

65-2390RK Combustible Gas Transmitter Operator's Manual

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WARNING

Read and understand this instruction manual before operating transmitter. Improper use of the transmitter could result in bodily harm or death.

Periodic calibration and maintenance of the transmitter is essential for proper operation and correct readings. Please calibrate and maintain this transmitter regularly! Frequency of calibration depends upon the type of use you have and the sensor types. Typical calibration frequencies for most applications are between 6 and 12 months, but can be required more often or less often based on your usage.

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Overview

This manual describes the 65-2390RK combustible gas transmitter. This manual also describes how to install, start up, configure, maintain, and calibrate the transmitter when it is used with a gas monitoring controller. A parts list at the end of this manual lists replacement parts and accessories for the combustible gas transmitter.

Specifications

Table 1 lists specifications for the combustible gas transmitter.

Table 1: Specifications

Target/Calibration Gas	65-2390RK-CH4: Methane (CH ₄) 65-2390RK-HC: Propane
Area Classification	Explosionproof for Class I, Groups B, C, and D
Sampling Method	Diffusion
Signal Output	4 to 20 mA
Detection Range	0 to 100% LEL
Response Time	90% in 45 seconds
Accuracy	± 5% of reading or ± 2% of full scale (whichever is greater)

WARNING: *When using the 65-2390RK, you must follow the instructions and warnings in this manual to assure proper and safe operation of the 65-2390RK and to minimize the risk of personal injury. Be sure to maintain and periodically calibrate the 65-2390RK as described in this manual.*

Description

The 65-2390RK combustible gas transmitter has two versions, the 65-2390RK-CH4 which is calibrated to methane and the 65-2390RK-HC which is calibrated to propane. The transmitter utilizes an infrared type of detector which has some advantages over a catalytic type of combustible detector. The infrared detector will generally have a longer service life than a catalytic detector, it will require calibration less often, and it can detect combustible gas even if there is no oxygen in the sample which allows detection of combustible gas in an inert atmosphere.

This section describes the components of the combustible gas transmitter. The transmitter is a 4 - 20 mA type detector head. It consists of the infrared LEL detector, amplifier, and junction box.

