

ProTrode pCO₂ sensor

Inline dissolved carbon dioxide (pCO₂) sensor

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reliable and accurate CO₂ measurement under demanding process conditions
- Designed for hygienic environments;
 compatible with CIP, SIP, and autoclaving
- Corrosion-resistant titanium cap enhances sensor lifetime
- Easy maintenance with replaceable membrane caps



Optimize your bioprocess by monitoring CO₂ in «real-time»

The Metrohm Process Analytics sensor for dissolved carbon dioxide (pCO₂) delivers consistent and accurate results under the demanding conditions of pharmaceutical and biotechnology production. It withstands clean-in-place (CIP), sterilization-in-place (SIP) procedures, and autoclaving, ensuring consistent performance and durability.

The ProTrode pCO_2 sensor operates on the Severinghaus principle. The electrode consists of a glass pH sensor inserted into a membrane cap filled with bicarbonate electrolyte. Carbon dioxide from the measuring solution diffuses through the gas-permeable membrane into the electrolyte solution and changes the pH value.



Figure 1. ProTrode pCO2 sensor.

The membrane cap is made of titanium grade 2 (3.7025) for corrosion resistance. The complete cap can be replaced as soon as the silicone membrane is used-up, which occurs after 6–10 autoclaving cycles and can be recognized by an increasing response time.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Applications	Pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, fermentation	
Measuring technology	Severinghaus principle	
Measuring range	10 – 950 mbar pCO ₂ 0.145 – 13.779 psi pCO ₂	
Accuracy	± (10 % of the reading + 10 mbar)	
Wetted membrane	Silicone	
Wetted metallic materials	Titanium, grade 2 (3.7025) Stainless steel (316S), Ra ≤ 0.4	
O-ring materials	Viton®, silicone	
Temperature sensor	Pt1000	
Operating temperature	0 – 60 °C	
Autoclaving	<20 min @135°C	
CIP / SIP	yes	
Certificates & approvals	Upon request	
Operating pressure	0.2 – 2 bar	
Shaft diameter	12 mm	
Sensor connector	VarioPin, PG13.5	
Output signal	Analog	
Min. immersion depth	10 mm	
Length	120 mm	609339010
	220 mm	609339020
	Other lengths on request	