Datasheet SFM3020 series

Analog Mass Flow Meter



Product Summary

SFM3020 is Sensirion's solution on providing high volumes of flow meters for medical ventilators in order to support the global pandemic situation due to the Corona virus outbreak. It relies on a modular approach of assembling approved parts with good availability to Sensirion and a high-volume through-put manufacturing.

The housing geometry is based on the SFM3000 flow meter, hence it remains mechanically compatible to the SFM3000.

A flow range from -10slm to +160slm and one directional flow supports high flow applications while still allowing to detect back flows. To minimize pressure-drop the SFM3020 is equipped with one mesh at the inlet.

Key characteristics at a glance

- Flow range up to 160slm
- Calibrated for air, formula for O_2
- Analog output
- Low pressure drop across the sensor
- No recalibration needed

Benefits of Sensirion's CMOSens® Technology

- Scalability
- High reliability and long-term stability
- Best signal-to-noise ratio
- Industry-proven technology with a track record of more than 15 years
- Designed for mass production
- High process capability

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1. Ordering Information

Use the part names and order number shown in the following table when ordering the SFM3020. For the latest product information and local distributors, visit www.sensirion.com.

Part name	Description	Order number
SFM3020	-10 to 160slm range, with cap	3.000.401

2. Specifications

2.1. Flow Specification[1]

Parameter	Condition	SFM3020		Units
Measurement range[2]		Air/O2: -10 to 160		slm[3]
Accuracy[4,5]		Max.	Typ.	
	span(0..160slm)	±3%	±2%	m.v.[6]
	span(-10…0slm)	±5%	±3%	m.v.
	zero point	0.15 (max.)	0.05 (typ.)	slm
Noise Level[5]		Max.[7]	Typ.	
	span	+1.5%	1%	m.v.
	zero point	0.1		slm
Span shift due to temperature variation		< 0.5% of reading per 10°C		
Flow step response time (T_{63})		< 5ms		
Calibrated for		Air		
Compensation formula		O2		
Media compatibility		Air, N_2, O_2, non-condensing		
Pressure Drop @60slm @200slm		One mesh version <80 / 0.32 <500 / 2.0		Pa / inH2O

[1] Unless otherwise noted, all sensor specifications are valid at 25°C in dry air with VDD = 5 V and absolute pressure = 966 mbar.

[2] For other ranges contact Sensirion

[3] In standard liter per minute at 20°C and 1013 mbar

[4] Output voltage integral non linearity is not included. Note that the effect can add up to ±0.2125slm @ 5V V_{dd} on the flow value.

[5] Span or offset value, whichever is larger

[6] Measured value

[7] A higher noise level can occur at the flow transition point.

2.2. Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max	Units	Comments
Supply Voltage	V_{DD}			5		V	Recommended: 5V +/- 5%
Power-up/down level	V_{POR}		2.3	2.5	2.7	V	
Supply current	I_{DD}	Measuring			5.5	mA	
Ratiometric analog output							
Output range			10%		90%	V_{DD}	
Resistive load to GND			10 [1]	100		kOhm	
Resistive load to VDD			1000			kOhm	
Capacitive load	C_{load}				100	nF	
Output voltage Integral Non Linearity (INL)					5	mV	
Output voltage noise (RMS)				0.5		mV	

2.3. Timing Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Comments
Power-up time	t_{PU}			30	ms	Time to first reliable measurement

2.4. Mechanical Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units	Condition/Comment
Operating pressure range		0.7		1.3	bar	absolute
Allowable overpressure	P_{max}	-0.2		0.2	bar	gauge
Rated burst pressure	P_{burst}			>1	bar	gauge
Weight	W			10	g	

2.5. Materials

Parameter	
Wetted materials	PPE+PS blend, Si, glass (Si_3N_4, SiO_x), gold, FR4, copper alloy, lead-free solder, epoxy, polyurethane, stainless steel (annealed)
REACH, RoHS	REACH and RoHS compliant

[1] For a resistive load to GND less than 100kOhm, a 1nF capacitor to GND on the AOUT is recommended

2.6. Absolute Minimum and Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Rating	Units
Supply Voltage V_{DD}	-0.3 to 5.5	V
Max Voltage on pins (Inputs)	-0.3 to V_{DD}+0.3	V
Input current on any pin	±70	mA
Operating temperature range[1]	0 to +60	°C
Storage temperature range	-20 to +70	°C
Max. humidity for long term exposure	40°C dew point	
ESD HBM (human body model)	2	kV

3. Pin Assignment

The pin assignments of the SFM3020 series can be found in Table 1. The cap of the SFM3020 is compatible with DuraClik™ Wire-to-Board Receptacle Housing, Single Row, 4 Circuits. (Molex product number: 502351-0400).

