

**Miniature Ionization Vacuum Gauge
With Dual Convection
IGM-402 Module
*The "Hornet"***



User's Manual

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1. Introduction / General Information

1.1 Description

The InstruTech IGM-402 module provides the basic signal conditioning required to turn a vacuum gauge into a complete measuring instrument. In addition, the IGM-402 is capable of operating two external convection vacuum gauges simultaneously. The IGM-402 can combine the vacuum measurement from the Ion gauge and a convection gauge to provide a full range gauge from 1×10^{-9} to atmosphere, or simply operate the ion gauge and the two convection gauges as individual gauges.

The IGM-402 module provides three log-linear analog outputs, RS485 interface, and three set point relays. In addition, a built-in display provides a convenient user interface for setup and operation of the vacuum gauge.



1.2 Specifications - Worker Bee CVG101 Convection Gauge

measurement range	1×10^{-4} to 1000 Torr / 1×10^{-4} to 1333 mbar / 1×10^{-2} Pa to 133 kPa
resolution	1×10^{-4} Torr, 1×10^{-4} mbar, 1×10^{-2} Pa
temperature - operating	0 to 50 °C
temperature - bakeout	150 °C maximum, non-operating, with cable or electronics removed
humidity - operating	0 to 95% RH non-condensing
mounting orientation	horizontal recommended
materials exposed to vacuum	gold-plated Tungsten, 304 & 316 stainless steel, glass, nickel, Teflon
internal volume	26 cm ³ (1.589 in ³)
internal surface area	59.7 cm ² (9.25 in ²)
leak integrity	$< 1 \times 10^{-9}$ atm cc/sec He
weight	85 gm (3 oz)
RF/EMI protection	CE compliant

Specifications – IGM402 Ionization Gauge

measurement range (signal)	
Ionization	1×10^{-9} to 5×10^{-2} Torr / 1.3×10^{-9} to 6.7×10^{-2} mbar / 1.3×10^{-7} to 6.7 Pa
Convection	1×10^{-4} to 1000 Torr / 1×10^{-4} to 1333 mbar / 1×10^{-2} Pa to 133 kPa
used for full range measurement	1×10^{-9} to 1000 Torr / 1.3×10^{-9} to 1333 mbar / 1.3×10^{-7} Pa to 133 kPa
display	OLED Graphical Display, 3 digits plus 2 digits exponent, bright yellow
Functionality	Ionization gauge can operate up to 2 convection gauges
materials exposed to gases	Dual Filaments: Yttria Coated Iridium or optional Tungsten Ion Collector: Tungsten Grid: Tantalum Others: 316/304 SS, Glass, Nickel
sensitivity	Factory pre-set. Also user adjustable between 2 to 99 using the display
X ray limit	$< 5 \times 10^{-10}$
emission current	0.1, 4 mA
degas	3 Watts e-beam
overpressure protection	Gauge turns off at factory default setting of 5×10^{-2} Torr
internal gauge volume	1.0 in ³ (16.4 cm ³)
operating temperature	0 to + 40° C
bakeout temperature	200° C (sensor only - electronics removed)
humidity	0 to 95% RH non-condensing
weight	0.6 Lbs (0.27 kg) with NW25 KF flange
mounting Orientation	Any
digital Interface	RS485
output signals	
3 analog Outputs	Ionization gauge : Log-linear 0 to 9 Vdc, 1 V/decade or Log-linear 0.5 to 7 Vdc, 0.5 V/decade if used for full range measurement with CG1 Convection Vacuum Gauge 1 & 2 (CG1&CG2): Log-Linear 1-8 Vdc, 1 V/decade or Non-Linear 0.375 to 5.659 Vdc
filament & Degas	Degas & Filament on/off status are determined by an open collector transistor or via RS485 digital communications protocol
3 setpoint relays	Three Single-pole, double-throw (SPDT), 1A at 30 Vdc resistive, 0.3 A at 125 Vac Each assigned to IG, CG1 and CG2
adjustment	Adjust value using the front panel push buttons or RS485 commands
input signal	Degas and Filament on/off & emission current are set by continuity to ground using digital inputs, via RS485 commands or by using the front panel push buttons
filament selection	User selectable between filament 1 or 2 using the front panel push buttons or via RS485 commands
Input Power	20 to 28 Vdc, 15 W
Connector	(2) 9-pin D, (2) terminal blocks, (2) gauge Connectors
Convection Gauge Compatibility	InstruTech Worker Bee CVG101 or Granville Phillips 275 Convectron®

Part Numbers

IGM-402 Module With Fitting:	W. Yttria Filaments		W. Tungsten Filaments	Convection Gauge Cable Assembly	Replacement Ion Sensors	
					Yttria	Tungsten
NW16KF	IGM402YBD	IGM402TBD	HB431-1-3F (3-FT)		IG4YB	IG4TB
NW25KF	IGM402YCD	IGM402TCD	HB431-1-10F (10-FT)		IG4YC	IG4TC
NW40KF	IGM402YDD	IGM402TDD	HB431-1-25F (25-FT)		IG4YD	IG4TD
1-1/3" / NW 16CF Mini- Conflat®	IGM402YED	IGM402TED	HB431-1-50F (50-FT)		IG4YE	IG4TE
2-3/4" CF / NW35CF Conflat®	IGM402YFD	IGM402TFD	> 50 ft – Consult Factory		IG4YF	IG4TF

2. Safety

InstruTech has designed and tested this product to provide safe and reliable service, provided it is installed and operated within the *strict safety guidelines provided in this manual*. **Please read and follow all warnings and instructions. Failure to comply with these safety procedures may result in serious bodily harm, including death, and/or property damage.** Failure to comply with these warnings violates the safety standards of the installation and intended use of the instrument. InstruTech, Inc. disclaims all liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements.

Although every attempt has been made to consider most possible installations, InstruTech cannot anticipate every contingency that arises from various installations, operation, or maintenance of the module. If you have any questions about the safe installation and use of this product, please contact InstruTech at the address shown on page 1 of this manual.

2.1 Service and Operation

Do not modify this product or substitute any parts without authorization from a qualified InstruTech technician.

Return the product to an InstruTech qualified service and repair center to ensure that all safety features are maintained. Do not use this product if unauthorized modifications have been made.

Do not use this device in an explosive atmosphere or in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.

Do not use this device to measure the pressure of explosive or combustible gases or mixtures. The sensor filaments operate at incandescent temperatures and could become an ignition source.

InstruTech gauges and modules are calibrated for use in Nitrogen/Air. Other gases may be used with correction factors.

Ensure the unit is properly connected to earth ground.

Do not turn on Filaments when pressure exceeds 1.00×10^{-3} Torr at 4 ma emission current.

Do not turn on Filaments when pressure exceeds 5.0×10^{-2} Torr at 0.1 ma (100uA) emission current.

Ensure vacuum level is at or less than 5.0×10^{-5} Torr before attempting to initiate Degas.

Use the appropriate power source of 20 to 28 Vdc, at 15 W.

Turn off power to the unit before attempting to service the module. Do not touch any of the gauge tube pins when under vacuum.

Turn off power to the unit before detaching the electronics from the sensor for sensor replacement or bakeout purposes.

Turn off power to the unit if a cable or plug is damaged or the product is not operating normally according to this instruction manual. Contact a qualified InstruTech technician for any service or troubleshooting condition that may not be covered by this instruction manual.

Warning: Never use another gauge to automatically turn off the Ion gauge when the Ion gauge filament in use is constructed of Tungsten. (Yttria Filament is ok) The response time of other gauges will not allow for timely turn off of the Tungsten filament leading to filament damage. Always turn off the IG filament manually before pressure is to rise above 1.00E-03 Torr. (see Appendix A)

Do not use if unit has been dropped or the enclosure has been damaged. Contact a qualified InstruTech technician for possible return to InstruTech for evaluation.

It is highly recommended to periodically alternate operating filaments 1 and 2. An inactive filament not operating for an extended length of time can cause failure of that filament. This will be more problematic in dirty applications.

After servicing this product, ensure that all safety checks are made by a qualified service person.

Replacement Parts: When replacement parts are required, ensure that the parts are specified by InstruTech, Inc. Unauthorized substitutions or non-qualified parts may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards, and will void the warranty.

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this product to rain or moisture. This product is not waterproof and careful attention must be paid to not spill any type of liquid onto this product.

Due to the possibility of corrosion under certain environmental conditions, it is possible that the product's safety could be compromised over time. It is important that the product be periodically inspected for sound electrical connections and grounding. Do not use if the grounding or electrical insulation has been compromised.

The most common cause of all vacuum gauge failures is contamination of the sensor. Noisy or erratic readings and total gauge failures are all possible indications of gauge contamination. Contamination can generally be characterized as either: A) a reaction of process gases with sensor elements, or B) an accumulation of material on the sensor elements. Sensors that fail due to contamination are not covered under warranty.

2.2 Electrical conditions

Danger: When high voltage is present in any vacuum system, a life threatening electrical shock hazard may exist unless all exposed conductors are maintained at earth ground. This applies to all products that come in contact with the gas.

Danger: An electrical discharge through a gas may couple dangerous high voltage directly to any ungrounded conductor. A person may be seriously injured or killed by coming in contact with an exposed ungrounded conductor at a high voltage potential. This applies to all products that may come in contact with the gas.

Proper Grounding: Verify that the vacuum port on which the module is mounted on is electrically grounded. This is essential for safety as well as proper operation. The gauge and/or case of the module must be connected to earth ground. Use a ground lug on the flange if necessary.

Danger: In order to protect personnel from electric shock and bodily harm, shield all conductors which are subject to potential high voltage electrical discharges in or around the vacuum system.

Danger: The power supply used in the Ionization Gauge Module (IGM) is subject to high voltages which could cause severe injury or death. In order to prevent electric shock and bodily harm, user should wait for at least 5 minutes after power is removed before touching IGM's power supply components.

Danger: When the IGM is turned on, 180 V is present at the power supply and other components. Furthermore, voltages as high as 480 V are present during Degas. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the electronic signals from the device (Analog Output, relays, etc) are used in a safe manner. Always double check the system set up before using these signals to automate your process.

2.3 Overpressure

Warning: Install suitable protective devices such as relief valves or rupture disks that will limit the level of the pressure to less than what the vacuum system can withstand.

In cases where an equipment failure could cause a hazardous situation, always implement a fail-safe operation. An example is the use of a pressure relief valve in an automatic backfill operation where a malfunction could result in high internal pressures.

The Ionization Gauge should not be exposed to pressures above 1000 Torr.

3. Installation

3.1 Ionization Gauge Module (IGM) Installation - Mechanical

The IGM is intended for indoor use only and it can be mounted anywhere in the system in any physical attitude. Mount the IGM as close as possible to the pressure you want to measure. Long or restricted tubing will create a pressure difference (error) between your process and the gauge, and cause a delay in response to pressure changes. Mounting the IGM too close to a gas source or pump will also cause errors in the readings.

Note: You can install the IGM in the upside-down mounting position if desired. The data can be flipped on the display screen by selecting the FLIP SCREEN option from the SETUP DISP menu discussed later in this manual.

Don't mount the IGM near a source of heating or cooling, such as heaters or air conditioning vents.

Don't mount the IGM where it will be subjected to excessive vibration.

Shield the IGM near ion or electron sources such as an electron beam or in a sputtering system.

Don't mount the IGM near strong magnetic fields. These conditions can result in measurement error.

Fittings - follow the fitting manufacturer's recommendations and note the following:

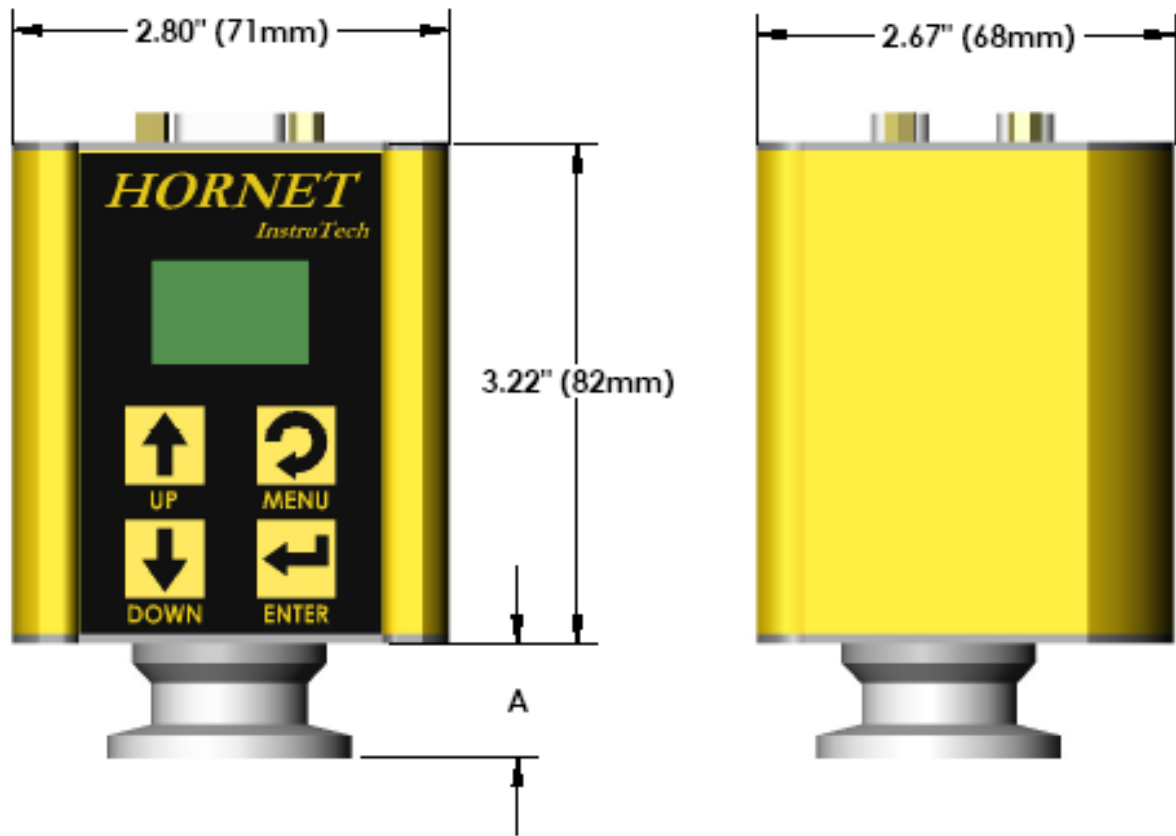
The IGM is available with the following flanges:

- NW 16KF, NW25KF, NW40KF
- 1.33" Mini Conflat, 2.75" Conflat (rotatable)

For safety purposes the housing of the gauge must be grounded to the vacuum chamber. When using the KF flanges, metal clamps must be used to ensure proper grounding. Do not attempt to modify your flange in order to use non-metallic type of flange clamps.

Use all metal vacuum fittings when operating pressures are expected to be below 1×10^{-7} Torr (1.33×10^{-7} mbar, 1.33×10^{-5} Pascals)

Ionization Gauge Dimension



<u>Fitting</u>	<u>Dimension A</u>
NW16KF	1.45" (37mm)
NW25KF	1.45" (37mm)
NW40KF	1.45" (37mm)
1-1/3" MiniConflat®	1.85" (47 mm)
2-3/4" Conflat®	1.70" (43 mm)

Figure 1 - IGM-402 Dimensions

3.2 Ionization Gauge Installation – Electrical

Grounding: Be aware that some vacuum fittings, especially those with O-rings, do not produce a good electrical connection between the gauge and the chamber it is connected to. Be sure the vacuum gauge and the rest of your vacuum system are properly grounded to protect personnel from shock and injury. Good recommended practice is to remove power from any cable prior to connecting or disconnecting it.

The IGM offers the user the choice to operate the unit using the Front panel push buttons, digital inputs or an RS485 Interface. There are two 9-pin D Connectors located on the IGM of which one should be used according to user's interface requirements. Selection of one interface overrides the other interface. **(See IG CNTL under SETUP UNIT section for more details.)**

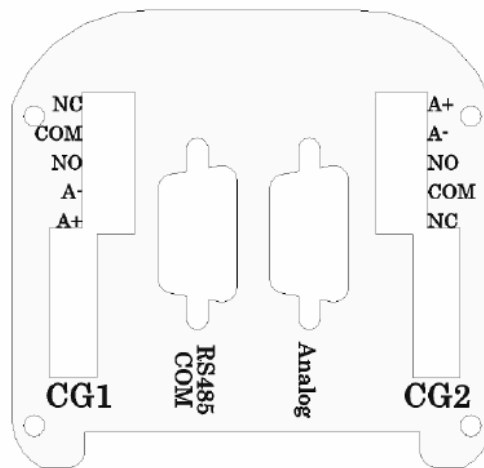


Figure 2. IGM I/O Interface

When using the InstruTech's power Supply PS501A, connect the power supply **only to the Analog Connector**. The RS485 Com connector has a female I/O Connector and is not compatible with the PS501 power supply.

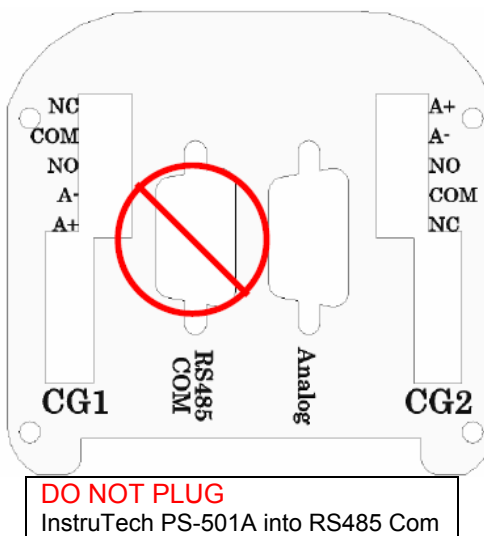


Figure 3. InstruTech Power Supply PS501A Connection

The IGM allows for operation of the unit including turning the gauge/filaments on/off, selecting emission current and turning Degas on/off using digital inputs, RS485 communication commands or the front panel push buttons.

