

Grove - CO2 Sensor



The Grove - CO2 Sensor module is infrared CO2 sensor high sensitivity and high resolution. Infrared CO2 sensor MH-Z16 is a general-purpose, small sensor, the use of non-dispersive infrared (NDIR) present in the principle of the air CO2 Detect, with good selectivity, oxygen-dependent, long life, built-in temperature sensor, temperature compensation, with UART output, easy to use. It can be

widely used in HVAC and indoor air quality monitoring, industrial process monitoring and security, agriculture and livestock production process monitoring.

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Caution

Note that the sensor value only reflects the approximated trend of gas concentration in a permissible error range. It DOES NOT represent the exact gas concentration. The detection of certain components in the air usually requires a more precise and costly instrument, which cannot be done with a single gas sensor. If your project is aimed at obtaining the gas

concentration at a very precise level, then we do not recommend this gas sensor.

**Tip**

We've released the [Seed Gas Sensor Selection Guide](#)

[https://wiki.seeedstudio.com/Sensor_gas/], it will help you choose the gas sensor that best suits your needs.

Specifications

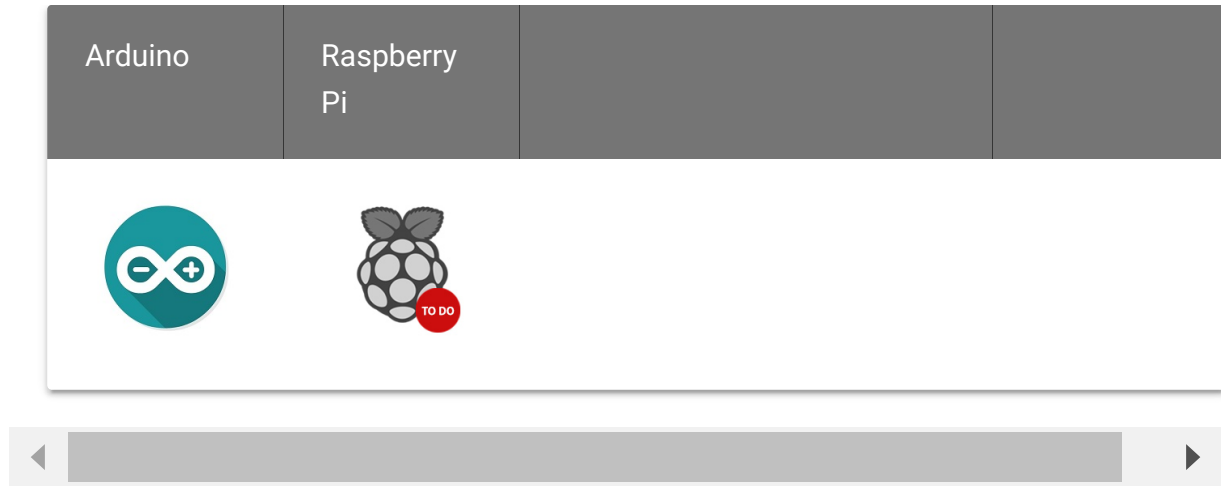
- Measuring the range of 0-2000 parts per million (PPM)
- Resolution of 1 PPM 0-2000 parts per million (PPM)
- Accuracy of 200 PPM
- A Warm - up time 3 minutes
- Response Time < 90s
- Operating temperature 0 to 50°C
- Operating Humidity 0% ~ 90% RH
- Storage temperature - 20-60°C
- Operating Voltage 4.5 V to 6 V DC
- The Current maximum Current of less than 100 ma, the average Current of less than 50 ma
- Output mode UART

**Tip**

More details about Grove modules please refer to [Grove System](#)

[https://wiki.seeedstudio.com/Grove_System/]

