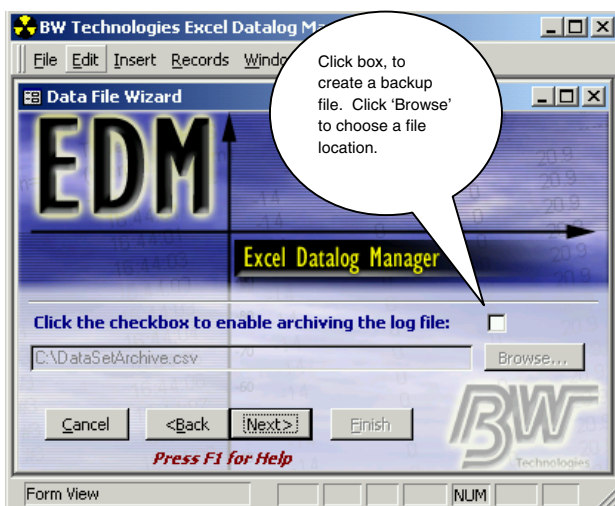
Data files may be imported from the hard disk, or directly from the MultiMediaCard containing the data. The import process does not modify or erase the original data.

3. Archive Back-up of Data File:

This option enables you to create a complete backup copy of the original card data. Click the '**Browse**' button to select the location to place the backup data file. *Once finished click '**Next**'.*

Back-ups can be loaded into Excel or other compatible programs at any time.

4. Location Of Final File: Use this step to select the location of the finished Excel data workbook. The data file will be sorted, imported into Excel, formatted, and saved as an Excel workbook file. *Once finished click '**Next**'.*



5. Filter: This step allows the user to filter the original files down to a convenient, manageable size without losing any critical information.

Select all logged data, or select to include only every 2, 3 or etc. entry without losing any critical information.

Once finished click 'Next'.

Note:

This option does not remove or delete data from the original data file or any archived file; only the final Excel workbook is affected. ALL Records involving alarm conditions, failures, calibrations, battery warnings or other important events will not be filtered and will appear in the final Excel Workbook in their entirety. If the confidence beep is used on the datalogging instrument, this step has no effect; E.D.M. will not filter out records where the confidence beep is active.

6. Finish: Click on 'Finish' to import the data into Excel and open the finished Excel data workbook.

Note

The data file may take several minutes to transfer, read and sort in E.D.M.

Direct Import to Compatible Programs

Information from this point on only applies to users who are not using the E.D.M. plug-in. The following information applies to direct data import into Excel and other compatible programs. To use the datalogger data, insert the data card into a computer adapter and open the data file LOGFILE0.CSV using spreadsheet or database software. Word processors and text editors may also be used, but performance may be poor, since the datalogger file is at least 16 megabytes in size.

Data for user-accessible models is comma-separated-values (CSV) format. The data order is:

- Date, day, time
- H₂S, CO, LEL, O₂
- H₂S TWA, CO TWA
- Status Codes, serial number

Recorded data includes eight single-character unit status codes. The eight characters represent codes for the H₂S, CO, LEL, and O₂ sensors, sample pump, datalogger, unit battery status, and unit alarm status. A summary of most of the available codes can be seen in table A.

Importing the Data File Into Compatible Desktop Applications

Information from this point forward only applies to users who are not using the Excel Datalog Manager (E.D.M.) plug-in.

The recorded data can be loaded into most spreadsheet, database, word processor, or text editor applications, some examples are:

- Microsoft® Excel 95, 98 and 2000;
- Quattro Pro;
- Lotus 1-2-3;
- Microsoft® Access; and
- Microsoft® Word

Determining Application Compatibility

To determine if the application selected is compatible:

- Insert MMC card in to the Card Reader; then
- Open desired application.
- Use the applications "File/Open" menu options to locate and open the data file.

If the recorded data file is compatible with the application, it will open. If not the application will report an error in opening the file.

Important

Some applications have an internal file size limits, and may not load the entire file. Check the applications specifications prior to use.

