

Specification

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Identification and Overview

Rough Service Refrigerant Leak Detectors

The Rough Service Refrigerant Leak Detector senses a wide range of refrigerants. The sensor is temperature compensated for improved detection of leaks and spills. The output voltage increases as the concentration of the refrigerant increases in the space.

These units are not intended for critical ppm measurements nor life safety applications.

Part #: N1-RLD-EL-C NSB-RLD-C



Specifications

Power: 9 to 40 VDC at 120 mA max 19 to 32 VAC at 5 VA Output Impedance: 680 Ohms Output Voltage: 0 to 4.8 VDC Ambient Temp: 32 to 140°F (0 to 60°C) Sensor Element Life: 2 Years Typical Warranty: 2 Years

Dimensional Drawing





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Refrigerants						_			
Single Compound Refrigerants			Blended Refrigerants				Blended Refrigerants		
Refrigerant	Safety Class	Detectable By Sensor	Refrigerant	Safety Class	Detectable By Sensor		Refrigerant	Safety Class	Detectable By Sensor
R-22	A1	Yes	R-417b	A1	Yes		R-449b	A1	Yes
R-32	A2L	Yes	R-417c	A1	Yes		R-449c	A1	Yes
R-125	A1	Yes	R-418a	A2	Yes		R-450a	A1	Yes
R-134a	A1	Yes	R-419a	A2	Yes		R-451a	A2L	Yes
R-290	A3	No	R-419b	A2	Yes		R-451b	A2L	Yes
R-744	A1	No	R-420a	A1	Yes		R-452a	A1	Yes
R-1234yf	A2L	Yes	R-421a	A1	Yes		R-452b	A2L	Yes
R-1234ze	A2L	Yes	R-421b	A1	Yes		R-452c	A1	Yes
			R-422a	A1	Yes		R-453a	A1	Yes
Blended Refr	igerants		R-422b	A1	Yes		R-454a	A2L	Yes
Defrigerent	Safety	Detectable	R-422c	A1	Yes		R-454b	A2L	Yes
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R-400	A1	No	R-422e	A1	Yes		R-455a	A2L	Yes
R-401a	A1	Yes	R-423a	A1	Yes		R-456a	A1	Yes
R-401b	A1	Yes	R-424a	A1	Yes		R-457a	A2L	Yes
R-401c	A1	Yes	R-425a	A1	Yes		R-459a	A2L	Yes
R-402a	A1	Yes	R-426a	A1	Yes		R-459b	A2L	Yes
R-402b	A1	Yes	R-427a	A1	Yes		R-460a	A1	Yes
R-403a	A2	Yes	R-428a	A1	Yes		R-460b	A1	Yes
R-403b	A1	Yes	R-429a	A3	No		R-460c	A1	Yes
R-404a	A1	Yes	R-430a	A3	No		R-461a	A1	Yes
R-405a	na	Yes	R-431a	A3	No		R-462a	A2	Yes
R-406a	A2	Yes	R-432a	A3	No		R-463a	A1	Yes
R-407a	A1	Yes	R-433a	A3	No		R-464a	A1	Yes
R-407b	A1	Yes	R-433b	A3	No		R-465a	A2	Yes
R-407c	A1	Yes	R-433c	A3	No		R-466a	A1	Yes
R-407d	A1	Yes	R-434a	A1	Yes		R-500	A1	No
R-407e	A1	Yes	R-435a	A3	No		R-501	A1	Yes
R-407f	A1	Yes	R-436a	A3	No		R-502	A1	Yes
R-407g	A1	Yes	R-436b	A3	No		R-503	na	No
R-407h	A1	Yes	R-436c	A3	No		R-504	na	Yes
R-407i	A1	Yes	R-437a	A1	Yes		R-505	na	No
R-408a	A1	Yes	R-438a	A1	Yes		R-506	na	No
R-409a	A1	Yes	R-439a	A2	Yes		R-507	A1	Yes
R-409b	A1	Yes	R-440a	A2	No		R-507a	A1	Yes
R-410a	A1	Yes	R-441a	A3	No		R-508a	A1	No
R-410b	A1	Yes	R-442a	A1	Yes		R-508b	A1	No
R-411a	A2	Yes	R-443a	A3	No		R-508b	A1	No
R-411b	A2	Yes	R-444a	A2L	Yes		R-509a	A1	Yes
R-412a	A2	Yes	R-444b	A2L	Yes		R-510a	A3	No
R-413a	A2	Yes	R-445a	A2L	Yes		R-511a	A3	No
R-414a	A1	Yes	R-446a	A2L	Yes		R-512a	A2	No
R-414b	A1	Yes	R-447a	A2L	Yes		R-513a	A1	Yes
R-415a	A2	Yes	R-447a	A2L	Yes		R-513b	A1	Yes
R-415b	A2	Yes	R-447b	A2L	Yes		R-514a	B1	No
R-416a	A1	Yes	R-448a	A1	Yes		R-515a	A1	Yes
K-41/a	A1	Yes	K-449a	A1	Yes		R-516a	A2L	Yes



