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ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector With MSA XCell[®] Sensor Technology



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IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

OUR VISION OF SAFETY Workers who face potentially dangerous situations deserve the best protection available. At MSA, we work tirelessly to build smarter, better gas detection instruments upon which people of the world rely. To that end, we're proud to introduce the most advanced technology available in any portable gas detector on the market: **the ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector with XCell Sensor Technology.**

Built on Durability

The ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector for LEL, CO, H2S, and O2 is as tough and functional as it looks. Rugged housing provides unsurpassed durability, including the ability to survive a 20-foot drop. And with large, glove-friendly buttons and a high-contrast display, the ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector is easy to operate in any work environment, even low-light conditions.

Powered by Performance

Toughness and durability aren't the whole story. The real strength of the ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector comes from new sensor technology. MSA XCell Sensors have a typical life of more than four years, double the industry average, and are engineered using MSA's proprietary application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) design. By miniaturizing the sensors' controlling electronics and placing them inside the sensor itself, MSA XCell Sensors offer superior stability, accuracy, and repeatability.

MSA XCell Sensors are a breakthrough in chemical and mechanical sensor design, enabling faster response and span calibration times. With less time spent on calibration and bump tests, you save calibration gas, maintenance costs, and in turn, save money. But most importantly, in your industry, saving seconds on response time can also mean saving lives.

Count on the ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector

Exclusive safety features such as MotionAlert[™] and InstantAlert[™] features make the ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector ideal for applications such as confined space entry. MotionAlert feature activates when a user becomes disabled and motionless, quickly alerting others to the disabled user's location. And with a simple push of a button, InstantAlert feature enables users to manually alert others to potentially hazardous situations.

The ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector outlasts the competition. To prove it, the instrument comes with a full three-year warranty, an entire year longer than the industry average, so you can depend upon the ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector to withstand the wear and tear that other portable gas detectors can't.





MSA XCell Combustible Sensor

MSA XCell CO/H2S Sensor

MSA XCell Oxygen Sensor



Adding microelectronics inside the sensors provides more control and higher performance than previous generations



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THE MSA COMMITMENT FROM THE LATEST IN SENSOR TECHNOLOGY TO INSTRUMENT DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, MSA HAS THE CAPABILITIES AND KNOWLEDGE TO SUPPORT YOUR PORTABLE GAS DETECTION CHALLENGES.

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MSA XCell Technology:

Save Time, Save Money, Save Lives

Building on years of sensor design experience, MSA has revolutionized sensor technology with breakthroughs that improve performance.

- Sensor response and clear times under 15 seconds
- Bump test under 15 seconds
- Span calibration time of 60 seconds
- Greater signal stability and repeatability under changing or extreme environmental conditions
- Two-tox CO/H2S sensor with virtually no cross-channel interference
- · Sensor digital output reduces RF interference susceptibility

With reliable, extended-life XCell Sensors, there's no need to replace sensors after two years.

- Typical life greater than four years
- Laser-welded sensor housings eliminate opportunities for leaks
- Combustible sensor's proprietary operating mode helps it to resist poisons over the sensor's life
- End-of-sensor-life warning gives advanced notice to user, reducing service outages

Technology That's Tough

Life-Saving Performance

- Large buttons and bright display enable quick and easy operation even while wearing gloves
- If a user becomes disabled due to unforeseen hazards, MotionAlert feature will activate after 30 seconds
- InstantAlert feature enables users to manually alert others of a potentially hazardous situation with the push of a button
- Compatible with Galaxy[®] Test System and ALTAIR 4 QuickCheck[®] Station
- MSA Link[™]Software-ready
- Global approvals for worldwide acceptance

Lasting Durability

- Full three-year warranty supports the entire instrument, including the sensors and battery
- Withstands extreme impacts with rugged polycarbonate housing
- Passes 20-foot drop test
- The IP67-rated ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector is both dust tight and water tight

