



**INSTRUMENTS**

**61-1007RKSS  
CO<sub>2</sub> Detector  
Operator's Manual**

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## **WARNING**

Read and understand this instruction manual before operating detector. Improper use of the detector could result in bodily harm or death.

Periodic calibration and maintenance of the detector is essential for proper operation and correct readings. Please calibrate and maintain this detector regularly! Frequency of calibration depends upon the type of use you have and the sensor types. Typical calibration frequencies for most applications are between 6 and 12 months, but can be required more often or less often based on your usage.

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## Overview

This manual describes the 61-1007RKSS CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) detector. This manual also describes how to install, start up, maintain, and calibrate the detector when used with a gas monitoring controller. A parts list at the end of this manual lists replacement parts and accessories for the CO<sub>2</sub> detector.

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## Specifications

Table 1 lists specifications for the CO<sub>2</sub> detector.

**Table 1: 61-1007RKSS Specifications**

<b>Detection Range</b>	61-1007RKSS-01: 0 - 9,000 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> 61-1007RKSS-02: 0 - 5,000 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> 61-1007RKSS-03: 0 - 5% Volume CO <sub>2</sub> 61-1007RKSS-04: 0 - 20% Volume CO <sub>2</sub> 61-1007RKSS-05: 0 - 50% Volume CO <sub>2</sub> 61-1007RKSS-10: 0 - 100% Volume CO <sub>2</sub>
<b>Sampling Method</b>	Diffusion
<b>Response Time</b>	90% in 45 seconds
<b>Accuracy</b>	± 5% of reading or ± 2% of full scale (whichever is greater)

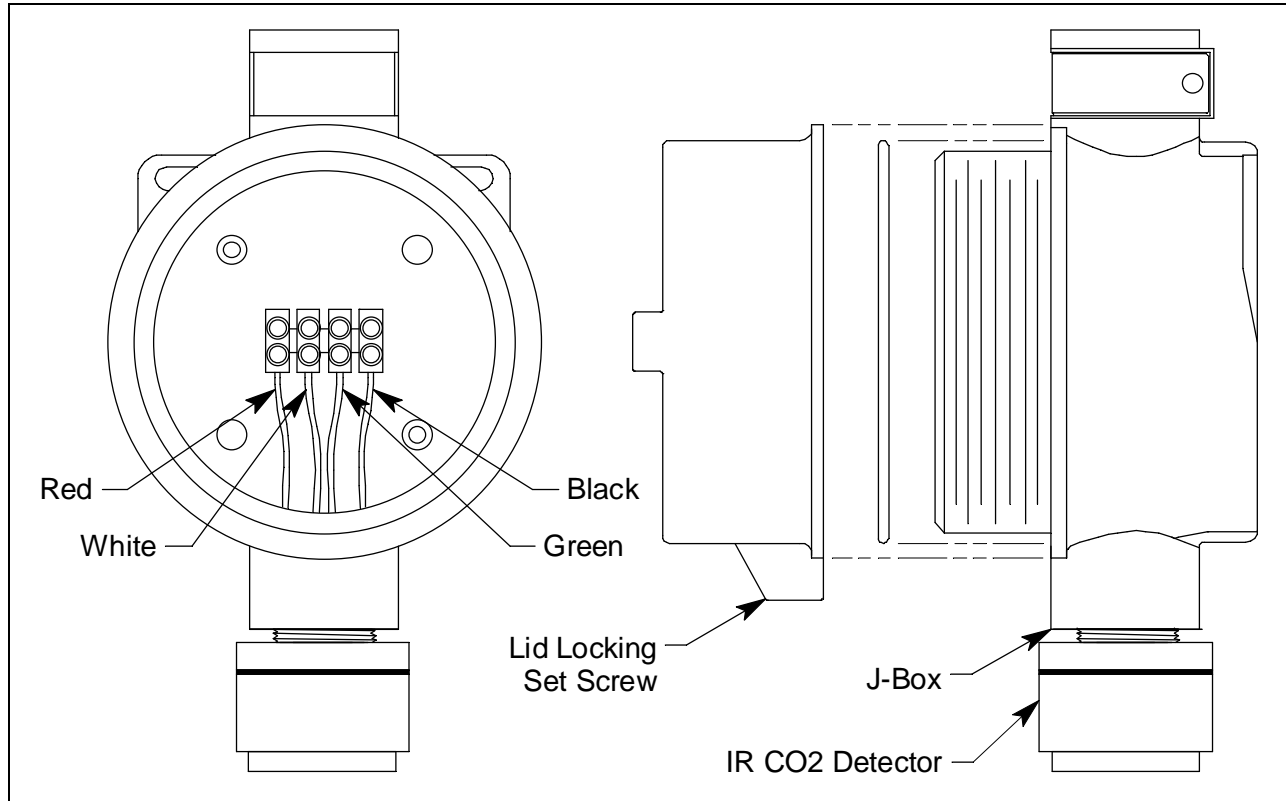
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**WARNING:** *When using the 61-1007RKSS, you must follow the instructions and warnings in this manual to assure proper and safe operation of the 61-1007RKSS and to minimize the risk of personal injury. Be sure to maintain and periodically calibrate the 61-1007RKSS as described in this manual.*

