

CO₂-Pro Atmosphere pCO₂ Sensor

The CO₂-Pro Atmosphere instrument measures the partial pressure of CO₂ gas in both the surface water and in air above the surface. Designed for use on buoys, the unit is comprised of a CO₂-Pro that mounts under a buoy for water measurement connected to a NEMA box that is used to take in air from above a buoy. Alternating measurements of pCO₂ in air and water provide reliable data for accurate surface flux estimations.

Features

- Measurement of pCO₂ in both air and surface water
- Patented tubular interface provides unmatched biofouling resistance
- High accuracy, long-term stability
- Easily integrated into buoy systems



An internal zeroing feature provides a stable and accurate long-term baseline measurement.

For optimal accuracy, sensors are factory calibrated using WMO standard gases. Measurement of gas stream pressure and humidity and stabilized detector temperature provide accuracy unmatched by small submersible pCO₂ sensors.

pCO₂ Sensor Applications

- Near-surface flux studies
- Long-term ocean pCO₂ monitoring
- Ocean acidification
- Open ocean studies
- Coastal zone CO₂ fluxes

The CO₂-Pro Atmosphere was recently chosen as the air-sea instrumentation for pCO₂ data collection for the Coastal and Global Scale Nodes component of the US OOI, Ocean Observatories Initiative.

Right: The CO₂-Pro Atm mounted to a surface buoy tower constructed by RDSEA International. Signal integration was completed by Down East Instrumentation. Photo courtesy of Rick Cole, RDSEA.



Sensor Specifications

CO₂ Detector Performance

Accuracy:	
CO ₂ concentration	± 2 ppm
Gas stream humidity	± 1 mbar
Gas stream pressure	± 2 mbar
Resolution:	
CO ₂ concentration	0.01 ppm
Gas stream humidity	1 mbar
Gas stream pressure	1 mbar
Zero drift:	automatic zero compensation
Equilibration time (t ₆₃)	water: 2.5 min air: 5 sec
Standard range	0–600 ppm
(alternate ranges available)	

Options and Accessories

- Datalogger and controller

Complete with 2 GB flash memory and terminal program for self-contained measurement and logging.

- SBE Water pump included

Reduces biofouling and improves response rate.

- Optional housing for depths to 1000 m

- External battery pack

- Integration into mooring instrument packages

Physical

Length	33 cm (13 in)
Diameter	19 cm (7.5 in)
Weight	5.5 kg in air (12.1 lbs) 0.4 kg in water (0.9 lbs)
Housing	Delrin®
Depth	0-110 meters (0-360 ft)
Temperature	-2 to 30 degrees C (Standard) -2 to 40 degrees C (Optional)
Air-side NEMA Enclosure	30 x 30 x 10 cm 5 m tubing for connection to water-side CO ₂ -Pro

Electrical

Input voltage	12-18 VDC
Power consumption	0.4 A (includes water pump) 1.2 A during warmup
Data output:	RS-232, ASCII format
Optional analog	0-5 V or 4-20mA
Sample rate	1.6 seconds (user selectable with datalogger / controller)

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