

Crowcon XgardIQ

Intelligent Gas Detector and Transmitter



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Introduction

XgardIQ is an intelligent and versatile gas detector and transmitter compatible with Crowcon's full range of sensor technologies. XgardIQ is available fitted with a variety of flammable, toxic or oxygen gas sensors and provides a bright OLED display with clear and comprehensive status information in a range of languages.



Confidence with Positive Safety[™]

Bright LED's indicate detector status at a glance; the unique '+ve Safety' LED confirms the detector is operating safely and alerts operators to any irregular events that may affect product integrity such as the ambient temperature exceeding sensor limits. When the detector is working safely the blue +ve Safety LED remains on constantly, if any abnormal operating conditions are detected the LED will flash and a warning message will be displayed.

Flexible signal output options

XgardIQ provides comprehensive output signal options. An analogue 4-20mA signal with auto-sink/source detection feature, and RS-485 Modbus communications are provided as standard. Alarm and fault relays featuring heavy-duty change-over contacts rated 230Vac 5A are available at purchase, or may be added at any time after installation. HART communications can be provided both over the analogue signal and via local I.S. terminals for diagnostics using any HART asset management system or hand-held device.

Improved user safety

XgardIQ minimises the time personnel spend in potentially hazardous locations by using simple hot-swappable sensor modules. Sensors can be bump tested/calibrated in-situ *or* removed in seconds (using one hand) and either replaced with a precalibrated sensor module or re-calibrated in a safe area and refitted.





Introduction (continued)

All functions and adjustments can be made via the integral keypad without the need for special tools or hot-work permits.

Rugged and robust

ATEX and IECEx certified for use in Zone 1 and Zone 2 hazardous areas, XgardIQ has been designed for long-life operation in extreme environments. Featuring rugged 316 stainless steel construction and a wide operating temperature range from -40°C to +75°C, XgardIQ is suitable for the most demanding applications.

Flexible cable installation options

XgardIQ comes with three cable entries as standard: the left-hand and lower right-hand entries are sealed using a certified 'stopping gland' which may be removed as required (eg for making relay connections or looping a cable to the next detector on an addressable network). Single cables (ie from a control system) will normally be connected to the upper right-hand entry.



Product Options

Sensor Modules

Where XgardIQ is to be installed potentially months ahead of scheduled commissioning, it can be supplied without a sensor module. This avoids the possibility of the sensor being poisoned or expiring whilst inactive. The XgardIQ transmitter is supplied with a cap protecting the sensor module entry and sensor modules can be delivered and installed prior to commissioning.

Option 1: XgardIQ with Sensor Module

XgardIQ will be supplied with the required type of sensor module and will be configured with appropriate settings (alarms levels etc) when the module is inserted. The pre-calibrated flammable, toxic or oxygen sensor module will be supplied packed in its own box (within the main transmitter carton) ready for plugging-in when the detector is ready for installation. A calibration certificate will be supplied referencing the sensor module and transmitter.



Option 2: XgardIQ Transmitter Only

This option enables XgardIQ transmitters to be ordered without a sensor module. On newly constructed sites instruments often may be installed potentially many months before the site is ready for commissioning. This option enables the sensor module to be fitted during commissioning removing the risk of sensors expiring during the time between installation and commissioning. A dummy sensor module is fitted to maintain the dust and water ingress protection of the transmitter.



This option also enables a complete un-configured XgardIQ transmitter to be stocked for rapid replacement of any detector on-site. Distributors can also stock an un-configured transmitter and fit any type of sensor module to satisfy customer orders quickly.



Signal/Output Options

Analogue 4-20mA signal with auto-sink/source detection feature, and RS-485 Modbus communications are provided as standard. The following outputs are also available as an option.

Relays

A simple plug-in module containing Alarm 1, Alarm 2 and Fault relays, with heavy-duty change-over contacts rated 230Vac 5A is available at purchase, or may be added at any time after installation. If a relay module is added after purchase (ie is not factory fitted) the XgardIQ transmitter will recognize the relay module and make all of the relevant menu options available after it has been power-cycled.

The relays can be used for local activation of sounders, beacons, gas valves etc, and are fully configurable as latching, non-latching, energised, de-energised etc. On-delays and off-delays may also be set for each relay.



Optional Relay Module Simply Plugs-In

HART Communications

HART communications can be enabled as an option at the time of order only. HART enabled transmitters can be identified by the part code shown on the label or via the display menu.

The HART (Highway Addressable Remote Transducer) Protocol is the global standard for sending and receiving digital information across analogue wires between smart devices and control or monitoring systems.



More specifically, HART is a bi-directional communication protocol that provides data access between intelligent field instruments (gas detectors, level gauges, pressure transmitters etc) and host systems. A host can be any software application from a technician's hand-held device or laptop to a plant's process control, asset management, safety or other system using any control platform.

HART communications is available as an option on XgardIQ in two formats:

 Local hand-held HART communicator connection. Industrystandard HART communicators are used on industrial sites for maintaining and calibrating a host of instruments. The key benefit of HART is site maintenance staff can use a common communicator to maintain all of their safety and process instruments. The user simply needs to upload and install the DD (Device Description) file to their communicator to access the XgardIQ functions.



Emerson 475 HART Communicator

Hand-held HART communicator connection is made using clips to connect to the I.S. pins located on the front of the display module.



HART over the 4-20mA signal line: the HART protocol is super-imposed over the XgardIQ transmitter 4-20mA signal to provide the additional data listed below. In this mode of operation the safety



function is performed by the 4-20mA signal (connected to a conventional controller or PLC/DCS). A HART device can then be connected in parallel with the signal connections to read the XgardIQ transmitter status information. HART devices include hand-held communicators, a PLC with HART connectivity or a PC-based Asset Management System (AMS) communicating via a HART modem.

