



## Smart Digital HiQDT MODBUS RTU DissolvedOxygen (DO) Sensors

**AST-DO-UNIVERSAL Rugged Industrial Dissolved Oxygen Smart Digital RS-485 MODBUS RTU Sensor for Inline Twist Lock Quick Disconnect, Immersion, Submersion, Sanitary & HOT-TAP Installations for Continuous Measurement in Tough Applications like Abrasive Slurries & High Turbidity**

The HiQDT smart digital sensors have integral industry standard RS-485 MODBUS RTU communications allowing them to be connected directly with a very wide array of devices thus ushering in a new era in industrial field measurement where the brand of data acquisition and control device is altogether decoupled from the manufacturer of the smart digital sensor giving true freedom of choice back to the customer to select their preferred vendors for each aspect of the continuous liquid analytical electrochemical analysis without any artificial restrictions.



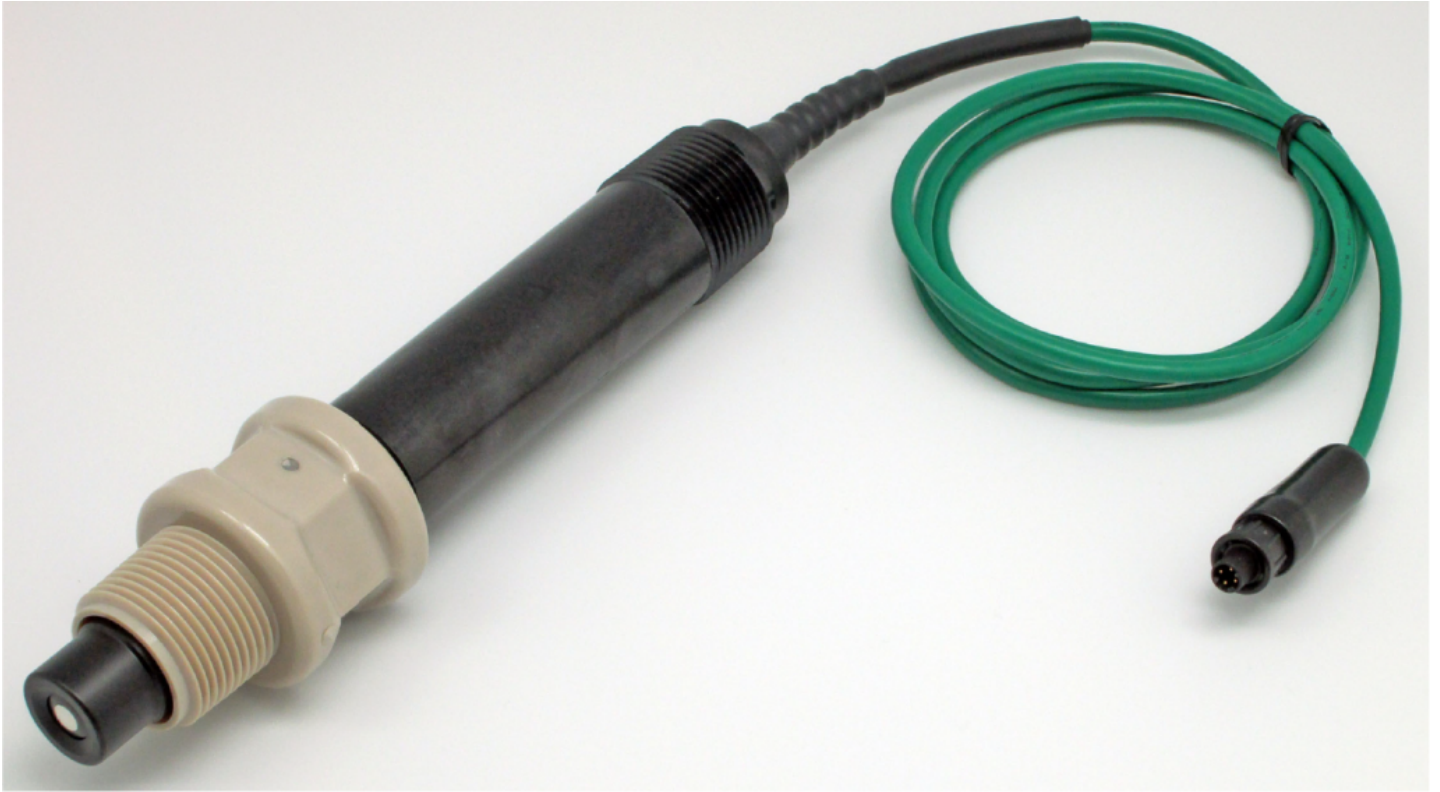
*Close-Up on galvanic DO measuring cell of dissolved oxygen sensor in convertible configuration in fully assembled state ready to use.*



