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OPERATION MANUAL

HY-GUARD® & HY-GUARD® RS

8111 & 8350 Hydrogen Detectors

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Symbol	Meaning
	Caution, possibility of electric shock
	Caution

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1. GETTING STARTED

1.1 INTRODUCTION

HY-GUARD and HY-GUARD RS are advanced solutions designed to detect and monitor hydrogen, ensuring safety in critical environments. For more information on the HY-GUARD RS see [Appendix C](#).

All configurations of HY-GUARD contain two default alarm relays that activate at 1% and 2% hydrogen concentrations to warn of potential risks. Its patented solid-state sensor delivers accurate measurements while preventing false alarms.

While HY-GUARD continuously monitors for hydrogen, it performs real-time self-diagnostics. In the event of an internal error or an abnormality that prevents hydrogen monitoring, HY-GUARD triggers the fault relay to alert users.

1.2 MEET YOUR HY-GUARD

What's in the box:

- HY-GUARD
 - Mounting Hardware (4x 8-32 x 5/8" screws)
- Quick-Start Guide

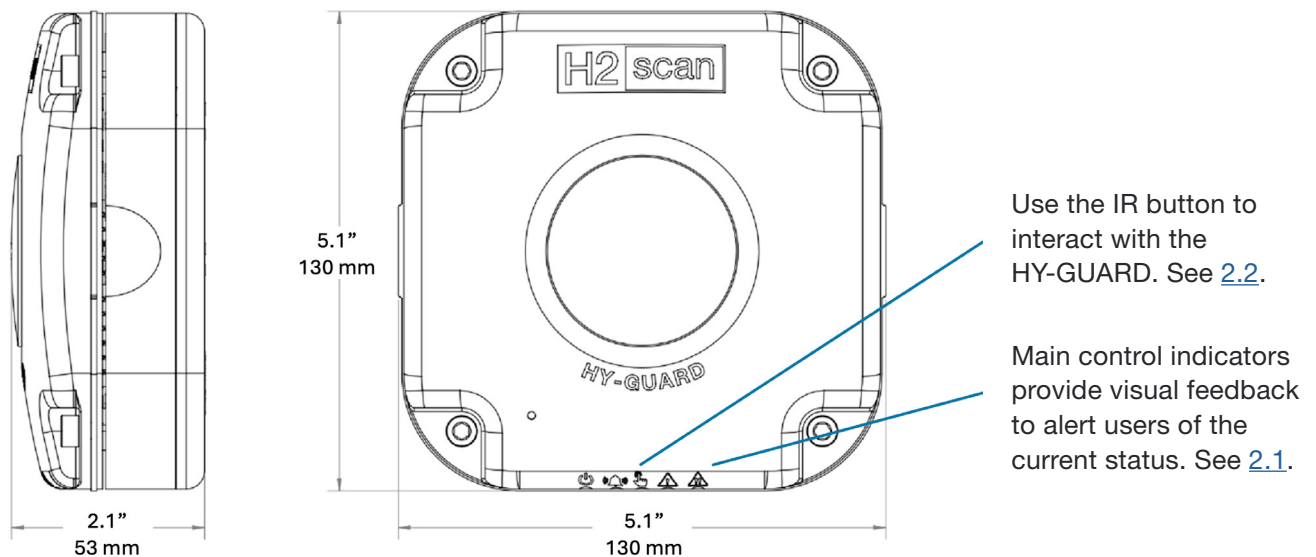


Figure 1: HY-GUARD Diagram

1.3 INSTALLATION OPTIONS

HY-GUARD has multiple installation options, including:

- Punch-Out: Mounts to a surface with wire feedthroughs
- Junction Box: Mounts to a standard 2100 junction box (4-11/16")
- Universal Adapter Plate*: Enables easy mounting to any of the following
 - 35 mm DIN rail
 - Magnetic surface
 - Flat surface

*Requires additional universal adapter plate kit, not included with the unit (108-KIT).