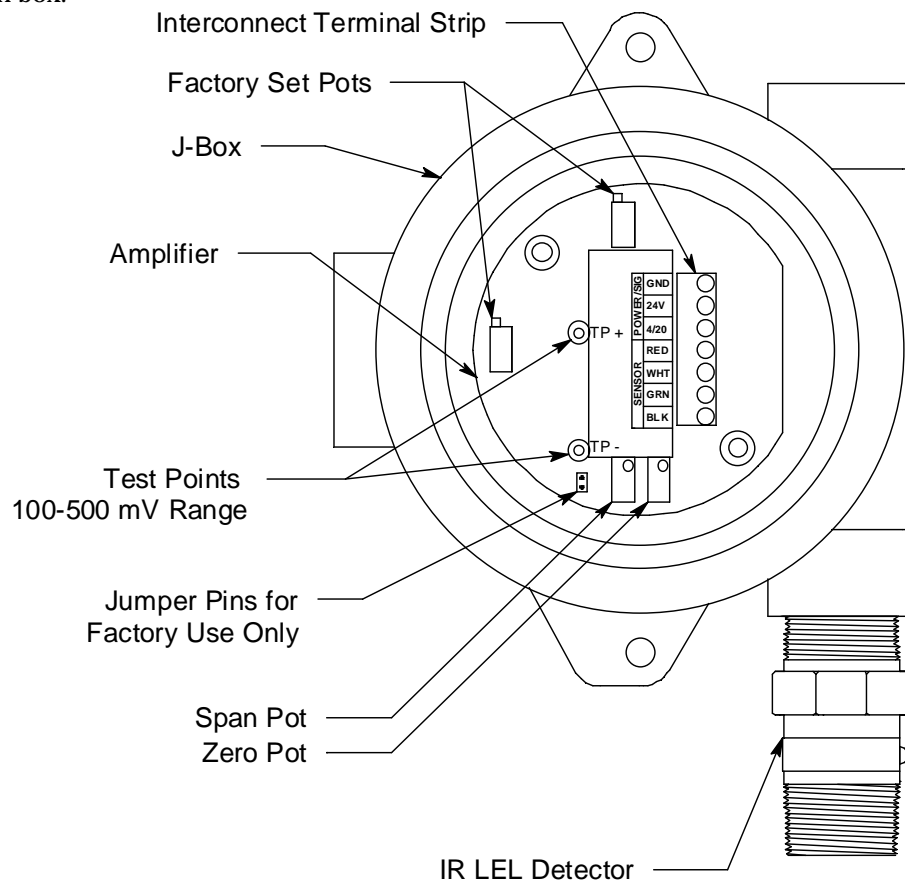


Figure 1: Combustible Gas Transmitter Component Location

Infrared LEL Detector

The infrared LEL detector is made up of a miniature infrared combustible gas LEL detector housed and encapsulated in a pipe nipple. The pipe nipple has 3/4 inch NPT threads on each end and a 1 1/4 inch hex that allows removal or installation of the detector with a wrench. A porous flame arrestor that is coated with a hydrophobic film that repels liquids is on one end of the detector and allows sample gas to enter the detector. Four color coded leads, red, white, green, and black, extend from the other end of the detector. The leads allow you to connect the detector to the amplifier.

To distinguish the propane detector from the methane detector (in case the replacement sensor label that is applied to one of the leads is lost), a short length of red shrink tubing is

applied to the white wire of the propane detector near where the wire comes out of the nipple.

Amplifier

The amplifier converts the electrical output from the detector to a 4 to 20 mA signal that corresponds to the detection range and transmits the signal to a gas monitoring controller. The amplifier includes the interconnect terminal strip, span potentiometer, zero potentiometer, and test points (see Figure 1).

Interconnect Terminal Strip

The interconnect terminal strip is a seven-point terminal strip. Use the interconnect terminal strip to connect the IR LEL detector to the amplifier and the amplifier to a controller.

NOTE: The IR LEL detector is factory-wired to the amplifier. See the Installation section of this manual for all wiring procedures related to the transmitter.

Span Potentiometer

The span potentiometer is near the bottom of the amplifier (see Figure 1). Use the span potentiometer to adjust the transmitter's response output during the calibration procedure. Turn the adjustment screw clockwise to increase the gas response and counterclockwise to decrease the gas response.

Zero Potentiometer

The zero potentiometer is to the right of the span potentiometer (see Figure 1). Use the zero potentiometer to adjust the transmitter's target gas-free output during the start-up and calibration procedures. Turn the adjustment screw clockwise to increase the zero output and counterclockwise to decrease the zero output.

CAUTION: *The amplifier includes two additional potentiometers. They are factory-set. Do not adjust them.*

Test Points

The test points (labeled **TP+** and **TP-**) are to the left of the interconnect terminal strip (see Figure 1). The test points produce a 100 to 500 mV output that corresponds to the transmitter's 4 to 20 mA output. Use the test points and a voltmeter to measure the transmitter's output during the start-up and calibration procedures.

Junction Box

Use the junction box to install the combustible gas transmitter at a mounting site that is remote from the controller. The junction box also protects the amplifier and wiring connections made to the amplifier. Use the two 3/4 in. conduit hubs to mount the detector to the junction box (bottom hub) and connect wiring from the amplifier to the controller (top hub).

NOTE: The detector and amplifier are factory-mounted to the junction box.

Use the junction box's two mounting holes to mount the combustible gas transmitter to a vertical surface at the monitoring site. Use the cover on the front of the junction box to access the interior of the junction box.

Installation

This section describes procedures to mount the combustible gas transmitter in the monitoring environment and wire the transmitter to a controller.

Mounting the Combustible Gas Transmitter

1. Select a mounting site that is representative of the monitoring environment. Consider the following when you select the mounting site.
 - Select a site where the transmitter is not likely to be bumped or disturbed. Make sure there is sufficient room to perform start-up, maintenance, and calibration procedures.
 - Select a site where the target gas is likely to be found first. For lighter gases, mount the detector near the ceiling; for heavier gases, mount the detector near the floor.

