RELATIVE HUMIDITY SENSOR

Based on a unique capacitive cell, these relative humidity sensors are designed for high volume, cost sensitive applications such as office automation, automotive cabin air control, home appliances, and industrial process control systems. They are also useful in all applications where humidity compensation is needed.

FEATURES

- Full interchangeability with no calibration required in standard conditions
- Instantaneous desaturation after long periods in saturation phase
- Compatible with automatized assembly processes, including wave soldering, reflow and water immersion (1)
- High reliability and long term stability
- Patented solid polymer structure
- Suitable for linear voltage or frequency output circuitry
- Fast response time
- Individual marking for compliance to stringent traceability requirements

(1) soldering temperature profiles available on request

MAXIMUM RATINGS (Ta = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

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<th>Characteristics</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Min.</th>
<th>Typ.</th>
<th>Max.</th>
<th>Unit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Humidity measuring range</td>
<td>RH</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>%</td>
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<td>Supply voltage</td>
<td>Vs</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Nominal capacitance @ 55% RH*</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>177</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>183</td>
<td>pF</td>
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<td>Temperature coefficient</td>
<td>Tcc</td>
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<td>Averaged Sensitivity from 33% to 75% RH</td>
<td>ΔC/%RH</td>
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<td>pF/%RH</td>
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<td>Leakage current (Vcc = 5 Volts)</td>
<td>Ix</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>nA</td>
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<td>Recovery time after 150 hours of condensation</td>
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<td>Humidity Hysteresis</td>
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<td>+/-1.5</td>
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<td>Long term stability</td>
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<td>%RH/yr</td>
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<td>Response time (33 to 76 % RH, still air @ 63%)</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>s</td>
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<td>Deviation to typical response curve (10% to 90% RH)</td>
<td>Δta</td>
<td>+/-2</td>
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<td>% RH</td>
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* Tighter specification available on request
**Characteristics (Cont’d)**

*Typical response curve of HS 1100/HS 1101 in humidity*

- Calibrated data are traceable to NIST standards through CETIAT laboratory.
- Measurement frequency: 10kHz
- Ta = 25°C

**Polynomial response:**

\[ C(pF) = C@55\%RH \times (1.25 \times 10^{-7} RH^3 - 1.36 \times 10^{-5} RH^2 + 2.19 \times 10^{-3} RH + 9.0 \times 10^{-1}) \]

**Measurement frequency influence**

In this data sheet, all capacitance measurements are @ 10kHz. However, the sensor can operate without restriction from 5kHz to 100kHz. To calculate the influence of frequency on capacitance measurements:

\[ C@fkHz = C@10kHz \times (1.027 - 0.01185 \ln(fkHz)) \]

**Polarization**

In order to get a better reproducibility during measurements, always connect the case of the header (pin 2) to the ground of the circuit.

The case of the header is located on the opposite side of the tab.

**Soldering instructions:** see the Application Note HPC007

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**Proportional Voltage Output Circuit**

*Internal Block Diagram*

\[ V_{out} = V_{cc} \times (0.00474 \times RH + 0.2354) \]

for 5 - 99% RH

Typical temperature coefficient:

+0.1% RH/°C - From 10 to 60°C

**Typical Characteristics for Voltage Output Circuit**

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<th>RH in % RH</th>
<th>Voltage (V)</th>
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<td>10</td>
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<td>100</td>
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**DEMO BOARD AVAILABLE ON REQUEST (REF HM1510)**

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**FREQUENCY OUTPUT CIRCUITS**

**COMMENTS**

This circuit is the typical astable design for 555. The HS1100/HS1101, used as variable capacitor, is connected to the TRIG and THRES pin. Pin 7 is used as a short circuit pin for resistor R4.

The HS1100/HS1101 equivalent capacitor is charged through R2 and R4 to the threshold voltage (approximately 0.67Vcc) and discharged through R2 only to the trigger level (approximately 0.33Vcc) since R4 is shorted to ground by pin 7.

