

PCF Elettronica Mod. 2001 C

Portable HOT FID
TVOC monitor
with manual separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction

Particularly suited for
spot VOC monitoring
at emissions

(Working procedure according to CEE CEN 264 # 326 and UNI EN 12619:2013)



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1.0 FOREWORDS

The FID detector is generally known as the most linear and stable sensor for detection of organic compounds. Particularly in environmental monitoring, where a mix of hydrocarbons are present in the sample, the measuring equipment requires a detector possibly equally sensitive to all types of compounds. For this matter, the FID is the detector that mostly meets the needs.

The Mod. 2001 C portable VOC monitor, with manual separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction, has been studied, developed, and manufactured to monitor Volatile Organic Carbon (VOC) according to CEE CEN 264 and UNI EN 12619:2013 procedures at emissions.

The whole carbon compounds are detected in a specially developed Flame Ionisation Detector (FID detector).

PCF Elettronica FID detector is very well known for its stability as well as for its low maintenance over time.

It's generally known that organic compounds in hydrogen flame ionise. The quantity of carbon ions generated is proportional to the total quantity of carbon passing through the hydrogen flame.

The carbon (methane) equivalent concept.

In the environment as well as in industrial emissions there is a very high number of different organic compounds, so the response of the instrument detector cannot be referred to a single compound. The measurements must be considered in terms of equivalent response i.e. the response of the detector is "normalised" (referred to) to a single compound.

The characteristics of the FID detector, i.e. approximately proportional to organic carbon concentration in the sample, make the purpose easy. At first approximation, the same concentration in air of compounds with different carbon atom numbers responds proportionally to the number of atoms in the molecule, so

Concentration ppm	Species	FID response
1	CH ₄	1
1	C ₂ H ₆	2
1	C ₃ H ₈	3
1	C ₆ H ₆	6

In other words, once the instrument response is normalised to methane, 1 ppm of propane will approximately generate a signal as 3 ppm of methane.

1.1 Introduction

The present manual reports most of the information included already in the “Operating Manual”, namely the following sections:

- General description of the analyser component parts
- Description of commissioning start-up procedure
- Description of the Hard-Ware
- Description of electronics
- Description of the Soft-Ware
- Analyser maintenance procedure
- Trouble shootings.

The operations of the instrument are controlled by separate PCBs, namely:

- the electrometer PCB, which supplies the high voltage to the FID and amplifies the micro current out of the polarised electrodes;
- the auxiliary PCB, that lights the FID flame and controls the digital info of the instrument.

The data management is performed by a powerful colour video graphic DAS (Data Acquisition System) with six analogue channel inputs.

The main features of the DAS are represented by

- availability of set-up SW packages in different languages (Korean as well);
- the most up-to-date serial communications;
- TUV certification of data-manipulation security. The latter feature is particularly interesting for Public Authorities, Consultants, and Auditors.

For more info about T RSG35 please refer to:

<https://www.e-direct.endress.com/us/en/graphic-data-manager-ecograph-t-rsg35>

As an option, the analogue data of the video graphic may be expanded to record external parameters, e.g., temperatures, pressures, flow rates, oxygen concentration, etc.

Recorded data may be:

- visualised on the colour display,
- downloaded to a PC through the Serial communication port,
- it is possible to download them on an MMC card, with a suitable adapter, or a USB flash memory.



DAS (Data Acquisition System)
Colour video graphic

Lodging of the SD card
and/or the USB Stick

2.0 OPERATING PRINCIPLE

The PCF Elettronica's Mod 2001, HOT FID, portable TVOC (TOC) monitor, with manual separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction, detects and records the Total Volatile Organic HC in a wide range of concentration and sample conditions without any possibilities of water condensation or limitation in the ranges, from few hundreds of ppb up to thousands of ppm. The Manual separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction allows to evaluate the Methane contribution to the Total VOC.

The instrument can be either employed at stacks (the sample is kept at a constant high temperature: $\geq 180^{\circ}\text{C}$) and/or for air quality monitoring. In the latter case, for higher LDL is better to supply Zero Air from an external source (Gas Cylinder).

The monitor is calibrated either in the laboratory or in the field through traceable gas cylinders and/or equivalent supports. The calibration gas must always be supplied in vented conditions.

The Flame Ionisation Detector (FID) is based on a proprietary micro flame, based on H₂ and Pure Air, where the organic compounds are oxidised and a correspondent number of ions are produced. The detector is therefore insensitive to the compounds' structure and the generated ions quantity is just proportional to the carbon amounts present in the sample. The FID is universally recognised as the detector for all species of HC.

The actual procedure for the detection of carbon atoms in the sample foresees the mixing of the combustion hydrogen with the sample flow; this mixture is successively burnt in a micro flame with oxygen excess (hydrocarbon-free air in large stoichiometric excess).

To stabilise the flame as well as the response of the detector, the sample is diluted in Pure Air before reaching the flame.

The electrical charges generated by the combustion of the organic substances in the gas sample are collected by two polarised metallic electrodes and converted into electrical current. Successively these ionisation micro-currents are converted in an electrical circuit into voltage drops directly proportional to the currents generated in the flame.

The values obtained by the above described procedure are managed by the electronics and then showed on a digital display as well as made available at the outputs as analogue signals for local or remote recording and control.

The same concentration values are available through the serial port, memorised on a Flash Memory built into the instrument, and may be downloaded via serial connections to a remote data collection device. The full capacity of the inbuilt Memory card is higher than a few Gbytes.

Particularly interesting is the TUV certification of data-manipulation security: the data recorded by the DAS (Data Acquisition System) cannot, in any way, be manipulated by the operator!

Suggested standard supply includes the 316 SS sampling probe, according to UNI 10391 norms, as well as 3 m heat traced sampling line, or electrically heated probe, to meet 13526 standards and regulations.

3.0 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Measuring ranges : 0-100 ppmV or mgC/m³
: 0-1,000 ppmV or mgC/m³
: 0-10,000 ppmV or mgC/m³
(other ranges possible on request, starting from 0-20 mgC/m³)
- Background noise : $\pm 0.2\%$ of full scale deflection (FSD)
- Lower Detectable Limit (LDL) : $\pm 0.4\%$ of FSD
- Sensitivity : $\pm 0.4\%$ of FSD
- Linearity : $\pm 1\%$ of FSD
- Zero stability (24 hours) : $\pm 1\%$ of FSD
- Span drift (24 hours) : $\pm 1\%$ of FSD
(Sensitivity to temperature) : (for 10°C room temperature variation)
- Response time : 1 second
- Lag time : 2 seconds
- Precision : $\pm 1\%$ of FSD
- Sample flow rate : 800 ml/min.
- Operating temperature : 0 - 40 °C
- Digital display : 320 x 200 pixel 5.5" colour TFT = LCD graphic video display
- Data storage : in built 64 Mb compact flash memory
- Data management : standard SW package for Win 10, Win 11
- Instrument configuration : from front panel
- Services Hydrogen : \cong IP 28 ml/min from external gas cylinder
 Air : \cong 250 ml/min from in built generator
- Suggested calibration gas cylinder : 40 ppm CH₄+10 ppm propane, air balance
- Mounting : reinforced aluminium case with strip for easy transportable configuration
- Dimensions : 400x300x 250 mm
(16"x12"x9.9", WxDxH)
- Weight : 15 Kg
- Standard power supply : 220/110 Vac, 50/60 Hz
(to be specified in order)
- Power consumption : 500 VA (when heating up)
- Pneumatic connections : 1/4" or 4/6 mm, 1/2 mm plastic or SS tubes

4.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

PCF Elettronica Mod. 2001. portable Hot FID VOC monitor is a quite simple instrument, studied, developed, and manufactured for operation at emissions or industrial installations where just the power supply and the hole for the insertion of the probe must be available.

The hydrogen consumption is very low (27 ml/min.) and the zero air generator is in-built into the instrument.

A specific, manually activate, scrubber based on a Hopcalite catalyser allows the specific separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction from the Total VOC content in the sample.

4.1 Top view description

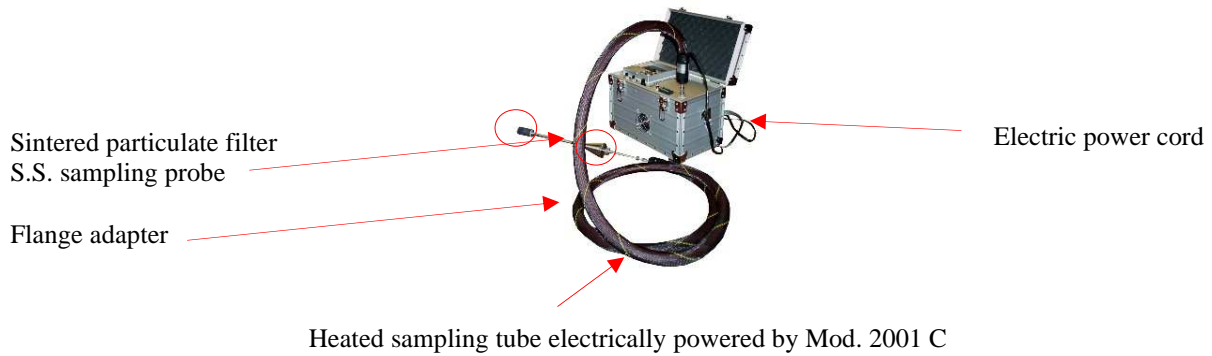


Mod. 2001 C, Hot FID, TVOC/THC portable monitor

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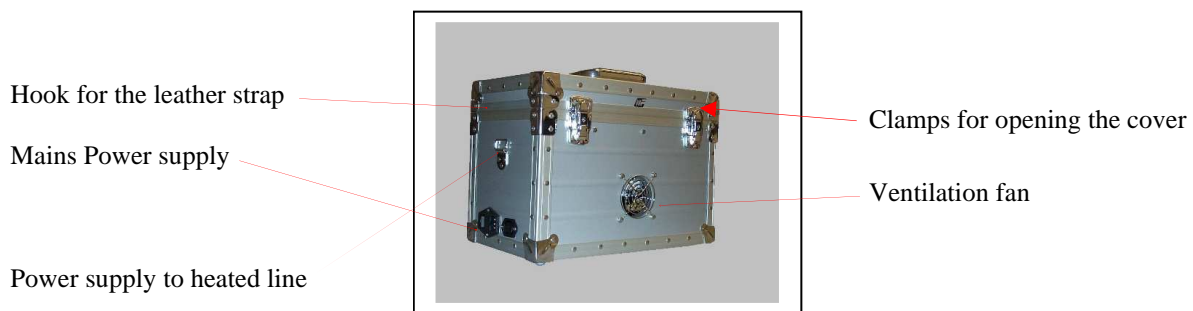
- 1- Video graphic display (Endress & Hauser 144 x 144 mm).
- 2- Full range regulation knob: X 10/X100/X1000.
- 3- Activation switch of gas sampling heated pump.
- 4- Heated analysis chamber.
- 5- Manual check valve for Methane (CH₄) Fraction.
- 6- Pneumatic connection for the insertion of the heat-traced sample.
- 7- Zero signal trimming potentiometer knob.
- 8- Span signal adjustment potentiometer knob.
- 9- Ventilation fan.
- 10- Temperature measurement and control of sampling pump heated head.
- 11- IGN push button, to activate FID. A nearby LED shows the condition of the flame ON.
- 12- Pneumatic connection of FID supply hydrogen (from a gas cylinder).
- 13- Pneumatic connection for intake of air supply to FID detector, compression, and recirculation is guaranteed by an in-mounted air compressor.


4.2. Mod. 2001 C, Hot FID Total VOC portable monitor, with manual separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction
in its measuring configuration



Mod. 2001 C with closed case

Material: anodised aluminium
Thickness: 10/12 mm
Reinforced edges and angles
Weight: ≈ 10 Kg



	The heated filter sampling probe Dimensions of holder: 27 x 21 x 10 cm Weight: ≈ 2 Kg	
4/6 S.S. Sampling tube	 <p>Carrying handle</p> <p>Heated filter compartment</p> <p>Temperature regulator</p> <p>Clamp for heated line</p>	

Electrically heated line
Power: 60 W/m

Electrically heated line

Weight: .3 Kg/m
Teflon internal tube: 4/6 mm
Diameter tube: Ø36 mm
Diameter metal heading: Ø 45 mm

Metal heading to SS probe

Internal Teflon tube



Insulated tube

Electrical heating cord

Metal heading to analyser

Two positions basket

Dimensions: 50x40x15 cm
(WxHxD)
Weight: 6 Kg with the G.C.

1 litre Hydrogen G.C.



