

HG10

Humidity Calibrator



The Michell HG10 Humidity Calibration System is a highly flexible computer-controlled automatic calibration system for humidity sensors. The HG10 is capable of repeatable generation of temperature and relative humidity set points over the range 1 to 95% RH (-50 to +50°Cdp (-58 to +122°Fdp)) at temperatures of +20 to +50°C (+68 to +122°F) with excellent stability. The supplied chilled mirror reference instrument provides traceability directly to national standards, and makes the system suitable for use in high-level calibration laboratories.

The HG10 comprises three main components, the humidity generator, test chamber and reference hygrometer.

Humidity Generator

The humidity generator used in the HG10 is based on the volumetric mixing of dry and wet gases, giving the fastest response when changing between set points in comparison to other dew-point generation technologies such as two-temperature, two-pressure or the combination of two-temperature and two-pressure. The mixing is automated using high-precision mass flow controllers to accurately control the ratio of wet to dry air, generating the required relative humidity.

A dry gas source is fed to the generator from a pressure swing dryer, and split into two streams. One stream is bubbled through liquid water via a sintered glass nozzle ensuring it is completely saturated with water vapor, while the other stream remains dry. The two gas streams are then mixed at atmospheric pressure to generate the target humidity level. The entire enclosure is insulated and temperature controlled ensuring the saturation, and therefore the output is always consistent.

The generated sample gas is passed directly to the hygrometers under test using a heated sample line. Three clear digital displays on the front panel of the generator indicate the generator temperature, heat traced sample line temperature and relative humidity set point.

Test Chamber

The standard HG10 chamber has internal dimensions of 550 x 550 x 320mm (21.6 x 21.6 x 12.6"), (h x w x d) and can be controlled and operated at temperatures from -10 to +50°C (+14 to +122°F). Alternative test-chambers are available in a range of different sizes and configurations. Please contact a Michell Instruments' representative for further details.

Reference Hygrometer

No calibration has validity unless it provides traceability to a recognized national standard. For this reason, the HG10 includes an S4000 Climatic Precision Chilled Mirror Hygrometer with a remote climatic sensor for precise monitoring of the generated humidity. The S4000 Climatic is calibrated in our UKAS laboratory, providing direct traceability to the UK national standard held by the National Physical Laboratory. Michell Instruments also maintains a traceable path directly to the NIST Humidity Standard in Washington, USA.

Automated Operation

The supplied PC software allows the creation of automatic calibration programs, for evaluating the performance of humidity sensors over a range of operating conditions. The measured values from the chilled mirror reference are used in a closed control loop to enable repeatable set point generation, time and time again.

Highlights

- No other single system generates as wide a range of wet to dry dew points
- High accuracy $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ ($\pm 0.18^\circ\text{F}$) fundamental reference
- User-configurable temperature and humidity profiling allows calibration cycles to be run without constant supervision
- Very fast changes between generated relative humidity points

Technical Specifications

HG10	
General	
Enclosure	19" Rack System, H=2.1m (6.8')
Power supply	100-115 V or 220 to 240 V 50/60Hz
Pressure Swing Dryer	
Gas output	
Flow	7 NI/min (14.8 scfh)
Pressure	0.68 barg (10 psig)
Moisture content	<1ppm _v (<-75°Cdp (<-103°Fdp))
Required gas supply	
Flow	10 NI/min (21.2 scfh)
Pressure	5 to 7 barg (70 to 100 psig)
Moisture content	Oil and liquid water-free
Type	Twin column desiccant, pressure swing
Desiccant	4 Ångström Molecular sieve bead (4-8 mesh)
Timer	Motorized cam
Operating temperature	+5 to +35°C (+41 to +95°F)
Generator	
Generation range	
Humidity	1 to 95% RH (-50 to +50°Cdp (-58 to +122°Fdp))
Temperature	Dependant on temperature chamber
Generated gas output	Air 2 NI/min (4.2 scfh) @ 0.5 barg (7 psig) via heat traced line
Dual stage MFC mixing	Dual mass flow controllers
Power consumption	550 V A maximum
Operating temperature	+5 to +40°C (+41 to -104°F); 10 to 90% RH
Enclosure	19" Rack System, H= 2.1m (6.8")
Control system	Closed loop feedback
Reference Instrument	
Performance	
Measurement technology	Chilled Mirror
Measurement range	-80 to +85°Cdp (-112 to +185°Fdp)
Measurement accuracy	±0.1°Cdp (±0.18°Fdp) ±0.1°C (±0.18°F) temperature
Repeatability	Better than 0.1°C (±0.18°F)
Resolution	0.01 (0.1 for % RH)
Dew-Point Sensor	
Mirror	Gold plated copper
Temperature measurement	4 wire Pt100, 1/10 DIN class B
Sample flow rate	0.1 to 0.7 NI/min (0 to 1.5 scfh) (recommended)
Integrated flowmeter	0 to 1 NI/min (0 to 2.1 scfh)
Sensor pressure	Atmospheric
Configuration	Remote

Remote PRT	
Temperature measurement	4 wire Pt100, 1/10 DIN class B
Monitor	
Resolution	0.01°C (0.018°F)
Dual optics detection	Wide band red LED with dual photo sensors, all system insulated
Outputs	
Analog	2 channels, 10 mV/°Cdp, 4-20mA
Digital	RS232
Logic	Data hold, ABC Logic status, optics alarm
Operating temperature	0 to + 40°C (+32 to +104°F)

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