Since the charge and discharge of the sensor run through different resistors, R2 and R4, the duty cycle is determined by:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{t}_{\text{high}} &= C@\%\text{RH} \cdot (R2+R4) \cdot \ln 2 \\
\text{t}_{\text{low}} &= C@\%\text{RH} \cdot R2 \cdot \ln 2 \\
F &= 1/(\text{t}_{\text{high}}+\text{t}_{\text{low}}) = 1/(C@\%\text{RH} \cdot (R4+2 \cdot R2) \cdot \ln 2) \\
\text{Output duty cycle} &= \text{t}_{\text{high}} \cdot F = R2/(R4+2 \cdot R2)
\end{align*}
\]

To provide an output duty cycle close to 50%, R4 should be very low compared to R2 but never under a minimum value.

Resistor R3 is a short circuit protection. 555 must be a CMOS version.

**REMARK**

R1 unbalances the internal temperature compensation scheme of the 555 in order to introduce a temperature coefficient that matches the HS1100/HS1101 temperature coefficient. In all cases, R1 should be a 1% resistor with a maximum of 100ppm coefficient temperature like all other R-C timer resistors. Since 555 internal temperature compensation changes from one trademark to one other, R1 value should be adapted to the specific chip. To keep the nominal frequency of 6660Hz at 55%RH, R2 also needs slight adjustment as shown in the table.

**BILL OF MATERIAL AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

**Typical Characteristics for Frequency Output Circuits**

REFERENCE POINT AT 6660Hz FOR 55%RH / 25°C

<table>
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<th>RH</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
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<td>0%</td>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>7224</td>
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<td>90%</td>
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<td>100</td>
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Typical for a 555 CMOS type. TLC555 (RH : Relative Humidity in %, F : Frequency in Hz)

**Polynomial response :**

\[
F_{\text{mes}}(\text{Hz}) = F_{555}(\text{Hz})(1.1038 \cdot 1.936810^{-3} \cdot \text{RH} + 3.011410^{-6} \cdot \text{RH}^2 - 3.440310^{-8} \cdot \text{RH}^3)
\]

**Measurement Error vs Stray Capacitance**

A special attention is required in order to minimize stray capacitance in the layout. The added capacitance will act as a parallel capacitance with the sensor and create a measurement error.

**Typical Capacitance : 180pF**

**Nominal Humidity : 55%RH**

**Frequency Range : 0kHz to 25kHz**

For a frequency of 6660Hz at 55%RH
QUALIFICATION PROCESS
- HS1100/HS1101 sensors have been qualified through a complete qualification process taking in account many of the requirements of the MIL STD750 including:

Solder heat and solderability
Wave soldering at 260°C + DI water clean at 45°C
Mechanical shock - 1500 g, 5 blows, 3 directions
Vibration - Variable (F = 100 - 2000Hz), fixed (F = 35Hz)
Constant acceleration
Marking permanency
ESD - Electrostatic Discharge - Human body & Machine model
Salt Atmosphere MIL STD750/Method 1041/96 hours
Temperature Cycling - 40°C / +85°C

High Temperature / Humidity Operating Life - 93%RH / 60°C for 1000 hours
Low humidity storage life - RH < 10%/23°C - 1000 hours
Resistance to immersion in water at ambient temperature and 80°C - 160 hours
Resistance to acid vapors at 75000 ppm for nitric, sulfuric and chlorhydric acids
Resistance to many chemicals linked with home appliances/automotive or consumer applications.

All these tests are regularly performed on different lots from production. **More information are available on request**

Environmental and recycling information:
- HS1100/HS1101 sensors are lead free components
- HS1100/HS1101 sensors are free of Cr (VI), Cd and Hg.

ORDERING INFORMATION:
HS 1100 : HPP 800 A 001 (MULTIPLE PACKAGE QUANTITY OF 50 PIECES)
HS 1101 : HPP 801 A 001 (MULTIPLE PACKAGE QUANTITY OF 48 PIECES)
CAPACITIVE RELATIVE HUMIDITY SENSOR.

Email : sales@humirel.com
Sample kit of HS1100-HS1101 is available through Humirel web site
www.humirel.com