

Features

- Microprocessor based
- 4-20mA Analogue Output
- Voltage free relay contacts
- RS485 digital interface
- Alphanumeric dot-matrix display
- "One Person" calibration
- Dual detectors
- Certified ATEX II 2 G Ex d MC TN
- Temperature compensation
- Standalone operation

The Monicon 5500-4R is a high quality, self contained, NDIR Non-Dispersive Infra-Red gas sensor that offers a host of sophisticated features to provide fast, reliable warnings against explosive concentrations of combustible gases.

The 5500-4R will operate as a standalone instrument or in conjunction with a controller or a computer. It is housed in an attractive, compact stainless enclosure and may be configured or calibrated by one person, without decalibrating the hazardous area.

The gas concentration is indicated on a rugged 4-character alphanumeric display which also indicates instrument status.

The 5500-4R is fully user programmable and no physical adjustments are necessary during calibration as the on-board computer controls the calibration procedure. Because the unit uses infrared energy rather than catalysis, the sensor is unaffected by the catalytic poisons that have an adverse effect on traditional "catalytic" based sensors.

All user variables are stored in non-volatile memory (EEPROM) and retained indefinitely even during total power failure.



Typical Applications for the 5500-4R

- Oil refineries
- Chemical processing
- Offshore platforms
- Gas processing
- Oil and gas storage depots
- Gas pipelines
- Tank farms
- Laboratories
- Petrochemical industry

The 5500-4R uses advanced NDIR technology combined with surface-mount microprocessor and firmware technology. Apertured infrared source emits a broad spectrum infrared beam within an optical cavity. The system measures the absorption of infrared energy as it passes through a gas sample. Different gases have clearly defined absorption characteristics, their concentration can be determined by their absorption of infrared radiation at the wavelength determined by filter lambda 1 in the diagram.

To compensate for interfering factors filter lambda 2 includes another wavelength which is used to measure the total transmission through the optical cavity and is not affected by the gas being monitored. By comparing the infrared energy reaching each of the two detectors, the concentration of the gas sample can be determined. The signal processor compares and linearises these two signals and factors in variations in temperature.

The unit is calibrated in user-programmed by weight by magnetic switches with a magnet. The operator is then guided through a variety of options by a user-friendly menu. The CPU constantly verifies system operation. In the unlikely event of a fault, the operator is alerted with a beeping diagnostic display.

