# G460 PID sensor performance and maintenance



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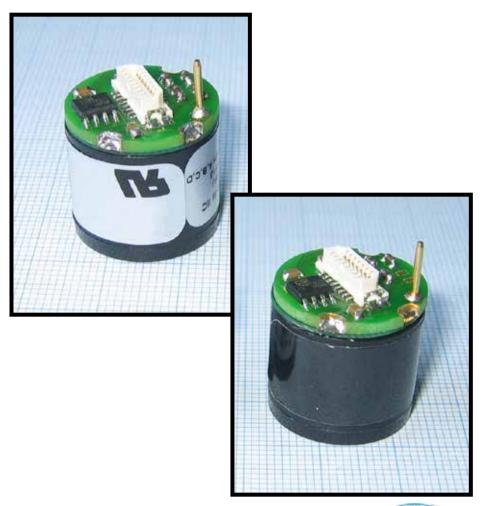
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#### **G460 Smart Sensor PID**

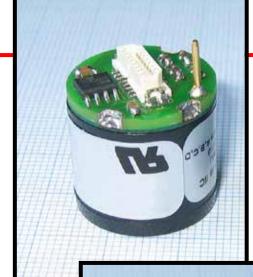
- PID Smart-Sensor
  - Broad range VOC measurement
  - Extremely sensitive
  - Available in two ranges:
    - 0.5 2,000 ppm (Standard PID sensor)
    - 0.1 500 ppm (Optional high resolution PID sensor)





# PID range and resolution

- Two versions of the PID sensor available for G460:
  - "Standard" PID provides 0.5 ppm resolution over 0 2000 ppm (isobutylene scale)
  - "High Resolution" PID provides 0.1 ppm resolution over 0 500 ppm (isobutylene scale)
- "VOC" choice allows the user to specify custom correction factor for a gas not included in the standard on-board library
- The full range for the gas selected depends on the relative response of the sensor to the target gas compared to isobutylene
  - For instance, when "NH3" (ammonia) is selected, because of the lower relative response to ammonia compared to isobutylene, the full range is expanded from 0 – 2000 (iso scale) to 0 – 6000 ppm (NH3 scale)

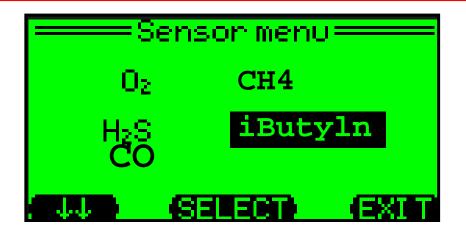






#### PID sensor menu

- § PID sensor choices include "Range and Gas"
- § Use to choose correction factor for new gas from PID library
- § PID readings displayed in measurement units of gas selected
- Name of gas selected will appear in the sensor menu PID position
- § In normal operation screen will show name of new gas



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= Range and Gas = 0-2000ppm iButyln 0-2000ppm Gasolin 0-2000ppm MIBK 0-2000ppm Acetone 0-2000ppm Deether 0-2000ppm Propyln EXIT
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## PID sensor "Gas and Unit" library choices

0 - 2000

0 - 2000

0 - 2000

0 - 1500

0 - 1500

0 - 1000

0 - 1000

0 - 1000

0 - 1000

0 - 800

0 - 800

0 - 6000

0 - 6000

0 - 6000

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0 - 3000

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0 - 3000

0 - 500

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0 - 500

0 - 375

0 - 375

0 - 250

0 - 250

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0 - 250

0 - 200

0 - 200

0 - 1500

0 - 1500

0 - 1500

0 - 1500

0 - 750

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PID Gas List Abbreviations	Common Name	Range with 0 – 2000 ppm full range PID (ISO)	Range with 0 – 500 ppm full range PID (ISO)
iButyIn	Isobutylene	0 – 2000	0 – 500
VOC	Generic VOC with user assigned CF	0 – 2000	0 – 500
Gasolin	Gasoline	0 – 2000	0 – 500
MIBK	Methyl-iso-butyl-ketone	0 – 2000	0 – 500

Acetone

Deether

**PropyIn** 

MEK

Diesel

**TrClEyn** 

Benzene

Toluene

**Xylene** 

Styrene

Jetfuel

nButnol

**EtActat** 

NH3

nHexane

cHexane

**VyChIrd** 

MeBromd

nNonane

Octane

Heptane

Acetone

Diethylether

Methyl-ethyl-ketone

Trichloroethylene

**Propylene** 

Diesel

Benzene

**Toluene** 

**Xylene** 

Styrene

Jet fuel (JP-8)

