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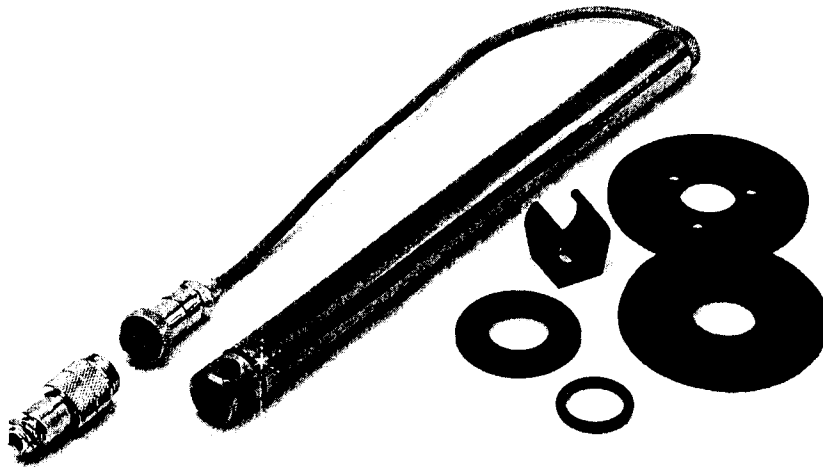


# User's Guide



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## HX94 SS RH Probe

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## **HX94**

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### **RELATIVE HUMIDITY/TEMPERATURE PROBE TRANSMITTER**

#### **A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The stainless steel probe provides temperature compensated relative humidity as well as temperature outputs. A thin film polymer capacitor senses relative humidity, while temperature is monitored by a 100 ohm platinum RTD. The sensors are protected by a stainless steel filter cap that is easily removable for cleaning. The sealed probe has an end cap that may be removed for access to calibration trimmers when necessary. Signal and power connections are made via a 4 pin connector at the end of a 12" cable. An adjustable, removable duct flange, allows mounting at any depth between 1 and 9 inches. Also provided is a mating cable connector and a clip for wall mounting.

The current output version of the probe is a true 2-wire transmitter with an unusually low compliance voltage (6 volts), allowing for long wire runs. The voltage version has internal voltage regulation so that any low power source (3.5ma) over a wide voltage range (6 to 30 volts) will operate the unit. Both current and voltage versions are polarity protected.

#### **B. UNPACKING**

Verify that the following parts have been received.

1. Probe transmitter
2. 2-piece duct flange, with o-ring, (3) flat head screws, and gasket.
3. 4-pin mating connector
4. Wall mounting clip and screw
5. Instruction manual

### C. THEORY OF OPERATION

A 4 to 20 milliamp loop is a series current loop in which a transmitter will vary the current flow depending upon the parameter being measured (Relative Humidity or Temperature). Advantages of a current output over a voltage output is that is less susceptible to noise interference and allows the connection of more than one meter or recorder to the loop as long as the maximum resistance is not exceeded.

The typical current loop will consist of a power supply, transmitter, and a meter to measure the current flow. The loop resistance is the sum of the impedance of the meter(s) and the lead wire. The maximum allowable loop impedance of the probe is found by the Formula:

$$R_{max} = (\text{power supply voltage} - 6 \text{ volts}) / .02 \text{ amps}$$

Example: when using a 24 VDC power supply:

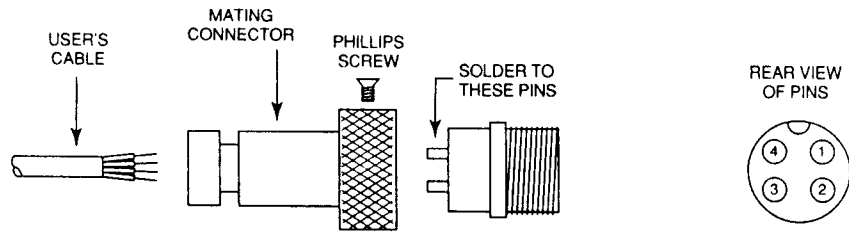
$$R_{max} = (24 - 6) / .02 = 900 \text{ ohms (for total wire length to and from the transmitter).}$$

The following chart shows various resistance of lead wire:

AWG WIRE SIZE	RESISTANCE PER 1000 FEET
24	25 ohms
22	15 ohms
20	10 ohms
18	6 ohms
16	4 ohms

If the meter or recorder being used accepts only voltage, than either the voltage version of the probe (0 to 1 volt) should be used, or convert the current to voltage by installing a 250 ohm resistor across the input terminals of the recorder to obtain a 1 to 5 volts input.