Protection

1 litre Calibration G.C.

handle

S.S. Carrying

Two stages pressure reducer



The monitor carried by the operator

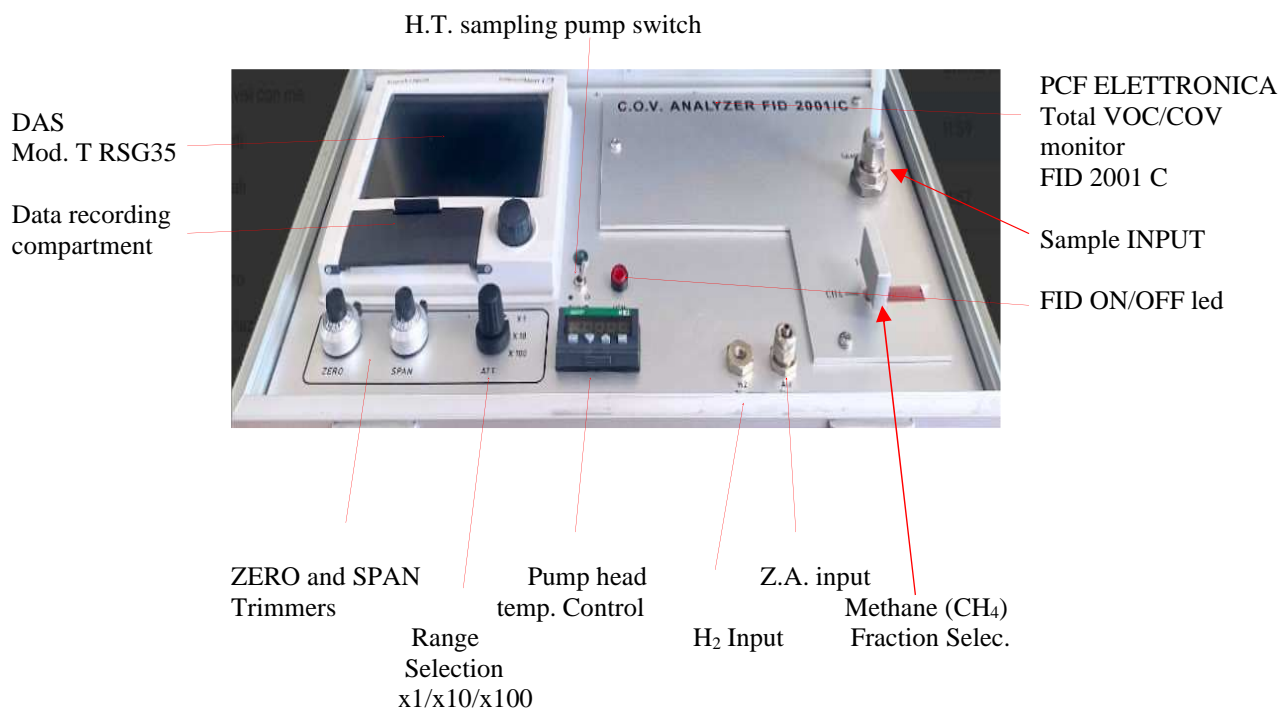


4.3 The view of component parts

The great development in the field of integrated circuits, as well as the use of very high integrated chips, have greatly reduced the room occupied by electronics that manages all the instrument firmware. The most important unit of the Mod. 2001 C, Hot FID Total VOC portable monitor, as for all the components of the portable family, is represented by the DAS (Data Acquisition System). The latter is a video graphic unit that basically manages the data acquisition and normalization of the measurements, the display of engineered value, the data memorization and communication with the surrounding.

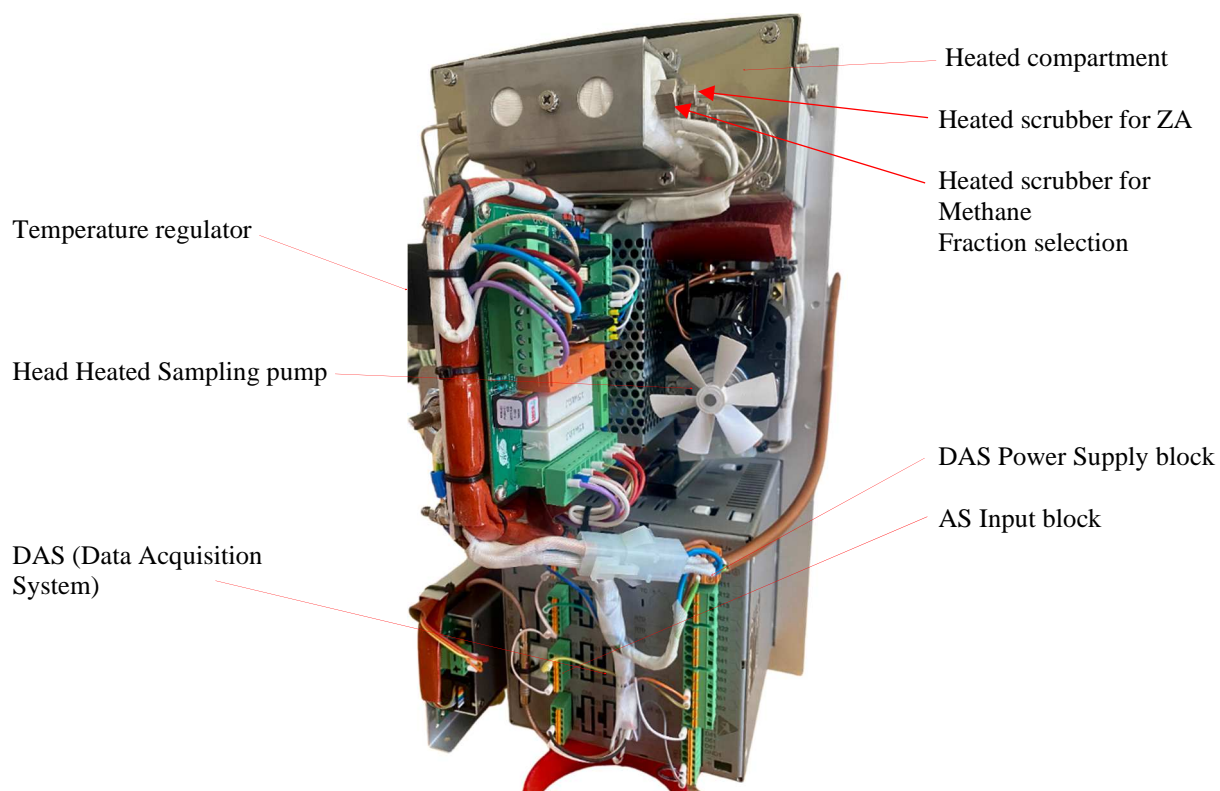
The electrometer PCB as well as the auxiliary PCB are the only boards developed separately from the DAS. The electrometer PCB is a very high gain, high impedance analogue amplifier and is located as near as possible to the FID detector, to avoid possible interferences. The auxiliary PCB takes care of FID management and control.

Top view of Mod. 2001 C, Hot FID portable Total VOC monitor

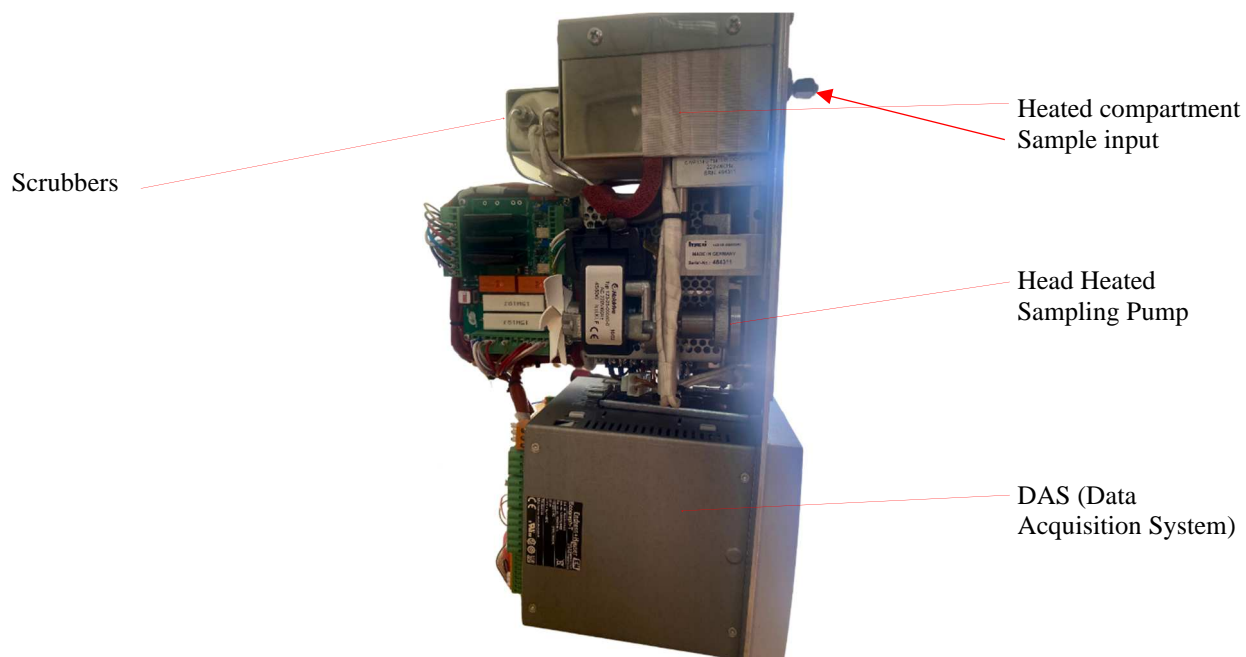


- Notes:
- 1- When sampling from the environment (room temperature) the heated sample line is not necessary.
 - 2- When the **FID is ON the LED is OFF** and vice versa