NOTE: All necessary mounting screws (8-32 thread) are included with the unit.

1.4 INSTALLATION LOCATION

Hydrogen is a colorless, odorless, and extremely light gas that naturally rises. For this reason, HY-GUARD should be installed at the highest point within rooms, cabinets, or enclosures to effectively measure hydrogen in the surrounding air as it is intended for indoor use.

NOTE: Alternative mounting orientations, if chosen by the customer, are not evaluated or recommended by the manufacturer.

1.5 INSTALLATION GUIDE

1.5.1 RECOMMENDED TOOLS & WIRING FOR INSTALLATION

- Phillips #2 screwdriver
- Flathead screwdriver
- Wire gauge:
 - AC: 22–12 AWG
 - DC: 14–20 AWG
 - RS-485: 20–24 AWG

1.5.2 PRE-INSTALLATION

1. Identify communications. Determine which communications you need to wire to your HY-GUARD. Refer to [1.5.3](#) for wiring instructions.
2. Determine HY-GUARD mounting location. Double-check recommended installation locations in [1.4](#).
3. Determine wire path from power source, AC and DC power sources, as well as relays, RS-485 and 4–20 mA Analog Output.
 - Rated Voltage Input:
 - AC: 110–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz
 - DC: 15–60 VDC
 - 4–20 mA Analog Output
 - The Analog Output is a linearly scaled 4–20 mA where:
 - 4 mA: 0% H₂
 - 20 mA: 5% H₂
 - There are additional Analog Outputs for different states:
 - 0 mA indicates the device is disconnected or not powered
 - 2 mA indicates the device is warming up and not ready
 - 3 mA indicates an error condition
 - SPDT Relays
 - 12 A @ 125 VAC
 - 12 A @ 28 VDC
 - Modbus via RS-485
 - 1% = 10,000 ppm
 - 2% = 20,000 ppm
4. For Punch-Out, refer to the back side of the Quick-Start Guide for a mounting hole template.

1.5.3 WIRING

NOTE: The installation of the device depends on the mounting type and location.

⚠ WARNING

Before installation, ensure all power sources are completely disconnected. Verify no live wires are present to prevent electrical shock, equipment damage, and/or serious injury.

1. Feed wiring through the divided center of the HY-GUARD Power Board Assembly.
 - The large hole on the side of the lever-lock connectors is for AC wiring only.
 - The smaller hole on the opposite side is for DC wiring only (see [Figure 2](#)).

