

**Datasheet SFM3400-AW**  
**Preliminary Datasheet SFM3400-D**  
**Digital Flow Meter for Neonatal/Pediatric Medical Applications**



- Flow range:  $\pm 33\text{slm}$  (bidirectional)
- Small dead space < 1ml
- Re-use (-AW) version
- Preliminary single-use (-D) version
- Very fast update time (0.5ms)

**Product Summary**

The SFM3400 sensor series is Sensirion's digital flow meter designed for neonatal/pediatric medical applications. It measures the flow rate of **air, oxygen and other non-aggressive gases** with superb accuracy. The special design of the flow channel results in a **very small dead space**.

The SFM3400-AW is designed for multiple use with the **ability to withstand autoclave procedures**. The single-use version SFM3400-D is in development stage with preliminary specifications identical to SFM3400-AW. Therefore, the SFM3400 series is extremely well suited for proximal flow measurements in neonatal/pediatric medical ventilation and other respiratory applications.

The SFM3400 series has been designed with the use by medical professionals in mind. It features **medical cones** for pneumatic connection to standard breathing circuits and a mechanical interface for **easy and reliable electrical reconnection**. The sensor element, signal processing and digital calibration are on a single microchip assuring **very fast signal processing time, best-in-class accuracy** and **superior robustness** to rough handling and adverse conditions.

The well-proven and patented **CMOSens® sensor technology** is perfectly suited for high-quality mass production and is the ideal choice for demanding and cost-sensitive OEM applications.

**Applications**

- Proximal flow measurement for infants / neonates
- Expiratory flow measurement for infants / neonates
- Ventilation & Anesthesia for infants / neonates
- Respiratory measurements for infants / neonates
- Metabolic Measurements for infants / neonates

**OEM options**

A variety of custom options can be implemented for high-volume OEM applications (custom flow rates, calibration for other gases, different body form factor, disposable option etc.). Contact us for more information.

**Sensor chip**

The SFM3400 flow meter features a fifth-generation silicon sensor chip. In addition to a thermal mass flow sensor element, the chip contains an amplifier, A/D converter, EEPROM memory, digital signal processing circuitry, and interface. Due to seamless integration of signal acquisition and processing on the single silicon die significant performance and cost benefits are achieved.

## 1.1 Physical Specifications <sup>1</sup>

| Parameter  | Condition                       | Value  |                                      | Unit  |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Flow Range   |                                 | -33 ... +33  |                                      | slm <sup>2</sup>  |
|  |                                 | Typical  | Max <sup>3</sup>                     |   |
| Accuracy <sup>4</sup>  | span <33 slm<br>offset          | $\pm 3$ <sup>5</sup><br>$\pm 0.02$ <sup>5</sup>                            | $\pm 10$ <sup>6</sup><br>$\pm 0.05$  | % m.v. <sup>7</sup><br>slm <sup>2</sup>                                       |
| Noise Level <sup>4,8</sup>                                   | span <33slm<br>offset           | 0.5% <sup>9</sup><br>0.005 <sup>9</sup>                                    | 3.5%<br>0.025                        | % m.v. <sup>7</sup><br>slm <sup>2</sup>                                       |
| Accuracy shift for deviation from reference temperature 25°C | span<br>offset                  |  | 1%<br>0.01                           | % m.v./ 10°C<br>slm / 10°C  |
| Resolution (14bit)   | span<br>offset                  | 0.06 <sup>9</sup><br>0.005 <sup>9</sup>                                    | 0.2<br>0.01                          | % m.v. <sup>7</sup><br>slm <sup>2</sup>                                       |
| Pressure Drop  | @ 5 slm<br>@ 10 slm<br>@ 25 slm | 100 / 0.4 <sup>9</sup><br>250 / 1.0 <sup>9</sup><br>900 / 3.6 <sup>9</sup> | 150 / 0.6<br>300 / 1.2<br>1500 / 6.0 | Pa / inH <sub>2</sub> O<br>Pa / inH <sub>2</sub> O<br>Pa / inH <sub>2</sub> O |

## 1.2 Ambient conditions

| Parameter                    | Condition  | Value       | Unit  |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|-------|
| Calibrated Temperature Range | dry gas  | +10 ... +50 | °C    |
| Operating Temperature Range  | 10-95% rel. hum. (non cond.)                                   | +5 ... +50  | °C    |
| Storage Temperature          | 10-95% rel. hum. (non cond.)                                   | -40 ... +70 | °C    |
| Shelf Life for SFM3400-D     | 15°C - 35°C; 30 - 70 % rel. hum. storage in original packaging | 3           | years |
| Operating Pressure Range     | absolute   | 0.54 – 1.1  | bar   |
| Burst Overpressure           | gauge  | 0.3         | bar   |

