

Data Sheet	<b>Analyzer Products</b>	2101164DSAA
Btu Systems	<b>NGC 8206 Natural Gas Chromatograph</b>	

## BENEFITS

The NGC (Natural Gas Chromatograph) provides for on-site gas analysis and heating value computation where conventional chromatograph technology has not been practical or affordable. This truly "transmitter-like" GC takes up no more room on the pipeline than most multivariable transmitters. The fast analysis cycle and automatic setup features make installation and maintenance unusually easy. The state-of-the-art built in 32 bit digital controller, the dual electronic carrier pressure regulators, oven mounted sensors, and other low noise electronics provide unparalleled sensitivity and months between calibrations.

- New design, more compact, more reliable, more precise
- Custody transfer/metrology quality GC for heating value and composition
- Lower Cost to buy, install and operate

## STANDARD FEATURES



- Modular Design includes:
  - Modular software- Application based plug in software modules
  - Manifold Module (internal tubing now replaced by manifold)
  - Sample Conditioning Systems
  - Analysis Section contains Stream selection solenoids, pressure regulation, fully digital detector electronics and a dual-train chromatograph in a single, replaceable module
  - 32 bit digital, low power controlling electronics, using Windows CE (internal to GC unit)
- Optional On board digital 1/4 VGA display with multiple screen access
- Microsoft® Windows® 95, 98, 2000, or XP based man-machine interface software
- Lithium battery-backed RAM
- Two remote serial digital communications ports; one local port
- Optional USB (Host and Client) and Ethernet ports.
- Comprehensive diagnostics and wizards available to users
- Three-level security code for user access control
- Audit-quality historical data; date and time stamped
- Auto-start cycle automatically:
  - Stabilizes oven temperature
  - Confirms modules' functions
  - Sets valve operation times
  - Locates natural gas components (Future)
  - Sets carrier gas pressures
  - Gates Natural Gas components
  - Validates/calibrates
  - Returns to pipeline streams
- Operational alarms available with each analysis cycle.
- Detectors –constant temperature, glass encapsulated thermister beads for rugged service and long life. Will not burn out on loss of carrier.
- Dual 10 port valves have no moving metal parts.
- Low utility usage – low power, carrier, no instrument air required
- On demand or scheduled automatic calibration

## DESCRIPTION

A natural gas sample is extracted from a flowing pipeline, transported to the analyzer, processed for particle removal and phase integrity, injected onto the chromatographic columns where component separation and then peak detection occurs.

The NGC 8206 analyzes each sample utilizing established chromatographic techniques. The resulting information consists of mole percent values for the following:

"Air" (Contains N2, CO and O2)  
 C1 CO2 C2 C3 IC4 NC4  
 NeoC5 IC5 NC5 C6+

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Using process chromatographic techniques, the columns are back flushed so that the NGC 8206 measures a C6+ peak. Users may input the results of a comprehensive lab analysis that reflects the split or ratio of C6 through C10 components. This ratio can be used in subsequent analysis and energy calculations.

Calculated values include:

- Gas compressibility per AGA 8
- Real Relative Density (Specific Gravity)
- Btu/CV Value
- GPM (gallons of liquid per thousand cubic feet)
- Wobbe Index
- Optional Calculations can include: AGA 10 speed of sound, (Hydrocarbon Dew Point, Vapor Pressure: to be developed)

The portioned sample is then vented with the carrier gas and results are stored in memory and communicated to other devices as needed. All of these values as well as composition are available on various modbus communication protocols.

## INSTALLATION

The NGC 8206 is a weatherproof device designed for installation "on the pipe" near to the sampling point. This means it is acceptable to mount outside - in a temperature range of 0°F to 130°F (-18°C to 54°C), onto a pipeline with 2" to 12" pipe sizes or with an optional pole mount configuration. A cold weather enclosure is also available if ambient conditions are below either the sampled gas dew point or the operational specifications of the unit.