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## Description

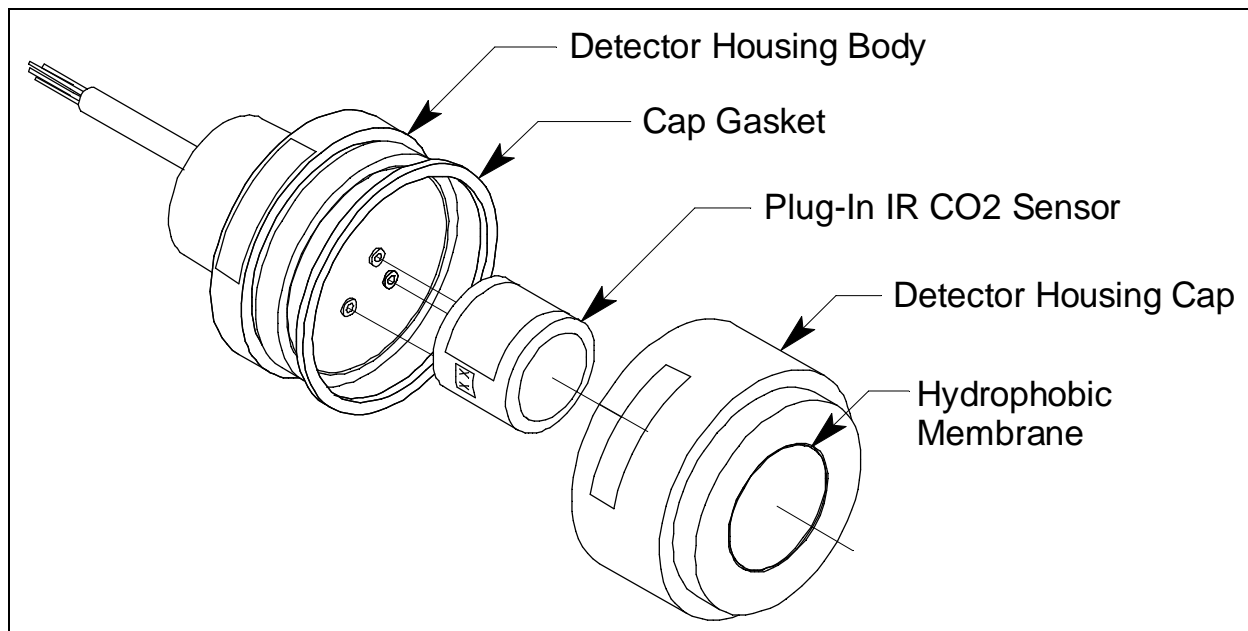
The detector is an infrared type of detector. This section describes the components of the 61-1007RKSS detector. The 61-1007RKSS includes the detector and a junction box. A four point terminal strip is provided inside the junction box for detector connections.



**Figure 1: 61-1007RKSS Component Location**

## Infrared CO<sub>2</sub> Detector

The CO<sub>2</sub> detector consists of the detector housing body, detector housing cap, cap gasket, and the plug-in sensor.



**Figure 2: CO<sub>2</sub> Detector Component Location**

### ***Detector Housing Body***

The detector housing body protects the electronic components within the housing. Use the mounting threads at the top of the housing to screw the CO<sub>2</sub> detector into the 3/4 NPT hub on the bottom of the junction box. Four color coded leads, red, white, green, and black, extend from the other end of the detector. The leads allow you to connect the detector to the controller.

