

Title (en)
SENSOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF DETECTING GASES OR FUMES IN AIR

Title (de)
SENSORVORRICHTUNG UND VERFAHREN ZUR DETEKTION VON IN LUFT ENTHALTENEN GASEN ODER DÄMPFEN

Title (fr)
DISPOSITIF CAPTEUR ET PROCEDE POUR LA DETECTION DE GAZ OU DE VAPEURS CONTENUS DANS L'AIR

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO0054841A1] The invention relates to a sensor device comprising a sensor element for detecting gases and fumes in air, as well as to a method of operating such a sensor system. The sensor element is preferably a heated metal-oxide sensor having a heating structure and a gas-sensing layer whose temperature can be kept constant by means of the heating structure and a control device. To protect it against air currents the sensor element is positioned in a preferably heat-insulated casing into which gas is able to penetrate by passing through a gas-permeable diffusion layer. According to a method provided for by the invention the resistance of the heating structure, which serves as a measure of the temperature of the gas-sensing layer, is used as a reference for temperature control. The temperature of the sensor element is influenced in a targeted fashion by the addition of other disturbance quantities to the control quantity "sensor temperature". Evaluation is carried out by comparison of the current sensor signal with a reference value which is formed from the weighted average signal of the sensor values and can be adjusted to the prevailing situation.

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