

## Overview

Automated Logic Corporation® (ALC) CO2 Duct Sensor is an accurate and reliable way of incorporating demand controlled ventilation. It measures CO2 in ranges of 0 to 2,000, 0 to 5,000, 0 to 10,000 and 0 to 50,000 ppm with a field selectable output of 0 to 5 or 0 to 10 VDC.

The Single Beam (ACD) unit has been optimized for periodically unoccupied areas and features automatic background calibration over a long time period to reduce drift. The Dual Channel (DCD) “24/7” unit has been optimized for continuously occupied areas and features a 3-point calibration process for enhanced accuracy and reliability.

Altitude and weather patterns can affect CO2 sensors, even putting them outside of their specified accuracy. The unit has a built-in Barometric pressure sensor that continuously compensates the output for accurate readings despite the weather or altitude.

The Duct unit samples duct air using an aspiration tube. The Rough Service unit features a ventilated box and is ideal for areas such as outdoor air plenums, equipment rooms, green houses and warehouses. For 0 to 2,000 PPM units, the CO2 level is indicated as “Good, Fair or Poor” by three LED’s on the front of the unit. If it reaches the top of the PPM range, the red LED will begin to flash.

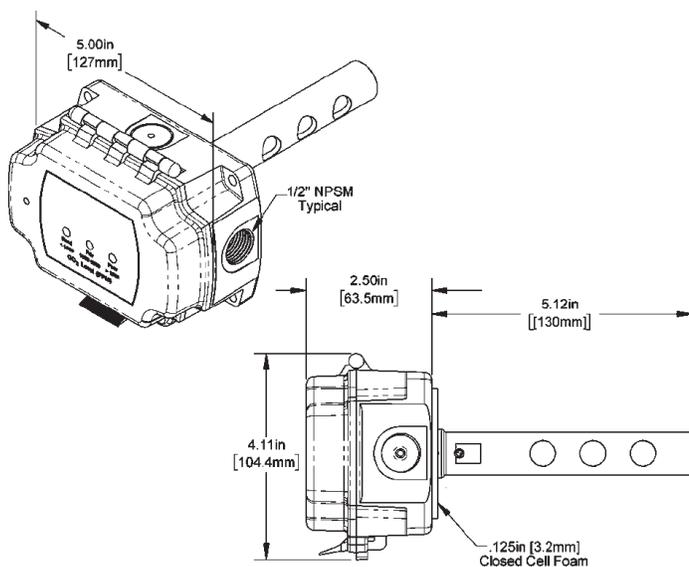


Figure 1: Duct CO2 Sensor

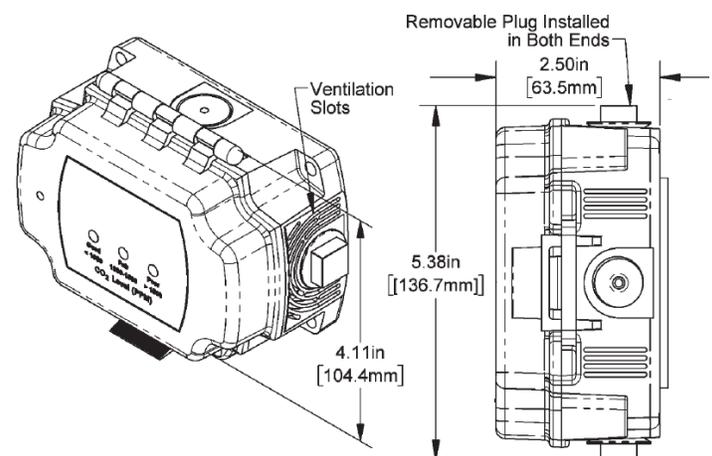


Figure 2: Rough Service CO2 Sensor

## Part Numbers

NSB-ACD05-D-BB-LED-C NSB-DCD05-D-BB-LED-C

**Specifications****Power:**

12 to 24 VDC, 240 mA

18 to 24 VAC, 12 VA Peak

**Field Selectable Voltage Output:**

0 to 5 or 0 to 10 VDC

**Termination:** 3 Terminals, 16 to 22 AWG**Operating Environment**

32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)

