

CO₂-Pro™ Atmosphere

CO₂-PRO™ ATMOSPHERE PCO₂ SENSOR

The CO₂-Pro™ Atmosphere instrument measures the partial pressure of CO₂ gas in both surface water and air. An internal zeroing feature provides drift correction for stable and accurate long-term measurements.

Designed for use on buoys, the rugged unit is comprised of a CO₂-Pro™ that mounts under the buoy for water measurement connected to a NEMA box that is used to take in air from above the buoy. Alternating measurements of pCO₂ in air and water provide accurate data for reliable surface flux calculations. The instrument is well-suited for integration into shipboard flow-through systems.

Sensors are calibrated using WMO traceable standards. Measurement of gas pressure and humidity along with stabilized detector temperature provides accuracy unparalleled by small submersible pCO₂ sensors.

The CO₂-Pro™ Atmosphere was chosen as the air-sea pCO₂ instrumentation for the Coastal and Global Scale Nodes component of the US OOI, Ocean Observatories Initiative.



Right:

The CO₂-Pro™ Atmosphere mounted to a surface buoy tower constructed by RDSEA International. Signal integration was completed by Down East Instrumentation. Photo courtesy of Rick Cole, RDSEA.



FEATURES

- Measurement of pCO₂ in both air and surface water simultaneously
- Patented tubular interface provides unmatched biofouling resistance
- High accuracy, long-term stability
- Easy integration into buoy and shipboard systems
- Real-time data output; no post-processing
- Internal data logger and controller with 2GB flash memory

PCO₂ SENSOR APPLICATIONS

- Surface CO₂ flux studies
- Long-term ocean pCO₂ monitoring
- Open ocean studies
- Coastal zone CO₂ fluxes

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CO₂-Pro™ Atmosphere

SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

Sensor Performance

Accuracy	±0.5%
Resolution	0.01 ppm
Zero drift	automatic zero compensation
Equilibration time (t₆₃)	water: 2.5 min air: 5 sec
Standard ranges (alternate ranges available)	0-600 µatm 0 - 1000 µatm 0 - 2000 µatm *other ranges available

Physical

CO₂-Pro™ Submersible:

Length	33 cm (13 in)
Diameter	19 cm (7.5 in)
Weight	Air: 6.6 kg (14.5 lbs) Water: -0.5 kg (-1.1 lbs)
Housing	Acetal Plastic
Depth	5 m
Water Temperature	0° to 30° C (Standard) -2° to 20° C (Arctic) 15° to 40° C (Tropical)

Air-side NEMA Enclosure:

Size	34.5 x 21.5 x 12.3 cm
5 meters tubing for connection to water-side CO ₂ -Pro™	

Electrical

Input voltage	10-18 VDC
Power consumption	4 W (10 W during warmup, includes SBE 3K pump)
Data output	RS-232, ASCII format 0-5 V or 4-20mA
Sample rate	1 second (user selectable with datalogger/controller)

Optional Accessories

Seabird water pump

Reduces biofouling and improves response rate

External battery pack

76, 134, or 247 Amp-hour capacity

Buoy mounting brackets



CO₂-Pro™ Atmosphere
NEMA box.