Ethyl acetate

Cyclo hexane

Methyl bromide

Vinyl chloride (VCM)

n-Hexane

**Ammonia** 

n-Nonane

Octane

Heptane

n-Butyl-alcohol

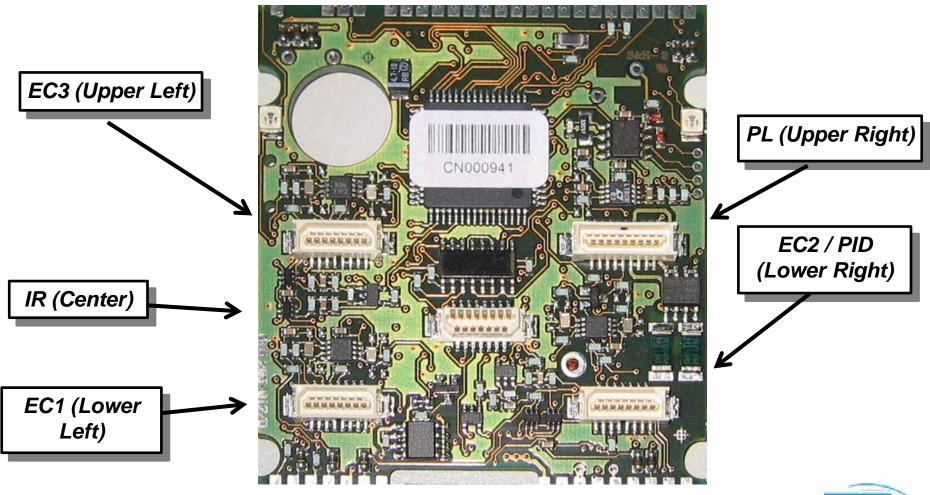
# G460 Interchangeable Smart Sensors

- Five Smart Sensor positions on PCB:
- All you need to do is plug the sensor into a position designed for that type of sensor
  - EC 1: COSH
  - EC 1, 2, 3: CO, H2S, O2, NH3, SO2, H2, PH3, HCN
  - EC 2, 3: NO, NO2, CL2, HCL, ETO, O3, ClO2, HF
  - EC 2: PID
  - *PL:* 1 100% LEL "pellistor" sensor
  - IR: 0.1 5.0 Vol % CO2; 0 100% LEL combustible; 0 100% vol combustible





# G460 Main PCB: Five Smart Sensor Positions



- The G460 PID is protected by both external and internal filters
  - Because gas diffuses into and out of the sensor (rather than using a pump to pull the atmosphere across the lamp and electrodes) the system is less prone to particulate contamination

Note: The PID lamp and electrodes should only be cleaned when needed!

- The primary symptoms that indicate the need to clean the lamp are:
  - 1. Unstable readings
  - 2. Oversensitivity to humidity
  - 3. Failure to calibrate



- The following slides show the step-by-step procedure for cleaning the G460 PID
- The manufacturer of the PID lamp (Baseline-MOCON, Inc.) has also posted a training video at the following link:

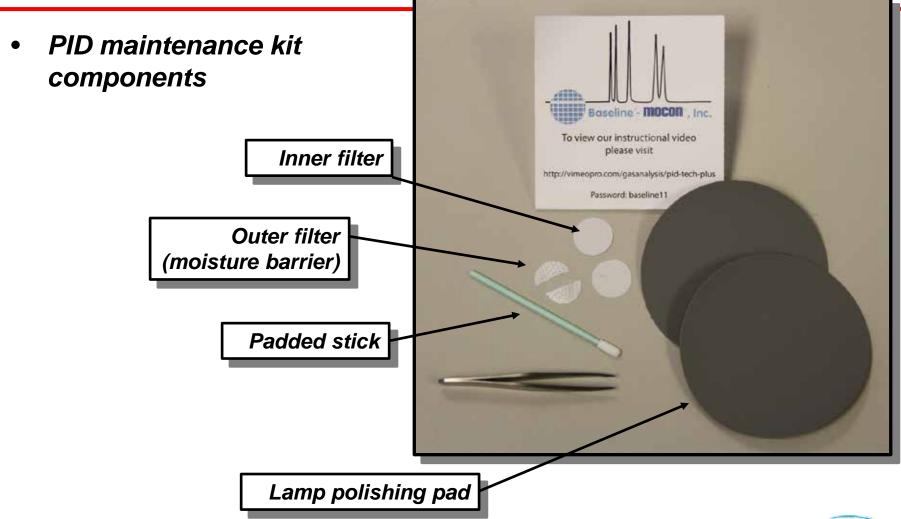
http://vimeopro.com/gasanalysis/pid-tech-plus