Applications

- Oil, gas, and petrochemical Pharmaceutical Chemical Confined spaces Fire service
- Utilities and telecommunications Municipal works, waste water Mining



New glow-inthe-dark housing for mining or confined spaces applications



Technical Sp	ecifications	
Gas	Range	Resolution
LEL	0-100%	1%
O ₂	0-30% vol	0.1% vol
CO	0-1999 ppm	1 ppm
H_2S	0-200 ppm	1 ppm
H_2S -LC	0-100 ppm	0.1 ppm
	Drop test Housing	20 feet Rugged rubberized armor
Dir	Weight mensions (L x W x D) Audible alarm Visual alarm	7.9 oz 4.4 x 3.0 x 1.31 >95 dB at 1 ft 4 ultra-bright LEDs on top and bottom
Vibrating alarm MotionAlert & InstantAlert Display Backlight Battery		Standard Optional High-contrast LCD Adjustable time-our Rechargeable li-polymer
	Run time Charging time	24 hours @ room temperatur < 4 hrs
	temperature range ort Period Operation Humidity	-20°C to + 50°C -40 °C to + 60 °C 15 - 90% RH non-condensing
	Ingress protection Data log Event log	IP67 (Adjustable) 50 hour minimum Standard 500 events
	Standard warranty Extended warranty	3 years Optional 1 year

For additional customized versions and calibration gases, use MSA's ATO ordering sheet or contact MSA Customer Service at 1-800-MSA-2222.

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ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector with 3-year warranty, data logging, charger, calibration cap, and tubing

	Approvals	;		
U.S./CAN	ATEX	ANZ	Configuration	Case Color
10107602	10110453	10110447	LEL, O ₂ , CO, H ₂ S	Charcoal
10107603	10110456	10110450	LEL, O ₂ , CO, H ₂ S	Phosphorescent
10110443	10110454	10110448	LEL, O ₂ , CO	Charcoal
10110445	10110457	10110451	LEL, O ₂ , CO	Phosphorescent
10110444	10110455	10110449	LEL, O ₂	Charcoal
10110446	10110458	10110452	LEL, O ₂	Phosphorescent
ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector, 4-gas, in black case with calibration cylinder and 0.25 lpm regulator				

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U.S./CAN Approval	Configuration	Case Color
10110488	LEL, O ₂ , CO, H ₂ S	Charcoal
10110489	LEL, O ₂ , CO, H ₂ S with Universal Pump Probe	Charcoal

ALTAIR 4 Galaxy Automated Test System		
Power Supply		
North America	Global	Configuration
10089998	10090001	Standard system
10089996	10090000	Standard system with charging capability and cylinder holder
10089969	10089970	Smart system (memory card)
10089967	10089966	Smart system (memory card) with charging capability and cylinder holder

Calibration Gas

Gas cylinder (34 l) 1.45% CH4, 15% O2, 60 ppm CO, 20 ppm H2S 10048280 Gas cylinder (54 l) 1.45% CH4, 15% O2, 60 ppm CO, 20 ppm H2S 10045035

	Replacement sensors		
10106722 XCell Ex Combustible Sensor			
10106729 XCell O ₂ Sensor			
10106725 XCell CO/H ₂ S Two-tox Sensor			
10121213 XCell CO/H ₂ S-LC Two-tox Sensor			

Accessories

Universal Pump Probe (U.S./CAN) 10055576 Universal Pump Probe (ANZ/IEC) 10047594 10047596 Universal Pump Probe (ATEX)

Approvals

United States

ETL Class I, Div. 1, Groups A,B, C&D Tamb=-40°C to +54°C ETL Class II, Div.1, Groups E,F&G Class III, Div. 1 Tamb=-40°C to +54°C; T4

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Frequently Asked Questions

The ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector uses the NEW MSA XCell Sensors. Aren't all electrochemical and catalytic bead sensors basically the same?

