

Product Specification

Senseair Refrigerant Detection System

Refrigerant Leakage Sensor for R290



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General

Item	Senseair RDS R290
Operating principle	Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR)
Measured gas	R290, Propane (C ₃ H ₈) ¹
Measurement range	0–100% LFL ²
Accuracy	Standard range: ±2.5% LFL ^{2, 3, 4} Extended range: ±5% LFL ^{2, 3, 4}
Resolution	1ppm ⁶
Operating conditions	-40–70 °C
Response time	< 30s ⁵
Power supply options	24 ±10% VAC/DC (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V) 12 ±10% VDC (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V) 5 ±10% VDC (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V) ⁵
Output	Digital signal (High/Low or PWM) or Analogue voltage or Analogue current. Digital High/Low is default factory setting. ⁷
Connector	8-pin (mates with Amphenol MicroSpaceXS™ 10155470-A008LF)
Compliance	IEC 60335-2-40 Ed.7, UL 60335-2-40 Ed.4
Enclosure	Injection moulded plastic, UL94V-0 rated
Communication	Modbus over RS-485 ^{7,8}
Pressure dependence	1% reading per kPa deviation from normal pressure
Maintenance	Maintenance free with Senseair ABC
Life expectancy	> 15 years
Dimensions	113 x 65 x 40mm
IP Rating	IP66 & IP67
Weight	< 65 g
Storage conditions	-40 – 85 °C

Table 1 General specifications

- Note 1:

Sensor measures molecules containing C-H bonds
- Note 2:

Standard range: 0 – 50% LFL and -30 – 60 °C.
Extended range: 50 – 100% LFL and -40 – 70 °C.
- Note 3:

After 3 ABC periods or 1 zero calibration and default measurements settings
- Note 4:

Specification is referenced to uncertainty of calibration gas mixtures (±1%).
- Note 5:

When exposed to R290 with concentration 25% LFL or higher, and Detection Threshold Limit Value set to 10% of LFL (default factory setting).
- Note 6:

Convert to %LFL: $C_3H_{8\%LFL} = \frac{\text{Sensor reading (ppm)}}{21000}$
- Note 7:

009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V is hardware configured for UART communication and digital output (no RS-485 or analogue outputs are available)
- Note 8:

Configurable baud rate, range 9600 to 115.200bps



Description

Senseair Refrigerant Detection System R290 is a leak detection sensor module for HVAC applications using the low GWP refrigerant R290. A protective housing, with a high-quality gas diffusion vent, protects the sensor element from dust and condense water droplets. Thanks to the built-in heating element, the Senseair RDS can operate in cold environments.

Using Modbus protocol, the measured data can digitally be transmitted to the control system. A digital output signal is activated whenever the measured gas concentration reaches a configurable threshold. The output can alternatively be configured as a digital PWM signal or an analogue linear output reflecting the measured gas concentration.

Applications

Senseair RDS R290 is intended for mounting inside or close to the HVAC appliance, where a leak could potentially occur.

Sensor key benefits:

- Fast response time
- High accuracy
- Wide temperature range
- Maintenance-free
- Compliant with IEC / UL 60335-2-40
- Factory calibrated
- Long term stability
- Long lifetime
- Immune to poisoning
- Based on LED light source

Installation and connector pinout

Refer to Installation manual Senseair Refrigerant Detection System (IMA14493).

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Over operating temperature range (unless otherwise noted); all voltages are with respect to GND ⁽¹⁾

Symbol	Description	Min	Max	Unit
V _{BB}	Supply voltage (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V)	-0.3	37	V
	Supply voltage (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)	-0.3	13.2	V
	Supply voltage (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)	-0.3	5.5	V
V _{I,A}	RS-485 A input voltage*	-9	13	V
V _{I,B}	RS-485 B input voltage*	-9	13	V
I _{O,TX}	TX output current		±50	mA
V _{I,RX}	RX input voltage	-0.3	5.5	V
I _{O,OUT1}	OUT1 output current		±50	mA
I _{O,OUT2}	OUT2 output current		±50	mA
I _{O,OUT3}	OUT3 output current		±50	mA

Table 2 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Note 1: Stresses beyond those listed under Absolute Maximum Ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under Recommended Operating Conditions. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Recommended Operating Conditions

Over operating temperature range (unless otherwise noted) ⁽²⁾

Symbol	Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V _{BB}	Supply voltage (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V)	21.6	24	26.4	VAC/VDC
	Supply voltage (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)	10.8	12	13.2	VDC
	Supply voltage (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)	4.5	5	5.5	VDC
V _{I,A}	RS-485 A input voltage*	-7		12	V
V _{I,B}	RS-485 B input voltage*	-7		12	V
I _{OH,TX}	TX high level output current			-24	mA
I _{OL,TX}	TX low level output current			24	mA
V _{I,RX}	RX input voltage	0		5.5	V
I _{OH,OUT1}	OUT1 high level output current (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V) (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)			-32	mA
	OUT1 high level output current (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)			-24	mA
I _{OL,OUT1}	OUT1 low level output current (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V) (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)			32	mA
	OUT1 low level output current (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)			24	mA
I _{O,OUT2}	OUT2 output current			±25	mA
R _{L,OUT3}	OUT3 load resistance (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V)			400	Ω
	OUT3 load resistance (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)			300	Ω

Table 3 Recommended Operating Conditions

Note 2: Limited to the value specified.

