High-Pressure and High-Temperature Probes for pH, ORP, Conductivity, Potential, and Electrochemical Studies

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## Needs for High-Pressure (HP) and High-Temperature (HT) Probes

- Deep Oil and Gas Wells
- Underground Formations
- Geothermal Plants
- Chemical Processing Plants



- Carbon Capture and Storage Programs
- Pulp and Paper

## **Oil and Gas Wells and Underground Formations**



Up to 485 °F (250 °C) and 10000 psi (700 bar)

> <u>Courtesy: Black Gold Pump & Supply, Inc.</u> <u>https://www.blackgoldpump.com/rodliftcompletion</u>

## **Geothermal Plants**



Geothermal Reservoir Up to 700 °F (370 °C) Courtesy: Geothermal Education Office http://geothermal.marin.org/geopresentation/sld037.htm

## **Carbon Sequestration Programs**



Courtesy: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon\_seq/corerd/storage.html

#### **Patented UltraDeg® Reference Probes** T up to 305 °C (581 °F); P up to 7500 psi (520 bar)



## **Typical External UltraDeg Reference Probes**



In the external reference probe, the electroactive reference material (Ag/AgCI) is away from heated location and maintained near ambient temperature so that the probe is more stable when used at T>100 °C

## **Typical Internal UltraDeg Reference Probes**

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In the internal reference probe, the electroactive reference material (Ag/AgCI) is in the heated location so that the probe has a better defined thermodynamic potential. This probe is not recommended for long-term use at T>145 °C

# Gas-Tolerant Reference Probe for Use in Systems with H<sub>2</sub>S and High-Pressure Gases

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### **Summary for Reference Probes**

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#### Our patented UltraDeg Ref. Electrodes are divided into three types (A, B, and C):

**Type A or B** has a compression fitting with NPT\* thread and an insertion tube. The fitting of **Type A** has a metal seal that will lock to the insertion tube upon first use (insertion depth adjustable one-time only). The fitting in **Type B** has a soft seal that can be repositioned on the insertion tube after each use (insertion depth fully adjustable). **Type C** is compact and may be used in autoclaves with smaller access ports (0.18" or 4.5mm ID). The insertion depth for Type C is fixed at factory (non adjustable). Type C is available for internal design only. **Gas-Tolerant Reference Probes for use in H2S and CO<sub>2</sub> systems are also available.** 

Schematic diagram of High TP\_pH\_Ref\_probes\_V1206A

#### **UltraDeg® HT and HP ZrO<sub>2</sub>-based pH Probes** T=80 to 150 °C, 90 to 305 °C, or 180 to 343 °C, Depending on Models P up to 6000 psi (413 bar)

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## **Typical UltraaDeg ZrO<sub>2</sub>-Based pH Probes**

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## Summary for ZrO<sub>2</sub>-Based pH Probes

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#### UltraDeg ZrO<sub>2</sub>-based pH electrodes are divided into three types (A, B, and C):

**Type A or B** pH electrode has a compression fitting with NPT thread and an insertion tube. The fitting of **Type A** has a metal seal that will lock to the insertion tube upon first use (insertion depth adjustable one-time only). The fitting in **Type B** has a soft seal that can be repositioned on the insertion tube after each use (insertion depth fully adjustable).

**Type C** Type C design is ultra compact and may be used in autoclaves that have smaller access ports (1/8" NPT). The insertion depth for Type C is fixed at factory (non adjustable).

#### **UltraDeg<sup>®</sup> Glass-Based pH Probes** T=1 to 80 °C; P =up to 4000 psi (or up to 7500 psi without CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>S)

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## **Typical UltraDeg Glass-Based pH Probes**

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## **Summary for Glass-Based pH Probes**

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Our patented Glass-based high-P pH electrodes are divided into three types (A, B, and C):

**Type A or B** pH electrode has a compression fitting with NPT\* thread and an insertion tube. The fitting of Type A has a metal seal that will lock to the insertion tube upon first use (insertion depth adjustable one-time only). The fitting of Type B has a soft seal that can be repositioned on the insertion tube after each use (insertion depth fully adjustable).

**Type C** design is ultra compact and may be used in autoclaves that have smaller access port (1/8" NPT). The insertion depth for Type C high-pressure pH electrode is fixed at factory (non adjustable).