Table A: DATALOGGER STATUS CODES

Code	Explanation
General Codes	
—	Normal operation
G	Backlight is on
Sensor Codes	
L	Low Alarm
H	High Alarm
T	TWA Alarm
U	Dual alarm (Low and TWA alarms)
V	Dual alarm (High and TWA alarms)
O	Sensor is over-ranged
C	Calibrating
F	Sensor Failure
1	Alarm setpoint 1
2	Alarm setpoint 2
Pump Codes	
P	Pump alarm
F	Pump Failure

Cod	Explanation
Battery Status Codes	
—	Battery OK
B	Low battery alarm
K	Confidence beep is active
Alarm Status Codes	
L	Low Alarm
H	High Alarm
T	TWA Alarm
M	Multi-Gas alarm
C	Calibration
P	Pump alarm
S	Automatic Shutdown
F	Self-test Fail
R	Real-time Clock failure

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When datalogger information is imported into most spreadsheet software, it will appear similar to the example below; line numbers are included here for clarity.

Note:

Some compatible software packages have an internal file size limit of and may not load the entire file. Check your software limits.

L	Dat	D	Tim	H	C	L	O	H	C	Stat	Seri
1	7/2	#	18:2	1	3	1	1	-	-	1111	0521
2	7/2	#	18:2	1	2	2	2	-	-	2222	0521
3	7/2	#	18:2	0	0	0	2	0	0	-----	0521
4	7/2	#	18:2	0	0	5	2	0	0	-----	0521
5	7/2	#	18:2	1	2	7	2	0	0	L-----	0521
6	7/2	#	18:2	1	3	9	2	0	0	H----	0521
7	7/2	#	18:2	2	3	1	2	0	0	HLL-	0521
8	7/2	#	18:2	-	-	-	-	-	-	----	0521
9	7/2	#	18:2	0	0	0	2	0	0	-----	0521
1	7/2	#	18:2	0	0	0	2	0	0	-----	0521

In this example:

Line 1 shows the alarm 1 setpoints (code '1') for all 4 sensors.

Line 2 shows the alarm 2 setpoints (code '2') for all 4 sensors. Alarm points are only recorded when the unit is turned on, indicating the unit has just been activated.

Lines 3 and 4 show normal operation – no gas readings or alarms.

Line 5 shows an H₂S low alarm. CO and LEL gases are present below alarm levels. The unit is in low alarm.

Line 6 shows the H₂S sensor in high alarm. The unit is sounding high alarm.

Line 7 shows the H₂S in high alarm, and CO and LEL in low alarm. The unit is sounding multi-alarm.

Line 8 shows the unit in pump alarm. The sampling pump has been blocked, and gas readings are not available. The unit is sounding pump alarm.

Line 9 shows the unit emitting a low-battery alarm. There are no gas alarms.

Line 10 shows the unit automatically shutting down because of a low battery. The battery is low, and the unit is sounding an automatic shutdown alarm.

MultiMediaCard Compatibility

A standard 16MB MMC Flash Memory card is supplied with the GasAlertMax Datalogger. When purchasing additional MultiMediaCards, BW Technologies recommends Sandisk® MMC Flash Memory cards that contain between 8MB and 64MB storage capacity.

MultiMediaCard(s) compatible with the "MMC" specification will always have the exact word "MultiMediaCard" or "MMC" written on the disk. Cards that do not contain these exact words are not a MultiMediaCard.

The "MMC" card is **not** the same as the following:

- MultiMedia card;
- Multi media card;
- SmartMedia

Hitachi and Infineon manufacture compatible MMC cards. MMC cards are available through retailers in North America and Europe. They are also available through mail order and Internet vendors.

Troubleshooting

A new MMC Card is automatically formatted when it is installed in the detector. When installing any new or blank MMC card into the Datalogger, GasAlertMax LCD will display "CARD IS BLANK", then the Datalogger will proceed to auto-format the MMC card.

Recovering Data Files

If the MMC card is reformatted or erased accidentally by your computer application, the recorded data file can be recovered.

FIRST: First ensure the card is installed properly in the card reader. If the recorded data file is not visible ensure that:

- The card reader is visible in the **MY Computer** window.
- If not, verify that the card reader, is installed correctly, and that the connections are secure.
- In the "Removable Disk" drive window, ensure **All Files** is selected in the File Types field.

"Reformat and Recover Deleted Files"

Simply place the MMC card back into the GasAlertMax. The Detector will reformat. The file should now be available.

If the Recorded Data File (Logfile.csv), is still not visible:

- Format MMC card in Windows.
- Remove MMC card from the card reader.
- Insert MMC card back into the GasAlertMax Datalogger.
- Allow Datalogger to reformat the MMC card.
- Remove MMC card from Datalogger.
- Insert MMC card back into card reader.
- Select **My Computer** icon.
- Select drive letter that corresponds to the card reader.
- The Recorded Data File (Logfile.csv), will now be visible.