* 009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V is limited to UART communication and digital output (no RS-485 and analogue outputs are available)

Electrical Characteristics

Over operating temperature range.

$V_{BB} = 24VAC$ for 009-3-0010, 12VDC for 009-3-0011, 5VDC for 009-3-0012 unless otherwise noted.

Symbol	Description		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
	Voltage					
$V_{OUT1,OH}$	OUT1 output high voltage (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V) (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)	$I_{OH} = -32mA$	3.3		5.5	V
	OUT1 output high voltage (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)	$I_{OH} = -24mA$	2		3.6	V
$V_{OUT1,OL}$	OUT1 output low voltage (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V) (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)	$I_{OL} = 32mA$	0		0.7	V
	OUT1 output low voltage (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)	$I_{OL} = 24mA$	0		0.7	V
V_{OD}	RS-485 differential output voltage	$R_L = 54\Omega$	1.5		5.5	V
ΔV_{OD}	RS-485 change in magnitude of differential output voltage	$R_L = 54\Omega$ or 100Ω			0.2	V
V_{OC}	RS-485 common-mode output voltage	$R_L = 54\Omega$ or 100Ω			3	V
ΔV_{OC}	RS-485 change in magnitude of common-mode output voltage	$R_L = 54\Omega$ or 100Ω			0.2	V
V_{TH}	RS-485 differential input threshold voltage		-0.2		0.2	V
ΔV_{HYS}	RS-485 differential input hysteresis	$T_A = 25\text{ }^{\circ}C$		28		mV
$V_{TX,OH}$	TX output high voltage	$I_{OH} = -24mA$	2		3.6	V
$V_{TX,OL}$	TX output low voltage	$I_{OH} = 24mA$	0		0.7	V
$V_{RX,IH}$	RX input high voltage		2.5			V
$V_{RX,IL}$	RX input low voltage		0		0.55	V
V_{OUT2}	OUT2 output voltage range (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V)	No load	0		13.2	V
	OUT2 output voltage range (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)	No load	0		V_{BB}	V
V_{OUT3}	OUT3 output voltage range (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V)	No load	0		13.2	V
	OUT3 output voltage range (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V)	No load	0		V_{BB}	V
	Current					
I_{VBB}	Operating peak current (009-3-0010 Senseair RDS R290 24V) (009-3-0011 Senseair RDS R290 12V) (009-3-0012 Senseair RDS R290 5V)	With heaters activated Only one output active				mA

Table 4 Electrical Characteristics, Typical values at $T_A = 25\text{ }^{\circ}C$.

Output pin configuration

The Senseair RDS R290 features software configurable outputs. The outputs have dedicated pins in the connector. Note that the OUT1, OUT2 and OUT3 outputs are not independent – connect only one of the output pins to external circuitry!

OUT1 is a digital output High/Low or PWM signal (default configuration is digital High/Low)

OUT2 is analogue voltage output (requires OUT1 to be configured as PWM)

OUT3 is analogue current output (requires OUT1 to be configured as PWM)

OUT1 signal function:

The OUT1 output signal in High/Low mode indicates sensor state:

- High signal indicates sensor normal operation
- Low signal indicates measured gas concentration exceeding Detection Threshold Limit Value

The OUT1 output signal in PWM mode indicates measured gas concentration:

- 0–100% PWM duty cycle signal indicates measured gas concentration

The OUT1 PWM signal is used internally to generate the OUT2 analogue voltage and OUT3 analogue current. This means that to use OUT2 or OUT3 as analogue output proportional to measured gas concentration, OUT1 must be configured in PWM mode.

If OUT1 is configured in High/Low mode (default) then OUT2 and OUT3 will assume the max or min value corresponding to OUT1 state.

For more details, see also installation manual (IMA14493) and “Modbus on Senseair RDS” (TDE13072).

Contact Senseair for more information!

Communication

Refer to "Modbus on Senseair RDS" (TDE13072).

Physical interface is RS-485 *

Baud rate is configurable from 9600bps up to 115.200 bps, default configuration is 9600bps.

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Maintenance

Senseair RDS R290 has a built-in self-correcting ABC algorithm. ABC period is adjustable by host and comes default with ABC ON and an ABC period of 720h.

Discuss your application with Senseair in order to get advice for a proper calibration strategy.

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