GasClam
User Manual V1.1

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Declaration of conformity

Manufacturer: Elok – Opava s.r.o.

Product: GasClam

Product description: A landfill Gas monitor designed for in-situ borehole monitoring. The entire casing is made from solid stainless steel. The battery pack is in the upper part of the housing in a flame-proof casing. The measuring unit consisting of four gas sensors is located in the intrinsically safe lower part of the housing.
The valves, pump and filter assembly are located at the bottom of the housing.

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PTTI EN 60079-0:2006 Electrical Apparatus for Potentially Explosive Atmospheres – General Requirement

PTTI EN 60079-1:2004 Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres. Flameproof enclosures 'd'

PTTI EN 60079-11:2007 Explosive Atmospheres – equipment protection by Intrinsic Safety 'I'

Directive 2004/108EC

Other Standards

KEMA EN ISO 9001:2000

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Introduction to GasClam:

GasClam is the world's first in-situ borehole gas monitor, suitable for the detection of a wide range of gasses commonly found in borehole monitoring including methane (CH4), Carbon Dioxide (CO2) and Oxygen (O2). In addition to this the GasClam can detect temperature, barometric pressure and borehole pressure.

All of these readings can be taken at user-set intervals, providing an invaluable set of data to the user. The default setting for the Gasclam is to take readings every hour, giving it approximately three months' operational life before it must be connected to the Gasclam software for data retrieval. While connected to the software the settings of the Gasclam unit can be altered including the frequency at which readings are logged by the onboard memory.

In addition to the sensors already mentioned, the Gasclam can be upgraded with a photoionisation detector (PID) for detection of Volatile organic compounds (VOC's), a Carbon Monoxide (CO) sensor and a water depth sensor should the data be required.

Physical Characteristics

Getting Started:

Packing list

Please take a little time to examine the contents of the Gasclam Package.

Item	Description	Qty
	Barbs (Fitted)	3
	Blank (NOT Fitted)	1
	Tool for removing Barbs or Blank	1
	Length of pipe (30cm)	3
	Snorkel filter	1
	Battery Allen Key	1
	Comms cable	1
	Start cable	1
	Manual and software (on CD)	1
	Rubber Collar	1
	GasClam Unit	1
	1.5v Duracell Batteries (Fitted)	2

Turning on the Gasclam

The Gasclam can be started and stopped using the remote. The remote connects to the communication port on top of the Gasclam

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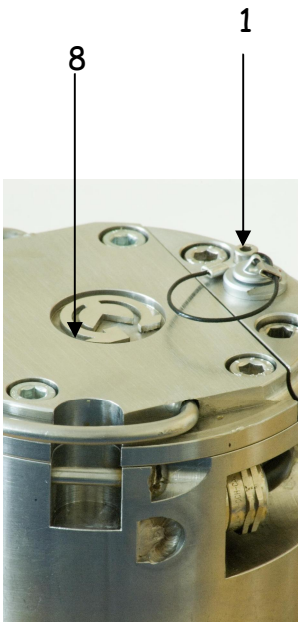
To start the Gasclam hold the button down for two seconds, the red LED will flash rapidly indicating the Gasclam has started and is currently going through the processes in a sampling cycle, this equates to 'sampling' mode.

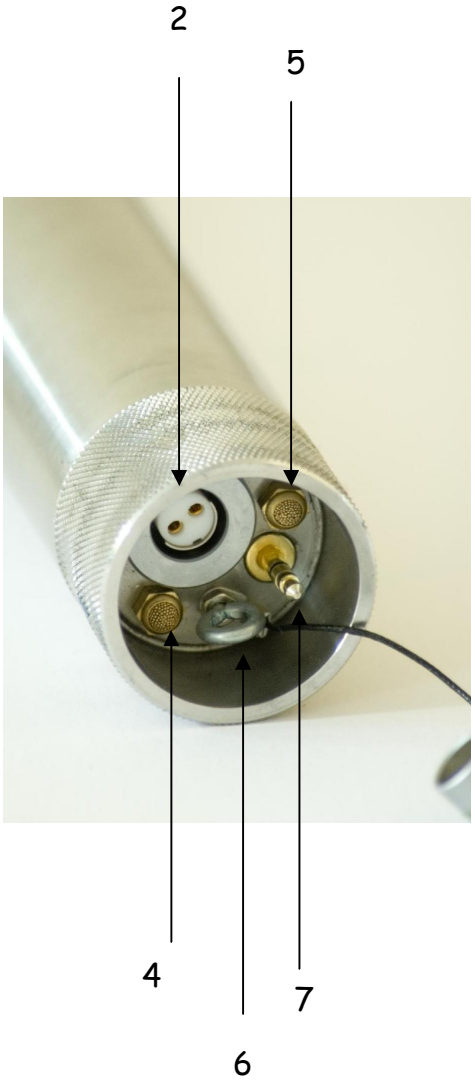
After the sampling processes have finished the red LED flashes intermittently, this equates to the 'measuring' mode.

To stop the Gasclam press the button for two seconds, when it has stopped the LED will stop flashing, this equates to 'sleeping' mode

