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Mounting and operating instructions

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SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS

Read all the information, the datasheet, Modbus map, mounting and operating instructions and study the wiring and connection diagram before working with the product. For personal and equipment safety, and for optimum product performance, make sure you entirely understand the contents before installing, using or maintaining this product.

For safety and licensing (CE) reasons, unauthorised conversion and / or modifications of the product are inadmissible.

The product should not be exposed to abnormal conditions, such as extreme temperatures, direct sunlight or vibrations. Long-term exposure to chemical vapours in high concentration can affect the product performance. Make sure the work environment is as dry as possible; avoid condensation.

All installations shall comply with local health and safety regulations and local electrical standards and approved codes. This product can only be installed by an engineer or a technician who has expert knowledge of the product and safety precautions.

Avoid contacts with energised electrical parts. Always disconnect the power supply before connecting, servicing or repairing the product.

Always verify that you apply appropriate power supply to the product and use appropriate wire size and characteristics. Make sure that all the screws and nuts are well tightened and fuses (if any) are fitted well.

Recycling of equipment and packaging should be taken into consideration and these should be disposed of in accordance with local and national legislation / regulations.

In case there are any questions that are not answered, please contact your technical support or consult a professional.

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The FCVC8B-R series are intelligent sensors with integrated audible alarm. They feature adjustable temperature, relative humidity and TVOC ranges. The TVOC concentration is an accurate indicator for indoor air quality. Based on the temperature and relative humidity measurements, the dew point is calculated. The used algorithm controls a single analogue / modulating output based on the measured T, rH and TVOC values, which can be used to directly control an EC fan, an AC fan speed controller or an actuator powered damper. All parameters are accessible via Modbus RTU.

ARTICLE CODE

Article code	Supply	Imax
FCVC8B-R	85—264 VAC / 50—60 Hz	35 mA

INTENDED AREA OF USE

- Demand controlled ventilation based on temperature, relative humidity and TVOC
- Suitable for residential and commercial buildings
- For indoor use only

TECHNICAL DATA

- Universal input voltage: 85—264 VAC / 50—60 Hz
- Analogue / modulating output type:
  - 0—10 VDC mode: min. load 50 kΩ (R_L ≥ 50 kΩ)
  - 0—20 mA: max. load 500 Ω (R_L ≤ 500 Ω)
  - PWM mode (open-collector type): PWM Frequency: 1 kHz, min. load 50 kΩ (R_L ≥ 50 kΩ); PWM voltage level 3,3 VDC or 12 VDC
- Selectable temperature range: 0—50 ºC
- Selectable relative humidity range: 0—100 %
- Selectable TVOC range: 0—60.000 ppb
- Replaceable TVOC sensor element
- Replaceable audible alarm module, settable via Modbus register (OFF, continuous or pulsed)
- Warm-up time: 15 minutes
- 3 LEDs with adjustable light intensity for status indication
- Accuracy: ±0,4 ºC (range 0—50 ºC); ±3 % rH (range 0—100 % rH); ±15% TVOC (0—60.000 ppb)
- Inset or surface mounting
- Enclosure:
  - internal: plastic RABS, black
  - external: ABS, white
  - cover: ASA, white
- Protection standard: IP30 (according to EN 60529)
- Operating ambient conditions:
  - temperature: 0—50 ºC
  - rel. humidity: 0—95 % rH, (non-condensing)
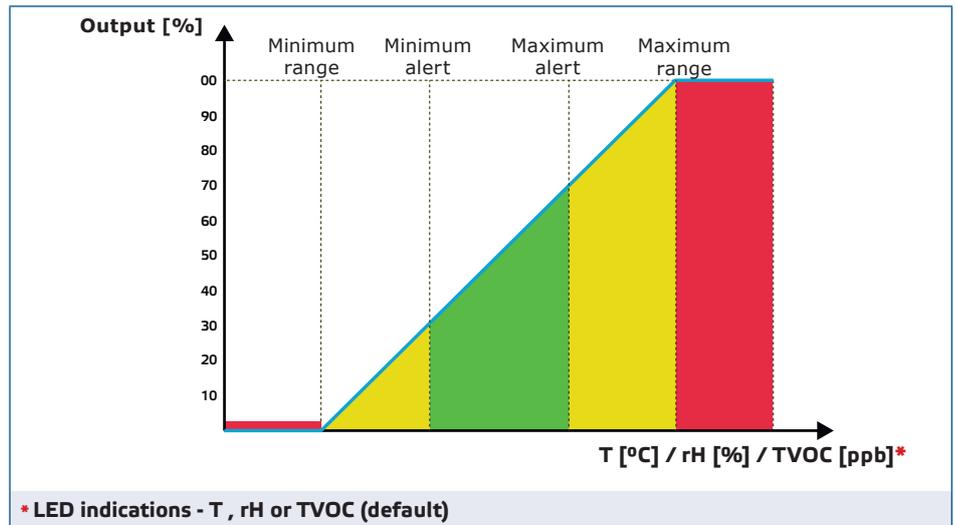- Storage temperature: -10—60 ºC

