



# IR152

Infra Red  
Combustible Gas  
Sensor/Transmitter

## INSTRUCTIONS

Installation and Operation of the  
SEC Infra Red Combustible Gas  
Sensor/Transmitter

### IMPORTANT:

**Please read these installation and operating instructions completely and carefully before starting.**

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# PRODUCT INFORMATION

## SENSOR/TRANSMITTER

Sensor/Transmitter Part Number ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Sensor/Transmitter Serial Number ..... \_\_\_\_\_

## Factory SETTINGS

Gas Type ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Range ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Zero Gas, at 4 mA signal ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Gas Concentration at 20 mA signal ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Target Gas Ratio to Methane LEL ..... \_\_\_\_\_



# SEC *Millenium* Hydrocarbon Gas Detector

## Instruction and Operation Manual

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# I. SPECIFICATIONS

## Model:

Sensor Electronics Corporation SEC MILLENIUM Infrared Hydrocarbon Gas Detector

## Available gases:

Methane	Hexane	Isobutane
Ethane	Octane	Ethanol
Ethylene	Benzene	Methanol
Ethylene Oxide	Ethyl Benzene	1-Butene
Propane	Toluene	Cyclohexanone
Propylene	Xylene	Cyclohexanol
n-Butane	Heptane	DimethylPropane

*Please note that this list is not all-inclusive. The SEC MILLENIUM can be calibrated for most hydrocarbons, provided a calibration gas is available. For more please contact Sensor Electronics Corporation.*

**Part Number: 142-0280**

## Detection Method:

Diffusion

Optional sample draw (requires a minimum of 1 liter per minute flow rate)

## Output (analog):

4-20 mA (Source type), max. 1000 Ohm load at 24 VDC supply voltage

## Response Time:

T50 < 5 seconds

T90 < 10 seconds

## Construction:

316 stainless steel.

Class 1, Division 1, Groups B, C and D

## Accuracy:

+/- 3% LFL, 0 to 50% LFL (Lower Flammable Limit)

+/- 5% LFL, 51 to 100% LFL

## Operating Temperature Rating:

-40° to +70°C at 0 to 99% RH (non-condensing)

## Operating Voltage:

24 VDC  $\overline{\text{---}}$  Operating range: 18 to 32 VDC measured at the detector head

**Power Consumption:** 5 Watts Max.

## Max. Current Draw: (at 24 VDC)

Average: 210 mA

Peak: 400 mA

**Approvals:** CSA, For -40C to +50C operation, Performance Tested

**Installation Category:** Cat. I, Pollution Degree 2

## II GENERAL DESCRIPTION

### CONVENTIONS

The following conventions are used in this manual.



Warning Statement



VDC (DC Voltage)

### SEC MILLENIUM

The SEC MILLENIUM Infrared gas detector is a microprocessor based intelligent gas detector that continuously monitors combustible hydrocarbon gases and vapors within the Lower Flammable Limit (LFL).

The SEC MILLENIUM is ideally suited for use in harsh environments and where the cost of required maintenance for conventional catalytic detectors is prohibitive. The SEC MILLENIUM Infrared gas detector will perform reliably in the presence of silicone and other catalytic poisoning agents and can also operate in oxygen free environments or where high background gas levels are present. There are no known poisons that affect this technology.

The SEC MILLENIUM is a stand-alone device providing a continuous 4 to 20 mA output.