Functions available via HART:

- Gas concentration display
- Obscuration level display (for IR sensors)
- Supply voltage display
- Sensor and Transmitter temperature display
- Alarm status
- Relay status
- Calibration/bump test due dates
- Output signal trim and ramp
- Real time clock set
- Sensor range adjustment
- Select/deselect Inhibit mode
- Sensor zero, calibration and bump test
- Transmitter and sensor module serial number display
- Software version display
- Display and change HART password
- Read and adjust alarm thresholds
- Detailed +ve Safety, warning and fault status information.
- Configuration display: sensor type, relay module fitted Y/N.

A detailed XgardIQ HART integration guide is available from Crowcon, which describes the data available to enable software engineers to develop an XgardIQ HART interface. For further information on HART, and to access and upload instrument DD's (Device Descriptors) visit:

www.hartcomm.org



Certification

XgardIQ is ATEX and IECEx certified for use in Zone 1 and Zone 2 hazardous areas. Two protection concepts have been deployed in its design: Flameproof (Exd) and Intrinsic Safety (Exia) delivering an overall certification code: Exd ia.

Unlike Crowcon's Xgard range of detectors which includes separate Flameproof (Exd) and Intrinsically Safety (Exia) models, the XgardIQ transmitter is one common Exd ia certified design suitable for use with electrochemical (toxic and oxygen), pellistor (flammable) and IR gas sensor modules.

Although the design incorporates Intrinsically Safe (Exia) elements, the overall concept is essentially Flameproof (Exd) and therefore XgardIQ cannot be used in Zone 0 applications as a purely Exia product could.

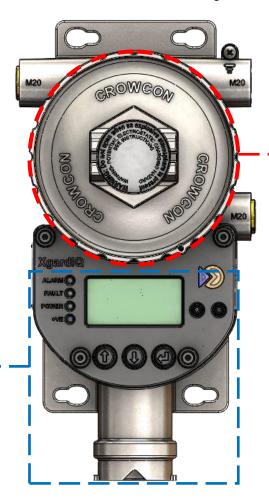
An I.S. isolating circuit designed by Crowcon is incorporated onto the circuits housed within the Exd section of the XgardIQ transmitter enclosure and provides the necessary protection to the I.S. elements of the product (display and sensor modules). **XgardIQ** cannot and must not be connected to a control system via an I.S. barrier such as a Zener Barrier or Galvanic Isolator.

The following diagram describes the combined Exd & Exia design concept.



XgardIQ Label

The OLED display, function buttons and sensor modules are Intrinsically Safe: the necessary isolation is provided by the I.S. isolating circuit contained on the circuit boards located within the Exd area under the screw-on



The area under the screw-on lid contains circuit boards, relays (optional) and connectors for terminating field cables. An I.S. barrier is also incorporated to protect the I.S. elements of XgardIQ: the OLED display and sensor modules. This area is Flameproof (Exd) by design and thus cables must be connected via Exd certified glands using the three cable entries (marked 'M20' or '½"NPT').



The advantages of the XgardIQ design incorporating the two protection concepts are:

- 1. From an installation and operation view-point the product is Exd Flameproof as preferred by the majority of operators and is thus simple to install in Zone 1 and Zone 2 environments.
- 2. The display and function buttons are I.S. protected and thus do not need to be hidden away behind a thick Exd window. The display is thus more clearly visible, and simple push-buttons are provided whereas a purely Exd product requires a magnet to access calibration/menu functions.
- 3. Sensors on an Exd certified detector must be operated behind a sinter (flame arrestor) to prevent an ignition hazard. The sinter slows gas response, totally prevents reactive gases (eg chlorine) from passing through and also presents a risk of 'undiagnosed failure' if the sinter pores become blocked (and thus prevent gas from reaching the sensor). Deploying I.S. sensor modules enables XgardIQ to detect a very wide range of reactive toxic gases with the fastest possible response time.

Sinters are still used on XgardIQ sensor modules for high power sensors (ie where the sensor poses an ignition risk): Pellistors and IR.



Markets and Applications

XgardIQ is designed to meet the requirements of safety-critical applications within Oil and Gas, Petrochemical and other heavy industrial applications. Featuring rugged construction, with genuine safety-enhancing features, XgardIQ is specifically designed for applications where dependability and durability are of paramount importance.

Oil and gas production

Oil and gas production platforms, vessels (FPSO's etc) and on-shore installations require hydrocarbon gas detectors to monitor for potentially flammable gas/vapour accumulations. Highly toxic hydrogen sulphide (H_2S) gas increasingly presents a significant hazard in locations where the oil/gas is 'sour'. The harsh offshore environment makes 316 stainless steel construction a prerequisite for products installed off-shore. Compliance with Functional Safety standards (IEC 61508) is also required to demonstrate dependability. The ability to fit pre-calibrated sensor modules minimises the time personnel need to spend in hazardous areas of the facility; an important safety consideration.

XgardIQ complies with the general needs of this market:

- 316 Stainless Steel construction (corrosion resistance in saline environments).
- IEC 61508 SIL 2 compliance.
- Full range of flammable and toxic gas sensors
- Removable, hot-swap, pre-calibrated sensor modules.
- Long life with low maintenance costs
- ATEX & IECEx Zone 1 & 2 approval
- Operation from -40°C to +75°C (sensor dependant)



The requirements for gas detectors are similar to those of offshore installations; however a wider variety of flammable and toxic gas sensors are required to detect hazards as the crude oil is processed into other products. Fixed-point detectors may need to communicate with control systems via addressable networks (eg Modbus) rather than simply via 4-20mA. HART communications is widely required for compatibility with hand-held communicators and Asset Management Systems. Flammable gas/vapour detectors are required for monitoring around pipes, storage tanks and filling processes. Flammable, toxic and oxygen gas detection is required within analyser shelters and laboratories. Hydrogen detectors are required to monitor emergency power battery rooms where the highly flammable gas is generated from the battery charging process.