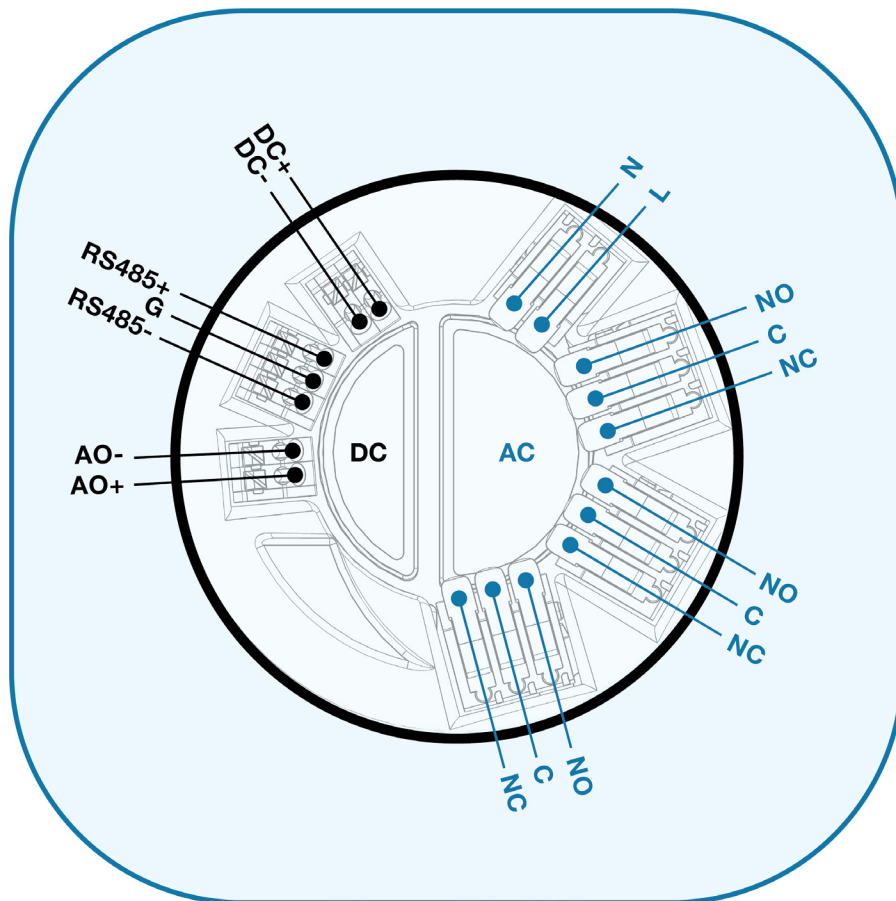


Figure 2: HY-GUARD Wiring

NOTE: Keep AC wires separate from DC.

2. Connect wires to the appropriate connector (see [Figure 2](#)).

NOTE: Ensure the device wiring matches the diagram provided in [Figure 2](#). If you are uncertain if the device is functioning properly, use the Communication Test Mode ([2.6](#)) to validate the system.

3. Pull excess wires back.

NOTE: Ensure all wires are securely connected.

1.5.4 FINAL INSTALLATION

1. Install the Power Board Assembly onto surface (see [Figure 3](#)).
 - Secure the Power Board Assembly with four 8-32 Phillips head screws torqued to 20 in-lbs (2.3 Nm)

