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**Application Note: A81** 

## CO, Calibration Instructions - Analog Flow Thru Gas Cells



NOTE: Gas calibration should be done a minimum of once every (6) six months (at least **ZERO** 

calibration). If you keep a calibration log book and record how much zero & span drift occur, you can verify if the calibration interval is correct. You may find that ZERO calibration every 6 months

and SPAN once a year is sufficient to maintain accuracy.

NOTE: Refer to product spec sheet for **ZERO & SPAN** adjustment locations.

- 1. Remove protective cap from top of nitrogen cylinder. Push and thread pressure regulator valve onto cylinder outlet. Nitrogen is **ZERO** gas. Fresh air is about **0.04%(400ppm)** CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 2. Connect plastic tubing from pressure regulator outlet to flow meter inlet. (bottom connection of flow meter)
- 3. Connect plastic tubing from flow meter outlet (top connection) to inlet side of gas cell.
- 4. Make sure unit to be tested is powered on and has had a 5 minute warm-up.
- 5. Connect voltmeter to either 0-1V or 0-5V output. (See product spec sheet for details)
- 6. Make sure flow meter is in a vertical/upright position. Open flow valve slowly while observing flow meter.
- 7. Adjust the flow to between 250 350 ml/min (Cal kit regulator should limit flow to about 300mLPM).
- 8. After 3 minutes of continuous nitrogen flow, observe voltage signal output and adjust **ZERO** potentiometer (0.00 +/-0.05 volts) as required.
- 9. Turn off flow valve and remove pressure regulator valve from nitrogen cylinder.
- 10. Replace nitrogen cylinder with CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder containing SPAN gas (0.1% CO<sub>2</sub> for 0.2% FS, 0.5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 1% FS, 1% CO<sub>2</sub> for 2% or 3% FS, 2% CO<sub>2</sub> for 5% FS, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 10% FS (FS = full scale))
- 11. Open flow valve and observe voltage signal output. (See product spec sheet scale data for voltage reading)
- 12. Allow **SPAN** gas to flow until a stable reading is obtained. Adjust **SPAN** potentiometer as required. (See product spec sheet scale data for voltage reading)
- 13. Turn off flow valve and remove pressure regulator from cylinder.

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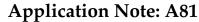
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• Field Calibration Kits are available and consist of the following: (See page 3 for part numbers) one tank with approx 8 hour supply of 99.8% N<sub>2</sub> one tank with approx 8 hour supply of CO<sub>2</sub> flow meter - 0 to 500 ml/minute range (Includes 2 plastic hose barbs) pressure regulator w/flow control valve - 0.3 L/min two plastic interconnect calibration gas tubes carrying case - 23 x 9 x 4.5 inches

Concentrations of 0.1% (1000 +/-20 ppm certified) 0.2%, 0.5%, 1%, 5%, & 10% CO<sub>2</sub> are in stock

and certified to be +/-2% of reading. • Replacement gas tanks for  $CO_2$  and  $N_2$  are available. These 14" high 6D size tanks contain 3.6 ft<sup>3</sup> or 103 liters @70 degrees F and 1000 PSIG.

• Special gases and concentrations may be ordered with 3-6 week lead times depending on the specific gas ordered.

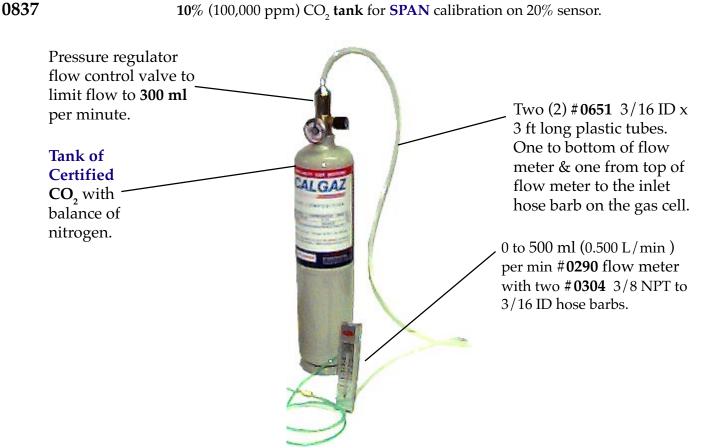
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**NOTE:** You should use a **tank value** near mid-scale and **not at full scale**.

Examples: 0.1% CO<sub>2</sub> (1000 ppm) for a 0.2% (2000 ppm) full scale sensor.

1.0% CO<sub>2</sub> for a 3% full scale sensor. 5.0% CO<sub>2</sub> for a 10% full scale sensor.

Part Number	Calibration Kits
030181	<b>0.1</b> % (1000 ppm) $CO_2 + /-2\%$ of reading. <b>Certified</b> = <b>0.100</b> +/- <b>0.002</b> % $CO_2$
030337	<b>0.5</b> % (5000 ppm) $CO_2 + /-2\%$ of reading. <b>Certified</b> = <b>0.500</b> +/- <b>0.010</b> % $CO_2$
030338	<b>1.0</b> % (10,000 ppm) $CO_2 + /-2\%$ of reading. <b>Certified</b> = <b>1.000</b> +/- <b>0.020</b> % $CO_2$
030715	<b>2.0</b> % (20,000 ppm) $CO_2$ +/-2% of reading. <b>Certified</b> = <b>2.000</b> +/- <b>0.040</b> % $CO_2$
030339	<b>5.0</b> % (50,000 ppm) $CO_2$ +/-2% of reading. <b>Certified</b> = <b>5.000</b> +/- <b>0.100</b> % $CO_2$
Part Number	Replacement Certified Calibration Gas Cylinders
0616	$99.8\%$ (nitrogen) $N_2$ tank for ZERO calibration
0615	$0.1\%$ (1000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for <b>SPAN</b> calibration on 2000 ppm sensor.
0610	$0.2\%$ (2000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for SPAN calibration on 5000 ppm sensor.
0611	<b>0.5</b> % (5000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for <b>SPAN</b> calibration on 1% sensor.
0836	<b>1.0</b> % (10,000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for <b>SPAN</b> calibration on 2% or 3% sensor.
0856	2.00/ (20.000 mm) CO to 1. (m. CDAN orbital in m. 20/ m. E0/
0030	<b>2.0</b> % (20,000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for <b>SPAN</b> calibration on 3% or 5% sensor.
0612	<b>5.0%</b> (50,000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for <b>SPAN</b> calibration on 3% or 5% sensor. <b>5.0%</b> (50,000 ppm) $CO_2$ tank for <b>SPAN</b> calibration on 10% sensor.



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