

Product Specification

Senseair K33 LP T

Sensor and OEM Platform



General

Senseair K33 LP T is designed to be a low power OEM module for built-in applications in a host apparatus, and hence should be optimised for its tasks during a dialog between Senseair and the OEM customer. This document is to be considered as the starting point for such a dialog.



Item	Senseair K33 LP T
General performance	
Target gas	Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)
Storage temperature range	-30–70 °C
Life expectancy	>15 years
Maintenance	Maintenance-free when using Senseair ABC algorithm (Automatic Baseline Correction) ¹
Operating temperature range	0–50 °C
Storage environment	Non-condensing, non-corrosive environment
Operating environment	Residential, commercial, and industrial spaces ²
Electrical / mechanical	
Power supply	4.75–12.0VDC maximum rating, powered via Vbat+ 5.50–12.0VDC maximum rating, powered via G+
Average current	< 1.5mA, 30s measurement period (default setting) < 0.75mA, 60s measurement period
Peak current	< 300mA
Electrical connections	Vbat+, G+ and G0 ³
Dimensions (Length x Width x Height)	57.15 x 50.80 x 11.80mm
CO₂ measurement	
Operating principle	Non-dispersive infrared (NDIR)
CO ₂ operating temperature/humidity range	<p>The graph plots Relative Humidity (RH) in percent on the y-axis (0 to 100) against Temperature in degrees Celsius on the x-axis (0 to 50). Two operating ranges are shown: a solid blue area for the 'Operating range' and a hatched blue area for the 'Extended operating range'. The operating range is bounded by 0% RH at 0°C, 70% RH at 35°C, and 70% RH at 50°C. The extended operating range is bounded by 0% RH at 0°C, 95% RH at 0°C, 95% RH at 35°C, 70% RH at 50°C, and 0% RH at 50°C.</p>
Sampling method	Diffusion

¹ ABC is enabled in default configuration

² SO₂ enriched environments excluded.

³ Different options exist and can be customised depending on the application. Contact Senseair for further information!

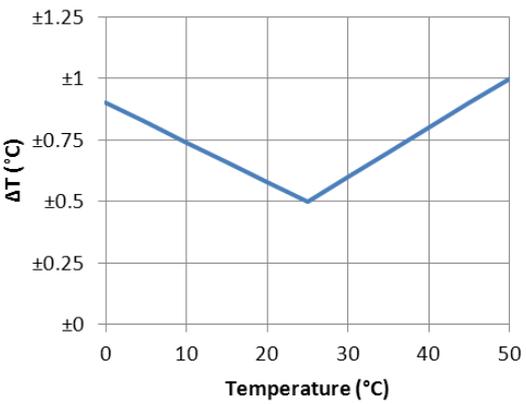
Item	Senseair K33 LP T												
Response time ($T_{1/e}$)	< 1 min, 30s measurement period												
Response time ($T_{1/e}$)	< 3 min, 30s measurement period, IIR filter enabled ⁴												
Measurement period	Default 30s, configurable, contact Senseair for information about possible configurations												
Measurement range	400–5000ppm _{vol}												
Accuracy	±30ppm ±3% of measured value, IIR filter enabled ^{5, 6}												
Repeatability	±20ppm ±1% of measured value IIR filter enabled												
Extended measurement range	5000–10000ppm _{vol}												
Accuracy, extended measurement range	Typically < (±20% of measured value) (within CO ₂ operating temperature/humidity range)												
Pressure dependence	+1.6% reading per kPa deviation from normal pressure												
Warm up time to spec precision	< 3 min, 30s measurement period												
Outputs and communication													
OUT1 (OC)	Open collector output												
Serial communication	UART, Modbus protocol												
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Logger properties													
Logger capacity	5400 logging points												
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Table 1. Key technical specification for Senseair K33 LP T

⁴ IIR filter is enabled in sensors default configuration.

⁵ Accuracy is specified over operating temperature range at normal pressure 101.3kPa. Specification is referenced to certified calibration mixtures. Uncertainty of calibration gas mixtures (±1% currently) is to be added to the specified accuracy for absolute measurements.

⁶ Accuracy is defined after minimum 3 weeks of continuous operation with ABC enabled (default configuration).

Terminal descriptions

The table below specifies what terminals and I/O options are available in the general K33 platform.

