

# IRmax

## Fixed Point Gas Detectors



- Simple to install
- Low maintenance
- Low cost of ownership
- Fail-safe
- Low power



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## Infrared Hydrocarbon Gas Detector

**When lives and property are at risk and you need gas detection equipment that is totally reliable, you need Crowcon. For over 40 years Crowcon has been developing and manufacturing high quality products with a reputation for reliability and technical innovation.**

**Crowcon fixed detectors have been proven in many arduous environments, including oil and gas exploration, water treatment, and steel and chemical plants. IRmax offers uniquely low powered, fail-safe detection of hydrocarbon gases and vapours.**



### Choosing the fixed gas detector for your needs

IRmax is a compact, low power and highly rugged infrared gas detector, that delivers rapid, fail-safe detection of methane, butane, propane and many other hydrocarbon gases and vapours.

The reliability of IRmax has been proven in hot, cold, wet and saline environments, making it ideal for use offshore. Unlike conventional IR gas detectors, IRmax does not utilise heaters to prevent condensation on windows and mirrors. IRmax's unique STAY-CLIR optical components are treated with a highly durable coating that completely prevents faults due to condensation. As IRmax contains no components for artificially heating optical surfaces, power consumption is dramatically reduced, requiring only 1W of power, typically 75-90% lower than conventional IR gas detectors.

#### Simple to install

Compact size	Requires less space, effort and time to install
Various installation options	Can be wall mounted, fitted to a 50mm (2 inch) pipe or connected to an auxiliary junction box using a choice of mounting accessories
Industry standard 4-20mA output	IRmax is compatible with virtually any control system
Options for HART communications and RS-485 Modbus	

#### Easy maintenance

Remote non-intrusive calibration	The IR Display can be mounted up to 30 metres from the IRmax and test gas can be applied without requiring direct access to the detector
Hand-held Intrinsically Safe (I.S) calibrator	IRmax detectors fitted with an I.S barrier module can be checked and calibrated using an I.S calibration accessory
STAY-CLIR optics	Prevents condensation on optical components

#### Low cost of ownership

Low power	IRmax only consumes 1W of power, enabling small power supplies and battery back up systems to be used
Automatic optical obscuration monitoring	Minimal routine maintenance keeps costs to a minimum
Annual proof-test interval	

**Please see the back page for full technical specifications.**

## IRmax options

IRmax is available either as a basic unit without display, or with three display options. The Fixed IR Display is permanently fixed to the IRmax detector to enable simple status checking and non-intrusive calibration. The Remote IR Display can be mounted up to 30 metres from the IRmax detector, simplifying checking and maintenance of detectors mounted in inaccessible areas. The Hand-Held I.S. Calibrator is available for temporary connection to IRmax detectors fitted with an I.S. Barrier Module.



### Fixed IR Display

- Large, clear display shows gas level and other status information
- Simple non-intrusive calibration
- Enables connection of hand-held HART communicators
- Can be rotated up and down to provide the optimum viewing angle



### Remote IR Display

- Can be mounted up to 30 metres from IRmax
- Removes the need to directly access the IRmax detector
- Choice of connection lead lengths



### I.S. Hand-Held Calibrator

- Enables calibration and interrogation of IRmax detectors without a Fixed or Remote IR Display
- Only one I.S. hand-held calibrator required per IRmax detector fleet
- Intrinsically Safe; suitable for use in hazardous areas

**HART**  
COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

**STAY-CLIR**

**SIL**  
Safety Integrity Level

### HART communications

- Hand-held HART communicators can be connected to the IR Display for local diagnostics and calibration
- HART data is super-imposed onto the 4-20mA signal for communicating with HART enabled control systems
- Compatible with point-to-point or addressable HART topologies

### RS-485 Modbus

- Enables remote interrogation of IRmax
- Enables up to 32 detectors to be multi-dropped on an addressable network
- RS-485 physical platform for transmission of data up to 1Km