The housing includes three sockets installed on a circuit board. These sockets accept the plug-in sensor's three pins to provide an electrical connection for the sensor. The circuit board with the sockets conditions the sensor's signal before the signal reaches the controller.

### ***Housing Cap & Cap Gasket***

The housing cap screws onto the detector housing. It retains the plug-in sensor and protects it from damage. A foam gasket is installed inside the housing cap that seals against the sensor face. A hydrophobic membrane on the outside of the cap face keeps water and particulates away from the sensor face behind the cap. Unscrew the detector cap to access the plug-in sensor for maintenance or replacement. A cap gasket seals the interface between the housing and cap.

### ***Plug-In CO<sub>2</sub> Sensor***

The plug-in sensor is secured in the detector assembly by the housing cap. The sensor produces a millivolt output that corresponds to the detection range of the detector.

## **Junction Box**

The stainless steel, corrosion resistant junction box allows you to install the detector at a mounting site that is remote from a controller, and it protects the detector wiring connections. Two conduit hubs allow you to mount the detector to the junction box and connect the wiring from the detector to a

controller. An O-ring seals the interface between the junction box cover and the junction box base.

The terminal block within the junction box facilitates the wiring process. A cover on the front of the junction box allows access to the interior of the junction box. A locking set screw on the junction box cover allows you to secure the junction box cover and prevent it from being removed.

## Installation

This section describes procedures to mount the CO<sub>2</sub> detector in the monitoring environment and wire it to a controller.

### Mounting the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector

1. Select a mounting site that is representative of the monitoring environment. Consider the following when you select the mounting site.
  - Select a site where the detector is not likely to be bumped or disturbed. Make sure there is sufficient room to perform start-up, maintenance, and calibration procedures.
  - Select a site where the target gas is likely to be found first.
  - Select a site that minimizes the possibility of someone breathing on the detector. The exhaled CO<sub>2</sub> may cause an alarm.

