



Aerodyne Mini-TILDAS Formaldehyde Monitor

Exceptional HCHO accuracy and precision in a compact, rugged package



Features:

- <100 ppt 1-s precision
- <20 ppt long term precision
- Fast time response (10 Hz)
- Option to correct for water dilution
- Inertial inlet provides filter-less particle separation
- Simultaneous formaldehyde and formic acid concentrations

Rugged, field-ready instruments

Direct absorption spectroscopy allows for highly specific and accurate gas detection

Mid-IR detection enables maximum measurement sensitivity

TILDAS Technology

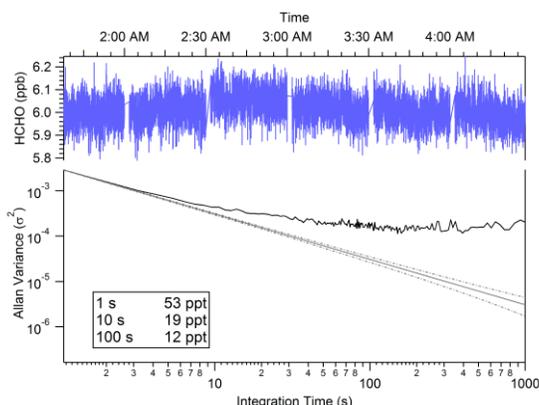
Aerodyne instruments use tunable infrared laser direct absorption spectroscopy (TILDAS) at mid-IR wavelengths to probe molecules at their strongest “finger-print” transition frequencies. We further enhance sensitivity by employing a patented multi-pass broad-band absorption cell that provides optical path lengths up to 76 m. Direct absorption spectroscopy allows for fast (<1 sec) absolute trace gas concentrations without need for elaborate calibration procedures. Moreover, TILDAS instruments are free of measurement interference from other molecular species, enabling extremely specific detection.

Applications

- Determination of atmospheric formaldehyde sources, sinks, and transport
- Tracking ozone formation via HCHO photolysis
- Measurements aboard aircraft, marine, and ground-based platforms
- Long-term unattended operation in remote field sites.
- Eddy covariance flux measurements
- Indoor pollution studies

Aerodyne Formaldehyde Advantages

- Aerodyne inertial inlet provides particle separation with <1 s time response.
- Powerful TDLWintel software provides flexible instrument control and real-time data analysis.
- Valve control capable of complex scheduling and automatic background and calibrations.
- 19” rack mountable for easy installation aboard aerial and mobile platforms
- Simultaneous measurement of formic acid, HCOOH)



Performance Specifications:

Precision

Time	HCHO noise	HCOOH noise
1 seconds	<100 ppt	<120 ppt
10 seconds	<30 ppt	<40 ppt
100 seconds	<20 ppt	<25 ppt

Time response

1-10 Hz data rate
 0.2 s minimum Rise/Fall time (1/e)
 (using inertial inlet with active passivation)

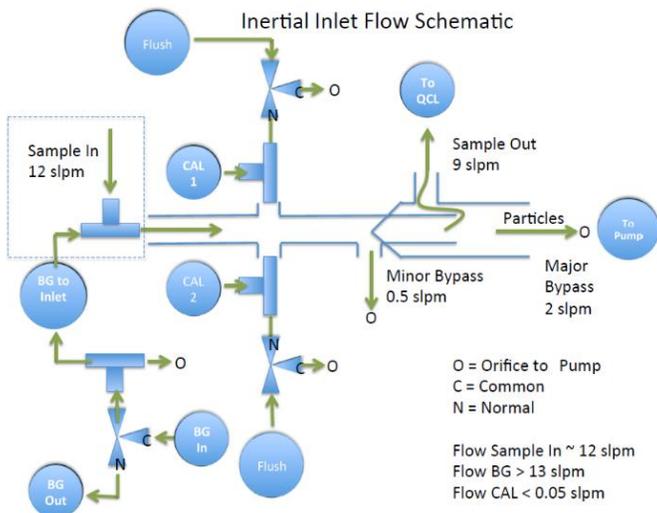
Dynamic Range (air)

	min	max
HCHO	0 ppb	15 ppm
HCOOH	0 ppb	30 ppm

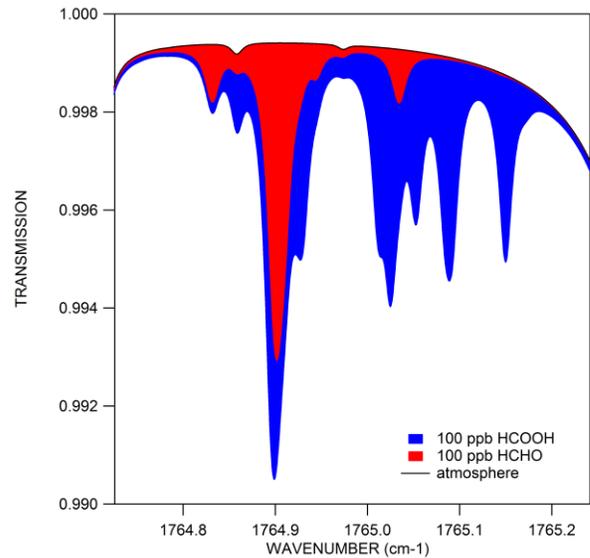
Enhanced Measurement Options

Inertial inlet for particle separation with fast time response (see below)

Multiple valve control for calibration/zeroing at inertial inlet



High-resolution spectrum of formaldehyde



Installation

19" rack mountable or benchtop

Instrument Operating Conditions

Operating temperature: 10 to 35 °C
 Sample flow rate: 0 to 20 slpm

Instrument components

- Core instrument
- Thermoelectric chiller
- Keyboard, mouse, and monitor
- Vacuum pump (customer specified)
- Inlet sampling system (customizable)

Data Outputs

RS-232, USB drive, ethernet

Size, Weight, Power

Dimensions: 440 mm x 660 mm x 6U (267mm) (W x D x H)
 Weight: 35 kg (core instrument) + 15 kg (chiller) + pump weight
 Electrical Power: 250 W, 120/240 V, 50/60 Hz (without pump)

Aerodyne specializes in collaboration and custom design. Please contact us if you would like to discuss additional measurement options and applications.

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