## SAMPLE SYSTEM

The integral stream selector for the NGC 8206 allows sampling up to three (3) different natural gas streams. An additional sample stream designated as the "calibration/validation sample" is also provided. Optional sample conditioning modules are available to address natural gas streams that need additional filtering and "speed loops" to reduce sample transport lag times.

## SAMPLE PROBE

Totalflow recommends the use of a sample probe to obtain a representative sample from of the flowing gas stream. Two brands of optional sample probes are available from Totalflow and are specifically designed to require no power and avoid sample probe regulator icing. An electrically heated probe is also available.

## OPERATOR INTERFACE

Functional setup and operation of the NGC 8206 is accomplished by using a graphical user's interface software package called PCCU 32 (supplied with each unit) operating on a Laptop PC in a Microsoft® Windows® 95, 98, 2000, or XP environment. The "Windows®" utilities, combined with software designed specifically for the NGC 8206, provide a powerful tool for operations, diagnostics, and downstream data handling. The PC can be directly connected to the NGC 8206 via an RS-232 serial interface cable, or indirectly by remote telemetry (phone modem, radio, cell phone, satellite, etc.). The user is prompted through push-buttons, drop-down boxes, wizards, and dialog boxes for setup, operations, data collection and monitoring.

In addition the unit has an optional ¼ VGA interactive display screen allowing the user access to basic analysis data. The user can also accomplish most of the "operator" functions from the front panel display with out the use of a laptop PC. The "Run-Hold-Calibrate" functions can be done via a magnet interface through the explosion proof glass in the display.

## MAINTENANCE

The NGC 8206 was designed from the ground up to be maintained by personnel with little or no prior knowledge of Gas Chromatography. Both hardware and software are designed to provide low maintenance through easily replaceable electro-mechanical modules such as:

- NGC Termination Panel;
- NGC Analytical Module, An easily removable Chromatograph subassembly, containing; NGC Manifold, Stream Selector Solenoid Valves, NGC Chrom Module, Dual Electronic Carrier Pressure Regulator Valves, Chromatograph Pilot Valve, and the NGC Analytical Processor.
- NGC Feed-Through

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- Sample Conditioning Module (SCM)
- NGC Controller, (32 bit Processor)
- NGC ¼ VGA Display (Optional)

Other Maintenance Support Features:

- Intuitive Microsoft® Windows® 95, 98, 2000, or XP Local Operator Interface (PCCU 32)
- Diagnostic software and wizards for maintenance
- Diagnostic file output system for e-mail support (future)
- Digitized detector output (chromatogram) to the PCCU 32
- Remote or local operation of PCCU 32
- Quick Start guide, Start up manual and Start up video (future)

## HISTORICAL DATA

The NGC 8206 is designed to retain historical data. This data can be used for custody transfer needs, verify transmitter operation over time, and provide a limited data backup for communication link reliability.

The user is allowed to configure the period of the data retained by the NGC 8206 via the Operator Interface.

The default\* memory configuration provides the most recent 480 Analysis Cycles containing:

- Normalized components
- UN-normalized components
- Ideal Btu/CV
- Real Btu (wet and dry) / CV (superior and inferior)
- Relative Density (Specific Gravity)
- Density
- GPM
- Wobbe index
- Alarms

Stream Averages for the (default\*) 840 last hour, 35 last days and the most recent last month analyses

Operational Parameters for the (default\*) last 480 cycles (Diagnostics Report):

- Selected peak times
- Selected peak areas
- Ideal Btu/CV
- Carrier regulator pressure
- Oven temperature
- Ambient temperature
- Sample pressure
- Detector noise values
- Detector balance values

Audit logs (Default\*)