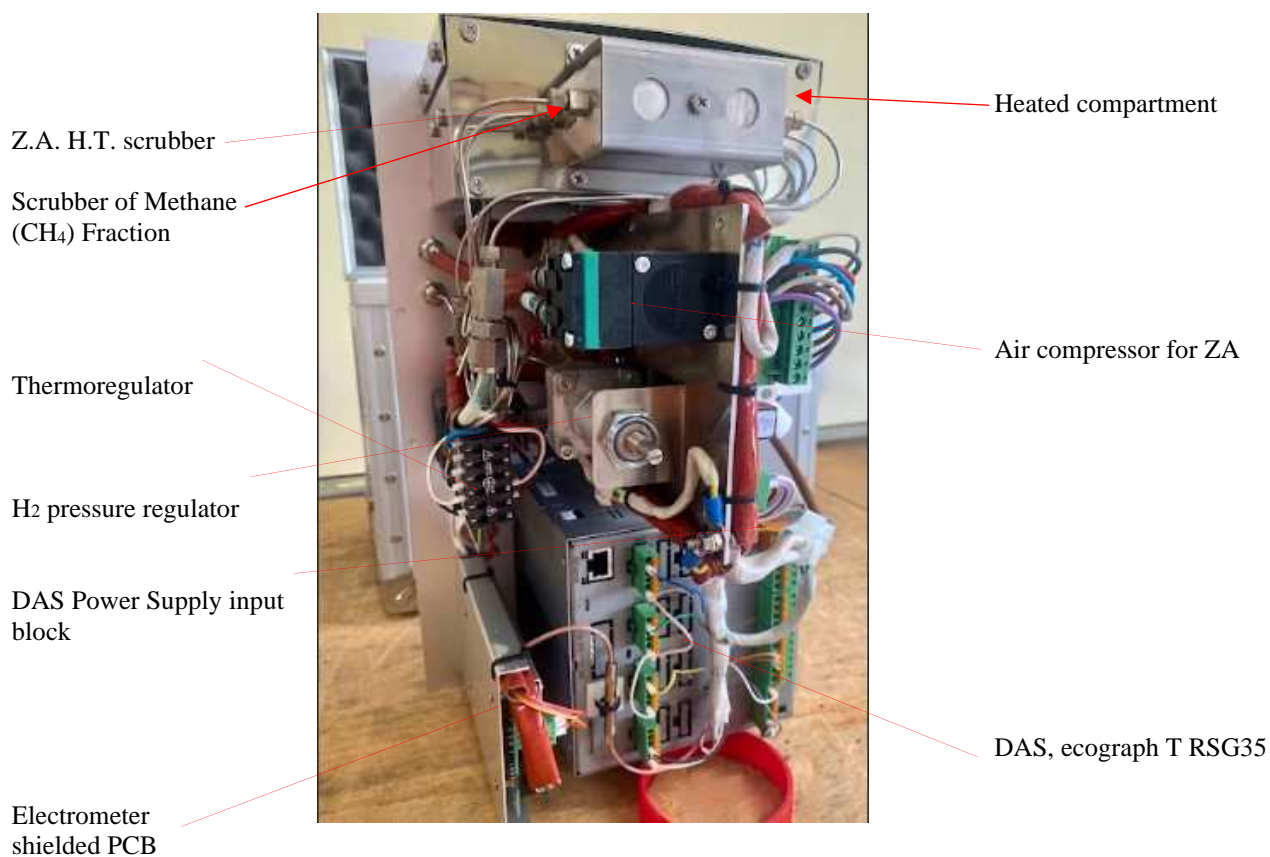
Extracted monitor, bottom view



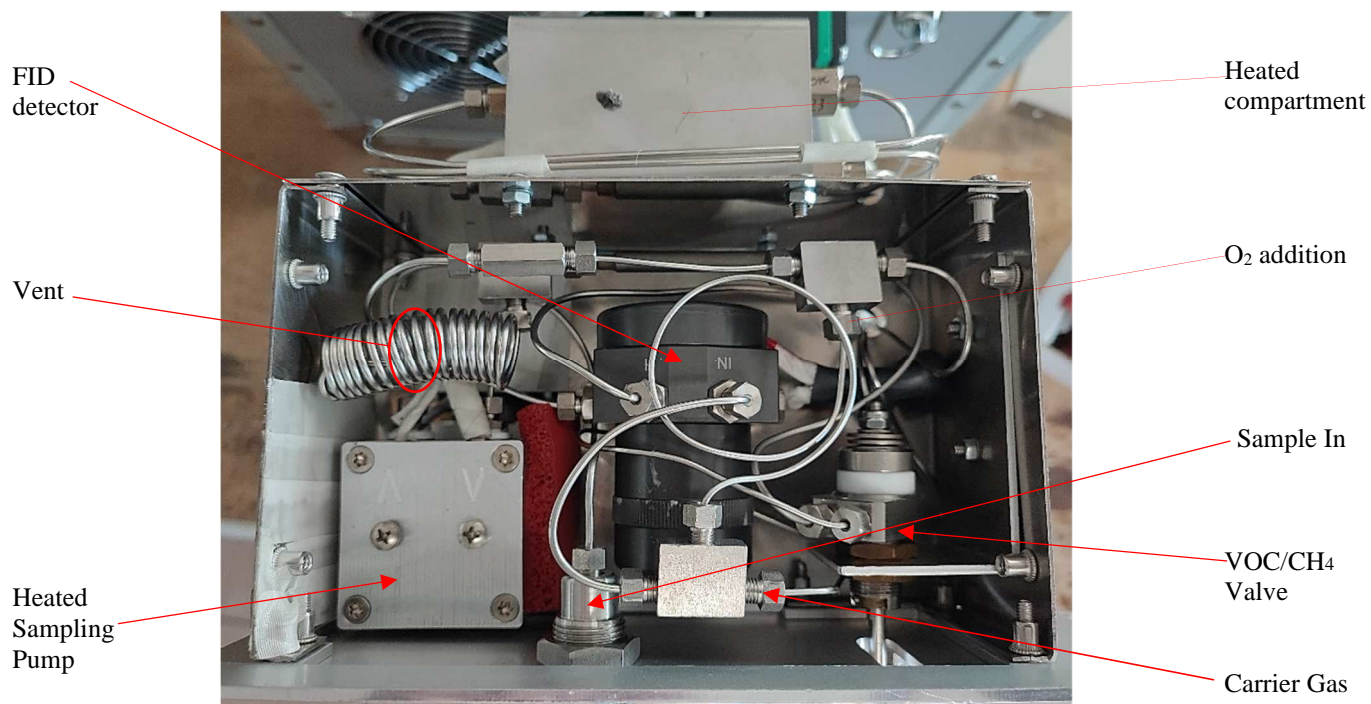
Extracted monitor, Right Hand View



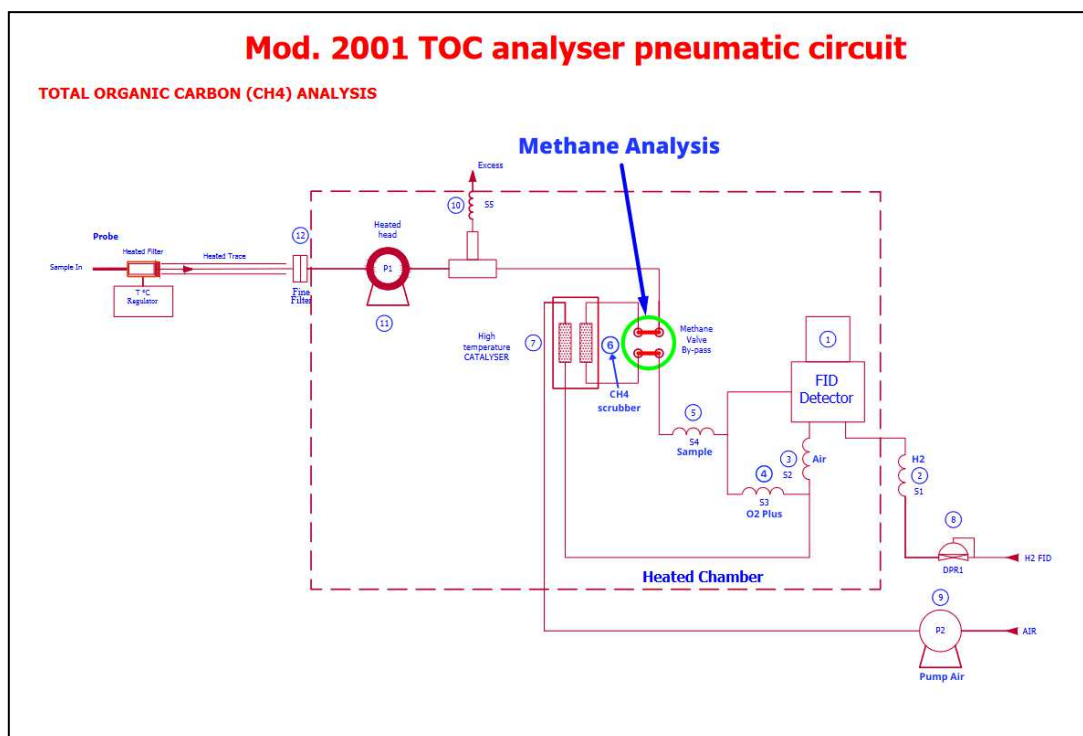
Extracted monitor, Left Hand View



Temperature-controlled (180°C) room

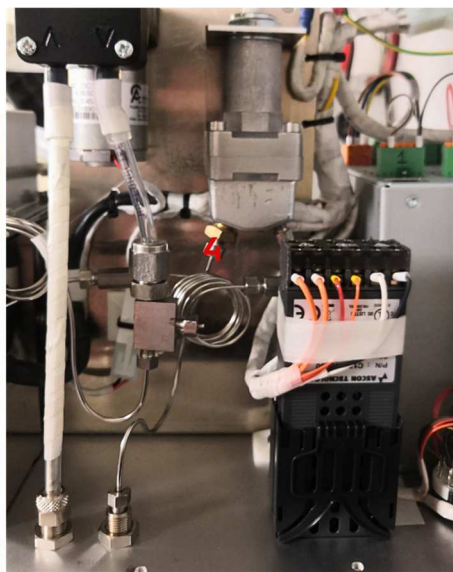
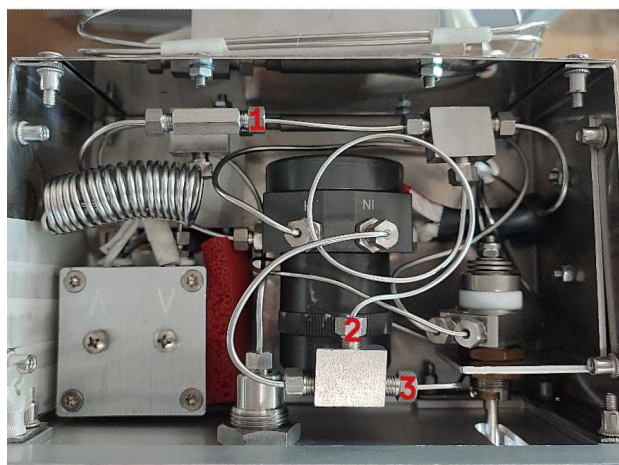


- **Flow Rate Checkpoints:**



Description:

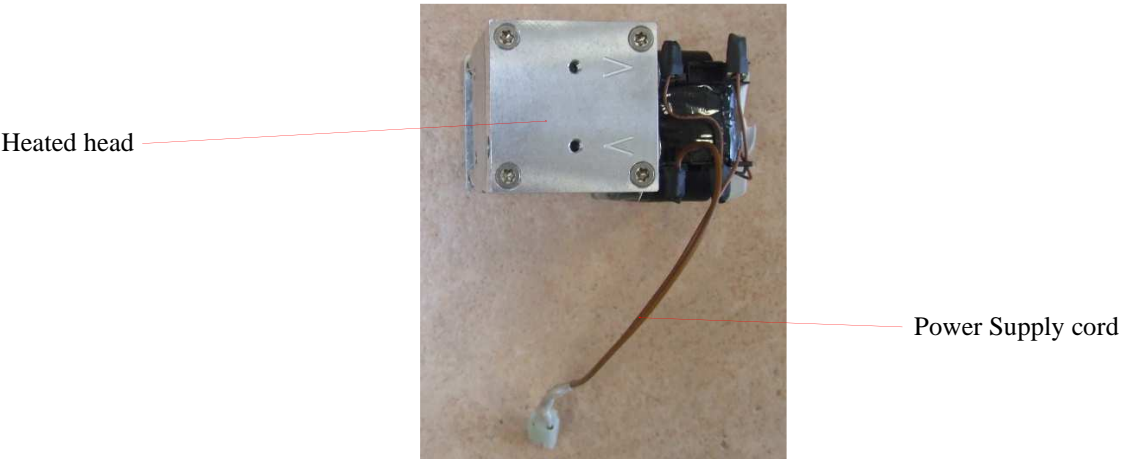
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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1) FID Detector | 7) High Temperature Catalyser |
| 2) H ₂ Capillary | 8) H ₂ Regulator |
| 3) Air Capillary | 9) Air Pump |
| 4) O ₂ Plus | 10) Vent Sample |
| 5) Carrier Capillary | 11) Head Heated Sampling Pump |
| 6) CH ₄ Scrubber | 12) Sample in with Wood Glass Dust filter |



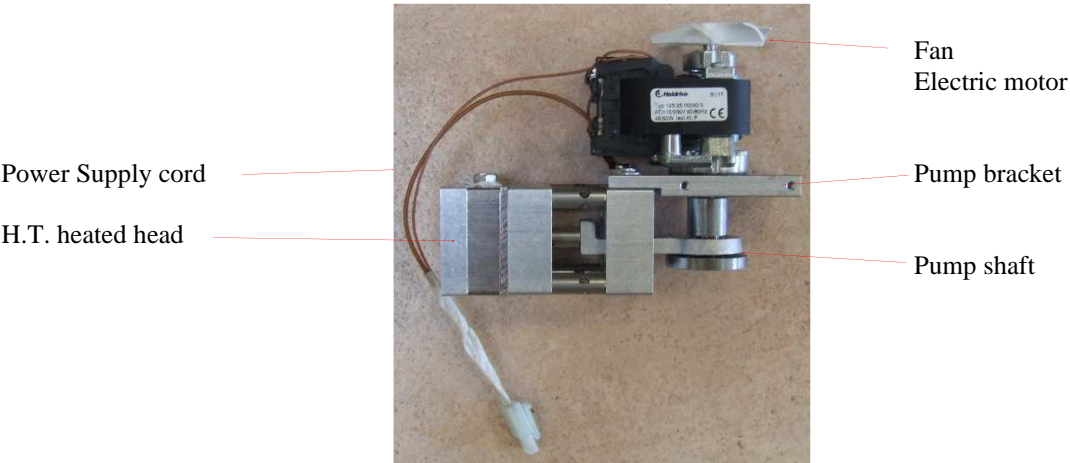
Description:

Heated sampling pump

Top view



Side view



Disassembled heated pump



Air compressor

Diaphragm head



Electric motor

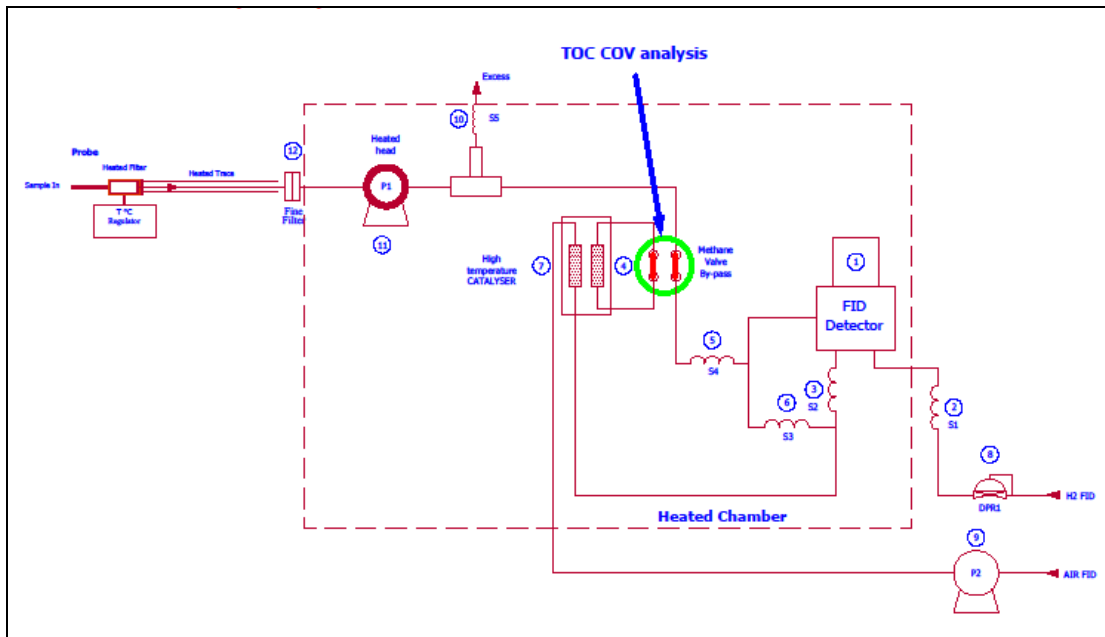
Power Supply cord

	High-Temperature scrubber	
	High-Temperature scrubber (disassembled)	
Aluminium heat buffer		Reactor
		Heating resistor

