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# **EC91** Intrinsically Safe Oxygen Analyser e ustion Analysing



## Intrinsically Safe ATEX, unsurpassed certified oxygen analyser for all hazardous areas





### Applications

Monitoring inert blanketing gas in oil and petrochemical applications		
Inert gases and Hydrogen	Gas purity	Glove boxes
Oxygen deficiency monitoring	Metallurgy	Gas line monitoring

### Features & Benefits

- Unsurpassed safety protection
- Air calibration facility

- Maintenance-free 5 year life sampling cell
- Certified for Zone 0
- This instrument has a 36 month warranty which covers any faulty workmanship and normal component failure relating to electronic circuit cards

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Systech Illinois have over 25 years of expertise in manufacturing gas analysers for the process industry and have an installed base of over a thousand instruments during this time. The EC91 Process Oxygen Transmitter will detect levels of oxygen as low as 1ppm, up to higher percent levels and can be used on most industrial gases and atmospheres. There is no need for routine maintenance of the fuel cell and the instrument can be easily calibrated, using ambient air or standard calibration samples.

The enclosure is manufactured from moulded glass fibre reinforced polyester, a material with high impact resistance. It will not be harmed by oils, common acids and alkalis, making it suitable for harsh environments. It is protected to IP66/Nema 4X. The EC91 transmits a 4-20mA signal which corresponds to the range of the analyser. Up to six ranges can be specified. A safe area digital indicator and alarm is available as an option.

Standard and custom designed sample systems are available on request. Sample gas may be piped directly to the instrument or remote cell assembly (also certified intrinsically safe). Sample pumps and aspirators are also available.

All the electronic circuits are intrinsically safe and have been certified to ATEX. The EC91 is approved for Ex ia IIC T4 Ga.

### Principle of Operation

The self-powered sensor has no moving parts and is integral to the sample chamber. This solves the problem of output changes due to a flow rate change, making the instrument extremely sensitive and quick to respond to changes in oxygen concentration.

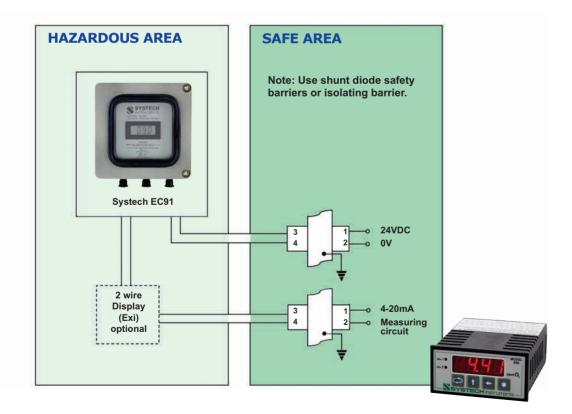


**Optional EC91 Remote Mounted Sensor** 

(All Stainless Steel)

The sensor has a guaranteed operational life of six months. When monitoring low oxygen concentrations, or if the instrument is not in use, the expected lifetime is considerably longer. The sensor module is inexpensive and easy to replace.

### Installation



The sample pressure should be above 0.1 Bar. If not, a pump or aspirator should be fitted. Connection through the analyser is via a 1/8" tube fitting and a flow regulator should be used on the inlet. If required, dust filters or coalescing filters are available.

Standard or specially designed sample systems can also be supplied by Systech Illinois. Electrical installation must be made via appropriate safety barriers mounted in the safe area. A control room indicator and alarms can also be specified as an option.

### Safety Protection

Gas analysis instrumentation for use in hazardous areas is commonly flame proof, explosion proof or intrinsically safe.

Flame proof or explosion proof instrumentation is designed to contain any event, in order to protect the close environment. This instrumentation is expensive and work permits are required in order to maintain the equipment and in some cases to calibrate it.

By contrast, intrinsically safe equipment is absolutely safe, by design. There is no risk of an event, since there is not enough energy stored or available in the circuits to cause an event. Work permits are not required.

Oxygen analysers in hazardous area applications demand the best protection. Intrinsically safe instruments certified to 'ib' cannot be installed in Zone 0 areas, as the measurement gas must enter the analyser. ATEX certified 'ia' analysers, such as the EC91 can only be used in Zone 0 areas to provide adequate safety protection.

The sensor consists of an anode. electrolyte, and air cathode, together with a diffusion limiting capillary. The rate of diffusion is dependent upon the volume concentration of oxygen in the atmosphere or gas stream. At the cathode, oxygen is reduced to hydroxyl ions, which in turn oxidises the metal anode. The following overall reaction takes place:

## $2Pb + O_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2Pb(OH)_2$



**Optional EC91 Barrier and Power Supply Box** 

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### **Technical Specifications**

Ranges	6 selectable 0-20, 0-200, 0-2000 (ppm) 0-2%, 0-20%, 0-30% Other ranges available on request	
Resolution	0.05% of scale	
Accuracy	<ul> <li>&gt;10ppm ±2% of reading at 20°C ±5% of reading over temperature range</li> <li>&lt;10ppm ±2% of reading + 0.4ppm at 20°C ±5% of reading + 0.4ppm + 0.15ppm/°C over temperature range</li> </ul>	
Response Time Calibration Range Measuring Cell Type	90% of reading within 20 seconds Ambient (20.9%) or certified gas Electrochemical fuel cell	
Operating Conditions Sample inlet pressure Sample flow rate Sample temperature Ambient temperature Sample connections Unsuitable gases	0.1 to 1 Barg, up to 17 Barg with optional sample system 30ml/min to 5 ltr/min 0 to 40°C 0 to 40°C, RH 0-99% non condensing 1/8" OD compression fitting Corrosives and solvents	
Power Requirements Power supply Power consumption Display Type Analogue outputs	24Vdc via approved barrier mounted in the safe area 10W Digital LCD Current: 4-20mA Maximum loop resistance 400 Ohms	
Cabinetry and Mounting Enclosure Installation Dimensions Weight Ingress protection Conformity Marking	Reinforced polyester Wall mounted 200W x 200H x 175D (mm) 3kg IP66, Nema 4X 2014/34/EU ATEX (x) II 1G EX ia IIC T4 Ga	
Options Local display Remote probes	Remote probe holder, Control room display, Aspirators, Sample systems, Alarm outputs. Analogue in place of standard digital display 1" NPT or BSP	

Systech Illinois have 30 years experience of providing analysis solutions for a wide range of industries. From our manufacturing plants in the UK and U.S we produce gas analysers for industrial process industries, headspace analysers for monitoring gas flushing of food products, and our range of permeation analysers.

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