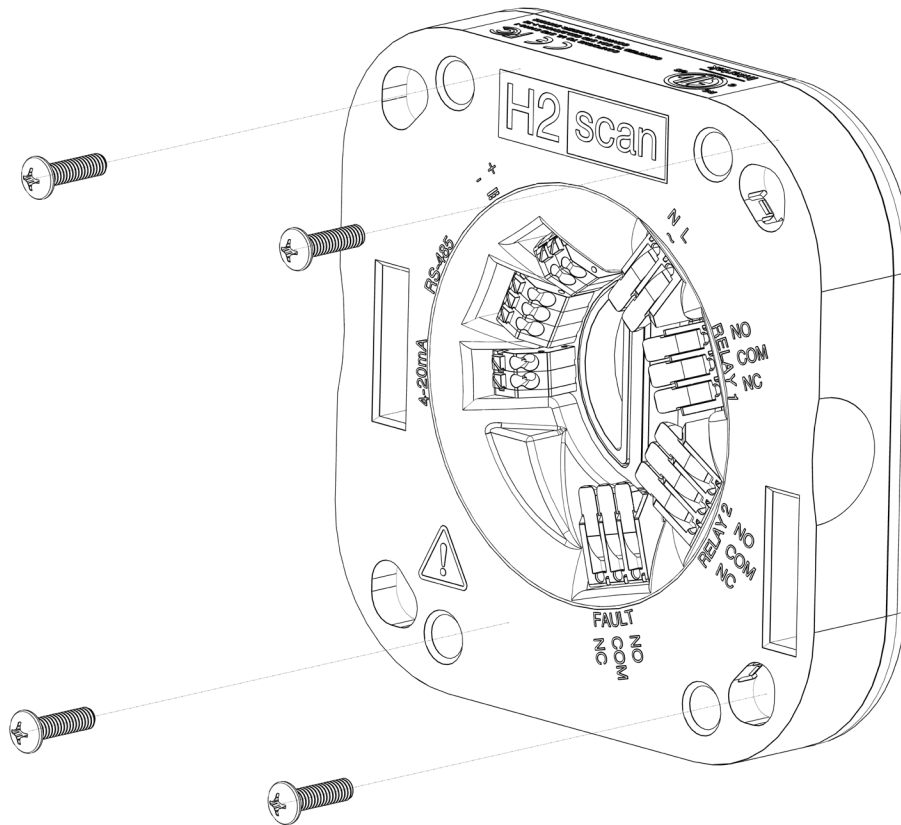


Figure 3: Secure Power Board Assembly

2. Secure the Sensor Assembly to the Power Board Assembly (see [Figure 4](#)).
 - Ensure the pins on the Sensor Assembly are aligned with the Power Board Assembly.

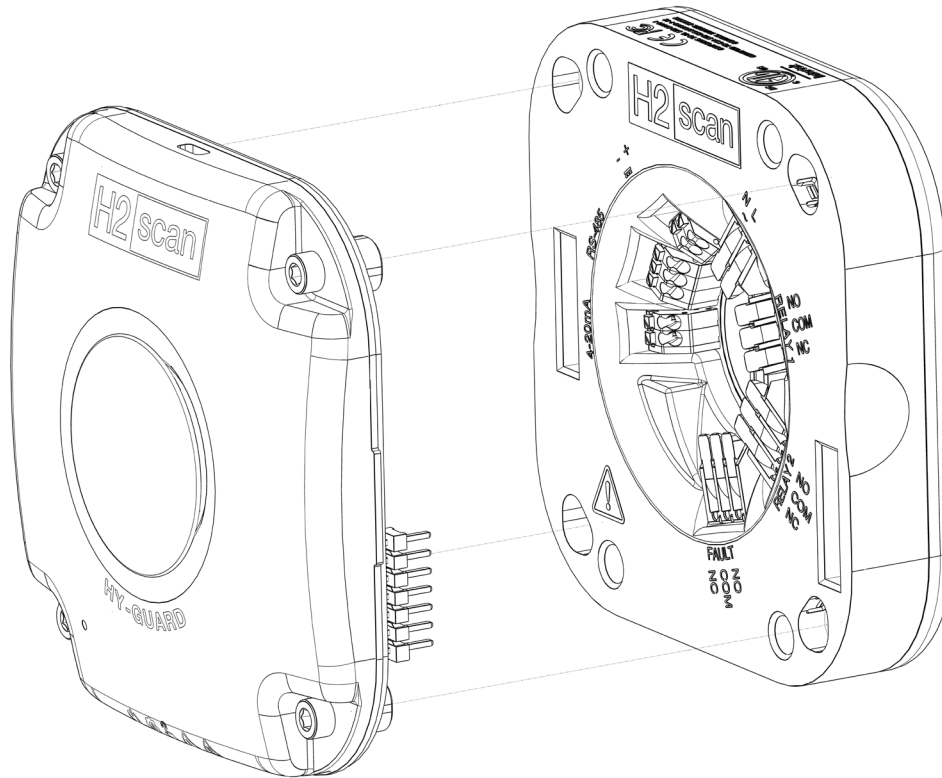


Figure 4: Connect Sensor Assembly to Power Board Assembly

NOTE: Ensure the Sensor Assembly and the Power Board Assembly snap together by pressing down on the two components.

⚠ WARNING

This is a sensitive safety device. If dropped, conduct a bump test to ensure device is functional. See [2.7.1](#).

3. HY-GUARD is installed and ready for self-test.

- To initiate a self-test, tap the IR button located in the center of the Main Control Indicators, annotated by the finger icon. See [2.4](#) for more information.