Pin no.	Name	Description
1	NC	Do not Connect
2	VDD	V_{dd} Supply
3	GND	Connect to ground
4	Aout	Linear analog voltage output

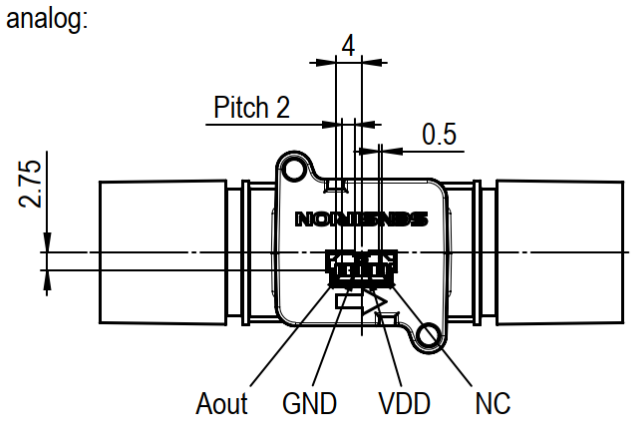
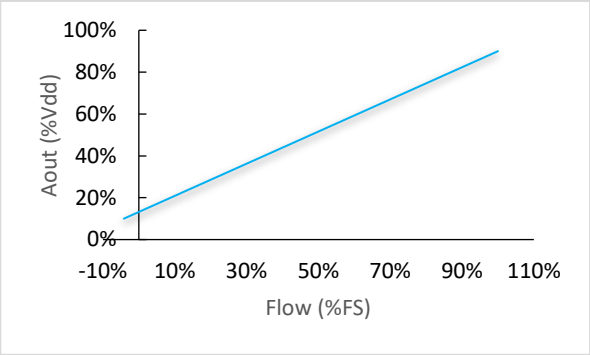


Table 1: *SFM3020 series pin assignment.*

[1] For Air and N_2. Long term exposure to (high concentrations of) O_2 at high temperatures can reduce the product lifetime

3.1. Measurement Mode

Description	Conversion to physical values AOut[V], VDD[V], Standard Liter per Minute (Flow) [slm]
Analog output is configured as a linear output. The sensor is not fully bi-directional in this configuration: -10% full-scale to 100% full scale.  Full scale = 160 slm	$Flow = 212.5 * (\frac{Aout}{VDD} - 0.1) - 10$

3.2. AOut Pin

The AOut pin gives out an analog linear voltage, representing the flow value in standard liter per minute slm. Please note the resistive and capacitive loads as mentioned in section 2.2. Formulas for converting AOut [V] to flow [slm] can be found in section 3.1

3.3. Correction Formula for Oxygen Flow Measurement

Description of the correction formula for measuring oxygen flow with the SFM3020.

Q_{O2}^{SFM} Flow indicated by air calibrated SFM3020 in slm when O2 is flowing through SFM