All sensors are **not** the same. Sensors are the heart of an instrument; sensor performance can vary greatly depending upon manufacturer. Most multigas detectors use the same sensors from the same few global suppliers. MSA has designed a superior gas detection sensor platform specifically optimized for MSA gas detectors. MSA XCell Sensors are designed for longer life, faster response, and higher performance when used with MSA's ALTAIR 4X Multigas Detector.

MSA has designed and manufactured gas detection sensors and instruments for decades. Our experts are there to support you with any product or application concerns, allowing you to focus on your core business.

2 I read that every MSA XCell Sensor is built with an embedded application specific integrated circuit (ASIC). What is an ASIC and why is it important?

An ASIC is a microchip specifically designed for one application. ASIC's are most commonly associated with consumer electronics that have been greatly reduced in size over the years (i.e. cellular phones). In ASIC development a complete electronic circuit with multiple larger components is reduced to one tiny microchip dedicated to a specific purpose, such as sensor control. In recent years MSA has developed its own sensor ASIC. This chip contains a microprocessor, all circuits to drive and compensate the sensor, and a digital signal converter.

Every MSA XCell Sensor contains an ASIC. This chip is much more than a **smart** sensor; digital XCell Sensors perform real-time environmental corrections and provide plug-and-play capabilities, greater RF immunity, and a higher overall performance level. Due to digital output, this sensor is not backwards-compatible with older MSA instruments, but instead establishes MSA's future product platform.

> **3** Historically, oxygen (O₂) sensor technology is seen as a weak link and the first to die in every instrument. How does MSA's XCell O₂ Sensor actually achieve a typical lifespan of more than four-years?

> > Most O₂ sensors on the market today use a consumable chemical reaction where a piece of lead is consumed and converted to lead oxide. These sensors have a very finite life. Once enough lead is gone, the sensor stops working.

The MSA XCell O_2 Sensor uses a non-consumable chemical reaction. O_2 is converted to water and then back to O_2 . The sensor does not "use itself up" each time it sees O_2 , generating a much longer shelf-life and overall lifespan.



Catalytic bead sensors can be poisoned over time by Δ silicone, sulfur, and lead compounds. How does MSA achieve a typical four-year lifespan with XCell Ex Sensor? Does this sensor offer more poison resistance?

While XCell Ex Sensors provide greatly-improved poison resistance, this feature alone does not provide a four-year lifespan. The XCell Sensor actually uses two separate detectors inside the sensor. The design is such that only one inner detector can be actively poisoned at a time, effectively doubling useful sensor life.

How does the ALTAIR 4X Detector end-of-sensor-life warning and indicator work?

Following each calibration, a software algorithm calculates the approximate life remaining for each sensor. When it is determined that the sensor is nearing its endof-life, the instrument displays the end-of-life warning for that particular sensor. Users are given advanced notice (four to six weeks, typical use) that a sensor is nearing its end of life to plan for replacement. The instrument and sensor can continue to be used after the end-of-sensor-life warning as long as regular bump tests are passed.

If sensor output during calibration is too low, the unit will fail calibration and the end-of-sensor-life indicator will be displayed on the instrument screen. This tells the user that the end of the sensor's useful life has been reached and that the instrument should not be used until the sensor is replaced.

How does the ALTAIR 4X Detector save 6 me money on calibration gas costs?

Calibration gas is expensive; the ALTAIR 4X Detector uses much less calibration gas due to faster-performing sensors and lower required gas flow rate during calibration and bump testing.

MSA uses a standard 0.25 lpm gas flow rate for calibrations and bump tests. Most competitors use 0.5 lpm regulators which consume twice the calibration gas as the ALTAIR 4X Detector.

Also, faster sensors mean faster span calibration and bump tests. If all of your bump tests and span calibrations are a third faster, then you'll use a third less gas over the life of the instrument. The ALTAIR 4X Detector has a 60-second span calibration time and <15-second bump test time.

Based upon these facts, you'll save hundreds of dollars over the life of each instrument.