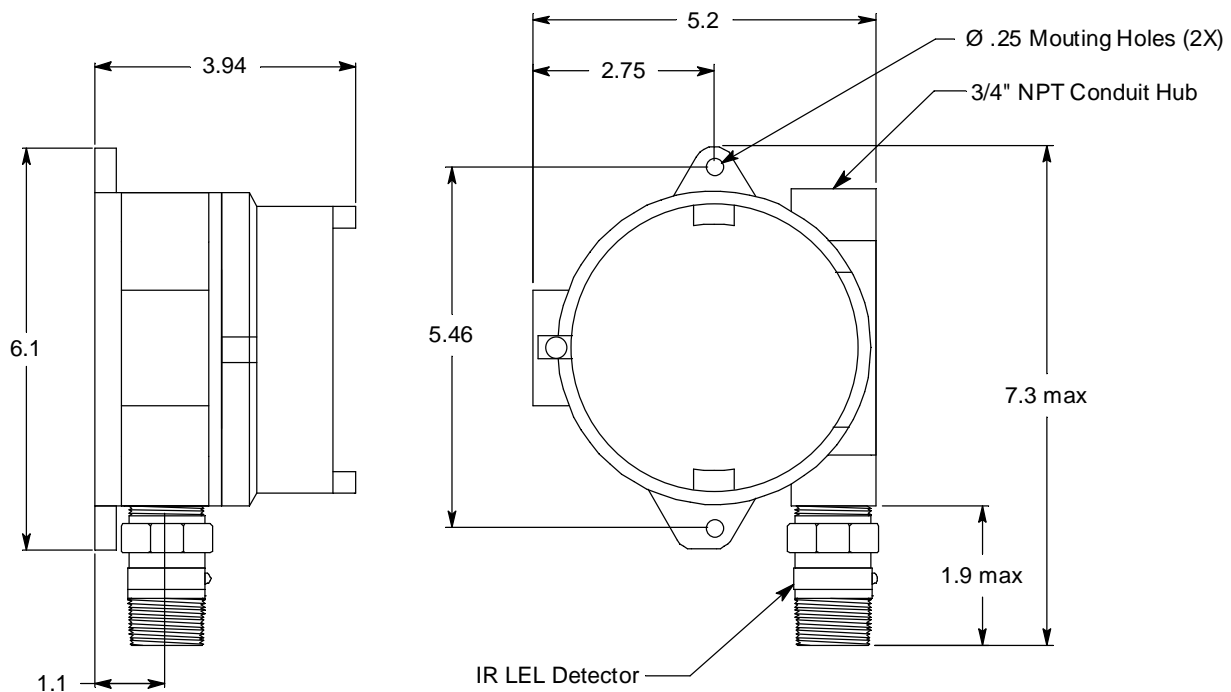


Figure 2: Mounting the Combustible Gas Transmitter

If the detector is mounted to the junction box, skip to step 5. If not, continue with step 2.

2. Remove the junction box cover.
3. Guide the four wires that extend from the top of the detector through the bottom conduit hub of the junction box.
4. Screw the detector into the bottom conduit hub of the junction box.
5. At the monitoring site, use #10 screws through the junction box's two mounting holes to secure the junction box to a vertical surface.

CAUTION: *Mount the combustible gas transmitter with the detector facing down (see Figure 2.)*

Wiring the Combustible Gas Transmitter to a Controller

WARNING: *Always verify that the power to the controller is off before you make wiring connections.*

1. Turn off power to the controller.
2. Place the controller's power switch in the OFF position.
3. Remove the junction box cover.
4. Verify that the detector leads are wired to the amplifier's interconnect terminal strip. If necessary, connect the detector leads to the interconnect terminal strip as shown in Figure 3.
5. Guide a three-conductor, shielded cable or three wires in conduit through the top conduit hub of the junction box.
6. Connect the three wires to the interconnect terminal strip as follows (see Figure 3).
 - Connect the positive wire to the **24VDC** terminal.
 - Connect the feedback wire to the **4-20 (FB)** terminal.
 - Connect the negative wire to the **GND (DC -)** terminal.

CAUTION: *If shielded cable is used, leave the cable shield's drain wire insulated and disconnected at the transmitter. You will connect the opposite end of the cable's drain wire at the controller to chassis ground.*

7. Secure the junction box cover to the junction box.
8. Route the cable or wires leading from the combustible gas transmitter through one of the conduit hubs at the controller housing.