## D. TERMINAL CONNECTIONS



1. Remove small phillips head screw from mating connector.
2. Pull out pin section from front.
3. Insert cable end thru connector before soldering to solder-cup pins.
4. The terminals will accept No. 26 to 18 AWG wires

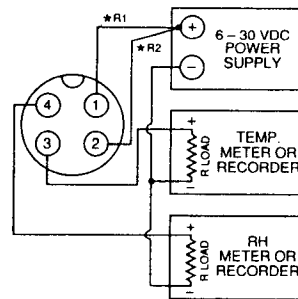
PROBE CABLE WIRE COLOR	CONNECTOR PIN NO.	HX94C CURRENT DESIGNATIONS	HX94V VOLTAGE DESIGNATIONS
BLACK	1	+V TEMPERATURE	+V POWER SUPPLY
WHITE	2	+V RH	-V GROUND
RED	3	-V TEMPERATURE	VT TEMP. OUTPUT
GREEN	4	-V RH	VRH RH OUTPUT

## E. WIRING EXAMPLES

### 1. TYPICAL CURRENT HOOKUP

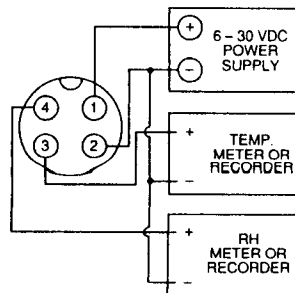
- \* Wires R1 and R2 can be combined into one single wire with a jumper at pins (1) and (2). This will mean 3 wires instead of 4.

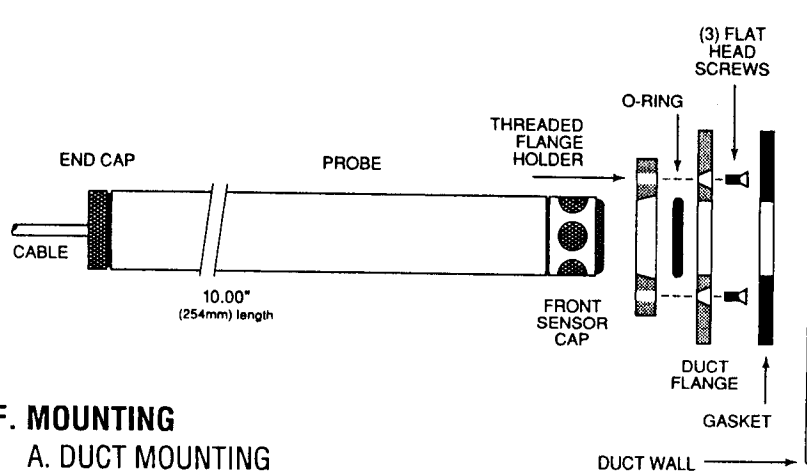
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### 2. TYPICAL VOLTAGE HOOKUP

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## F. MOUNTING

### A. DUCT MOUNTING

#### STEPS

1. Slide flange holder onto probe with countersink hole facing front of probe as shown.
2. Position o-ring on probe at desired position. (for depth into duct).
3. Slide duct flange onto probe with countersink of screw holes facing front of probe as shown.
4. Fasten with (3) 6/32 flat head screws and tighten evenly until secure.
5. Position gasket between duct flange and duct wall and fasten assembly to duct with (4) #6 sheet metal screws (not included).

The duct wall requires a  $13/16$ "d. (.812" or 21mm) hole for probe, with (4) mounting holes (for #6 sheet metal screws) evenly spaced on a 2.0" (51mm) circle. Use duct flange as template.

### B. WALL MOUNTING

1. Fasten plastic clip to wall with included screw.
2. Snap probe into clip.

## G. RH AND TEMPERATURE CALCULATIONS

1. Max current loop impedance for RH or Temperature

$$R_{\max} = (V_{\text{supply}} - 6 \text{ volts}) / .02 \text{ amps}$$

2. RH current output: ( $i$  = current output in milliamperes)

$$\%RH = (i - 4) / .16 \qquad i_{RH} = (\%RH) \times (.16) + 4$$

3. Temperature current output

$$\begin{aligned} ^\circ C &= (i - 4) \times (100/16) & i_C &= (^\circ C) \times (16/100) + 4 \\ ^\circ F &= (i - 4) \times (180/16) + 32 & i_F &= (^\circ F - 32) \times (16/180) + 4 \end{aligned}$$