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Mounting

Rough Service Mounting

The mounting location must allow air to flow freely through the enclosure. The refrigerants this unit will detect are heavier than air and will settle in the lowest level in the space. Generally, the unit should be mounted 18" (450mm) above the floor. Make sure that there is an unobstructed path for a minimum of 12" (300mm) above and below the unit.

As a general rule, a single detector will have a coverage area of approximately a 50' (15m) radius.

- 1. Mount the unit horizontally as shown in Fig 2 on a solid, non-vibrating surface.
- 2. Hold the unit against the mounting surface to mark the mounting holes and drill for #10 screws (1/8" or 3mm drill).
- 3. Screw the unit to the mounting surface.



Figure 1: Rough Service Mounting

Termination

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Tip	may be required for long runs.



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Any port may be used for wire entry. If the back port is used, remove the sensor board prior to drilling the hole to prevent damaging the board.

Terminal and Description

proper termination.

- Vin Power, Referenced to GD, 9 to 40 VDC, 120 mA maxor 19 to 32 VAC, 5 VA
- **GD** To Controller Ground [GND or Common]

Vo Voltage Output, Referenced to GD, 4.8 VDC max Note: Lightly tug on each wire after tightening to verify



Figure 2: Component Identifier and Electrical Connections

Keeping the Enclosure Air Tight After Termination

For the detector to work correctly, the wiring entrance must remain air tight. If the detector is mounted to a hollow wall and wired through its back, or wired with conduit, it is possible that a draft of clean air may fill the enclosure through the wiring opening. This draft may prevent the unit from measuring the ambient refrigerant. We recommend either a liquid-tight fitting or plugging the conduit at the enclosure.

Liquid-Tight Fitting – Liquid-Tight Fitting (N1/LTF) allows wire cables of 0.1 to 0.3 inch (2.5 to 7.6mm) outside diameter to enter the box. Tightening the collar onto the wire cable keeps the wiring entrance air tight.

Conduit – Included with the detector is a foam plug to seal the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (13mm) EMT. Place the wires into the plug as shown in figure and then insert the plug into the conduit sealing the conduit.



Figure 3: Wires Through Foam Plug

Operation

The Refrigerant Leak Detector has a sensing element that changes its electrical resistance with changes in refrigerant concentrations. As the concentration increases, so does the output voltage of the unit. The sensing element has a different sensitivity to each refrigerant and therefore the rate of increase of the output voltage is different for each refrigerant.

Allow up to 5 minutes after power-up for the output voltage to settle to the ambient conditions. Extended power outages may cause the output voltage to initially spike during those first 5 minutes after power is returned. The typical output in a clean air environment is between 0.1V to 0.3V. Therefore, we recommend using 0.5V as the minimum detection voltage to minimize false alarms.

- Any output voltage offsets must be applied at the controller.
- The solid green LED indicates that the unit is powered.
- The temperature sensor is for internal temperature compensation only.



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Sensor Element Replacement

We recommend replacing the sensor element every two years. Exposure to multiple events of high refrigerant concentrations or being exposed to refrigerants for long periods of time will shorten the life of the sensor element. If this occurs, we recommend that you consider replacing the sensor element at that time.

- 1. Disconnect power from the unit and remove the sensor board from the enclosure.
- 2. Remove the old sensor element with your fingers by pulling the element out of its socket. Gently wiggle the element while pulling.
- 3. Install the new element by plugging it into the socket. The element is not polarity sensitive. Fully insert the element. The base of the element should be flush with the socket.
- 4. Reinstall the sensor board
- 5. Reconnect the unit to power.
- 6. Allow 5 minutes after power-up for the output voltage to settle to the ambient conditions. If the element has been in extended storage, additional time may be required.

Potential for injury, damage to a system, or system failure.



Figure 4: Refrigerant Sensor Element

Diagnostics	
POSSIBLE PROBLEMS:	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:
Green LED is not on	Check for correct power and wiring connections.
No output voltage	Sensing element is either unplugged from its socket or it is not operational.

Appendix – Symbols Key

Warning	Potential for death, serious injury, or permanent damage to a system.
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Caution		
- <mark>`@</mark> -	Useful information not related to injury or system damage.	
Tip		