## 1.3 Media compatibility

| Parameter                 | Value   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Calibration <sup>10</sup> | Air   |
| Media Compatibility       | Air (non-condensing), N <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> , other non- aggressive gases |
| Wetted Materials -AW      | Si, Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> , SiO <sub>x</sub> , gold, PPSU, silicone        |
| Wetted Materials -D       | Si, Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> , SiO <sub>x</sub> , gold, MABS, silicone, epoxy |
| RoHS, REACH               | RoHS and REACH compliant  |

<sup>1</sup> Reference conditions are temperature = 25°C, absolute pressure = 966 mbar, horizontal flow and Vdd = 5V

<sup>2</sup> slm: mass flow measured in liters per minute at standard conditions (T = 20 °C, p = 1013.25 mbar)

<sup>3</sup> For "Max" no sensor measured outside of this limit will be shipped and a CpK of 1.33 is targeted

<sup>4</sup> For accuracy, noise level or resolution the total value is the sum of the offset and span values

<sup>5</sup> This value corresponds to a CpK of 0.67 (95% of sensors within the "Typical" limit)

<sup>6</sup> Dependent on tracheal tube diameter

<sup>7</sup> % m.v. = % measured value = % of reading

<sup>8</sup> Noise level defined as standard deviation of individual sensor readings, measured at full sampling rate

<sup>9</sup> Average value

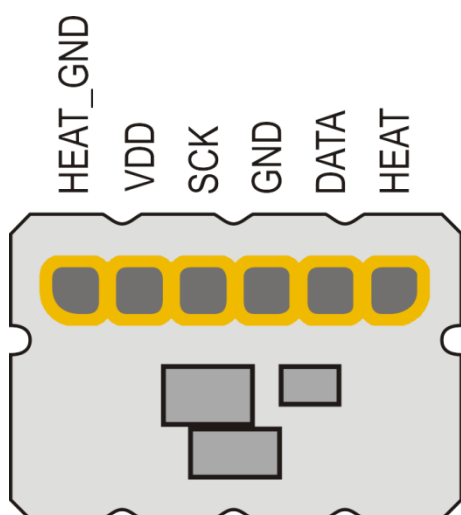
<sup>10</sup> Contact Sensirion for information about other gases, wider calibrated temperature ranges and higher storage temperatures

## 2. Electrical Specifications

### 2.1 Electrical Characteristics

| Electrical properties                  | Condition   | Value                   | Unit       |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Interface                              |             | I <sup>2</sup> C        |            |
| Default Sensor Address                 |             | 64 (h40)                |            |
| Update Time                            | 14 bit      | 0.5                     | ms         |
| Soft Reset Time                        |             | 80                      | ms         |
| Start-up Time <sup>11</sup>            | Max.        | 100                     | ms         |
| Supply Voltage                         |             | 5V±5%                   | V          |
| Communication Level                    | High<br>Low | Min.                    | Max.       |
|  |             | 2.5<br>GND              | VDD<br>1.1 |
| Power Consumption <sup>12</sup>        |             | < 50                    | mW         |
| Electrical Connector                   |             | See section 2.2 and 3.2 |            |
| External Heater Power Rating           | Max.        | 0.5                     | W          |
| External Heater Resistance             | Typ.        | 51                      | Ω          |
| Output Signal Resolution <sup>13</sup> |             | 14                      | bit        |
| Scale Factor Flow                      | Air, N2     | 800                     | 1/slm      |
| Offset Flow                            |             | 32768                   |            |