Fearsomely toxic and corrosive hydrogen fluoride (HF) gas may be used as a catalyst for the production of gasoline blending components. Staff working within the HF area will have to work in full chemical suits and the XgardIQ removable, hot-swappable, pre-calibrated sensor module removes the need to calibrate in-situ and thus minimises the time operators must spend in this potentially hazardous area.

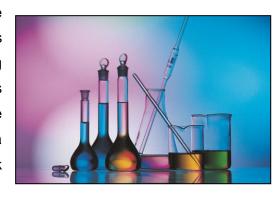
XgardIQ complies with the general needs of this market:

- 316 Stainless Steel construction
- IEC 61508 SIL 2 compliance
- Full range of flammable and toxic gas sensors
- Removable, hot-swap, pre-calibrated sensor modules.
- RS-485 Modbus and HART communications
- Display with non-intrusive calibration
- ATEX & IECEx Zone 1 & 2 approval
- Operation from -40°C to +75°C



Chemical

Chemical plants present a diverse range of combustible and toxic gas hazards. The safety-critical applications require highly dependable detectors with a long operating life. Minimising the need for operators to enter hazardous areas is a key requirement: the ability to quickly remove the sensor module for calibration in a safe area such as a laboratory and re-insert without the need for a hot-work permit is a key benefit for this market.



Application examples:

Ammonia (NH₃) detection in fertiliser plants.

Chlorine (Cl₂) detection in PVC production plants and where it is used for sterilization processes.

Ethylene Oxide (EtO or EO) is used in the production of solvents, antifreeze, textiles, detergents, adhesives, polyurethane foam, and pharmaceuticals. It is also used as a powerful sterilizing agent.

Hydrogen Chloride (HCI) is used in the manufacture of industrial chemicals, fertilizers and dyes. It is also used to treat synthetic rubber and in metal processing treatments.



XgardIQ can be used to monitor for flammable and toxic gas leaks in laboratories and analyser shelters where chemicals are analysed. Nitrogen leaks can also pose a significant oxygen depletion risk in these shelters.

Butane detection is required where it is used as a propellant in aerosols or in cylinders on production lines. Methane detection is required in boiler rooms.

Gas storage and distribution

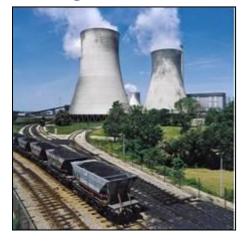
Point-type hydrocarbon detectors are used in combination with open-path IR detectors (OPIR) to monitor leaks from storage tanks, valve racks and pipelines. Point-type detectors with fast response are required for leak detection in gas compressor stations.

Open-path IR detectors are installed on fence-lines to detect gas clouds escaping from sites into the local environment.

H₂S detectors are required on 'gas sweetening' plants where the highly toxic and corrosive hydrogen sulphide gas is removed from 'sour' natural gas



Power generation



Where natural gas is used to generate power there is a real risk of leaks occurring around the pipe-work and burners at the front of the boiler. High integrity methane detectors that respond to leaks rapidly are required for monitoring boiler fronts, gas burners and the associated pipelines carrying natural gas.

Carbon monoxide presents a constant toxic threat to workers in all types of power station and thus rugged CO detectors are required to monitor many areas of the power station.

Areas around the boilers and burners may be very hot and thus XgardIQ and IRmax's ability to operate in environments up to 75°C is very important for this market.

Gas turbines consume large quantities of natural gas and run at very high temperatures. Flammable gas detection is required around the valves, in the load compartment, exhaust ducts and gas compressor compartment.



Steel Production

Due to the large number of processes involving burning of fossil fuels in steel making, it is essential that personnel are protected against carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide poisoning in many areas of the plant including blast furnaces, power plant and coke ovens. Due to the use of nitrogen (N₂) and argon (Ar) in the BOS (Basic Oxygen Steel) plant and secondary steel making plants, oxygen monitors are also needed.



Carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are sometimes used in process areas to provide an early fire warning, large amounts of CO is produced as the coal/coke begins to smoulder.

In addition to process areas, offices and canteens and locker rooms should be monitored for toxic gas ingress.

Conditions within steel plants tend to be extreme with very high temperatures, high levels of gas, and soot deposits from coal/coke. XgardIQ's rugged design makes it ideal for these applications.

Clean water and Waste water

Methane, hydrogen sulphide and oxygen depletion present significant risks within waste water (sewage) treatment facilities.

Typical applications include methane, H₂S and oxygen monitoring in process areas, dry wells, sludge press houses, deodoriser plants, and ventilation ducts. Flammable vapour monitoring within wet-wells provides a challenging environment for which Crowcon has specialist accessories.



Highly toxic gases such as chlorine (Cl_2), ozone (O_3), sulphur dioxide (SO_2) and chlorine dioxide (ClO_2) are used for disinfecting drinking water. These chemicals are stored in cylinders within water treatment facilities which are often un-manned and within residential environments.

XgardIQ will be available to detect all of these gases and when installed with the optional relay module, will be capable of triggering external warning 'status lights' without needing a separate control system.



Sales Platform

XgardIQ complements IRmax and Spectrex OPIR and Flame detectors to provide premium gas detection solutions for safety critical applications in the most challenging environments.

XgardIQ offers powerful features that help to minimise the time that operators must spend in the hazardous area performing routine maintenance functions. Sensor modules can be simply and quickly "hot-swapped" without a hot-work permit either for replacement with a new pre-calibrated replacement module, or for temporary removal to a safe area for calibration. Engineers thus avoid the need to carry compressed gas cylinders on-site and the sensor module can be tested and calibrated in the safety of a laboratory. Temperature compensation algorithms stored in the sensor module ensure repeatable performance even if outside ambient conditions vary greatly from laboratory temperature.