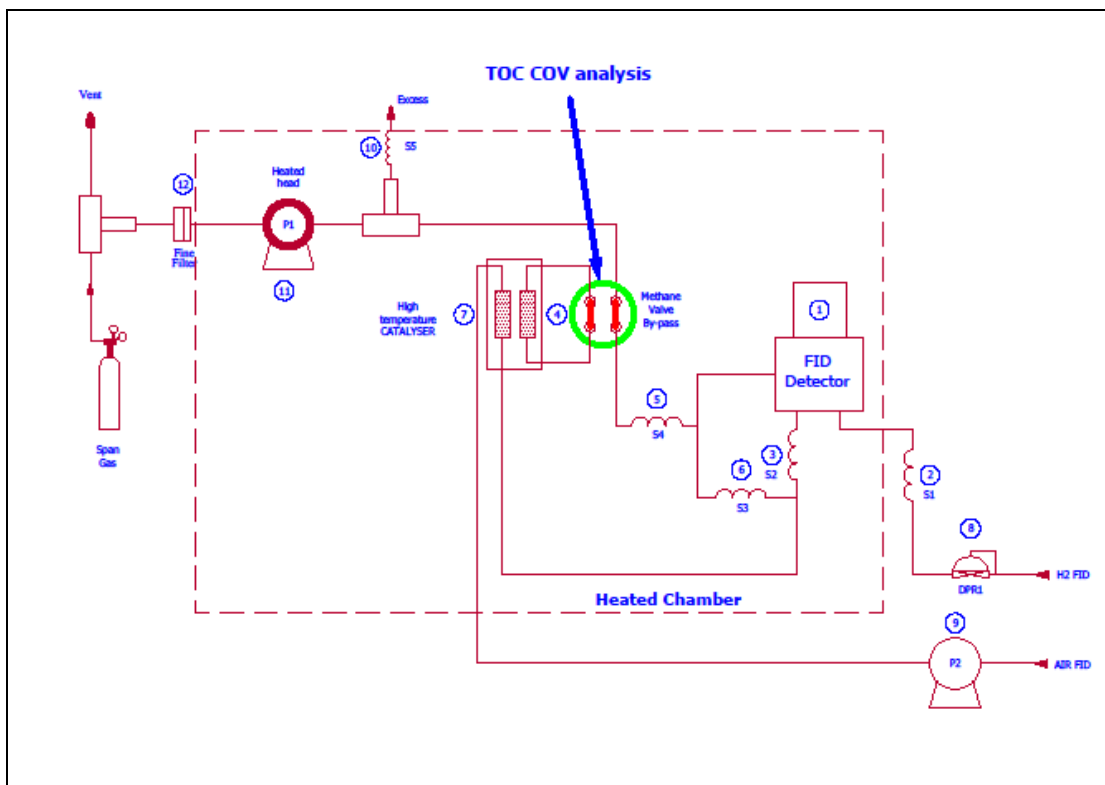
5.0 ANALYTICAL SCHEMATICS

ACCORDING TO CEE CEN 264 # 326 AS WELL AS UNI EN 12619:2013 PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 Analysis phase



5.2 Calibration phase

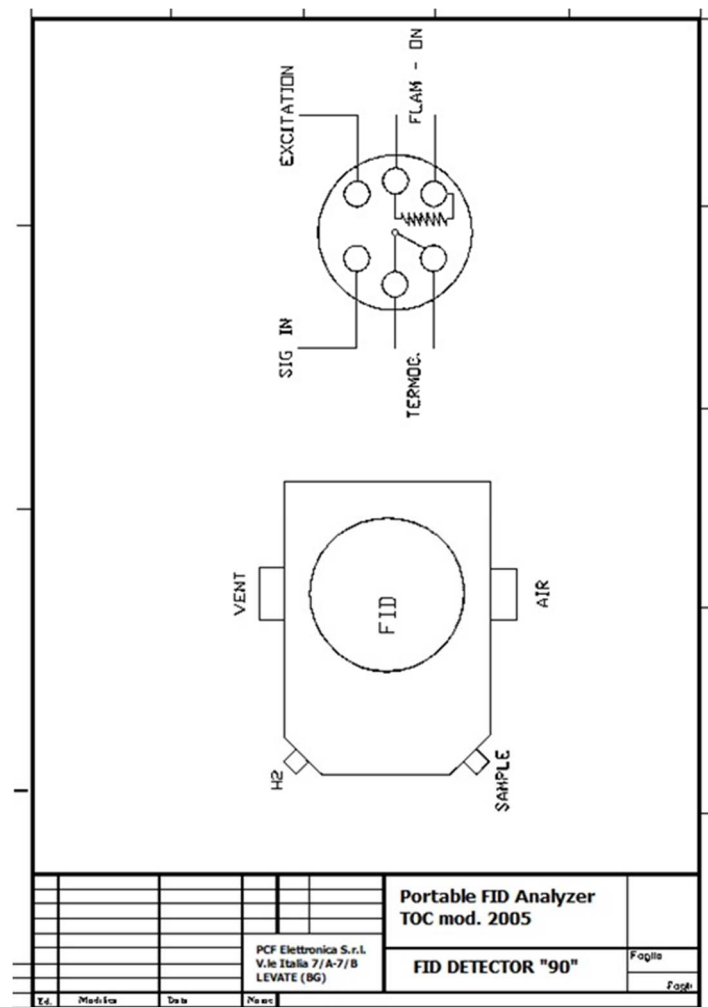


6.0 FLAME IONISATION DETECTOR (FID)

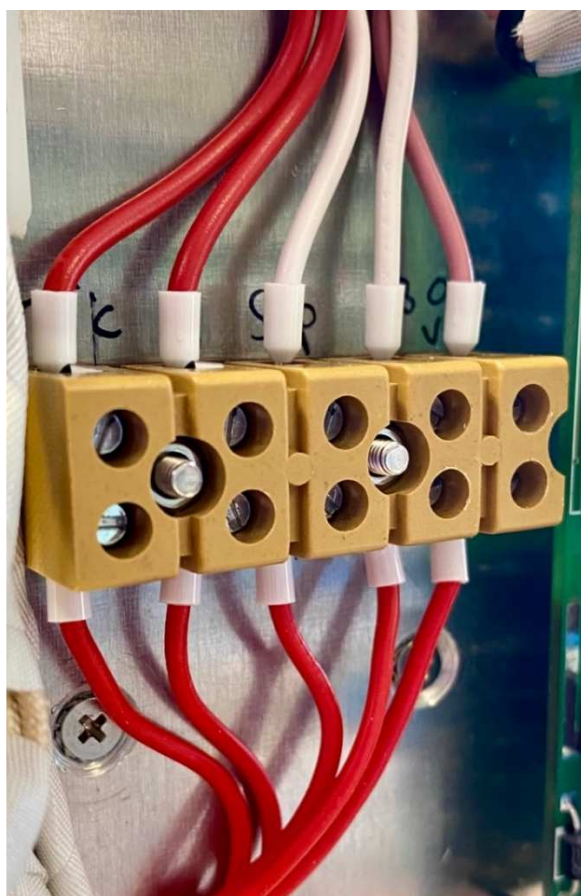
The FID is the core of the VOC analyser.

It shows a central nozzle that receives, through a capillary, hydrogen, (about 25 ml/min). Again, through a capillary, the nozzle is reached by the carrier gas carrying the sample compounds. The nozzle is polarised, from an external power supply by a positive voltage of 300 Vdc with very low electrical currents. A metallic ring on the top of the nozzle collects the ionisation current and takes it to the input of the electrometer circuit. An air flow rate of about 230 ml/min, controlled by a third capillary, is supplied to the detector as combustion gas. The quality of the combustion air must be very good (carbon content lower than 0.1 ppm) and stable in time, with the risk of jeopardising the measurements' qualities.

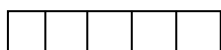
Inside the detector is further located a Nickel spiral for the automatic switching of the flame as well as a thermocouple that detects when the flame is ON or OFF, therefore commanding the automatic switching off of the hydrogen flow when the flame is OUT.



6.1 The pictures of the FID detector



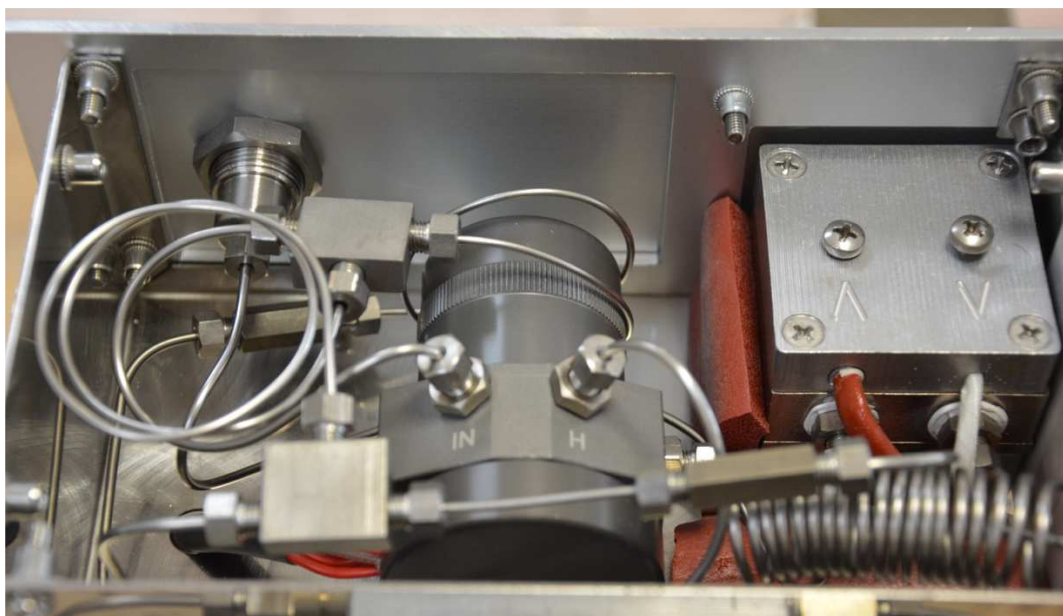
- **The connection block:**



1 2 3 4 5

Pos.1 +	J Type Thermocouple to detect FID micro flame (4.5 mV OFF, 31 mV ON)
Pos. 2 –	J Type Thermocouple to detect FID micro flame (4.5 mV OFF, 31 mV ON)
Pos. 3 - 4	Connections of the lighting resistance (0.1 Ohm when cool)
Pos. 5	300 Vdc Power Supply to FID polarising electrode

- Top view of the FID detector installed in the instrument.



- The dismantled FID detector, on a bench, with a cap on.



Temperature
Sensor

Heating
Element

VENT

SAMPLE IN

H₂ INPUT

AIR INPUT

- **Top view of the FID without the protective cap**

Igniting Resistance (0,1 Ω)

Thermocouple (J Type)

300 Vdc Plaque



VENT

CARRIER
+ SAMPLE IN

H₂ IN

- A different top view of the FID without the protective cap



7.0 ELECTRONICS

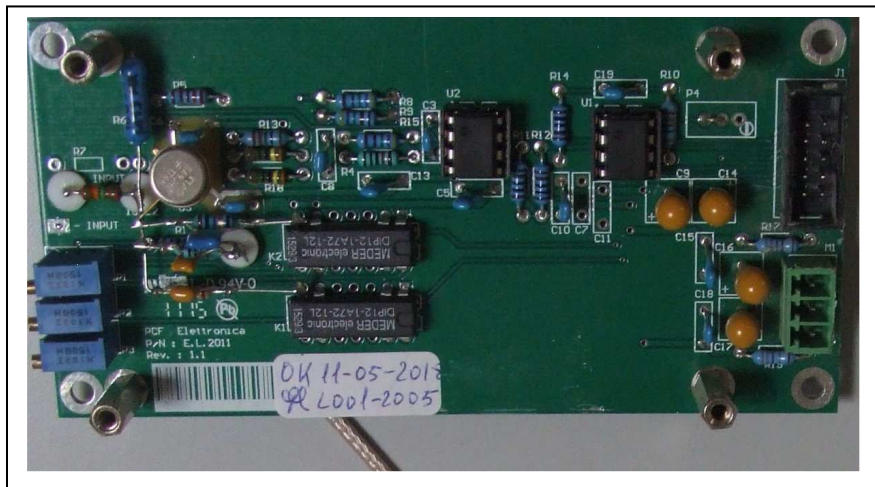
An high voltage is supplied to the electrodes of the FID and the relevant micro current, generated by the ionised carbon atoms and, measured through an electronic circuit. The same PCB includes the high voltage supply circuit as well as the amplification and measuring circuit of the generated ion current.