3.2.1 Digital Inputs using the Analog Connector

When using the Analog I/O Connector, fabricate a cable to 9-pin D Connector, according to digital input signals and pin assignments as described below:

Table 1 – IGM-402 I/O Analog Connector

PIN NUMBER	PIN DESCRIPTION
1	Gauge On/Off input signal. The gauge/filament is activated (Operational) by applying a continuous ground. This will activate the IGM and will turn on the filament. The gauge is turned off by removing the ground.
2	Power ground.
3	Analog Output for Ionization gauge: log-linear 0 to 9 Vdc, 1V/decade or Log-linear 0.5 to 7 vdc, 0.5 V/decade if used for full range measurement with CG1
4	Power Input (20-28 Vdc at 15 Watts). Protected against power reversal, transients, and over-voltages.
5	Degas Status output signal. This is an output signal to other external instruments to confirm Degas is on or off. Signal: Open collector transistor (ground emitter) rated at 40 V max. VCE, 50 mA max. Transistor off = degas off, transistor on = degas on.
6	Degas On/Off Input signal. The Degas is initiated by applying a ground. The degas cycle will last for 2-10 minutes (based on user setting) even if ground is removed. The ground must be removed to start cycle again.
7	Analog Signal Ground. Use only as analog output ground
8	Emission Current. Applying ground changes emission current from 0.1mA (100uA) to 4 mA.
9	Gauge Status. This is an output signal to other external instruments to confirm Gauge/Filament is on or off. Signal: Open collector transistor (ground emitter) rated at 40 V max. VCE, 50 mA max. Transistor off = Gauge off, transistor on = Gauge on.

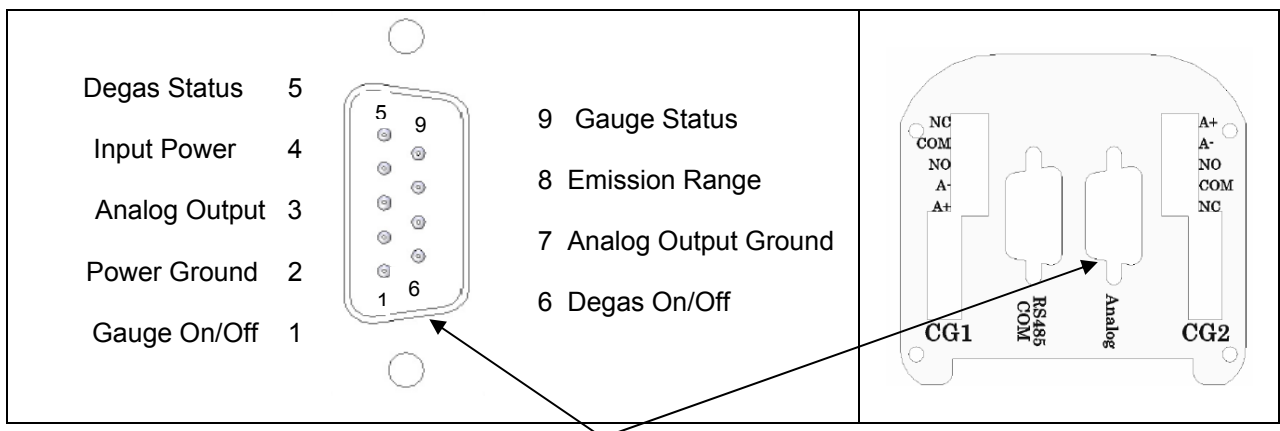


Figure 4 – IGM-402 Analog 9-Pin male I/O Connector

3.2.2 RS485 Connector

When using the RS485 I/O Connector, fabricate a cable to 9-pin D Connector, according to signals and pin assignments as described below:

Table 2 – IGM-402 RS485 I/O Connector

PIN NUMBER	PIN DESCRIPTION
1	Setpoint relay – Normally Open
2	Power Input (20-28 Vdc at 15 Watts). Protected against power reversal, transients, and over-voltages.
3	No connection.
4	Power ground.
5	Setpoint relay – Normally Closed
6	RS485 (-) Input.
7	Setpoint Relay – Common.
8	No connection..
9	RS485 (+) Input.

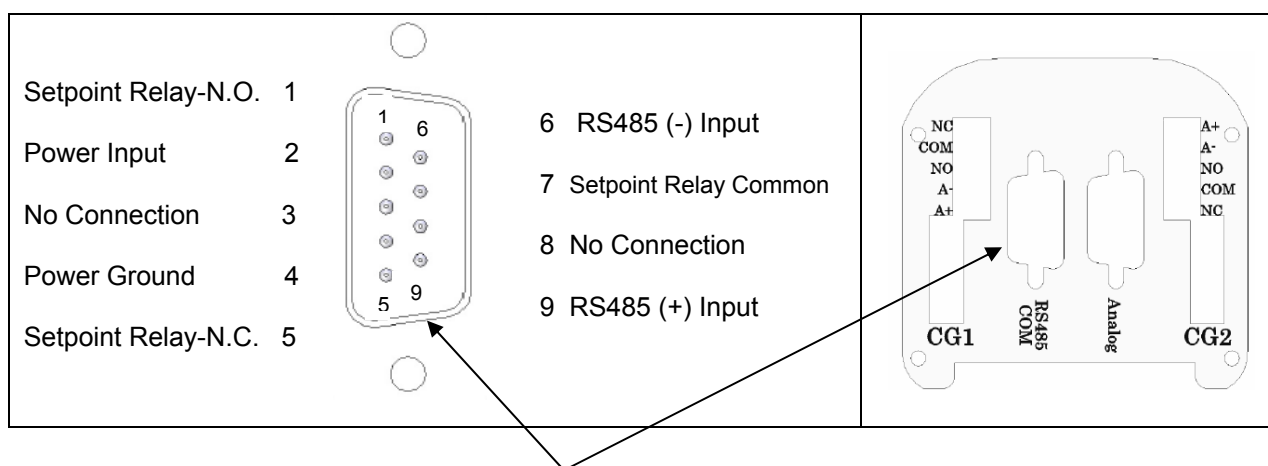


Figure 5 – IGM-402 RS485 Comm 9-Pin female I/O Connector

Caution: Power must be provided to either the Analog or the RS485 Connectors, but not both at the same time. Furthermore, if you are using the InstruTech PS501-A power supply and using the RS485 function, do not connect power to pins 2 and 4 of the RS485 Connector. The power will be received from the PS501A power supply from the Analog Connector. Use the RS485 Connector pins for communications and signals only.

3.3 Convection Gauge Installation - Mechanical

Mount the gauge as close as possible to the pressure you want to measure. Long or restricted tubing will create a pressure difference (error) between your process and the gauge, and cause a delay in response to pressure changes. Mounting the gauge too close to a gas source will also cause errors in the readings.

Don't mount the gauge near a source of heating or cooling, such as heaters or air conditioning vents.

Mount the gauge with its main (long) axis horizontal (see diagram at right). Pressure reading errors will occur above 1 Torr if the gauge is not mounted horizontally. (Below 1 Torr, mounting position has little to no effect.)

Mount the gauge with port down, if possible, to help minimize the effect of any particles or condensation in the gauge.

Don't mount the gauge where it will be subjected to excessive vibration, such as on mechanical pumps. Vibrations may cause 'noisy' readings, and reading errors due to induced cooling of the sensor.

Fittings - follow the fitting manufacturer's recommendations and note the following:

- NPT fittings: Wrap the threaded portion of the tubing with Teflon tape and hand tighten the gauge into the gauge port. Do not use a wrench or other tool which may damage the gauge.

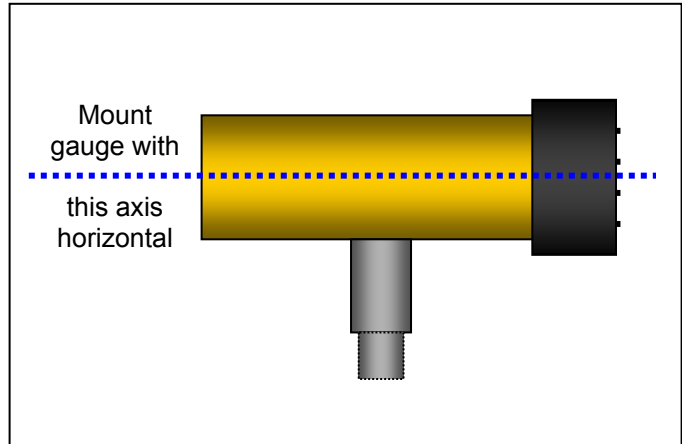
Flammable or Explosive Gases: Thermal vacuum gauges expose a heated wire to the gases being measured. Under some conditions, there may be sufficient energy to ignite a flammable or explosive gas. Thermal gauges are not recommended for use with flammable or explosive gases or mixtures.

Condensable Gases: Water vapor or other condensable gases can cause erratic and erroneous readings if the gas condenses into liquid on the internal gauge surfaces or elements. Warming the gauge during the process (up to 50°C) may help prevent such condensation.

Particulates and Contamination: Dust, dirt, and particles or contamination from a process can damage the gauge or cause erroneous readings. Even in a clean environment, particles are often created during the installation process when component surfaces rub against each other (such as when joining fittings). Back streaming oil from vacuum pumps will also cause erroneous readings and eventual failure of the gauge. A filter on the inlet may help keep out particles, and prolong the life of the gauge by minimizing the amount of contaminants that get into the gauge.

Overpressure

InstruTech convection gauges are not intended for use at pressures above ~35psig (~3 bars). If your chamber goes to higher pressures, you should install an isolation valve to protect the gauge. With some fittings, actual safe overpressure may be lower; for example, a quick-connect fitting may release the gauge (like a bullet !) with only a few psi overpressure. **Caution: Never expose the gauge to pressure above atmospheric pressure when using hazardous gases.**



Convection Gauge Dimension

Fitting	Dimension A
1/8"NPT - 1/2" tube	25.4mm (1.00")
NW16KF	33.0mm (1.30")
NW25KF	33.0mm (1.30")
NW40KF	33.0mm (1.30")
1-1/3" Mini-Conflat®	27.4mm (1.08")
2-3/4" Conflat®	21.6mm (0.85")
1/4" Cajon® 4VCR	47.2mm (1.86")
1/2" Cajon® 8VCR	44.5mm (1.75")

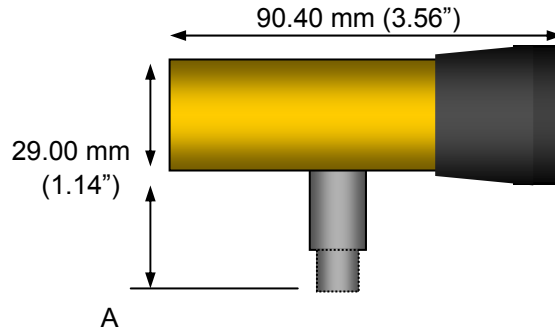


Figure 6 – Worker Bee Convection Gauge Dimensions

3.4 Convection Gauge Installation – Electrical

Connect your InstruTech convection vacuum gauges or your existing Convectron® gauges to the Hornet IGM402 using the cables and Connector provided with the instrument. Connect CG1 and CG2 cables to the IGM402 Connectors marked CG1 and CG2. A good recommended practice is to remove power from any cable prior to connecting or disconnecting it



The IGM402 provides one analog output and one set-point relay for each one of the Convection gauges connected to it.

3.4.1 Analog output and Set-point relays for CG1 and CG2

When using analog outputs and set-point relays for CG1 and CG2, use the **green terminal blocks** as described below:

Table 3 – IGM-402 CG1 and CG2 Convection gauge I/O Connectors

Connection	Description
A +	Analog Outputs for Convection gauges CG1 or CG2: log-linear 1 to 8 Vdc, 1V/decade or Non-Linear S-Curve 0.375 to 5.659 Vdc
A -	Analog Signal Ground. Use only as analog output ground.
NO	Setpoint relays for CG1 or CG2 – Normally Open
COM	Setpoint Relay – Common.
NC	Setpoint relays for CG1 or CG2 – Normally Closed

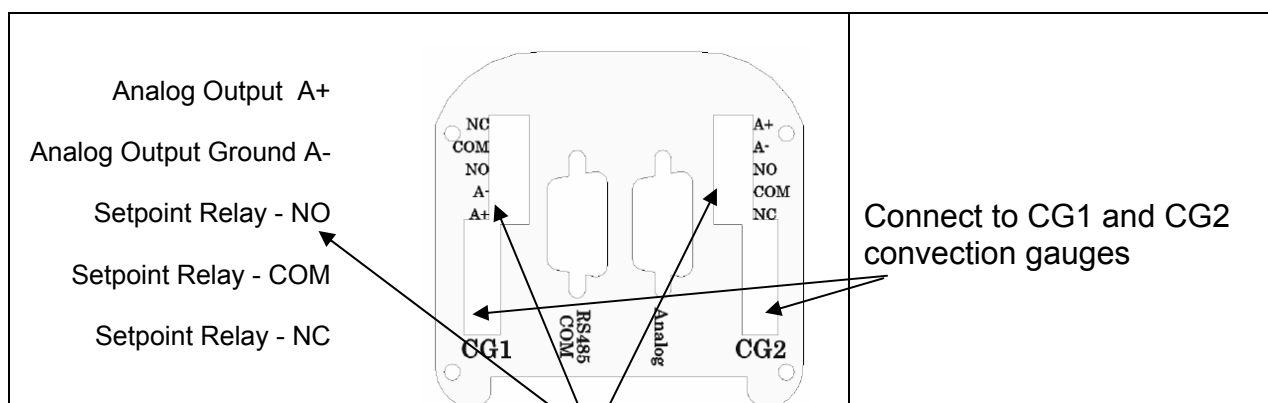


Figure 7 – IGM-402 I/O Terminal Blocks for CG1 and CG2

4. Bakeout

4.1 Bakeout – Ionization Gauge Sensor

A chamber bake may be performed for new systems or after routine maintenance. The sensor can be baked out to 200 °C as long as the sensor fitting uses metal seals. (For sensor fittings using elastomer O-rings, the maximum bakeout temperature is limited to the maximum temperature rating of the elastomer O-ring). Ensure the temperature of the sensor tube and the vacuum fitting to the sensor is at the same or above the chamber temperature. The electronic module must be removed from the sensor if the bake-out temperature is to exceed 70 °C. To bake out the sensor use the following procedure:

1. Turn off power to the IGM.
2. Disconnect the cable from the IGM.
3. Use 3/32 size Allen Wrench to remove the #4-40 socket head cap screws as shown below.
4. Detach the metal enclosure and the electronics from the sensor.
5. The black plastic cap attached to the gauge tube and the end plate does not have to be removed for bakeout.

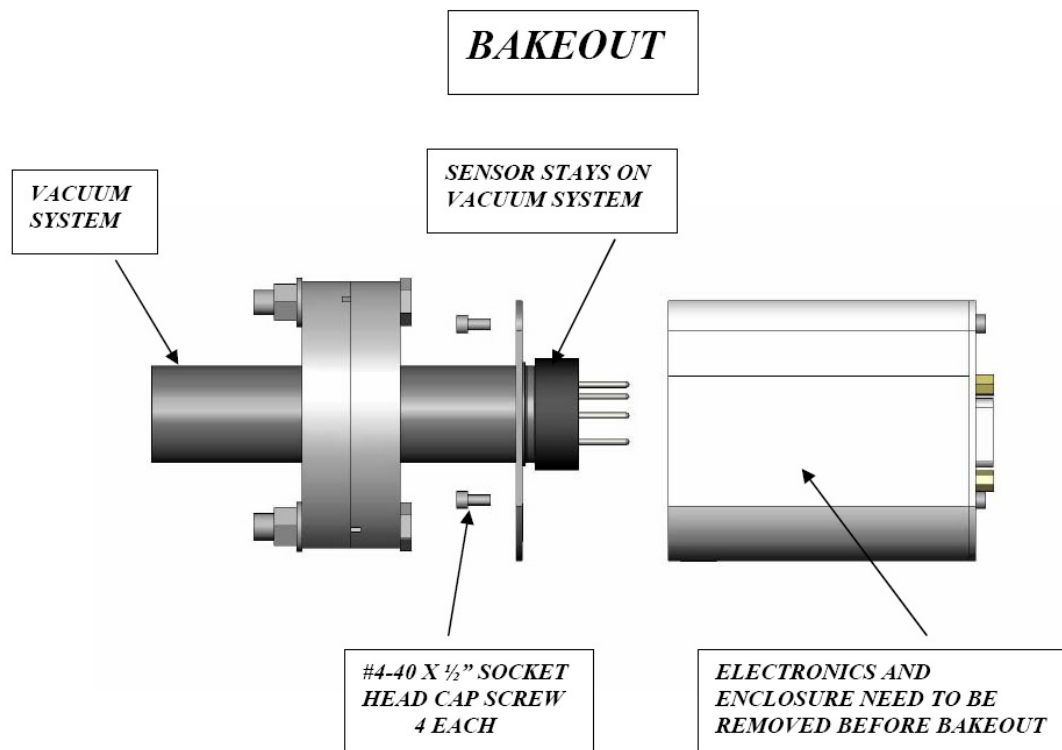


Figure 8 – Bakeout

4.2 Bakeout – Convection Vacuum Gauges CG1 and CG2

The InstruTech Worker Bee Convection Vacuum Gauge Sensors CG1 and CG2 can be baked out to 150 °C. The CG1 and CG2 Connectors and cables must be removed prior to bake out.

5. Setup and Operation

5.1 Turning On Power to IGM

Connect power to IGM using the designated pins 4 and 2 as shown in Table 1. The display will show "Unit Status Off". This indicates the display is on but the gauge/filaments have not been activated yet.

Read this instruction manual in its entirety before activating the gauge/filaments. Refer to [Activating the IGM](#) section for further instructions on activating/operating the gauge/filaments.

5.2 Gas Correction Factors

InstruTech gauges and modules are calibrated for Nitrogen (N₂). If you are using gases other than Nitrogen you must manually apply gas correction factors to the display and outputs measured by the Ionization and Convection gauges.

Warning: Use of different gases without proper precautions can result in injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment. Post a label on your gauge display indicating correction factors must be applied to both the Ionization and Convection gauge measurements. Read the later sections in this manual regarding the effects of different gases on display and outputs as well as the lists of gas correction factors.

5.3 Emission Current

IGM provides a choice of 4 mA or 100 uA (0.1 ma) emission current.

- 1) As a general rule, in clean applications and operating at higher pressure ranges (5.00E-06 Torr to 5.00E-02 Torr) the 100 uA emission setting is preferred.
- 2) At lower operating pressures (1.00E-09 Torr to 1.00E-04 Torr) the 4 mA emission should be used.
- 3) When using diffusion pumps there is a possibility of the oil vapors entering the gauge sensor tube. This can form an insulator on the internal components of the sensor which can lead to instability or failure in controlling the emission. In this case, the 4 mA emission current may provide for a better operation.