Users have the option to perform a quick and simple bump test rather than full calibration to verify that sensors are fully operational. Using the 'Speedy Bump' and 'Smart Bump' options, users can perform interim safety checks in minimal time, and using the minimum amount of gas.

XgardIQ utilises buttons and a bright OLED (organic light emitting diode) display rather than conventional magnets and LCD's for configuration and adjustments. The OLED display enables status checking at a glance and from a distance; whilst the use of buttons avoids the risk of special tools (eg magnets) being lost and thus resulting in aborted calibration attempts.

Features and benefits

OLED display: the brightly illuminated "organic light emitting diode" display clearly indicates the gas level, operating status and provides comprehensive menus for set-up and diagnosis. In low ambient light conditions, such as a dark room, the OLED display achieves a much higher contrast ratio than an LCD used on conventional gas detectors.

Universal transmitter: compatible with Crowcon's full range of sensor technologies, XgardIQ provides the versatile solution for any gas hazard and minimizes training, maintenance and sparesholding requirements.

Auto-sense function: XgardIQ automatically detects whether the control system is a 4-20mA current sink or source and sets itself appropriately. This feature eliminates the risk of being incorrectly set, saving time and reducing faults during installation and commissioning.

Hot-swap sensor modules: sensor modules can be removed and replaced or re-fitted using one hand without the need for a hot-work permit in hazardous areas, or any special tools.

Auto-configure function: XgardIQ detects when a sensor module is plugged-in and uploads the appropriate gas type, range, units and alarm levels. Pre-set configurations can of course be retained within the transmitter if preferred.



Un-configured transmitters without a pre-fitted sensor module can be stocked for spares or re-sale purposes. The transmitter reads the configuration from the pre-calibrated sensor module when plugged-in and thus auto-configures to settings appropriate to the installed pellistor, IR, toxic or oxygen sensor.

XgardIQ without sensor: Where the XgardIQ is to be installed potentially months ahead of scheduled commissioning, it can be supplied without a sensor module. This avoids the possibility of the sensor being poisoned or expiring whilst inactive. Pre-calibrated sensor modules can be delivered and installed prior to commissioning.

Sensor range selection: the full-scale range of the sensor can be easily selected by the user. For example a CO sensor with a maximum range of 0-1000ppm can be set to 0-250ppm range at the press of a button. This reduces the variants of spare modules, and provides excellent flexibility for differing applications.

Smart and Speedy bump test functions: enable the sensor response to be tested and verified with gas by following a simple on-screen procedure. Successful bump tests are stored in the event log so that compliance can be demonstrated at a later date.

Calibration due warning: XgardIQ automatically reminds the user that calibration is due, and will produce a warning or fault signal if a full calibration is not performed by a specified date.

Non-intrusive calibration: zero and calibration functions (plus any tests and adjustments) are performed via the display and keypad, without the need for a hot-work permit or any special tools (eg no magnetic wand required).

+ve Safety indicator: confirms the detector is operating safely and warns of any events that might compromise detector or sensor performance (eg the ambient temperature having exceeded sensor limits).

Event log function: stores all alarm, fault and maintenance events to provide a history of gas alarms and detector usage. Can be viewed on-screen or uploaded to a PC using DetectorsPC software.

Addressable communications: up to 32 XgardIQ detectors can be connected on an addressable network using RS-485 Modbus or the HART communications protocol. This option significantly reduces cable and installation costs.



Crowcon's Energy Market Solutions

Oil and gas production facilities, oil refineries, petrochemical plants, gas storage sites and gas distribution pipelines are often located in harsh environments. Site operators need high integrity, highly reliable products that provide dependable performance for many years whilst continuously exposed to salt-spray, direct sunlight, high humidity, sand etc. Crowcon's fixed product range is designed to meet specifications demanded by end-users, and crucially to comply with 'EPC' (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) project specifications.

Safety instrument requirements for energy market projects typically comprise products as described on the following page. EPC's and end-users usually prefer to purchase all types of instrument from a single vendor: Crowcon is able to offer a comprehensive portfolio of products.

In addition to the basic functions expected of a gas or fire detectors, additional requirements for safety-critical applications in these markets are:

- IEC61508 SIL 2 compliance: this demonstrates the reliability and integrity of the product and enables the integrator to incorporate the instrument into a 'Safety Instrumented System'.
- HART communications: analogue 4-20mA signals remains the instrument signaling method
 of choice where dependability is paramount, however the addition of HART
 communications enables a much greater level of diagnostic information to be obtained from
 the instrument. Instruments providing HART communications can be readily integrated into
 customers' Asset Management Systems (AMS) and can be maintained using industrystandard HART portable communicators.
- Stainless steel construction: gas and fire detectors are expected to remain in service for a
 minimum of 10 years (and in many cases more than 20 years). Devices constructed using
 316 stainless steel are most able to withstand the corrosive effects of atmospheres
 containing high levels of salt and/or corrosive gases such as H₂S.