7.1 The FID Power Supply and Amplification PCB

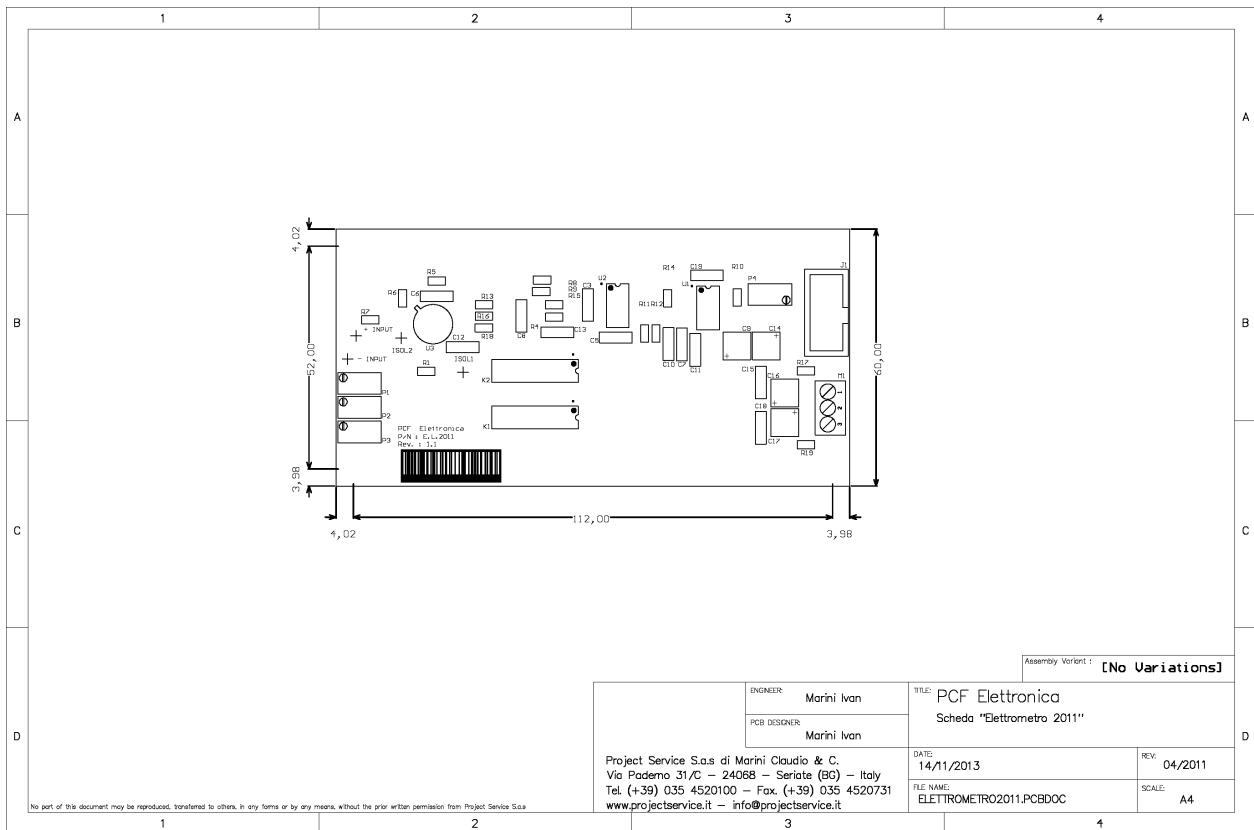
Here below is showed a picture of the FID supply (300 Vdc) and amplification PCB. The printed circuit is protected by a cover to avoid electromagnetic interferences. The cable connecting the PCB to the FID is coaxial with very high insulation. Please avoid modifying the length and the location of the same cable.

The electrometer board is protected by a metal shield in order to avoid electrical interferences on the very low currents involved in the measurements.

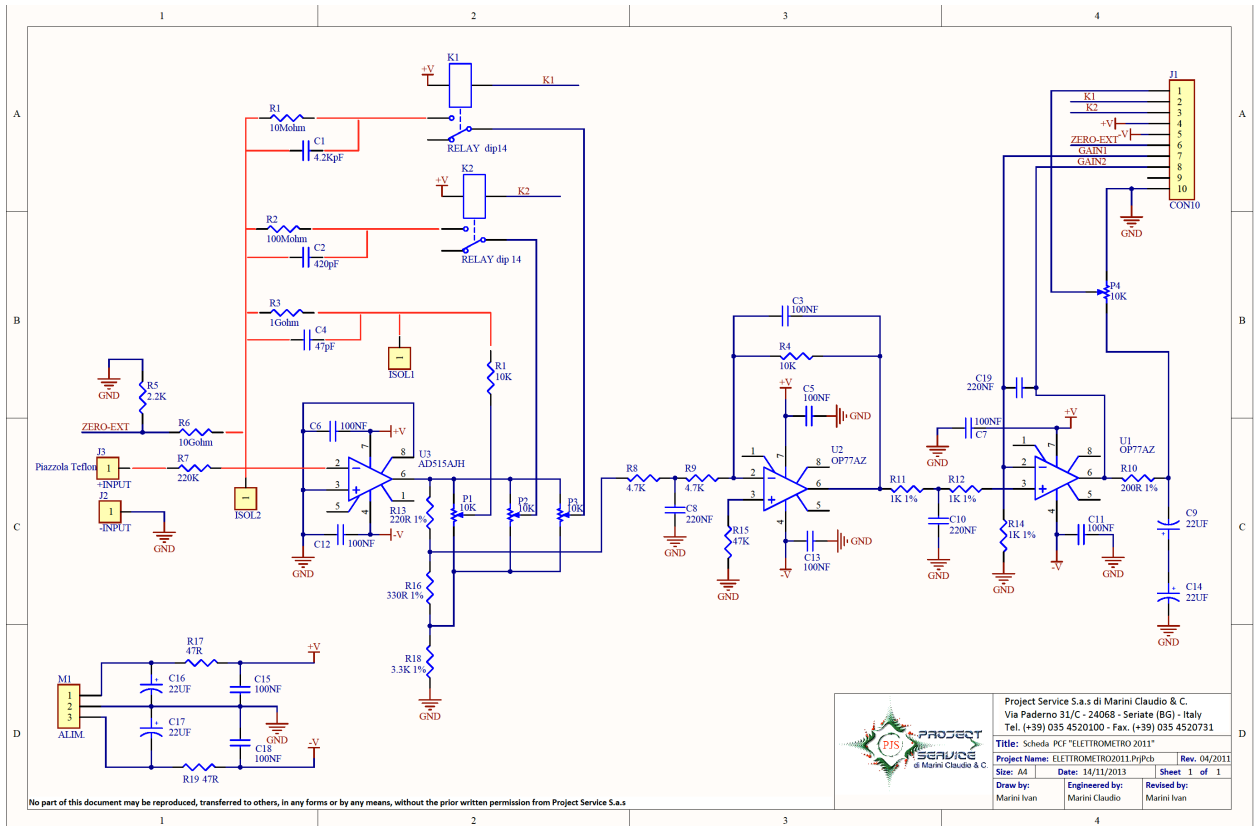
The PCB with mounted electronic components



The PCB with the lay out of the electronic components



The electronic circuit schematics

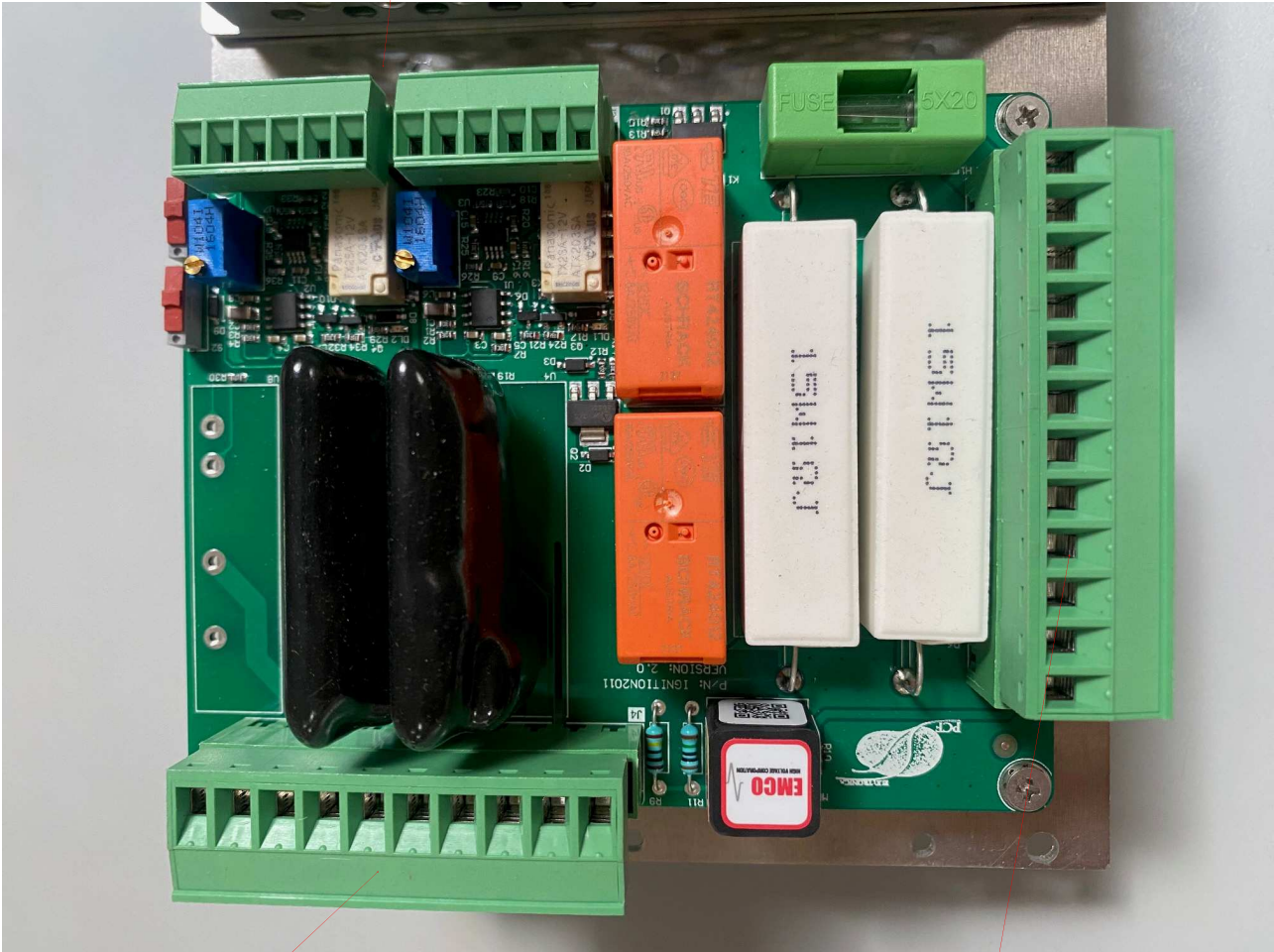


7.2 The Power supply PCB (also called Auxiliary and Service Board)

It is intended to supply power to the instrument services as well as to FID electrometer PCB board.

The Power supply PCB, mounted board

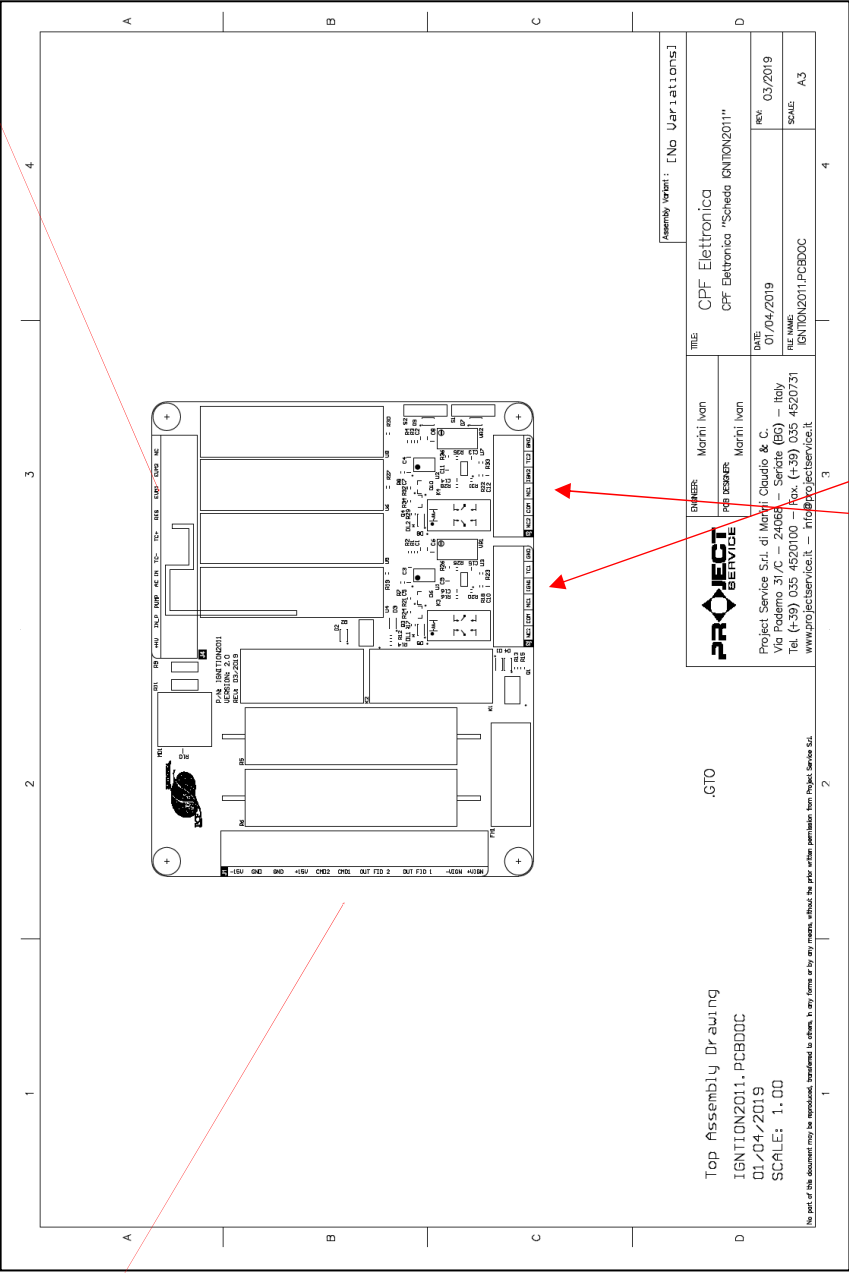
I/O block 1 (see below)