- Last 480 alarms
- Last 480 events

Data retained by the NGC 8206 can be collected via a remote communication link or by the Laptop PC local operator interface PCCU 32.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- Designed for Pipeline-Quality Natural Gas. 800 to 1500 Btu per standard cubic foot (29.8 to 55.9 megajoules/meter<sup>3</sup>)<sup>1</sup> with less than 100 PPM H<sub>2</sub>S
- Calculations Per: GPA 2172-96 (Z by AGA 8 or single virial summation) and 2145-03, ASTM D 3588, ISO 6976-95, GOST or ISO mass
- Carrier Gas: Helium (consumption rate <20 ml/minute during analysis cycle)
- Analysis Time: Approximately five (5) minutes; interval between cycles is user adjustable up to 500 minutes.
- Repeatability: ±0.125 Btu @ 1,000 Btu (±0.0125%) at ambient; and ±0.25 Btu @ 1,000 Btu (±0.025%) over temperature range of 0 to 131 deg. F (-18 to 55 Deg. C)
- Temperature Range (Reliable Operation): -20 to 131 Deg. F (-29 to 55 Deg. C)  
*Note: -20 Deg F (-29 Deg C) operation requires gas hydrocarbon dew point to be below -20 Deg F (-29 Deg C)*

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- Temperature Range (Reliable Operation): -20 to 131 Deg. F (-29 to 55 deg. C)<sup>1</sup>  
Note: Hydrocarbon Dew Point of the gas must not be above -20 deg. F
- Temperature Range (Storage): -22°F to +140°F (-30°C to 60°C)
- Supply Voltage = 10.5 to 16 volts DC (Future applications 16 to 28 VDC as an option)
- Power Consumption (Normal operation @ 0 deg. F -18 Deg. C) = 7 Watts;
- Start up: less than 3 amps (45 Watts @ 15 VDC)
- Meet or exceeds GPA 2261-99 for Linearity
- Option for up to Three (3) sample streams
- Up to 2 auto-calibrate/validation streams.
- Hazardous Area Certifications:
  - NEC & CEC Class I, Div. 1, Groups C and D, T6
  - ATEX CE 0344 II 2G : EEx d, IIB, T6; Class 1, Zone 1 (Certification Pending)
- EMC - EMI/RFI: (Certifications pending)
  - : CFR 47, Part 15
  - : EN 55022, EN 61000-6-1, EN 61000-4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-6, 4-8
  - : CISPR 22-2004
- Communications Supported:
  - RS-232; RS-422; or RS-485, two each, software selectable, and one dedicated RS-232 Man-Machine Interface
  - Optional USB hub (host and client) and Ethernet
- Protocols Supported:
  - Host computer interface ASCII (HCIA)
  - Modbus ASCII or RTU (Modicom, WordSwap, or Danalyzer)
  - DSFG (future)
  - PTB Printout (future)
- Dimensions: 6.75 " dia. x 16" long x 9.00" tall (17.1 cm x 40.6 cm x 22.9 cm)
- Weight: Approximately 28 lb. (12.7 Kg)
- Shipping Weight: 47 lb. (21.3 Kg).
- Weatherproof Construction: NEMA/Type-4/IP 56, (certification Pending) aluminum alloy with white polyester powder coating or aluminum lacquer.

## AVAILABLE ACCESSORIES

- 120/240 VAC to 12VDC GP and Exp power supplies
- Pole or pipeline mounting Kits
- Cold weather enclosure (also available in pipe mount configuration)
- Cold Weather "boot" (future)
- Modular Sample System Conditioner Options for
  - Non-pipeline quality natural gas sample
  - Sample transport lag-time needs
- Probes
  - Temperature compensating fixed
  - Temperature compensating retractable
  - Liquid rejection
  - Electrically heated, retractable
- Regulators (carrier and calibration blend)
- Start-up calibration/validation gas sample ( $\pm 2\%$  blend)
- Carrier Gas: 99.995% pure helium (chromatographic grade)
- Export crating
- Tool kit
- Welker liquid shut-offs
- Various maintenance kits
- Customer Factory Acceptance Test (FAT)

<sup>1</sup> This range can be extended beyond the stated limits. For more information, please contact your Totalflow sales engineer. For more information contact your local ABB Totalflow Sales office or visit

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