Requirement	Application examples	Crowcon solution
Hydrocarbon point-type detectors	Localised detection around pipe/vessel flanges,	IRmax infrared hydrocarbon detector
	valves etc or in confined areas.	Value proposition:
	Methane leaks from oil and gas drilling operations	Remote display and diagnostics: the versatile IR
	(conventional or shale gas operations).	Display accessory enables information such as gas
	Methane leaks from oil and gas production	level, obscuration level and status information to be
	activities.	viewed remotely from detectors installed in inaccessible
	Hydrocarbon leaks from pipes and vessels.	locations. This removes the need for expensive
	Hydrocarbon detection within air intake ducts.	scaffolding or cherry pickers for routine maintenance.
-	Fuel leak detection from fuel storage vessels.	Lowest power consumption in class: XgardlQ
	Methane leaks from gas turbines.	consumes less than 1 Watt; 75% lower than typical IR
		gas detectors, reducing energy costs and minimizing
		UPS/battery back-up system size.
		Compact size: XgardIQ is the smallest and lightest
		detector in its class simplifying transportation, installation
		and placing less stress on mobile/floating infrastructure.
H₂S point-type detectors	H ₂ S leaks from oil and gas drilling operations	XgardIQ: intelligent gas detector and transmitter
	('sour' sites), shale shaker areas etc.	Value proposition:
	H ₂ S leaks from oil and gas production activities in	Universal transmitter: compatible with Crowcon's full
	'sour' sites.	range of sensor technologies XgardIQ minimizes
٥	H ₂ S leaks from pipes and vessels within	training, maintenance and spares-holding requirements.
	production areas, refineries and petrochemical	Hot-swap sensor modules: sensor modules can be
	sites.H ₂ S detection within air intake ducts.	removed and replaced or re-fitted using one hand in
	H ₂ S detection within sour gas sweetening plants.	hazardous areas without the need for a hot-work permit



Oxygen and other toxic gas	Toxic gas detection and oxygen depletion	or any special tools.			
detectors	monitoring (through nitrogen leaks) in analyser	Auto-configure function: XgardIQ detects when a			
	shelters.	sensor module is plugged-in and uploads the			
	Oxygen depletion is laboratories where nitrogen,	appropriate gas type, range, units and alarm levels,			
	CO ₂ , argon, helium etc may be stored/ used.	eliminating the risk of incorrect settings.			
	Oxygen depletion in platform legs and vessels.	Smart and Speedy bump test functions: enable the			
Hydrogen point-type detectors	Hydrogen accumulation from power back-up	sensor response to be tested and verified in minimum			
	battery charging operations (battery rooms).	time. Successful bump tests are stored in the event log			
		so that compliance can be demonstrated at a later date.			
		+ve Safety indicator: confirms the detector is operating			
		safely and warns of any events that might compromise			
		detector or sensor performance (for example the			
		ambient temperature having exceeded sensor limits).			
Open path IR hydrocarbon gas	Where wide area coverage is needed.	SafEye OPIR gas detectors			
detectors	Fence-line monitoring to detect gas cloud	Up to 200 metre detection range			
	escapes from an installation.	316 stainless steel construction			
	Across valve racks on petrochemical plants.	Built in event recorder: real time record of the last 100			
	Detecting hydrocarbons within air ducts.	events			
	Gas leaks from pipelines.	Heated optics to prevent window-fogging in condensing			
	Monitoring around LNG/LPG storage tanks.	atmospheres.			
		Multiple output options for maximum flexibility and			
		compatibility: 4-20mA, HART Communications, RS-485,			
		Modbus Compatible			
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		High reliability: MTBF* minimum 100,000 hours			



		Detecting Gas Saving Lives
		IEC61508 SIL2 approved
		User programmable: via HART or RS-485
		3-Year warranty (10 years for the Flash-Source)
		ATEX/IECEx, FM, CSA, GOST-R approvals
UV/IR & IR3 Flame detectors	Offshore platforms and FPSOs, onshore oil	SharpEye flame detectors
	refineries, processing plants, pipelines, storage	Multi spectrum designs for long distance detection and
and arres	farms and LPG/LNG plants all utilize or produce a	high false alarm immunity.
	wide range of hazardous flammable liquids and	Aluminium or 316 stainless steel option
	gases that pose a significant fire risk.	Automatic and Manual Built-In-Test (BIT) to assure
		continued reliable operation.
		Heated window for operation in harsh weather
		conditions (snow, ice, condensation).
		Multiple output options for maximum flexibility and
		compatibility: 4-20mA, Relays, HART Communications,
		RS-485, Modbus Compatible
		High reliability – MTBF* - minimum 150,000 hours
		IEC61508 SIL2 approved
		5-Year warranty
		ATEX/IECEx, FM, CSA, GOST-R, MED approvals
		*MTBF: Mean Time Between Failures



Smoke and heat detectors	Oil and gas facilities present particularly	Apollo and Hochiki safe area and I.S. smoke/heat
	challenging environments where the risk of	detectors
MILITA	explosion has to be taken into account.	Crowcon can supply a wide range of conventional and
	Smoke detection is required within buildings	addressable devices for safe areas, or 'intrinsically safe'
	generally, whilst heat detectors are required to	models which are suitable for use in hazardous areas.
	protect machinery such as compressors and	
	generators.	
Manual call points	Manual alarm call points enable alarms to be	Safe area and Ex certified call points can be supplied at
7h	activated when personnel become aware of a fire	competitive prices from leading manufacturers such as
200	or emergency condition. Call points may be	e2s and MEDC.
- 1	activated by pressing a button or breaking a glass	
	seal.	
Sounders and beacons	Audible alarms (sounders, sirens or hooters) and	Safe area and Ex certified alarms can be supplied at
	visual alarms (beacons) are used throughout	competitive prices from leading manufacturers such as
	industrial plants. Alarms are used from local	Klaxon, e2s and MEDC.
	areas/rooms to warn of gas and fire hazards	
	through to site-wide evacuation alarms.	
	Status lights linked to gas detectors are used to	
	indicate when it is safe to enter a potentially	
	dangerous area.	



Control systems





Gas and fire detectors will be connected to a control system usually located in a safe area such as a plant room or control room. The control system displays the gas detector signals (gas concentrations) are will have alarm thresholds set for activating alarms and/or shutting-down gas supplies or processes.

Control systems may be entirely centralised using an industrial controller such as a DCS or PLC system, or may utilise specific fire and gas panels located within specific areas.

Some areas such as cranes on offshore platforms and analyser shelters on refineries and petrochemical sites are classified as hazardous areas and therefore require Ex certified control system for local control.