No flashing	Sleeping
Rapid flash	Sampling
Intermittent flash	Measuring

Physical Characteristics

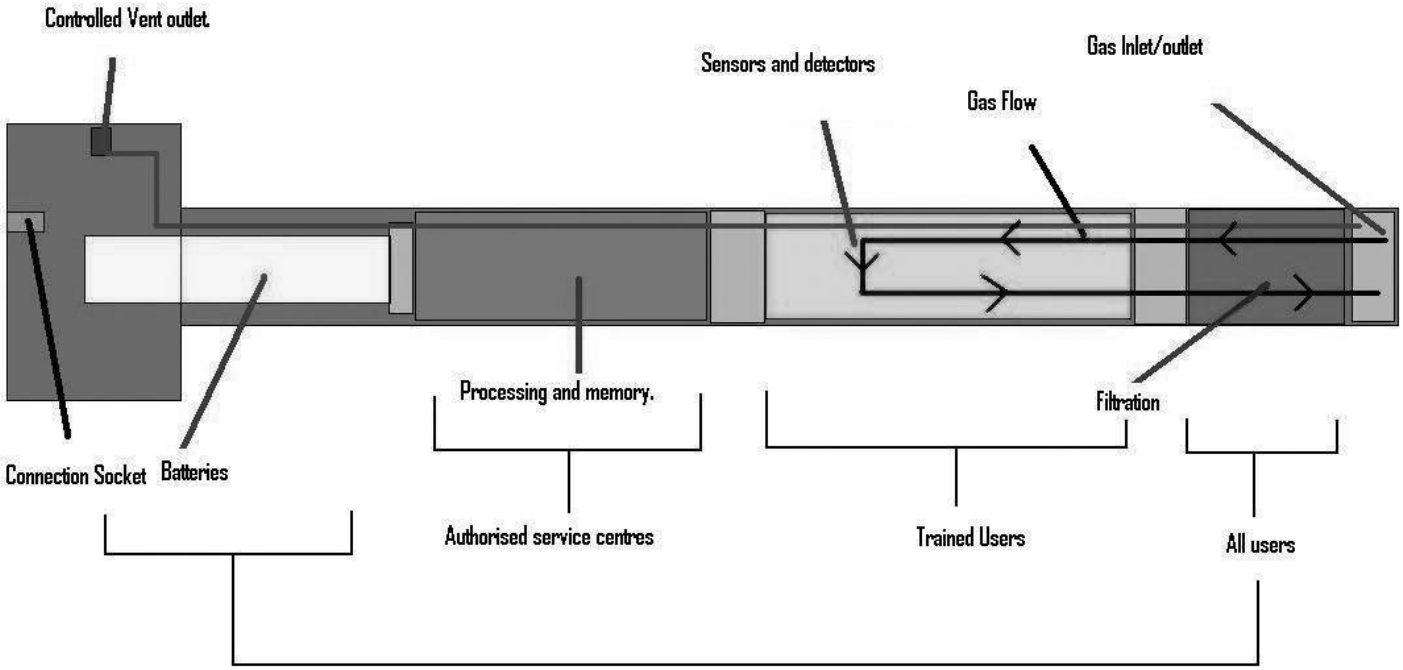




1. Communication port
2. Pressure transducer port
3. Pressure transducer port cap
4. Gas inlet
5. Gas Out
6. Water sensor
7. Pressure transducer hook
8. Battery compartment lid

Pictures of the Gasdam Identification plates, detailing the specifications of the unit (p.24)

How the Gasclam Works



Battery Change

The Batteries fitted to the GasClam will last up to three months depending on type of batteries, the operating temperature and time sequence selected.

Only change batteries in a safe area.

The battery compartment is accessed by removing the 4 screws from the battery compartment lid, see diagram. To remove the batteries tilt the Gasclam until they fall out. Replace with the stipulated batteries positive terminal facing down.

Optimum battery life is based on 1 hour sampling.

The Gasclam takes two D cell batteries.

NB Do not mix old and new batteries within the same unit, change both batteries at the same time. Failure to do so will reduce battery life of the new cell fitted.

Software Installation

System Requirements

The Gasclam software needs 30MB free space on the hard disk for installation.

The programme will run on the following platforms:

- Windows 98
- Windows 98 Second Edition
- Windows 2000 service pack 3
- Windows ME
- Windows Server 2003
- Windows XP service pack 2
- Windows Vista

The programme needs .Net Framework 2.0 (x86) installed to run properly. This version is included on the software CD, alternatively it can be downloaded from the Microsoft website.

To install .Net Framework 2.0 (x86) from the CD open the DOTNETFX folder and double click Windowsinstaller-KB893803-V2-x86

The guide will take you through the installation process step by step.

Running the installation software

Insert the installation CD; the installation program should automatically begin. If this option is disabled, run the "setup.exe" programme manually (found on the installation CD).

The guide will take you through the installation process step by step.

The default location for the Gasclam software is:

C:\Program Files\Salamander\GasClam\

Basic screen

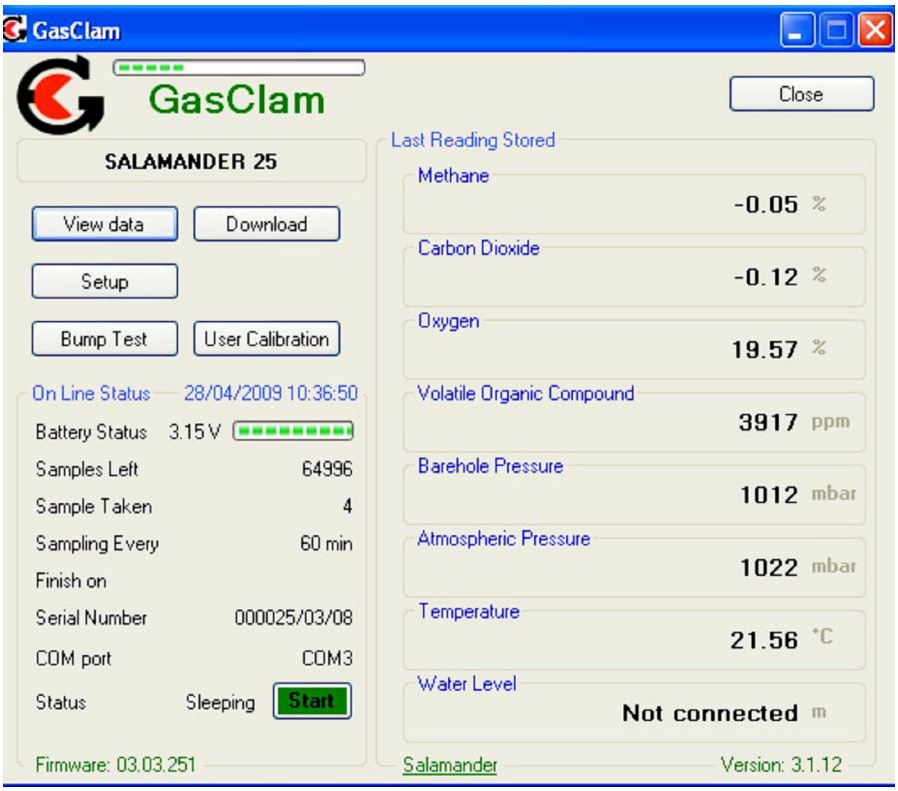
Connecting

The Gasclam is connected to a computer using the supplied cable between the communication port on top of the Gasclam and a serial port on. If the computer does not have a serial port use a standard USB/Serial converter.

You can either connect the unit before or after starting the software. If the software is opened before the Gasclam is attached the screen appears as below. In this mode the options available are to view data (see later) or to close the application.

