



# Infrared Carbon Dioxide Module (Model: MH-Z14B)

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# MH-Z14B NDIR CO2 Module

## 1. Profile

MH-Z14 NDIR Infrared gas module is a common type, small size sensor, using non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) principle to detect the existence of CO<sub>2</sub> in the air, with good selectivity, non-oxygen dependent and long life. Built-in temperature sensor can do temperature compensation; and it has digital output and analog voltage output. This infrared gas sensor is developed by the tight integration of mature infrared absorbing gas detection technology, Precision optical circuit design and superior circuit design.



## 2. Applications:

- HVAC equipment
- air quality monitoring equipment
- Ventilation system
- air purification equipment
- Smart home

## 3. Main functions and features:

- Gold plating technology for cavity, waterproof and anti-corrosion
- High sensitivity, low power consumption
- Good stability, long lifespan
- Temperature compensation, excellent linear output
- Output modes: UART, PWM
- Anti-water vapor interference, no poisoning

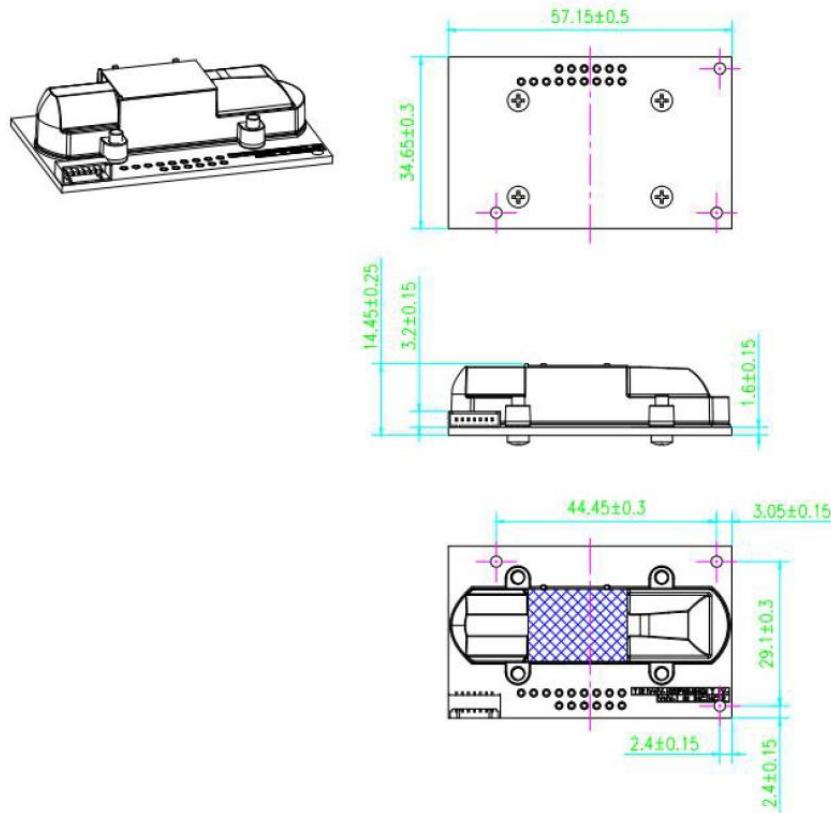
## 4. Main technical parameters

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Model No.           | MH-Z14B                                   |
| Detection Gas       | CO <sub>2</sub>                           |
| Working voltage     | DC (5.0±0.1) V                            |
| Average current     | < 60 mA (@5V power supply)                |
| Peak current        | 150 mA (@5V power supply)                 |
| Interface level     | 3.3 V (Compatible with 5V)                |
| Measuring range     | 0~10000ppm (max 50000ppm can be extended) |
| Output signal       | UART (TTL 3.3V)                           |
|                     | PWM                                       |
| Preheat time        | 10S                                       |
| Response Time       | T <sub>90</sub> < 90s                     |
| Working temperature | -10°C ~ 50°C                              |
| Working humidity    | 0~95% RH                                  |
| Storage temperature | -20°C ~ 60°C                              |
| Weight              | <15 g                                     |
| Lifespan            | >10 years                                 |