5.4 Overpressure shut down

The IGM is provided with factory set default values for overpressure shut down. The gauge will shut off automatically should the pressure reach or rise above the pressure shut down value. Refer to table 4 below for overpressure shut down values:

Table 4 – Factory set overpressure shut down values

Emission Current	Overpressure Shut Down (Torr)	Overpressure Shut Down (mbar)	Overpressure Shut Down (Pascals)
4 mA	1.00E-03	1.33E-03	1.33E-01
100uA (0.1 mA)	5.00E-02	6.66 E-02	6.66

5.5 Degas

Degas is used to rid the gauge sensor tube of adsorbed gas. Degas is achieved by applying Electron Bombardment (EB) to the grid. The intervals at which Degas should be applied vary for each application. The sensor's low pressure performance will normally improve after each Degas cycle.

Degas must be applied while the gauge/filament is activated and operating.
Ensure vacuum level is at or less than 5.0×10^{-5} Torr before attempting to initiate Degas.
Power during Degas is about 3 watts higher than the normal operating pressure.

Degas will automatically turn off after 2 minutes when using factory default settings. The user can however reprogram the IGM for a Degas cycle to last anywhere between 2 to 10 minutes.

The IGM will continue to display the measured operating pressure while Degas is proceeding.
Degas will automatically turn off if the pressure exceeds 3.0×10^{-4} Torr during the Degas cycle.

Degas can be interrupted by turning off the Filament.

5.6 Activating the IGM (Turning the Filaments On)

Before you activate the gauge/filament, make sure you understand all instructions and information provided in this manual.

You can activate the IGM (gauge/filaments turned on and operating) by one of the following four methods:

- 1) Front Panel push buttons.
- 2) Digital Input.
- 3) By RS-485 commands.
- 4) When used with a Convection gauge CG1 for full range measurement, activation can be caused by pressure measurement from CG1. (See section on IG CNTL under SETUP UNIT menu).

Initiating filament to turn on will result in only one attempt to activate the gauge/filament operational. If this is unsuccessful, the input must be reset back to off before another attempt is made to turn it on again. See messages on display for possible causes. If the problem persists consider the following possible causes:

- Insufficient power if ITI's power supply is not used.
- System pressure exceeding the overpressure shut down limit or pressure is at a value at which the emission can not be achieved.
- Contamination.
- See messages on display for other possible causes.

Note: The filament is also turned off by using one of the four methods listed above.

6. User Interface

6.1 User Interface Basics

The menus within the IGM user interface have been designed for easy operation and a natural progression of setup parameters. The following sections give a brief explanation of the features for added clarity.

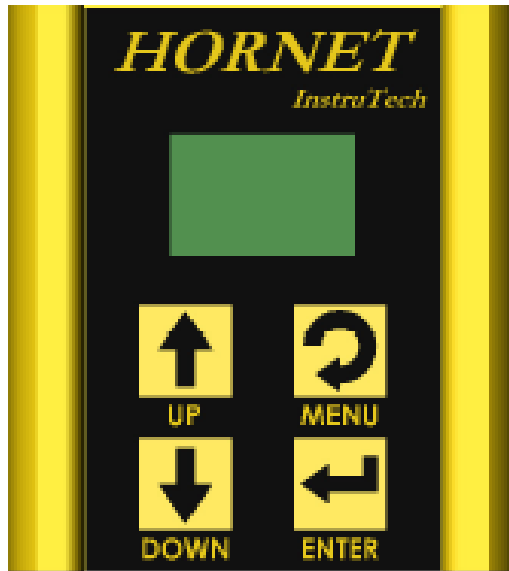


Figure 9 – IGM-402 Interface

The four buttons below the display are the programming buttons. During programming of the IGM, the display will identify what function each button represents.

To begin programming, press the MENU key. Press the Enter key to access the parameters and save the new settings. Press the UP and DOWN key to select the desired menu and change the parameters. Press the MENU Key to return to the previous menu or press repeatedly to return to the main screen. To continue setting additional parameters, scroll with the UP and DOWN keys until you reach the desired parameter.

6.2 Factory-Set Default Parameters

The following is a summary of all factory-set default values in IGM's display menu.

SETUP DISP

- SET CONTRAST [Factory default = 10]
- SHOW DATA [Factory default = *SHOW ALL LG*]
- Display INT [Factory default = 3 *SECONDS*]
- FLIP SCREEN [Factory default = *NORMAL*]

SETUP UNIT

- UNITS [Factory default = *TORR*]
- DEFAULTS [Factory default = *MENU TO EXIT*]
- CLR IG ERROR [Factory default = *OFF*]
- 100UA TRN ON [Factory default = *5.00E-02 TORR*]
- IG CNTL [Factory default = *DIG/RS485*, (Factory default is Digital Input)]
- FP OPERATE [Appears only when FRONT PANEL is selected in IG CNTL above]
 - UNIT ON/OFF: [Factory default = *OFF*]
 - EMISSION SEL: [Factory default = *100uA*]
 - DEGAS ON/OFF: [Factory default = *OFF*]

SETUP IG

- DEGAS TIME [Factory default = 2]
- SENSITIVITY [Factory default = *Actual Sensor sensitivity (see label on gauge)*]
- FILAMENT NUM [Factory default = *FILAMENT 1*]
- RLY I LO TRIP [Factory default = *1.00E-06 TORR*]
- RLY I HI TRIP [Factory default = *5.00E-06 TORR*]
- RELAY I TEST Factory default = *OFF*
- VENT DETECT [Factory default = *OFF*]
- ANALOG MODE [Factory default = *IG ONLY*]
- FIL USAGE [Factory default = Displays to-date current usage]

SETUP CGS

- RLY A LO TRIP [Factory default = *1.00 E -1 TORR*]
- RLY A HI TRIP [Factory default = *2.00 E -1 TORR*]
- RELAY A TEST [Factory default = *OFF*]
- RLY B LO TRIP [Factory default = *1.00 E -1 TORR*]
- RLY B HI TRIP [Factory default = *2.00 E -1 TORR*]
- RELAY B TEST [Factory default = *OFF*]
- ASSIGN RLY A [Factory default = *CG1*]
- ASSIGN RLY B [Factory default = *CG2*]
- SETUP CG 1
 - SET VAC [Factory default = *0.00E+0 TORR*]
 - SET ATM [Factory default = *7.59E+2 TORR*]
 - ANALOG TYPE [Factory default = *LOG-LINEAR*]
- SETUP CG 2
 - SET VAC [Factory default = *0.00E+0 TORR*]
 - SET ATM [Factory default = *7.59E+2 TORR*]
 - ANALOG TYPE [Factory default = *LOG-LINEAR*]

SETUP COMMS

- BAUD RATE [Factory default = 19200,8,N,1]
- ADDR [Factory default = 1]
- ADDR OFFSET [Factory default = 0]

SERVICE MENU

- INFO [Factory default = *FIRMWARE VERSION*]
- OP TIME [Factory default = Displays to-date operating Time]

6.3 Menu Item Explanations

6.3.1 SETUP DISP

- SET CONTRAST: [Factory default = 10]

This function sets the display contrast. Use the ENTER KEY to access the CONTRAST menu and use the UP and DOWN Keys to select a number between 1 and 120. The contrast setting of 120 provides the highest contrast (brightest) and 1 the lowest. Select the ENTER KEY again to save the value selected. (Note: Factory default setting optimizes display life.)

- SHOW DATA [Factory default = **SHOW ALL LG**]

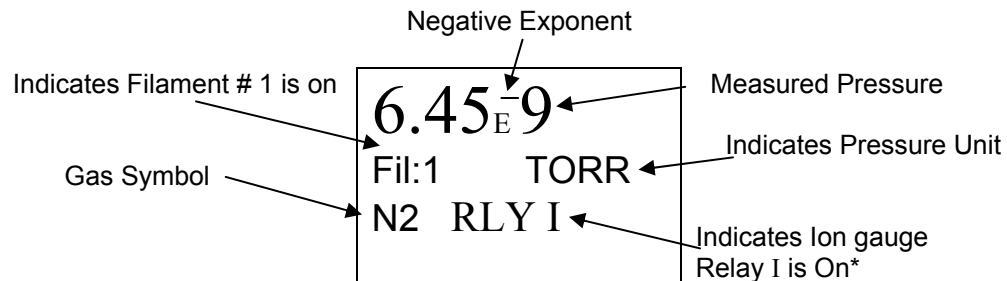
Use the ENTER KEY to access the SHOW DATA menu and use the UP and DOWN Keys to select one of the following display modes:

SHOW ALL LG	SHOW ALL SM	IG + CG1 LG	IG+CG1/CG2
IG/CG1 LG	IG/CG2 LG	CG1/CG2 LG	CG1/CG2 SM
IG ONLY	IG ONLY RND	CG1 ONLY	CG2 ONLY

Select the ENTER KEY again to save the desired mode selected above.

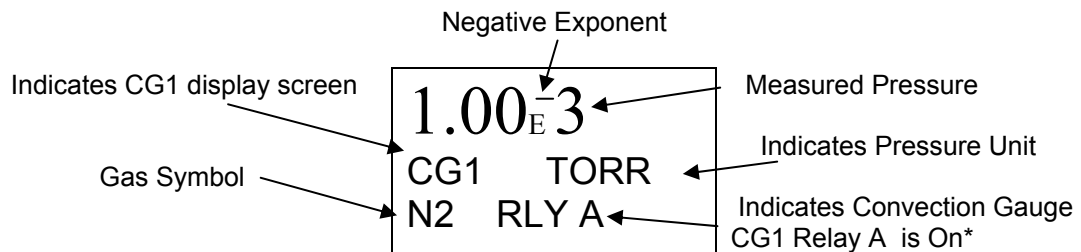
1. SHOW ALL LG

This mode displays the most commonly used variables from the Ionization Gauge, the CG1 and CG2 convection vacuum gauges in three separate screens. These are the measured pressure, the pressure unit, the gas symbol, filament and relay status. The three screens are displayed sequentially and repeatedly showing the Ion Gauge data first, followed next by screens for CG1 and CG2. In the following examples, the measured pressure from the Ion Gauge is 6.45×10^{-9} Torr, Filament #1 is on, gas is Nitrogen and Relay #1 is on.



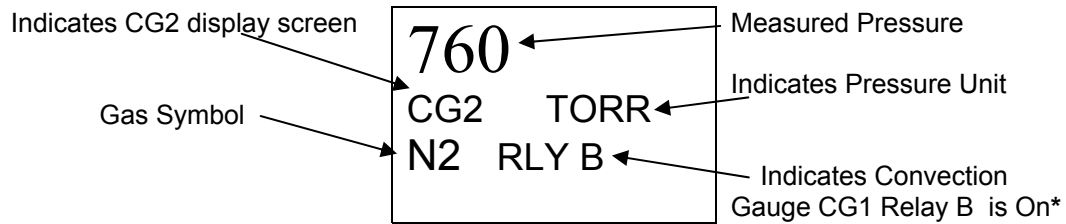
Ex 1A: Ionization Gauge data displayed in SHOW ALL LG mode

The Ionization Gauge display screen (Example Ex1A) above is followed by the next screen below showing the Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) data after the display interval time has elapsed.



Ex 1B: CG1 data displayed in SHOW ALL LG mode

The Convection Gauge 1 data screen (Example Ex1B) is followed by the next screen below showing the Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) data after the display interval time has elapsed.



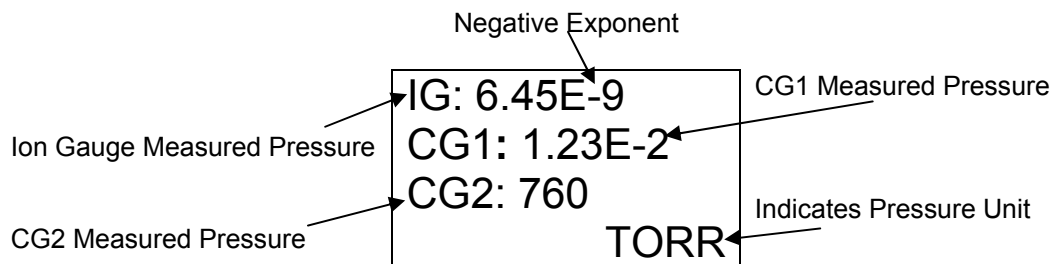
Ex 1C: CG2 data displayed in SHOW ALL LG mode

***Note:** RLY I, A & B disappear from the screen in its entirety when those relays are turned off.

The screens repeat each time the programmed display interval time has elapsed.

2. SHOW ALL SM

This mode displays the measured pressure from the Ionization Gauge, CG1 and CG2 convection gauges simultaneously in one screen. In the following example, the measured pressure from the Ion Gauge (IG) is 6.45×10^{-9} Torr, the measured pressure from Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) is 1.23×10^{-2} Torr and measured pressure from Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) is 760 Torr.

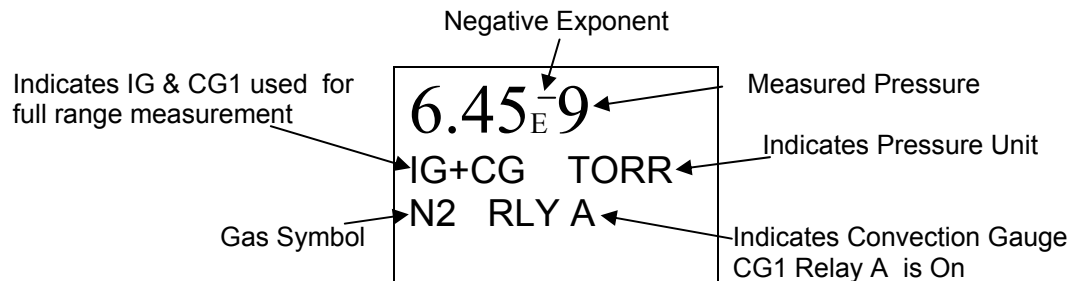


EX 2A: IG, CG1 and CG2 data displayed in SHOW ALL SM mode

Note: It may take up to 10 seconds for the IGM filament to turn on after it has received a turn on command from the front panel push buttons, the Digital Inputs, or RS485 commands. The display showing the Ion gauge measurement is blank during this time while IGM is starting the emission and stabilizing the measurements.

3. IG + CG1 LG

This mode combines the vacuum measurement from the Ion Gauge and Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) to provide a full range measurement from 1×10^{-9} to atmosphere. This full range measurement function is available only with CG1.



EX 3A: IG + CG1 data displayed for full range measurement with CG1 in IG + CG1 LG mode

Note: In this mode any pressures displayed from 1×10^{-9} to 1×10^{-3} Torr are based on measurements from the Ion gauge. Displayed Pressures higher than 1×10^{-3} Torr are based on measurements from CG1.

Note: When selecting *IG + CG1 LG* or the *IG + CG1/CG2* (shown in 4 below), the analog output in the **ANALOG MODE** of the **SETUP IG** menu must also be set to *IG + CG1*. This will enable the analog output to provide a log-linear 0.5 to 7 Vdc, 0.5 V/decade over the entire full range measurement. (See **SET UP IG** and **ANALOG MODE** in the later sections of this manual).

4. IG + CG1/CG2

In this mode two separate display screens appear sequentially. The first screen combines the vacuum measurement from the Ion Gauge and Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) to provide a full range measurement from 1×10^{-9} to atmosphere as shown in example Ex 3A. (Note: This full range measurement function is available only with CG1). This is followed by the second screen showing the Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) data as shown in Example 1C. The screens repeat each time the programmed display interval time has elapsed.

5. IG/CG1 LG

In this mode two separate display screens appear sequentially. The first screen shows the Ionization gauge data as shown in Example Ex1A. This is followed by the second screen showing the Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) data as shown in Example Ex1B. The screens repeat each time the programmed display interval time has elapsed. The Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) data is not displayed.

6. IG/CG2 LG

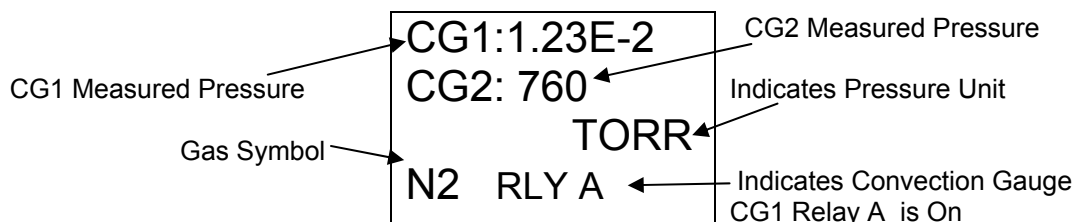
In this mode two separate display screens appear sequentially. The first screen shows the Ionization Gauge data as shown in Example Ex1A. This is followed by the second screen showing the Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) data as shown in Example Ex1C. The screens repeat each time the programmed display interval time has elapsed. The Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) data is not displayed.

7. CG1/CG2 LG

In this mode two separate display screens appear sequentially. The first screen shows the Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) data as shown in Example Ex1B. This is followed by the second screen showing the Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) data as shown in Example Ex1C. The screens repeat each time the programmed display interval time has elapsed. The Ionization Gauge (IG) data is not displayed.

8. CG1/CG2 SM

This mode displays the measured pressure from the CG1 and CG2 Convection gauges simultaneously in one screen as shown in example below:



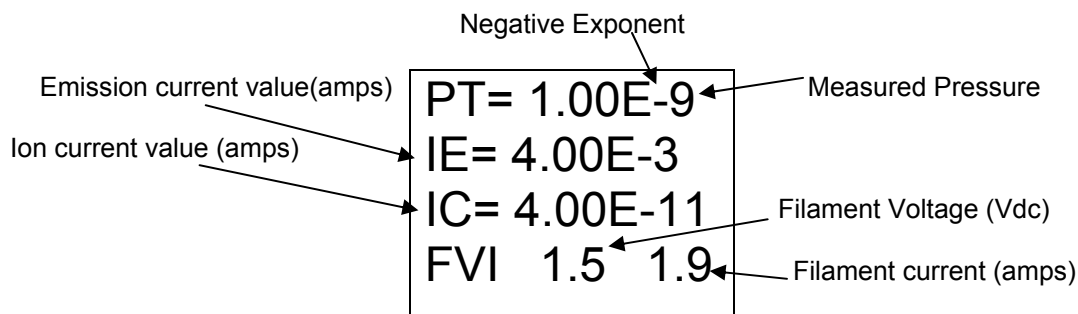
EX8A: CG1 and CG2 data displayed in CG1/CG2 SM mode

9. IG ONLY

This mode displays only the measured pressure from the Ionization Gauge in a single screen as shown in Example Ex1A.