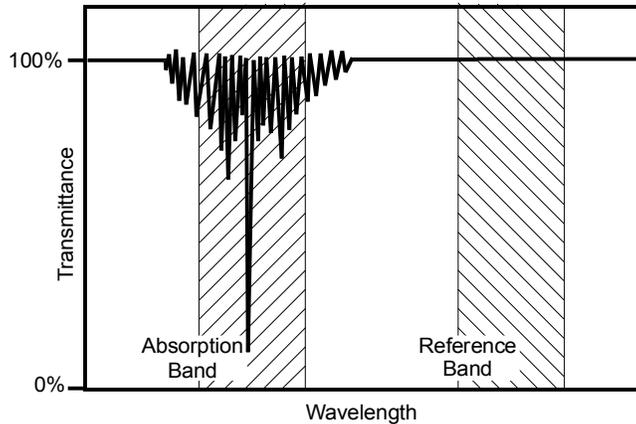
### Features

- Requires no routine calibration to ensure proper operation.
- Continuous self-test automatically indicates a fault, with fail to safe operation.
- A multi-layered filtering system protects optics from dirt and water ingress.
- Straight optical path eliminates the need for mirrors or reflective surfaces, such as mirrors or beam splitters.
- Performs well in the presence of high concentrations or constant background levels of hydrocarbons and in oxygen depleted atmospheres.
- Highly resistant to poisoning and etching.
- Standard 4 to 20 mA output (current source)
- Explosion proof housing designed for harsh environments.
- Smart Calibration AutoAC™ circuit.

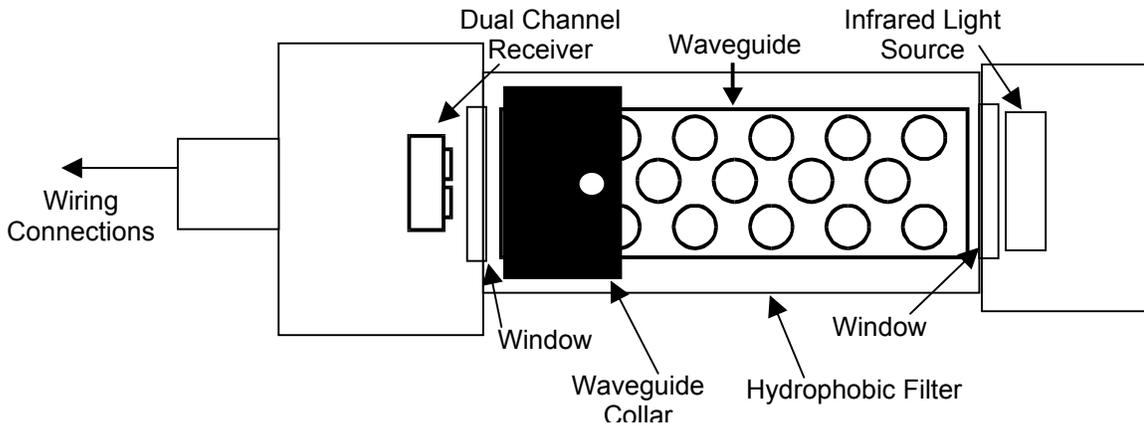
### Infrared Detection Technology

The SEC MILLENIUM Infrared gas detector uses infrared absorption technology for detecting combustible hydrocarbon gases. Gases absorb infrared light only at certain wavelengths. The concentration of a gas can be measured by the difference of two channels (wavelengths), a reference and a measurement channel. The SEC MILLENIUM uses a collimated infrared light source that passes through a waveguide, at the end of the waveguide is a dual channel receiver. The dual channel receiver measures the intensity of two specific wavelengths, one at an absorption wavelength and another outside of the absorption wavelength. The gas concentration is determined by a comparison of these two values.

Infrared Absorption Spectrum for Methane



The dual channel receiver is a single wafer, double filtered, dual receiver with an internal optical barrier. The elements are perfectly matched resulting in overall stability and superior performance throughout the entire temperature range.



Using a dual channel receiver there is no need to use any special lenses or beam splitters to achieve the different measurement bands.

The SEC MILLENIUM utilizes a unique patent pending feature, the AutoAC™ circuit. The AutoAC™ circuit is an automatic analog control circuit, which allows the SEC MILLENIUM to be calibrated for any combustible hydrocarbon, provided that a calibration quality level of the gas is available. This eliminates setting dipswitches or changing out sensors for different types of hydrocarbons, simply calibrate the unit with a calibration gas of the specific gas to be detected.

The optics can be easily disassembled for cleaning. This does not require powering the unit down and does not compromise the units' explosion proof rating. The device will self compensate for dirty optics until a point in which the optical surfaces are completely obscured.

There are no consumable components contained in this product.

### III. OPERATION

#### Installation and Startup



Warning: The user shall be made aware that if the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

The first step in the installation process is to establish a mounting location for the SEC MILLENIUM. Select a location that is typical of the atmosphere to be monitored or close to the anticipated source of a dangerous gas.