### 2.2 Pad Layout



<sup>11</sup> After 4.75V is reached

<sup>12</sup> When the heater resistor on the PCB is not in operation

<sup>13</sup> 16 bit with two least significant bits always zero

### 2.3 Conversion to Physical Values

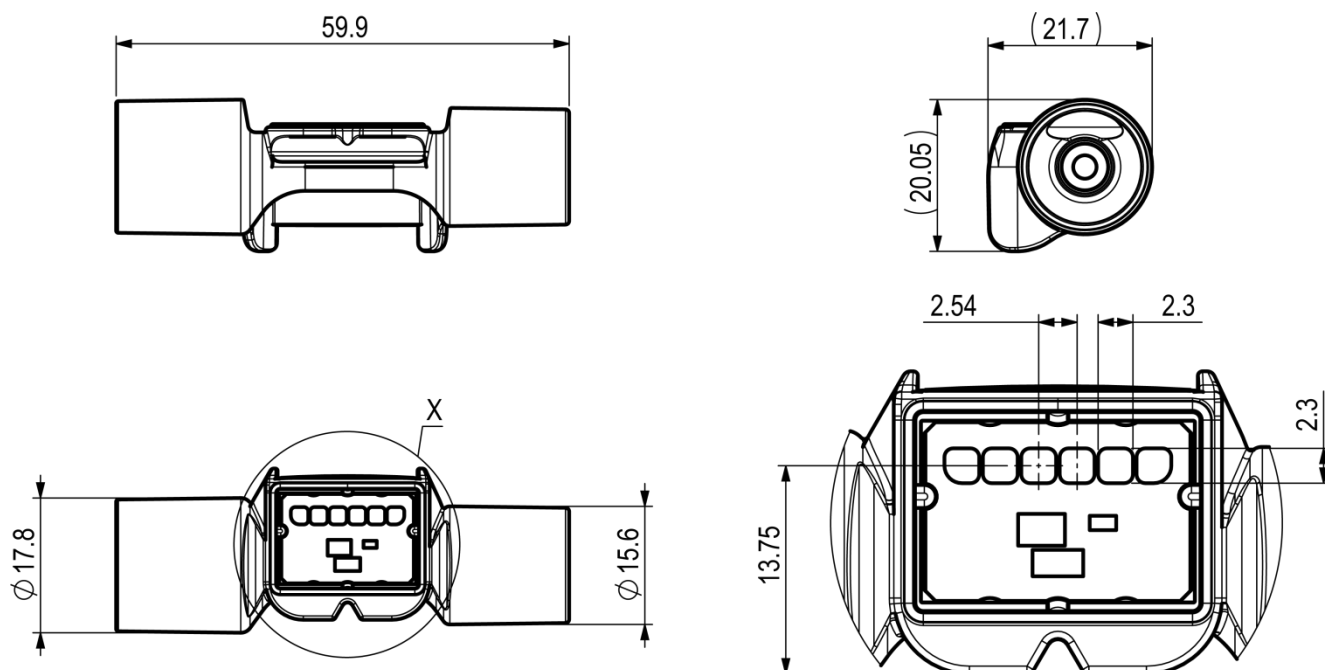
In order to obtain the measured flow in [slm], the measured value needs to be converted using the following formula:

$$flow [slm] = \frac{measured\ value - offset\ flow}{scale\ factor\ flow}$$

Please note that the first measurement performed directly after chip initialization is not valid.

### 3. Mechanical Specifications

All dimensions are in millimeters (mm).



#### 3.1 Mechanical fitting

Fittings of the SFM3400 sensor correspond to the international standard ISO5356-1:2004. Details about this type of connection can be found in the description of the standard.

#### 3.2 Mechanical / Electrical Interface

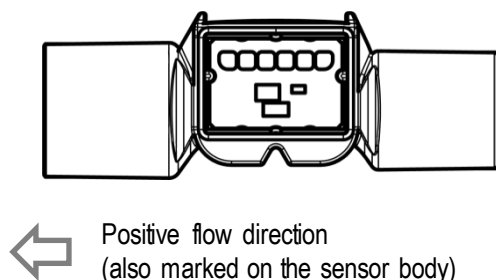
SFM3400 series has been designed for use in an expiratory environment. Therefore, the sensor has been designed for a connector that can be easily connected and disconnected. The connector itself is not provided as a standard product by Sensirion but Sensirion can help with an application note including design recommendations.

| Dimension                        | Condition         | Value            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Length                           |                   | 60 mm (typical)  |
| Diameter flow channel            | center of sensor  | 3.5 mm (typical) |
| Medical connector, distal side   | ISO 5356-1        | Cone, 15 mm      |
| Medical connector, proximal side | ISO 5356-1        | Socket, 15 mm    |
| Dead space                       | relevant section  | 0.9 ml (typical) |
| Weight                           | without connector | 7.5 g (typical)  |

## 4. Instructions for Use

### 4.1 Calibration orientation

The sensors are calibrated horizontally as depicted in the following graph:



Positive flow direction is from the male 15 mm cone to the female 15 mm medical cone, so that inspiratory flows are positive and expiratory flows negative.