I/O block 2 (see below)

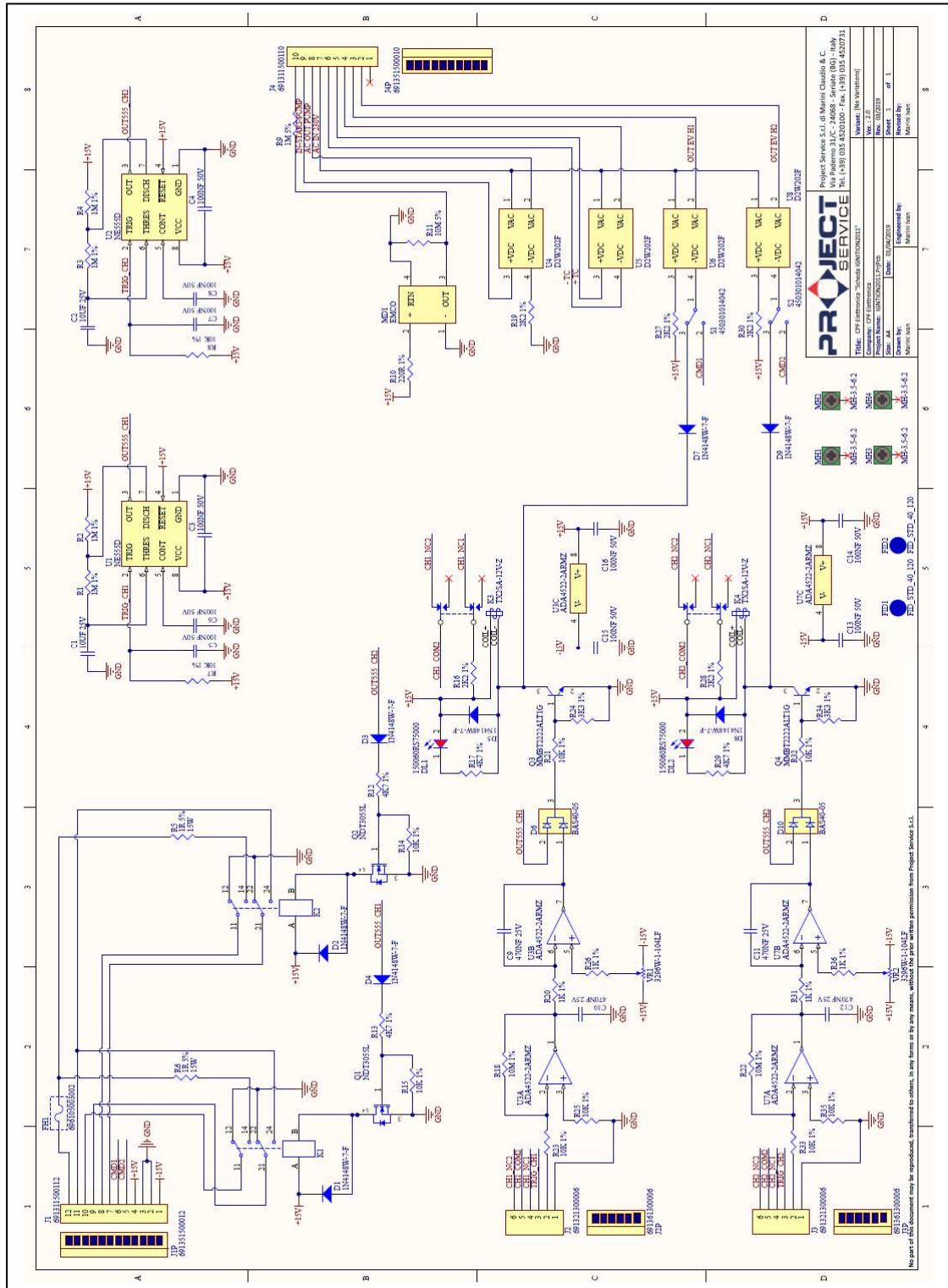
I/O block 3 (see below)


I/O block 2 (see below)



I/O block 3 (see below)

7.3. The Power supply PCB, schematics







A close-up photograph of a circuit board. A red arrow points to a small, dark, rectangular component on the board. The board has various other components and traces visible.

In all the Models of the 2000 family we mounted the Endress & Hauser universal graphic data manager:

<https://www.ie.endress.com/en/Field-instruments-overview/System-Components-Recorder-Data-Manager/Ecograph-T-RSG35-Universal-Graphic-Data-Manager>

The temperature regulator mounted in the instrument to control is supplied by ASCON. For further Info please open the Operating Manual of the item from the Original Manufacturer:

http://www.ascontecnologic.com/images/PRODOTTI/AutomazioneIndustriale/Regolatori/PDF/C1/MI_U_C1_EN.pdf

8.0 COMMISSIONING AND STARTING UP THE INSTRUMENT

8.1 Commissioning

- Connect the H₂ adduction gas from the two stages gas reducer of H₂ gas cylinder to the relevant connection located on the cover of analysis chamber and adequately indicted.
- Connect the heat traced line adducting gas sample to the instrument sample connection. The plug of the heating resistance must be connected to relevant socket located at the right bottom side of the instrument.
- Plug in the power supply cable to mains (220 V 50 Hz, 500 VA).

8.2 Starting up

- Move mains switch into ON position. By switching ON the instrument, green bulb will be lit.
- Wait approximately 20 minutes for the heating up and the conditioning of the instrument.
- Check that the manual switch for switching of air supply to FID detector is set to correct position according to the selected supply of combustion air to the monitor, (namely whether by UPP air gas cylinder or by in built air compressor and selective scrubber).
- Open the H₂ gas cylinder regulating the hydrogen pressure supply to the correct value indicate in the final test table.
- Switch on the sample pump (**Attention please: do not switch on the sample pump when the instrument is cool, its Teflon head works properly only when heated up, working cool could cause its seizing**)¹.
- Press IGN push button and keep it pressed till IGN “OK” appears on the video graphic display. Wait about 20-30 seconds.
- If flame stays ON, the writing “Fiamma (Flame) OK” should be indicated on the video graphic display.
- In case on video graphic display IGN “Off” is shown, it means that FID flame is not correctly switched on. Repeat the above described operations till flame is correctly switched on.
- With the flame switched ON, wait approximately 10 minutes for the stabilisation of the electronics of the instrument; then zero the display with the ZERO potentiometer knob, making sure that the instrument is sampling clean ambient air (see Chap. 6).
- Insert the sampling Probe into the sampling hole.

8.3 Switching off the monitor

- Extract the sampling probe from the duct/stack
- Leave the monitor to operate for about ten minutes in ambient air (clean and dry sample).
- Move Pump switch lever on to “OFF” position.
- Close the tap of hydrogen gas cylinder
- Move the mains switch lever to “OFF” position.

9.0 CALIBRATION (ZERO AND SPAN)

9.1 ZERO calibration

- 1- Make sure that the monitor is sucking clean air at ambient pressure, vent condition, and wait 2-3 minutes for stabilisation.
- 2- Zero the display with the ZERO knob.

9.2 SPAN calibration

- 1- Disconnect the heat traced line from the inlet connection of monitor.
- 2- Check the zero, unless was just performed.
- 3- Set the switch “Pompa Sample” (“Sample Pump”) to “OFF”.
- 4- Connect the output of two stage reducer of gas calibration cylinder. The connection must be performed under vent condition, i.e. at atmospheric pressure:



The suggested calibration mixture is the same used in our laboratories to perform the final checking of the instrument and outlined in the “instrument final check record”

- 5- Move the “Pompa Sample” (“Sample Pump”) on to “ON” position; the-instrument will start sucking the ambient air.
- 6- Open standard gas cylinder tap to guarantee an excess of STD (Standard, calibration, gas) through the vent terminal of “T” tube.
- 7- Wait for about 60 seconds for measurement stabilisation then set, by “SPAN” potentiometer knob, the indicated measured value to the correct STD, calibration, value of gas cylinder.

VOC (Volatile Organic Carbon concept)

As described in chap. 1.0, FID detector response is proportional to the carbon concentration that flows through high temperature flame.

Therefore, at the same ppm concentration, an organic molecule with 1 carbon atom counts for 1 whereas an organic molecule with 2 carbon atoms counts for 2 etc.

The calibration should be done in term of either Carbon Atom ppm or CH₄ equivalent concentration.

Example (we refer to suggested calibration cylinder concentration in specs)

Suppose the STD, standard or calibration gas mixture, contains 40 ppm of methane (CH_4) and 10 ppm of C_3H_8 (propane).

We must keep in mind that 1 ppm of propane (C_3H_8) corresponds to 3 ppm of methane (CH_4) as having three carbon atoms in each molecule, it produces a response three times higher in the FID detector (FID detector response is approximately proportional to the content of carbon atoms independently from chemical bonding)

Therefore 10 ppm of propane (C_3H_8) are approximately equivalent to 30 ppm of methane (CH_4).

In our calibration mixture we will count 40 ppm methane + 30 ppm equivalent of propane = 70 ppm methane (Carbon) equivalent.

The instrument must be set calibrated to Total VOC = 70 ppm

Or, as alternative (please note the general formula to convert ppm into mg/Nm^3):

$$70 \text{ ppm} * \frac{12 \text{ (Carbon Molecular Weight)}}{22,414 \text{ (Molecular Volume)}} = 37,45 \text{ mg}/\text{Nm}^3 \text{ VOC}$$

NOTE:

- 1- Instead of a mixture of Methane and Propane the calibration gas cylinder could very well contain either only Methane (e.g. 70 ppm) or just propane 15 ppm (for a Methane equivalent of approximately 75 ppm).fd
- 2- The calibration gas cylinder mixture must always be balanced with air, as the nitrogen could produce a lower signal in the FID detector. For emission applications, the suggested gas cylinder mixture for calibration is 40 pp of methane (CH_4) + 10 ppm of propane (C_3H_8) with air balance.
- 8- Once set the signal displayed to the correct calibration (standard) value, close the tap of calibration gas cylinder, then move the "Pompa Sample" switch to "OFF" position.
- 9- Wait about two minutes then zero the display with ZERO knob potentiometer.
- 10- Disconnect the T tube for the calibration of monitor from sample inlet and connect to the same inlet the heat traced line carrying the sample gas under measurement.
- 11- Move the "Pompa Sample" switch on to "ON" position.
- 12- Now the monitor is correctly set to perform measurements of Total VOCs.

10.0 MONITOR MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

All the operations described in the present section must be performed with mains power supply to the instrument OFF (disconnect the mains plug) and with the H₂, Air, Span service gases intercepted by the main manometers on the gas cylinders.

10.1 Suggested maintenance schedule

Basically, PCF Elettronica Mod. 2001 C is a very simple VOC monitor with tested parts to last years without maintenance.

For a good performance in the field, it is suggested to commission the instrument since the beginning with the correct gas qualities and pressure as well as to check regularly its working conditions.

