

RAM 4021

Operation Manual



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For Your Safety

Like any piece of complex equipment, the GfG Instrumentation RAM 4021 will do the job it is designed to do only if it is used and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All individuals who have or will have the responsibility of servicing the equipment must carefully read this manual.

The warranties made by GfG Instrumentation with regard to this instrument are voided if the product is not used and serviced in accordance with the instructions in this manual. Please protect yourself and others who depend on this instrument by following these instructions. The above does not alter statements regarding GfG Instrumentation's warranties and conditions of sale and delivery.

Description

This unit is designed to provide continuous monitoring of the carbon monoxide levels in breathing air.

The instrument's electronics are enclosed in a NEMA-4X polycarbonate case. The case is corrosion resistant, positively pressurized by the compressor supply line and sealed except for a bleed hole (to release the compressor's air). The unit operates on 110 VAC power. It comes equipped with a case-mounted horn that can be disconnected if it is not required.

GfG Instrumentation recommends using PTFE Thread Sealant Tape on all pipe fittings and air line connections that require a sealant. Pipe Dope or Paste is not recommended due to the potential for off gassing that may affect the CO sensor performance.

Calibration adjustment controls are not necessary since they are automatically performed by the microprocessor.

The carbon monoxide chemical cell has a life expectancy of one to three years with a recommended 30-day calibration check, if any of the following conditions exist:

1. Last calibration date cannot be verified or is unknown
2. Sensor overexposed to target or interfering gases
3. Instrument has been subjected to misuse or abuse

4. Sensors have been newly replaced or instrument has received any type of servicing
5. Whenever sensor response is in question

The calibration interval can be extended to 6 months (maximum), when these requirements can be met:

1. The monitors are in a controlled environment
2. The monitors are in good working condition
3. The CO sensor is replaced every two (2) years

Setup Mode

By briefly pressing the bottom button (see Diagram on page 14) it is possible to cycle through the setup parameters. Each time the bottom button is pressed the display screen will identify the selected mode and indicate the current setup.

The following paragraphs outline the setup modes and options available. In each mode it is possible to change the setup using the top switch.

Lights / Alarms

YelLxx.x

Caution alarm for low flow or first CO alarm (warn).

CO Alm - XX

The alarm point in parts per million is displayed (i.e. CO ALM 10).

Cal

The parts per million of carbon monoxide used for calibration is displayed (i.e. CO - 20).

NOTE: This setup must be identical to the ppm concentration of the carbon monoxide calibration gas (5-100 ppm CO).

The carbon monoxide test gas concentration may be set from 5 to 100 ppm and is factory set to 20 ppm. It is important to use the same test gas as the "CAL" setting, otherwise the calibration will fail due to the error protection feature.

CAUTION: Changing the calibration gas concentration to another value will require the instrument to be successfully zero and gas calibrated. Do not change the calibration gas concentration without having the proper equipment to perform a zero and gas calibration. (See Calibration on pg. 5)

CO # RLY

The carbon monoxide alarm relay can be enabled (ON) or disabled (OFF) in this mode. The top switch will change this option.

Setting the relay ON or OFF permits any auxiliary device connected to the monitor to be shut off if it is not needed. During calibration it will be automatically shut off.

Test mode Activates alarm, relays, LEDs and solid squares on the LCD readout when the top switch is pushed.

The alarm horn and relays may be tested by pressing and holding the top switch while in alarm test setup mode. When testing an auxiliary horn, be sure the relay is turned ON.

Operation

Plug the unit into a 110 VAC outlet and the display will show introductory messages and a warm-up countdown. If the unit does not power up, check the electrical connections and try re-plugging in the unit. If start-up does not occur, call the factory.

After the warm-up countdown, the instrument will display CO readings. The air regulator may be adjusted at any time to set the flow level from 0.5 to 0.9 CFH. If the **low flow** indication shows on the display, increase the flow to 1 CFH and then drop the flow to the operational range of 0.5 to 0.8 CFH.