10. IG ONLY RND

This mode displays the measured pressure, emission current, ion current, filament voltage and filament current. In the following example, the measured pressure is 1.00×10^{-9} Torr, (Pressure unit is based on selected units in SETUP UNIT menu). Emission current is 4.00×10^{-3} amps, Ion current is 4.00×10^{-11} amps, filament voltage is 1.5 Vdc and filament current is 1.9 amps.



EX10A: IG data displayed in IG ONLY RND mode

11. CG1 ONLY

This mode displays only the measured pressure from Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) in a single screen as shown in Example Ex1B.

12. CG2 ONLY

This mode displays only the measured pressure from Convection Gauge 2 (CG2) in a single screen as shown in example Ex1C.

- DISPLAY INT [Factory default = 3 SECONDS]

This is the time it takes for display screen to change to the next screen. Display interval can be selected from 2 to 10 seconds.

- FLIP SCREEN [Factory default = NORMAL]

This allows the user to select a *NORMAL* display or have the data displayed UPSIDE DOWN. When the unit is mounted upside down, this is used to invert the display screen 180 degrees for user convenience. Note: When UPSIDE DOWN is selected, the user has to save the setting and exit the menu before the measured values are displayed upside down.

6.4 SETUP UNIT

- UNITS: [Factory default = TORR]

Select from Torr, mbar or Pascal. Units selected are used for all other settings.

- DEFAULTS: [Factory default = MENU TO EXIT]

The module can be returned to the original factory settings by using the ENTER Key to set factory defaults. Note: You must re-enter the actual sensor sensitivity value marked on the sensor tube.

- CLR IG ERROR [Factory default = OFF]

When IGM experiences an error condition such as overpressure, emission failure, etc, the Ion gauge filaments will turn off. Error messages will be displayed on the IG screen showing the error. This is intended to prompt the user to determine what the error condition is before the filaments can be turned on again. Once the cause of the error has been determined and resolved, the IGM error must be cleared before the filaments can be turned on again. The CLR IG ERROR allows the user to clear the IG error using the front panel, regardless of whether the IG CNTL mode below is set to Front Panel, Digital Input, RS485 or CG1 CONT IG.

- 100UA TRN ON [Factory default = 5.00E-02 TORR]

This allows the user to select a pressure value at which the CG1 can turn on the IG. This is applicable only when the gauge is operating at 100uA emission current setting and the IG CNTL mode below is set to CG1 CONT IG. The 100UA TRN ON pressure value can never be set higher than 5.00E-02 TORR when operating in the 100UA emission current setting.

Note: The user does not have the choice to select a turn on point for IG when 4ma emission current has been selected. The IG turn off and on is always set to 1.00 E-03 Torr.

- IG CNTL: [Factory default = DIGI/RS485, (Factory default is Digital Input)]

This allows the user to choose the source of control for the IG. The IG can be controlled via digital inputs, RS485 commands, Front panel, or Convection Gauge CG1.

Warning: Never use another gauge to automatically turn off the Ion gauge when the Ion gauge filament in use is constructed of Tungsten. (Yttria Filament is ok) The response time of other gauges will not allow for timely turn off of the Tungsten filament leading to filament damage. Always turn off the IG filament manually before pressure is to rise above 1.00E-03 Torr.

DIGI/RS485: The DIGI/RS485 allows the application of actual digital inputs or RS485 communication to operate the unit. The default state of the DIGI/RS485 selection is Digital Inputs. This requires application of digital inputs to pins 1, pin 6 and pin 8 of the Analog DSUB (Analog 9 pin Connector) to operate the unit (see Table 1). User should verify the DIGI/RS485 is selected in the IG CNTRL submenu of the SETUP UNIT menu.

To change from Digital Input to RS485 communication mode use the RS485 DSUB (RS485 9 pin Connector (see Table 2). User should verify DIGI/RS485 is selected in the **IG CNTRL** submenu of the SETUP UNIT menu. In order to operate in the RS485 mode, the user must send an RS485 set command which will cause the unit to automatically switch to RS485 mode.

Note: A set command such as turn filament on/off must be sent to the unit in order for the unit to auto switch to RS485. Sending read commands such as read gauge pressure will not accomplish this task. When operating in the RS485 mode, all other inputs are ignored. To return to Digital Input of the DIGI/RS485 send an RS485 reset command or cycle power.

FRONT PANEL: This allows the user to turn the filaments on/off, select emission current and turn degas on/off using the front panel push buttons. This is achieved by selecting Front Panel in the IG CNTRL submenu of the SETUP UNIT menu. In this case the FRONT PANEL overrides any other input and the *DIGI/RS485* inputs are ignored. If Front Panel is selected the FP OPERATE submenu will appear in the SETUP UNIT menu. Access FP Operate submenu next.

- FP OPERATE {Appears in the SETUP UNIT menu only after FRONT PANEL is selected in the *IG CNTRL menu*. The following screen will appear if FP OPERATE is selected:

UNIT ON/OFF: [Factory default = OFF]
ENTER setting to turn the gauge/filament on or off.

EMISSION SEL: [Factory default = 100uA] ENTER setting to change emission current to 4 mA or 100 uA.

DEGAS ON/OFF: [Factory default = OFF] ENTER setting to turn Degas on

CG1 CONT IG: This allows the user to use pressure measurement from CG1 to automatically turn the gauge/filament off or on. This can be set under two different scenarios: (**Note: Pin 1 of the Analog Connector must be connected to Pin 2 of the Analog Connector for the filaments to turn On.**)

- 1) If the Ion Gauge emission current is set to 100uA, the Ion Gauge filament will turn on when the pressure measured from CG1 drops below the value programmed in the *100UA TRN ON* submenu of the SETUP UNIT menu. The Ion Gauge filament will turn off when the pressure measured from CG1 rises above 5.00 E-02 Torr.

If the Ion Gauge emission current is set to 4 mA, the Ion Gauge filament will turn on when the pressure measured from CG1 drops below 1.00 E-03 Torr. The Ion Gauge filament will turn off when the pressure measured from CG1 rises above 1.00 E-03 Torr.

Note: To turn filament off manually when CG1 CONT IG is selected, pin 1 of the Analog Connector must be disconnected from pin 2 of the same Connector. This is the case only when filament turn off is required before pressure from CG1 rises above 5.00E-02 Torr for the 100uA emission current setting and 1.00E-03 for the 4 ma emission current setting. It is highly recommended that PIN 1 should be wired in such a way that it can be shorted to ground for operation but be removed from ground for servicing the

gauge. This is to allow the user to override the CG turning on the IG. Use of a manual switch which can be easily accessed by the user should be considered.

When **CG1 CONT IG** is selected, the emission current and degas will operate using Digital Inputs as described in the previous section. If the user prefers selecting emission current and degas using the front panel, then pin 1 of the Analog Connector must be disconnected from pin 2 of the same Connector. Next change the **IG CNTL** setting to **FRONT PANEL**, access **FP OPERATE** sub menu to select emission current or perform degas operations. Once complete, go back to **IG CNTL** and change setting from **FRONT PANEL** to **DIGI / RS485**.

6.5 SETUP IG

- DEGAS TIME: [Factory default = 2 MINUTES]

The length of time in minutes degassing will run after it is initiated. Degas cycle can be selected from 2 to 10 minutes.

- SENSITIVITY: [Factory default = Actual Sensor sensitivity]

Factory pre-set based on individual tube calibration. All sensor tubes are marked with their specific sensitivity value. Also user adjustable between 2 to 99 using the display commands.

Caution: User assumes all risks if sensitivity is set to a value not matching the actual sensor sensitivity marked on the sensor tube.

- FILAMENT NUM: [Factory default = FILAMENT 1]

Allows user to select which filament to operate: (*Filament 1 or Filament 2*)

(Note: It is highly recommended to periodically alternate operating Filaments 1 and 2. An inactive filament not operated for an extended length of time can cause failure of that filament. This will become more problematic in dirty applications.)

- RLYI LO TRIP: [Factory default = 1.00E-06 TORR]

This setpoint corresponds to the turn on points for the relay. The relay will turn on when the pressure drops below this setting. (Use 9-pin RS485 D-Sub)

- RLYI HI TRIP: [Factory default = 5.00E-06 TORR]

This setpoint corresponds to the turn off points for the relay. The relay will turn off when the pressure rises above this setting. (Use 9-pin RS485 D-Sub)

- **RLYI TEST: [Factory default = OFF]** This allows the user to manually turn the relay on and off to test wiring and ensure polarity is as desired.

- VENT DETECT [Factory default = OFF]

When VENT DETECT is ON it provides a quick vent protection of the filaments in the event the system is suddenly over pressurized. But this protection may cause the filament not to start properly after filaments have been shut down or turn off intermittently while filaments are on. If such is the case, you should keep the VENT DETECT setting to OFF so the filament can receive full power in spite of conditions. Most common and trouble free setting for Vent Detect is OFF.

- ANALOG MODE [Factory default = IG ONLY]

This sets the analog output proportional to pressure measured from the Ionization gauge or Ionization/CG1 for full range measurement. (Use 9-pin Analog D-Sub Connector.)

Select analog output type as *IG ONLY* to set the analog output proportional to pressure measured from Ion Gauge only. (Use 9-pin Analog D-Sub)

Select analog output type as *IG + CG1* to set the analog output proportional to pressure when using the IG + CG1 for full range measurement.

- FIL USAGE: [Factory default = Displays to-date current usage]

This allows the user to view how many minutes each filament has been turned on and how many minutes degassing has been applied to each Filament. The Display in this screen provides the following data:

F1: # H (Number of hours filament 1 has been in use).

F2: # H (Number of hours filament 2 has been in use).

D1: # H (Number of hours filament 1 has been degassed).

D2: # H (Number of hours filament 2 has been degassed).

The usage numbers are non-resetable. The user should record the usage time when replacing the Ion Gauge sensor.

6.6 SETUP CGS

- RLY A LO TRIP [Factory default = 1.00 E -1 TORR]

This setpoint corresponds to the turn on points for the CG1 relay. The relay will turn on when the pressure measured from the CG1 drops below this setting. (Use CG1 green terminal block)

- RLY A HI TRIP [Factory default = 2.00 E -1 TORR]

This setpoint corresponds to the turn off points for the CG1 relay. The relay will turn off when the pressure measured from CG1 rises above this setting. (Use CG1 green terminal block)

- RELAY A TEST [Factory default = OFF]

This allows the user to manually turn the Relay A on and off to test wiring and ensure polarity is as desired. The state of the relay will be shown when this menu item is entered.

- RLY B LO TRIP [Factory default = 1.00 E -1 TORR]

This setpoint corresponds to the turn on points for the CG2 relay. The relay will turn on when the pressure measured from the CG2 drops below this setting. (Use CG2 green terminal block)

- RLY B HI TRIP [Factory default = 2.00 E -1 TORR]

This setpoint corresponds to the turn off points for the CG2 relay. The relay will turn off when the pressure measured from CG2 rises above this setting. (Use CG2 green terminal block)

- RELAY B TEST [Factory default = OFF]

This allows the user to manually turn the Relay B on and off to test wiring and ensure polarity is as desired. The state of the relay will be shown when this menu item is entered.

- ASSIGN RLY A [Factory default = CG1]

This assigns Relay A to either the CG1 or CG2. The user also has the choice of assigning both relays A & B to one convection gauge.

- ASSIGN RLY B [Factory default = CG2]

This assigns Relay #B to either the CG1 or CG2. The user also has the choice of assigning both relays A & B to one convection gauge.

- SETUP CG 1

Pressing the ENTER key will display the following three settings for CG1:

SET VAC
SET ATM
ANALOG TYPE

SET VAC [Factory default = $0.00E+0$ TORR]

Setting the Zero Point for CG1 (Vacuum Adjustment):

1. Evacuate the system to a pressure less than 0.1 mTorr.
2. When the pressure is below 0.1 mTorr, press SET VAC and the number $0.00E+0$ Torr will be displayed. If you want to set zero at $0.00E+0$ then press the ENTER key repeatedly until the SET VAC appears on the display again. The zero point is now set.

If you want to set zero at a number higher than $0.00E+0$, then press the UP or DOWN keys until desired number is reached, then press the ENTER key repeatedly until the SET VAC appears on the display again. The new zero point is now set.

Note: When operating in units of mBar or Pascals, you must first set atmosphere. (see SET ATM listed below). Next access the SET VAC menu and set vacuum. Failure to do so will result in incorrect setting of the gauge. If you change units or reset to factory defaults then the same procedure must be followed again if the units of display is being set to mBar or Pascals.

SET ATM [Factory default = $7.59E+2$ TORR]

Setting the Span Point for CG1 (Atmosphere Adjust):

1. Backfill the system with Nitrogen to a known pressure above 400 Torr.
2. Press the ENTER key to access the "SET ATM" screen. When desired system pressure is stable, adjust the pressure on the screen to the known value using the UP or DOWN keys. Continue pressing the ENTER key until the SET ATM appears on the display again. The new atmosphere point is now set.

ANALOG TYPE [Factory default = LOG-LINEAR]

This sets the analog output proportional to pressure measured from Convection vacuum gauge CG1.

Select analog output type as LOG-LINEAR or NON-LINEAR (S-Curve) for CG1.

LOG-LINEAR selection will provide a Log-Linear analog output: 1-8 vdc, 1 v/decade

NON-LINEAR selection will provide a Non-Linear analog output: 0.375 to 5.659 Vdc

- SETUP CG 2

Pressing the ENTER key will display the following three settings for CG2:

SET VAC same as SETUP CG1 above, except as CG2.

SET ATM [Factory default = $7.59E+2$ TORR] same as SETUP CG1 above except, as CG2.

ANALOG TYPE same as SETUP CG1 above, except as CG2

Note: See note above when operating in units of mBar or Pascals, you must first set atmosphere.

6.7 SETUP COMMS

- BAUD RATE: [Factory default = 19200, 8, N, 1]

This sets the baud rate for the RS485 communications. The baud rate can be set to many other values through the serial interface command set. The parity can also be changed. When this occurs, the current setting will be shown in the list of choices and can be re-selected if changed.

- ADDR: [Factory default = 1]

This is the lower nibble of the one byte RS485 device address. (e.g. Setting this to a 5 would make the address be 0x05 in hex; a 15 would be 0x0F in hex; if the address offset is equal to 0.)

- ADDR OFFSET [Factory default = 0]

This is the upper nibble of the one byte RS485 address. (e.g. Setting this to a 5 (with ADDR = 0) would make the address 0x50; a 15 would be 0xF0.)

6.9 SERVICE

-INFO

Provide Software Version number

-OP TIME [Factory default = Displays to-date operating Time]

Provides information on how long the unit has been on regardless of filament operation.

7.0 RS485 Interface

Note: Minimum interval between commands sent out over 485 bus is 50 msec. The error rate at 19.2K baud at 50 msec is less than 3%.

RS485 Command Protocol Summary:

The command protocol for the IGM-402 has the following format:

Command: <!><addr><cmd><data><CRC>

Response: <*><addr><cmd><data><CRC>

The <data> portion of the command or response can be multiple bytes in length, depending upon the command byte (<cmd>) sent. Do not include the '<' or '>' within the message string. They are used here to delineate between bytes.

The Cycle Redundancy Check <CRC> is calculated for each message as follows:

```
// *ptr is a pointer to the message to be sent.
// Length is the length of the message.
char Calculate_CRC8(char *ptr, char Length)
{
```

```
    char CRC_Value;
    char Counter;
    char BitCounter;
    char XOR_Byte;
    char TransmitByte;
```

```
    // Initialize the local variable.
    CRC_Value = 0xFF;
```



```
// Calculate the CRC.
for(Counter = 0; Counter < Length; Counter++)
{
    TransmitByte = *ptr;
    ptr++;
    BitCounter = 8;

    while(BitCounter != 0)
    {
        BitCounter--;
        XOR_Byte = TransmitByte ^ CRC_Value;

        if((XOR_Byte & 0x80) != 0)
        {
            CRC_Value ^= 0x0E;
            CRC_Value <<= 1;
            CRC_Value |= 1;
        }
        else
        {
            CRC_Value <<= 1;
        }

        // Left shift the calculation byte.
        TransmitByte <<= 1;
    }
}

// Return the calculated CRC value.
return(CRC_Value);
}
```

This code is written in the 'C' language. Contact InstruTech technical support for code written for Visual Basic.

Additional Notes – RS485

The communications scheme used by the IGM-402 is a Modbus style format. There are a few things that should be noted when writing code to communicate with this device.

1. The length of the message sent to the unit is always the same as the length of the response to the message. (although, individual commands have different lengths)
2. The messages sent to the unit and received from the unit are sent in hexadecimal, and not their character representations. This means that a character based application such as Microsoft Hyperterminal ® cannot be used. Applications such as these send a value such as zero as 30 hex, and not at 00 hex.
3. The start character for any message sent to the unit is a '!' or 21 hex.
4. The start character for any response to a message is a '*' or 2A hex.

5. The data part of the message sent to the unit does not matter. This portion of the message is ignored by the receiving unit. It is recommended that these bytes be set to zero prior to sending the message to the unit.
6. The data part of the responses are NOT ASCII characters. These are actual variable values that are of type char, float, or long. This shortens the messages and simplifies the code written by the customer by not having to convert from ASCII characters to typed values and back again.
7. The Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) is calculated using the routine shown in the RS485 Interface paragraph of the user manual. The length of the message is the number of bytes beginning at the "start" character, ending with the last byte of the data, and does not include the byte that will contain the CRC.