STANDARDS

- Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EC: CE
  - ▸ EN 60529:1991 Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) Amendment AC:1993 to EN 60529
  - ▸ EN 60730-1:2011 Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use - Part 1: General requirements
- EMC Directive 2014/30/EC
  - ▸ EN 60730-1:2011 Automatic electrical controls for household and similar use - Part 1: General requirements
  - ▸ EN 61000-6-1:2007 Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-1: Generic standards - Immunity for residential, commercial and light industrial environments
  - ▸ EN 61000-6-3:2007 Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-3: Generic standards - Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments Amendments A1:2011 and AC:2012 to EN 61000-6-3
  - ▸ EN 61326-1:2013 Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements
  - ▸ EN 61326-2-3:2013 Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 2-3: Particular requirements Test configuration, operational conditions and performance criteria
- WEEE 2012/19/EC
- RoHs Directive 2011/65/EC

OPERATIONAL DIAGRAMS

⚠ **CAUTION**
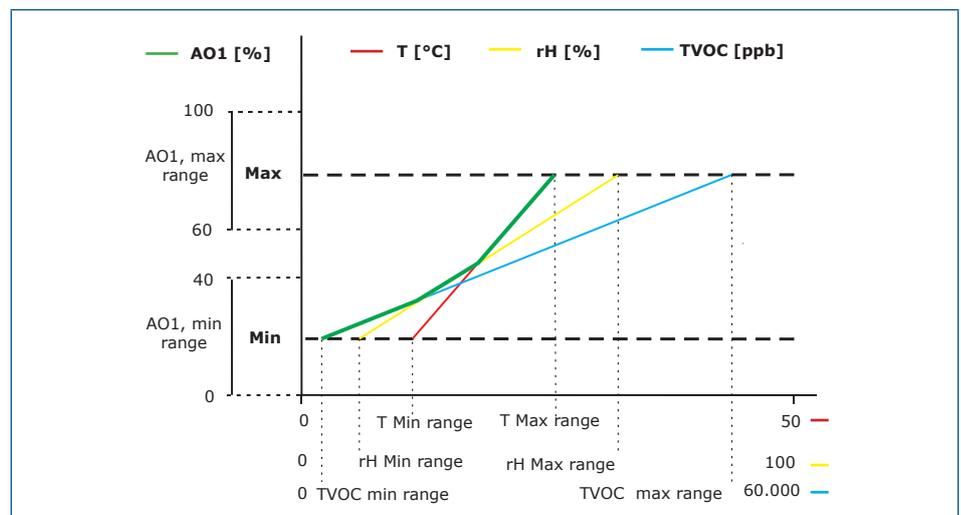
The output changes automatically depending on the highest of the T, rH or TVOC values, i.e. the highest of the three output values controls the output. See the green line in the operational diagram above. One or multiple sensors can be deactivated. E.g. it is also possible to control the output based on the measured TVOC values only.

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Output [%]

Minimum range | Minimum alert | Maximum alert | Maximum range

00
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10

T [ºC] / rH [%] / TVOC [ppb]*

* LED indications - T , rH or TVOC (default)

WIRING AND CONNECTIONS

L	Power supply, line (85—264 VAC / 50—60 Hz)
N	Power supply, neutral
Ao	Analogue / modulating output (0—10 VDC / 0—20 mA / PWM)
GND	Ground AO
A	Modbus RTU (RS485), signal A
/B	Modbus RTU (RS485), signal /B
Connections	Spring contact terminal block, cable cross section: 2,5 mm²; pitch 5 mm; shielded cable

MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS IN STEPS

Before you start mounting the unit, read carefully **"Safety and Precautions"**. Choose a smooth surface for installation (a wall, panel, etc.). Then proceed with the following steps:

⚠ **ATTENTION**

The compounds released from plastics may influence the sensor readings. Please allow several days for the sensor to stabilize before you obtain the accurate values.

Inset mounting

1. Switch off the power supply.
2. Remove the cover of the enclosure and take the controller out of the housing, so that it can be easily connected.
3. Do the wiring according to the wiring diagram (see **Fig. 1**).