CAUTION: *Do not route power and transmitter wiring through the same conduit hub. The power cable may disrupt the transmission of the transmitter signal to the controller.*

9. Connect the wires to the applicable transmitter terminal strip at the controller as shown in Figure 3 below.

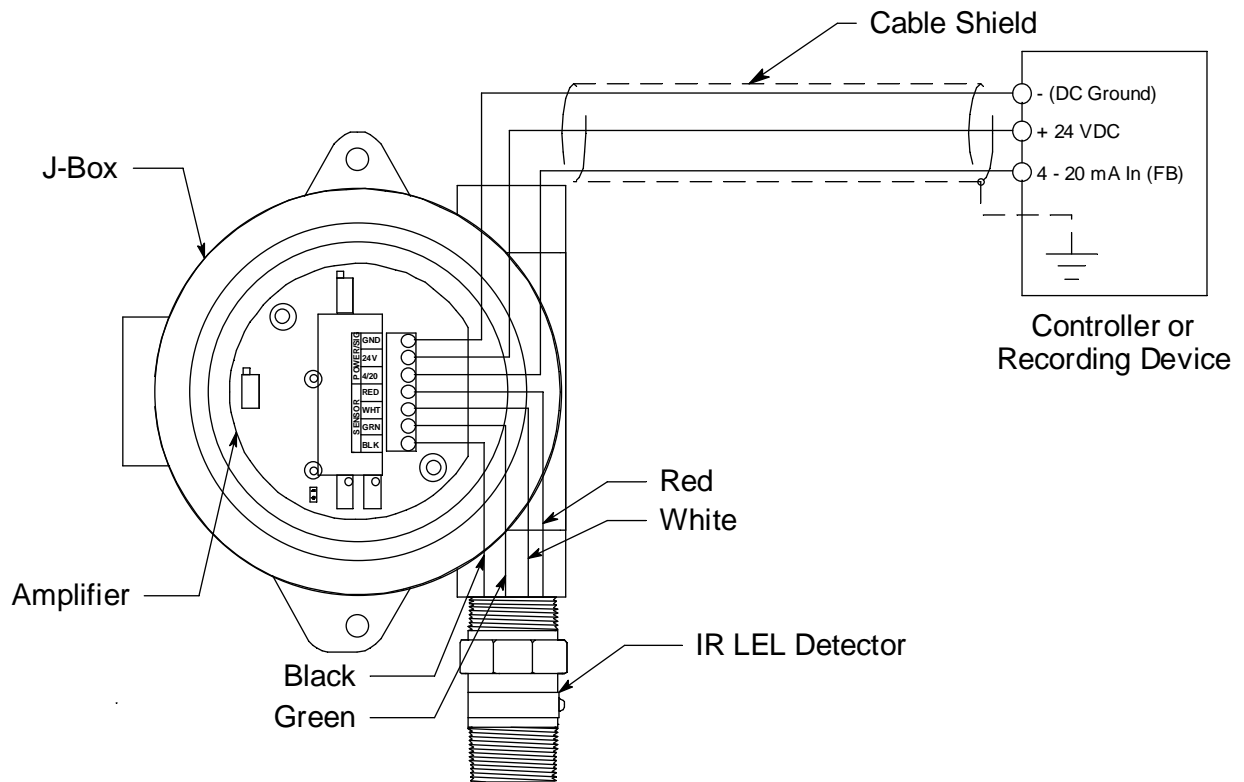


Figure 3: Wiring the Combustible Gas Transmitter to a Controller

10. If shielded cable is used, connect the cable's drain wire to an available chassis ground at the controller.

Start Up

This section describes procedures to start up the combustible gas transmitter and place the transmitter into normal operation.

Introducing Incoming Power

1. Complete the installation procedures described earlier in this manual.
2. Verify that the power wiring to the controller is correct and secure. Refer to the controller operator's manual.
3. Turn on or plug in power to the controller, then place the controller's power switch in the ON position.
4. Verify that the controller is on and operating properly. Refer to the controller operator's manual.

NOTE: When first powered up, the transmitter will enter about a one minute period when the 4-20 mA output is stabilizing and may be above the controller alarm points or well below zero momentarily. RKI controllers have a one minute warmup period when the controller does not display any gas reading or give any alarm indication. The combustible gas transmitter's 4-20 mA signal should be stable by the time the controller's warmup period is over.

CAUTION: *Allow the detector to warm up for 5 minutes before you continue with the next section, "Setting the Zero Signal".*

Setting the Zero Signal

CAUTION: *If you suspect the presence of combustible gas in the monitoring environment, use the calibration kit and the zero air calibration cylinder to introduce "fresh air" to the detector and verify an accurate zero setting.*

1. Verify that the transmitter is in a fresh air environment (environment known to be free of combustible and toxic gases and of normal oxygen content, 20.9%).
2. Unscrew and remove the junction box cover from the junction box.
3. Set a voltmeter to measure in the millivolt (mV) range.
4. Plug the voltmeter leads into the test points on the amplifier. Plug the positive lead into the test point labeled **TP+**; plug the negative lead into the test point labeled **TP-**.
5. Verify a voltmeter reading of 100 mV (± 2 mV).
6. If necessary, use a flat-blade screwdriver to adjust the zero potentiometer until the voltmeter reading is 100 mV (± 2 mV).
7. Secure the junction box cover to the junction box.