Example of actual data bytes sent and received for a 'READ IG PRESSURE ONLY' command:

(This is done with the filament off)

SENT:

Byte 0: '!' (0x21) (start character)
Byte 1: 1 (0x01) (address)
Byte 2: 2 (0x02) (command byte for READ IG PRESSURE)
Byte 3: 0 (0x00) (don't care units)
Byte 4: 0 (0x00) (don't care data 1)
Byte 5: 0 (0x00) (don't care data 2)
Byte 6: 0 (0x00) (don't care data 3)
Byte 7: 0 (0x00) (don't care data 4)
Byte 8: 183 (0xB7) (CRC)

RECEIVED:

Byte 0: '*' (0x2A) (start character)
Byte 1: 1 (0x01) (address)
Byte 2: 2 (0x02) (command byte for READ IG PRESSURE)
Byte 3: 0 (0x00) (units; 0=Torr, 1= PASCALS, 2=mBAR)
Byte 4: 0 (0x00) (floating point byte 1)
Byte 5: 0 (0x00) (floating point byte 2)
Byte 6: 0 (0x00) (floating point byte 3)
Byte 7: 0 (0x00) (floating point byte 4)
Byte 8: 148 (0x94) (CRC)

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
READ ALL PRESSURES	Read the current pressure for IG, CG1, and CG2. The returned values are in floating point. Message Length: 17 bytes	! <i><01><00><xx><xx><xx><xx> <xx><xx><xx><xx><xx> <xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x00 <xx>: represents the floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><00><uu><rr><rr> <rr><rr><yy><yy><yy> <yy><zz><zz><zz><zz> <CRC></i> <uu>: pressure units <rr>: IG float value <yy>: CG1 float value <zz>: CG2 float value
READ CVG PRESSURES	Read the current pressure for CG1 and CG2. The returned values are in floating point. Message Length: 13 bytes	! <i><01><01><xx><xx><xx><xx> <xx><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x01 <xx>: represents the floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><01><uu><yy><yy> <yy><yy><zz><zz><zz> <zz><CRC></i> <uu>: pressure units <yy>: CG1 float value <zz>: CG2 float value
READ IG PRESSURE ONLY	Read the current pressure for the IG. The returned value is in floating point. Message Length: 9 bytes	! <i><01><02><xx><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x02 <xx>: represents the floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><02><uu><yy><yy> <yy><yy><CRC></i> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value. <uu>: pressure units
READ CG1 PRESSURE ONLY	Read the current pressure for the CG1. The returned value is in floating point. Message Length: 9 bytes	! <i><01><03><xx><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x03 <xx>: represents the floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><03><uu><yy><yy> <yy><yy><CRC></i> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value. <uu>: pressure units
READ CG2 PRESSURE ONLY	Read the current pressure for the CG2. The returned value is in floating point. Message Length: 9 bytes	! <i><01><04><xx><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x04 <xx>: represents the floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><04><uu><yy><yy> <yy><yy><CRC></i> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value. <uu>: pressure units
READ ION GAUGE STATUS	Determine if the Ion Gauge is on or off. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><15><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x15 <xx>: represents the byte value place holder.	ON: * <i><01><15><01><CRC></i> OFF: * <i><01><15><00><CRC></i>
TURN ON THE ION GAUGE	Turn ON the Ion Gauge Module. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><05><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x05 <xx>: represents the byte value place holder.	ON: * <i><01><05><01><CRC></i>

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
TURN OFF THE ION GAUGE	Turn OFF the Ion Gauge Module. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><06><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x06 <xx>: represents the byte value place holder.	* <i><01><06><00><<CRC></i>
READ ION GAUGE EMISSION CURRENT	Get the emission current currently being used by the Ion Gauge. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><1B><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x1B <xx>: represents the byte value place holder.	100uA: * <i><01><1B><64><CRC></i> 4mA: * <i><01><1B><04><CRC></i>
SET ION GAUGE EMISSION CURRENT	Set the Ion Gauge Module emission current. 100uA: 0x64 4mA: 0x04 Message Length: 5 bytes	100uA: ! <i><01><0B><64><CRC></i> 4mA: ! <i><01><0B><04><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x0B	100uA: * <i><01><0B><64><CRC></i> 4mA: * <i><01><0B><04><CRC></i>
READ ION GAUGE FILAMENT	Determine which Ion Gauge filament is being used. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><0C><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x0C <xx>: represents the byte value place holder.	FIL 1: * <i><01><0C><01><CRC></i> FIL2: * <i><01><0C><02><CRC></i>
SET ION GAUGE FILAMENT	Set which Ion Gauge filament is to be used. FIL 1: 0x01 FIL 2: 0x02 Message Length: 5 bytes	FIL 1: ! <i><01><24><01><CRC></i> FIL 2: ! <i><01><24><02><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x24	FIL 1: * <i><01><24><01><CRC></i> FIL 2: * <i><01><24><02><CRC></i>
READ ION GAUGE OVER-PRESSURE 100uA	Determine the pressure value when the Ion Gauge will turn off at 100uA emission current. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><25><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x25 <xx>: represents the floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><25><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC></i> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value.
SET ION GAUGE OVER-PRESSURE 100uA	Set the pressure value when the Ion Gauge will turn off at 100uA emission current. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><0D><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <cmd>: 0x0D <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value.	* <i><01><0D><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value.

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
SET UNIT ADDRESS	Set the address of the unit. Message Length: 5 bytes	!<01><38><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x38* <xx>: represents the address offset value.	*<01><38><xx><CRC>
SET UNIT ADDRESS OFFSET	Set the address offset of the unit. Message Length: 5 bytes	!<01><39><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x39* <xx>: represents the address offset value.	*<01><39><xx><CRC> <xx>: represents the address offset value.
READ RELAY I HIGH TRIP POINT	Get the pressure when Relay I will turn off. Message Length: 8 bytes	!<01><26><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x26 <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	*<01><26><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value.
SET RELAY I HIGH TRIP POINT	Set the pressure when Relay I will turn off. Message Length: 8 bytes	!<01><0F><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x0F <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value.	*<01><0F><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC>
READ RELAY I LOW TRIP POINT	Get the pressure when Relay I will turn on. Message Length: 8 bytes	!<01><27><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x27 <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	*<01><27><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value.
SET RELAY I LOW TRIP POINT	Set the pressure when Relay I will turn on Message Length: 8 bytes	!<01><10><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x10 <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value.	*<01><10><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC>
READ RELAY A HIGH TRIP POINT	Get the pressure when Relay A will turn off. Message Length: 8 bytes	!<01><28><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x28 <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	*<01><28><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value.

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
SET RELAY A HIGH TRIP POINT	Set the pressure when Relay A will turn off. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><11><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x11 <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value.	*<01><11><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC>
READ RELAY A LOW TRIP POINT	Get the pressure when Relay A will turn on. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><29><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x29 <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	*<01><29><yy><yy><yy> <yy><CRC> <yy> : represents the four byte floating point value.
SET RELAY A LOW TRIP POINT	Set the pressure when Relay A will turn on. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><12><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x12 <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value.	*<01><12><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC>
READ RELAY B HIGH TRIP POINT	Get the pressure when Relay B will turn off. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><2A><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x2A <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	*<01><2A><yy><yy><yy> <yy><CRC> <yy> : represents the four byte floating point value.
SET RELAY B HIGH TRIP POINT	Set the pressure when Relay B will turn off. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><13><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x13 <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value.	*<01><13><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC>
READ RELAY B LOW TRIP POINT	Get the pressure when Relay B will turn on. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><2B><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x2B <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	*<01><2B><yy><yy><yy> <yy><CRC> <yy> : represents the four byte floating point value.
SET RELAY B LOW TRIP POINT	Set the pressure when Relay B will turn on. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><14><xx><xx><xx><xx> <CRC> <cmd> : 0x14 <xx> : represents the four byte floating point value.	*<01><14><xx><xx><xx> <xx><CRC>

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
READ ION GAUGE DEGAS STATUS	Get the degas status of the Ion Gauge module. ON: 1 OFF: 0 Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><18><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x18 <i><xx></i> : represents the byte value place holder.	ON: <i>*<01><18><01><CRC></i> OFF: <i>*<01><18><00><CRC></i>
TURN ION GAUGE DEGAS ON	Turn on the Ion Gauge degas Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><19><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x19 <i><xx></i> : represents the byte value place holder.	<i>*<01><19><01><CRC></i>
TURN ION GAUGE DEGAS OFF	Turn off the Ion Gauge degas Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><1A><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x1A <i><xx></i> : represents the byte value place holder.	<i>*<01><1A><00><CRC></i>
READ ION GAUGE CONTROL STATUS	Get the Ion Gauge control status. These are the semaphores that communicate status and errors in two bytes. Message Length: 6 bytes	! <i><01><1C><xx><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x1C <i><xx></i> : represents the byte value place holder.	<i>*<01><1C><Byte 1><Byte 2><CRC></i> Byte 1: hgfedcba a: Degas Status b: IG On/Off c: Emission Current d: Emission Control Failure e: Filament Broken f: Degas Failure g: Over-Pressure Failure h: Ion Current Failure Byte 2: hgfedcba a: Filament Over-voltage b: Filament Over-Power c: Dual Convection Control d: Front Panel Control e: Quick Vent Enabled f: NA g: NA h: NA
SET FACTORY DEFAULTS	Set the unit back to the factory defaults. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><1F><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x1F <i><xx></i> : represents the byte value place holder.	<i>*<01><1F><01><CRC></i>

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
SET COMMS BAUD RATE	Set the communications baud rate for the unit. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <01><20><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x20* <xx>: represents the byte value as follows: 00: 300 01: 600 02: 1200 03: 2400 04: 4800 05: 9600 06: 14,400 07: 19,200 08: 28,800 09: 38,400 0A: 57,600	* <01><20><xx><CRC>
RESET UNIT	Reset the unit as if power has been cycled from off to on. Message Length: 5 bytes	! <01><22><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x22 <xx>: represents the byte	No response from unit.
READ CG1 VACUUM SETTING VALUE	Gets the CG1 vacuum pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><2D><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x2D <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	* <01><2D><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value.
SET CG1 VACUUM SETTING VALUE	Sets the CG1 vacuum pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><2C><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x2C <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value.	* <01><2C><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC>
READ CG2 VACUUM SETTING VALUE	Gets the CG2 vacuum pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <01><2F><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd>: 0x2F <xx>: represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	* <01><2F><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy>: represents the four byte floating point value.

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
SET CG2 VACUUM SETTING VALUE	Sets the CG2 vacuum pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><2E><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x2E <i><xx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value.	* <i><01><2E><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i>
READ CG1 ATMOSPHERE SETTING VALUE	Gets the CG1 atmosphere pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><31><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x31 <i><xx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><31><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC></i> <i><xyyx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value.
SET CG1 ATMOSPHERE SETTING VALUE	Sets the CG1 atmosphere pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><30><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x30 <i><xx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value.	* <i><01><30><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i>
READ CG2 ATMOSPHERE SETTING VALUE	Gets the CG2 atmosphere pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><33><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x33 <i><xx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value place holder.	* <i><01><33><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC></i> <i><xyyx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value.
SET CG2 ATMOSPHERE SETTING VALUE	Sets the CG2 atmosphere pressure setting. Message Length: 8 bytes	! <i><01><32><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x32 <i><xx></i> : represents the four byte floating point value.	* <i><01><32><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC></i>
READ CG1 ANALOG OUTPUT TYPE	Get the type of analog output setup for CG1 Message Length: 5 bytes	! <i><01><35><xx><CRC></i> <i><cmd></i> : 0x35 <i><xx></i> : represents the byte value place holder.	* <i><01><35><xx><CRC></i> <i><yy></i> : represents the byte value as follows: 00: Non-Linear 01: Log-Linear

COMMAND	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	COMMAND SYNTAX	RESPONSE
SET CG1 ANALOG OUTPUT TYPE	Set the type of analog output setup for CG1 Message Length: 5 bytes	! <01><34><xx><CRC> <cmd> : 0x34 <xx> : represents the byte value as follows: 00: Non-Linear 01: Log-Linear	*<01><34><xx><CRC>
READ CG2 ANALOG OUTPUT TYPE	Get the type of analog output setup for CG2 Message Length: 5 bytes	! <01><37><xx><CRC> <cmd> : 0x37 <xx> : represents the byte value place holder.	*<01><37><xx><CRC> <yy> : represents the byte value as follows: 00: Non-Linear 01: Log-Linear
SET CG2 ANALOG OUTPUT TYPE	Set the type of analog output setup for CG2 Message Length: 5 bytes	! <01><36><xx><CRC> <cmd> : 0x36 <xx> : represents the byte value as follows: 00: Non-Linear 01: Log-Linear	*<01><36><xx><CRC>
READ 100 UA TURN ON PRESSURE	Read the pressure where CG1 will turn on IG	! <01><43><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd> : 0x43 <xx> Represents a byte value place holder	*<01><43><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy> Represents a byte value place holder for a floating point number
SET 100 UA TURN ON PRESSURE	Set the pressure where CG1 will turn on IG	! <01><44><xx><xx><xx><xx><CRC> <cmd> : 0x44 <xx> Represents a byte value place holder	*<01><44><yy><yy><yy><yy><CRC> <yy> Represents a byte value place holder for a floating point number

* Commands marked with an asterisk will not take effect until after RESET command is sent or power is cycled.

8. Analog Output - Nitrogen/Air only

8.1 Ion gauge Analog Output = IG ONLY (Nitrogen/Air only - Use 9-pin Analog D-Sub)

A) The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas when units of measurement is in **Torr** and **mbar**:

$$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 10)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 10$$

where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.

B) The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas when units of measurement is in **Pascals**:

$$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 8)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 8$$

where P is the pressure in Pascals, and V is the output signal in Volts.

The output voltage will switch to above +10 Vdc under the following conditions:

- 1) The IG is turned off or any IG fault condition.
- 2) The pressure exceeds 1.00×10^{-3} Torr at 4ma emission current.
- 3) The pressure exceeds 5.0×10^{-2} Torr at 0.1 ma (100uA) emission current.
- 4) The pressure exceeds 3.0×10^{-4} Torr during Degas.

Table 5 - Log-Linear Analog Output

Pressure (Torr)	Voltage
1.0E-10	0.0
1.0E-09	1.0
1.0E-08	2.0
1.0E-07	3.0
1.0E-06	4.0
1.0E-05	5.0
1.0E-04	6.0
1.0E-03	7.0
1.0E-02	8.0
5.0E-02	8.698
Filament if off	≥ 10

The following chart shows the graphical results of table and formulas above for measurements in Torr. Pressure is plotted on the X-axis with a log scale; the output signal is plotted on the Y-axis on a linear scale.

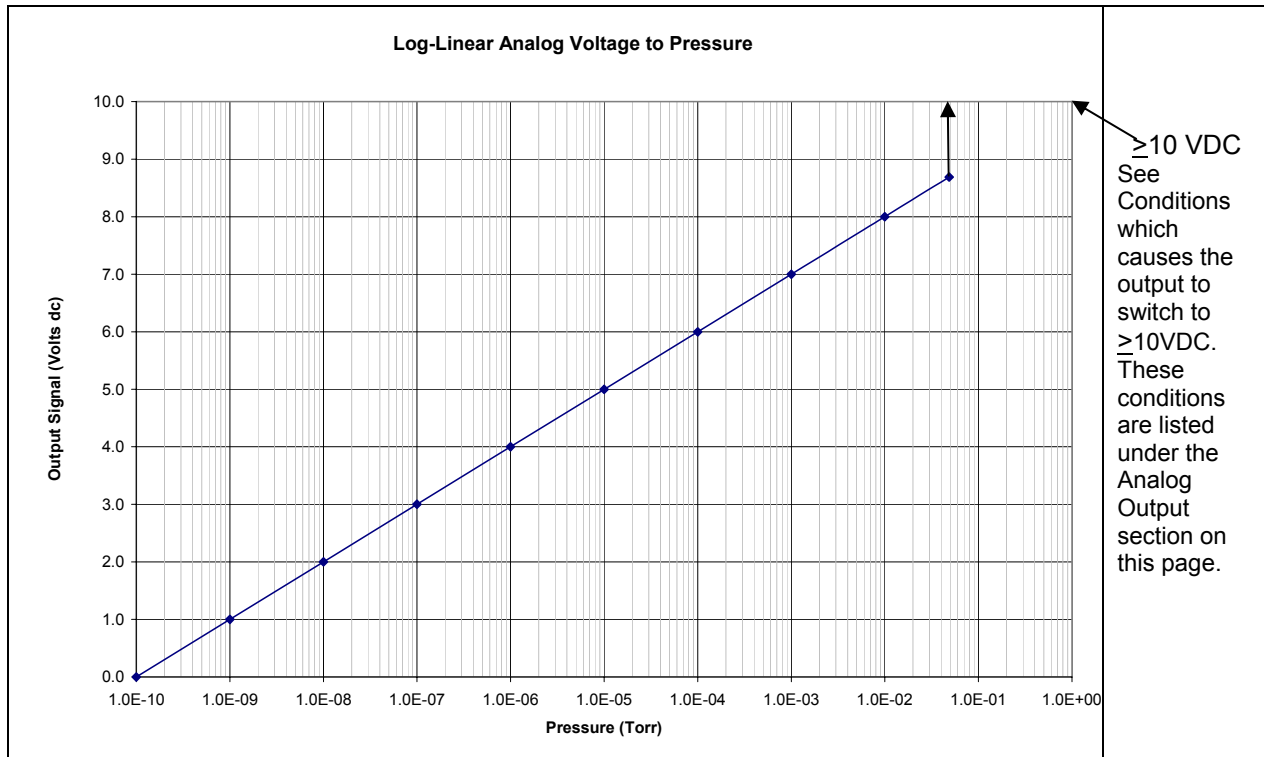


Figure 10. Plot of the formulas and data for the log-linear output signal (IG ONLY for Nitrogen/Air)

8.2 Ion gauge Analog Output = IG + CG1: (Nitrogen/Air only)

ANALOG MODE in SETUP IG menu is set to IG + CG1. (Use 9-pin Analog D-Sub)

When IG + CG1 is used for full range measurement, this setting provides a full range analog output proportional to pressure from 1×10^{-9} to atmosphere as described below.

Analog output: Log-linear 0.5 to 7 vdc, 0.5 V/decade.

A) The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas when units of measurement is in **Torr** and **mbar**:

$$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 5.5)/(0.5)} \quad V = ((0.5 \times \log_{10}(P)) + 5.5)$$

where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.

B) The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas when units of measurement is in **Pascals**:

$$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 4.5)/(0.5)} \quad V = ((0.5 \times \log_{10}(P)) + 4.5)$$

The output voltage will switch to above +10 Vdc under the following conditions:

- 1) The Ion gauge is turned off and the CG1 is damaged or disconnected.
- 2) The pressure exceeds 1.00×10^{-3} Torr at 4ma emission current or 5.0×10^{-2} Torr at 100u) emission current and CG1 is damaged or disconnected.
- 3) The pressure exceeds 3.0×10^{-4} Torr during Degas and CG1 is damaged or disconnected.
- 4) Any IG or CG fault condition while operating in the IG or CG range respectively.

Table 6 - Log-Linear Analog Output Applies to Nitrogen/Air only

Pressure (Torr)	Voltage
1.0E-10	0.5
1.0E-09	1.0
1.0E-08	1.5
1.0E-07	2.0
1.0E-06	2.5
1.0E-05	3.0
1.0E-04	3.5
1.0E-03	4.0
1.0E-02	4.5
1.0E-01	5.0
1.0E+00	5.5
1.0E+01	6.0
1.0E+02	6.5
1.0E+03	7.0

The following chart shows the graphical results of table and formulas above for pressure measurements in Torr. Pressure is plotted on the X-axis with a log scale; the output signal is plotted on the Y-axis on a linear scale.