Fig. 1 Wiring and connections

Power supply
85—264 VAC / 50—60 Hz

Modbus RTU
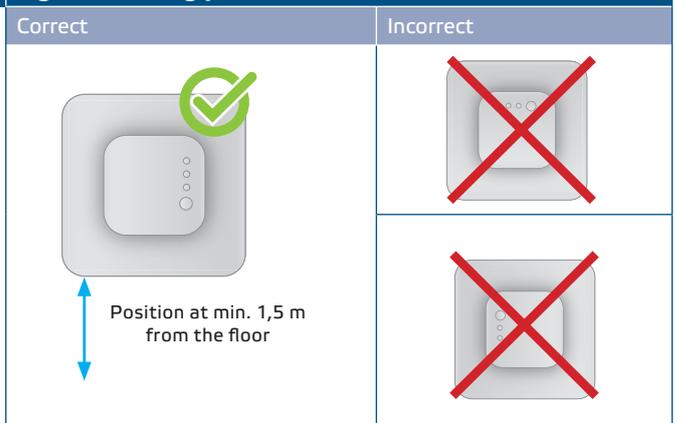/B
A

Analogue / modulating output
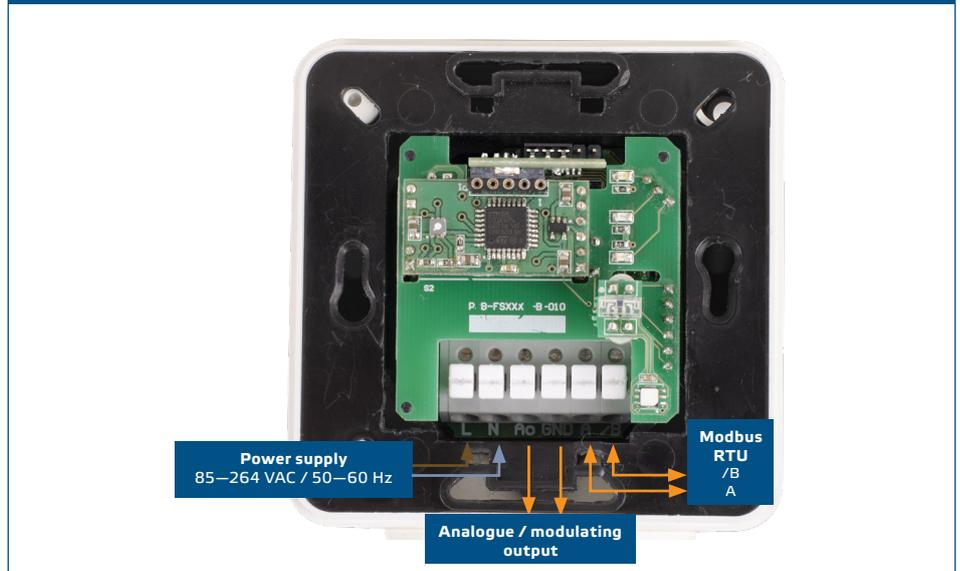
4. Mount the internal enclosure into the wall using appropriate connecting elements (not included in the set). Mind the correct position and mounting dimensions shown in **Fig. 2** and **Fig. 3**.

Fig. 2 Mounting dimensions - inset mounting

76
58
58
52
15 38

Fig. 3 Mounting position

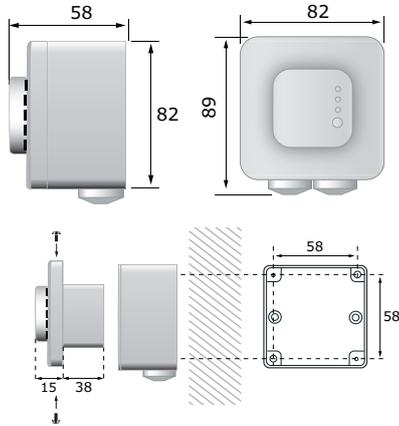| Correct	Incorrect

Position at min. 1,5 m from the floor
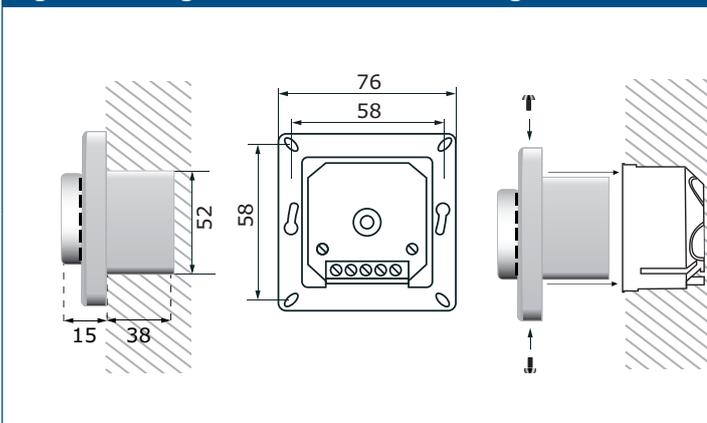
5. Put back the frame cover of the enclosure and secure it with the screws.
6. Switch on the power supply.
7. Customise the factory settings to the desired ones via the 3SModbus software or the Sensistant configurator. For the default factory settings, see the *Modbus register map* of the product.