4. RH voltage output: ( $V$  = voltage output in millivolts)

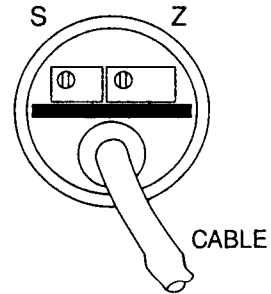
$$\%RH = V/10 \qquad V_{RH} = (\%RH) \times (10)$$

5. Temperature voltage output

$$\begin{aligned} ^\circ C &= V/10 & V_C &= (^\circ C) \times (10) \\ ^\circ F &= (V/10) \times (1.8) + 32 & V_F &= (^\circ F - 32) \times (10/1.8) \end{aligned}$$

## H. RH CALIBRATION

1. Unscrewing cable endcap will expose two trimpots, S (SPAN) on the left, and Z (ZERO) on the right.
2. Place sensor end of probe in "low" RH environment (e.g. Lithium chloride solution, 11.3%RH)
3. Adjust trimpot Z so that output decreases to a minimum value and further adjustment produces no change. Output will be approximately 4ma for current version, (0 volts for voltage version).
4. Adjust trimpot Z until output just starts to increase from 4ma (0 volts)
5. Place sensor end of probe in "high" RH environment (e.g. Sodium Chloride solution, 75.3%RH).
6. Adjust trimpot S until output reading is equivalent to the difference between the "low" and "high" RH environments. Example:  $75.3\%RH - 11.3\%RH = 64\%RH$ , which is equivalent to 14.24 milliamperes (640 millivolts for voltage version). (See calculation section formulas.)
7. Adjust trimpot Z until output reading is equivalent to the "high" RH environment (e.g. 75.3%RH is 16.05 milliamperes (753 millivolts) as determined by formulas).





## **I. TEMPERATURE CALIBRATION**

Temperature is factory calibrated only, and does not require any further calibrations.

## **J. MAINTENANCE**

If the probe is operated in a dusty environment, the protective sensor filter, if clogged, may be removed for cleaning. Unscrew filter and gently blow compressed air through screen. If necessary, use a soft brush to remove lint from sensors.

If the sensors are subjected to 100% condensation, they must be dried to obtain correct readings. There is no permanent calibration shift, nor is recalibration necessary if 100% condensation occurs.

The instrument should not be exposed to high concentrations of ammonia or alcohol vapors. However, any environment that is breathable under normal HVAC applications should not affect the sensors. To maintain original specifications, it is generally recommended that the RH sensor be recalibrated on an annual basis depending upon operating conditions. The temperature sensor does not require recalibration.

## K. SPECIFICATIONS

1. RELATIVE HUMIDITY: Thin film polymer capacitor  
INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE: 6 to 30VDC (Polarity protected)  
RANGE/ACCURACY/REPEATABILITY: 3%RH to 95%RH/  
 $\pm 2\%RH/\pm 1\%RH$   
TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION:  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$   
CURRENT OUTPUT: 4 to 20ma for 0 to 100%RH  
VOLTAGE OUTPUT: 0 to 1.0 volt for 0 to 100%RH  
TIME CONSTANT: (for 90% responses at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; in moving air, 1M/sec)  
Less than 20 seconds, 10%RH to 90%RH  
Less than 30 seconds, 90%RH to 10%RH
  
2. TEMPERATURE: Thin film 100 ohm platinum RTD (DIN 43760)  
INPUT VOLTAGE RANGE: 6 to 30 VDC (polarity protected).  
RANGE:  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  TO  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $32^{\circ}\text{F}$  TO  $212^{\circ}\text{F}$ )  
ACCURACY/REPEATABILITY:  $\pm 0.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{F}$ )/ $\pm 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{F}$ )  
CURRENT OUTPUT: 4 to 20ma for  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$   
VOLTAGE OUTPUT: 0 to 1.0 volt for  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$   
TIME CONSTANT: (for 60% response) less than 2 seconds in  
moving air (1M/sec); less than 10 seconds in  
still air.
  
3. MECHANICAL  
HOUSING: Stainless steel water tight enclosure meets  
NEMA 4 specifications.  
DIMENSIONS: PROBE; 10.00" (254mm long), .75" (19mm) diameter,  
12" cable. DUCT FLANGE; variable 1" to 9" (25.4 to  
227mm) depth. 2.75" (70mm) diameter, duct hole .812"  
(21mm) diameter, with 4 mounting holes .156" (4mm)  
diameter (for #6 sheet metal screws) on 2.00" (51mm)  
circle.  
CONNECTIONS: 4 pin mating connector accepts 26 to  
18 AWG wires.  
WEIGHT: 7 ounces (198 grams) with duct flange.

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