Log-Linear Analog Voltage to Pressure

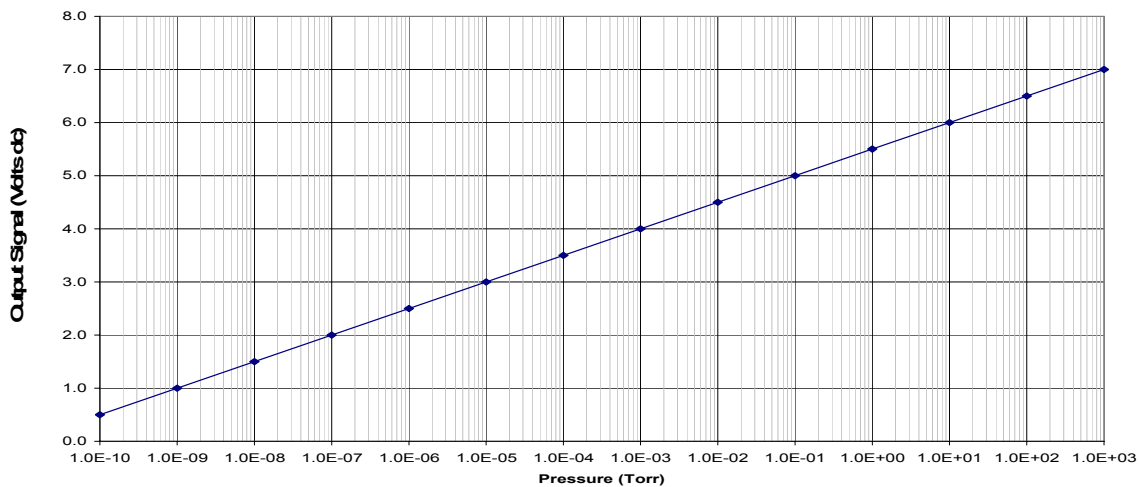


Figure 11. Plot of the formulas and data for the log-linear output signal (IG + CG1 for Nitrogen/Air)

8.3 Convection Gauge Analog Output = LOG-LINEAR: (Nitrogen / Air only)

(Use CG1 and CG2 green terminal blocks)

ANALOG TYPE in SETUP CG1 or SETUP CG2 sub menu of SETUP CGS menu is set to LOG-LINEAR.

This setting provides a log-linear analog output for Convection Gauge 1 or 2 only. The analog output is proportional to pressure measurements from either of the convection gauges 1 or 2 as described below:

Analog output: Log-linear 1.0 to 8 vdc, 1.0 V/decade.

A) The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas when units of measurement is in **Torr** and **mbar**:

$$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 5)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 5$$

where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.

B) The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas when units of measurement is in **Pascals**:

$$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 3)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 3$$

where P is the pressure in Pascals, and V is the output signal in Volts.

The following chart shows the graphical results of table and formulas above. For pressure measurements in Torr. Pressure is plotted on the X-axis with a log scale; the output signal is plotted on the Y-axis on a linear scale.

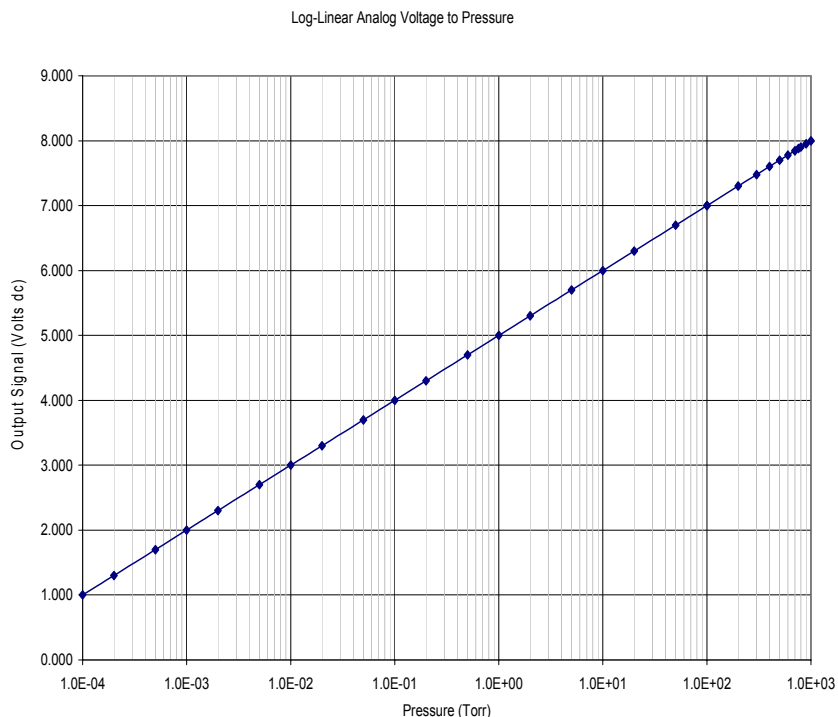


Table 7 - Log-Linear Analog Applies to Nitrogen/Air only

Pressure (Torr)	Voltage
1.0E-04	1.000
2.0E-04	1.301
5.0E-04	1.699
1.0E-03	2.000
2.0E-03	2.301
5.0E-03	2.699
1.0E-02	3.000
2.0E-02	3.301
5.0E-02	3.699
1.0E-01	4.000
2.0E-01	4.301
5.0E-01	4.699
1.0E+00	5.000
2.0E+00	5.301
5.0E+00	5.699
1.0E+01	6.000
2.0E+01	6.301
5.0E+01	6.699
1.0E+02	7.000
2.0E+02	7.301
3.0E+02	7.477
4.0E+02	7.602
5.0E+02	7.699
6.0E+02	7.778
7.0E+02	7.845
7.6E+02	7.881
8.0E+02	7.903
9.0E+02	7.954
1.0E+03	8.000

Figure 12. Plot of the formulas and data for the log-linear output signal (CG1 and CG2)

8.4 Convection Gauge Analog Output = **NON-LINEAR**: (Nitrogen/Air only)

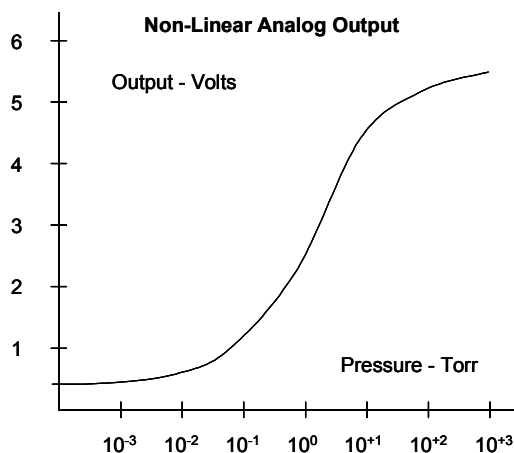
ANALOG TYPE in *SETUP CG1* or *SETUP CG2* sub menu of *SETUP CGS* menu is set to *NON-LINEAR*.
(Use CG1 and CG2 green terminal blocks)

The non-linear S-curve is convenient if you are replacing a Convectron[®] which has that output, and you do not want to change anything in the control system. For new systems, however, the formulas needed to interpret the non-linear signal are complex and difficult to use. The linear or log-linear signal is generally easier to interface with today's data acquisition or control systems.

Non-Linear Output

Granville-Phillips' first Convectron[®] gauge controllers produced a non-linear output signal of 0.375 to 5.659 VDC for 0 to 1000 Torr of N₂, roughly in the shape of an "S" curve, as shown at right. GP adopted the same output curve for most of their Mini-Convectron[®] modules and controllers with non-linear output (though in recent years, some GP controllers produced a different S-curve).

The non-linear output from InstruTech convection gauges, modules, and controllers duplicates exactly the original S-curve of 0.375 to 5.659 VDC for 0 to 1000 Torr.



**Table 8 – Non-Linear Analog
Applies to Nitrogen/Air only**

Pressure (Torr)	Voltage
0.0000	0.3751
1.0E-04	0.3759
2.0E-04	0.3768
5.0E-04	0.3795
1.0E-03	0.3840
2.0E-03	0.3927
5.0E-03	0.4174
1.0E-02	0.4555
2.0E-02	0.5226
5.0E-02	0.6819
1.0E-01	0.8780
2.0E-01	1.1552
5.0E-01	1.6833
1.0E+00	2.2168
2.0E+00	2.8418
5.0E+00	3.6753
1.0E+01	4.2056
2.0E+01	4.5766
5.0E+01	4.8464
1.0E+02	4.9449
2.0E+02	5.0190
3.0E+02	5.1111
4.0E+02	5.2236
5.0E+02	5.3294
6.0E+02	5.4194
7.0E+02	5.4949
7.6E+02	5.5340
8.0E+02	5.5581
9.0E+02	5.6141
1.0E+03	5.6593

Figure 13. Plot of the formulas and data for the Non-linear output signal (*CG1* and *CG2*)

9. Effect of different gases on Display – (Gases other than N2/Air)

The following tables and explanation contains important information regarding the use of Ionization and Convection gauges on gases other than Nitrogen / Air. For both types of gauges, corrections must be applied to both the display and analog outputs. This is particularly critical when using Convection gauges on gases other than N2/Air.

9.1 Ion Gauge Display Correction Factors for Selective Gases other than Nitrogen/Air

The following applies to the IG display when you have selected one of the following SHOW DATA sub menu of the SETUP DISP.

SHOW DATA:

<i>SHOW ALL LG</i>	<i>SHOW ALL SM</i>
<i>IG/CG1 LG</i>	<i>IG/CG2 LG</i>
<i>IG ONLY</i>	<i>IG ONLY RND</i>

The SHOW DATA selections above provide display measurements of the Ion gauge without combining measurements from a Convection gauge (Ion gauge display as an independent display).

If you intend to use gases other than Nitrogen, you must manually apply a gas sensitivity correction factor to the IG displayed measurement. Post a label on your Ion gauge display showing the correction factor if you intend to select N2 as the gas and apply manual correction factors verses selecting specific gases from the menu. The following table provides some typical correction factors. To correct the display measurements, divide the displayed measured pressure by the correction factors:

Table 9 – Ion Gauge Gas Sensitivity Correction Factors for selected gases

Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor	Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor
He	0.18	H ₂ O	1.12
Ne	0.30	NO	1.16
D ₂	0.35	Ar	1.29
H ₂	0.46	CO ₂	1.42
N ₂	1.00	Kr	1.94
Air	1.00	SF ₆	2.50
O ₂	1.01	Xe	2.87
CO	1.05	Hg	3.64

Example:

A) The gas in use is Argon. The measured pressure is displayed at 4.00×10^{-7} . Then the actual true pressure of Argon is $4.00 \times 10^{-7} / 1.29 = 3.10 \times 10^{-7}$ Torr of Argon.

9.2 Convection Gauge display conversion for Selective Gases other than Nitrogen/Air

The following applies to the Convection Gauge display when you have selected one of the following SHOW DATA sub menu of the SETUP DISP. (Convection Gauges operating as independent gauges)

SHOW DATA:

SHOW ALL LG	SHOW ALL SM	CG1 ONLY
IG/CG1 LG	IG/CG2 LG	CG2 ONLY
CG1/CG2 LG	CG1/CG2 SM	

Table 10 – Displayed Pressure Readings vs Pressure for selected gases – CG1 and CG2

True Pressure	N2	Ar	He	O2	CO2	Kr	Freon12	Freon22	D2	Ne	CH4
1.00E-4 Torr	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4
2.00E-4 Torr	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4
5.00E-4 Torr	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	3.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4
1.00E-3 Torr	1.00E-3	7.00E-4	8.00E-4	1.00E-3	1.10E-3	4.00E-4	1.50E-3	1.50E-3	1.30E-3	7.00E-4	1.70E-3
2.00E-3 Torr	2.00E-3	1.40E-3	1.60E-3	2.00E-3	2.30E-3	1.00E-3	3.10E-3	3.10E-3	2.40E-3	1.50E-3	3.30E-3
5.00E-3 Torr	5.00E-3	3.30E-3	4.00E-3	5.00E-3	4.40E-3	2.30E-3	7.60E-3	7.00E-3	6.00E-3	3.50E-3	7.70E-3
1.00E-2 Torr	1.00E-2	6.60E-3	8.10E-3	9.70E-3	1.10E-2	4.80E-3	1.47E-2	1.35E-2	1.21E-2	7.10E-3	1.53E-2
2.00E-2 Torr	2.00E-2	1.31E-2	1.61E-2	1.98E-2	2.22E-2	9.50E-3	2.99E-2	2.72E-2	2.43E-2	1.41E-2	3.04E-2
5.00E-2 Torr	5.00E-2	3.24E-2	4.05E-2	4.92E-2	5.49E-2	2.35E-2	7.25E-2	6.90E-2	6.00E-2	3.48E-2	7.72E-2
1.00E-1 Torr	1.00E-1	6.43E-2	8.20E-2	9.72E-2	1.07E-1	4.68E-2	1.43E-1	1.36E-1	1.21E-1	7.00E-2	1.59E-1
2.00E-1 Torr	2.00E-1	1.26E-1	1.65E-1	1.94E-1	2.10E-1	9.11E-2	2.75E-1	2.62E-1	2.50E-1	1.41E-1	3.15E-1
5.00E-1 Torr	5.00E-1	3.12E-1	4.35E-1	4.86E-1	4.89E-1	2.17E-1	6.11E-1	5.94E-1	6.87E-1	3.59E-1	7.81E-1
1.00E+0 Torr	1.00E+0	6.00E-1	9.40E-1	9.70E-1	9.50E-1	4.00E-1	1.05E+0	1.04E+0	1.55E+0	7.45E-1	1.60E+0
2.00E+0 Torr	2.00E+0	1.14E+0	2.22E+0	1.94E+0	1.71E+0	7.00E-1	1.62E+0	1.66E+0	4.13E+0	1.59E+0	3.33E+0
5.00E+0 Torr	5.00E+0	2.45E+0	1.35E+1	4.98E+0	3.34E+0	1.28E+0	2.45E+0	2.62E+0	2.46E+2	5.24E+0	7.53E+0
1.00E+1 Torr	1.00E+1	4.00E+0	OP	1.03E+1	4.97E+0	1.78E+0	2.96E+0	3.39E+0	OP	2.15E+1	2.79E+1
2.00E+1 Torr	2.00E+1	5.80E+0	OP	2.23E+1	6.59E+0	2.29E+0	3.32E+0	3.72E+0	OP	5.84E+2	3.55E+2
5.00E+1 Torr	5.00E+1	7.85E+0	OP	7.76E+1	8.22E+0	2.57E+0	3.79E+0	4.14E+0	OP	OP	8.42E+2
1.00E+2 Torr	1.00E+2	8.83E+0	OP	2.09E+2	9.25E+0	2.74E+0	4.68E+0	4.91E+0	OP	OP	OP
2.00E+2 Torr	2.00E+2	9.79E+0	OP	2.95E+2	1.23E+1	3.32E+0	5.99E+0	6.42E+0	OP	OP	OP
3.00E+2 Torr	3.00E+2	1.13E+1	OP	3.80E+2	1.69E+1	3.59E+0	6.89E+0	7.52E+0	OP	OP	OP
4.00E+2 Torr	4.00E+2	1.35E+1	OP	4.85E+2	2.24E+1	3.94E+0	7.63E+0	8.42E+0	OP	OP	OP
5.00E+2 Torr	5.00E+2	1.61E+1	OP	6.04E+2	2.87E+1	4.21E+0	8.28E+0	9.21E+0	OP	OP	OP
6.00E+2 Torr	6.00E+2	1.88E+1	OP	7.30E+2	3.64E+1	4.44E+0	8.86E+0	9.95E+0	OP	OP	OP
7.00E+2 Torr	7.00E+2	2.18E+1	OP	8.59E+2	4.61E+1	4.65E+0	9.42E+0	1.07E+1	OP	OP	OP
7.60E+2 Torr	7.60E+2	2.37E+1	OP	9.41E+2	5.39E+1	4.75E+0	9.76E+0	1.11E+1	OP	OP	OP
8.00E+2 Torr	8.00E+2	2.51E+1	OP	9.97E+2	5.94E+1	4.84E+0	9.95E+0	1.14E+1	OP	OP	OP
9.00E+2 Torr	9.00E+2	2.85E+1	OP	OP	7.95E+1	4.99E+0	1.05E+1	1.20E+1	OP	OP	OP
1.00E+3 Torr	1.00E+3	3.25E+1	OP	OP	1.11E+2	5.08E+0	1.11E+1	1.27E+1	OP	OP	OP

OP= overpressure

When using gases other than Nitrogen/Air you must use the above look-up table to determine true pressures of selected gases as measured by Convection gauges 1 & 2 (CG1 & CG2).

Example If the gas is Ar, when the true pressure is 100 Torr, the CG display will read about 8.83 Torr.

If you are backfilling your vacuum system with Ar, when your system reaches atmospheric pressure of 760 Torr true pressure, your gauge will be reading about 20 Torr. If you continue to backfill your system, attempting to increase the reading up to 760, you will overpressurize your chamber and probably blow up your vacuum system !

What this example illustrates is that, without proper precautions,

use of different gases can result in injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment.

Suggested precautions when using gases other than N₂:

Install a pressure relief valve, or burst disk, on your chamber, to protect it from overpressure.

Post a warning label on your gauge readout "Do Not Exceed ____ Torr Indicated Pressure" (fill in the blank for your gas) so that an operator using the gauge will not exceed a safe pressure.

9.3 Display in Combination mode (IG + CG1) for selective Gases other than Nitrogen/ Air

9.3.1 IG + CG1 Display Correction Factors when in combination display mode (High Vacuum)

(Applies to Pressure range from 1×10^{-9} Torr to overpressure shut down values)

The following applies to the IG + CG1 display when you have selected *IG + CG1 LG* or *IG + CG1/CG2* in the SHOW DATA sub menu of the SETUP DISP. These two SHOW DATA selections provide display measurements which combine the vacuum measurement from the Ion Gauge and Convection Gauge 1 (CG1) to provide full range measurements from 1×10^{-9} to atmosphere. This full range measurement function is available only with CG1.

In these two display modes any pressures displayed from 1×10^{-9} Torr to overpressure shut down *values* are based on measurements from the Ion gauge. Displayed Pressures higher than overpressure shut down values are based on measurements from CG1.

Example: If *EMISSION SEL* is set to 4 ma in the FP OPERATE submenu of the SETUP UNIT, then any pressures displayed from 1×10^{-9} Torr to 1.00×10^{-3} Torr are based on measurements from the Ion gauge. Displayed Pressures from 1.00×10^{-3} Torr to atmosphere are based on measurements from Convection Gauge CG1.