CAUTION: If the unit is reading a carbon monoxide gas level, do not make any adjustments for a few hours until the unit has settled in. If calibration is attempted within the first fifteen minutes, a **TOO SOON** message will occur on the display.

If the carbon monoxide gas readings remain high or below zero, recalibration may be needed. We also recommend checking the compressor's air intake, which may be the cause of high readings. Outside air intake is recommended, but can easily be contaminated by furnace exhaust, building vents, parking lots, etc. Intakes within the building are to be avoided because they often contain low ppm levels of carbon monoxide.

Calibration

Although the unit is calibrated at the factory, it may require carbon monoxide recalibration due to handling. The only way to assure that the sensor is operating properly is to test it with calibration gas.

“ZERO/CAL” Adjustment for Carbon Monoxide

The carbon monoxide read-out (ppm) will be “0” in the absence of carbon monoxide. This “0” can be calibrated by flowing clean air over the sensor and activating the ZERO/CAL set switch.

The “ZERO/CAL” switch is activated through a small hole in the face of the unit using a bent paper clip or similar thin wire or tool.

Two methods are available to check or set the carbon monoxide ZERO/CAL.

With normal flow through the unit from a clean air supply, press the ZERO/CAL switch momentarily.

NOTE: Holding the zero switch for 15 seconds will re-initialize the unit. This step is used when replacing a sensor or as discussed in the troubleshooting section. Do not ZERO INIT unless instructed to do so in the troubleshooting section.

The auto zero process will begin immediately and display **ZEROING**. If the supply air is clean the display will indicate **CO SET, END CAL** which indicates that a zero setting has been accepted and is now in use. If the supply line has more than a trace of carbon monoxide, the following messages will appear: **BAD 0 AIR, PREV CAL, END CAL**. The instrument is informing the user that it will not calibrate because of bad zero air and it will use its previously zeroed calibration setting.

The other method to zero the unit is to supply zero test gas (impurity free

air) to the calibration port in the same manner as described below with calibration gas, and the unit will initiate its calibration gas routine. However, the unit expects that 20 ppm CO is being applied to the calibration port unless the zero switch is pushed. Check to see that the message says zeroing instead of calibration gas as the 60 second countdown proceeds. At any time during the countdown the zero switch may be pushed to calibrate the unit with zero gas. If the switch is not pushed, a cal fail message will appear, resulting in a return to the previous calibration. After the zero switch is pressed, a **ZEROING** message appears and then **RELEASE UNLESS ZERO INIT**.

Calibrating Carbon Monoxide Sensor with CO Test Gas

It is recommended to calibrate the unit every 30 days.

To calibrate the unit with carbon monoxide test gas, shut off the air from the compressor supply line with the regulator and a **LOW FLOW** message will appear. Assemble the calibration kit and connect the tank of test gas to the calibration port connector on the instrument. Open the gas valve (use only the fixed flow regulator provided with the calibration kit). The display will read "CAL GAS detected" and a 60 second countdown will begin.

If the compressor air supply line is not shut off, a message will appear: **SUPPLY OFF**. If such a message occurs, shut off the supplied air and then begin the calibration process again to activate the calibration port switch.

After 60 seconds some informational numbers may appear on the display of the monitor. These numbers are for factory evaluation and troubleshooting. If the correct calibration gas is being used and the monitor is working correctly it will automatically calibrate.

After the unit auto calibrates, a message will appear: **CO G SET**, indicating that the CO gain adjustment has been set for 20 ppm. This prompts the calibrator to remove the test gas. Then a **LOW FLOW** message appears, prompting the calibrator to turn on the supplied air at the regulator.

If an incorrect gas concentration is used or the sensor and/or instrument is not properly functioning, a message will appear: **CO G FAILED, PREV CAL**,

END CAL. This affords improper calibration protection and an effort should be made to understand why it did not calibrate (see troubleshooting section for assistance).

After proper calibration, the next messages will be **REMOVE CALIBRATION GAS, END CAL, SUPPLY ON.** This prompts the calibrator to remove the test gas and turn the supply on at the regulator.