2. OPERATION

2.1 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Upon initial power up, all LEDs will be solid for five seconds, and the audible buzzer will chirp. The HY-GUARD will then enter a warm-up period of up to six minutes. During this time, the green LED will flash to indicate it is in “Sensor Not Ready” mode. When HY-GUARD finishes initializing and enters “Normal Operation” mode, the ‘Power On’ LED will illuminate solid green. This means HY-GUARD is fully functional and actively monitoring hydrogen.

Refer to [Table 1](#) for a description of HY-GUARD operating modes.

Table 1: HY-GUARD Operating Modes

Mode	Main Control Indicators (LEDs)				Audible Buzzer*
					
Power On					
Sensor Not Ready	 Flashing				
Normal Operation					
1% H ₂ (low alarm)					
2% H ₂ (high alarm)					 (tap IR button to silence)
Fault	Previous state**		Previous state**	Previous state**	 Pulse (tap IR button to silence)

*The buzzer is NOT intended for emergency notification or evacuation purposes. The buzzer is intended for local user feedback/status indication only.

**The Main Control Indicator (LED) shows the state the unit was in prior to the fault relay latching.

NOTE: The fault relay is energized when there is no fault present. (i.e., the NO contacts are closed, and the NC contacts are open). If a fault is detected, the fault relay will de-energize (i.e., the NO contacts will open and the NC contacts will close).

NOTE: The hydrogen threshold relays will activate when the measured hydrogen exceeds the threshold (e.g., when hydrogen exceeds 1% H₂, the 1% relay's NO contacts will close and the NC contacts will open).

NOTE: If HY-GUARD faults during 'Power On' mode, only the blue LED will illuminate to indicate a fault.

2.2 INFRARED (IR) BUTTON

HY-GUARD features an IR button, located in the center of the Main Control Indicators (LEDs), annotated by the finger icon. Its functions include:

Action	Mode	Description
Short tap	“Sensor Not Ready” or “Normal Operation”	Initiates a self-test (see 2.4)
Short tap	“2% H ₂ ” or “Fault”	Silences the audible buzzer
Press and hold (5 secs)	“Sensor Not Ready” or “Normal Operation”	Initiates a Communication Test Mode (see 2.6)
Press and hold (10 secs)	Any mode	Enables or disables the terminating resistor (see 2.5)
Press and hold (15 secs)	Any mode	Initiates a system reset

NOTE: After every IR button action, the audible buzzer outputs a chirp as confirmation.

2.3 AUDIBLE BUZZER

The following description explains the audible buzzer logic for the HY-GUARD:

- The audible buzzer will activate when the HY-GUARD unit is in either a fault state or high alarm state. The audible buzzer will be active until the user silences it via tapping the IR button, or if the unit enters a different state which does not trigger audible buzzer.
 - High Alarm: Buzzer is always on
 - Fault Alarm: Buzzer will buzz at a cadence of 500ms (500ms ON, 500ms OFF, repeat)

The following description explains the logic for silencing the audible buzzer for the HY-GUARD:

- The user can silence the audible buzzer by tapping the IR button if the unit is in fault or high alarm state.
- Once the audible buzzer is silenced, it can only be re-activated in two scenarios:
 - The unit exits the state where the buzzer was silenced, and then re-enters it.
 - The unit exits the state where the buzzer was silenced, and enters a new state that causes the buzzer to activate.

2.4 SELF-TEST

Performing a self-test ensures the HY-GUARD Main Control Indicators (LEDs) and audible buzzer are functioning normally. After installation, tap the IR button indicated with the finger icon. This will initiate the self-test, which is indicated by flashing all LEDs and turning the audible buzzer* on and off three times.

*Audible indications during self-test and test modes are for local confirmation only and are not intended as emergency alarms.

2.5 TERMINATING RESISTOR

To maintain reliable communication over RS-485, it is important to ensure that the last HY-GUARD on the RS-485 bus has its terminating resistor enabled. If the user wants to enable or disable the terminating resistor, this can be done on the HY-GUARD unit. Press and hold the Infrared (IR) button on the HY-GUARD for 10 seconds to toggle the terminating resistor for RS-485 communication. The IR button is located in the center of the Main Control Indicators (LEDs) and is indicated by the finger icon. The audible buzzer will chirp three times to confirm the unit will configure the terminating resistor. At this point the user can release the button. There will be a visual cue indicating whether or not the terminating resistor is enabled or disabled.