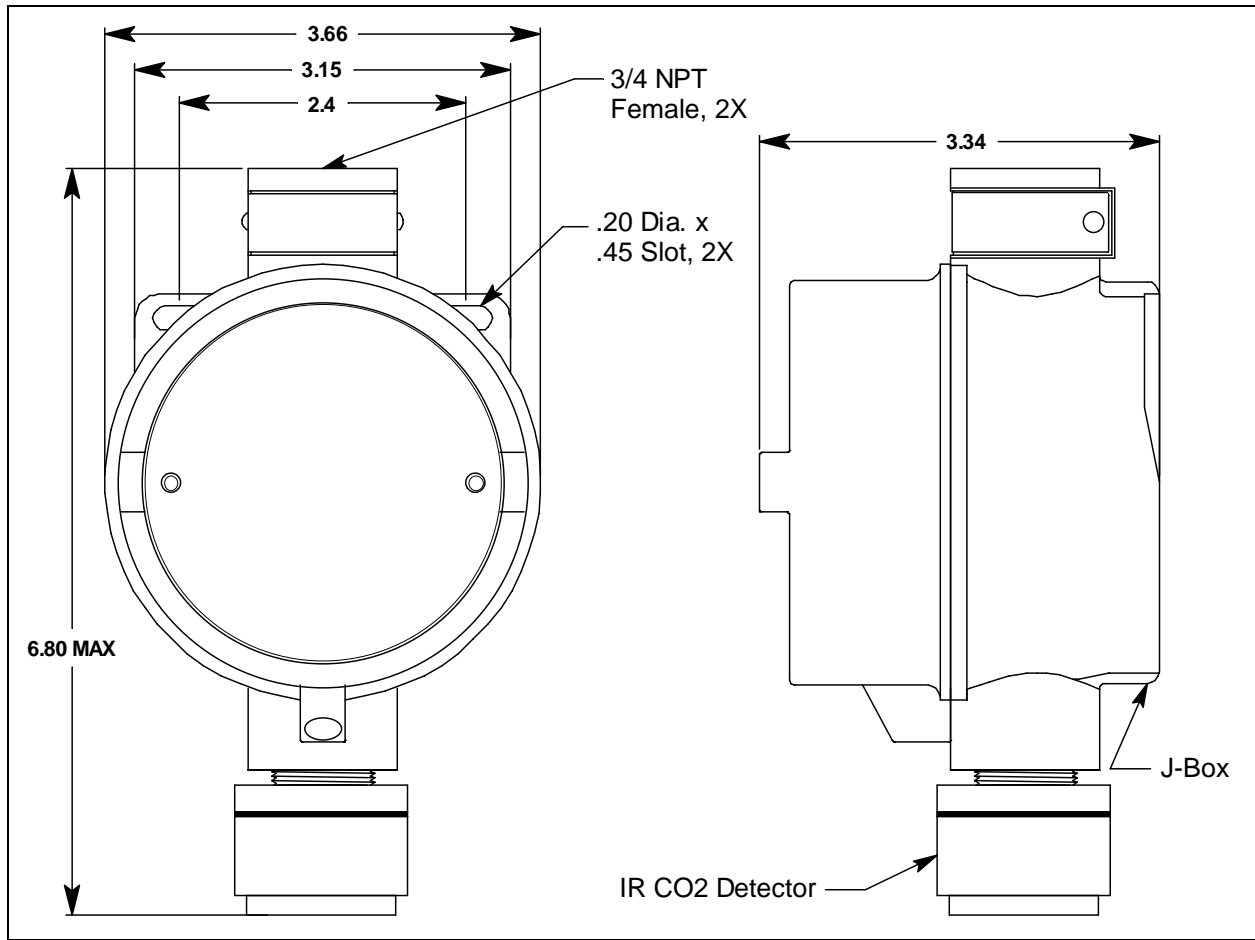


Figure 3: Outline and Mounting Dimensions



2. At the mounting site you select, hang or mount the junction box with the detector facing down (see Figure 3).

## **Wiring the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector to a Controller**

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**WARNING:** *Always verify that the power to the controller is off before you make wiring connections.*

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1. Turn off the controller.
2. Turn off or unplug power to the controller.
3. Remove the cover from the junction box.
4. Guide a four-conductor, shielded cable or four wires in conduit through the top conduit hub of the junction box. Use appropriate conduit fittings and construction technique for the environmental rating of the junction box. The junction box is rated NEMA 4X.
5. Connect the wires to the terminals opposite the detector leads.

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**CAUTION:** *Leave the shield drain wire insulated and disconnected at the 61-1007RKSS. You will connect the opposite end of the cable's drain wire at the controller.*