### Detection range and accuracy

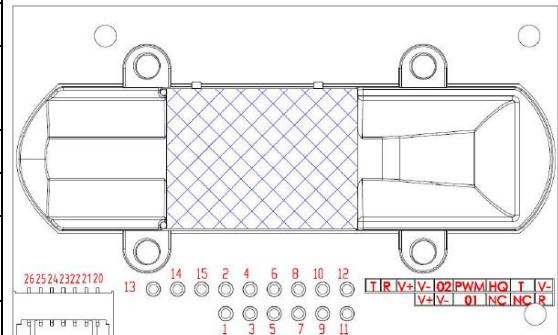
| Target Gas                           | Measuring Range | Solution | Accuracy                         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Carbon Dioxide<br>(CO <sub>2</sub> ) | 0~2000ppm       | 1ppm     | ±(50ppm<br>+5% reading<br>value) |
|                                      | 0~5000ppm       |          |                                  |
|                                      | 0~10000ppm      |          |                                  |

## 5. Sensor Structure



## 6. Definition for pins

| PIN No.                   | Description   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Pin1/Pin15/Pin23          | Power positive(Vin)   |
| Pin2/Pin3/<br>Pin12/Pin22 | Power negative(GND)   |
| Pin4/Pin5/ Pin21          | NC  |
| Pin6/Pin26                | PWM   |
| Pin8/Pin20                | HD (Zero calibration, keep low electrical level for more than 7 seconds)) |
| Pin7/Pin9                 | NC  |
| Pin11/Pin14/Pin24         | UART (RXD) data input   |
| Pin10/Pin13/Pin25         | UART (TXD) data output  |



## 7. Output

### PWM output (taking 2000ppm PWM output as example):

CO2 output range: 0ppm-2000ppm

Cycle: 1004ms  $\pm 5\%$

High power output for beginning: 2ms (Theoretical value)

Middle of cycle: 1000ms  $\pm 5\%$

Low power output for ending: 2ms (Theoretical value)

Account formula for CO2 concentration which gets through PWM:

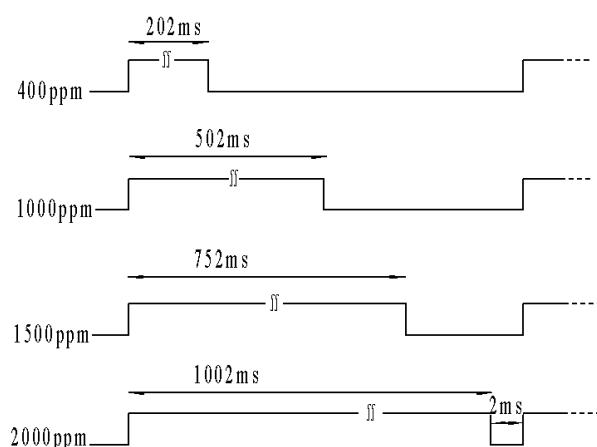
$$C_{ppm} = 2000 \times (T_H - 2ms) / (T_H + T_L - 4ms)$$

Among:

$C_{ppm}$  is calculated CO2 concentration, unit is ppm;

$T_H$  is time for high level during an output cycle;

$T_L$  is time for low level during an output cycle.



## UART output

### Hardware connection:

Vin-5V power

GND- GND

RXD connect sensor TXD

TXD connect sensor RXD

(The user terminal must use TTL level, if it is RS232 level, it must be converted)

You can read gas concentration via UART, no need to calculate.

### Software connection:

#### General Settings

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Baud rate | 9600 |
| Date bits | 8    |
| Stop bits | 1    |
| Parity    | none |

**Command**

Each command or return:

Contains 9 bytes (byte 0 ~ 8)

Starting byte fixed 0 XFF

Command contains sensor number (factory default to 0 x01) to check and end

**Command List:**

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 0x86 | Read Gas concentration      |
| 0x87 | Calibrate zero point (ZERO) |

**Read gas concentration**

| Send command  |            |         |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|---------------|------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Byte0         | Byte1      | Byte2   | Byte3 | Byte4 | Byte5 | Byte6 | Byte7 | Byte8       |
| Starting byte | Sensor No. | command | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | Check value |
| 0xFF          | 0x01       | 0x86    | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x79        |