### Accessories



Calibration cap



Spigot gland



Duct mounting kit



Auxiliary junction box



Mounting bracket kit



Remote calibration unit



Flow adaptor



I.S. remote display connecting leads

IRmax Specification:

Size	IRmax	158 x 75 x 57mm (6.2 x 2.9 x 2.3ins)		
	IRmax with Fixed IR display	230 x 75 x 57mm (9 x 2.9 x 2.3ins)		
	IRmax with IS Barrier Module	261 x 75 x 57mm (2.3 x 2.9 x 2.3ins)		
	Remote IR Display	60 x 54 x 48mm (2.3 x 2.1 x 1.9ins)		
Weight	IRmax	1.58kg (3.5lbs)		
	IRmax with Fixed IR Display	2kg (4.4lbs)		
	IRmax with IS Barrier Module	2.4kg (5.3lbs)		
	Remote IR Display	0.2kg (0.4lbs)		
Enclosure material		316 stainless steel		
Description		Dual-beam infrared hydrocarbon gas detector with optional display		
Ingress protection		IP66		
Connection		One M20 or 1/2" NPT cable gland entry		
Power		12-30 Vdc. < 1W		
Electrical output		4-20mA current sink or source		
		2mA dirty optics warning (at 75% obscuration, configurable)		
		0mA detector fault signal (at 90% obscuration, configurable)		
		RS-485 Modbus (optional), HART 7 (optional)		
IR display		4- digit LCD with back-light		
		Function buttons can be de-activated if required		
		Terminals for connecting HART communicators (optional function)		
	LED	Red: Gas detected	Amber: IRmax fault	Green: Healthy
	Display functions	Gas level, obscuration level, supply voltage, signal current		
	Password protected functions	Zero, calibrate, ramp output, trim zero mA, trim span mA		
Operating temperature		-40°C to +75°C (-40°F to 167°F)		
Humidity		0 to 100% RH non-condensing		
Pressure range		Atmospheric +/- 10%		
Repeatability		+/- 2% FSD		
Zero drift		+/- 2% FSD per year maximum		
Response time		T90 < 4 seconds		
Performance		Complies with EN60079-29-1		
Functional safety		IEC61508:2010, EN50402:2005 SIL2		
Approvals ATEX & IECEx	IRmax without Display	Ex II 2 GD Exd IIC T6 Gb (Tamb -40 to +50°C), T4 (Tamb -40 to +75°C), Ex tb IIIC T135°C Db (Tamb -40 to +75°C)		
	IRmax with Fixed Display	Ex II 2 G Exd ia IIC T4 Gb (Tamb -40 to +75°C)		
	IRmax with Remote Display	Ex II 2 GD Exd ia IIC T4 Gb (Tamb -40 to +75°C) Ex tb IIIC T135°C Db (Tamb -40 to +40°C)		
Zones		Certified for use in Zone 1 & 2, and Zone 21 & 22 hazardous areas		
EMC compliance		EN50270:2006, FCC CFR47 Part 15B, ICES-003		
Accuracy		+/- 2% of reading		
Linearity		+/- 3% of full-scale		

Linearisation	Range
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	0-20, 50, 100% LEL
Acetone (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O)	0-100% LEL
Butane (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Ethanol (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	0-100% LEL
Ethylene (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Ethyl acetate (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Heptane (C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>16</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Hexane (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )	0-100% LEL
LPG	0-100% LEL
Octane (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Methanol (CH <sub>3</sub> OH)	0-100% LEL
Pentane (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Petrol vapour	0-100% LEL
Propane (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Propylene (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	0-100% LEL
THF (Tetrahydrofuran) (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O)	0-100% LEL
Xylene (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Methyl acetate (C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Propylacetate (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Hexene (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Paraxylene (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Ethane (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Ethylene dichloride (EDC)	0-100% LEL
Cyclohexane (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Butadiene (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Toluene (C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Butene (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )	0-100% LEL
Hexane (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> )	0-100% LEL

Other ranges may be available, contact Crowcon.



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