Functional group	Descriptions and ratings
Power supply	
G+ referred to G0:	Absolute maximum ratings 5.5–12V, stabilised to within 5% 6.0–9V preferred operating range. Protected against transients on G+, limited protection against reverse polarity (can withstand reverse polarity temporarily)
Vbat+ referred to G0	Absolute maximum ratings 4.75–12V, stabilised to within 5% 6.0–9V preferred operating range.
DVCC = 3.3V	Output from sensor's digital voltage regulator. Series resistance 10R Available current 12mA Voltage tolerance (unloaded) ±3% max (±0.75% typical) Output may be used to power circuit (microcontroller) in host system or to power logical level converter if master processor runs at 5V supply voltage.
Outputs	
OUT1 (OC)	Digital output, open collector Series resistance 120R Max sink current 40mA May be used as alarm indication, configurable output behavior (UIP5).
OUT5–OUT8	Optional, can be used to drive LEDs, configurable output behavior (UIP5).
OUT9	Optional, can be used to control a relay, configurable output behavior (UIP5).
Serial Communication	
UART (TxD, RxD)	CMOS physical layer, Modbus communication protocol. Logical levels correspond 3.3V powered logics. Refer "ModBus on Senseair K30, Senseair K33 and eSENSE" for electrical specification. UART_RxD line is configured as digital input. Input high level is 2.1V min Input low level is 0.8V max UART_TxD line is configured as digital output. Output high level is 2.3V (assuming 3.3V DVCC) min Output low level is 0.75V max UART_RxD input is pulled up to DVCC = 3.3V by 56kOhm UART_TxD output is pulled up to DVCC = 3.3V by 56kOhm ABSOLUTE MAX RATING G0-0.5V DVCC + 0.5V

Functional group	Descriptions and ratings
I ² C extension	
I ² C (SDA, SCL)	Pull-up of SDA and SCL lines to 3.3V. (Refer to "I2C comm guide 2_15.pdf" or later version for details) ABSOLUTE MAX RATING G0-0.5V DVCC + 0.5V
Inputs and optional jumper field	
Din0 Din1 Din2 Din3	Digital switch inputs have pull-up 56k to DVCC 3.3V most of the time. Pull-up resistance is decreased to 4...10k only during read of input / jumper to provide cleaning of the contacts by larger currents. They are the same as inputs on IDC connector. Din1 is used for background calibration. Din2 is used for zero calibration.

Table 2. I/O notations used in this document for the K33 platform with some descriptions and ratings.

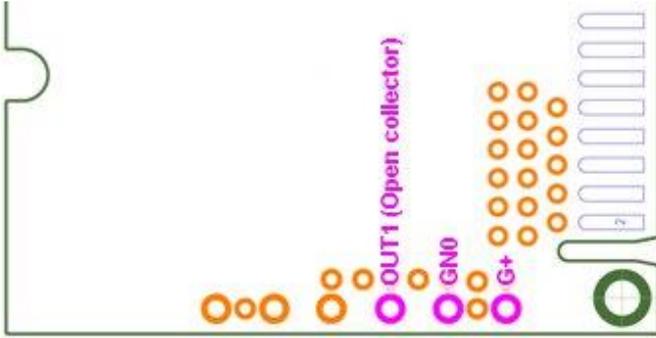


Figure 3. Senseair K33 LP T (OBA side) G+, GND and OUT1, 5.08mm pitch

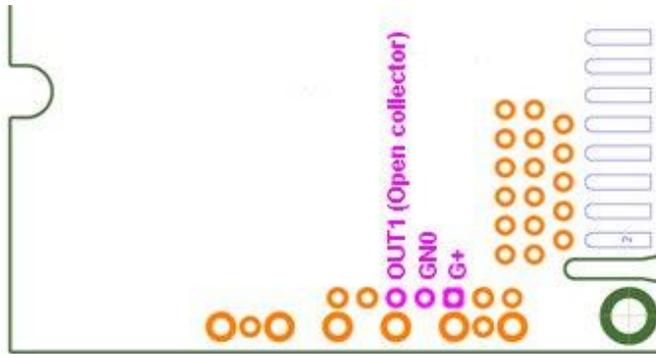


Figure 4. Senseair K33 LP T (OBA side) G+, GND and OUT1, 2.54mm pitch

Ground / Shield attachments

Both analog ground (AGND) and digital ground (DGND) are connected internally to the G0 terminal of the sensor. AGND is connected to the most sensitive analog part of the sensor and DGND is connected to the digital part of the sensor.

Do NOT connect AGND and DGND together externally to the sensor!