Maintenance (qualified technicians only)

NOTE: Except for the sensors, all internal parts are to be serviced only by the factory or its authorized agents.

Carbon Monoxide Sensor Replacement

When CO test gas fails to show a gas response during calibration, a new sensor is required. Most CO sensors will last from one and a half years to three years.

To replace the sensor, disconnect the power to the unit and remove the four corner screws and the electronics front cover. Next remove the three screws that hold the sensor block and unplug the CO sensor from its socket. Install a new sensor, **making sure that the shorting wire is removed from the new sensor.** Reassemble the unit and reconnect it to power. Let the new sensor settle in for an hour before calibrating.

A NEW SENSOR MUST BE INITIALIZED

When calibrating a new sensor, an initializing step is added to the procedure. This permits the sensor to be zero calibrated regardless of the background air and caution must be taken that the air is free of carbon monoxide. If the supply line is not CO free, then obtain a tank of impurity free air test gas from GfG (stock number 7802-006).

To initialize the unit, hold the ZERO/CAL switch for 15 seconds (air supply OFF). During the fifteen seconds, messages will read: **ZERO CAL, RELEASE UNLESS ZERO INT, INIT-ING.** Release the zero set switch when INIT-ING appears and the display will read: **ZERO GAS REQUIRED.**

Supply clean air from either the supply line or calibration port and the unit will set its ZERO/CAL after 60 seconds. The instrument message will then read **CAL GAS REQUIRED**.

Supply 20 ppm calibration gas (or another value selected in the setup mode on the unit) until the display reads **END CAL, REMOVE GAS, SUPPLY ON**. After turning the air supply on, the unit will reset the error protection and monitor the carbon monoxide of the compressor air supply line.

Troubleshooting

The CO zero calibration will not set if there is CO gas present, or if the sensor or electronics are bad. Also, the instrument will not calibrate if the incorrect concentration of CO gas is used, or if the sensor is bad or beyond its usable life.

Zero Fail During Calibration

If a failure occurs during CO zero calibration, a **BAD AIR** message occurs and the zero air should be checked for CO content. It may be a malfunctioning unit or during initial zero calibration (without the error protection), it could have been zeroed with a contaminated gas sample.

Another initialization with known zero air may solve the issue. If the monitor will not zero, the unit is malfunctioning; please call the factory for further instructions.

CAUTION: Be sure that the cylinder in use is “zero gas” impurity free air (standard air) when zero initializing.

Calibration Gas Fail During CO Calibration

With 20 ppm CO calibration gas applied to the calibration port, the monitor should calibrate at the end of the 60 second countdown. If it does not, then use the appropriate procedure:

1. If the gas reading does not show any increase when the gas is applied, the sensor is probably expired or the test gas has a concentration of zero CO. Check the hose connections to be sure that gas is flowing into the sensor chamber.

2.If the reading is close to 20, a zero calibration procedure with known zero gas will probably correct the problem. If the unit was zeroed with more than 2 ppm of CO, the calibration will fail when 20 ppm test gas is applied.

Accessories and Field Replacement Parts

Accessories

Calibration kit

(includes calibration connector and 20 ppm test gas 34 L)	7750-001
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High pressure regulator (5,000 PSI)	2605-002
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Remote horn – 110 VAC	1301-002
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Calibration regulator	7750-004
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Replacement Parts

CO sensor – chemical cell	5503-020
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Regulator	2608-013
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Test Gas

20 ppm carbon monoxide 34 L	7802-001
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Impurity free air 34 L	7802-006
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Equipment Technical Data

Gases detected	Carbon monoxide
Sensor	Electrochemical cell
Meter scale	0-100 ppm CO
Response	90% maximum in 20 seconds
Accuracy, expected sensor life	+/- 1 ppm, *1-3 years
Sensor warranty	1 year
Operating temperature range (sample air)	+32 to 105°F
Factory set adjustable alarm points	5 ppm CO (Y) 10 ppm CO (H)
Inlet pressure range	30 to 145 psi
Sample flow rate	0.8 cubic feet of air per hour (scfh)
Relays	
1 – Caution alarm	250 VAC / 30 VDC @ 7 A
1 – CO alarm	
Power source	110 VAC @ 1 A or 12 VDC - 24 VDC
Dimensions	4x5.9x7.3 inches (HxWxD) (101x150x185 mm)