Maintenance

This section describes maintenance procedures. It includes preventive maintenance, troubleshooting, and component replacement procedures.

Preventive Maintenance

This section describes a preventive maintenance schedule to ensure the optimum performance of the combustible gas transmitter. It includes daily, monthly, and biannual procedures.

Daily

Verify a display reading of 0 %LEL at the controller. Investigate significant changes in the display reading.

Monthly

This procedure describes a test to verify that the combustible gas transmitter responds properly to the target gas.

WARNING: *The controller is not an active gas monitoring device during the response test procedure.*

NOTE: Performing a response test on the combustible transmitter may cause alarms. Be sure to put the controller into its calibration program or disable external alarms before performing this test.

NOTE: The following procedure assumes the use of a calibration kit which includes a calibration gas cylinder, a 0.5 LPM fixed flow regulator with an on/off knob, a calibration cup for the detector, and a short piece of sample tubing to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.

Preparing for the response test

1. Place the controller into its calibration program or disable external alarms.
2. Verify that the controller display reading for the channel you are testing is 0 %LEL.
If the display reading is not zero, set the zero reading of the transmitter as described in “Start Up” on page 7 of this manual, then continue this procedure.
3. Screw the calibration cup onto the bottom of the combustible detector.
4. Use the calibration kit sample tubing to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.
5. Set a voltmeter to measure in the millivolt (mV) range.
6. Remove the junction box cover, then plug the voltmeter leads into the test points on the amplifier.
Plug the positive lead into the test point labeled **TP+**; plug the negative lead into the test point labeled **TP-**.

7. Use the following formula to determine the correct test points output for the test sample.

$$\text{Output (mV)} = (\text{calibrating sample/fullscale}) \times 400 + 100$$

For example, with a test sample of 50% LEL and a fullscale setting of 100% LEL, the correct output is 300 mV.

$$300 \text{ (mV)} = (50/100) \times 400 + 100$$

Performing the response test

1. Screw the regulator into the calibration cylinder.
2. Turn the regulator knob counterclockwise to open the regulator.
3. Allow the gas to flow for one minute.
4. Verify that the reading is within $\pm 20\%$ of the response reading you determined earlier.

NOTE: If the reading is not within $\pm 20\%$ of the correct response reading, calibrate the transmitter as described in “Calibration” on page 13 of this manual.

5. Turn the regulator knob clockwise to close the regulator.
6. Unscrew the regulator from the calibration cylinder.
7. Unscrew the calibration cup from the detector.
8. Remove the voltmeter leads from the amplifier test points.
9. Reinstall the junction box cover.
10. When the controller display reading falls below the alarm setpoints, return the controller to normal operation.
11. Store the components of the calibration kit in a safe place.

Biannually

Calibrate the combustible gas transmitter as described in “Calibration” on page 13 of this manual.

Troubleshooting

The troubleshooting guide describes symptoms, probable causes, and recommended action for problems you may encounter with the combustible gas transmitter.

NOTE: This troubleshooting guide describes transmitter problems only. See the controller operator's manual for problems you may encounter with the controller.

Table 2: Troubleshooting the Combustible Gas Transmitter

Condition	Symptom(s)	Probable Causes	Recommended Action
Fail Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controller indicates a fail condition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transmitter wiring is disconnected or misconnected. The transmitter's zero reading is low enough to cause a fail condition. The transmitter is malfunctioning. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Verify that the transmitter wiring is correct and secure. Calibrate the transmitter. If the fail condition continues, replace the detector. If the fail condition continues, contact RKI for further instruction.
Slow or No Response/ Difficult or Unable to Calibrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transmitter responds slowly or does not respond to response test. Unable to accurately set the zero or response reading during calibration. Transmitter requires frequent calibration. <p><i>Note: Under "normal" circumstances, the transmitter requires calibration once every six months. Some applications may require a more frequent calibration schedule.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The calibration cylinder is low, out-dated, or defective. The transmitter is malfunctioning. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Verify that the calibration cylinder contains an adequate supply of a fresh test sample. Verify that the regulator used for calibration is a 0.5 LPM regulator. If the calibration/response difficulties continue, replace the detector. If the calibration/response difficulties continue, contact RKI for further instruction.