The password is: baseline11

 G460 PID cleaning kit (PN 7740-026): includes replacement filters, lamp polishing pads, tweezers and compressor stick

Note: The appearance of the Baseline-MOCON "PID Plus" sensor in the video is slightly different from the GfG PID version. The procedure for disassembly and cleaning the lamp is exactly the same, however.







### **G460 PID Maintenance Cautions**

 Wear gloves when handling or disassembling PID



Note: Direct contact between fingers and PID lamp, electrodes and other components can leave oils and contaminants behind that can degrade performance



- Make sure instrument is turned off!
- Remove battery, open housing, and CAREFULLY remove main board and display assembly exposing sensors
- Remove PID sensor







 Use tweezers to pry the top off of the sensor

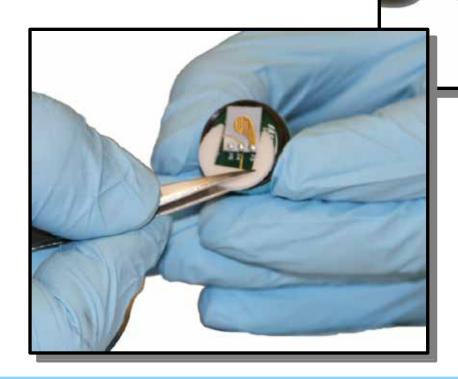
 Position the tweezers next to the cap opening

Remove the sensor cap



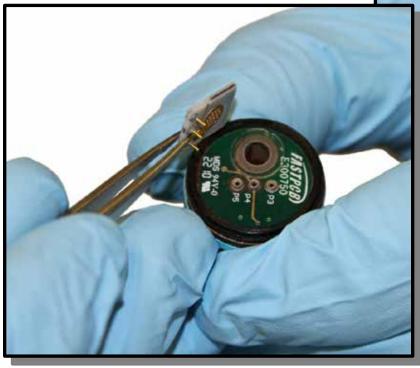


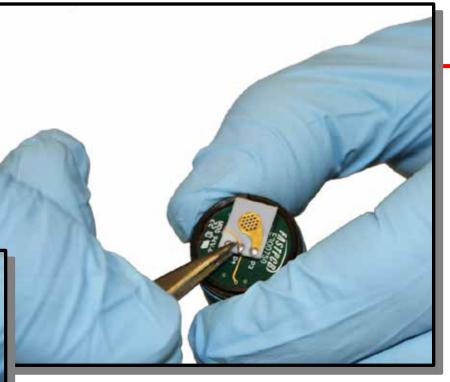
- Remove filters (inner and outer)
- Remove spacer





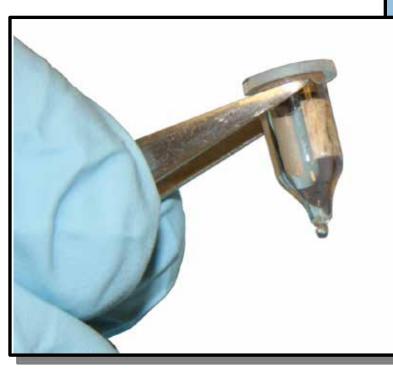
- Gently remove sensor PCB
- Grip at back of board (near pins)







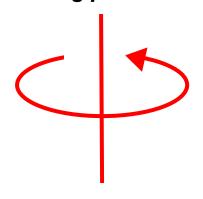
- Use tweezers to GENTLY pry the lamp out of the sensor
- Do not touch window or body of lamp with naked fingers

