

# LI-840A CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O Gas Analyzer

A Practical CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O Analyzer for Continuous Monitoring Applications















# For Continuous CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O Monitoring Applications

The LI-840A CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O Analyzer is a simple, low maintenance gas analyzer designed for continuous monitoring applications. It is an absolute, non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) gas analyzer based upon a field proven single path, dual wavelength and thermostatically controlled infrared detection system. It can be used in a wide range of demanding environmental conditions.

### LI-840A Features

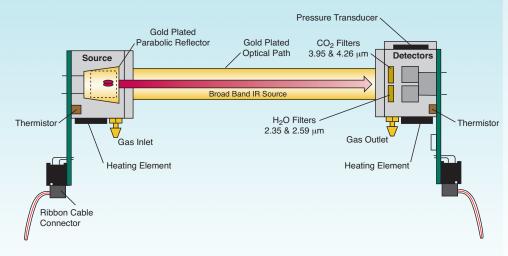
- CO<sub>2</sub> measurement range of 0-20,000 ppm, H<sub>2</sub>O measurement range of 0-80 ppt
- High accuracy over the entire measurement range due to automatic temperature and pressure compensation
- Broadening correction for water vapor improves CO<sub>2</sub> measurements
- High stability with low zero and span drift
- <1 ppm signal noise at 370 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>, <0.01 ppt at 10 ppt for H<sub>2</sub>O
- User cleanable optical path does not require factory recalibration
- Factory calibration made using gases traceable to WMO and EPA standards

- Operating temperature range of –20 °C to +45 °C
- Output data using serial port or analog signals
- Compact, lightweight design with low power consumption

User defined high and low alarms are available as voltage outputs, allowing you to control CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O within a desired range. For instance, the LI-840A can trigger an exhaust fan in a greenhouse environment. Relays can trigger devices such as automatic dialers, alarms, pumps, and valves in industrial environments. Alarm values can be changed easily using the Windows®-compatible application software included with the LI-840A.

### Multiple Data Outputs

The LI-840A includes easy-to-use Windows® interface software for user calibration and data collection. You can easily set operational parameters and logging options, as well as output data to a printable chart. Once parameters have been set, a main window displays  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  and  $\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$  concentration and status of settings.



## **Innovative Optical Path**

The LI-840A optical path is designed to achieve accurate CO<sub>2</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>O concentration measure-

- The reflector and optical path are gold plated to increase energy transmission.
- CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O are measured in a single path through the use of narrow band optical filters.
- The entire optical path is in thermal equilibrium.
- A pressure transducer corrects for changes in barometric pressure.
- A foam enclosure surrounds the optical bench. This helps maintain a controlled thermal environment as well as protect the bench from mechanical shock and vibration.

The LI-840A communications gging Help software main window displays 390.8ppm 14.320pp CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O concentrations 1400 Datalogger. 96.3 kPa and status of settings. Real-time strip charts can be printed or saved to a file. Operational

parameters are

easily changed in the Settings window

A choice of analog outputs (CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, Temperature or Pressure) are selectable on either of the two user-scalable DAC channels. Linear analog voltage (0-2.5V, 0-5V) and current loop (4-20mA) outputs are available. A removable terminal strip allows easy connection of external recording devices such as the LI-COR LI-

An eXtensible Markup Language (XML) communication protocol provides for complete OEM application integration. XML is a simple text-based language allowing bi-directional communication between the LI-840A and your data acquisition system. As an example, sending this command:

### <LI840><DATA>?</DATA></LI840>

instructs the LI-840A to send the most recent set of data values. The XML communication protocol allows the LI-840A to be polled for data at user-defined intervals, globally reconfigured, or configured to perform automatic calibration routines.

# **Applications**

The LI-840A can be used for continuous monitoring of carbon dioxide and water vapor under a wide range of environmental conditions due to its stability, accuracy, and design. The instrument is ideal for use in a variety of applications:

• pCO<sub>2</sub>, DIC

Indoor Air Quality

CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

CO<sub>2</sub> Storage

Soil CO<sub>2</sub> Flux

Ambient Air Monitoring

Meteorology

Agriculture

Horticulture

Entomological Respiration Studies

Volcanology

Geological Monitoring

Bioremediation

TOC Analyzer System

Particulate Analyzer System

Greenhouse Control Systems

Growth Chambers

Fruit Storage

Food and Beverage Industry

Industrial CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O Monitoring

Other Portable Instruments

Requiring CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O Detection

# Specifications\*

 $CO_2$ 

Measurement Range: 0-20,000 ppm Accuracy: <1% of reading

Calibration Drift

Zero Drift<sup>(1)</sup>: <0.15 ppm/°C Span Drift<sup>(2)</sup>: <0.03%/°C Total Drift<sup>(3)</sup> at 370 ppm: <0.4 ppm/°C

RMS Noise at 370 ppm with

1 sec signal filtering: <1 ppm

 $H_2O$ 

Measurement Range: 0-80 ppt

Accuracy: <1.5% of reading

Calibration Drift

 Drift(1) at 0 ppt:
 <0.003 ppt/°C</td>

 Span Drift(2) at 10ppt:
 <0.03%/°C</td>

 Total Drift(3) at 10 ppt:
 <0.009 ppt/°C</td>

RMS Noise at 370 ppm with

1 sec signal filtering: <0.07 ppt

Sensitivity to  $CO_2$ : <0.0001ppt  $H_2O/ppm CO_2$ 

(1) Zero Drift is the change with temperature at 0 concentration.

(2) Span Drift is the residual error after re-zeroing following a temperature change.

(3) Total Drift is the change with temperature without re-zeroing or re-spanning.

Measurement Principle: Non-Dispersive Infrared

Traceability: Traceable gases to WMO standards

from 0 to 3,000 ppm. Traceable gases to EPA protocol gases from

3,000 to 20,000 ppm 15 kPa – 115 kPa

Pressure Compensation Range: 15
Maximum Gas Flow Rate: 1

Maximum Gas Flow Rate: 1 liter/min
Output Signals: Two Analo

Two Analog Voltage (0-2.5V or

0-5V) and Two Current (4-20mA) Digital: TTL (0-5V) or Open

Collector

DAC Resolution: 14-bits across user-specified

range

Source Life: 18,000 Hours

(~2 years continuous use)

Power Requirements: Input Voltage 12-30 VDC; 1.2A @

12V (14W) maximum during warmup with heaters on; 0.3A @ 12V (3.6W) average after warmup

with heaters on

Operating Temperature Range: -20 to 45°C

Relative Humidity Range: 0 to 95% RH, Non-Condensing

Dimensions: 8.75" x 6" x 3"

(22.23 x 15.25 x 7.62 cm)

Weight: 2.2 lbs. (1 kg)

# **Ordering Information**

800-401 AC Power Adapter (110 VAC):

18 VDC output, 800 mA, for indoor use only. An alternate AC adapter is required for 220VAC operation. See *Power Requirements* in the specifications.

### LI-840A CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O Analyzer:

Includes LI-840A CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O Analyzer, spare parts kit, 2 disposable air filters, cleaning kit, Windows® communications software, 9-pin RS-232 communications cable, and RS-232 to USB adapter. Requires external power source. Pump not included.



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"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge

Him, and He will make your paths straight."
—Proverbs 3:5,6

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<sup>\*</sup> Specifications subject to change without notice.