**Return value**

| Return        |         |                          |                         |       |       |       |       |             |
|---------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Byte0         | Byte1   | Byte2                    | Byte3                   | Byte4 | Byte5 | Byte6 | Byte7 | Byte8       |
| Starting byte | command | High level concentration | Low level concentration | -     | -     | -     | -     | Check value |
| 0xFF          | 0x86    | 0x02                     | 0x60                    | 0x47  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0xD1        |

Gas concentration= high level \*256+low level

Example: Convert hexadecimal to decimal: 01 is 01, F4 is 244;

CO2 level:01\*256+244=500ppm

**Checksum calculation method**

Checksum = (Invert (Byte1+Byte2+Byte3+Byte4+Byte5+Byte6+Byte7))+1

For example:

| Byte0         | Byte1 | Byte2   | Byte3 | Byte4 | Byte5 | Byte6 | Byte7 | Byte8       |
|---------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Starting byte | No.   | Command | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | Check value |
| 0xFF          | 0x01  | 0x86    | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | Checksum    |

The calculation is as follows:

1. Add from Byte1 to Byte7: 0x01 + 0x86 + 0x00 + 0x00 + 0x00 + 0x00 = 0x87

2. Invert: 0xFF-0x87 = 0x78 Add 1 after the inversion: 0x78 + 0x01 = 0x79

**Program: C language**

```

char get CheckSum (char *packet)
{
    char i, checksum;
    for ( i = 1; i < 8; i++)
    {
        checksum += packet[i];
    }
    checksum = 0xff - checksum;
    checksum += 1;
    return checksum;
}

```

### Zero Point Calibration:

In order to facilitate the user to calibrate the zero point, the sensor has two zero calibration methods: manual zero calibration and command zero calibration. The zero point calibration function refers to calibrating 400ppm.

#### ① Manual zero point calibration

Manual zero point calibration is to input low level (0V) to the HD pin of the sensor to calibrate zero point. The low level needs to last more than 7 seconds. Before calibrating the zero point, make sure that the sensor runs stably for more than 20 minutes at a concentration of 400ppm.

#### ② Command calibration

Send a calibration command to the sensor through the serial port (URAT) to achieve the sensor zero point calibration. The zero point calibration command is as follows:

| Send command  |          |         |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|---------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Byte0         | Byte1    | Byte2   | Byte3 | Byte4 | Byte5 | Byte6 | Byte7 | Byte8       |
| Starting byte | reserved | command | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | Check value |
| 0XFF          | 0x01     | 0x87    | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x00  | 0x78        |

No return values

Note: The zero point refers to 400ppm. Before sending the zero point calibration command, please ensure that the sensor runs stably for more than 20 minutes at a concentration of 400ppm.

#### ③ Self-calibration function:

The self-calibration function means that after the sensor runs continuously for a period, it can intelligently determine the zero point according to the environmental concentration and calibrate itself. The calibration cycle is automatic calibration every 24 hours since power-on operation. The zero point of automatic calibration is 400ppm. The self-calibration function is suitable for office environment and home environment. However, it is not suitable for agricultural greenhouses, breeding farms, cold storage and other places. In such places, self-calibration function should be turned off. After the shutdown, users are required to periodically perform zero-point detection on the sensors, and if necessary, perform zero calibration or manual zero calibration.

### 9、Notes for maintenance

- The gold-plated plastic cavity of the sensor should not be subjected to pressure in any direction during the welding, installation, and use of the sensor.
- If the sensor needs to be placed in a small space, this space should be well ventilated, especially the two

diffusion windows should be in a well-ventilated position.

- The sensor should be far away from heat sources and avoid direct sunlight or other heat radiation.
- The sensor should be calibrated regularly, and the calibration period is recommended to be no more than 6 months.
- Do not use the sensor for a long time in an environment with high dust density.
- In order to ensure that the sensor can work normally, the power supply voltage must be maintained in the range of  $(5.0 \pm 0.1)$ V DC, and the power supply current must not be less than 150mA. If it is not within this range, the sensor may malfunction, the sensor output concentration is low or the sensor cannot be normal jobs.
- When you manually calibrate the zero point or send a command to calibrate the zero point, you must work continuously for more than 20 minutes in a stable gas environment (400ppm).
- Wave soldering is prohibited for the sensor.
- When soldering with a soldering iron, the temperature setting must be  $(350 \pm 5)$ °C, and the soldering time must be less than 3S.
- When you use the sensors, we suggest to solder sockets into PCB for convenient inserting and plugging the sensors.