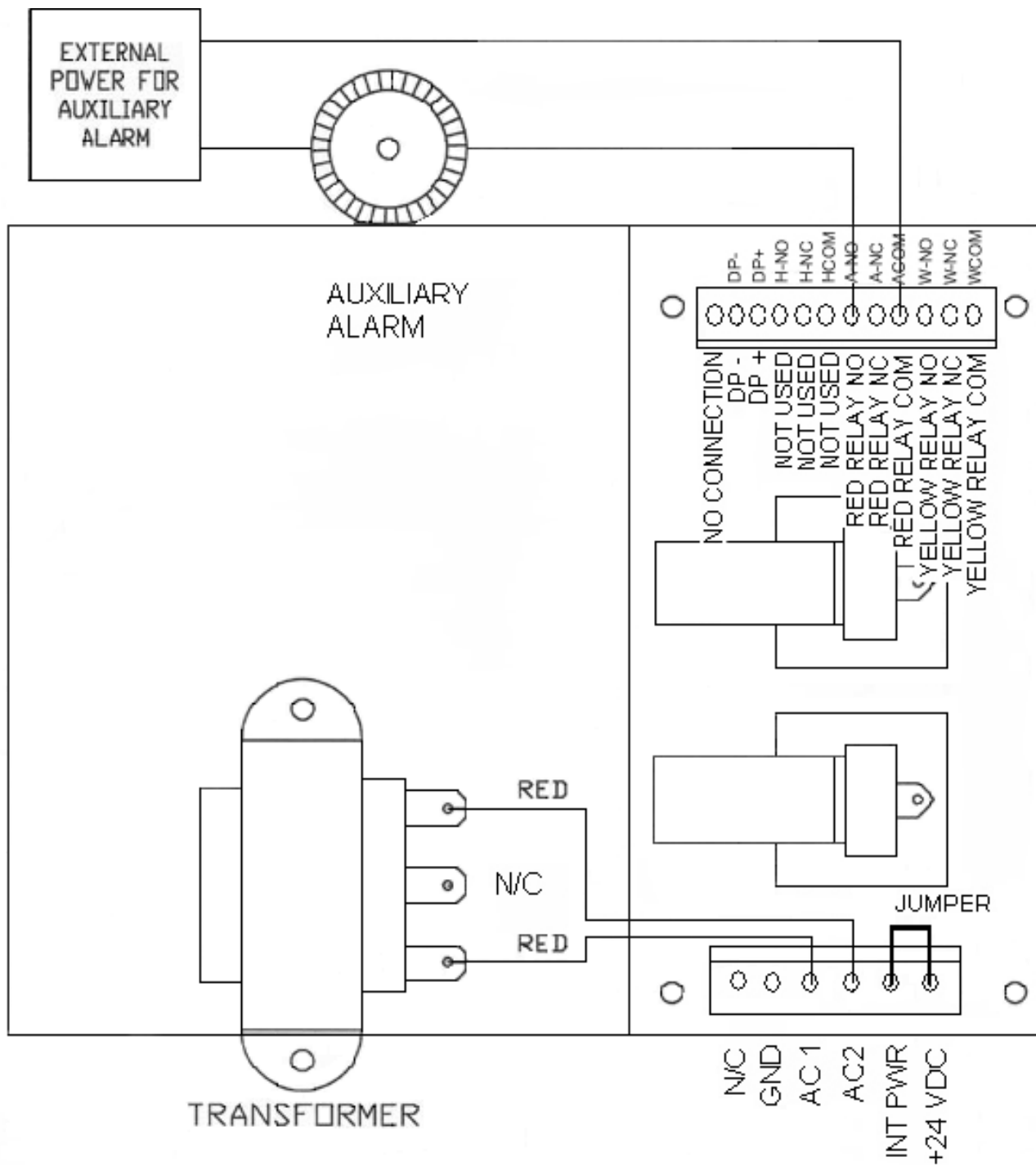
* Depending on operating conditions.