For a good commissioning of the instrument we recommend:

- standard tool case
- digital multimeter and

Time	Operations	Actions (if necessary)
Commissioning	Check: Power Supply Gas Supplies (quality and pressure) Service gas pressure	
Monthly	Sample flow	Replace or clean filters Front filter and/or Sintered filter
Every 3 months	Sample flow	
	Membrane pump	Rebuild pump
Every 6 months	Calibration check	Change coefficients
Every year	Scrubbing efficiency	Replace catalyst
	Check H ₂ capillary	Replace
	Air capillary	
	Carrier capillary	

10.2 Trouble shooting

Events

Completely dead display:

- Check the mains power supply
- Check the fuse on the power supply socket
- Check display lamps
- Micro processor PCB not working

FID flame does not ignite

LED always on

- Wrong hydrogen and air pressures
- Lack of hydrogen supply
- Clogged H₂ or Air capillaries
- FID air compressor not working
- Ignition spiral is broken
- FID thermocouple broken
- Transformer not working
- Auxiliary services PCB is not working

Dead output signals

- FID detector not working
- Electrometer board not working
- Auxiliary services PCB not working

RS 232 signal working , 0-10 Vdc signal not present

- Check external connection
- Electrometer PCB not working

Lack of FID air gas pressure

- Supply air cylinder (if present) empty or with closed interception valve
- FID air compressor not working
- Leakage in the relevant circuit
- Pressure regulator not working
- Manometer not working

Lack of FID Air pressure

- Supply air cylinder either empty or with closed interception valve
- Leakage in the relevant circuit
- Pressure regulator not working
- Manometer not working
- Auxiliary services PCB not working

Actions

Connect power supply
Eventually replace the fuse

Replace lamps if necessary
Replace micro processor PCB

Check hydrogen and air supply and set the correct hydrogen and air pressures
Check hydrogen cylinder, opening tap and pressure
Check flow rate and replace if necessary
Either maintain or replace air compressor
Replace FID
Replace FID
Replace transformer
Replace auxiliary services PCB

Replace FID detector
Replace electrometer board
Replace auxiliary services PCB

Restore external connection
Replace electrometer PCB

Open the gas cylinder or replace it

Either maintain or replace FID air compressor
Find and mend the leakage
Replace pressure regulator
Replace manometer

Open the gas cylinder or replace it

Find and mend the leakage
Replace pressure regulator
Replace manometer
Replace auxiliary services PCB

No circulation of sample gas

- Sample adduction line either interrupted or clogged
- Sampling pump not working
- Auxiliary services card not working

Maintain heat trace sample line and/or probe ceramic filter

Either maintain or replace sampling pump

Replace auxiliary services PCB

11.0 SPARE PARTS

Code Number	Description
095020114	Sample capillary
095020115	Hydrogen capillary
095020116	Air capillary
095020120	Catalytic scrubber (HC into CO ₂)
095020121	Scrubber sub assembly
095020125	FID detector sub assembly
095020127	Air compressor oil less pump
095020128	Sample sucking heated head pump
095020130	Red LED
095020132	Return push button
095020133	Lever switch
095020134	Zero and Span potentiometer
095020135	Display microprocessor PCB
095020136	Power supply transformer
095020137	Mains power supply socket
095020138	Cooling fan
095020141	Electrometer PCB
095020144	Auxiliary services PCB
095020146	Stabilised Power Supply PCB
095020147	Display microprocessor PCB
095020150	PT 100 temperature detector
095020152	FID detector heating resistance
095020153	Catalytic converter heating resistance
095020155	Sintered filter
095020156	Sampling probe ceramic filter
095020157	Ceramic filter gasket
095020163	ZERO – SPAN potentiometer
095020164	Multi-turn potentiometer knob
095020170	SS sampling probe
095020180	Heat traced sampling line (standard length 3 m)

41-6021	Suggested consumables set (including) n.2 ceramic filter for sampling probe n.1 heated pump rebuild kit n.1 air pump rebuild kit n.1 fuse set
41-6022	Suggested spare parts set (including) n.1 sample capillary n.1 hydrogen capillary n.1 pressure regulator n.1 catalyst replacement n.1 seal set n.1 flame ON temperature sensor

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MOD. 2001 C
Portable HOT FID Total VOC MONITOR
with manual separation of Methane (CH₄) Fraction

FINAL CHECK RECORD

H ₂	Gas cylinder pressure _____	Bar
	To FID, flow rate _____	ml/min
AIR	To FID, flow rate _____	ml/min
SAMPLE	To FID, flow rate _____	ml/min
OVEN	_____ °C	

CALIBRATION PARAMETERS

Calibration mixture used to calibrate the monitor: CH₄ + C₃H₈, air balance

Gas cylinder: _____ Certification N# _____

Dilution device: THERMO ELECTRON Mod. 146 Dilution system

Traceable gas mixture:	CH ₄ _____ ppm	VOC _____ mg/Nm ³
	C ₃ H ₈ _____ ppm	VOC _____ mg/Nm ³

Traceable
gas mixture: Total (CH₄+C₃H₈) _____ ppm VOC _____ mg/Nm³

Measure
gas mixture: Total (CH₄+C₃H₈) _____ ppm VOC _____ mg/Nm³

Set point of SPAN: _____ Notches

Set point of ZERO: _____ Notches

Service Engineer _____

Date: _____

Here below you can find some of the experimentally obtained FID responses.

<i>Organic Compound</i>	<i>Molecular Weight</i>	<i>Relative Sensitivity</i>	<i>Response Factor [1]</i>	<i>Response against Methane</i>	<i>Response against Propane</i>	<i>ppm to mg/m³ conversion factor</i>	<i>ppm to mgC//m³ conversion factor</i>
Methane	16.04303	0.99	15.8826	1.0000	0.3675	0.7158	0.5359
Ethane	30.07012	0.98	29.4687	1.8554	0.6819	1.3416	1.0718
Propane	44.09721	0.98	43.2153	2.7209	1.0000	1.9674	1.6076
Butane	58.12430	1.09	63.3555	3.9890	1.4660	2.5932	2.1435
Pentane	72.15139	1.04	75.0374	4.7245	1.7364	3.2190	2.6794
Hexane	86.17848	1.03	88.7638	5.5887	2.0540	3.8449	3.2153
Heptane	100.2056	1.00	100.2056	6.3091	2.3188	4.4707	3.7511
Octane	114.2327	0.97	110.8057	6.9765	2.5640	5.0965	4.2870
Nonane	128.2598	0.98	125.6946	7.9140	2.9086	5.7223	4.8229
Isopentane	72.15139	1.05	75.7590	4.7699	1.7531	3.2190	2.6794
2,2-dimethyl Butane	86.17848	1.04	89.6256	5.6430	2.0739	3.8449	3.2153
2,3-dimethyl Butane	86.17848	1.03	88.7638	5.5887	2.0540	3.8449	3.2153
2-methyl Pentane	86.17848	1.05	90.4874	5.6973	2.0939	3.8449	3.2153
3-methyl Pentane	86.17848	1.04	89.6256	5.6430	2.0739	3.8449	3.2153
2,2-dimethyl Pentane	100.2056	1.02	102.2097	6.4353	2.3651	4.4707	3.7511
2,3-dimethyl Pentane	100.2056	0.99	99.2035	6.2461	2.2956	4.4707	3.7511
1,1,2-trimethyl cycle hexane	126.2438	0.98	123.7189	7.7896	2.8629	5.6324	4.8229
Cycle heptane	98.18963	1.01	99.1715	6.2440	2.2948	4.3807	3.7511
Benzene	78.11472	1.12	87.4885	5.5084	2.0245	3.4851	3.2153
Toluene	92.14181	1.10	101.3560	6.3816	2.3454	4.1109	3.7511
Ethyl Benzene	106.1689	1.03	109.3540	6.8851	2.5304	4.7367	4.2870
Para Xylene	106.1689	1.00	106.1689	6.6846	2.4567	4.7367	4.2870
Meta Xylene	106.1689	1.04	110.4157	6.9520	2.5550	4.7367	4.2870
Ortho Xylene	106.1689	1.02	108.2923	6.8183	2.5059	4.7367	4.2870
1,2,3-trimethyl Benzene	120.1960	0.98	117.7921	7.4164	2.7257	5.3625	4.8229
N propyl Benzene	120.1960	1.01	121.3980	7.6435	2.8091	5.3625	4.8229
n- butyl Benzene	134.2231	0.98	131.5386	8.2819	3.0438	5.9884	5.3588
Acetylene	26.03824	1.07	27.8609	1.7542	0.6447	1.1617	1.0718
Ethylene	28.05418	1.02	28.6153	1.8017	0.6622	1.2516	1.0718
Methanol	32.04243	0.23	7.3698	0.4640	0.1705	1.4296	0.5359
Ethanol	46.06952	0.46	21.1920	1.3343	0.4904	2.0554	1.0718
n- Propanol	60.09661	0.60	36.0580	2.2703	0.8344	2.6812	1.6076
Iso propanol	60.09661	0.53	31.8512	2.0054	0.7370	2.6812	1.6076
n-Butanol	74.12370	0.66	48.9216	3.0802	1.1320	3.3070	2.1435
Iso butanolo	74.12370	0.68	50.4041	3.1735	1.1663	3.3070	2.1435
sec-Butano	74.12370	0.63	46.6979	2.9402	1.0806	3.3070	2.1435
ter-Butanol	74.12370	0.74	54.8515	3.4536	1.2693	3.3070	2.1435
Methyl-iso-buthyl-carbinol	88.15079	0.74	65.2316	4.1071	1.5095	3.9328	2.6794
1-Hexanol	102.17790	0.74	75.6116	4.7607	1.7496	4.5587	3.2153
1-Octanol	128.21610	0.85	108.9837	6.8618	2.5219	5.7204	4.2870
1-Decanol	154.25440	0.84	129.5737	8.1582	2.9983	6.8821	5.3588
Butyrraldehyde	72.10776	0.62	44.7068	2.8148	1.0345	3.2171	2.1435
1-Eptaldehyde	114.18900	0.77	87.9255	5.5360	2.0346	5.0945	3.7511
1-Octaldehyde	128.21610	0.80	102.5729	6.4582	2.3735	5.7204	4.2870
Decanal	156.27030	0.80	125.0162	7.8713	2.8929	6.9720	5.3588
Formic acid	46.02589	0.01	0.4603	0.0290	0.0107	2.0534	0.5359
Acetic acid	60.05298	0.23	13.8122	0.8696	0.3196	2.6793	1.0718
Propionic acid	74.08007	0.40	29.6320	1.8657	0.6857	3.3051	1.6076
Butyric acid	88.10716	0.48	42.2914	2.6628	0.9786	3.9309	2.1435

Hexanoic acid	116.16130	0.63	73.1816	4.6077	1.6934	5.1825	3.2153
Eptanoic acid	130.18840	0.61	79.4149	5.0001	1.8377	5.8084	3.7511
Octanoic acid	144.21550	0.65	93.7401	5.9021	2.1691	6.4342	4.2870
Methyl acetate	74.08007	0.20	14.8160	0.9328	0.3428	3.3051	1.6076
Ethyl acetate	88.10716	0.38	33.4807	2.1080	0.7747	3.9309	2.1435
Isopropyl acetate	102.13430	0.49	50.0458	3.1510	1.1581	4.5567	2.6794
sec-Buthyl-acetate	116.16130	0.52	60.4039	3.8031	1.3977	5.1825	3.2153
Iso-buthyl acetate	116.16130	0.54	62.7271	3.9494	1.4515	5.1825	3.2153
Acetonitrile	41.05291	0.39	16.0106	1.0081	0.3705	1.8316	1.0718
Dimethyl formamide	73.09534	0.41	29.9691	1.8869	0.6935	3.2611	1.6076
Trimethyl amine	59.11188	0.46	27.1915	1.7120	0.6292	2.6373	1.6076
Ter-Buthyl amine	73.13897	0.54	39.4950	2.4867	0.9139	3.2631	2.1435
Diethyl amine	73.13897	0.61	44.6148	2.8090	1.0324	3.2631	1.0718
Aniline	93.12939	0.75	69.8470	4.3977	1.6163	4.1550	3.2153
Acetone	58.08067	0.59	34.2676	2.1576	0.7930	2.5913	1.6076
Tetrahydrofuran	72.10776	0.76	54.8019	3.4504	1.2681	3.2171	2.1435
Isopropyl ether	102.17790	0.70	71.5245	4.5033	1.6551	4.5587	3.2153
2-Butoxyethanol	118.17730	0.60	70.9064	4.4644	1.6408	5.2725	3.2153

[1] – response factor = relative sensitivity x molecular weight

APPENDIX 1

1.1 The Data Acquisition System

In all the Models of 2000 family we mounted the Endress & Hauser universal graphic data manager:

<https://www.ie.endress.com/en/Field-instruments-overview/System-Components-Recorder-Data-Manager/Ecograph-T-RSG35-Universal-Graphic-Data-Manager>

Specifically, in Mod. 2001 C we mounted Mod. T RSG 35 with four analogue channel inputs. Of the latter, three are employed to record and memorize ranges x1, x10, x100 and the last one is free for possible memorization of other analogue input from outside (temperature, flow rates, pressure, etc.).