Gasmaster, Gasmonitor and Vortex modular control systems

Crowcon's control panels have extensive proven track records in oil and gas, petrochemical and power generation applications.

Gasmaster features a large display showing complete status of up to four gas detectors at a glance.

Gasmonitor is our 19" rack-based limitlessly expandable control system featuring individual input modules/display per detector.

Vortex is a modular system for up to twelve detectors per panel offering programmable relays and Modbus communications.

Vortex Flameproof is an Exd certified control system suitable for use in Zone 1 or 2 hazardous areas.

Where gas is stored or transported under pressure there may also be a requirement for 'acoustic' (otherwise know as 'ultrasonic' leak detection). Crowcon can offer detectors from market-leading manufacturers to meet such demands where necessary.

Accessing Energy Markets

XgardIQ and the supporting products listed in the previous section are designed for industrial applications where a premium price can be commanded for high integrity products.

Target applications include oil and gas production facilities (onshore and offshore), petrochemical plants, chemical plants etc. End users will typically be oil and gas 'giants' such as Shell, ExxonMobil, Petronas etc as well as smaller regional operators. These companies may purchase directly, but often outsource procurement to 'EPC's (Engineering, Procurement & Construction contractors).

These markets are heavily reliant on instrument specifications which are defined by the end users or by the EPC's. Compliance with the technical detail of these specifications is critical, and XgardIQ has been specified to comply with the majority from target customers.

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Identifying the influencers within the oil and gas companies and EPC's is crucial to success. Crowcon's experienced team of sales managers and distributors now have a comprehensive portfolio of products to promote for projects in key geographic areas.

Of course succeeding in these markets also requires the vendor to be acceptable to the customer. Typical vendor requirements:

- An established manufacturer/supplier with a proven track-record in relevant markets.
- A single vendor should be able to provide all of the instrument types required for a project.
- The vendor must be able to supply instrument reference lists proving a track record in related applications.
- Demonstrable compliance and implementation of robust quality systems (eg ISO9001).
- Commercial ability to accept payment through Open Credit, Letter of Credit, to negotiate Performance Bond Guarantees, Advance Payment Guarantees, Warranty Bonds Liquidated Damages, Delay Damages etc.
- Contractual agreements may be required to be covered by group company guarantees (whereby a related third-party guarantees vendor performance).
- Covered by Product Liability, Public Liability, Professional Indemnity insurances.
- Vendor registration (EPC, end-user or both) may be necessary in order to qualify to bid on projects.
- Able to provide supporting documents/information on award of an order (Quality Plan, FAT/SAT Procedure, Project Schedule, Bill of Materials, Instrument Datasheets, Hazloc certificates etc).
- Be able to provide comprehensive on-site support during commissioning and the operating life on the equipment.
- In addition to product and accessory pricing, customers may require information on life-time
 costs (cost of calibration gases, spare parts etc) and extended warranty costs to enable the
 end-user to budget for a extended period of operation (eg 10 years).



Ordering Information

Product codes:

XgardIQ product codes are compiled by selecting the required product options using the table below or the configurator tool on the Crowcon website. The XgardIQ transmitter and required sensor module must be ordered as separate line items.

XgardIQ Transmitter:

	Sensor Module		Enclosure Type Certification		Certification		Certification		Certification		e Type Certification		HART Communic	cations	Output Op	tions	Langua	ge
	Description	Code	Description	Code	Description	Code	Description	Code	Description	Code	Description	Code						
XIQ		zz	Stainless Steel M20	S1	- ATEX/IECEX	011	No HART comms	Z .	No Relays	z	English	Α						
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XgardIQ Sensor Modules:

XIQ-IG	CO sensor module (0-250ppm)
XIQ-AH	CO sensor module (0-500ppm)
XIQ-LJ	CO sensor module (0-1000ppm)
XIQ-AV	HF sensor module (0-10ppm)
XIQ-II	H ₂ S sensor module (Electrochem, 0-25ppm)
XIQ-IL	H ₂ S sensor module (Electrochem, 0-50ppm)
XIQ-AI	H ₂ S sensor module (Electrochem, 0-100ppm)
XIQ-IN	H ₂ S sensor module (Electrochem, 0-200ppm)
XIQ-AG	Oxygen sensor module (0-25%, 2-year life)
XIQ-AF	Hydrogen sensor module (pellistor)
XIQ-AA	Methane sensor module (pellistor)
XIQ-AB	Propane sensor module (pellistor)

Example:

The product code for a transmitter in a stainless steel enclosure with M20 cable entries, ATEX/IECEx certification, HART communications, relay module and the display/manual in English would be: XIQ-ZZ-S1-011-H-R-A.

The product code for a 0-500ppm CO sensor module (for example) would be: **ZIQ-AH**.

Price list format:

The total price is calculated by summing the required options from the tables within the price list. For example a detector with the specification described in the example above would comprise:

XgardIQ transmitter in stainless steel enclosure price + HART price + relay module price.

Plus: CO sensor module price as a separate line on the order.



Notes:

Sensor modules will be supplied in a separate carton (packed within the main XgardIQ carton if ordered with the transmitter).

XgardIQ detectors ordered without a sensor module will be delivered with a dummy sensor module which should be inserted if the detector is installed ahead of commissioning to maintain the ingress protection of the enclosure.

XgardIQ Transmitter Configuration

The XgardIQ transmitter will be delivered without pre-set sensor configuration. Only relay module (if fitted) and Modbus defaults will be set (Alarm relays: de-energised/latching, Fault relay: energised/latching, no relay on/off delays Modbus address 1).

The sensor configuration (gas type, range, alarm levels, bump test/calibration dates) will be uploaded from the sensor module when it is first inserted and will then be stored within the transmitter.