0 to 95%RH non-condensing

**Enclosure Rating**

Unventilated box: NEMA 4, IP66

**Encl. Material:** Polycarbonate, UL94 V-O**CO<sub>2</sub> Detection PPM Range**

0 to 2,000, 0 to 5,000, 0 to 10,000 and 0 to 50,000

**Start-Up Time:** <2 Minutes**Response Time**

&lt;2 Minutes for 90% step change typical (after start-up)

**LED CO<sub>2</sub> Level Indicator**

(0 to 2,000 PPM units only):

Good, Green &lt; 1,000 PPM

Fair, Yellow = 1,000 to 1,500 PPM

Poor, Red &gt; 1,500 PPM

**CO<sub>2</sub> Sensing Elements**

ACD: Single Beam Non-Dispersive Infrared

DCD: Dual Channel Non-Dispersive Infrared

**CO<sub>2</sub> Drift Stability (DCD “24/7” Units)**

&lt;5% of full scale over life of product.

**CO<sub>2</sub> Accuracy (DCD Units)**

75ppm or 10% of reading (whichever is greater)

**CO<sub>2</sub> Accuracy (ACD Units)**

400 to 1,250 ppm: ±30ppm or 3% of reading, whichever is greater

1,250 to 2,000 ppm: ±5% of reading + 30ppm

**Certifications:** RoHS**Warranty Period:** 2 Years

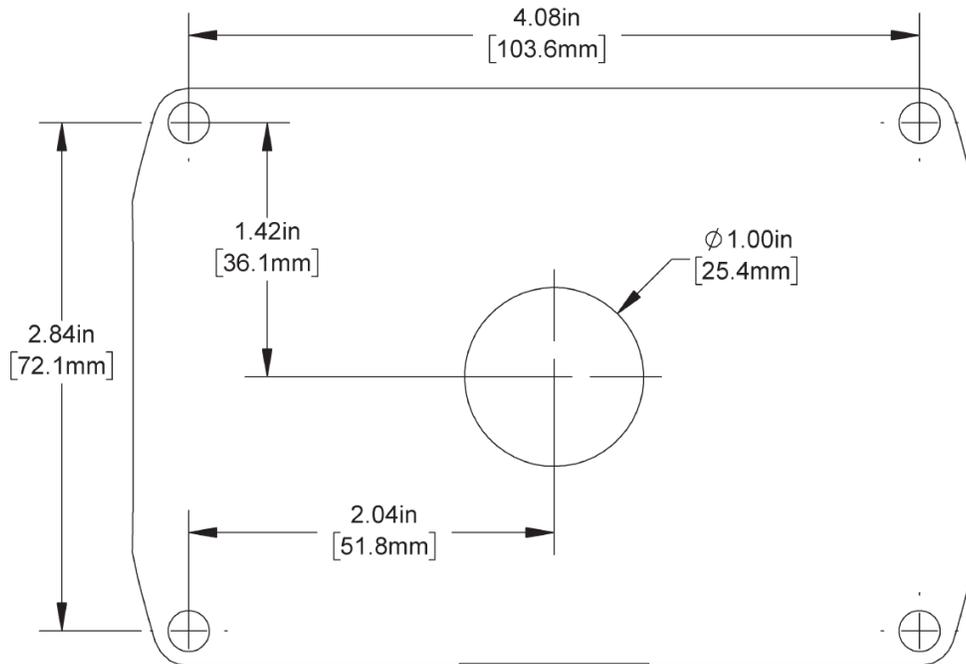
**Mounting Diagram (not to scale)**

Figure 3: Mounting Diagram

**Rough Service Unit Mounting**

Mount the Rough Service sensor on a solid, non-vibrating surface. Wall mounting in a room should be 3 to 5 feet above floor level. The Rough Service CO<sub>2</sub> transmitter may be mounted in any orientation. If you are mounting inside a duct or mixing box, mount with the latch facing into the moving air.

Refer to local codes for further sensor/transmitter installation information”.