Warranty

GfG Instrumentation warrants our products to be free from defects in material and workmanship when used for their intended purpose, and agrees to remedy any such defect or to furnish a new part (at the option of GfG Instrumentation) in exchange for any part of any product that we manufacture that under normal use is found to be defective; provided that the product is returned, by the purchaser, to GfG's factory, intact, for our examination, with all transportation costs prepaid, and provided that such examination reveals, in our judgment, that it is defective.

This warranty does not extend to any products that have been subjected to misuse, neglect, accident, or unauthorized modifications; nor does it extend to products used contrary to the instructions furnished by us or to products that have been repaired or altered outside of our factory. No agent or reseller of GfG Instrumentation may alter the above statements.

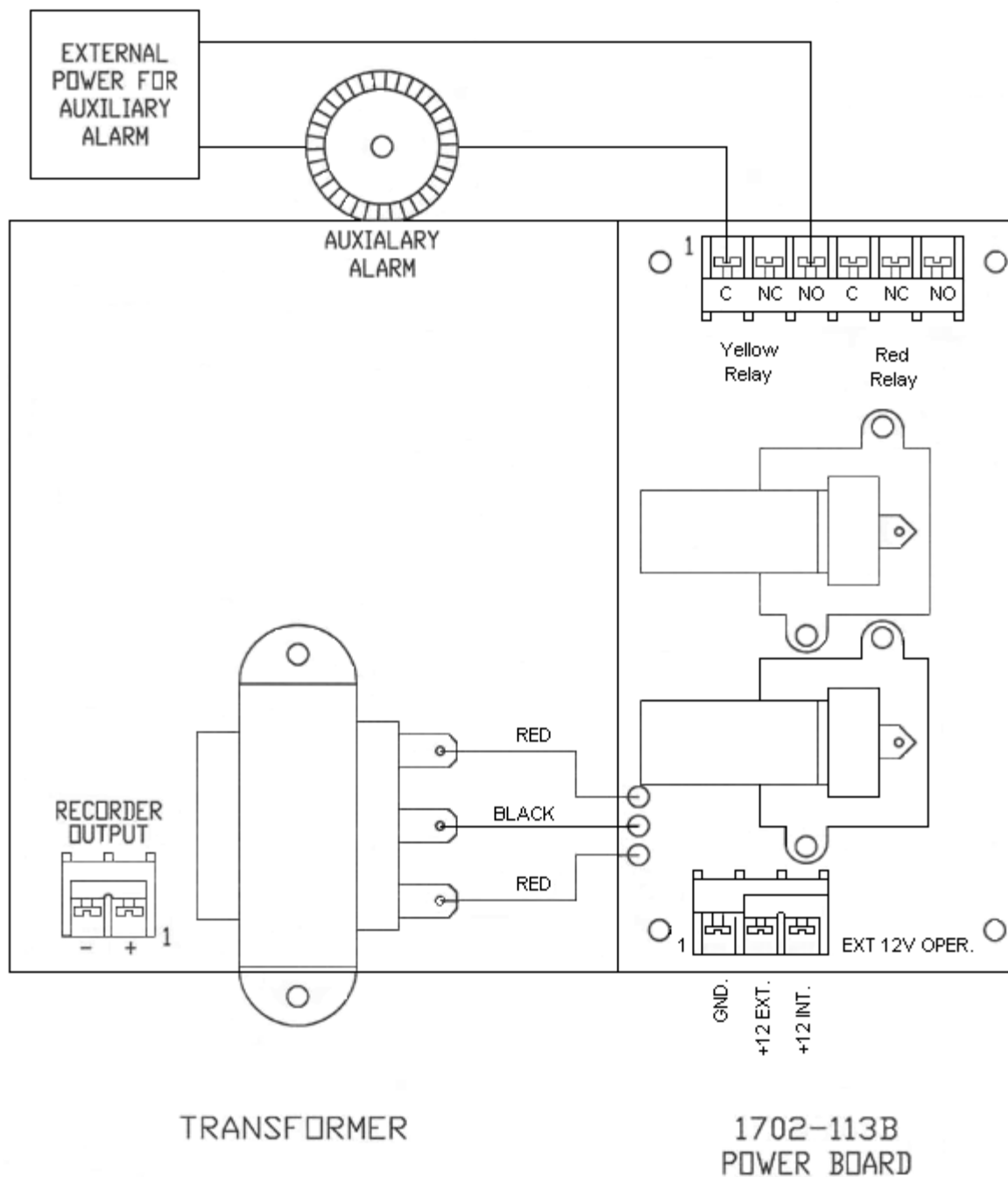
New Style Diagram



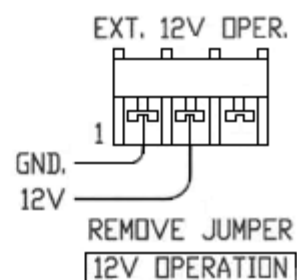
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NOTE: Optional GfG remote horn part number 1301-002

Old Style Diagram

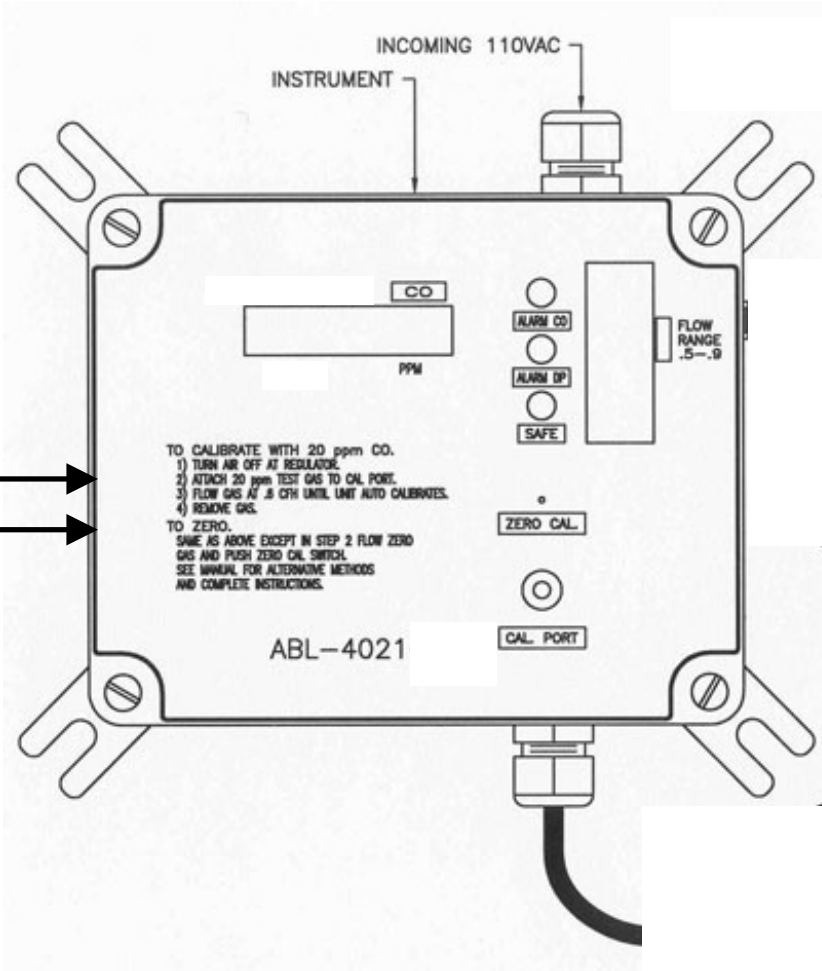


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4021 Diagram

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buttons
(under front
panel)





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