To correct for gases other than Nitrogen/Air in the range of 1×10^{-9} Torr to overpressure shut down values you must manually apply correction factors to Ion gauge measurement portion of the IG + CG1 display.

The following table provides some typical correction factors. To correct the IG + CG1 display, divide the displayed measured pressure by the correction factors:

Ion Gauge Gas Sensitivity Correction Factors for selected gases

(Applies to Pressure range from 1×10^{-9} Torr to overpressure shut down values)

Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor	Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor
He	0.18	H ₂ O	1.12
Ne	0.30	NO	1.16
D ₂	0.35	Ar	1.29
H ₂	0.46	CO ₂	1.42
N ₂	1.00	Kr	1.94
Air	1.00	SF ₆	2.50
O ₂	1.01	Xe	2.87
CO	1.05	Hg	3.64

Example:

The gas in use is Argon. The IG + CG1 display reads 4×10^{-7} Torr. Then the actual pressure of Argon is $4 \times 10^{-7} / 1.29 = 3.1 \times 10^{-7}$ Torr of Argon. This same correction factor must be applied to all displayed pressures over the range from 1×10^{-9} Torr to overpressure shut down values.

See the following page for determining true pressure for other gases over the range of overpressure shut down values to atmosphere.

9.3.2 IG + CG1 Display conversions in combination display mode (IG + CG1) (Rough Vacuum)

(Applies to Pressure ranges from overpressure shut down values to atmosphere)

The following applies to the IG + CG1 display when you have selected IG + CG1 LG or IG + CG1/CG2 in the SHOW DATA sub menu of the SETUP DISP as described in the previous page.

Table 11 – Displayed Pressure Readings vs Pressure for selected gases – Convection Gauge CG1

(Applies to Pressure ranges from overpressure shut down values to atmosphere)

True Pressure	N2	Ar	He	O2	CO2	Kr	Freon12	Freon22	D2	Ne	CH4
1.00E-4 Torr	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4	1.00E-4
2.00E-4 Torr	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4	2.00E-4
5.00E-4 Torr	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	3.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4	5.00E-4
1.00E-3 Torr	1.00E-3	7.00E-4	8.00E-4	1.00E-3	1.10E-3	4.00E-4	1.50E-3	1.50E-3	1.30E-3	7.00E-4	1.70E-3
2.00E-3 Torr	2.00E-3	1.40E-3	1.60E-3	2.00E-3	2.30E-3	1.00E-3	3.10E-3	3.10E-3	2.40E-3	1.50E-3	3.30E-3
5.00E-3 Torr	5.00E-3	3.30E-3	4.00E-3	5.00E-3	4.40E-3	2.30E-3	7.60E-3	7.00E-3	6.00E-3	3.50E-3	7.70E-3
1.00E-2 Torr	1.00E-2	6.60E-3	8.10E-3	9.70E-3	1.10E-2	4.80E-3	1.47E-2	1.35E-2	1.21E-2	7.10E-3	1.53E-2
2.00E-2 Torr	2.00E-2	1.31E-2	1.61E-2	1.98E-2	2.22E-2	9.50E-3	2.99E-2	2.72E-2	2.43E-2	1.41E-2	3.04E-2
5.00E-2 Torr	5.00E-2	3.24E-2	4.05E-2	4.92E-2	5.49E-2	2.35E-2	7.25E-2	6.90E-2	6.00E-2	3.48E-2	7.72E-2
1.00E-1 Torr	1.00E-1	6.43E-2	8.20E-2	9.72E-2	1.07E-1	4.68E-2	1.43E-1	1.36E-1	1.21E-1	7.00E-2	1.59E-1
2.00E-1 Torr	2.00E-1	1.26E-1	1.65E-1	1.94E-1	2.10E-1	9.11E-2	2.75E-1	2.62E-1	2.50E-1	1.41E-1	3.15E-1
5.00E-1 Torr	5.00E-1	3.12E-1	4.35E-1	4.86E-1	4.89E-1	2.17E-1	6.11E-1	5.94E-1	6.87E-1	3.59E-1	7.81E-1
1.00E+0 Torr	1.00E+0	6.00E-1	9.40E-1	9.70E-1	9.50E-1	4.00E-1	1.05E+0	1.04E+0	1.55E+0	7.45E-1	1.60E+0
2.00E+0 Torr	2.00E+0	1.14E+0	2.22E+0	1.94E+0	1.71E+0	7.00E-1	1.62E+0	1.66E+0	4.13E+0	1.59E+0	3.33E+0
5.00E+0 Torr	5.00E+0	2.45E+0	1.35E+1	4.98E+0	3.34E+0	1.28E+0	2.45E+0	2.62E+0	2.46E+2	5.24E+0	7.53E+0
1.00E+1 Torr	1.00E+1	4.00E+0	OP	1.03E+1	4.97E+0	1.78E+0	2.96E+0	3.39E+0	OP	2.15E+1	2.79E+1
2.00E+1 Torr	2.00E+1	5.80E+0	OP	2.23E+1	6.59E+0	2.29E+0	3.32E+0	3.72E+0	OP	5.84E+2	3.55E+2
5.00E+1 Torr	5.00E+1	7.85E+0	OP	7.76E+1	8.22E+0	2.57E+0	3.79E+0	4.14E+0	OP	OP	8.42E+2
1.00E+2 Torr	1.00E+2	8.83E+0	OP	2.09E+2	9.25E+0	2.74E+0	4.68E+0	4.91E+0	OP	OP	OP
2.00E+2 Torr	2.00E+2	9.79E+0	OP	2.95E+2	1.23E+1	3.32E+0	5.99E+0	6.42E+0	OP	OP	OP
3.00E+2 Torr	3.00E+2	1.13E+1	OP	3.80E+2	1.69E+1	3.59E+0	6.89E+0	7.52E+0	OP	OP	OP
4.00E+2 Torr	4.00E+2	1.35E+1	OP	4.85E+2	2.24E+1	3.94E+0	7.63E+0	8.42E+0	OP	OP	OP
5.00E+2 Torr	5.00E+2	1.61E+1	OP	6.04E+2	2.87E+1	4.21E+0	8.28E+0	9.21E+0	OP	OP	OP
6.00E+2 Torr	6.00E+2	1.88E+1	OP	7.30E+2	3.64E+1	4.44E+0	8.86E+0	9.95E+0	OP	OP	OP
7.00E+2 Torr	7.00E+2	2.18E+1	OP	8.59E+2	4.61E+1	4.65E+0	9.42E+0	1.07E+1	OP	OP	OP
7.60E+2 Torr	7.60E+2	2.37E+1	OP	9.41E+2	5.39E+1	4.75E+0	9.76E+0	1.11E+1	OP	OP	OP
8.00E+2 Torr	8.00E+2	2.51E+1	OP	9.97E+2	5.94E+1	4.84E+0	9.95E+0	1.14E+1	OP	OP	OP
9.00E+2 Torr	9.00E+2	2.85E+1	OP	OP	7.95E+1	4.99E+0	1.05E+1	1.20E+1	OP	OP	OP
1.00E+3 Torr	1.00E+3	3.25E+1	OP	OP	1.11E+2	5.08E+0	1.11E+1	1.27E+1	OP	OP	OP

OP= overpressure

When using gases other than Nitrogen/Air you must use the above look-up table to determine true pressures of selected gases as measured by Convection gauges 1 & 2 (CG1 & CG2).

Example If the gas is Ar, when the true pressure is 100 Torr, the IG + CG1 display will read about 8.83 Torr. If you are backfilling your vacuum system with Ar, when your system reaches atmospheric pressure of 760 Torr true pressure, your gauge will be reading about 20 Torr. If you continue to backfill your system, attempting to increase the reading up to 760, you will overpressurize your chamber and probably blow up your vacuum system !

What this example illustrates is that, without proper precautions,

use of different gases can result in injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment.

Suggested precautions when using gases other than N₂:

Install a pressure relief valve, or burst disk, on your chamber, to protect it from overpressure.

Post a warning label on your gauge readout "Do Not Exceed ____ Torr Indicated Pressure" (fill in the blank for your gas) so that an operator using the gauge will not exceed a safe pressure.

10. Effect of different gases on Analog output - (Gases other than N2/Air)

The following tables and explanation contains important information regarding the use of Ionization and Convection gauges on gases other than Nitrogen / Air. For both types of gauges, corrections must be applied to both the display and analog outputs. This is particularly critical when using Convection gauges on gases other than N2/Air.

10.1 Ion Gauge Analog Output Correction Factors for Selective Gases other than Nitrogen/Air

When *ANALOG MODE* in SETUP IG is set to *IG ONLY*. (Use 9-pin Analog D-Sub)

Analog output: Log-linear 0 to 9 vdc, 1 V/decade.

The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas for N2/Air:

For Units of Measurement in Torr and mbar:	For Units of Measurement in Pascals:
$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 10)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 10$ where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.	$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 8)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 8$ where P is the pressure in Pascals, and V is the output signal in Volts.

If you intend to use gases other than Nitrogen, you must manually apply gas sensitivity correction factors to the Ion Gauge pressure measurements. The following are the steps necessary to convert the Ion Gauge analog output using the sensitivity correction factors for gases other than Nitrogen:

- 1) The Analog output from the Ion Gauge (*IG ONLY*) will be based on Nitrogen and the above equations. (see section 8.1 for more details)
- 2) Convert the voltage in your receiving instrument to a pressure value according to the above equations. This pressure value is based on Nitrogen.
- 3) Apply the sensitivity correction factor for the particular gas you are using to the pressure value obtained in step 2. (Use correction factors and example listed below.).

Ion Gauge Gas Sensitivity Correction Factors for selected gases

(Applies to Pressure range from 1 X 10⁻⁹ Torr to overpressure shut down values)

Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor
He	0.18
Ne	0.30
D ₂	0.35
H ₂	0.46
N ₂	1.00
Air	1.00
O ₂	1.01
CO	1.05

Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor
H ₂ O	1.12
NO	1.16
Ar	1.29
CO ₂	1.42
Kr	1.94
SF ₆	2.50
Xe	2.87
Hg	3.64

Example:

The gas in use is Argon. Voltage output (*IG ONLY* Analog Mode) is 4 volts.

P (Nitrogen) = $10^{(\text{volts} - 10)}$ $P = 10^{(4 - 10)}$ $P = 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$ based on Nitrogen

P (Argon) = $1.0 \times 10^{-6} / 1.29 = 7.75 \times 10^{-7}$ Torr true pressure of Argon

The same correction factor must be applied to all pressures over the range from 1 X 10⁻⁹ Torr to overpressure shut down values.

Note: When using Pascals, use the Pascal equation above and then apply correction factors.

10.2 Analog output in Combination mode IG + CG1 for Selective Gases other than Nitrogen/Air

10.2.1 IG + CG1 Analog Output Correction Factors in combination mode (High vacuum)

(Applies to Pressure range from 1 X 10⁻⁹ Torr to overpressure shut down values)

ANALOG MODE in SETUP IG menu is set to IG + CG1. (Use 9-pin Analog D-Sub)

Analog output: Log-linear 0.5 to 7 vdc, 0.5 V/decade

The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas for N₂/Air:

For Units of Measurement in Torr and mbar:	For Units of Measurement in Pascals:
$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 5.5)/(0.5)} \quad V = ((0.5 \times \log_{10}(P)) + 5.5)$ <p>where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.</p>	$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 4.5)/(0.5)} \quad V = ((0.5 \times \log_{10}(P)) + 4.5)$ <p>where P is the pressure in Pascals, and V is the output signal in Volts.</p>

When IG + CG1 is used for full range measurement, this setting provides a full range analog output proportional to pressure from 1 x 10⁻⁹ to atmosphere as described below. This page describes how to apply correction factors to the analog output for gases other than Nitrogen/Air based on the measurement portion from the Ion gauge.

If you intend to use gases other than Nitrogen, you must manually apply gas sensitivity correction factors to the Ion Gauge pressure measurements. The following are the steps necessary to convert the Ion Gauge analog output using the sensitivity correction factors for gases other than Nitrogen:

- 1) The Analog output from the Ion Gauge (IG + CG1) will be based on Nitrogen and the above equations (see section 8.2 for more details).
- 2) Convert the voltage in your receiving instrument to a pressure value according to the above equations. This pressure value is based on Nitrogen.
- 3) Apply the sensitivity correction factor for the particular gas you are using to the pressure value obtained in step 2. (Use correction factors and example listed below.).

Ion Gauge Gas Sensitivity Correction Factors for selected gases

(Applies to Pressure range from 1 X 10⁻⁹ Torr to overpressure shut down values)

Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor	Gas	Sensitivity Correction Factor
He	0.18	H ₂ O	1.12
Ne	0.30	NO	1.16
D ₂	0.35	Ar	1.29
H ₂	0.46	CO ₂	1.42
N ₂	1.00	Kr	1.94
Air	1.00	SF ₆	2.50
O ₂	1.01	Xe	2.87
CO	1.05	Hg	3.64

Example:

The gas in use is Argon. Voltage output (IG + CG1 Analog Mode) is 3 volts.

$P(\text{Nitrogen}) = 10^{(\text{volts} - 5.5)/(0.5)}$ $P = 10^{(3 - 5.5)/(0.5)}$ $P = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ based on Nitrogen

$P(\text{Argon}) = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} / 1.29 = 7.75 \times 10^{-6}$ Torr true pressure of Argon

Note: When using Pascals, use the Pascal equation above and then apply correction factors.

See the following page for determining true pressure for other gases over the range of pressure values from overpressure shut down values *to atmosphere*.

10.2.2 IG + CG1 Analog Output Correction Factors in combination mode (Rough vacuum)

(Applies to Pressure ranges from overpressure shut down values to atmosphere)

ANALOG MODE in *SETUP IG* menu is set to *IG + CG1*The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas for N₂/Air:

For Units of Measurement in Torr and mbar:	For Units of Measurement in Pascals:
$P = 10^{(V - 10)}$ $V = \log_{10}(P) + 10$	$P = 10^{(V - 8)}$ $V = \log_{10}(P) + 8$
where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.	where P is the pressure in Pascals, and V is the output signal in Volts.

Table 12 – Log-Linear Analog out put vs Pressure for selected gases

(Applies to Pressure ranges from overpressure shut down values to atmosphere for Torr & mbAR units)

True Pressure	N ₂	Ar	He	O ₂	CO ₂	KR	Freon12	Freon22	D ₂	Ne	CH ₄
1.00E-4 Torr	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500	3.500
2.00E-4 Torr	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651	3.651
5.00E-4 Torr	3.849	3.849	3.849	3.849	3.849	3.739	3.849	3.849	3.849	3.849	3.849
1.00E-3 Torr	4.000	3.923	3.952	4.000	4.021	3.801	4.088	4.088	4.057	3.923	4.115
2.00E-3 Torr	4.151	4.073	4.102	4.151	4.181	4.000	4.246	4.246	4.190	4.088	4.259
5.00E-3 Torr	4.349	4.259	4.301	4.349	4.322	4.181	4.440	4.423	4.389	4.272	4.443
1.00E-2 Torr	4.500	4.410	4.454	4.493	4.521	4.341	4.584	4.565	4.541	4.426	4.592
2.00E-2 Torr	4.651	4.559	4.603	4.648	4.673	4.489	4.738	4.717	4.693	4.575	4.741
5.00E-2 Torr	4.849	4.755	4.804	4.846	4.870	4.686	4.930	4.919	4.889	4.771	4.944
1.00E-1 Torr	5.000	4.904	4.957	4.994	5.015	4.835	5.078	5.067	5.041	4.923	5.101
2.00E-1 Torr	5.151	5.050	5.109	5.144	5.161	4.980	5.220	5.209	5.199	5.075	5.249
5.00E-1 Torr	5.349	5.247	5.319	5.343	5.345	5.168	5.393	5.387	5.418	5.278	5.446
1.00E+0 Torr	5.500	5.389	5.487	5.493	5.489	5.301	5.511	5.509	5.595	5.436	5.602
2.00E+0 Torr	5.651	5.528	5.673	5.644	5.616	5.423	5.605	5.610	5.808	5.601	5.761
5.00E+0 Torr	5.849	5.695	6.065	5.849	5.762	5.554	5.695	5.709	6.695	5.860	5.938
1.00E+1 Torr	6.000	5.801		6.006	5.848	5.625	5.736	5.765		6.166	6.223
2.00E+1 Torr	6.151	5.882		6.174	5.909	5.680	5.761	5.785		6.883	6.775
5.00E+1 Torr	6.349	5.947		6.445	5.957	5.705	5.789	5.809			6.963
1.00E+2 Torr	6.500	5.973		6.660	5.983	5.719	5.835	5.846			
2.00E+2 Torr	6.651	5.995		6.735	6.045	5.761	5.889	5.904			
3.00E+2 Torr	6.739	6.027		6.790	6.114	5.778	5.919	5.938			
4.00E+2 Torr	6.801	6.065		6.843	6.175	5.798	5.941	5.963			
5.00E+2 Torr	6.849	6.103		6.891	6.229	5.812	5.959	5.982			
6.00E+2 Torr	6.889	6.137		6.932	6.281	5.824	5.974	5.999			
7.00E+2 Torr	6.923	6.169		6.967	6.332	5.834	5.987	6.015			
7.60E+2 Torr	6.940	6.187		6.987	6.366	5.838	5.995	6.023			
8.00E+2 Torr	6.952	6.200		6.999	6.387	5.842	5.999	6.028			
9.00E+2 Torr	6.977	6.227			6.450	5.849	6.011	6.040			
1.00E+3 Torr	7.000	6.256			6.523	5.853	6.023	6.052			

When using Log-linear analog output for gases other than Nitrogen/Air you must use the above look-up table to determine true pressures of selected gases (IG Analog Mode is set to IG + CG1).

What this implies is that failure to do so and without proper precautions,

use of different gases can result in injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment.

Suggested precautions when using gases other than N₂:

Install a pressure relief valve, or burst disk, on your chamber, to protect it from overpressure.

Post a warning label on your gauge readout as well as your control system "Do Not Exceed ____ Torr Indicated Pressure" (fill in the blank for your gas) so that an operator using the gauge will not exceed a safe pressure.

Note: If you are using Pascals, go to table 10 of this manual labeled "Displayed Pressure Readings vs Pressure, for Selected Gases – CG1 and CG2". Next multiply all data by 133 to create your Pascal look up table. Then use the equation above to determine pressure. Next use your Pascal look up table to find true pressure.

