

Humidity Sensors



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Introduction

- A humidity sensor is a device with an integrated circuit that allows precise relative humidity measurement
- Important specifications of humidity sensors: accuracy, repeatability, interchangeability, cost, stability, size, packaging, condensation recovery, contaminant resistance
- Potential applications
 - HVAC
 - Transport/stationary container refrigeration systems
 - Drying, processing, packaging equipment
 - Medical respiratory/incubator
 - Weather stations/radiosondes
 - Telecommunications cabinets
 - Office automation
 - Drying equipment
 - Air compressors

The HIH-4030/4031 Series' sensing element's multilayer construction is designed to provide enhanced resistance to most application hazards such as wetting, dust, dirt, oils and common environmental chemicals.

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Design Factors – Mounting

- 1. SIP (single inline package)
 - Available in .050 or .100 inch lead space
 - Body dimensions .373" (W) x .168" (H) x .080" (T)
 - With or without hydrophobic filter
- 2. SMD (surface mount device)
 - With or without hydrophobic filter
- 3. T0-5 can device (multi-radial leads)
 - With or without hydrophobic filter
 - With or without temperature sensing elements (RTD or thermistor)

The HIH-4000 Series is an SIP device designed for cost-effective solutions.



The HIH-4030/4031 Series are supplied in tape and reel packaging for high-volume applications.



The HIH-4602 Series is a TO-5 can device designed for many harsh industrial environments.

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Design Factors – Output Type

- Analog voltage output
 - Approximately .031 mV/%RH
 - Typical current draw 200 µA
- Capacitive output
 - Nominal capacitance at 55 %RH, 330 pF
- Analog voltage output plus temperature
 - Available with NTC thermistor or platinum RTD



Design Factors – Input Voltage Level Characteristics

- Range 4.0 to 5.8 Vdc (analog voltage out)
 - Designed around standard power supplies
- Not applicable (capacitive output sensor)



All HIH Series humidity sensors offer analog voltage out with standard 4.0 to 5.8 Vdc inputs.

Design Factors – Accuracy Requirements

- Available accuracies of HIH Series
 - 0 to 59% RH, ±5% RH (standard)
 - 60 to 100% RH, ±8% RH (standard)
 - ±3.5% RH (BFSL), calibration data required
 - ±3.5% RH interchangeability, calibration data required
- Available accuracies of HCH Series
 - ±2% RH humidity hysteresis
 - 0 to 95% RH, 0.6 pF/%RH sensitivity
 - ±2% RH linearity



The HCH-1000 Series is Honeywell's lowest cost humidity sensor. It is designed to provide tight tolerances. The HIH-4000 Series is designed to allow 3.5% RH interchangeability (0 to 59% RH).

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Design Factors – Operating Temperature Limits

- Capacitive output -40 to 120°C
- All other devices -40 to 85°C



Design Factors – Environment

- Humidity sensors can be used in many environments
 - Harsh or industrial
 - HVAC, refrigeration, weather stations, factory floor, telecommunications cabinets
 - Laboratory
 - Medical
 - Equipment
 - Packaging, high-end dryers
 - Air compressors
 - Medical equipment such as an incubators or sleep apnea machines

The HIH-4602-L is a capacitive sensor encased in a TO-5 can for maximum protection in many harsh or industrial environments. Available filtered or unfiltered.

Summary

- Humidity sensors offer:
 - Analog or capacitive output
 - Enhanced accuracy
 - Interchangeability that limits the need for customer calibration at the factory
 - Near linear voltage output that provides instrumentation-quality performance
 - Low current draw allows for use in low drain, battery operated systems
 - Low cost capacitive output sensors
 - Tape and reel packaging that allows for use in many high volume pickand- place manufacturing settings
 - Enhanced resistance against contamination

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