



Oxygen Optode 4831/4831F

The Oxygen Optode 4831/4831F is a compact fully integrated sensor for measuring the O₂ concentration and temperature. Fast Response Foil (4831F, refer overleaf)

Advantages:

- Optical lifetime-based luminescence quenching measurement principle
- Multipoint calibrated in 40 points
- Long time stability with pre-burned foil and red reference LED
- Low maintenance needs
- Not stirring sensitive (it consumes no oxygen)
- User friendly
- Small size and weight
- Stand-alone sensor
- Output format: RS232, 0-5V
- Four depth ranges maximum 12000 meter

Since oxygen is involved in most of the biological and chemical processes in aquatic environments, it is a crucial parameter to measure. Oxygen can also be used as a tracer in oceanographic studies. Aanderaa revolutionized oceanographic oxygen monitoring/research with the introduction of oxygen optodes in 2002. Applications range from shallow creeks to the deepest trenches, from tropical to in-ice/in-sediment measurements. More than 150 scientific papers have so far been published using these optodes.

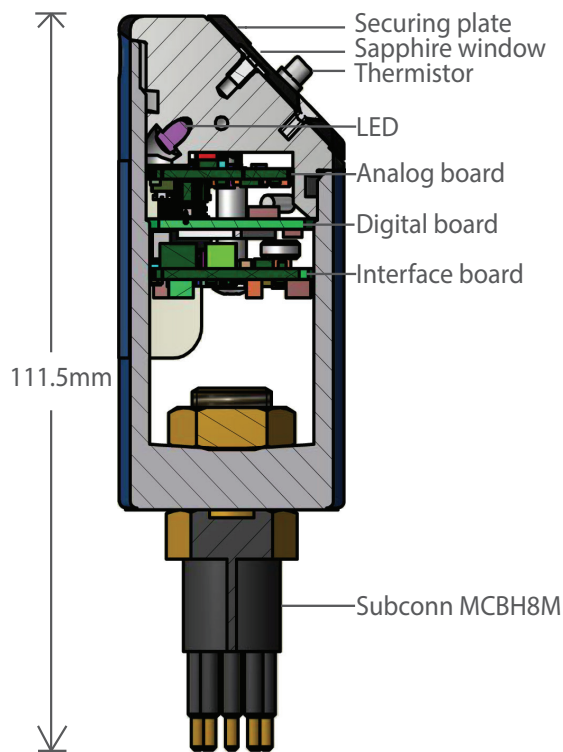
These sensors are based on the ability of selected substances to act as dynamic fluorescence quenchers. The fluorescent indicator is a special platinumporphyrin complex embedded in a gas permeable foil that is exposed to the surrounding water. This sensing foil is attached to a sapphire window providing optical access to the measuring system from inside a watertight housing. The sensing foil is excited by modulated blue light; the sensor measures the phase of the returned red light. For improved stability

the optode also performs a reference phase reading by use of a red LED that do not produce fluorescence in the foil. The sensor has an incorporated temperature thermistor which enables linearization and temperature compensation of the phase measurements to provide the absolute O₂-concentration. The lifetime-based luminescence quenching principle offers the following advantages over electrochemical sensors:

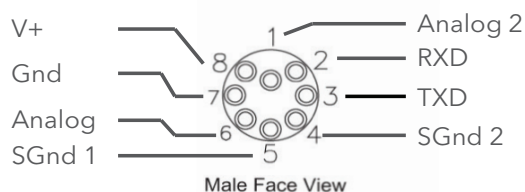
- Less affected by fouling
- Measures absolute oxygen concentration without repeated calibrations
- Excellent long-term stability
- Less affected by pressure
- Pressure behaviour is predictable
- Faster response time

The oxygen optode outputs data in RS-232 and analog 0-5V. The sensor can present the O₂ concentration in µM, Air Saturation in % and Temperature in °C.

