

PRODUCT DATASHEET

HALO™ QRP

TRACE-LEVEL LOW-PRESSURE MOISTURE ANALYZER



Designed for trace level moisture analysis in low pressure (<50 Torr) applications, the HALO QRP offers:

- Detection limit of 1 μ Torr partial pressure H₂O and below
- Absolute accuracy and excellent precision
- Wide dynamic range – over four orders of magnitude
- Low cost of ownership and operational simplicity
- Clean technology – no external calibration gases required
- Compact analyzer footprint, ideal for OEM equipment integration

Protect Your Process with the HALO QRP

Modern semiconductor deposition processes – from low-temperature epitaxy to ALD and MOCVD – operate routinely at chamber pressures far below atmosphere and approach the single-digit torr range. At the same time, process temperatures are steadily decreasing. Under these conditions, residual moisture in the chamber poses a significant threat to process quality and production yields.

The HALO QRP is optimized to operate under these low-pressure conditions and deliver exact and reliable real-time measurements to verify moisture residue in, for example, the load lock, transfer and process chambers before H₂O contaminants compromise the subsequent process step. Based on proven Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy (CRDS) technology, the HALO QRP sets new standards in ease-of-use and measurement precision for this application, and operates at chamber pressures as low as 1 Torr.

Specifications

Performance, H₂O Detection

Operating range:	0 – 12 mTorr _{pp} (1200 ppm @ 10 Torr)
Detection limit (LDL, 24h peak-to-peak variation):	1 μTorr _{pp} (see chart below for ppb units)
Sensitivity (3σ)	0.5 μTorr _{pp} (see chart below for ppb units)
Precision (1σ, greater of):	± 1% or 1/3 of Sensitivity
Accuracy (greater of):	± 5% or 1/2 of LDL
Speed of response:	1 to 2 min (if not flow-limited)
Environmental conditions:	10°C to 40°C, 30% to 80% RH (non-condensing)
Storage temperature:	-10°C to 50°C

Gas Handling System and Conditions*

Wetted materials:	316L stainless steel (corrosive gas version optional), 10 Ra surface finish
Gas connections:	1/4" male VCR inlet and outlet with manual shut-off valves
Leak tested to:	1 x 10 ⁻⁹ mbar l / sec
Inlet pressure[†]:	1 – 1000 Torr
Outlet pressure:	<20 mTorr (0.027 mbar)
Sample gases[§]:	N ₂ , H ₂ , HCl, Ar (standard), He, Cl ₂ (optional)
Gas temperature:	Up to 60°C (in detection cell)

Dimensions & Weight

Standard sensor (incl. shutoff valves):	H × W × D: 8.73 x 8.57 x 26.4 in (222 x 218 x 670 mm)
Sensor rack (fits up to two sensors):	H × W × D: 8.73 x 19.0 x 26.4 in (222 x 483 x 670 mm)
Standard sensor weight:	30 lbs (13.6 kg)

Electrical and Interfaces

Platform:	Max series analyzer
Alarm indicators:	2 user programmable, 1 system fault, Form C relays
Power requirements:	90 – 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption:	40 Watts max.
Signal output:	Isolated 4–20 mA
User interfaces:	5.7" LCD touchscreen, 10/100 Base-T Ethernet USB, RS-232, RS-485, Modbus TCP (optional)
Data storage:	Internal or external flash drive
Certification:	CE Mark

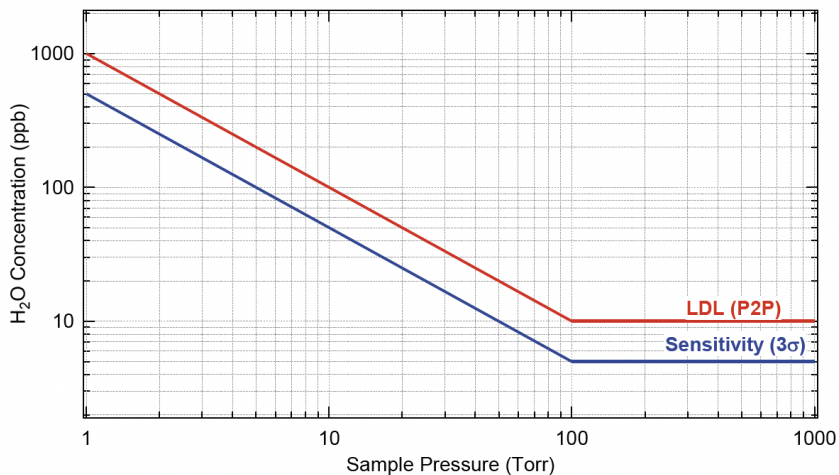
* Vacuum source required

† Pressure requirements for moisture measurement – for gas purge in standby mode, inlet pressure limit is 15 psig (1500 Torr)

‡ HCl and Cl₂ sample gases may require corrosive gas version, please contact us for more information.

Contact us for additional analytes and matrices.

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Detection limit and sensitivity in concentration units (ppb)

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