It is very important that the SEC MILLENIUM be properly located to enable it to provide maximum protection. The most effective number and placement of sensors vary depending on the conditions of the application. When determining where to locate sensors the following factors should be considered.

- What are the characteristics of the gas that is to be detected? Is it lighter or heavier than air? If it is lighter than air the sensor should be placed above the potential gas leak. Place the sensor close to the floor for gases that are heavier than air or for vapors resulting from flammable liquid spills. Note that air currents can cause a gas that is heavier than air to rise. In addition, if the temperature of the gas is hotter than ambient air or mixed with gases that are lighter than air, it could also rise.
- How rapidly will the gas diffuse into the ambient air? Select a location for the sensor that is close to the anticipated source of a gas leak.
- Wind or ventilation characteristics of the immediate area must also be considered. Movement of air may cause gas to accumulate more heavily in one area than in another. The detector should be placed in the areas where the most concentrated accumulation of gas is anticipated. For outdoor applications with strong wind conditions, it may require the sensors to be mounted closer together and on the down wind side, to the anticipated area of a gas leak. Also take into consideration for indoor applications, the fact that many ventilation systems do not operate continuously.
- The sensor should be accessible for maintenance.
- Excessive heat or vibration can cause premature failure of any electronic device and should be avoided if possible.
- Follow all national and local installation codes and practices.

The SEC MILLENIUM has a 3/4" NPT threaded connector for mounting the detector to a junction box. SEC can provide a junction box with terminals for this purpose.

A user-supplied junction box can be used providing it has the appropriate sized NPT conduit entries. The junction box must be suitable for use in the application and location in which it is being installed. After the device has been installed, a calibration is required. Refer to the Calibration section of this manual.

#### Wiring connections

Red wire: 18 to 32 VDC ===

Black wire: DC Common

Blue wire: 4 to 20 mA output

White wire: Smart Calibration Wire (data wire)

Earth Ground: Male 10-32 Stud on SEC Millenium cap, see figure 1.

Wire sizing:

0 to 500 feet, recommended wire gauge size 16 AWG

501 to 1000 feet, recommended wire gauge size 14 AWG

Shielded cable is recommended. Wiring should be installed in metal conduit with no other cabling in the same conduit.

### Warm-up

When power is applied to the detector, it enters a one (1) minute warm-up mode. The output current will be 0.8 mA during the warm up time period. At the end of the warm-up period with no faults present, the detector automatically enters the normal operating mode (4 mA). If a fault is present after warm-up, the detector current output will indicate a fault. See the following chart for fault code status.

### Normal

In the normal operating mode, the 4 to 20 mA signal levels correspond to the detected gas concentration. The detector continuously checks for system faults or initiation of calibration and automatically changes to the appropriate mode.

The 4 to 20 mA output of the SEC MILLENIUM is a non-isolated current source.

## Current Output and Corresponding Status

<u>Current Output</u>	<u>Status.</u>
0-20 mA	Normal measuring mode
0.0 mA	Unit Fault
0.2 mA	Reference channel fault
0.4 mA	Analytical channel fault
0.8 mA	Unit warm up
1.0 mA	Optics fault
1.2 mA	Zero drift fault
1.6 mA	Calibration fault
2.0 mA	Unit spanning
2.2 mA	Unit zeroing
4.0 mA	Zero gas level (0%LEL)
5.6 mA	(10%LEL)
8.0 mA	(25%LEL)
12 mA	(50%LEL)
16 mA	(75%LEL)
20 mA	Full scale (100% LEL)
20.1- 23 mA	Over-range (> 100% LEL)

Once the fault is cleared the SEC MILLENIUM will automatically resume normal operation.

## IV. CALIBRATION

### SEC MILLENIUM

The SEC MILLENIUM is factory calibrated zeroed and spanned. *Unlike catalytic sensors it does not require routine span gas calibration to ensure proper operation.*

The SEC MILLENIUM can be calibrated for almost any hydrocarbon using a calibration gas of the hydrocarbon that is to be detected (target gas). The SEC MILLENIUM is required to be spanned with gas only one time with the target gas. Typically this is done at the factory, but it is possible to field span the device by connecting the SEC MILLENIUM to a computer and using a software package provided by SEC. Please contact the factory for further details.