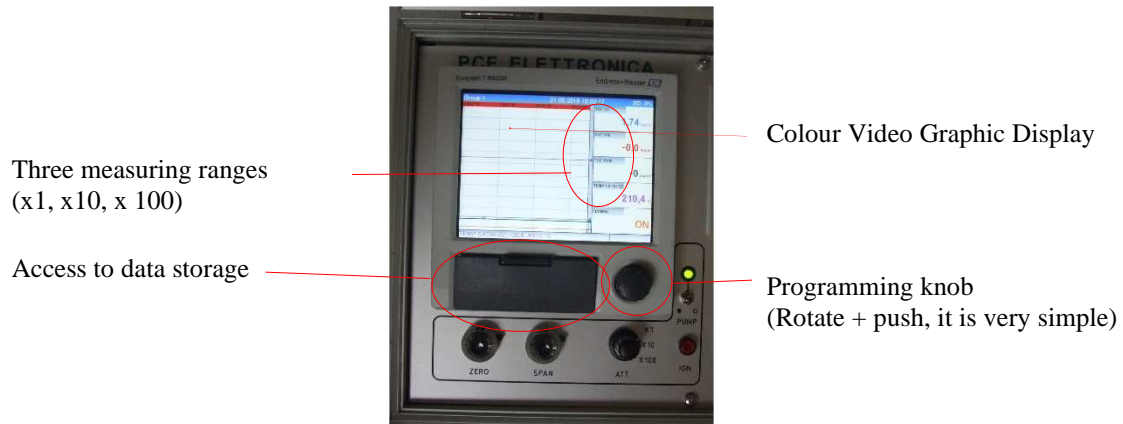
In order to operate correctly the T RSG 35, please read carefully the Operating Manual for the sections of interest:

https://portal.endress.com/wa001/dla/5000629/3842/000/05/BA01146REN_0617.pdf

1.2 Useful basic info on Data management

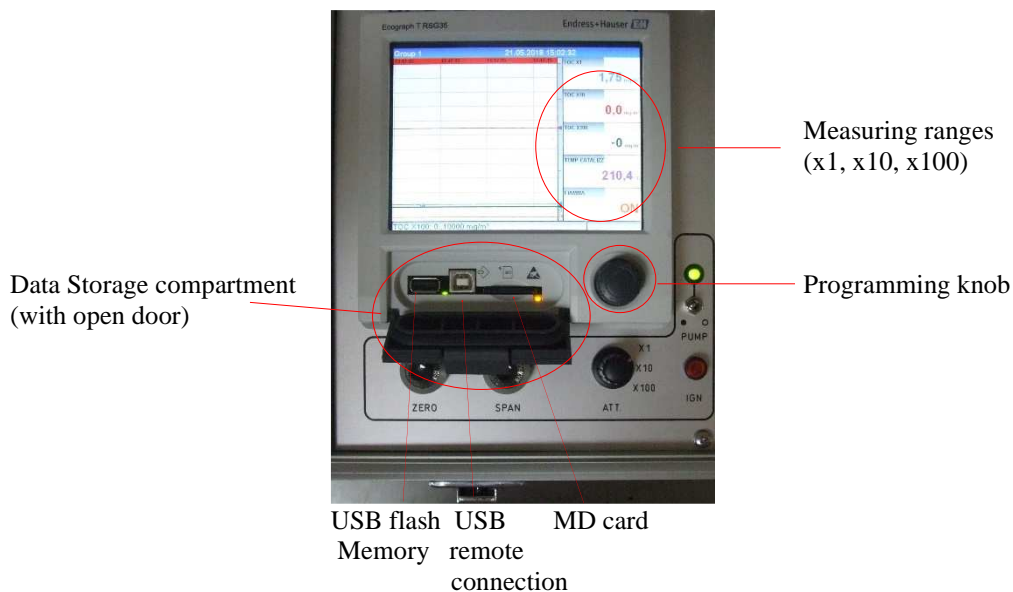
1.2.1 The very simple commands and data storage of the unit.

DAS Mod. T RSG 35



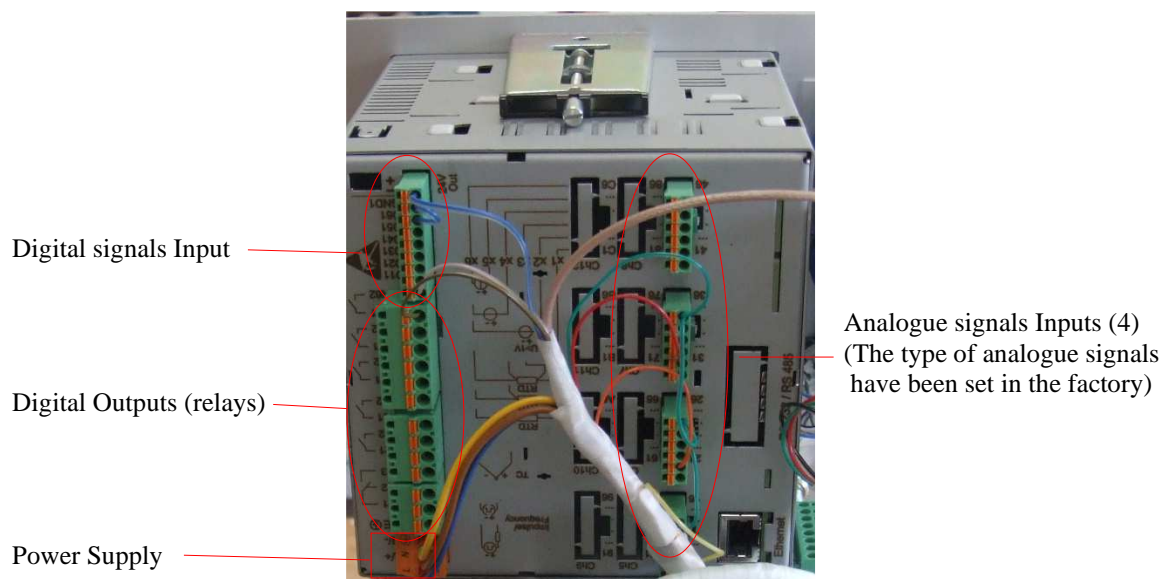
Note: With the above indicated knob you select the main functions of the DAS and you confirm them by pressing the central part of the same. If you make any mistake you may return backwards.

DAS Mod. T RSG 35 (With open data storage compartment)



1.2.2 The fundamental steps in data management

The back wiring of signals



The basic configuration of I/O data have been set in the factory.

1.2.3 Some of the most frequently requested configuration modifications

The polling time for the data (interval time of sampling)

Operate as follows (select from the basic video display):

- Operation
- Set-up
- Advanced set up
- Application Signal group
- Save cycle
-

Whenever you select “**Back**” you return back of one step of the sequence.

Programming the initial time of analysis (naming the file of next data)

Operate as it follows (select):

- Operation from basic screen
- SD/MC card or flash memory
- Save measurement values
- From (insert date and time)

Programming the mean values

Operate as it follows (select):

- Operation (from basic screen)
- Set up
- Adv. Set up
- Application
- Signal analysis
- Select the value.

NOTE: In the instrument you received you have recorded the tests and calibration data.
Use the memorised data to practice in data management.

1.3 Data memorisation and down loading

All the data as well as the instrument configuration are saved on the SD (MC) and/or USB flash memory.

If you extract the SD (MC) or USB flash memory you may read the recorded data from a PC.

The data are read with two fundamental programs:

- **FILE DATA MANAGER** supplied with the instrument.
You must install it in your PC to be able to read the recorded data in the unchangeable format.
- **EXCEL** (Microsoft). The data may be read and managed only if they were not memorised in protected configuration (unchangeable format).

You may also read the data directly from the USB port directly connected to PC (USB remote connection).

Now:

1) If you use FILE DATA MANAGER the data must be recorded in protected format:

- On line connection
- New device
- USB
- Next
- Next
- (Configuration + data are downloaded)
- New
- Take the interested file on the right side of the window
- You may select the data to be shown
- Next
- Select all
- Next
- Date interval
-

2) If you intend to use EXCEL the data must be recorded in a not protected file and start from basic screen:

- Export
- EXCEL
- Next
- Create a new folder (cartella, with a name)
- Select file to be exported
- Move it to the right
- Next
- Select
- Next
- Select time interval
- Give a name to the file to be saved
-

APPENDIX 2:

GAS CONNECTIONS

CAUTION WITH THE HYDROGEN SOURCE (VERY IMPORTANT!)

ATTENTION! DO NOT APPLY A PRESSURE HIGHER THAN THE INDICATED ONE:

H₂ = 3,0 Bar max.

Air (optional) = 5,0 Bar max.

When wiring the hydrogen supply pipe to the analyzer it is necessary to be very careful. The connection **must be manually screwed** and only at the end, when you are sure that the fitting is screwed to the end, it must be blocked with the key (8 mm) provided.

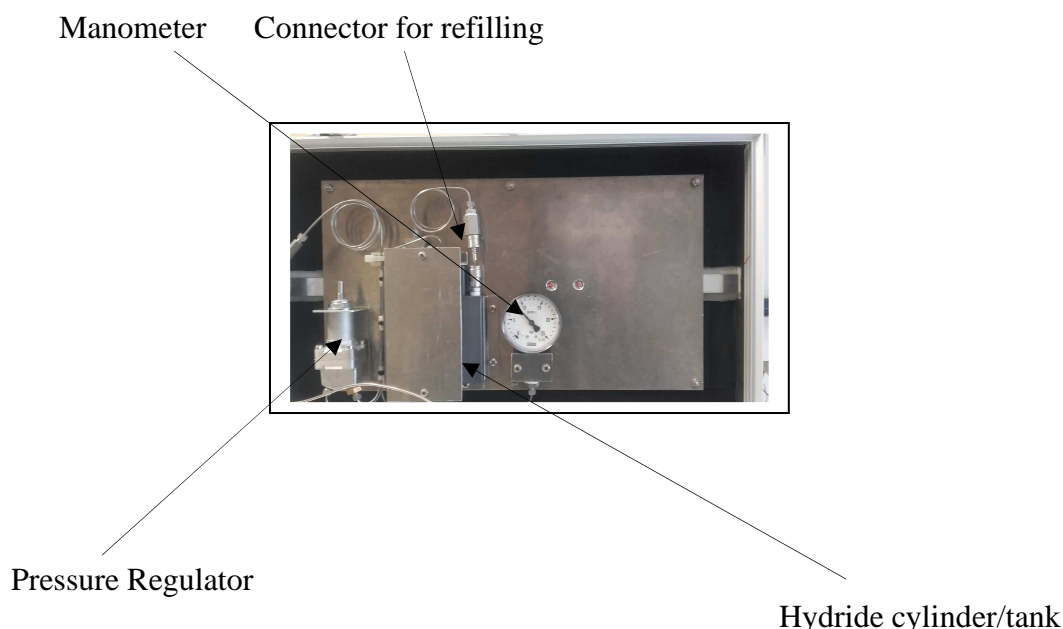
You do not have to force for any reason the connection plug to avoid damaging the screw of the same and need its replacement with the consequent impossibility to use the instrument as well as to avoid hydrogen losses.

The customer must make sure that all the hydrogen cylinders used are in compliance with the safety standards laid down for the accommodation of the same.

AN INSTRUMENT INCORRECTLY INSTALLED IS UNABLE TO PROPERLY OPERATE AND MAY BE A DANGER FOR THE OPERATOR

THE HYDRIDE CARTRIDGE, in built in the instrument.

The hydride cartridge is foreseen as option as constitution of the compressed H₂ mini cylinder.



APPENDIX 3:

HYDRIDE CYLINDER WITH HYDROGEN RELEASE AT LOW PRESSURE

QUICK START MANUAL

[Note: as the hydride cylinder is not of our production it could slightly change in dimensions and/or specifications]

A) Hydrogen refilling procedure

1. Place the hydrides cartridge as to facilitate connection to a hydrogen source such as pressurized cylinders or electrolyzers compatible (hydrogen generators).
Avoid working in awkward positions with short tubes.
2. Open the black knob of the hydride cartridge safety valve by turning it clockwise.
3. Purge a small amount of air/hydrogen mixture from the **special pipe** connected to the source of hydrogen, by the use of the supplied interception valve, or by a short pressure applied to the end supplied male connector, **before connecting it to the hydride cylinder**. This should eliminate polluting gases such as nitrogen or oxygen present in the air.
4. Connect the hydrogen source through the appropriate pipe and a provided pressure regulator, ensuring that the chosen source (cylinder or H₂ generator) has a minimum pressure of 10-15 bars. Use a pressure regulator with dual-stage secondary stage that reaches at least 30 bar to speed up charging. **Never exceed 30 bar pressure, this could cause irreparable damage to the device.**
5. If possible, gently place the hydride cylinder in a bath of cold water (10-15 ° C), preferably in a horizontal position, ensuring that the filling hose is not choked and that the quick connector at the connection point is not under water .
6. If applicable, gradually increase the pressure up to a maximum of 30 bar (keep still around 20 bar). The cartridge should start to heat to effect the adsorption of hydrogen and for the increase of pressure.
7. When immersed in a water bath, as to completely fill the cylinder, keep the water temperature the more possibly constant with the progress of charging. The walls of the cylinder will heat up and consequently the water will warm too.
8. If the refilling is via industry standard cylinders at pressures of 25 bar, after about 20 minutes the cartridge will be charged. Otherwise the cartridge will be charged after about 30 minutes, if the process is carried out with pressures of 15 bar. In the case of charging with H₂ generators, wait until the hydrogen flow toward the cartridge falls in the neighbourhood of 10-20 cc/min; at that point you will have the certainty of the filled cartridge.
9. Disconnect the quick coupler from the cylinder by pulling out the female attack ring on the cartridge. Do not force in any way the connector; eventually, in case of difficulty in extracting, pull out at the same time the male connector or, even better, contact our Technical Support.

When not in use, always close the cartridge black knob, turning it clockwise.

B) Hydrogen desorption procedure

1. Connect the quick coupling kit by connecting an end of the same to the quick connection of the cylinder and the other to the device you want to cater.
2. Open the black knob of the hydride cartridge safety valve by turning it counter clock wise.
3. Turn on the device to cater, in our case FID detector, to begin to use the stored hydrogen.
4. After usage, close the hydride cartridge safety valve black knob by turning it clockwise and disconnect it as in step 9 of the charging.



The Hydride Device mounted on the aluminium cover inside the VOC portable monitor



The Hydride Device with the special supplied pipe for the connection to primary H₂ source (H₂ Gas Cylinder or H₂ Generator)

C) Description of a hydride cylinder

The technical characteristic of supplied cylinder may change without notice. The definitive specifications of the installed hydride cylinder will be described in the operating manual enclosed to the instrument.