Platforms Supported



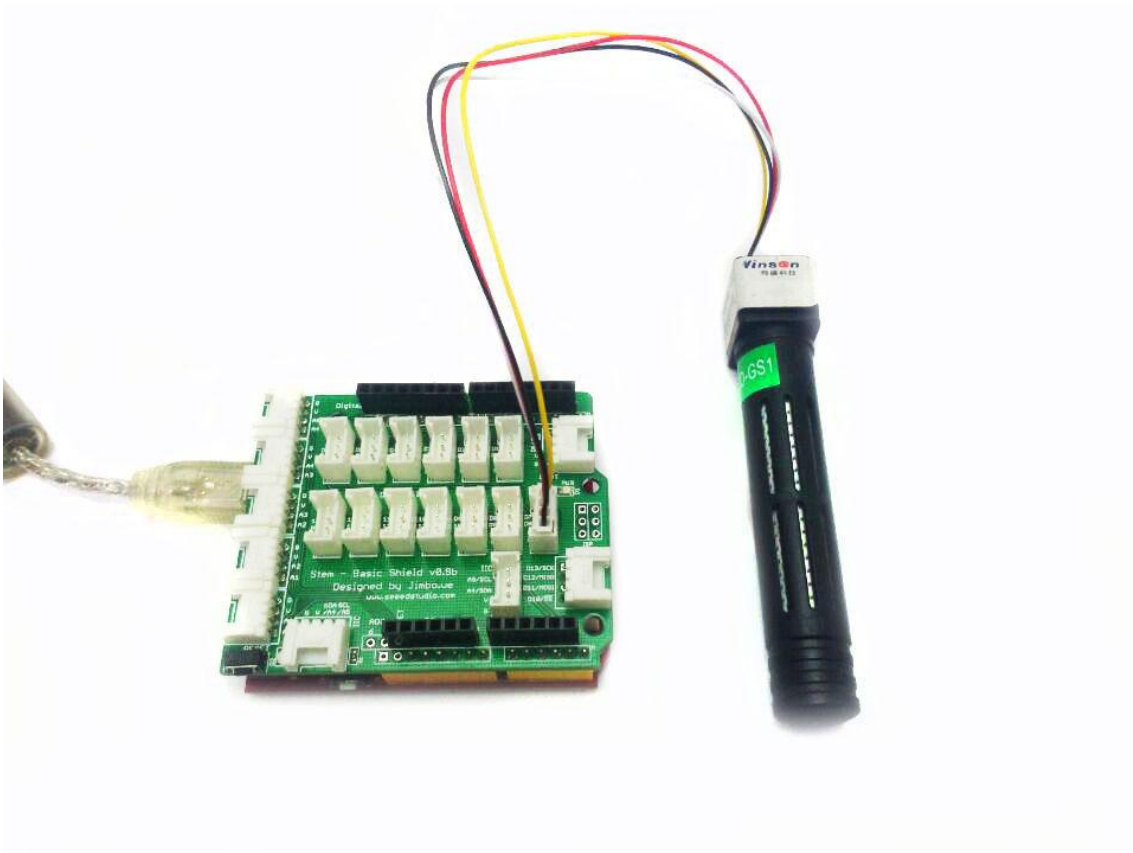
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The platforms mentioned above as supported is/are an indication of the module's software or theoretical compatibility. We only provide software library or code examples for Arduino platform in most cases. It is not possible to provide software library / demo code for all possible MCU platforms. Hence, users have to write their own software library.

Demonstration

Connect the module with Grove Shield using like following picture and use the program below to gain the voltage.

Please note that the best preheat time of the sensor is about 180s. For the detailed information about the sensor, please refer to the datasheet.



```

1  /*
2   This test code is write for Arduino AVR Series(UNO, Le
3   If you want to use with LinkIt ONE, please connect the
4
5   // #include <SoftwareSerial.h>
6   // SoftwareSerial s_serial(2, 3);      // TX, RX
7
8   #define sensor Serial1
9  */
10
11
12  #include <SoftwareSerial.h>
13  SoftwareSerial s_serial(2, 3);      // TX, RX
14
15  #define sensor s_serial
16
17  const unsigned char cmd_get_sensor[] =
18  {
19      0xff, 0x01, 0x86, 0x00, 0x00,
20      0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x79
  