A typical field calibration only requires the use of zero air (or 99.99% nitrogen). *If the sensor is located in an area that is known to be free of the hydrocarbon gases then ambient air can be used as a zero reference.*

If zero air is used for the calibration, there is a fitting on the bottom of the sensor for a 1/8" ID tubing connection.

Before beginning calibration use the SEC MILLENIUM Insulation Tube to cover outer cylinder holes and connect a clean air source to the sensor's calibration port for a minimum of 3 minutes. To enter into the calibration mode the calibration wire must be connected to negative (common of the power supply) for ten (10) seconds, upon release the sensor will automatically enter the zero calibration routine. The electronics will automatically adjust the sensor's signal to the new zero reference level. (Applying span gas is not necessary because of the SEC MILLENIUM's unique software algorithms). During the zero calibration routine, the current output of the SEC MILLENIUM will go to 2.2 mA. Although this can be accomplished manually, installation of a switch (contact closure) can accomplish the zeroing procedure. It is recommended that this switch be a momentary type switch to prevent it from inadvertently being left in the calibrate position. If after 20 seconds the calibration lead has not been removed from common, the SEC MILLENIUM will ignore the signal and continue operation as normal.

*The SEC MILLENIUM can be spanned in the field if the customer wishes to change the target hydrocarbon gas. Please contact factory for additional equipment information and pricing for SEC PC IR Link Package)*

## V. MAINTENANCE

The SEC MILLENIUM does not normally require cleaning of the optics. However if the unit is operating in a very dirty or dusty environment the optical path might become obscured. If the obscuration is severe enough to affect the units accuracy, the unit will activate an "Optics Fault" will. To clear an Optics Fault, first try a calibration. If the calibration does not correct the fault condition, try to clean the optics. The outer barrel (tube with two sets of holes) can be removed (unscrewed) to inspect the cleanliness of the hydrophobic filter. The hydrophobic filter is a Teflon coated stainless steel mesh that keeps moisture and particulates out of the optical path. A setscrew holds the filter to the MILLENIUM's housing. Once the hydrophobic filter is removed, the internal waveguide tube should be inspected for cleanliness. The waveguide and waveguide collar can be removed by inserting rigid instruments such as Allen wrenches into one hole of the waveguide and one hole of the collar. Turning the two instruments in opposite directions will loosen the waveguide allowing the collar to be screwed down on to the waveguide until it can be removed from the SEC MILLENIUM housing. This will allow the windows of the SEC MILLENIUM to be cleaned. Dust can be removed using compressed air. Hard or oily deposits can be removed using Isopropyl alcohol and cotton tipped swabs. Wipe any film or residue or film left by the alcohol on the windows with a clean dry cotton swab. The internal electro polished wave-guide tube can be cleaned the same way. Be careful not to leave any particles of the cleaning swab in the waveguide. The waveguide holes can collect pieces of the cleaning swab. After reassembling the unit (the waveguide and collar should be very tight to both ends of the SEC MILLENIUM housing after installation. Once the unit is completely reassembled and power is reapplied, the SEC MILLENIUM must be calibrated. Refer to the calibration section of this manual.