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Multigas Detector

[Bid Specifications]

Physical Characteristics	
Size	Instrument shall not exceed 4.4" L x 2.0" W x 1.37" D in total size.
Weight	Less than 7.9 oz.
Handling	Unit shall be a one-hand operation device.
Case material	Rubberized over-mold.
Environmental protection	Instrument shall be approval agency certified to IP67 protection levels
	for dust and water ingress.
Display	Display is viewable from the front with characters at least 0.3" tall.
Color	Charcoal - shall have an option for a phosphorescent (glow-in-the-dark) case.

User Interfaces	
Display type	Liquid crystal display [LCD] with large, easy-to-read characters and lcons.
Backlight	Unit must be provided with white backlight for low-light viewing.
-	Backlight time-out to conserve power must be user adjustable.
Keypad/switches	Unit must have no more than three switches or pushbuttons to operate.
	There shall be no requirement to access hidden or internal switches for any
	instrument operations. Buttons must be easy to operate with gloves on.
Data access	Access to the data log and event log through infrared link to Windows-ready PCs.

Monitoring Capability				
Gases	Instrument shall be capable of measuring up to four gases: combustible gas,			
	oxygen, CO, and H2	S.		
Sensor configuration	Ability to enable/disa	ble individual sensor	channels.	
Sensor missing alarm	All sensor channels p	provide a missing sen	sor alarm if sensor has been removed	
	and sensor channel h	nas not been disabled	ł.	
Combustible gas display	Instrument shall be c	Instrument shall be capable of displaying combustible gas reading as		
	% Lower Explosive L	% Lower Explosive Limit [LEL] or 0-5% CH4 by volume.		
Pressure compensation	Instrument oxygen sensor shall have built-in pressure compensation.			
Sensor life monitoring	Instrument shall be able to alert the user when a particular sensor is nearing its			
	end of life, following an instrument calibration.			
Sensor types	Instrument shall be available with the following gas sensing options:			
	Gas type	Range	Resolution	
	combustible	0-100% LEL	1% LEL	
	oxygen	0-30% Vol	0.1% Vol	
	carbon monoxide	0-1999 ppm	1 ppm	
	hydrogen sulfide 0-200 ppm 1 ppm			

Basic Operational Featu	res
Instrument buttons	Buttons on instrument must be clearly marked and intuitive.
Inadvertent shutoff	Instrument shall be designed to protect against accidental shutoff.
Zero adjustments	Instrument shall provide Fresh Air Setup [FAS] function at user's discretion.
Zero adjustment safety lockout	FAS function will not allow unit to zero out hazardous readings.
Confidence signals	Instrument shall provide periodic audible and visual signals indicating instrument operation. User shall have option of disabling audible and visual signals if desired. A green "Safe LED" will periodically flash when all conditions are safe.
Time/date	Instrument must be able to display time and date. User must be able to reset time and date without tools.
Last calibration date	Instrument must be able to display the last successful calibration date.
Instrument power-on	Power-on instrument button must be clearly marked.

Sensor Characteristics a	and Performance	
Sensor life	Sensors shall have an expected life of four years.	
End of life sensor indicator	Instrument shall notify user when sensor is close to and at its end of life, following a calibration.	
Typical t(90) response times	Combustible sensor <10 seconds (Methane)	
All sensors	All sensors should have built-in control circuitry, including drive circuits, memory, microprocessor, and analog to digital converter to all for sensor level control and compensation.	
Oxygen Sensor	Oxygen sensor shall be "lead-free" and use a non-consumable chemical reaction.	
Combustible Sensor	Combustible sensor must have at least the following poison resistance: 3000 ppm*hours to H2S 90 ppm*hours to silicon	
CO / H2S Sensor	CO / H2S sensor will be designed with an extremely robust carbon filter for the CO channel to block interference. The sensor shall be designed so that this is virtually no cross-channel interference.	