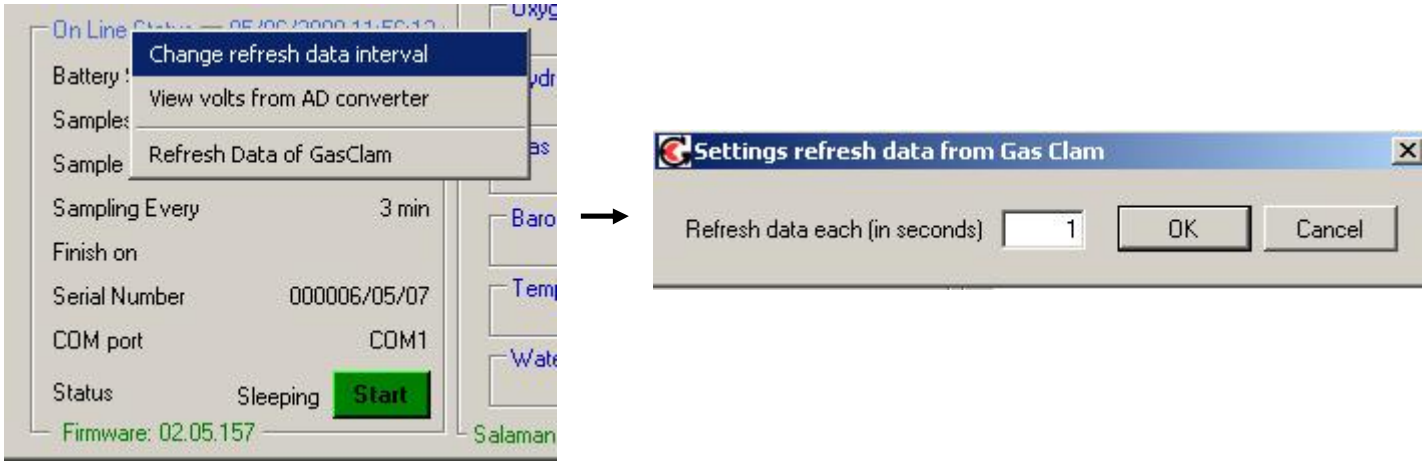
On Line Status of the Gasclam

After the Gasclam is connected the screen will update (similar to below) with the device ID is displayed in box 1.



The window is divided in to 3 sections, navigation tabs (view data, download, setup and calibration), Online Status and Last Reading Stored. This section covers the online status.

Online Status displays the current status of the unit. The default time interval for the screen to update with data from the Gasclam is 1s, this can be changed by right clicking the software window and selecting the 'change refresh data interval'



Battery status – displays battery voltage alongside a power bar, the bar changes colour according to capacity providing a rough guide to battery life*.

Green: capacity is fine for a long sampling period

Orange: Batteries need to be replace very soon

Red: Replace batteries immediately.

*The voltage in the battery will decrease when the Gasclam is sampling due to a drain on the batteries, this is the voltage that should be used to assess battery condition.

Note. If the battery capacity is no longer sufficient for the running of the unit during a programme the unit automatically interrupts the cycle and switches to sleeping mode. The data is stored in the flash memory therefore the data will remain on the Gasclam even if the batteries are completely flat. Also it is possible to replace the batteries without wiping the memory.

Samples left –displays the remaining number of samples that can be stored in the memory. Samples taken/count – When the Gasclam is in sleeping mode this reads 'samples taken' indicating how many sampling points are stored on the memory. When the Gasclam is in sampling mode it reads 'Sample count' and displays the number of finished cycles and the total number of cycles in the programme. For example, 254/4500 means that 254 cycles from 4500 required cycles have finished. The maximum number of sample the Gasclam can store is 65000. If the Gasclam was set to hourly sampling this equates to 5417 days.

Sampling every - shows the period between individual measuring cycles. For example, value "10 min." means that sampling frequency is 10 minutes.

Finish on – displays the date and time that the sampling programme will finish on.

Serial number – displays the serial number of the unit

COM port – displays which port the unit is connected to.

Status – displays the mode of the unit:

When the unit is running a programme the following modes are possible:

Sampling – the Gasclam is actively making a measurement.

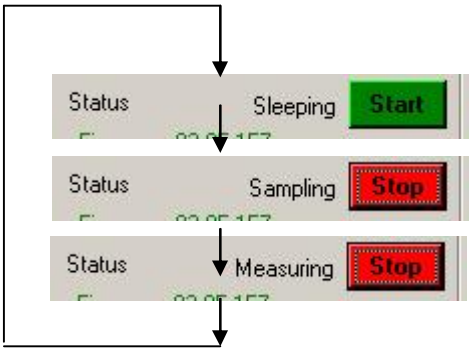
Measuring – the Gasclam is between sampling periods.

When the Gasclam is not running a programme the following modes are possible:

Sleeping – the unit is not running a programme. In the mode data can be downloaded and programmed.

Clear flash – the unit is erasing flash memory data

If the Gasclam is not functioning correctly the status will read 'undefined status,' if this occurs contact customer services immediately.



"START/STOP" Button– this has several modes: The unit is in sleeping mode, to start the Gasclam left click the button.

The unit is actively sampling, it can be stopped by left clicking the button, after this has finished the button changes to:

The unit is between samples and the progamme can be stopped by left clicking the button.

FirmWare – shows the firmware version in the unit. Always use the software designated for the given firmware version.

Last reading stored

The last recorded values are displayed in the 'Last Reading Stored' box. If the sampling cycle has started, these values will read 'measuring' and are updated throughout the sampling process.

The displayed ranges of individual sensors are as follows:

Methane – 0-100% with precision of 2 decimal places

Carbon Dioxide – 0-100% with precision of 2 decimal places

Oxygen – 0-25% with precision of 2 decimal places

Gas Pressure – 0-10mbar with precision of 1 decimal place

Barometric Pressure – 0-115mbar with precision of 2 decimal places

Temperature - -50°C to +50°C with precision of 2 decimal places

Optional Water Level – 0-10m with precision of 2 decimal places

Optional CO sensor 1 PPM 0-1,000PPM or VOC 1 PPM 0-4,000PPM

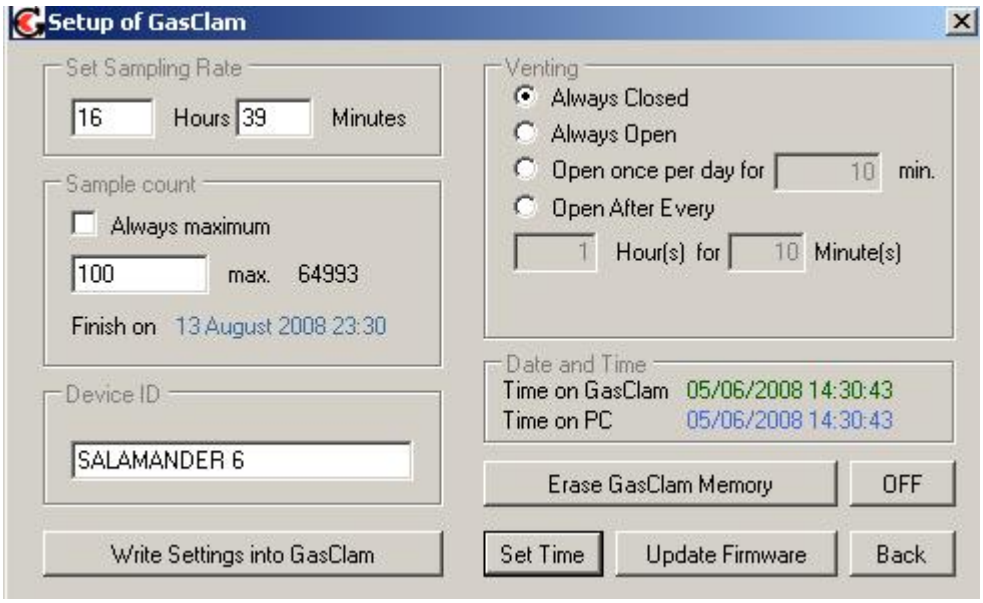
The precision of the display does not correspond to the precision of the sensors, this information is included in the technical specification section towards the end of this manual.