## **VI. Parts List**

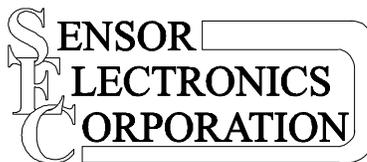
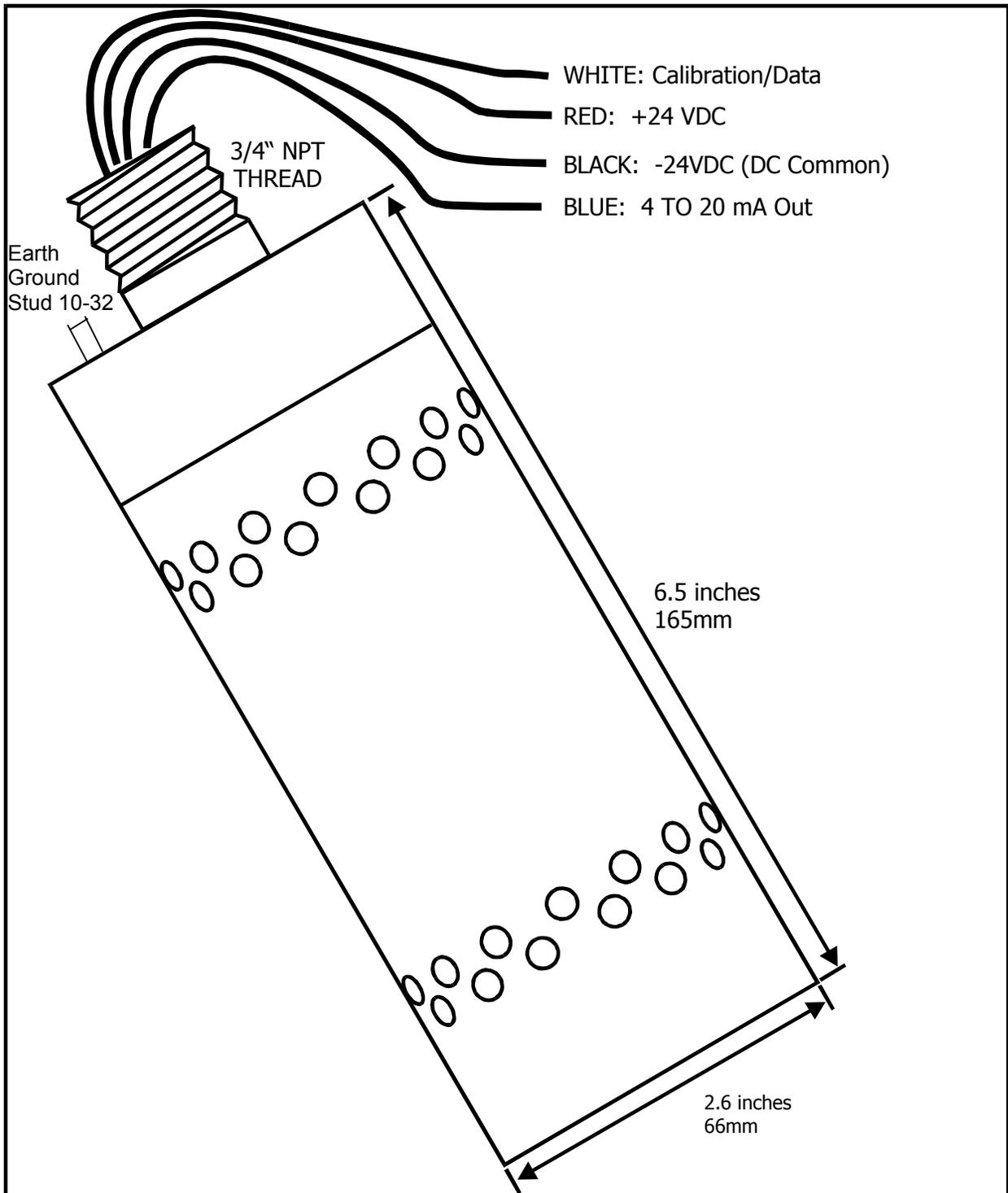
### **Part Number**

### **Description**

142-0280	Replacement Sensor SEC MILLENIUM
190-1001	SEC 2001 Sensor Separation Kit
142-0877	SEC Insulation Tube
142-0497	SEC MILLENIUM Replacement Hydrophobic Filter
142-0297	SEC MILLENIUM Wave Guide Tube
142-0570	SEC MILLENIUM Wave Guide Tube Collar
142-0636	SEC PC IR Link Kit

## VII. Drawing Section

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Figure 1	Wiring Diagram, SEC MILLENIUM
Figure 2	SEC Sensor Separation Kit