- If the fault LED flashes green three times, the terminating resistor is now enabled.
- If the fault LED flashes red three times, the terminating resistor is now disabled.

2.6 COMMUNICATION TEST MODE

The HY-GUARD has a Communication Test Mode that will cycle through the low, high, and fault alarms for five seconds each to ensure that the system is wired as intended.

1. Entering Test Mode
 - Press and hold the IR button on the unit for five seconds until you hear a chirp, and release the IR button.
2. Low Alarm - 1% H₂ Simulation (five seconds)*
 - Relay 1 will trigger, the Analog Output will indicate 1% H₂, and the Modbus output will report 1% H₂, refer to Registers 0–1. For the Main Control Indicator behavior, reference [Table 1](#) “1% H₂” mode.
3. High Alarm - 2% H₂** Simulation (five seconds)*
 - Relay 1 will remain triggered, relay 2 will trigger, the Analog Output will indicate 2% H₂, and the Modbus output will report 2% H₂, refer to Registers 0–1. For the Main Control Indicator behavior, reference [Table 1](#) “2% H₂” mode.

*To account for the H₂ accuracy of ±0.3% H₂, the trigger value for the low and high alarm are 0.7% and 1.7%, respectively

**The default high alarm is 2% H₂ unless it was modified by a user using the HY-SIGHT™.
4. Fault Condition Simulation (five seconds)
 - Relay 1 and Relay 2 will reset to the default state, the fault relay will trigger, Analog Output will indicate fault, and the Modbus output will report a fault, refer to Registers 111–113. For the Main Control Indicator behavior, reference [Table 1](#) “Fault” mode.
5. Exit and Return to Normal Operation
 - After the fault condition simulation, the unit will automatically return to normal state, thus completing the test cycle.

NOTE: At any time during the test, tapping the IR button will abort the Communication Test Mode and immediately return the unit to normal operating mode.

2.7 HEALTH & MAINTENANCE

2.7.1 BUMP TEST

To validate a HY-GUARD in the field, H2scan offers a Validation Shield (50000201) as shown in [Figure 5](#), as well as Standard Bump Kits (105923-KIT) and Gas Replacement Kits (105924-KIT).

The Bump Kit contains:

- 1x 5% H₂/N₂ bottle
- 1x regulator
- 1x 10'x tubing

The Gas Replacement Kit contains:

- 2x 5% H₂/N₂ bottle

1. Connect the tube from the calibration gas regulator to the validation shield.
2. Attach the validation shield such that it magnetically attaches to the screws on the corners of HY-GUARD.
3. Fully open the regulator such that gas begins flowing to the sensor at a flow rate of 0.5 LPM.
4. Verify 1% alarm activates.
5. Verify 2% alarm activates.

NOTE: If 1% and 2% relays do not trigger within 15 minutes, check the flow rate, check the connections, and repeat the test. If problems persist, contact H2scan for support.

6. Once bump test is complete, remove the calibration shield and continue using HY-GUARD as intended.

NOTE: If a hydrogen event happens where the unit has been exposed to >5% H₂, conduct a bump test and/or replace the unit.