```

```
21 };
22
23 unsigned char dataRevice[9];
24 int temperature;
25 int CO2PPM;
26
27 void setup()
28 {
29     sensor.begin(9600);
30     Serial.begin(115200);
31     Serial.println("get a 'g', begin to read from sensor");
32     Serial.println("*****");
33     Serial.println();
34 }
35
36 void loop()
37 {
38     if(dataRecieve())
39     {
40         Serial.print("Temperature: ");
41         Serial.print(temperature);
42         Serial.print("  CO2: ");
43         Serial.print(CO2PPM);
44         Serial.println("");
45     }
46     delay(1000);
47 }
48
49 bool dataRecieve(void)
50 {
51     byte data[9];
52     int i = 0;
53
54     //transmit command data
55     for(i=0; i<sizeof(cmd_get_sensor); i++)
56     {
57         sensor.write(cmd_get_sensor[i]);
58     }
59     delay(10);
60     //begin reveiceing data
61     if(sensor.available())
```

```
62     {
63         while(sensor.available())
64         {
65             for(int i=0;i<9; i++)
66             {
67                 data[i] = sensor.read();
68             }
69         }
70     }
71
72     for(int j=0; j<9; j++)
73     {
74         Serial.print(data[j]);
75         Serial.print(" ");
76     }
77     Serial.println("");
78
79     if((i != 9) || (1 + (0xFF ^ (byte)(data[1] + data[2]
80     {
81         return false;
82     }
83
84     CO2PPM = (int)data[2] * 256 + (int)data[3];
85     temperature = (int)data[4] - 40;
86
87     return true;
88 }
```

The screenshot shows the SSCom3.2 serial terminal window. The title bar reads "SSCOM3.2 (作者:聂小猛(丁丁), 主页http://www.mcu51.com, Email: mcu52@163.com)2003.6.24". The main window displays the following output:

```

*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 902
temperature = 29
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 899
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 899
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 901
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 901
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 899
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 901
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 900
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 900
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 901
temperature = 30
*****
get data ok:
gas_strength = 904
temperature = 30
*****

```

The interface includes a menu bar with options like "打开文件", "文件名", "发送文件", "保存窗口", "清除窗口", and "HEX显示". Below the menu is a toolbar with "串口号" (COM13), "关闭串口", "帮助", and "WWW.MCU51.COM". A settings panel on the left shows "波特率" (115200), "数据位" (8), "停止位" (1), "校验位" (None), and "流控制" (None). A status bar at the bottom shows "www.mcu51.cor S:0 R:2631 COM13已打开 115200bps CTS=0 DSR=0 RLSD=0".

Calibration

If you need to calibrate the sensor, please upload below code to your Arduino.

```

1 // Grove - Co2 Sensor calibration
2
3 #include <SoftwareSerial.h>
4 SoftwareSerial sensor(A5, A4); // TX, RX
5
6

```



```
7  const unsigned char cmd_calibrate[] =
8  {
9      0xff, 0x87, 0x87, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xf2
10 };
11
12 void setup()
13 {
14     sensor.begin(9600);
15     Serial.begin(115200);
16     Serial.println("begin to calibrate");
17
18     for(int i=0; i<sizeof(cmd_calibrate); i++)
19     {
20         sensor.write(cmd_calibrate[i]);
21     }
22
23     Serial.println("calibrate done");
24 }
25
26 void loop()
27 {
28     // nothing to do
29 }
```



Warning

Please preheat the sensor for at least 5 minutes before calibrating and make sure the sensor in fresh air.

Reference

- 350~450ppm: General outdoor environment
- 350~1000ppm: The air is fresh and breathing smooth
- 1000~2000ppm: The air was stagnant and feel asleep
- 5000ppm: Permissible exposure limit for an 8h work day

Resources

- [MH-Z16_CO2 datasheet_ZH_CN.pdf](https://files.seeedstudio.com/wiki/Grove-CO2_Sensor/res/MH-Z16_CO2.pdf)
[https://files.seeedstudio.com/wiki/Grove-CO2_Sensor/res/MH-Z16_CO2.pdf]
- [MH-Z16_CO2 datasheet_EN.pdf](https://files.seeedstudio.com/wiki/Grove-CO2_Sensor/res/MH-Z16_CO2_datasheet_EN.pdf)
[https://files.seeedstudio.com/wiki/Grove-CO2_Sensor/res/MH-Z16_CO2_datasheet_EN.pdf]
- [Health Risk Evaluation for Carbon Dioxide](http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wy/information/NEPA/cfodocs/howell.Par.2800.File.dat/25apxC.pdf)
[http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wy/information/NEPA/cfodocs/howell.Par.2800.File.dat/25apxC.pdf]

Projects

LoRa IoT Tea: An automatic information collection system applied to tea plantation. It is part of intelligent agricultural information collection.



(<https://www.hackster.io/SeeedStudio/seed-lora-iotea-solution-b5ee95>)

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