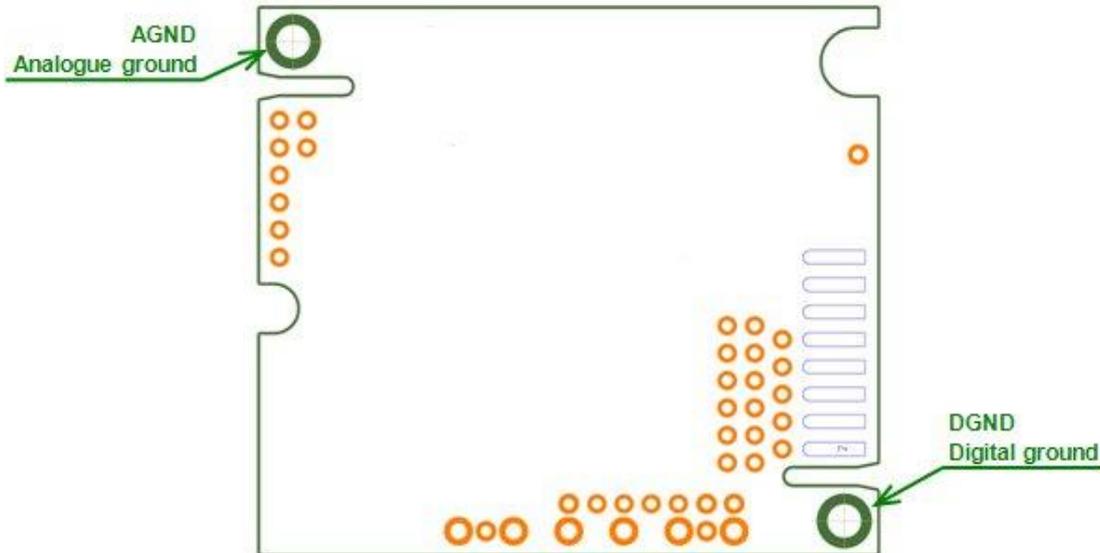


Figure 5. Senseair K33 LP T (OBA side) AGND and DGND

Under no circumstances should any force be applied to the OBA, this may permanently harm the sensor and most definitely affect performance. Sensor should be handled holding PCB only.

Never touch sensor with bare hands, make sure that operators use ESD gloves.

Calibration

Background calibration restore switch Din1

For highest possible accuracy, the sensor can be re-calibrated just before the important measurement is to be carried out. This is possible to do by a qualified operator, provided that the sensor is exposed to a reference gas, which by default should contain exactly 400ppm CO₂.

During a calibration process the sensor must be carefully exposed to the calibration gas in a manner that assure no dilution air of the reference gas from the ambient, and that no overpressure is created in the sensor sample cell. One way to achieve this is to position the sensor in a deep and soft plastic bag and flush the reference gas inside this bag for a while.

Creating an electrical shortcut between Din1 and GND actuates the calibration process. As soon as the micro-controller detects this manually grounded switch terminal, a new zero constant sensor parameter is calculated replacing the old parameter, so as to push the current sensor reading to what is being defined for the reference gas (default = 400ppm CO₂).

If the operator leaves the sensor with Din1 closed for some period of time, the sensor will continue to recalibrate for the 400ppm target value until the switch closure eventually is released.

Zero calibration restore switch Din2

The Din2 switch operates exactly in the same way as the Din1 switch, but it assumes that the reference gas contains no carbon dioxide at all, such as nitrogen, for instance. Hence, a calibration executed by shorting the Din2 switch performs a true zero-point calibration adjustment.

Input switch terminal (normally open)	Default function (when closed for minimum one measurement cycle)
Din1	bCAL (background calibration) assuming 400ppm CO ₂ sensor exposure
Din2	CAL (zero calibration) assuming 0ppm CO ₂ sensor exposure

Table 3. Switch input default configurations for Senseair K33 LP T

ABC algorithm

The default sensor OEM unit is maintenance free in normal environments thanks to the built-in self-correcting **ABC algorithm** (Automatic Baseline Correction). This algorithm constantly keeps track of the lowest reading of the sensor over a 7.5 day interval and slowly corrects for any long-term drift detected as compared to the expected fresh air value of 400ppm CO₂.

Rough handling and transportation might result in a reduction of sensor reading accuracy. With time, however, if actuated the ABC function will tune the readings back to the correct numbers. The default “tuning speed” is limited to about 50ppm/week.

Maintenance

The Senseair K33 LP T is basically maintenance free in normal environments thanks to the built-in self-correcting ABC algorithm. Discuss your application with Senseair to get advice for a proper calibration strategy.

Self-diagnostics

The system contains self-diagnostic procedures. A system test is executed automatically every time the power is turned on. In addition, constantly during operation, the sensor probes are checked against failure by checking the valid dynamic measurement ranges. These different system checks return error bytes to the system RAM. The full error codes are available from the UART port or via I²C communication. Offset regulation error and Out of range are the only bits that are reset automatically after return to normal state. All other error bits have to be reset after return to normal by UART overwrite, or by power off/on.

Error code and action plan

(Error code can be read via one of communication channels)

Bit #	Error code	Error description	Suggested action
0	1	Fatal error	Try to restart sensor by power OFF/ON. Contact local distributor.
1	2	Offset regulation error	Try to restart sensor by power OFF/ON. Contact local distributor.
2	4	(Not in use)	-
3	8	(Not in use)	-
4	16	Detector temperature out of range Indicates to high/low (out of range) detector temperature.	Check detailed self-diagnostic status with software tools. Contact local distributor.
5	32	CO₂ out of range Measured CO ₂ value is out of range.	Try sensor in fresh air. Perform background or zero calibration. Contact local distributor.
6	64	Memory error Error during memory operations.	Try to restart sensor by power OFF/ON. Contact local distributor.
7	128	Space temperature out of range Indicates to high/low (out of range) temperature.	Try sensor in 0...50 °C. Contact local distributor.

Table 4. Error code and action plan

Remark: If several errors are detected at the same time the different error code numbers will be added together into one single error code!

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