The transmitter will accept any sensor module (ie any gas type) on first insertion, but once the configuration has been uploaded the transmitter will subsequently only accept sensor modules of the same gas type. This is a safety feature to prevent sensor modules for incorrect gas types being fitted on-site.



Accessories



Calibration Cap
Enables calibration
gas to be applied to
the sensor.



Splash Guard
Protects the sensor from water.



Flow Adaptor For gas sampling applications.



Sensor Module
Smart module can be supplied with the transmitter or as a spare.



Dummy Sensor Module
Maintains the IP rating of the
transmitter when no sensor
module is installed.



Relay Module
A1, A2, Fault relays
can be supplied with
the transmitter or fitted
at any time.



Calibration Station
For calibrating sensor
modules away from
the XgardIQ
transmitter.



PC Comms Kit
For calibrating sensor
modules away from
the XgardIQ
transmitter.



Accessories (continued)



Collector Cone
Aids detection of lighter
than air gases such as
methane and hydrogen.



Sun Shade
Protects the detector
from elevated
temperatures due to
direct sunlight.



Pipe Mounting Kit Enables XgardIQ to be mounted to a 2" (50mm) pipe.



Dust Filter
Self-adhesive filter to
protect the sensor in
very dusty
environments.



Sensor Module Removal Tool Lever simplifies sensor module removal.



Specifications

Size	XgardIQ transmitter	H278 x W140 x D89mm (10.9 x 5.5 x 3.5 inches)			
Weight	XgardIQ transmitter	4.1Kg (9lbs)			
Enclosure material		316 stainless steel			
Ingress protection		IP66			
Connection		Three M20 or ½"NPT cable gland entries. Certified, removable plugs are fitted to left-hand and lower right-hand entries			
Power		14-30Vdc. <4W			
Display	Main display	OLED 128 x 64 pixels, yellow text on black background			
	Indicators	Amber, Red and Green LED's for detector status Blue +ve Safety LED			
Electrical output		4-20mA current sink or source (Auto-Sense or manual selection) Warning and fault signals are configurable. NAMUR NE 43 compliant			
		RS-485 Modbus RTU			
		HART 7 over 4-20mA signal and via local I.S. test points (optional)			
		Foundation Fieldbus (option pending, contact Crowcon)			
	Relays (optional)	Alarm 1, Alarm 2, Fault SPCO contacts rated 5A, 230Vac			
	Relay configuration options	Energised or de-energised Latching or non-latching. Rising or falling. Configurable On and Off delays on alarm relays.			
Event logging		Records alarm, fault and maintenance events. Events can be viewed on-screen and downloaded to a PC.			
Operating temperature		Transmitter only: -40°C to +75°C (-40°F to 167°F)†			
Humidity		Transmitter only: 0 to 95% RH non-condensing			
Repeatability		+/- 2% FSD			
Zero drift		+/- 2% FSD per year maximum			
Response time		Sensor dependant: contact Crowcon for specific sensor data.			
Performance	Designed for compliance	EN60079-29-1 (flammable gas sensors)*			
	with:	EN50104 (oxygen sensors)*			
		EN45544 (toxic gas sensors)*			
Functional safety		IEC61508, EN50402 SIL 2*			
Approvals		Ex II 2 G Ex db ia IIC T4 Gb (-40 to +75°C)			
EMC Compliance		EN50270:2015 FCC CFR47 Part 15B ICES-003			

[†] Note: sensor operating temperature and humidity limits vary widely. Contact Crowcon for specific sensor data. * Features outstanding at the time of issue, contact Crowcon for details.

Key selling propositions

XgardIQ Feature	Benefit	Comment on Honeywell XNX	Comment on MSA Ultima XE	Comment on Scott Meridian	Comment on NET Safety Millenium II	Comment on Dettronics FlexVu	Comment on Drager Polytron 8000
+ve Safety	Highly visible blue LED clearly indicates the detector is working safely and flashes when detector integrity may be compromised.	Relies on a conventional Fault LED and LCD screen icons which may not be recognized by operators. Conveys two states only: 'healthy' or 'in fault'.	Provides only a conventional Fault LED with LCD screen messages. Conveys two states only: 'healthy' or 'in fault'.	Provides only a conventional Fault LED with LCD screen messages. Conveys two states only: 'healthy' or 'in fault'.	Provides only a conventional Fault LED with OLED screen messages. Conveys two states only: 'healthy' or 'in fault'.	Provides only a conventional Fault LED with LCD screen messages. Conveys two states only: 'healthy' or 'in fault'.	Provides only a conventional Fault LED with LCD screen messages. Conveys two states only: 'healthy' or 'in fault'.
Push- button operation	XgardIQ status information and calibration functions are performed without requiring a special tool. This eliminates potential downtime due to lost tools.	Requires a magnetic wand which may become lost. Users would then not be able to interrogate or calibrate the detector in a hazardous area.	Requires an expensive IR remote control which may become lost. Users would then not be able to interrogate or calibrate the detector in a hazardous area.	Requires a magnetic wand which may become lost. Users would then not be able to interrogate or calibrate the detector in a hazardous area.	Requires a magnetic wand which may become lost. Users would then not be able to interrogate or calibrate the detector in a hazardous area.	Requires a magnetic wand which may become lost. Users would then not be able to interrogate or calibrate the detector in a hazardous area.	Requires a magnetic wand which may become lost. Users would then not be able to interrogate or calibrate the detector in a hazardous area.