Q_{O2} Real flow O2 in slm

ΔQ Correction Factor

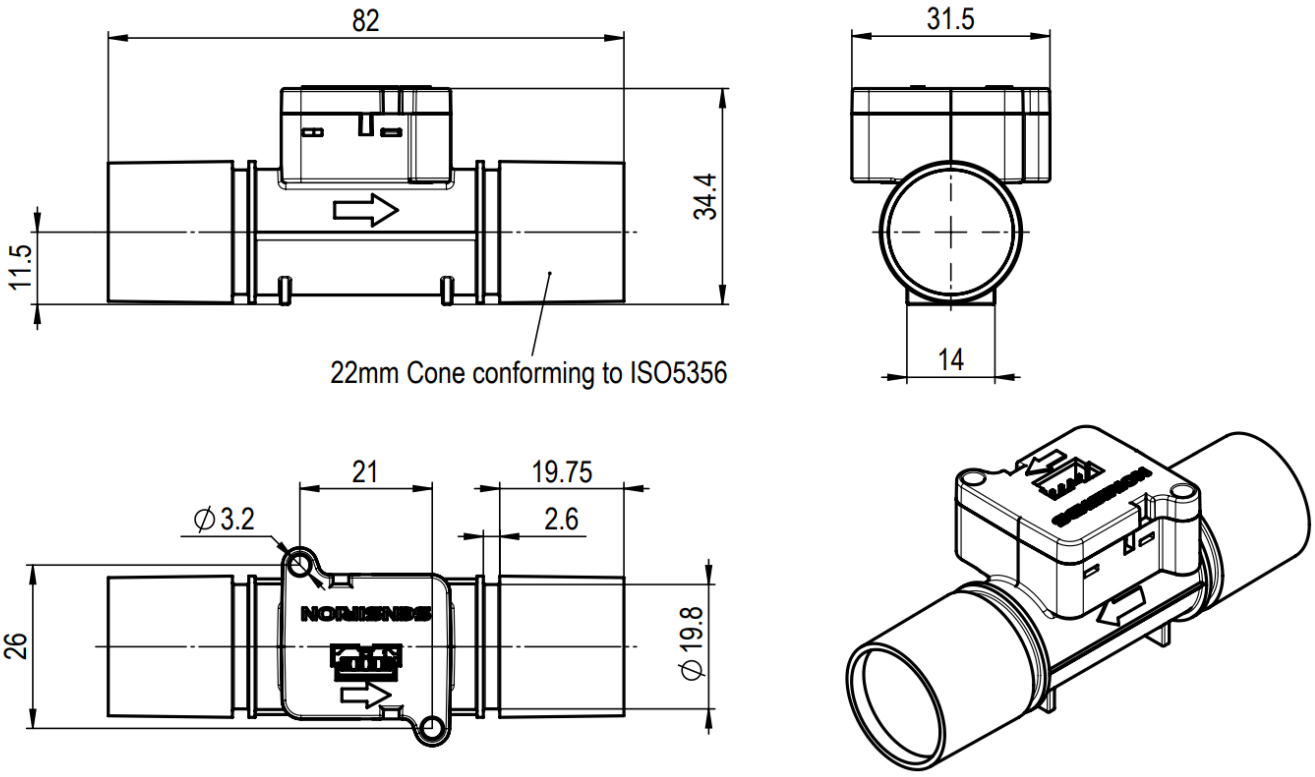
$$Q_{O2} = Q_{O2}^{SFM} - \Delta Q$$

$$\Delta Q = 7 * 10^{-5} \times (Q_{O2}^{SFM})^2 + 0.0144 \times Q_{O2}^{SFM}$$

When a correction for FiO2 (fraction of inspired oxygen) other than 100% is needed, the correction ΔQ can be scaled proportional to the FiO2. I.e. The correction formula for arbitrary FiO2 is

$$Q_{O2} = Q_{O2}^{SFM} - \frac{FiO2 - 21\%}{79\%} \times \Delta Q$$

4. Package Outline



The grooves at the inner end of the cones can optionally be used to seal the sensor with o-rings. A fitting o-ring is for instance a NORMATEC® O-Ring FKM 75.00-01 (1120070754).

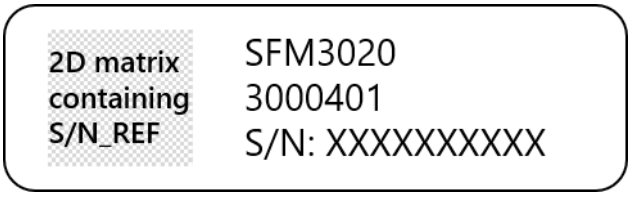
4.1. Soldering

Standard wave soldering systems may be used for soldering SFMxxxx sensors. Reflow soldering is not feasible and may damage the sensor. Contact Sensirion for further information.

4.2. Label information

The SFM3020 Label on each sensor is composed of the following elements:

- Product part name
- Product order number
- Serial number
- 2D matrix containing the serial number (X) followed by the product order number (Y) in the format: XXXXXXXXXX_YYYYYYY



5. Shipping Package

- Packing units: 20 items/tray. Tray dimensions: 38.3 x 28.3 x 4.7 cm.
- Minimal order quantity: 6 trays. Box dimensions for 6 trays: 41 x 31 x 32 cm.

6. Revision History

Date	Author	Version	Changes
06/2021	PSIM	v1.0	first final version release
06/2024	PSIM	v1.1	Footnotes corrected p2, o-ring suggestion p6
10/2026	PSIM	V1.2	Change of label, section 4.2

7. Important Notices

Warning, personal injury

Do not use this product as safety or emergency stop devices or in any other application where failure of the product could result in personal injury (including death). Do not use this product for applications other than its intended and authorized use. Before installing, handling, using or servicing this product, please consult the datasheet and application notes. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in death or serious injury.

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ESD Precautions

The inherent design of this component causes it to be sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To prevent ESD-induced damage and/or degradation, take customary and statutory ESD precautions when handling this product.

See application note “Handling Instructions” for more information.

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