Display of voltage on AD converter -

Displaying voltage on the AD converter for some applications and testing, you have to know the voltage for the AD converter and the value of the AD converter of the given sensor. These values are not normally displayed they can be displayed using the menu by pressing the right button on your mouse. You can switch off the display in the same way.

Setup

The Gasclam is programmed in the setup window, this accessed by left clicking the 'set up' navigation tab, the set up window appears as below.



Sampling Rate

The sampling rate is defined in the Set Sample Rate box, the fastest sampling rate is 3 minutes (This is how long all the processes take), the longest 16 hours and 39 minutes.

Sample count

The number of samples to be taken can either be set to the maximum possible by clicking the 'Always Maximum' button or defined by the user in the Sample count box. The maximum figure displayed is 65000 (total memory space) minus the number of stored samples, the user defined value can be up to and including this.

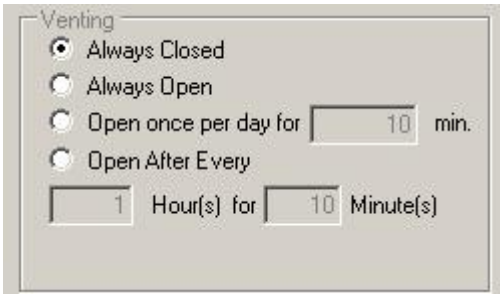
The estimated date and time of the end the programme is displayed under the text button. This information is calculated as follows: (Sample count * sample rate) + actual date and time.

Device ID

The user can specify the name of the Gasclam in the Device ID box. This is useful if there is multiple Gasclams on a site as the borehole number can be allocated to the Gasclam. This information is used to create a filename when the data is downloaded.

Venting

The Gasclam has four venting modes, the venting mode is selected in the Venting box (see below):



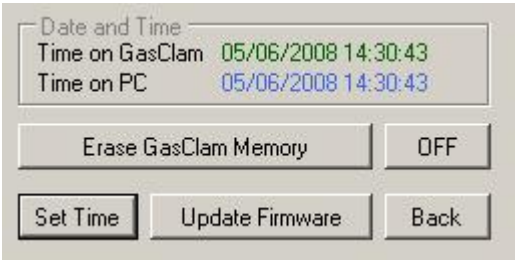
Always Closed – The vent is always closed

Always Open – The vent is always open.

Open once per day – The vent opens once a day for a period of time defined by the user

Open after every – The vent opens after a period of time defined by the user. (How long does it open for XXX)

Unit date and time



The time and date of the unit and computer are displayed in the Date and Time box, these are synchronised by left clicking the Set Time tab.

The date and time is not stored when the unit is switched off or when the batteries run out or changed.

Note. The time on the unit is likely to differ from the computers if the device was programmed on a different computer to the one it now is connected to.

Erasing data memory

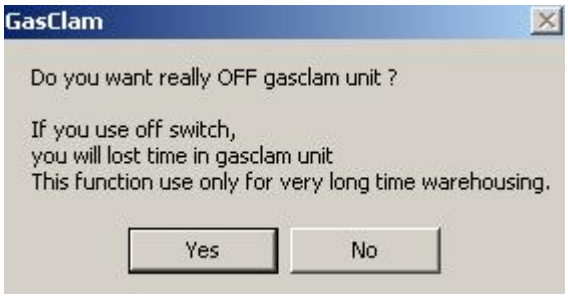
To erase all the data from the flash memory left click the Erase memory button. The status will change to 'Clear Flash' during this process, when this is finished to status will change to 'Sleeping'

Warning – This process erases memory permanently. Make sure you have downloaded the data from the unit into your computer.

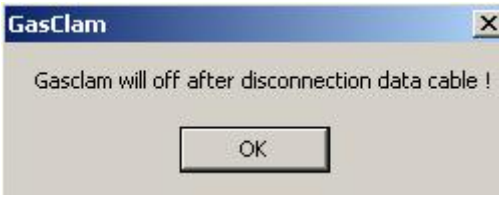
Switching off the unit

If the unit is not going to be used for a long period it is recommended that it is turned off using the 'OFF' button, this reduces the discharge from the batteries.

When the off button is clicked a message will appear to ask if you really want to switch off.



If the Yes button is clicked the following appears:



The Gasclam will turn off after the communication cable is disconnected, until then the main screen will appear as below:

The Gasclam will turn back on when the data cable is attached again.

Update firmware

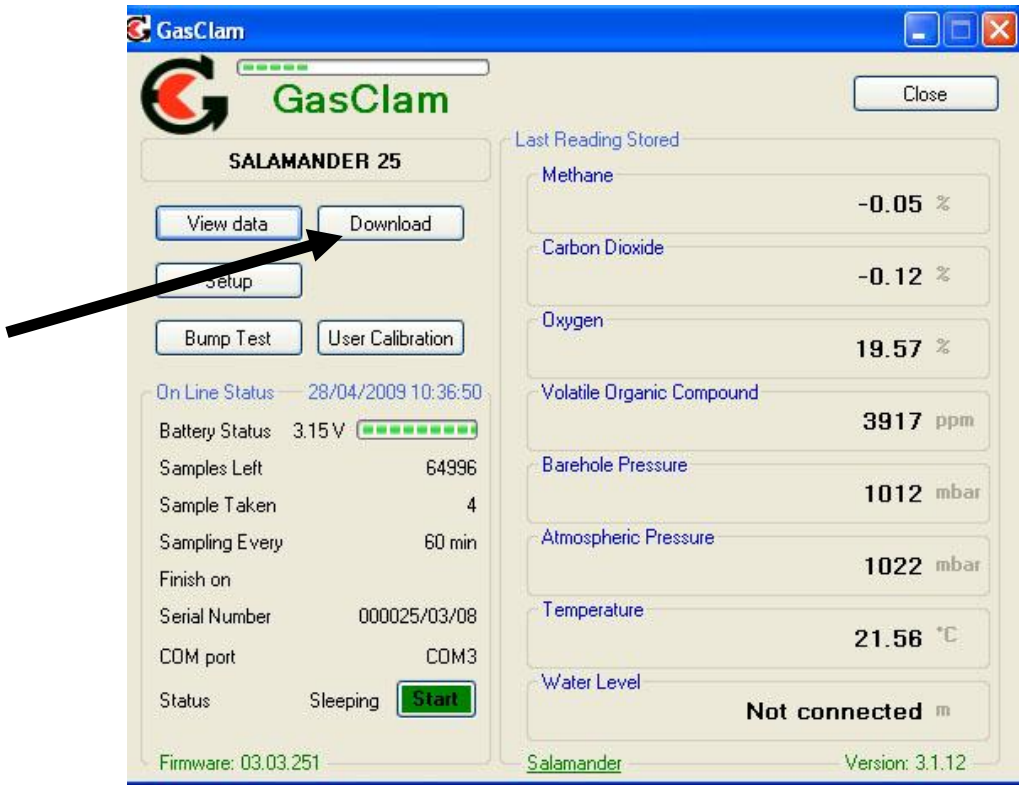
Need to check with ION Science

Return to main screen

To return to the Gasclam software's main window use the back button.