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OLED display	Highly visible, self-illuminating display is easy to read from long distances and extreme angles.	LCD display is far less easy to read than XgardIQ's OLED display.	LCD display is far less easy to read than XgardlQ's OLED display.	LCD display is far less easy to read than XgardlQ's OLED display.	Also uses an OLED display but is not as bright as XgardIQ's black-on-yellow screen. Display is also placed behind flameproof glass.	LCD display is far less easy to read than XgardlQ's OLED display.	LCD display is far less easy to read than XgardIQ's OLED display.
One-hand, hot-swap sensor modules	Makes sensor replacement simple and minimises the time an operator has to spend in the hazardous area.	Only toxic sensors (not flammable) are hot-swappable in a hazardous area. Sensor module requires more timeconsuming disassembly than XgardIQ.	Only e'chem and pellistor sensors are hot-swappable in a hazardous area. Sensor module requires more time-consuming disassembly.	Similar concept to XgardIQ. Focus on the XgardIQ auto- configure function and how quickly and simply the configuration is uploaded.	Sensors are not hot-swappable: requires a hot-work permit and is thus a far more onerous and time-consuming procedure.	Sensor module requires more time-consuming disassembly than XgardIQ.	Sensors are not hot-swappable: requires a hot-work permit and is thus a far more onerous and time-consuming procedure.
Low power consumption.	Power consumption typically of <4 Watts requires smaller PSU's and battery systems saving purchase and energy costs.	Power: 6.2 Watts (toxic) 6.5 Watts (flam) 9.7 Watts (IR)	Power consumption of the flammable gas version is 10.8 Watts!	5.8 Watt power consumption with heated display.	2.4 Watts (varies according to sensor).	Power consumption is 7.2 Watts with internal heater activated.	2.4 Watts (100mA) maximum with relays and remote sensor.



Key selling propositions (continued)

XgardIQ	Benefit	Comment on	Comment on	Comment on	Comment on	Comment on	Comment on
Feature		Honeywell XNX	MSA Ultima XE	Scott Meridian	NET Safety	Dettronics FlexVu	Drager Polytron
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Auto-Sense	XgardIQ	Must be manually	3-wire version is	Must be manually	Must be manually	Must be manually	Drager also have
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	configures the 4-	internal switch and	Incompatible with	requires	requires knowledge	requires knowledge	function.
	20mA signal to	thus requires	control systems set	knowledge of	of control system	of control system	
	sink/source.	knowledge of	as current source.	control system	configuration.	configuration.	
	Saves time and	control system		configuration.			
	avoids faults on	configuration.					
	installations.						



General comments

Comment on Honeywell XNX	Comment on MSA Ultima XE	Comment on Scott Meridian	Comment on Emerson/NET Safety Millenium II	Comment on Dettronics FlexVu	Comment on Drager Polytron 8000
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The transmitter is not truly universal: there are different modules for compatibility with electrochemical, pellistor or IR sensors. The remote sensor option requires cable connection using conventional glands and cable: far more time consuming and expensive to install that XgardIQ's pre-formed remote sensor cables.	I.S. infrared remote control for calibration and adjustments. The remote sensor option requires cable connection using conventional glands and cable: far more time consuming and expensive to install that XgardIQ's pre-formed remote sensor cables.	Only available with 3/4"NPT cable entries as standard (M20 is only available using gland adaptors).	A second sensor can be fitted to the transmitter (eg a HC and H ₂ S sensor can be fitted to one transmitter). includes datalogging facility. Only supports H ₂ S and NH ₃ toxic gases. IR sensor has a "flame arrestor beam protector"; assume the product must utilise a sinter and thus will have a comparatively slow response time.	Incorporates GTX transmitter and GTS sensor module, can be combined with FlexVu display. Very low operating temperature range achieved using a thermostatically controlled heater which increases power consumption significantly (7.2 Watts).	The transmitter is not universal: there are different models for different sensors. Profibus communications available as an option. Enclosure hinges open.

Standard Product References

Product name:

XgardIQ Intelligent gas detector and transmitter

Important note: our trademark stipulates that the 'IQ' cannot be separated by space from 'Xgard' and that we cannot promote the product quoting 'IQ' in isolation. Hence only "XgardIQ" as shown may be used when referring to, or promoting the product.

Product description:

XgardIQ is an intelligent and versatile gas detector and transmitter compatible with Crowcon's full range of sensor technologies. XgardIQ is available fitted with a variety of flammable, toxic or oxygen gas sensors and provides a bright OLED display with clear and comprehensive status information in a range of languages.

Bright LED's indicate detector status at a glance; the unique +ve Safety LED confirms the detector is operating safely and alerts operators to any irregular events that may affect product integrity such as the ambient temperature exceeding sensor limits.

XgardIQ provides comprehensive and powerful output signal options. Analogue 4-20mA signal with auto-sink/source detection feature, and RS-485 Modbus communications are provided as standard. Alarm and fault relays featuring heavy-duty change-over contacts rated 230Vac 5A are available at purchase, or may be added at any time after installation. HART communications can be provided both over the analogue signal and via local I.S. terminals for diagnostics using any HART asset management system or hand-held device.

XgardIQ minimises the time personnel spend in potentially hazardous locations by using simple hot-swappable sensor modules. Sensors can either be bump tested/calibrated in-situ or removed in seconds using one hand and either replaced with a pre-calibrated sensor module or recalibrated in a safe area before being re-fitted. All functions and adjustments can be made via the integral keypad without the need for special tools or hot-work permits.

ATEX and IECEx certified for use in Zone 1 and Zone 2 hazardous areas, XgardIQ has been designed for long-life operation in extreme environments. Featuring rugged 316 stainless steel construction and a wide operating temperature range from -40°C to +75°C, XgardIQ is suitable for the most demanding applications.

Quote text:

XgardIQ is an intelligent and versatile gas detector and transmitter compatible with Crowcon's full range of sensor technologies. XgardIQ is available fitted with a variety of flammable, toxic or oxygen gas sensors.



Providing analogue 4-20mA and RS-485 Modbus signals as standard, XgardIQ is optionally available with Alarm and Fault relays and HART communications.

The 316 stainless steel enclosure is available with three M20 or 1/2"NPT cable entries



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