For surface mounting

1. Switch off the power supply.
2. Remove the frame cover of the enclosure.
3. Take out the internal enclosure.
4. Mount the external enclosure onto the wall using the dowels and screws included in the set. Mind the correct position and mounting dimensions shown in **Fig. 4** and **Fig. 5**.
5. Insert the connecting cables through the grommets of the unit.

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| Fig. 4 Mounting dimensions - surface mounting	Fig. 5 Mounting position	
	Correct	Incorrect
	Position at min. 1,5 m from the floor	
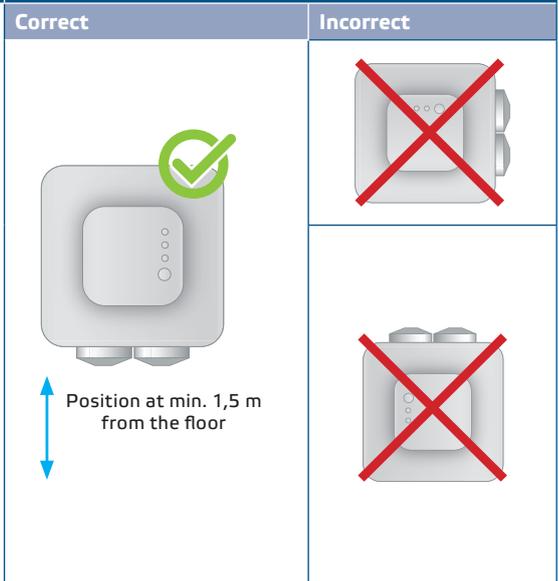
6. Do the wiring according to the wiring diagram (see **Fig. 1**) using the information from section "**Wiring and connections**".
7. Put the internal enclosure into the external one and fix it using the delivered screws and washers. (**Fig. 4**).
8. Put back the frame cover of the enclosure and secure it with the screws.
9. Switch on the power supply.
10. Customise the factory settings to the desired ones via the 3SModbus software or Sensistant (if necessary). For the default factory settings see the Modbus register map op the product.

NOTE

For the complete Modbus register data, see the Modbus Register map of the product. This is a separate document linked to the article code on the website containing the list of registers. Products with earlier firmware versions may not be compatible with this list.

Optional settings

To assure correct communication, the NBT needs to be activated in only two devices on the Modbus RTU network. If necessary, enable the NBT resistor via 3SModbus or Sensistant (*Holding register 9*).

Example 1	Example 2
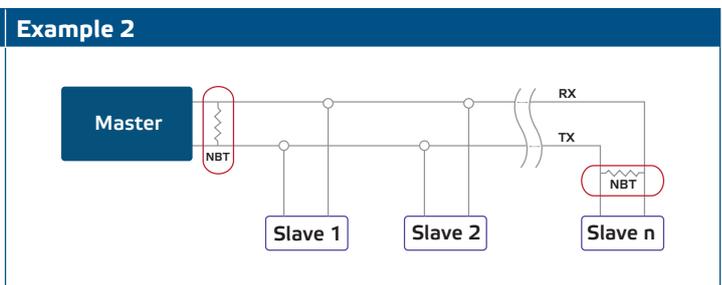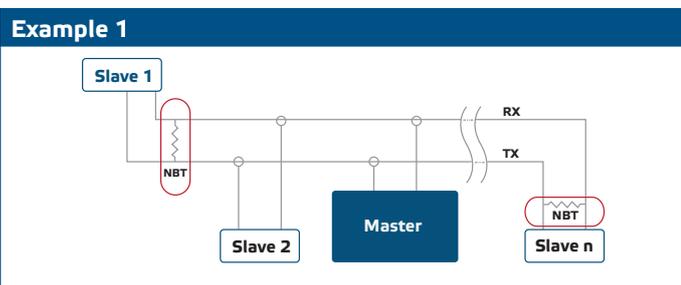
NOTE

On a Modbus RTU network, two bus terminators (NBTs) need to be activated.