Downloading

To download the Gasclam left click the 'Download' button. This opens a standard Window's 'save as' window. The default file name is the device ID followed by the time and date.



After choosing the file name and location the download begins when save is clicked, the length of the download will depend upon the amount of data.

Two files are produced a .GCL which is used in the Gasclam software and .CSV file which can be opened in excel to plot data in a suitable manner for reports etc.

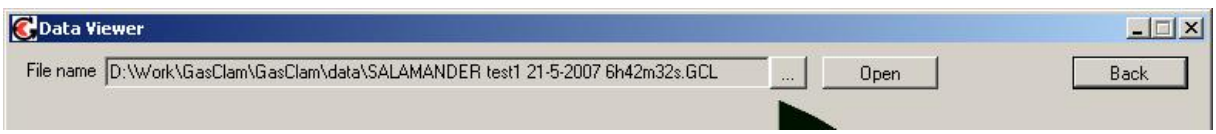
Viewing Data

The data viewer is accessed via the 'View Data' navigation button on the main screen.

Selecting file for display

If a data file has just been downloaded the software remembers its location and can be accessed by clicking 'open'

To access any other file click the '…' button this allows you to browse through your computers folders. The last folder that was accessed will open.

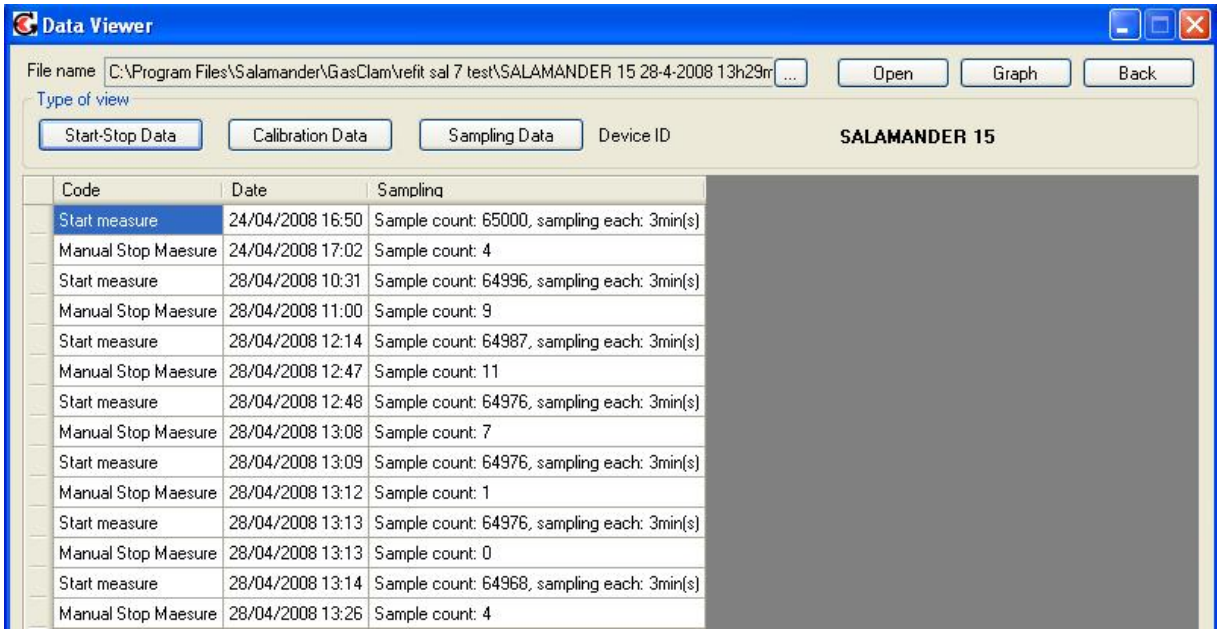


Data Display Options

There are 3 data view options that can be accesses via the Start-Stop Data, Calibration Data and Sampling Data buttons, see below:

Start-Stop data

To display the sampling log of the unit click the 'Start-Stop' Data button. Information regarding when and how the unit was started and stopped, date the action was taken, memory space left and sampling frequency and how many samples was taken is reported, see below for an example.



Code	Date	Sampling
Start measure	24/04/2008 16:50	Sample count: 65000, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	24/04/2008 17:02	Sample count: 4
Start measure	28/04/2008 10:31	Sample count: 64996, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	28/04/2008 11:00	Sample count: 9
Start measure	28/04/2008 12:14	Sample count: 64987, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	28/04/2008 12:47	Sample count: 11
Start measure	28/04/2008 12:48	Sample count: 64976, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	28/04/2008 13:08	Sample count: 7
Start measure	28/04/2008 13:09	Sample count: 64976, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	28/04/2008 13:12	Sample count: 1
Start measure	28/04/2008 13:13	Sample count: 64976, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	28/04/2008 13:13	Sample count: 0
Start measure	28/04/2008 13:14	Sample count: 64968, sampling each: 3min(s)
Manual Stop Maesure	28/04/2008 13:26	Sample count: 4

Note. If the Gasclam has stopped due to low battery a note indicating this will be left in the code column.

Sampling data

To display the sampled data click the 'Sampling-data' button. The following parameters are displayed, see example below.

Date: in the format dd/mm/yyyy hh:mm

CH_4 %: Methane % v/v

CO_2 %: Carbon dioxide % v/v

O_2 %: Oxygen % v/v

CO: Carbon Monoxide or VOC: Volatile Organic Compound PPM

Dif (mbar): Differential pressure between borehole and atmosphere. If the value is negative it means the pressure in the borehole is lower than atmospheric and if the pressure is positive it is higher than atmospheric.