#### **UltraDeg<sup>®</sup> Conductivity Probes for Low Conductivity** T= 0 to 305 °C; P up to 7500 psi; Conductivity < 500 µS/cm

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#### **UltraDeg<sup>®</sup> Conductivity Probes for Low Conductivity** T= 0 to 305 °C; P up to 7500 psig; Conductivity < 500 µS/cm

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#### **UltraDeg<sup>®</sup> Conductivity Probes for High Conductivity** T= 0 to 305 °C; P up to 7500 psig; Conductivity up to 200 mS/cm

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#### UltraDeg Conductivity Probes for High Conductivity (T= 0 to 305 °C; P up to 7500 psig; Conductivity up to 200 mS/cm)

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![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### HT and HP Oxidation/Reduction Potential (ORP) Probes T= 0 to 305 °C ;P up to 7500 psi

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### **HT and HP Oxidation/Reduction Potential (ORP) Probes** P = 0 to 3750 psig; T up to 400 °C

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### **High-Temperature Counter Electrode**

#### P = 0 to 3750 psig; T up to 400 °C

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# High-P Working Electrode Holder with Spot-Welded Connection to Electrical Lead for Higher T Applications (T up to 400 °C)

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C-276, 3/8" OD Insertion Tube (1/4" OD for special probe only)

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Mounting Fitting with 1/4'', 3/8'', or 1/2'' NPT (1/8'' NPT for 1/4'' OD tube only)

L2 (Insertion depth) To be fixed by user (L2>2")

# High-P Working Electrode Holder with Threaded Connection to Electrical Lead for Medium T Applications (T up to 200 °C)

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#### High-P Electrode Holder for Multiple Working Electrodes P = up to 6000 psi; T = 0 to 400 oC, depending on models

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#### **HT and HP Level Probes** T= 0 to 305 °C ;P up to 5000 psi

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## Important Probe Components– Queon<sup>TM</sup> Seals for High-T & High-P without Leak after Temperature Cycling

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Queon is the only electrically insulating seal for sealing electrodes at T > 230 °C

Queon Seal can be made into various shapes

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Queon Seal is particularly suitable for packing gland

## **Properties of Queon<sup>TM</sup> Seals and Comparison** with PTFE (Teflon<sup>®</sup>) Seals

	Queon Seal						Teflon Seal		
Continuous Working T	-185 to 343°C (-300 to 650°F) Maintains integrity after exposure to heat					-185 Becom	-185 to 232°C (-300 to 450°F) Becomes loose after exposure to heat		
Temperature Cycling	Withstand rapid heating to 343°C (650°F) and rapid cooling to 25°C (77°F)					Leak	Leak develops after slow cooling from 232°C (450 °F)		
Chemical Stability	Excellent in water/steam or high pH solutions in packing gland at 343°C (650°F)						Excellent		
Testing Results in Compression Fittings									
Sealed Rod or Tube Size in Packing Gland	Before Baking (cc He/sec at 25°C)		After 320°C (cc He/sec at 25°C)		Electrical Resistance at 5000 V (ohm)		Maximum Pressure at 25°C		
	Queon	Teflon	Queon	Teflon	Queon	Teflon	Queon (before and after 320°C)	Teflon (before baking only)*	
6.35-mm OD steel rod	2x10 <sup>-8</sup>	Similar to Queon	2x10 <sup>-8</sup>	Leak after Baking	2x10 <sup>12</sup>	Similar to Queon	13000 psi/90 MPa	2000 psi/ 13.8MPa	
1-mm OD steel wire			2x10 <sup>-8</sup>		$2x10^{12}$		20000 psi /138 MPa	10000 psi / 69 MPa	
3.18-mm OD steel rod			2x10 <sup>-8</sup>		$2x10^{12}$		13000 psi/90 MPa	8000 psi / 55 MPa	

\*Teflon seals leaked after baking and cannot withstand any pressure

## Typical Installations of HP and HT Probes in Reactors/Autoclaves

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#### **Combination pH or ORP Probes** (Reference probe can be bent for installation)

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## **Type A Probes Insertion Depth Is One-Time Adjustable by Users**

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#### Type B Probes Insertion Depth Is Fully Adjustable by Users (P< 3000 psi only)

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#### **Back up slides**

Typical curves Connections Meters Data acquisition Gas-tolerance/H<sub>2</sub>S-Tolerant reference probes