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 platinum porphyrin complex embedded in a gas permeable foil that is exposed to the surrounding water. This sensing foil is attached to a glass 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 $O_2$ concentration. The lifetime-based luminescence quenching principle offers the following advantages over electro-chemical sensors:

- Less affected by fouling
- Measures absolute oxygen concentration without repeated calibrations
- Excellent long-term stability
- Not affected by pressure

The oxygen optode outputs data in RS-232. The sensor can present the $O_2$ concentration in µM, Air Saturation in % and Temperature in °C.

**Oxygen Optode 5730/5730O**

The Oxygen Optode 5730/5730O is a compact fully integrated sensor for measuring the $O_2$ concentration and temperature.

**Advantages:**

- Optical lifetime-based luminescence quenching measurement principle
- Multipoint calibration in 40 points
- Long time stability with red reference LED
- Low maintenance needs
- Not stirring sensitive (it consumes no oxygen)
- Small size and weight
- Stand-alone sensor
- Output format: RS232
Specifications

Oxygen:
- Concentration: \( O_2 \) µM
- Air Saturation: 0 - 1000 µM

Measurement Range:
- 0 - 300%

Calibration method:
- 40-point automatic calibration,
- 20-point verification,
- 3 fully Winkler calibrated optodes for referencing

Foil:
- Stable and rugged WTW foil

Calibration Range2):
- 0 - 500 µM

Resolution:
- <0.1 µM

Accuracy:
- <4 µM or 2%

Response Time (63%):
- <30 sec

Typical field drift:
- <0.5% per year

Temperature:
- Range: -5 to +40°C
- Resolution: 0.01°C
- Accuracy: ±0.03°C

Response Time (63%): <2 sec

Output format:
- RS-232

Output Parameters:
- RS-232:
  - \( O_2 \) Concentration in µM, Air Saturation in %, Temperature in °C, Oxygen raw data and Temperature raw data

Sampling interval:
- 2 sec - 255 min

Supply voltage:
- 5 to 14Vdc

Current drain6):
- Average:
  - Model 5730: 0.16 +48mA/S
  - Model 5730O: 15 +48mA/S
- where S is sampling interval in seconds

Maximum:
- 100mA

Quiescent:
- Model 5730: 0.16mA
- Model 5730O: 15mA

Operating depth:
- 0-100m (0 - 328ft)

Elec. connection:
- Molex 5pin 1.25mm Pitch
- Pico Blade Header

Dimensions (WxDxH):
- Ø39.1 x 35.8mm (Ø1.54"x 1.41")

Weight:
- 217g (7.65oz)

Materials:
- Titanium, PA

Accessories:
- Foil Service Kit 5731

Misleading specifications

When Aanderaa states an absolute accuracy of e.g. (±2% or ±4 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.

OEM version

This sensor is an OEM version of our standard oxygen optode. Please contact factory for more options and restrictions.

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