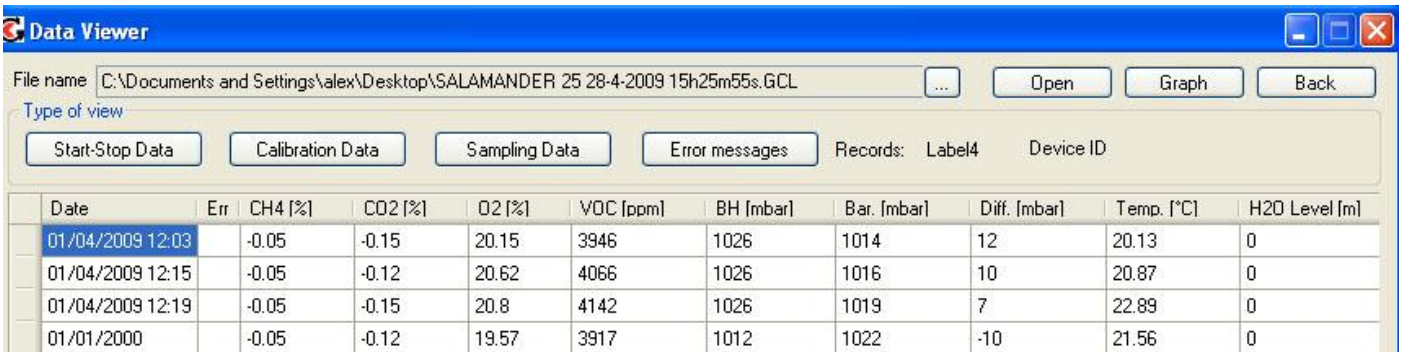
Bar mbar: Barometric pressure

Temp C: Temperature in degrees Celsius

H_2O Level m

Battery (V): Battery capacity in volts

It is possible to order the displayed data according to individual parameter by clicking the column header, one click arranges them in ascending order two clicks arranges them in descending order.



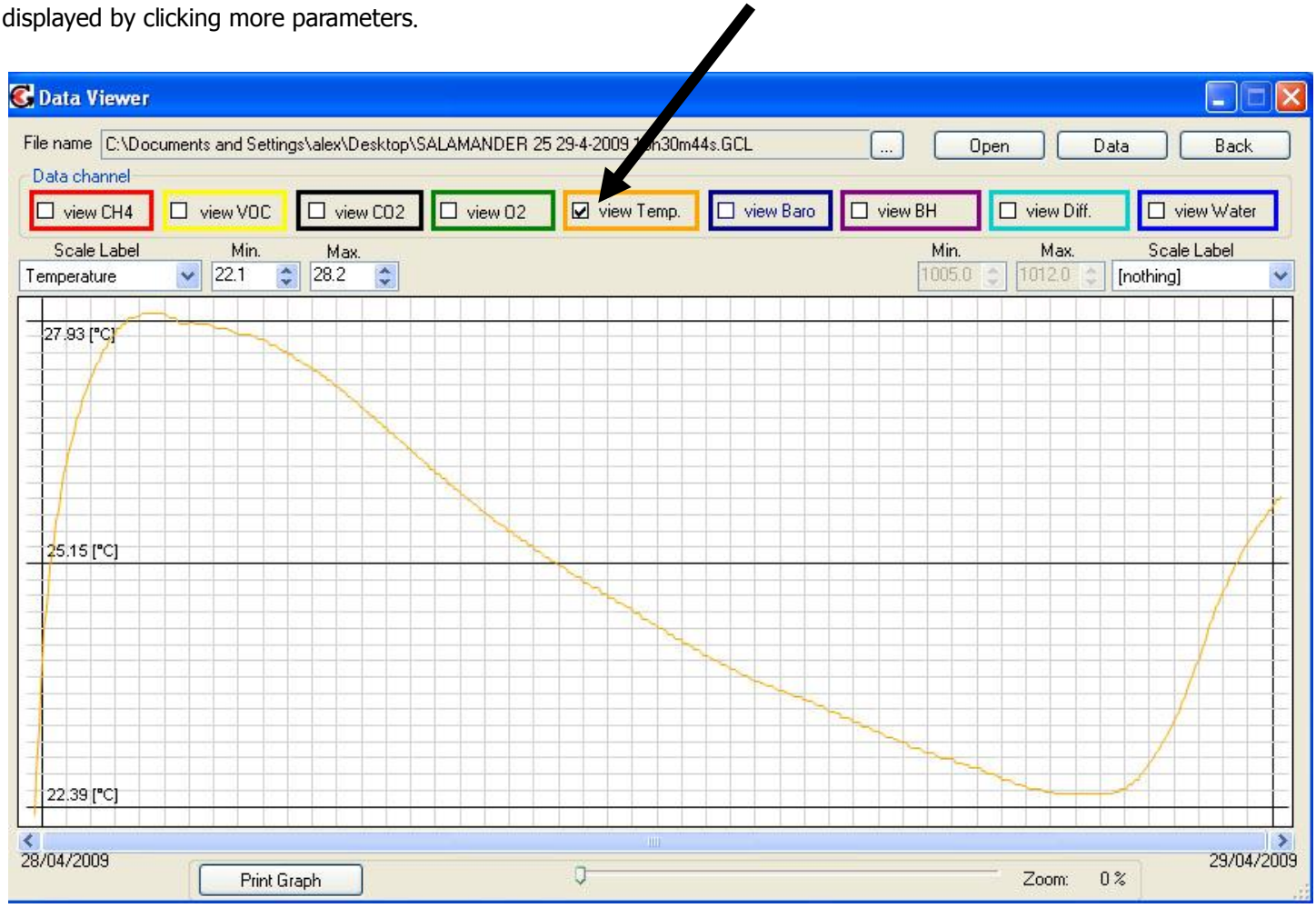
Date	Err	CH4 [%]	CO2 [%]	O2 [%]	VOC [ppm]	BH [mbar]	Bar. [mbar]	Diff. [mbar]	Temp. [°C]	H2O Level [m]
01/04/2009 12:03		-0.05	-0.15	20.15	3946	1026	1014	12	20.13	0
01/04/2009 12:15		-0.05	-0.12	20.62	4066	1026	1016	10	20.87	0
01/04/2009 12:19		-0.05	-0.15	20.8	4142	1026	1019	7	22.89	0
01/01/2000		-0.05	-0.12	19.57	3917	1012	1022	-10	21.56	0

To view the data in graphical form click the Graph/Data view toggle button.

This opens the Graph view window, shown below.