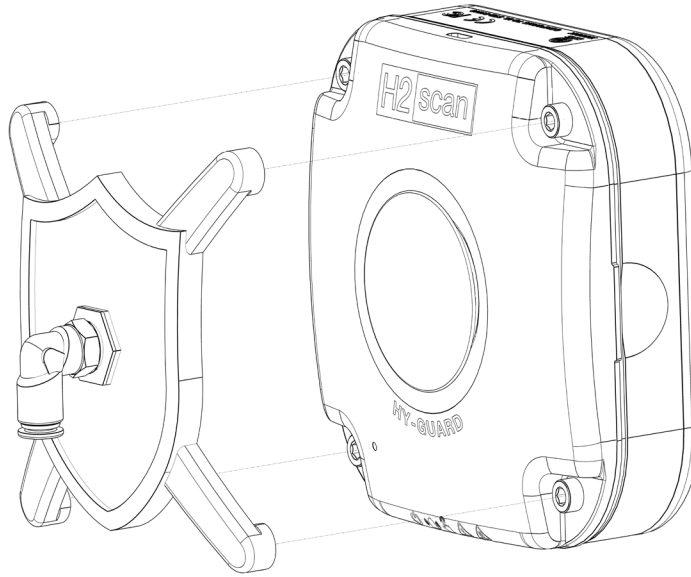


Figure 5: HY-GUARD Validation Shield

2.7.2 TROUBLESHOOTING

- Ensure the sensor module and the back plate snap together by pressing down on the two components.
- For optimal performance, ensure you update the device(s) to the latest Firmware.
- If you are unsure whether the device is operating correctly, use the Communication Test Mode to verify wiring integrity (see [2.6](#)).
- If you suspect a problem, conduct a bump test to confirm proper sensor response (see [2.7.1](#)).

3. MODBUS REGISTER MAP

3.1 MODBUS HOLDING REGISTER DEFINITIONS

The Modbus Holding Register definitions are shown in [Table 2](#). The default Modbus baud rate is 19,200 baud.

Table 2: Modbus Holding Register Descriptions for HY-GUARD

Register	Parameter	Function	Data Type	Data Range	Access	Comments
Measurements						
0	Hydrogen, ppm H ₂	High word	32-bit number	0–20,000,000	R	
1		Low word				
22	Pressure	High word	float	0–20,000,000	R	
23		Low word				

Register	Parameter	Function	Data Type	Data Range	Access	Comments
Information						
31–40	Model Number		ASCII String		R	
41–50	Product Serial Number		ASCII String		R	
89–98	Firmware Revision		ASCII String		R	
Status/Error Information						
111	Unit Status		16-bit flags		R	Table 3 : Unit Status
112	Error Status	High word	32-bit flags		R	Table 4 : Error Status
113		Low word				
Configuration Settings						
150	Set Unit ID		8-bit number	1–247	R/W	
154	Pressure Unit Selection		8-bit number	1 = atm 2 = psi 3 = bar 4 = kPA 5 = inH ₂ O	R/W	
159	Parity/Stop Bit Selection		16-bit number	1 = 8N1 2 = 8N2 3 = 8E1 4 = 8E2 5 = 8O1 6 = 8O2	R/W	
160	Baud Rate		8-bit number	1 = 9600 2 = 14400 3 = 19200 4 = 38400 5 = 57600 6 = 115200	R/W	
User Information						
201–210	User ID #1		ASCII String		R/W	Must start reading/ writing from low ad- dress to high address; all 10 registers need to be written to in order to save

Register	Parameter	Function	Data Type	Data Range	Access	Comments
211–220	User ID #2		ASCII String		R/W	Must start reading/writing from low address to high address; all 10 registers need to be written to in order to save
221–230	User ID #3		ASCII String		R/W	Must start reading/writing from low address to high address; all 10 registers need to be written to in order to save

3.2 STATUS AND ERROR INFORMATION

HY-GUARD provides status and error information for the user to determine if it is operating normally.

3.2.1 UNIT STATUS

Unit status information is maintained in Modbus register 111.

Table 3: Unit Status

Bit #	Description
15	Unit Ready, hydrogen readings are valid.
14	New measurement data available, auto-clear after register read
13	Unlisted bits are not used and may be 0 or 1.
12	Unrecoverable error occurred, read registers 112,113 for more information
11–0	Unlisted bits are not used and may be 0 or 1.