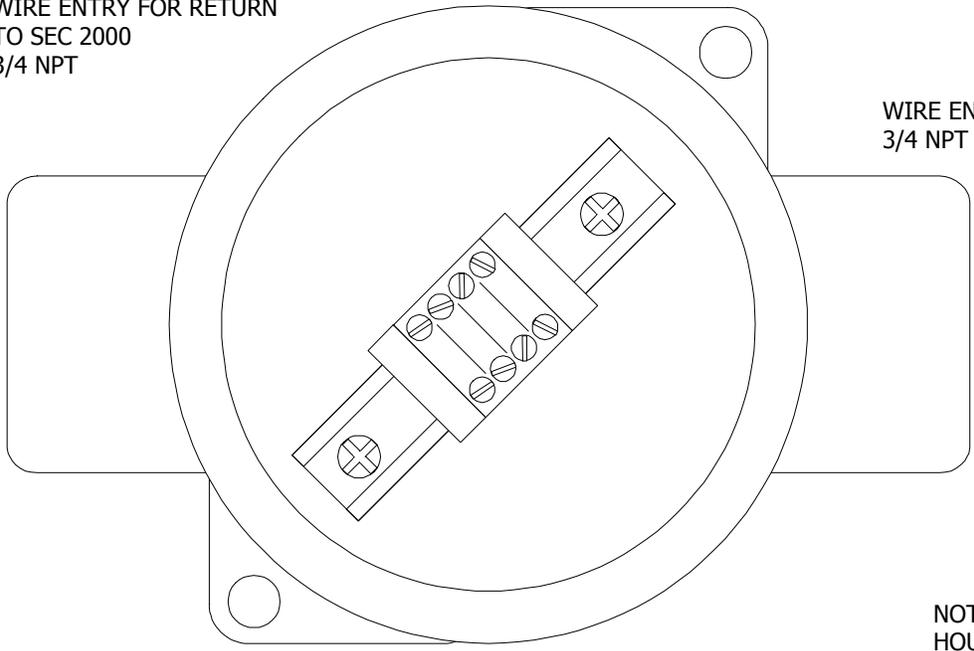


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**WIRING DIAGRAM  
 MILLENNIUM SENSOR**

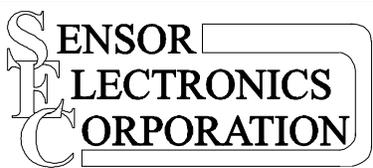
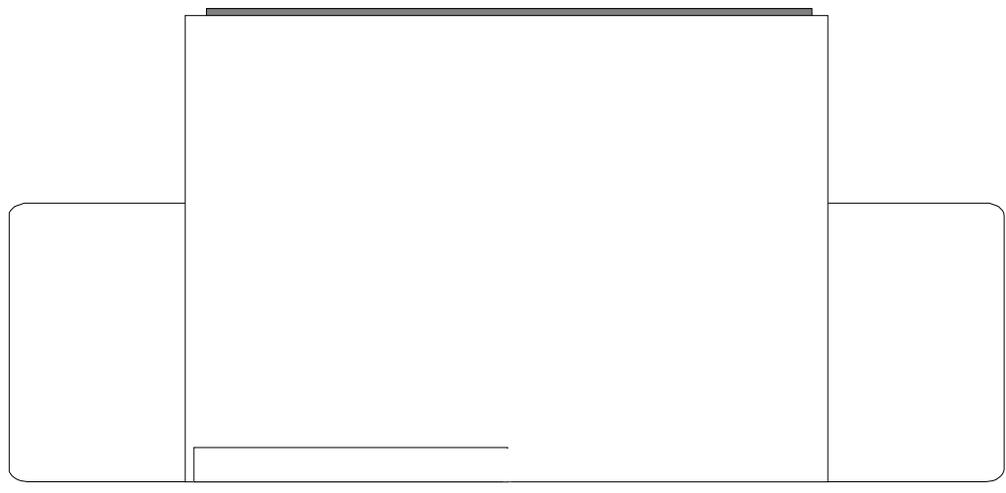
**FIGURE 1**

WIRE ENTRY FOR RETURN  
TO SEC 2000  
3/4 NPT



WIRE ENTRY FOR SENSOR  
3/4 NPT

NOTE:  
HOUSING RATED FOR  
CLASS 1, DIV 1,  
GROUPS B, C AND D



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SEC SENSOR  
SEPARATION KIT

FIGURE 2