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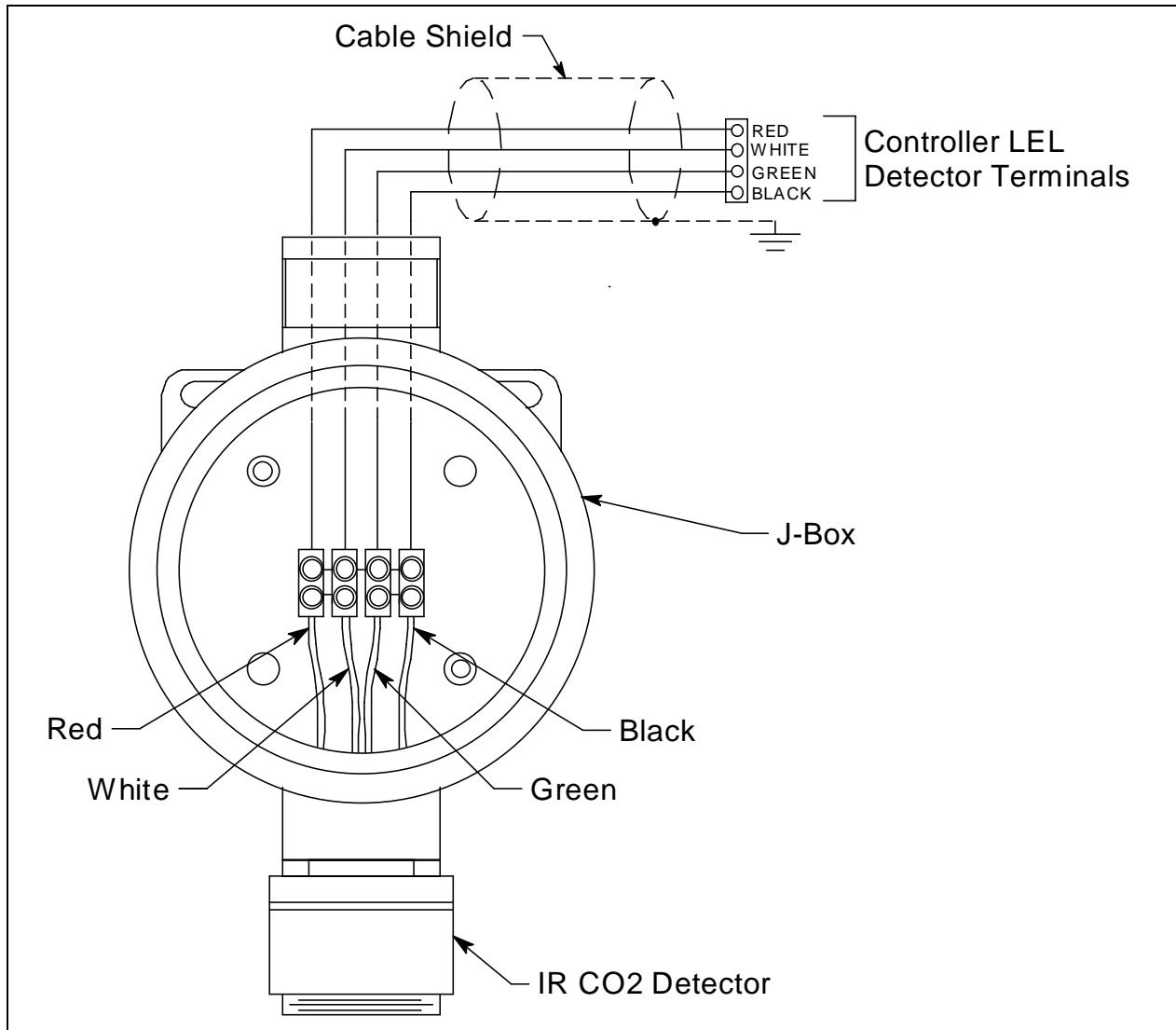
6. Secure the junction box cover to the junction box.
7. Route the cable or wires in conduit leading from the detector through one of the conduit hubs at the controller. Use appropriate conduit fittings and construction technique for the environmental rating of the controller. RKI controllers are typically rated NEMA 4X, are not explosion-proof, and must be installed in a non-hazardous location.

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**CAUTION:** *Do not route power and detector wiring through the same conduit hub. The power cable may disrupt the transmission of the detector signal to the controller.*

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8. Connect the wires to the applicable controller terminal strip. See the controller operator's manual and the controller's detector head specification sheet for the 61-1007RKSS detector.



**Figure 4: Wiring the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector to a Controller**

9. If using shielded cable, connect the cable's drain wire to an available chassis ground at the controller. RKI controllers typically have a ground stud that is a convenient grounding location.

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## Start Up

This section describes procedures to start up the CO<sub>2</sub> detector and place the detector into normal operation.

### Introducing Incoming Power

1. Complete the installation procedures described earlier in this manual.
2. Verify that the power wiring to the controller is correct and secure. Refer to the controller operator's manual.
3. Turn on or plug in power to the controller, then turn on the controller.
4. Verify that the controller is on and operating properly. Refer to the controller operator's manual.

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**CAUTION:** Allow the detector to warm up for 5 minutes before you continue with the next section, "Setting the Zero Signal".

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### Setting the Zero Signal

Since there is a background of CO<sub>2</sub> in air of typically 300 - 600 ppm (0.03 - 0.06% volume), it is necessary to use a calibration kit with a CO<sub>2</sub> free gas to set the zero signal of a low range CO<sub>2</sub> detector. Fresh air can be used to zero the detector if a 0-20% volume, 0-50% volume, or 0-100% volume detector is being used.

The procedure below describes applying 100% nitrogen to the detector using a calibration kit that includes a calibration cup, a calibration cylinder of 100% nitrogen, sample tubing, and a 0.5 LPM (liters per minute) fixed flow regulator with an on/off knob.

1. Screw the calibration cup onto the bottom of the CO<sub>2</sub> detector.
2. Screw the regulator into the 100% nitrogen calibration cylinder.
3. Use the sample tubing to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.
4. Turn the regulator's on/off knob counterclockwise to open it. Gas will begin to flow.
5. Allow the gas to flow for one minute.
6. Verify a reading of 0% CO<sub>2</sub> or 0 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> depending on the detector you are calibrating at the controller.