10.3 Analog output conversions for CG1 & CG2 for Selective Gases other than Nitrogen/Air

10.3.1 When *Analog Type* in the *SETUP CG1* or *SETUP CG2* submenu of *SETUP CGS* menu is set to *LOG-LINEAR*. The log-linear output signal and pressure are related by the following formulas for N₂/Air:

For Units of Measurement in Torr and mbar:	For Units of Measurement in Pascals:
$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 5)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 5$ where P is the pressure in Torr or mbar, and V is the output signal in Volts.	$P = 10^{(\text{volts} - 3)} \quad V = \log_{10}(P) + 3$ where P is the pressure in Pascals, and V is the output signal in Volts.

Table 13 - Log-Linear analog output voltage vs Pressure for selected gases other than Nitrogen/Air
(Torr Measurements from CG1 and/or CG2 as independent gauges)

True Pressure	N2	Ar	He	O2	CO2	KR	Freon12	Freon22	D2	Ne	CH4
1.00E-4 Torr	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2.00E-4 Torr	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301	1.301
5.00E-4 Torr	1.699	1.699	1.699	1.699	1.699	1.699	1.477	1.699	1.699	1.699	1.699
1.00E-3 Torr	2.000	1.845	1.903	2.000	2.041	1.602	2.176	2.176	2.114	1.845	2.230
2.00E-3 Torr	2.301	2.146	2.204	2.301	2.362	2.000	2.491	2.491	2.380	2.176	2.519
5.00E-3 Torr	2.699	2.519	2.602	2.699	2.643	2.362	2.881	2.845	2.778	2.544	2.886
1.00E-2 Torr	3.000	2.820	2.908	2.987	3.041	2.681	3.167	3.130	3.083	2.851	3.185
2.00E-2 Torr	3.301	3.117	3.207	3.297	3.346	2.978	3.476	3.435	3.386	3.149	3.483
5.00E-2 Torr	3.699	3.511	3.607	3.692	3.740	3.371	3.860	3.839	3.778	3.542	3.888
1.00E-1 Torr	4.000	3.808	3.914	3.988	4.029	3.670	4.155	4.134	4.083	3.845	4.201
2.00E-1 Torr	4.301	4.100	4.217	4.288	4.322	3.960	4.439	4.418	4.398	4.149	4.498
5.00E-1 Torr	4.699	4.494	4.638	4.687	4.689	4.336	4.786	4.774	4.837	4.555	4.893
1.00E+0 Torr	5.000	4.778	4.973	4.987	4.978	4.602	5.021	5.017	5.190	4.872	5.204
2.00E+0 Torr	5.301	5.057	5.346	5.288	5.233	4.845	5.210	5.220	5.616	5.201	5.522
5.00E+0 Torr	5.699	5.389	6.130	5.697	5.524	5.107	5.389	5.418	7.391	5.719	5.877
1.00E+1 Torr	6.000	5.602		6.013	5.696	5.250	5.471	5.530		6.332	6.446
2.00E+1 Torr	6.301	5.763		6.348	5.819	5.360	5.521	5.571		7.766	7.550
5.00E+1 Torr	6.699	5.895		6.890	5.915	5.410	5.579	5.617			7.925
1.00E+2 Torr	7.000	5.946		7.320	5.966	5.438	5.670	5.691			
2.00E+2 Torr	7.301	5.991		7.470	6.090	5.521	5.777	5.808			
3.00E+2 Torr	7.477	6.053		7.580	6.228	5.555	5.838	5.876			
4.00E+2 Torr	7.602	6.130		7.686	6.350	5.595	5.883	5.925			
5.00E+2 Torr	7.699	6.207		7.781	6.458	5.624	5.918	5.964			
6.00E+2 Torr	7.778	6.274		7.863	6.561	5.647	5.947	5.998			
7.00E+2 Torr	7.845	6.338		7.934	6.664	5.667	5.974	6.029			
7.60E+2 Torr	7.881	6.375		7.974	6.732	5.677	5.989	6.045			
8.00E+2 Torr	7.903	6.400		7.999	6.774	5.685	5.998	6.057			
9.00E+2 Torr	7.954	6.455			6.900	5.698	6.021	6.079			
1.00E+3 Torr	8.000	6.512			7.045	5.706	6.045	6.104			

When using Log-linear analog output for gases other than Nitrogen/Air you must use the above look-up table to determine true pressures of selected gases (CG1 and/or CG2 Analog Mode is set to Log-Linear).

What this implies is that failure to do so and without proper precautions,

use of different gases can result in injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment.

Suggested precautions when using gases other than N₂:

Install a pressure relief valve, or burst disk, on your chamber, to protect it from overpressure.

Post a warning label on your gauge readout as well as your control system "Do Not Exceed ____ Torr Indicated Pressure" (fill in the blank for your gas) so that an operator using the gauge will not exceed a safe pressure.

Note: If you are using Pascals, go to table 10 of this manual labeled "Displayed Pressure Readings vs Pressure, for Selected Gases – CG1 and CG2". Next multiply all data by 133 to create your Pascal look up table. Then use the equation above to determine pressure. Next use your Pascal look up table to find true pressure.

10.3.2 Non-Linear Analog Output conversions for Convection Gauges for selective Gases other than Nitrogen/Air

When *Analog Type* in the *SETUP CG1* or *SETUP CG2* submenu of *SETUP CGS* menu is set to *NON-LINEAR*.

Convection Gauge Analog output: Non-Linear S-Curve

By design, these values are identical to the outputs from Brooks Automation/Granville-Phillips Convectron® gauges, Mini-Convectron® modules, and Controllers, so that equivalent units can be interchanged without affecting your process system or software. (See section 8.4 for more details).

Table 14 – Non-Linear analog output voltage vs Pressure for selected gases other than Nitrogen/Air
(Torr Measurements from CG1 or CG2 as independent gauges)

True Pressure	N2	Ar	He	O2	CO2	KR	Freon12	Freon22	D2	Ne	CH4
0 Torr	0.3751	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375
1.00E-4 Torr	0.3759	0.3757	0.3755	0.376	0.376	0.3755	0.376	0.376	0.376	0.3757	0.3766
2.00E-4 Torr	0.3768	0.376	0.3765	0.377	0.377	0.3768	0.378	0.378	0.377	0.3763	0.378
5.00E-4 Torr	0.3795	0.378	0.379	0.38	0.381	0.3772	0.382	0.381	0.381	0.3782	0.3825
1.00E-3 Torr	0.384	0.381	0.382	0.384	0.385	0.379	0.388	0.388	0.386	0.381	0.3896
2.00E-3 Torr	0.3927	0.387	0.389	0.392	0.395	0.384	0.401	0.4	0.396	0.388	0.403
5.00E-3 Torr	0.4174	0.403	0.409	0.417	0.412	0.395	0.437	0.432	0.425	0.405	0.438
1.00E-2 Torr	0.4555	0.429	0.441	0.453	0.462	0.415	0.488	0.48	0.47	0.433	0.492
2.00E-2 Torr	0.5226	0.477	0.497	0.521	0.536	0.451	0.581	0.566	0.549	0.484	0.584
5.00E-2 Torr	0.6819	0.595	0.637	0.679	0.705	0.544	0.778	0.764	0.727	0.608	0.796
1.00E-1 Torr	0.878	0.745	0.814	0.868	0.9	0.668	1.009	0.99	0.944	0.768	1.053
2.00E-1 Torr	1.1552	0.962	1.068	1.141	1.179	0.847	1.315	1.291	1.265	1.002	1.392
5.00E-1 Torr	1.6833	1.386	1.589	1.664	1.668	1.194	1.826	1.805	1.914	1.469	2.014
1.00E+0 Torr	2.2168	1.818	2.164	2.195	2.172	1.536	2.257	2.247	2.603	1.976	2.632
2.00E+0 Torr	2.8418	2.333	2.939	2.814	2.695	1.921	2.647	2.666	3.508	2.631	3.313
5.00E+0 Torr	3.6753	3.028	4.387	3.672	3.316	2.429	3.029	3.09	5.059	3.715	
1.00E+1 Torr	4.2056	3.48	5.774	4.225	3.67	2.734	3.204	3.33	6.361	4.605	4.699
2.00E+1 Torr	4.5766	3.801	7.314	4.62	3.903	2.966	3.308	3.414		5.406	5.172
5.00E+1 Torr	4.8464	4.037		4.916	4.071	3.075	3.43	3.509		6.159	5.583
1.00E+2 Torr	4.9449	4.122		5.026	4.154	3.134	3.618	3.66		6.483	5.72
2.00E+2 Torr	5.019	4.192		5.106	4.336	3.269	3.827	3.883		6.661	5.86
3.00E+2 Torr	5.1111	4.283		5.2	4.502	3.384	3.938	4.005		6.726	
4.00E+2 Torr	5.2236	4.386		5.315	4.621	3.466	4.016	4.088		6.767	6.103
5.00E+2 Torr	5.3294	4.477		5.422	4.708	3.526	4.076	4.151		6.803	
6.00E+2 Torr	5.4194	4.55		5.515	4.775	3.573	4.124	4.203		6.843	6.342
7.00E+2 Torr	5.4949	4.611		5.592	4.83	3.613	4.166	4.247		6.89	
7.60E+2 Torr	5.534	4.643		5.633	4.86	3.632	4.19	4.271		6.92	
8.00E+2 Torr	5.5581	4.663		5.658	4.877	3.645	4.203	4.286		6.942	6.519
9.00E+2 Torr	5.6141	4.706		5.713	4.919	3.674	4.237	4.321		7	
1.00E+3 Torr	5.6593	4.745		5.762	4.955	3.69	4.27	4.354		7.056	6.642

When using Non-linear analog output for gases other than Nitrogen/Air you must use the above look-up table to determine true pressures of selected gases (CG1 and/or CG2 Analog Mode is set to non-Linear).

use of different gases can result in injury to personnel and/or damage to equipment.

Suggested precautions when using gases other than N₂:

Install a pressure relief valve, or burst disk, on your chamber, to protect it from overpressure.

Post a warning label on your gauge readout as well as your control system "Do Not Exceed ____ Torr Indicated Pressure" (fill in the blank for your gas) so that an operator using the gauge will not exceed a safe pressure.

Service & Maintenance**Calibration:**

Every InstruTech module is calibrated prior to shipment using Nitrogen.

Troubleshooting - Operation

<i>Indication</i>	<i>Possible Cause</i>	<i>Possible Solution</i>
Display is off / blank	No power The connector may not be wired correctly	check cable connections and verify that power is being supplied. check cable connections and verify that power is being supplied.
Readings appear very different from expected pressure	Sensor not in the proper location to measure system pressure The process gas is different from the gas (Nitrogen) used to calibrate the IGM. Sensor has been dropped causing mechanical damage The gauge sensor tube is contaminated Leak in the vacuum system	ensure the sensor is located in appropriate location apply gas sensitivity correction factor if applicable. See Table 3 or select the appropriate gas from the IGM display menu replace the Ion gauge sensor tube degas the sensor or replace the sensor Re-check for leak in the system Re-check that all metal seals are used when operating below 1.0E-07 TORR
Ion gauge can not be turned on	Pressure exceeds 1.00E-03 TORR at 4 ma emission Pressure exceeds 5.0E-02 TORR at 0.10 ma (100uA) emission Emission Control not functioning	decrease pressure below required value decrease pressure below required value switch to the other filament replace Ion gauge sensor tube due to possible filament failure or contamination
Research Screen shows filament Voltage is present but filament current stays at 0	Filament is open	switch to the other filament or replace sensor
Research Screen shows filament voltage and filament current are present but gauge is shutting off	Filament is contaminated or burned out	switch to the other filament or replace sensor
Unable to initiate Degas	System pressure above 5.0×10^{-5}	decrease pressure below the required value
Voltage to filament too high	Filament contaminated or near end of its life	switch to the other filament or replace sensor
Setpoint does not actuate	Incorrect setup	check setpoint setup

Troubleshooting – Error Messages

<i>Indication</i>	<i>Possible Cause</i>	<i>Possible Solution</i>
OVERPRESSURE	The calculated pressure is greater than maximum setting for emission current. System pressure too high.	Change to 100uA emission current which will operate at higher pressures or reduce pressure
ION CUR FAIL	The Ion current (IC) is below the minimum parameter. Sensor contamination, possible coating on collector inhibiting ion collection Electrometer failure	Determine source of contamination. Replace the Ion gauge sensor tube. Contact InstruTech
EMIS FAIL	The desired emission current (IE) could not be established. Gauge contamination, possible coating on filament or grid surfaces. End of filament life System pressure too high	Switch to 4mA emission current and attempt repeated filament starts to clean filament . Switch to second filament Replace the Ion gauge sensor tube. Reduce pressure.
LV Failure	The Filament voltage could not be established. Electronics Failure	Contact InstruTech
LV OVR PWR	The power applied to the filament is at maximum without establishing an emission current	Turn Vent Detect OFF
F1 OPEN	Filament 1 is open	Switch to second filament
F2 OPEN	Filament 2 is open	Switch to second filament or replace the Ion gauge sensor tube

Note:

Once the cause of the IG error has been determined and resolved the IG error must be cleared before the filaments can be turned on again. The method by which the error is cleared is dependent on the IG CNTL submenu of the SETUP UNIT menu selected.

1) If IG control menu (IG CNTL) is set to DIGI (digital Input), then remove ground from PIN 1 of the analog connector. Next apply ground to Pin 1 of the analog connector to turn the filament on.

2) If IG control menu (IG CNTL) is set to RS485, then send an off command to clear the error. Next send an on command to turn the filament on.

3) If IG control menu (IG CNTL) is set to FRONT PANEL, first access the CLR IG ERROR submenu of SETUP UNIT menu. Press Enter to clear the error and exit. Next turn on the filament in the FP OPERATE submenu of the SETUP UNIT menu.

4) If IG control menu (IG CNTL) is set to CG1 CONT IG, first disconnect pin 1 of the analog connector from pin 2 of the analog connector. Next reconnect pin 1 and pin 2 to resume operation of the gauge (Toggle the switch if you have fabricated a switch for this operation).

Ionization Gauge Sensor Replacement

The IGM module is factory calibrated for the specific Ion Gauge sensor tube installed in it. If the gauge sensor fails for any reason, it can be replaced with a new one. The sensitivity of the new sensor must be re-programmed in the IGM electronics. Follow all instructions below in order to replace the sensor tube in the field. If you prefer, you can contact the factory for return authorization, and the replacement of the sensor can be done at the factory.

Sensor/Filament Functionality:

The IGM electronics detect whether or not the filaments are functional. Should either of the filaments fail, the IGM display will show the following:

F1 OPEN (indicating filament 1 has failed.)

F2 OPEN (indicating filament 2 has failed.)

Sensor Replacement:

To replace the sensor use the following procedure:

1. Turn off power to the unit.
2. Disconnect the cable from the unit.
3. Remove the IGM-402 from the vacuum system.
4. Use 3/32 size Allen Wrench to remove the #4-40 socket head cap screws as shown below.
5. Detach the metal enclosure and the electronics from the sensor.
6. Replace sensor.
7. Reprogram new sensor's sensitivity.

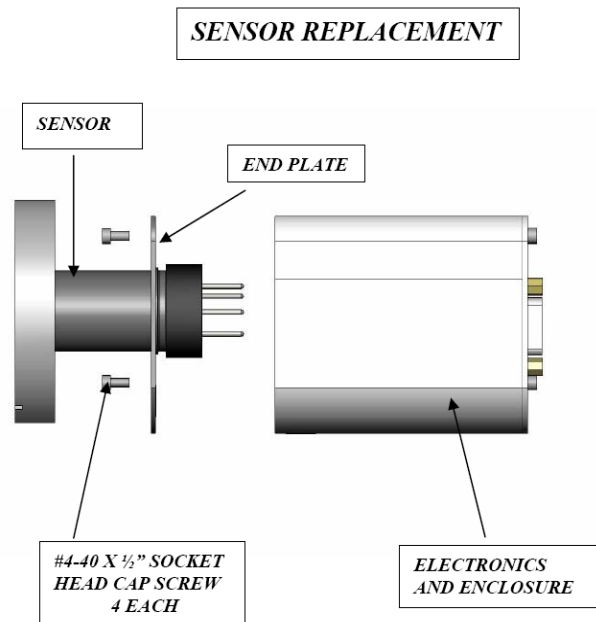


Figure 14 – IGM-402 Sensor Replacement

Appendix A:**Filament Material Selection / Venting the Chamber**

Filament Material Selection / Venting the Chamber – Yttria coated iridium vs. Tungsten

The choice of which filament to use in the Hornet IGM is primarily dependant upon the process and process gases the ion gauge will be used with. InstruTech offers two different kinds of filament materials.

1) Yttria coated iridium filaments

In most general vacuum applications, a yttria coated iridium filament is the best choice.

Yttria filaments typically operate at a lower temperature than Tungsten filaments and thus have a lower outgassing rate at UHV and lower chemical reactivity with active gases.

Yttria filaments typically have a longer operating life than Tungsten filaments in clean applications.

A yttria filament can survive occasional accidental starts at atmosphere in air but the overall life of the filament may be shortened during each occurrence. Good vacuum practice is to use a separate pressure gauge such as InstruTech's Worker Bee, Stinger or Super Bee Convection gauge to tell when to turn on the ion gauge. The relay outputs on the individual convection gauge controller can be used to turn on the ion gauge emission.

2) Tungsten filaments

Typically a Tungsten filament is a better choice while operating in fluorine or chlorine environments where the yttria coating is quickly damaged. Processes such as ion implantation use only Tungsten filaments. Be aware that corrosive applications are hard on any filament and filament life will be shortened while operating in such environments. Tungsten filaments are easily damaged by exposure to air/oxygen during accidental system vents. It is very important to make sure the Tungsten filament is turned off before bringing the chamber up to atmosphere, especially if air is being used to vent the chamber. The use of pure N₂ is highly recommended to vent the chamber. Testing has shown that Tungsten filaments can withstand limited high pressure excursions when only N₂ is present.

Venting with air or other oxygen containing gases can damage the Tungsten filaments. If you try to turn on an ion gauge containing a Tungsten filament while it is sitting on your desk in room air, you will immediately damage the filament beyond repair.

Warning: Never use another gauge to automatically turn off the ion gauge when the ion gauge filament in use is constructed of Tungsten. The response time of other gauges will not allow for timely turn off of the Tungsten filament leading to filament damage. Always turn off the IG filament manually before pressure is to rise above 1.00E-03 Torr.

Note: Both types of filaments will suffer eventual damage if operated at high pressures. The type and amount of damage at high pressure is dependant upon the length of operating time, the pressure and the gas present

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