Replacing Components of the Combustible Gas Transmitter

This section includes procedures to replace the IR LEL detector and amplifier.

Replacing the IR LEL Detector

1. Turn off power to the controller.
2. Place the controller's power switch in the OFF position.
3. Remove the junction box cover.
4. Disconnect the detector leads from the interconnect terminal strip. Note the position of the color-coded leads as you remove them.
5. Unscrew the detector from the junction box.
6. Guide the detector leads of the replacement detector through the bottom conduit hub of the junction box, then screw the mounting threads of the detector into the conduit hub.
7. Connect the detector leads to the interconnect terminal strip as shown in Table 3 below and Figure 3 on page 6 of this manual.

Table 3: Reconnecting the Combustible Gas Detector to the Amplifier

Detector Lead	Amplifier Interconnect Terminal Strip
Red	RED
White	WHT
Green	GRN
Black	BLK

8. Turn on power to the controller.
9. Place the controller's power switch in the ON position.

NOTE: When first powered up, the transmitter will enter about a one minute period when the 4-20 mA output is stabilizing and may be above the controller alarm points or well below zero momentarily. RKI controllers have a one minute warmup period when the controller does not display any gas reading or give any alarm indication. The combustible gas transmitter's 4-20 mA signal should be stable by the time the controller's warmup period is over.

CAUTION: *Allow the replacement detector to warm up for 5 minutes before you continue with the next step.*

10. Calibrate the replacement detector as described in "Calibration" on page 13 of this manual.

Replacing the Amplifier

1. Turn off power to the controller
2. Place the controller's power switch in the OFF position.
3. Remove the junction box cover.

4. Disconnect the detector leads from the interconnect terminal strip.
5. Disconnect the wiring that connects the combustible gas transmitter to the controller from the amplifier's interconnect terminal strip.
6. Unscrew and remove the two screws that secure the amplifier to the junction box. The screws are at the top left and bottom right of the amplifier.
7. Remove the amplifier.
8. Place the new amplifier in the same position as the amplifier you removed in the previous step.
9. Use the two screws you removed in step 6 to secure the amplifier to the junction box.
10. Reconnect the wiring that connects the controller to the combustible gas transmitter at the amplifier's interconnect terminal strip as shown in Table 4 below and Figure 3 on page 6 of this manual.

Table 4: Reconnecting the Combustible Gas Amplifier to the Controller

Amplifier Interconnect Terminal Strip	Controller Transmitter Terminal Strip (typical)
GND	- (DC -)
4-20	4 - 20 mA (FB or S)
24V	+ 24V

11. Reconnect the detector leads to the amplifier's interconnect terminal strip as shown in Table 5 below and Figure 3 on page 6 of this manual.

Table 5: Reconnecting the Combustible Gas Detector to the Amplifier

Detector Lead	Amplifier Interconnect Terminal Strip
Red	RED
White	WHT
Green	GRN
Black	BLK

12. Turn on power to the controller.
13. Turn on the controller and place it into normal operation.

NOTE: When first powered up, the transmitter will enter about a one minute period when the 4-20 mA output is stabilizing and may be above the controller alarm points or well below zero momentarily. RKI controllers have a one minute warmup period when the controller does not display any gas reading or give any alarm indication. The combustible gas transmitter's 4-20 mA signal should be stable by the time the controller's warmup period is over.

CAUTION: Allow the detector to warm up for 5 minutes before you continue with the next step.

14. Calibrate the combustible gas transmitter as described in “Calibration” on page 13 of this manual.

Calibration Frequency

Although there is no particular calibration frequency that is correct for all applications, a calibration frequency of every 6 months is adequate for most infrared combustible gas transmitter applications. Unless experience in a particular application dictates otherwise, RKI Instruments, Inc. recommends a calibration frequency of every 6 months for the infrared combustible gas transmitter.

If an application is not very demanding, for example detection in a clean, temperature controlled environment where the toxic or combustible target gas is not normally present, and calibration adjustments are minimal at calibration, then a calibration frequency of every 9 to 12 months is adequate.

If an application is very demanding, for example if the environment is not well controlled, then more frequent calibration than every 6 months may be necessary.