Specifications

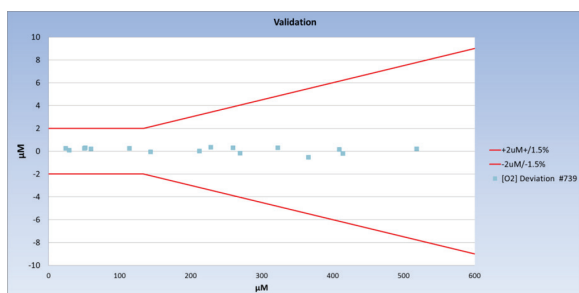


PIN CONFIGURATION SUBCONN MCBH8



Sensing Foil Considerations

The standard sensing foil is protected by an optical isolation layer which makes the foil extra rugged and insensitive to direct sunlight. The fast response sensing foil is not equipped with this layer; ambient light intensity higher than 15000 lux may cause erroneous readings. To avoid potential bleaching the fast response foil should be protected from ambient light when storing the sensor. We recommend the standard foil in applications where fast response time is not needed.



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Oxygen:	O ₂ -Concentration ¹⁾ Air Saturation
Measurement Range:	0 - 1000 µM ¹⁾ 0 - 300%
Calibration method:	40-point automatic calibration, 20-point verification, 3 fully Winkler calibrated optodes for referencing
Foils:	Pre-burned PreSens Pst3 foils
Calibration Range ²⁾ :	0 - 500 µM 0 - 150%
Resolution:	< 0.1 µM 0.05 % ⁴⁾
Accuracy:	< 2 µM or 1.5% ³⁾ <1.5 % ⁴⁾
Response Time (63%):	4831F (with fast response foil) <8 sec 4831 (with standard foil) <25 sec
Typical field drift:	<0.5 % per year
Temperature:	
Range:	-5 to +40°C (23 - 104°F)
Resolution:	0.01°C (0.018°F)
Accuracy:	±0.03°C (0.18°F) ⁵⁾
Response Time (63%):	<2 sec
Output format:	RS-232, 0-5V
Output Parameters:	
RS-232:	O ₂ Concentration in µM, Air Saturation in %, Temperature in °C, Oxygen raw data and Temperature raw data
Analog channel 1:	O ₂ Concentration in µM, or Air Saturation in %
Analog channel 2:	Temperature in °C
Sampling interval:	2 sec - 255 min
Supply voltage:	5 to 14Vdc
Current drain:	
Average:	0.16 +48 mA/S where S is sampling interval in seconds
Maximum:	100 mA
Quiescent:	0.16 mA
Operating depth:	SW: 0 - 300m (0 - 984ft) IW: 0 - 3000m (0 - 9,845ft) DW: 0 - 6000m (0 - 19,690ft) Hadal ⁶⁾ : 0-12000m (0-39,380ft)
Elec. connection:	8 pin Subconn MCBH8M
Dimensions (WxDxH):	Ø36 x 111.5mm (Ø1.4"x 4.4")
Weight:	217g (7.65oz)
Materials:	Epoxy coated Titanium, PA
Accessories:	Foil Service Kit 4733/4733O (standard)/ 4794(fast)

¹⁾ O₂ concentration in µM = µmol/l. To obtain mg/l, divide by 31.25
²⁾ Other ranges available on request.
³⁾ Requires salinity compensation for salinity variations > 1mS/cm, and pressure compensation for pressure > 100meter
⁴⁾ Within calibrated range 0 - 120% / 0 - 30°C
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⁶⁾ Product number 5331

Specifications subject to change without prior notice.

Misleading specifications

When Aanderaa states an absolute accuracy of e.g. (±1.5% or ±2 µM) we mean the accuracy of the sensor in the field over the entire range of oxygen concentrations and temperatures, others might refer to accuracy in the laboratory just after the sensor was calibrated. When Aanderaa give response time in water others refer to response time in air which is much faster. For more information read our [Best Practice document](#) on Oxygen Optodes.