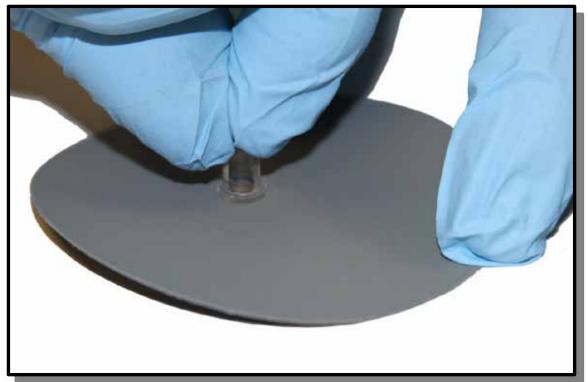






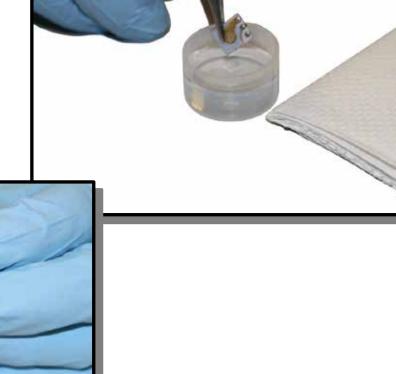
 Use circular motion to polish face of lamp window with polishing pad







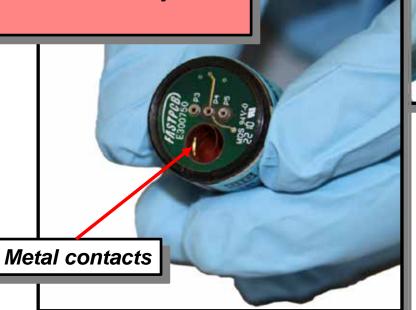
- Clean any lamp, pin, or electrode PCB surfaces that have come into contact with naked skin with alcohol before reassembling
- Make sure that all components are COMPLETELY air-dried before reassembly
- Do not use blowers or heated air sources to speed up drying!





 Insert lamp back into PID sensor assembly

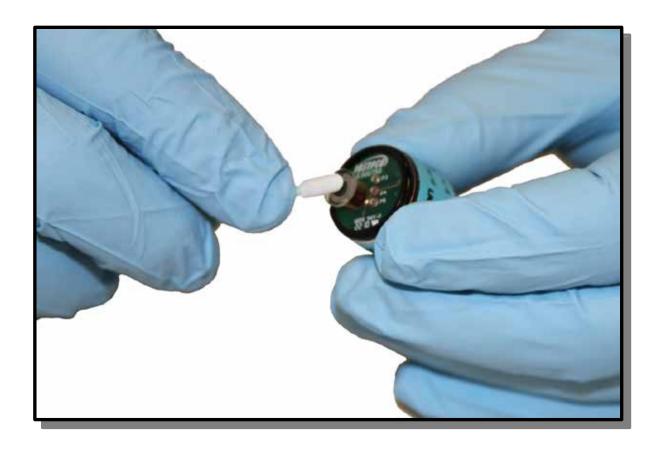
> NOTE: Metal pads in PID lamp MUST line up with contacts in socket of sensor assembly





Metal pads

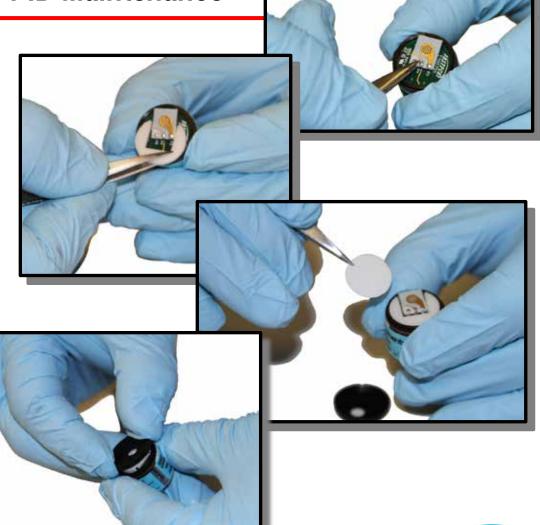
• Use padded stick to press lamp into place





- Reassemble:
  - Sensor PCB
  - Spacer
  - Filters (2)
  - Sensor cap
- Plug PID sensor back into instrument

Calibrate the PID sensor before returning the G460 to service!



# Returning the instrument to service

- Calibrate ALL sensors in the instrument (whether or not they have been changed) before returning the instrument to service
- It is best to let new sensors stabilize in the instrument for 30 minutes prior to calibration





# **Questions?**



