

# SEMTECH<sup>®</sup> ECOSTAR *Plus* FID

## Real-Time THC Measurement

**Innovation.**  
***Built on Experience.***

The SEMTECH<sup>®</sup> Flame Ionization Detector (FID) measures Total HydroCarbons (THC) using a vacuum flame ionization detection unit.

The system is designed to minimize the loss of hydrocarbons prior to analysis by maintaining the required temperature through the use of a heated filter, heated sample line and stainless steel fittings, which all have low gas adsorption characteristics.

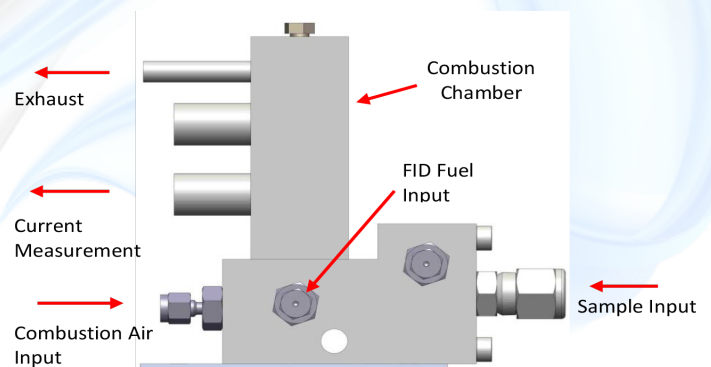


**Principle of Operation:** The SEMTECH<sup>®</sup> FID uses a Flame Ionization Detector for the measurement of Total HydroCarbons. The FID chamber must first be heated to 191°C. Warm up time is approximately half an hour. Once the FID reaches temperature, the flame automatically ignites.

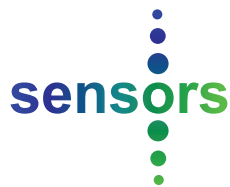
The valve is then opened to allow FID fuel and air into the chamber, and the flame ignites automatically. The exhaust sample can then be injected in the sample port. The FID fuel, air, and exhaust sample are mixed together at the bottom of the detector's flame jet, and are burned on the flame's tip.

As the hydrocarbons burn, they form positively charged ions. These ions are repelled by the jet's nozzle head, which has a positive bias voltage. The positive ions are then attracted to the negatively charged collector plate, creating a current which is then measured.

User-selectable measurement ranges ensure accuracy for a wide variety of test applications.



**Flame Ionization Detector**



**The FID Module offers the following benefits:**

**Automatic Flame Ignition:** the FID flame will light automatically after approximately 30 minutes of warm-up time.

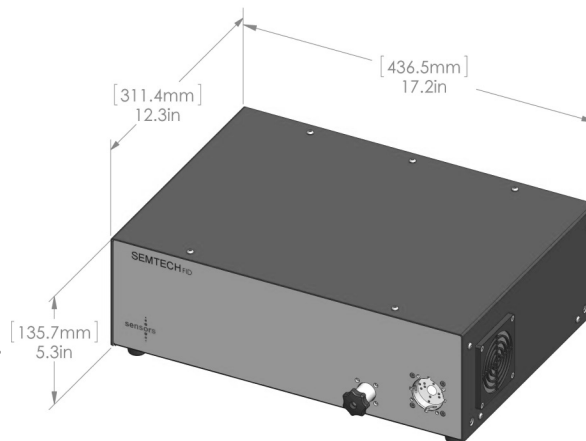
**Measuring Range:** the SEMTECH® FID has 4 user-selectable measurement ranges between 0-100 and 0-30000 ppmC<sub>1</sub>.

**Sample Handling:** water trap and Nafion dryer are integrated into the SCS module. A heated sample line (various lengths) delivers the sample to the FID chamber at 191°C. Particulate matter is removed using a built-in disposable filtering system.

**Combustion Air:** the system includes a catalytic converter, enabling the use of room air as combustion air for the FID flame.

**Compliance:** the SEMTECH® FID is compliant for gases regulated under the rules of UN-ECE. R.49 and Commission Regulation (EU) No. 582/2011 and of US EPA 40CFR, Part 1065.

**Heated Line:** Sensors has developed an innovative, low powered heated line that controls and maintains the temperature of the exhaust sample at 191 ± 5 °C.



GAS REQUIREMENTS & CONSUMPTION			SPECIFICATIONS	
Gas Use	Description	Consumption	Power requirements	12 V
FID fuel	H <sub>2</sub> 40% Bal. He [< 0.1 ppm THC]	150 ccm @ 300 kPa	Warm up time	30 minutes minimum; 60 minutes to meet performance specifications
Span Gas	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	-1.5 LPM @ 150 - 200 kPa		
Zero Gas	Purified N <sub>2</sub> or Purified Synthetic Air	-1.5 LPM @ 150 - 200 kPa	Storage temperature	Dry -10 to 60 °C ambient
Total Sample Flow		< 1.0 LPM @ 100 kPa	Operating environment	-10 to 45 °C ambient
ANALYTICAL SPECIFICATIONS			Power Usage	< 300 Watts
Parameter	THC		Dimensions (W x D x H)	43.6 x 31.1 x 13.5 cm 17.2 x 12.3 x 5.3 in
Supported Ranges	30000 ppmC <sub>1</sub> , 10000 ppmC <sub>1</sub> , 1000 ppmC <sub>1</sub> and 100 ppmC <sub>1</sub>		Weight	11.2 kg 24.6 lb.
Linearity (all ranges)	x <sub>min</sub> x (a <sub>1</sub> - 1) + a <sub>0</sub>   ≤ 0.5% of selected range Slope a <sub>1</sub> between 0.99 and 1.01 Standard Error of Estimates (SEE) ≤ 1% of selected range Coefficient of Determination r <sup>2</sup> ≥ 0.998		Data transmission	Ethernet
Accuracy	≤ ± 2% of reading or ≤ ± 0.3% of full scale of selected range, whichever is greater		Electromagnetic interference and susceptibility	CE Standards: IEC 61326: 2002-2
Repeatability	≤ ± 1% of point or < ± 1% of selected range, whichever is greater			
Precision	≤ 1% of selected range			
Noise	≤ 2% of selected range			
Zero Drift	≤ ± 1% of full scale of selected range over 1 hours			
Span Drift	≤ ± 2% of full scale of selected range over 8 hours			
Rise Time (T <sub>10-90</sub> )	≤ 2.5 seconds			
System Response Time (T <sub>10-90</sub> )	≤ 10 sec with rise time ≤ 2.5 seconds			
Data Rate	5 Hz			



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