1. ALC recommends #10 (provided) screws of a type and length suitable for the mounting surface. Four mounting screws keeps the box from twisting, twisting may prevent the latch from operating properly. A pilot-hole makes mounting easier. Use the enclosure mounting feet to mark the pilot-hole locations.
2. Snug up the screws so that the foam backing is depressed but do not over-tighten or strip the screw threads.
3. Place the provided #6 screws into the holes on each side of the lid latch to make the cover tamper resistant.

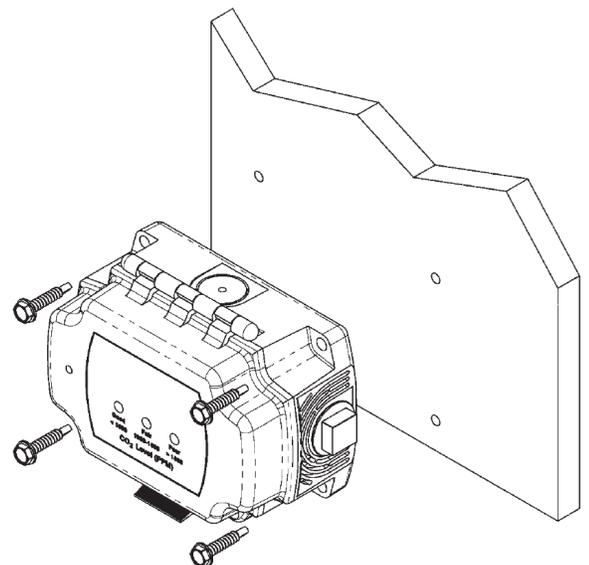


Figure 4: Mounting the Rough Service sensor to a wall

### Duct Unit Mounting

1. ALC recommends placing the sensor in the middle of the duct wall, away from stratified air, to achieve the best reading. The unit should also be a minimum of 3 duct diameters from an elbow, damper or other duct restriction.
2. Drill a 1" hole for the aspiration probe. Position the box so that airflow is directly into the holes on one side of the aspiration probe. There are no upstream or downstream holes, the air direction is not important.
3. Mount the enclosure to the duct using the recommended #10 screws (provided) through a minimum of two of the mounting feet on opposite corners. A 1/8" pilot screw hole in the duct makes mounting easier. Use the enclosure mounting feet to mark the pilot-hole locations.
4. Snug up the screws so that the foam backing is depressed to prevent air leakage but do not over-tighten or strip the threads.
5. Use the provided #6 screws to secure the cover for IP66 rating.
6. ALC recommends sealing the conduit opening with fiberglass insulation.