ATTENTION

The sensor is not designed, manufactured or intended for use or re-sale as control or monitoring equipment in environments requiring life safety performance, in which the failure of the sensor could lead directly to death, personal injury or severe physical or environmental damage.

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⚠ ATTENTION

Do not expose to direct sunlight!

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

📋 NOTE

The warm-up time for the sensor to attain its highest accuracy and performance level once the voltage supply has been applied is 15 minutes. During the warm-up time the green LED is blinking and TVOC measurements will return 0 ppb.

Calibration procedure:

Sensor calibration is not necessary. All sensor elements are calibrated and tested in our factory.
In the unlikely event of TVOC sensor element failure, this component can be replaced.

Firmware update

New functionalities and bug fixes are made available via a firmware update. In case your device does not have the latest firmware installed, it can be updated. SenteraWeb is the easiest way to update the firmware of the unit. In case you do not have an internet gateway available, the firmware can be updated via the 3SM boot application (part of the Sentera 3SMcenter software suite).

📋 NOTE

Make sure the power supply does not get interrupted during "bootload" procedure.

LED indications

1. When the green LED is on, the measured value (temperature, relative humidity or TVOC) is between the minimum and maximum alert range values . In this case the audible alarm is OFF (**Fig. 6 - 1**).
2. When the yellow LED is on, the measured value (temperature, relative humidity or TVOC) is in the alert range. In this case the audible alarm is ON (**Fig. 6 - 2**). The yellow LED is blinking when the Modbus communication has stopped and HR8 is activated (Modbus timeout > 0 seconds).
3. When the red LED is on, the measured value (temperature, relative humidity or TVOC) is below the minimum measurement range value or above the maximum value. In this case the audible alarm is ON. Blinking red LED indicates loss of communication with a sensor (**Fig. 6 - 3**).
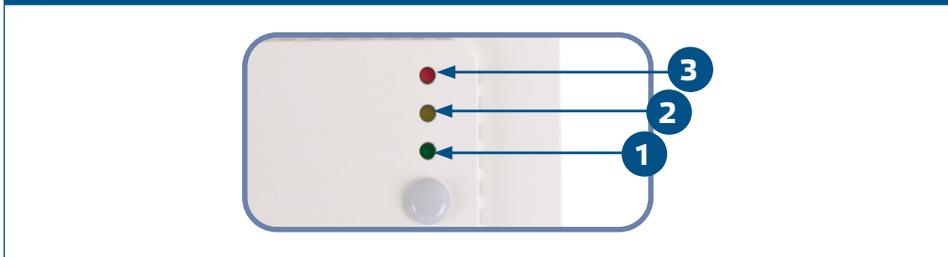
📋 NOTE

When the sensor is in bootloader mode, the green and yellow LEDs flash alternately. During the firmware download, the red LED is flashing additionally.

📋 NOTE

The audible alarm output can be set via Holding register 78. By writing 0 in Holding register 78, the audible alarm will be disabled. By default, the audible alarm function is set to 'continuous'. By writing 2 in Holding register 78, the audible alarm will change to 'pulsed'.

Fig. 6 LED indications

NOTE

*By default, the LED indication refers to the TVOC measurement. This can be changed to relative humidity or temperature values via Modbus Holding Register 79 (see **Table** Holding registers).*

NOTE

The intensity of the LEDs can be adjusted between 0 and 100 % with step of 10 % according to the value set in Holding register 80. Writing "0" in Holding register 80 turns OFF all LEDs.

Ambient light sensor

The measured light intensity in lux is available in Input Register 41. Additionally, an active and standby level can be defined in Holding registers 35 and 36. Input Register 42 indicates if the measured value is below standby level, above active level or in between both levels:

- Ambient light level < standby level: Input Register 42 indicates "Standby".
- Ambient light level > active level: Input Register 42 indicates "Active".
- Standby level < Ambient light level < Active level: Input Register 42 indicates "Low intensity".

VERIFICATION OF INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

After switching on the power supply one of the LEDs lights up according to the status of the measured variable. If this is not the case, check the connections.

TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

Avoid shocks and extreme conditions; stock in original packing.

WARRANTY AND RESTRICTIONS

Two years from the delivery date against defects in manufacturing. Any modifications or alterations to the product after the date of publication relieve the manufacturer of any responsibilities. The manufacturer bears no responsibility for any misprints or mistakes in this data.

MAINTENANCE

In normal conditions this product is maintenance-free. If soiled, clean with a dry or damp cloth. In case of heavy pollution, clean with a non-aggressive product. In these circumstances the unit should be disconnected from the supply. Pay attention that no fluids enter the unit. Only reconnect it to the supply when it is completely dry.