If the display reading is 0, the CO<sub>2</sub> detector is in normal operation and start up is complete. Proceed to step 7 to disassemble the calibration kit.

If the display reading is not 0, turn the regulator's on/off knob clockwise to close it, then proceed to "Setting the Zero Reading" on page 16 to set the zero reading.

7. Turn the regulator's on/off knob clockwise to close it.
8. Unscrew the cylinder from the regulator and remove the sample tubing from the regulator.
9. Remove the calibration cup from the detector. You may leave the sample tubing connected to the calibration cup for convenience.
10. Store the components of the calibration kit in a safe and convenient place.

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## Maintenance

This section describes maintenance procedures. It includes preventive maintenance, troubleshooting, and component replacement procedures.

### Preventive Maintenance

This section describes a preventive maintenance schedule to ensure the optimum performance of the CO<sub>2</sub> detector. It includes daily and biannual procedures.

#### *Daily*

Verify a display reading at the controller of the background concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>. Typical background concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> vary from about 300 to 600 ppm (0.03 to 0.06% volume) depending on location. The 0-5,000 ppm, 0-9,000 ppm, and 0-5% volume detectors will display a reading in a fresh air environment because they have low ranges. The 0-20% volume, 0-50% volume, and 0-100% volume detectors will not display a reading in fresh air because their ranges are too large. Investigate significant changes in the display reading.

#### *Biannually*

Calibrate the CO<sub>2</sub> detector every six months as described in “Calibration” on page 15.

### Troubleshooting

The troubleshooting guide describes symptoms, probable causes, and recommended action for problems you may encounter with the CO<sub>2</sub> detector.

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**NOTE:** This troubleshooting guide describes detector problems only. See the controller operator’s manual for problems you may encounter with the controller.

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**Table 2: Troubleshooting the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector**

Condition	Symptom(s)	Probable Causes	Recommended Action
Fail Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Controller indicates a fail condition.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The detector wiring is disconnected or misconnected.</li><li>The plug-in sensor is not properly plugged into the three-socket pattern in the detector housing body.</li><li>The detector zero signal is low enough to cause a fail condition.</li><li>The detector is malfunctioning.</li></ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Verify that the detector wiring is correct and secure.</li><li>Confirm that the plug-in sensor is installed properly.</li><li>Calibrate the detector.</li><li>If the fail condition continues, replace the detector.</li><li>If the fail condition continues, contact RKI for further instruction.</li></ol>

**Table 2: Troubleshooting the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector (Continued)**

Condition	Symptom(s)	Probable Causes	Recommended Action
Slow or No Response/ Difficult or Unable to Calibrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unable to accurately set the zero or response reading during calibration.</li> <li>• Detector requires frequent calibration.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Under “normal” circumstances, the detector requires calibration once every six months. Some applications may require a more frequent calibration schedule.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The calibration cylinder is low, out-dated, or defective.</li> <li>• The regulator flow rate is not 0.5 LPM.</li> <li>• The detector is malfunctioning.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verify that the calibration cylinder contains an adequate supply of a fresh test sample.</li> <li>2. Confirm that the regulator being used is a 0.5 LPM regulator.</li> <li>3. If the calibration/response difficulties continue, replace the detector.</li> <li>4. If the calibration/response difficulties continue, contact RKI for further instruction.</li> </ol>

### **Replacing Components of the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector**

This section includes a procedure to replace the hydrophobic membrane, a procedure to replace the plug-in IR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor, and a procedure to replace the entire CO<sub>2</sub> detector assembly. In most cases, it is not necessary to replace the entire detector assembly.

#### ***Replacing the Hydrophobic Membrane***

1. Turn off the controller.
2. Turn off or unplug incoming power to the controller.
3. Unscrew the detector housing cap from the detector housing body.
4. Gently pry up the edge of the white hydrophobic membrane with a small flat blade screwdriver or a similar tool.
5. Peel off the hydrophobic membrane. It may be necessary to clean off the detector housing cap face to remove any residue left from the adhesive backed membrane.
6. Install the new membrane in the recess on the face of the detector housing cap.
7. Make sure the cap gasket is in place and screw the detector housing cap back onto the detector housing body.
8. Turn on the power to the controller.
9. Turn on the controller and place it into normal operation.