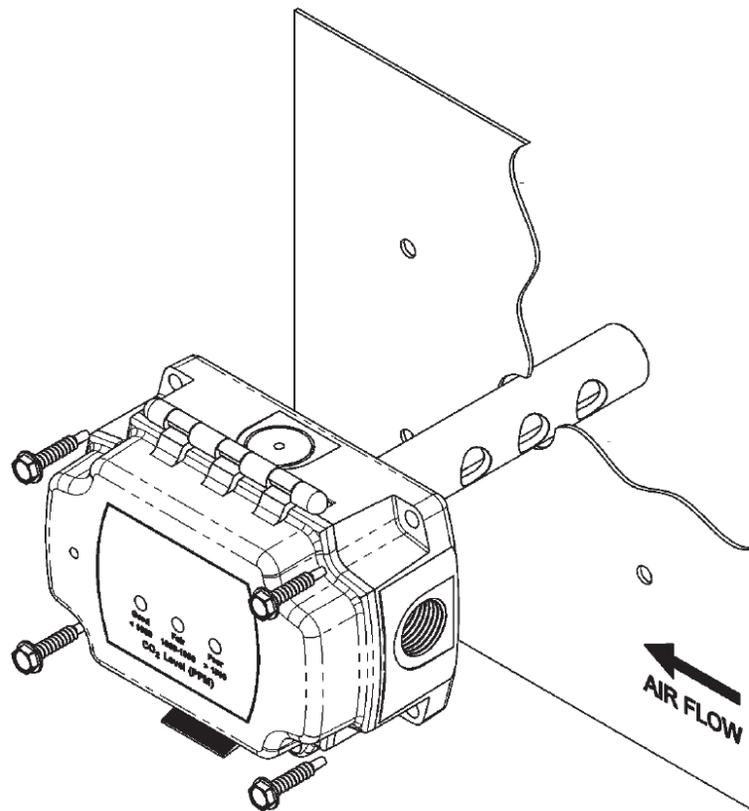


Figure 5: Duct unit mounting

**Termination**

ALC recommends using twisted pair of at least 22AWG and sealant filled connectors for all wire connections. Larger gauge wire may be required for long runs. All wiring must comply with the National Electric Code (NEC) and local codes. Do NOT run this device's wiring in the same conduit as AC power wiring. Tests show that fluctuating and inaccurate signal levels are possible when AC power wiring is present in the same conduit as the signal lines.



ALC recommends wiring the product with power disconnected. Proper supply voltage, polarity, and wiring connections are important to a successful installation. Not observing these recommendations may damage the product and will void the warranty.

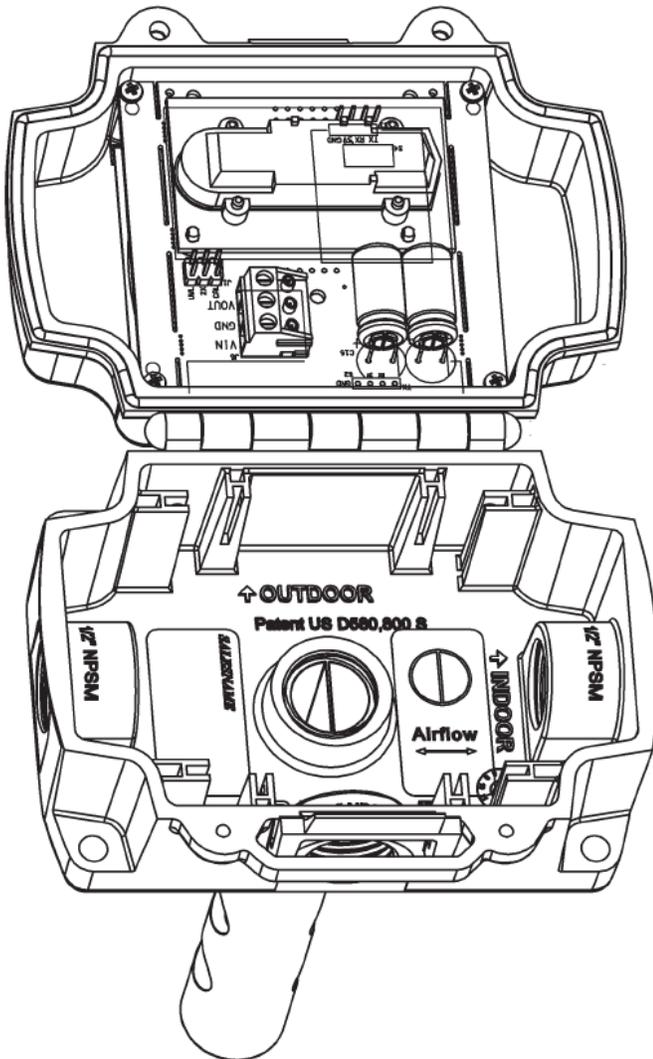


Figure 6: Circuit board on open unit

**Terminal    Function**

- VIN** ..... 12 to 24 VDC, 240mA  
18 to 24 VAC, 12 VA Peak
- GND** ..... To controller Ground [GND or Common]
- VOU** ..... Voltage Output, CO2 Signal  
0 to 5 or 0 to 10 VDC, Referenced to GND

The CO2 outputs may be field configured for 0 to 5 VDC or 0 to 10 VDC outputs at any time. Set the jumpers on J1 as shown in Figures 7 and 8.