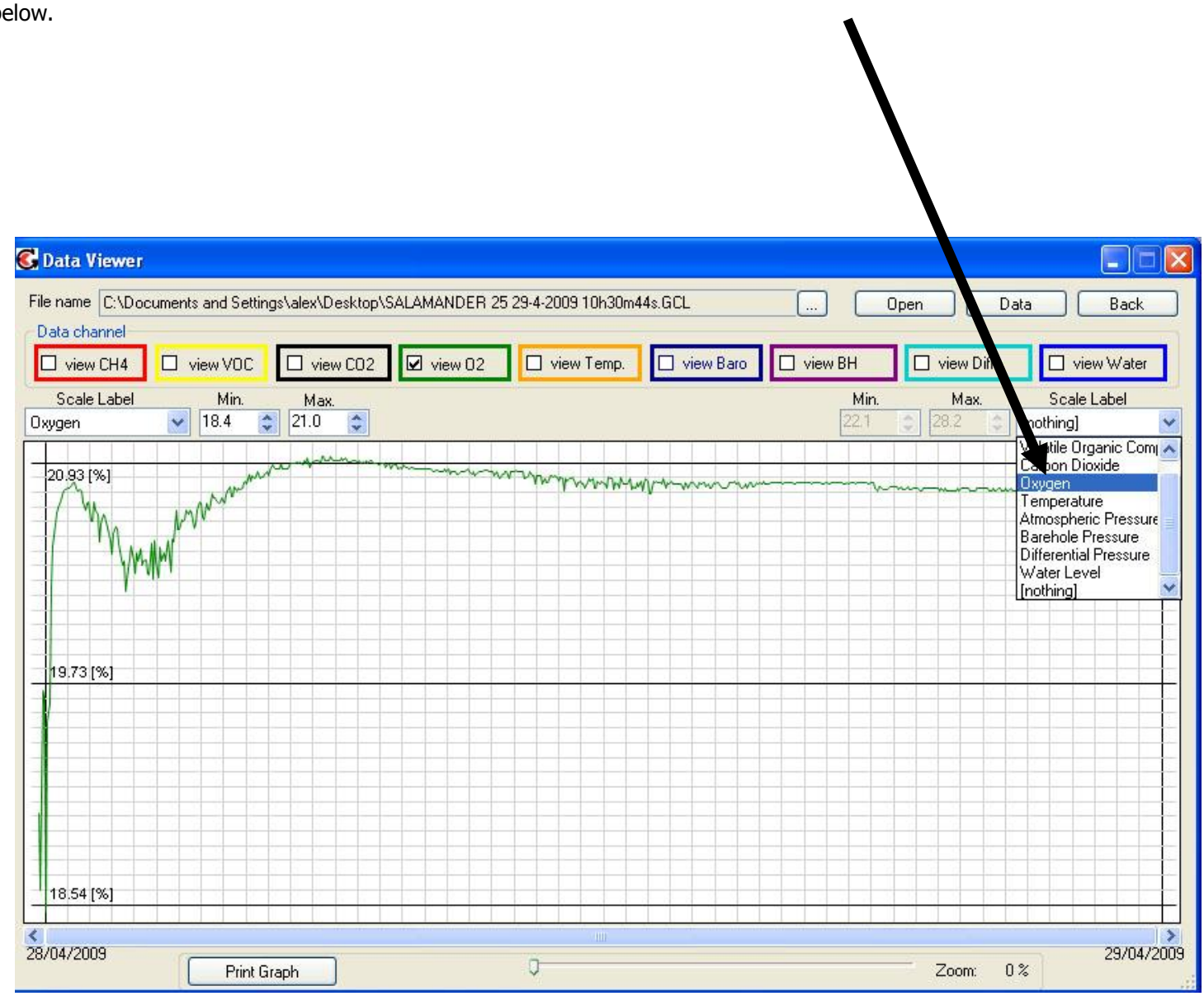
Selecting data channel

To select a data channel click the desired parameter from the 'Data Channel' box, see below. Multiple parameters can be displayed by clicking more parameters.



Scale label

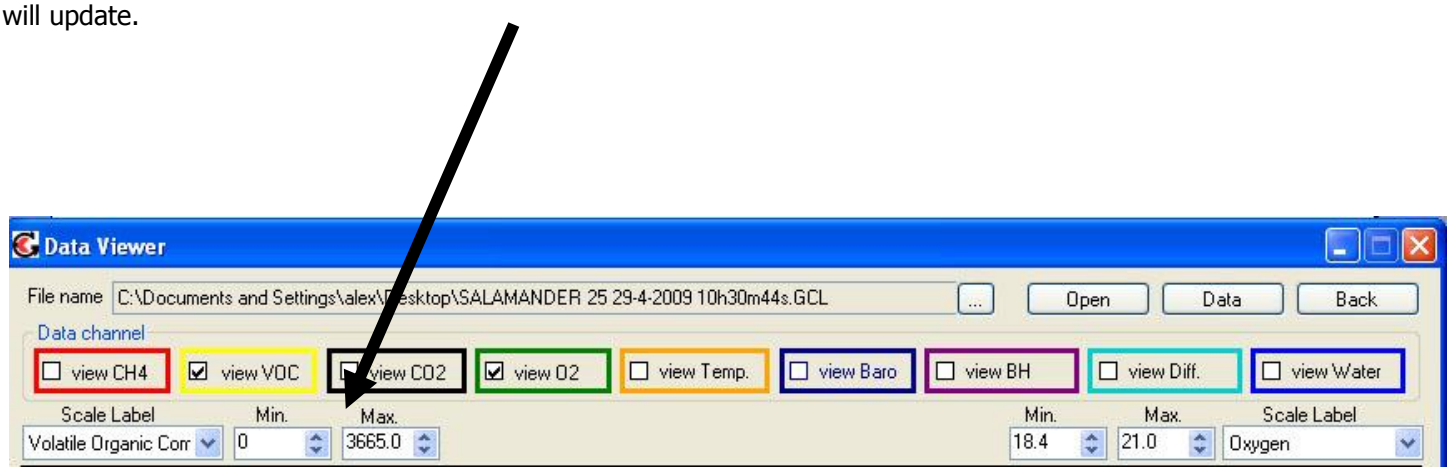
When displaying multiple parameters up to two y-axes can be selected using the 'Scale-label' drop down menu, see figure below.



Setting auxiliary axes

Changing the scale

The scale of the y-axes can be changed using the min and max boxes indicated below. The scale can be changed by either using the up/down buttons next to the Min Max buttons or by typing the required value in to the field and clicking on the box adjacent to it i.e., to change the min value type the desired value and then click in the Max box and the graph will update.