## **Replacing the Plug-In CO<sub>2</sub> Sensor**

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**CAUTION:** *The plug-in sensor contains electrolyte which is a dilute acid. Do not disassemble the sensor when replacing it with a new one. If sensor electrolyte comes in contact with your skin, wash affected area thoroughly with soap and water.*

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1. Turn off the controller.
  2. Turn off or unplug power to the controller.
  3. Unscrew the detector housing cap from the detector housing body. Make sure not to lose the cap gasket.
  4. Unplug and remove the plug-in IR CO<sub>2</sub> sensor.
  5. Carefully plug the replacement sensor into the socket pattern that is located in the detector housing.
  6. Make sure the cap gasket is in place and screw the detector housing cap back onto the detector housing body.
  7. Turn on power to the controller.
  8. Turn on the controller and place it into normal operation.
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**CAUTION:** *Allow the replacement sensor to warm up for 5 minutes before you continue with the next step.*

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9. Calibrate the detector as described in “Calibration” on page 15.

## **Replacing the CO<sub>2</sub> Detector**

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**NOTE:** In most cases it is only necessary to replace the IR CO<sub>2</sub> plug-in sensor.

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1. Turn off the controller.
2. Turn off power to the controller.
3. Remove the junction box cover.
4. Disconnect the detector leads from the terminal block in the junction box. Note the position of the color-coded leads as you remove them.
5. Unscrew the detector from the junction box conduit hub.
6. Guide the detector leads of the replacement detector through the junction box conduit hub, then screw the mounting threads of the detector into the hub. If necessary for environmental conditions, apply thread sealant or Teflon tape to the hub and/or detector threads to seal them.
7. Connect the detector leads to the terminal block the same way the old detector was wired (see Figure 4 on page 10). See the controller operator’s manual and the controller’s detector head specification sheet for the 61-1007RKSS detector to verify the connections to the controller are correct.
8. Reinstall the junction box cover.
9. Turn on or plug in power to the controller.

10. Turn on the controller.
11. Calibrate the replacement detector as described in “Calibration” on page 15.

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## Calibration Frequency

Although there is no particular calibration frequency that is correct for all applications, a calibration frequency of every 6 months is adequate for most infrared CO<sub>2</sub> detector applications. Unless experience in a particular application dictates otherwise, RKI Instruments, Inc. recommends a calibration frequency of every 6 months for the infrared CO<sub>2</sub> detector.

If an application is not very demanding, for example detection in a clean, temperature controlled environment where CO<sub>2</sub> is not normally present, and calibration adjustments are minimal at calibration, then a calibration frequency of every 9 to 12 months is adequate.

If an application is very demanding, for example if the environment is not well controlled, then more frequent calibration than every 6 months may be necessary.

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## Calibration

This section describes how to calibrate the CO<sub>2</sub> detector. It includes procedures to prepare for calibration, set the zero reading, set the response reading, and return to normal operation.

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***WARNING: The controller is not an active gas monitoring device during the calibration procedure.***

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The following procedure assumes the use of a calibration kit which includes a 100% nitrogen calibration gas cylinder for setting the zero reading, a CO<sub>2</sub> calibration gas cylinder for setting the response reading, a 0.5 LPM fixed flow regulator with an on/off knob, a calibration cup for the detector, and a short piece of sample tubing to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.

### Preparing For Calibration

1. Screw the calibration cup onto the detector.
2. Use the sample tubing to connect the regulator to the calibration cup.
3. Place the controller into its calibration program or disable external alarms.

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**NOTE:** Calibrating the CO<sub>2</sub> detector may cause alarms. Be sure to put the controller into its calibration program or disable external alarms before continuing.

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## Setting the Zero Reading

Since there is a background of CO<sub>2</sub> in air of typically 300 - 600 ppm (0.03 - 0.06% volume), it is necessary to use a calibration kit with a CO<sub>2</sub> free gas to set the zero signal of a low range CO<sub>2</sub> detector. Fresh air can be used to zero the detector if a 0-20% volume, 0-50% volume or 0-100% volume detector is being used.

1. Follow the directions in the controller's operator's manual for setting the zero reading (sometimes called the fresh air reading).
2. When the directions call for exposing the detector to zeroing gas, screw the regulator into the cylinder, turn the on/off knob counterclockwise to open the regulator, and allow the gas to flow to the detector for 1 minute.
3. Turn the regulator's on/off knob clockwise to close the regulator.
4. Set the zero reading according to the controller's operator's manual.
5. Unscrew the 100% nitrogen cylinder from the regulator.