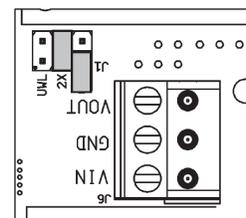


Figure 7: J1 set for 0 to 10 VDC output

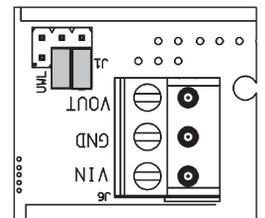


Figure 8: J1 set for 0 to 5 VDC output

### POWERING WITH A VC350A VOLTAGE CONVERTER

The CO2 unit requires 240mA of current to operate correctly. If this is more current than can be provided by the controller power output, then the unit can be powered by a VC350A or VC350A-EZ Voltage Converter.

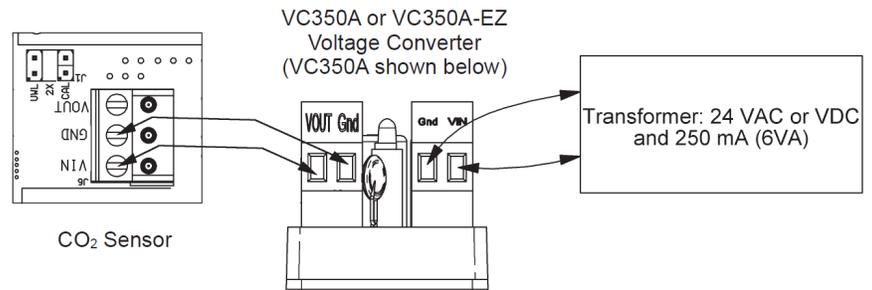


Figure 9: Powering with a VC350A

### Keeping the Enclosure Air Tight After Termination

For the sensor to work correctly, the wiring entrance must remain air tight. If the CO<sub>2</sub> transmitter is mounted to a hollow wall and wired through its back, or wired with conduit, it is possible that a draft of clean air may fill the enclosure through the wiring opening. This draft may prevent the unit from measuring ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. ALC recommends either a liquid-tight fitting or plugging the conduit at the enclosure.

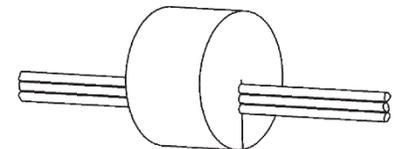


Figure 10: Wires through foam plug

- **Liquid-Tight Fitting** – Liquid tight fitting allows wire cables of 0.1 to 0.3 inch outside diameter to enter the box. Tightening the collar onto the wire cable keeps the wiring entrance air tight.
- **Conduit** – Included with the CO<sub>2</sub> transmitter is a foam plug to seal the ½ inch EMT. Place the wires into the plug as shown in Fig. 10 and then insert the plug into the conduit sealing the conduit.

## Diagnosics

### Possible Problems

General troubleshooting

### Possible Solutions

Determine that the input is set up correctly in the controller's and building automation software.

Check wiring at the sensor and controller for proper connections.

Check for corrosion at either the controller or the sensor. Clean off the corrosion, re-strip the interconnecting wire and reapply the connection. In extreme cases, replace the controller, interconnecting wire and/or sensor.

Check the wiring between the sensor and controller. Label the terminals at the sensor end and the controller end. Disconnect the interconnecting wires from the controller and the sensor. With the wires disconnected, measure the resistance from wire-to-wire with a multimeter. The meter should read greater than 10 Meg-ohms, open or OL depending on the meter. Short the interconnecting wires together at one end. Go to the other end and measure the resistance from wire-to-wire with a multimeter. The meter should read less than 10 ohms (22 gauge or larger, 250 feet or less). If either test fails, replace the wire.

Check power supply/controller voltage supply

Disconnect sensor and check power wires for proper voltage (see specifications on page 1)

Incorrect CO2 Reading

Wait 15 minutes after a power interruption.

Check all BAS controller software parameters.

Determine if the sensor is exposed to an external environment different from the duct area that is being measured.

If the sensor is reading consistently high, make sure that the power supply to the unit can provide 240mA. A low power situation will cause high CO2 readings.

**NOTE:** If the CO2 sensor has consistently given high PPM readings for over 5 days, it will take up to 14 days for the readings to return to normal.