3.2.2 ERROR STATUS

When the error flag (bit 12) of the Unit Status register 111 is set, refer to the 32-bit register 112,113 for more information about the error cause.

Table 4: Error Status

Bit #	Hex Value	Description	Response
31	0x80000000	Monitor: Heater fault	Power off the monitor, wait five minutes, power on the monitor, and check status after 15 minutes to determine if error persists.
30	0x40000000	Monitor: Temperature sensor fault	
29	0x20000000	Monitor: Hydrogen sensor fault	
28-5	0x10000000–0x00000020	Unlisted bits are not used and may be 0 or 1	
4	0x00000010	Over temperature error	Power off for an hour and investigate area around the monitor for high temperature or lack of air flow. Turn power on and wait an hour to determine if error persists.

3	0x00000008	Error detected due to memory access, invalid configuration, sample error, auto-calibration expiring, analog output error, or Communication Test Mode fault sequence.	Contact help@h2scan.com for more information about this error.
2-0	0x00000004– 0x00000001	Unlisted bits are not used and may be 0 or 1	

APPENDIX A: SPECIFICATIONS

Parameter	Value
Operating	
H ₂ Range	0.4 - 5% H ₂
Lower Detection Limit (LDL)	0.4% H ₂
Accuracy*	±0.3% H ₂ (absolute error)
Response Time**	HY-GUARD: 30 seconds HY-GUARD RS: 10 seconds
Ambient Temp	Rated at 15°C to 40°C (59°F to 104°F) Operational at -25°C to 50°C (-13°F to 122°F)
Storage Temp	-40°C to 70°C (-40°F to 158°F)
Humidity	0 - 95% RH (non-condensing)
Pressure Range	0.8 - 1.2 atm absolute
Operating Altitude	Up to 2000 m above sea level
Electrical	
Voltage Input AC (50/60 Hz)	110 - 240 VAC
Voltage Input DC	15 - 60 VDC
Power Consumption	10 W
Mechanical	
Vibration	ISTA 6-FEDEX-A Test
Shock	ISTA 6-FEDEX-A Test
Weight	1.1 lbs (0.5 kgs)
Dimensions	5.1" x 5.1" x 2.1" (130 mm x 130 mm x 53 mm)
Buzzer	Audible output for local indication

*Concentrations >2% have an accuracy of ±1%. Prolonged exposure to hydrogen concentrations >5% may damage the sensor.

**Time to trigger first alarm when transitioning from air to 5% H₂.

This equipment is capable of withstanding Overvoltage Category: II.

Pollution Degree 2: Normally only nonconductive pollution occurs.

APPENDIX B: CERTIFICATIONS

- UL 2075* (pending)
- UL 61010-1 and CSA C22.2#61010-1**
- REACH
- RoHS
- IEC 60068-2-2 & EN 50155 Section 13.4.4
- IEC 60068-2-11 & DIN EN ISO 12944
- IEC 60068-2-6 table C.2
- IEC 60068-2-64 paragraph A.2, category no. 2
- IEC 60068-2-27
- FCC Part 15***
- IC, RSS-Gen and RSS-210

*The UL 2075 certification does not apply to the HY-GUARD RS or to the HY-GUARD 2% H₂ (high) alarm.

**For more information on certification reference [ATM 106283728LAX-002](#).

***This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



NOTE: All certifications pending for HY-GUARD RS.

APPENDIX C: ADDENDUM FOR HY-GUARD RS (RAPID SENSOR) MODEL

HY-GUARD RS is the Rapid Sensor variant of HY-GUARD. It is otherwise the same HY-GUARD product described throughout this manual. Unless a difference is specifically identified, all figures, tables, installation, wiring, alarm, operation, communication, maintenance, and specification instructions in this manual apply to both HY-GUARD and HY-GUARD RS.

NOTE: HY-GUARD RS uses the Rapid Sensor, providing a response time of 10 seconds.