Advanced Display and So	ftware Options
Industrial hygiene	Instrument shall have the capability of displaying PEAK, STEL, and TWA at
displays	user's discretion. User shall have ability to enable/disable STEL and TWA functions.
Instrument settings	All settable instrument parameters [alarm set points, expected cal gas values, etc.]
	shall be protected by a user-selectable password.
Reset of functions	User shall be provided with capability of resetting PEAK, STEL and TWA
	readings in the field.
Measurement units	Unit shall be capable of displaying both type of gas sensors installed, and
	measurement units for each gas.

Instrument Alarms	
MotionAlert [™] feature	Instrument shall offer a MotionAlert feature. When activated, instrument shall go into latch alarm when no instrument movement is detected for 30 seconds.
InstantAlert [™] feature	Instrument shall have an InstantAlert feature to allow users to manually activate all alarms if the situation requires.
Visual alarms	Visual alarms shall consist of bright, flashing LEDs on top and bottom of instrument and positive indication on unit's display for alarm type identification.
Audible alarm	Audible alarm shall be rated at >95 dB @ 1ft.
Vibrating alarm	Unit shall be offered with standard vibrating alarm.
LEL latching alarm	Combustible channel shall have non-resettable latching alarm when
	combustible gas level exceeds 100% LEL or 5.00% CH4.
Oxygen alarms	Oxygen channel shall have alarm set points for both oxygen deficiency and oxygen enrichment.
Alarm set points	Alarm set points must be user-settable.
STEL and TWA alarm	Instrument shall provide audible, visual, and vibrating alarms if STEL or TWA levels are exceeded. User shall be able to select alarm set points for STEL and TWA.
Battery alarms	The monitor will provide user with 10-minutes warning of battery power loss in all environmental conditions. Power consumption alarms shall activate audible, visual, and vibrating alarms.

Instrument Power	
Run time	Instrument run time shall be 24 hours continuous running.
Power supply	Instrument shall be equipped with a rechargeable battery.
Battery life indication	Monitor shall provide icon depicting estimated remaining battery operation time.
	Battery icon must always be visible when instrument is powered on.
Charging cradle	Optional charging cradle shall be offered.
Charger Input voltages	Chargers shall be available for 110VAC/220VAC and 12-24VDC.
Charging status	Instrument or charging cradle shall provide visual indication of
	battery charging status.

Calibration	
Calibration tools	Unit shall require no special tools for calibration other than calibration cap,
	cylinder, regulator, and tubing to supply gas to instrument.
Pushbutton calibration	Calibration shall be easily performed using instrument's push buttons.
	Internal instrument access or tools shall not be necessary for calibration.
Calibration cylinder mix	Calibration gas shall be offered in a standard 4-gas configuration [combustible, O2,
	CO, and H2S] cylinder. Instrument shall be calibrated from one cylinder.
Calibration time	Span calibration shall not exceed 60 seconds.
Automatic calibration	Instrument shall be compatible with optional automated test and with
	calibration system able to store data. External system shall automatically
	recognize and calibrate instrument and retain all calibration records.
Bump test station	Economical bump test station shall be offered to verify field performance.
	Test station shall be capable of checking performance of standard 4-gas
	instrument [combustible, O2, CO, and H2S] and store records.

Sampling Systems	
Sampling modes	In addition to standard diffusion mode, monitor must be available with external powered pump probe option.
Sampling system filters	Pump must contain user-replaceable filters to prevent liquids and dust ingress.
Allowable sample line length	Instrument must be capable of sample draw from up to 50 feet away.
Fluid ingress protection	Sample probe designed to prevent water and debris from entering instrument shall be offered.