Calibration

This section describes how to calibrate the combustible gas transmitter. It includes procedures to prepare for calibration, set the zero reading, set the response reading, and return to normal operation.

WARNING: *The controller is not an active gas monitoring device during the calibration procedure.*

NOTE: The following procedure assumes the use of a calibration kit which includes a calibration gas cylinder, a 0.5 LPM fixed flow regulator with an on/off knob, a calibration cup for the detector, and a short piece of sample tubing to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.

Preparing for Calibration

1. Screw the calibration cup onto the bottom of the combustible gas detector.
2. Use the sample tubing that comes with the calibration kit to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.
3. Set a voltmeter to measure in the millivolt (mV) range.
4. Remove the junction box cover, then plug the voltmeter leads into the test points on the amplifier.

Plug the positive lead into the test point labeled **TP+**; plug the negative lead into the test point labeled **TP-**.

5. Use the following formula to determine the correct test points output for the calibrating sample.

$$\text{Output (mV)} = (\text{calibrating sample/fullscale}) \times 400 + 100$$

For example, with a calibrating sample of 50% LEL and a fullscale setting of 100% LEL, the correct output is 300 mV.

$$300 \text{ (mV)} = (50/100) \times 400 + 100$$

6. Place the controller into its calibration program or disable external alarms.

NOTE: Calibrating the combustible transmitter may cause alarms. Be sure to put the controller into its calibration program or disable external alarms before continuing.

Setting the Zero Reading

CAUTION: *If you can verify that the combustible transmitter is in a fresh air environment, you do not need to apply zero air to the detector before adjusting the zero reading.*

1. Screw the regulator into the zero air calibration cylinder.
2. Turn the regulator knob counterclockwise to open the regulator.
3. Allow the gas to flow for one minute and verify a reading of 100 mV (± 2 mV). If necessary, use the zero potentiometer on the amplifier to adjust the reading to 100 mV (± 2 mV).
4. Turn the regulator knob clockwise to close the regulator.
5. Unscrew the regulator from the zero air calibration cylinder. Leave the sample tubing connected to the regulator and the calibration cup.

Setting the Response Reading

1. Screw the regulator into the calibration cylinder. Verify that the calibration gas is representative of the transmitter's target gas.
2. Turn the regulator knob counterclockwise to open the regulator.
3. Allow the calibration gas to flow for one minute and verify that the reading matches the response reading (± 2 mV) you determined earlier. If necessary, use the span potentiometer on the amplifier to adjust the reading to match the correct response reading.
4. Turn the regulator knob clockwise to close the regulator.
5. Unscrew the regulator from the calibration cylinder.

Returning to Normal Operation

1. Remove the voltmeter leads from the amplifier test points.
2. Unscrew the calibration cup from the detector.

NOTE: For convenience, leave the regulator and calibration cup connected by the sample tubing.

3. Secure the junction box cover to the junction box.
4. When the display reading falls below the alarm setpoints, return the controller to

normal operation.

5. Verify that the controller display reading decreases and stabilizes at 0%LEL.
6. Store the components of the calibration kit in a safe and convenient place.

Parts List

Table 6 lists replacement parts and accessories for the combustible gas transmitter.

Table 6:Parts List

Part Number	Description
06-1248RK	Sample tubing (3/16 in. x 5/16 in.; specify length when ordering)
18-0405RK-01	Junction box (without cover; pre-drilled for amplifier)
18-0406RK	Junction box cover (cover only)
57-1050RK	Amplifier (specify detector part number when ordering)
61-0190RK-CH4	Methane infrared LEL detector
61-0190RK-HC	HC infrared LEL detector (calibrated to propane)
65-2390RK-CH4	Methane transmitter (includes detector, junction box, and amplifier)
65-2390RK-HC	Propane transmitter (includes detector, junction box and amplifier)
71-0119RK	<i>65-2390RK Combustible Gas Transmitter Operator's Manual</i> (this document)
81-0004RK-01	Calibration cylinder (50% LEL propane; 34-liter)
81-0012RK-01	Calibration cylinder (50% LEL Methane; 34-liter)
81-0076RK-01	Zero air calibration cylinder (34-liter)
81-1050RK	Regulator, 0.5 liter/minute, with gauge and knob, for 17- and 34-liter calibration cylinders
81-1103RK	Calibration cup
82-0006RK	Pot adjust screwdriver, for calibration