## Setting the Response Reading

1. Follow the directions in the controller's operator's manual for setting the response reading (span).
2. When the directions call for exposing the detector to calibration gas, screw the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder onto the regulator, turn the on/off knob counterclockwise to open the regulator, and allow the gas to flow to the detector for 1 minute.
3. Turn the regulator's on/off knob clockwise to close the regulator.
4. Set the response reading according to the controller's operator's manual.
5. Unscrew the CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder from the regulator.

## Returning to Normal Operation

1. Remove the sample tubing from the regulator.
2. Remove the calibration cup from the detector. Leave the sample tubing connected to the calibration cup for convenience.
3. Allow the reading at the controller to decrease below the alarm points before returning the controller to normal operation or enabling external alarms.

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**NOTE:** If you do not allow the gas reading to decrease below the alarm points, then unwanted alarms may occur.

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4. Verify that the controller display reading decreases and stabilizes at a typical background CO<sub>2</sub> level. The 0-5,000 ppm, 0-9,000 ppm, and 0-5% volume detectors will display a reading in a fresh air environment because they have low ranges. The 0-20% volume, 0-50% volume, and 0-100% volume detectors will not display a reading in fresh air because their ranges are too large.
5. Store the components of the calibration kit in a safe and convenient place.



## Parts List

Table 3 lists replacement parts and accessories for the 61-1007RKSS CO<sub>2</sub> detector.

**Table 3: Parts List**

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
07-7151RK	O-ring for stainless steel junction box
10-5153RK	Lid locking set screw
18-0416RK-11	Junction box with cover, stainless steel
33-0157RK	Hydrophobic disk membrane for detector cap
61-0198RK-01	Infrared CO <sub>2</sub> detector, 0 - 9,000 ppm
61-0198RK-02	Infrared CO <sub>2</sub> detector, 0 - 5,000 ppm
61-0198RK-03	Infrared CO <sub>2</sub> detector, 0 - 5% Volume
61-0198RK-04	Infrared CO <sub>2</sub> detector, 0 - 20% Volume
61-0198RK-05	Infrared CO <sub>2</sub> detector, 0 - 50% Volume
61-0198RK-10	Infrared CO <sub>2</sub> detector, 0 - 100% Volume
61-5040RK-01	CO <sub>2</sub> replacement plug-in sensor, 0 - 9,000 ppm
61-5040RK-02	CO <sub>2</sub> replacement plug-in sensor, 0 - 5,000 ppm
61-5040RK-03	CO <sub>2</sub> replacement plug-in sensor, 0 - 5% Volume
61-5040RK-04	CO <sub>2</sub> replacement plug-in sensor, 0 - 20% Volume
61-5040RK-05	CO <sub>2</sub> replacement plug-in sensor, 0 - 50% Volume
61-5040RK-10	CO <sub>2</sub> replacement plug-in sensor, 0 - 100% Volume
71-0297RK	<i>61-1007RKSS CO<sub>2</sub> Detector Operator's Manual (this document)</i>
81-0070RK-01	Calibration cylinder, 2,000 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> in nitrogen, 34 liter steel
81-0071RK-01	Calibration cylinder, 5,000 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> in nitrogen, 34 liter steel
81-0071RK-03	Calibration cylinder, 5,000 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> in nitrogen, 34 liter steel
81-0072RK-01	Calibration cylinder, 2.5% CO <sub>2</sub> in nitrogen, 34 liter steel
81-0073RK-01	Calibration cylinder, 15% CO <sub>2</sub> in nitrogen, 34 liter steel
81-0078RK-01	Calibration cylinder, 100% nitrogen, 34 liter steel

**Table 3: Parts List**

<b>Part Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
81-1050RK	Regulator, with gauge and knob, 0.5 liter/minute continuous flow, for 17 liter and 34 liter steel calibration cylinders (cylinders with external threads)
81-1051RK	Regulator, with gauge and knob, 0.5 liter/minute continuous flow, for 34 liter aluminum/58 liter/103 liter calibration cylinders (cylinders with internal threads)
81-1117RK	Calibration cup
81-F403RK-LV	Calibration kit, 2.5% CO <sub>2</sub> , 34 liter
81-F404RK-LV	Calibration kit, 2,000 ppm CO <sub>2</sub> , 34 liter