Data logging [Instrument Data Storage]		
Data logging	Instrument must be available with standard data logging.	
Event log	Instrument shall record at least 500 events.	
Data log capacity	Data log shall record and store data for an average of 50 hours [at one-minute	
	intervals] without overwriting existing information in normal use.	
Gas record content	Data log entries shall contain as a minimum date, time, and record of peak and	
	average readings for each gas sensor [oxygen shall be recorded as maximum and	
	minimum for the intervals].	
Atmospheric record	Instrument shall have provisions to record atmospheric temperature changes.	
Record intervals	Time span between data records shall be user-selectable from	
	15 seconds to 15 minutes.	
Data retention	Instrument data stored in memory shall not be lost or corrupted in event of	
	sudden instrument power loss.	
Activity record	Instrument data log shall record and be capable of reporting significant	
Content page	instrument events including:	
	Gas and battery alarms	
	 Fresh air setups, sensor re-zeroing, and calibrations 	
	 Battery voltage and elapsed run time 	
	Reset of PEAK, Min, STEL, and TWA values	

Environmental and Durability	
Drop test	Can survive an incidental drop of 20'.
Temperature	Normal operation: 0 to 40° C
	Extended: -20 to 50° C
	Short periods [15 minutes]: -40 to +60° C
Humidity	15-90% RH [non condensing] continuous
	5-95% RH [non condensing] Intermittent

Sensor replacement	Sensors shall be easily accessed and replaced by users if desired by the
	purchaser. No printed circuit boards should need to be removed to access sensors
Warranty, consumables	Instrument shall have a three-year warranty on all components, including sensor and battery.
Extended Warranty	Optional extended warranty shall be offered for an additional 1 year (4 year total).

Certifications	
USA and Canada	USA / Canada ETL Class I, Division 1, Groups A, B, C & D Class II, Division 1, Groups E, F & G Class III, Division 1 Ambient temperature: -40°C to +54°C; T4 Canada CSA - Pending Class I, Division 1, Groups A, B, C & D CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 152 Combustible Gas Detection Instruments C22.2 No. 152 Performance Ambient Temperature: -20°C to +54°C; T4 C22.2 No. 157 Intrinsic Safety Ambient Temperature: -40°C to +54°C; T4
Europe	Directive 94/9/EC (ATEX): II 1G Ex ia IIC T4 Ga, -40°C to +60°C, IP67 (Zone 0 with no combustible sensor installed) II 2G Ex ia d IIC T4 Gb, -40°C to +60°C, IP67 (Zone 1 with combustible sensor installed) CE 0080 Directive 2004/108/EEC (EMC): EN50270 Type 2, EN61000-6-3
Australia / New Zealand	Australia/New Zealand Test Safe Australia Ex ia s I/IIC T4, -40°C to +60°C, IP67 (Zone 0) IECEx TestSafe Australia Ex ia I/IIC T4 Ga, -40°C to +60°C, (Zone 0 with no combustible sensor installed) Ex d ia IIC T4 Gb, -40°C to +60°C, (Zone 1 with combustible sensor installed)
Manufacturing system quality approvals	Instrument manufacturer must be certified compliant with ISO 9001 provisions.

ALTAIR® 4X Multigas Detector Features & Benefits



F E A T U R E S	BENEFITS
The Altair 4X Detector is powered by the new MSA XCell [™] Sensor family	Typical cost savings of over 50% on calibration gas, replacement sensors, and maintenance. Typical decrease in downtime of over 50% while bump testing the instrument, waiting for a gas response, and waiting for the instrument to clear. Enhanced safety with industry-leading accuracy, repeatability, and response times.
4-year expected sensor life and standard 3-year instrument warranty	Spend less money on replacement sensors and purchase replacement instruments less frequently. Spend less time maintaining instruments, more time using them.
The Altair 4X Detector provides an industry-exclusive end-of-sensor-life warning	Use this early warning feature to save money and aggravation by reducing instrument downtime and sensor inventory.
MotionAlert™ feature - "man-down" alarm InstantAlert™ feature - manual alarm	You and your fellow workers now have additional ways to call for help and send out a warning. Ideal for confined space applications when there is no direct line of sight.
The Altair 4X Detector is durable - providing industry- leading water, dust, and impact resistance	You can rely on the Altair 4X Detector to perform in a tough industrial environment without worrying about breaking a "delicate" instrument.
The Altair 4X Detector runs for over 24 hours on a single charge	Save money; the 24-hour run time and quick charge times means you can buy fewer instruments to cover longer shifts.

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