### 4.2 Inlet flow conditions

In order to provide good flow conditions, the inner diameter of the connecting tube has to be approximately the same as the inner diameter of the SFM3400 main flow channel.

### 4.3 Temperature compensation

The SFM3400-AW sensor features digital temperature compensation. The temperature is measured on the CMOSens® chip by an on-chip temperature sensor. This data is fed to a compensation circuit that is also integrated on the CMOSens® sensor chip. Thus, no external temperature compensation is necessary.

### 4.4 Cleaning (applies only to SFM3400-AW version)

The SFM3400-AW has been designed to withstand medical cleaning procedures. For details of the test and the results contact Sensirion.

Sensirion AG does not guarantee the stability of the flow sensor using arbitrary methods and/or equipment for autoclaving. Validation of the flow sensor stability for a specific type of procedure and/or equipment is the sole responsibility of the customer.

### 4.5 ESD

The electronics of the SFM3x00-AW flow sensor chip has been tested for ESD and passed an 8kV contact test. For

ESD information about the additional EEPROM (type: 24LC01BT-I/MC) please consult the datasheet of the EEPROM.

### 4.6 Sensor handling

The SFM3400 sensor is designed to be robust and shock resistant. Nevertheless, the accuracy of the high-precision SFM3400 can be degraded by rough handling. Sensirion does not guarantee proper operation in case of improper handling.

**Note:** never connect the sensor while connecting part is wet. Especially after cleaning procedure special care is needed to dry the sensor.

Please be aware that SFM3400 has been designed for usage with air and other non-corrosive and non-toxic gases.

If leak tightness is critical in customer application, it remains customer's sole responsibility to leak-test the sensor before usage.

### 4.7 I<sup>2</sup>C Interface and communication

Due to I<sup>2</sup>C interface restrictions, the cable length from the sensor to the microprocessor is recommended to be as short as possible and certainly not above 30 cm. For wires longer than 10 cm it is mandatory to shield the SDA and SCL.

In case data is read from the sensor, the first data byte of the transaction must always be acknowledged by the master.

It must be possible to reset the sensor through a hard reset, i.e. powering off and on the sensor, in case the sensor freezes.

I<sup>2</sup>C Communication details are given in the application note "GF\_AN\_SFM3xxx\_I<sup>2</sup>C Functional Description".

There is an additional EEPROM on the PCB to allow storage of customer-specific data. Please see all details in the datasheet of the EEPROM. The EEPROM is of type 24LC01BT-I/MC. No additional validation or modification of EEPROM settings has been performed by Sensirion.

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There is an additional EEPROM on the SFM3400-AW to allow storage of customer-specific data (like for example usage hours). Please see all details in the datasheet of the EEPROM. The EEPROM is of type 24LC01BT-I/MC. No additional validation or modification of EEPROM settings has been performed by Sensirion.

## 5. Ordering Information

Use the part names and product numbers shown in the table below when ordering SFM3400-AW sensors. For the latest product information and local distributors, visit [www.sensirion.com](http://www.sensirion.com).

| Part name     | Product Number | Availability |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| SFM3400-33-AW | 1-101545-01    | Available    |
| SFM3400-33-D  | 1-101607-01    | Samples      |

Packaging units: 30 items/tray.

Every sensor is traceable by a unique serial number.

## Revision history

| Date           | Author | Version | Changes  |
|----------------|--------|---------|--|
| Jan 2016       | ALAN   | 0.1     | First preliminary version  |
| September 2016 | ALAN   | 0.2     | Updates/Refinements; New Drawings  |
| October 2016   | ALAN   | 0.3     | Refinements Pressure/Wetted Materials  |
| December 2016  | DAT    | 0.4     | Include "-D" version   |
| January 2017   | ALAN   | 0.5     | Updated formatting, product number, physical specifications                              |
| July 2017      | SAW    | 1.0     | Reworked footnotes of physical specification. Removed preliminary status for SFM3400-AW. |

## Important Notices

### Warning, personal injury

**Do not use this product as safety or emergency stop devices or in any other application where failure of the product could result in personal injury (including death). Do not use this product for applications other than its intended and authorized use. Before installing, handling, using or servicing this product, please consult the datasheet and application notes. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in death or serious injury.**

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### ESD Precautions

The inherent design of this component causes it to be sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To prevent ESD-induced damage and/or degradation, take customary and statutory ESD precautions when handling this product.

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