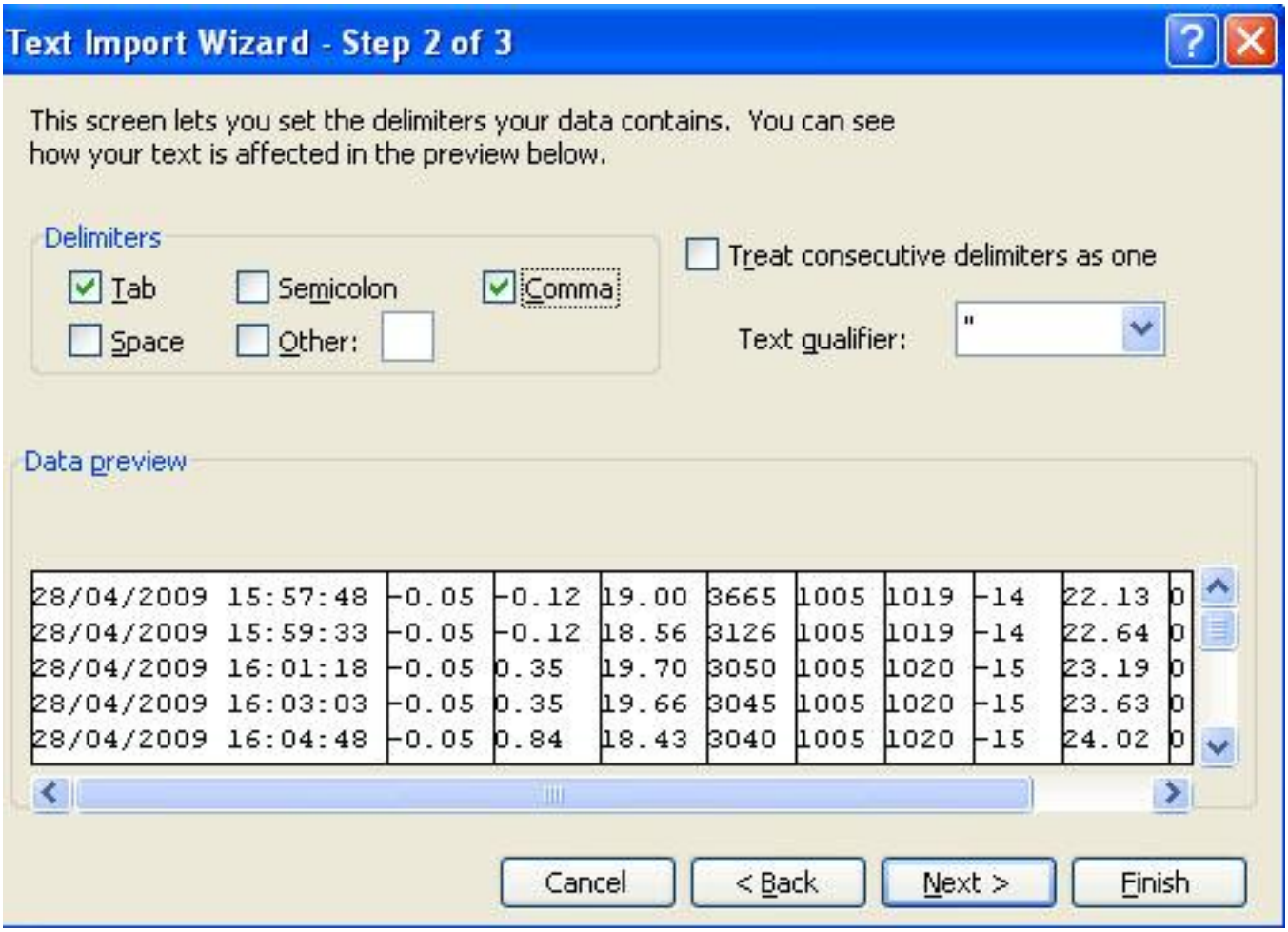
Time axis

Time is displayed on the y-axis, this can be scrolled through using the scroll bar underneath.

Selecting displayed groups of measured values

Import data into External Spreadsheet

Data is provided as a **CVS** file and can be imported into various spreadsheets for manipulation. This is normally done using the import function and selecting delimited and then selecting comma as the separator.

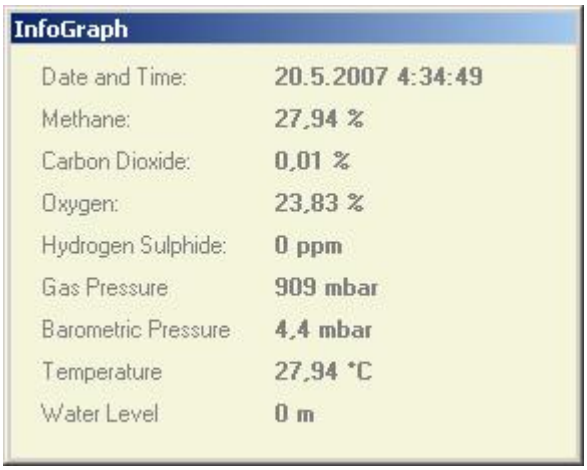


Print graph

By pressing the "Print graph" button, you can print the actual graph.

Infograph

To display the all the values of the parameters at any particular time left clicking the graph at this point and the Infograph box will appear, see below.



Returning to the main window

To return to the main Gasclam screen click the 'Back' button

Service and Calibration:

Unit calibration

Calibration should only be carried out by an authorised Gasclam distributor.

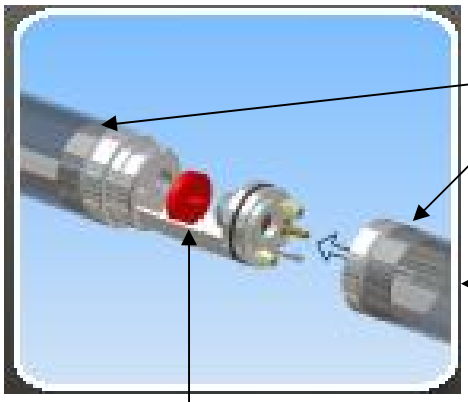
Service

The Gasclam should be regularly serviced to ensure correct and accurate operation. It is recommended that it should be serviced and recalibrated every xxx months.

The Gasclam is ATEX certified for use in potentially explosive areas therefore it should only be serviced by qualified engineers. Failure to do so will invalidate the warranty.

User serviceable parts

Inline filter: This accessed by unscrewing the bottom section of the Gasclam, see figure.
It should be replaced regularly, certainly after a weeklong installation. The instrument should never be operated without the filter.



Snorkel: The snorkel should be checked regularly, if there is any damage replace immediately

Collar: Inspect the collar regularly, if there is any signs of damage replace immediately.

Technical Specification

Sensor	Method/type	Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Linearity
CH4	Infrared	0-100 %	0.01 %	± 5% of reading ± 1 digit	+/- 2% FSD or 10% reading
CO2	Infrared	0-100 %	0.01 %	± 5% of reading ± 1 digit	+/- 2% FSD or 10% reading
Oxygen	Electrochemical	0-25 %	0.1 %	± 5% of reading ± 1 digit	+/- 2% FSD or 10% reading
CO*	Electrochemical	0-2,000 PPM	1 PPM	± 5% of reading ± 1 digit	+/- 2% FSD or 10% reading
VOC*	PID	0-4,000 PPM	1 PPM	± 5% of reading ± 1 digit	+/- 2% FSD or 10% reading

Environment	Method / Type	Range	Resolution
Barometric	Piezoelectric	800-1200 mb	0.1 mb
Borehole	Piezoelectric	-100 - +100 mb	0.01 mb
Temperature	Internal Chip	-5°C to +50°C or 41°F to 122°F	1°C or 1°F
Water depth*	Piezoelectric	0 – 10 m	0.1m

* Optional

Memory	6300 time / date stamped readings
Power	Internal x 2 Alkaline D-cells
Battery Life	3 months (Based on hourly sampling)
Case	High Quality Stainless Steel
Weight	6 kg or 13.2 lb
Protection	IP – 68 (continuous submersion)
Operation	–5 - +50 °C or 41°F to 122°F
Approvals	CE, EMC, ATEX, 0105 X, Ex II 2G, Ex d ib [ib] IIB T4
Certification rating	Ex 2G Ex d ib [ib] IIb T4
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