*Disassembled galvanic DO measuring cell ready for rebuilding. Cathode & anode on front tip of sensor are shown to the bottom right. High stability thick membrane installed into cap is shown immediately above. Membrane & electrolyte solution are easily replaced in just minutes when required. There is a virtually unlimited sensor lifetime achieved with this rebuildable type galvanic DO cell ensuring a very low total cost of ownership.*







*AST-DO-UNIVERSAL-CONVERTIBLE-HiQDT-WPC Smart Digital HiQDT RS-485 MODBUS RTU dissolved oxygen sensor is ready for immediate field installation into  $\frac{3}{4}$ " FNPT process connection for inline use and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT immersion rod or standpipe for fully submersible use.*



*Portable battery powered Handheld Communicator (HHC) is a very fast and convenient method to perform the fully automated dry in air calibration for the HiQDT MODBUS RTU dissolved oxygen sensors. All user entered values such as the air pressure and salinity can be entered as well as other user adjustable parameters such as the dampener (time averaging smoothing function). In addition, the node of the attached sensor can be readily found with the convenient search feature. The node of the attached sensor can be modified as desired once the valid existing node is known.*

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## **AST-DO-UNIVERSAL-HIQDT SMART DIGITAL CONVERTIBLE INDUSTRIAL DISSOLVED OXYGEN (D.O.) SENSOR WITH MODBUS RTU COMMUNICATIONS**

# Special Features Highlighting Unique Technical Advantages:

## Unique Features highlighting technical advantages for industrial application use

- Thick-wall TEFLON membrane ensures very high stability, low-drift and high durability in aggressive industrial applications & minimizes frequency of membrane replacement
- No special maintenance needed. Just wipe the membrane periodically as required
- Galvanic dissolved oxygen cell with true zero means only slope (span) calibration is performed dry in air. No wet solution calibration is ever needed to simple field operation
- Membrane is easy to replace and electrolyte solution is simple to recharge allowing for extremely low ongoing cost of ownership and a theoretically unlimited service lifetime
- The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL D.O. sensor is not sensitive to presence of hydrogen sulfide gas
- Temperature compensation is built-in & performed automatically to ensure reliable readings

## Description of Most Important Common Core Features:

### Rugged Industrial DO Sensor for Tough Inline, Immersion & Submersible Installs

- Inline Insertion depth from 1.5 inches (standard) to 3.5 inches (special order option)
- Ready for inline or immersion use standard, submersible with waterproofing option
- Waterproofing seal option is available for complete cable isolation for fully submersible installations & applications employing field washdowns and/or moist & humid conditions
- Integral Pt1000 temperature element used to compute the percent (%) saturation values

## *Features for smart digital HiQDT MODBUS RTU configuration in addition to common core features:*

- Integral Smart Digital MODBUS RTU digital sensor board for low-noise operation and

long cable runs as well as portability of field calibrations and configurations for plug & play hot-swap

- Fully automated calibration including corrections for air pressure and ambient temperature
- Percent (%) Saturation computed with corrections for temperature, air pressure and salinity.
- Special Calibration Percent (%) Saturation excludes salinity correction for dry in air condition
- Waterproof & Corrosion-Resistant NEMA 6P Quick Disconnect HiQ4M Snap Connector
- Up to 1,000 meters (3,280 feet) total cable length using HiQ4F/HiQ4M snap extensions
- Smart Digital HiQDT MODBUS RTU configuration has 6 meters (20 feet) of cable standard, Max integral cable length 23 meters (75 feet) cable (longer lengths possible as special orders)
- Fully submersible up to max 15 meters (50 feet) without use of an immersion rod (standpipe)
- Min and Max temp in use plus time since last calibration analytics stored. The total time in use, sensor item number, sensor serial number including year and month of manufacture also stored integral to sensor to support remote troubleshooting with all data portable inside sensor.
- Modbus implementation guide gives details for programming PLC or data acquisition device

## Process Connections for Convertible Configuration:

$\frac{3}{4}$ " MNPT Front Threads for Screw-in Inline Use (1.5" Std to 3.5" Special Order Max insertion)

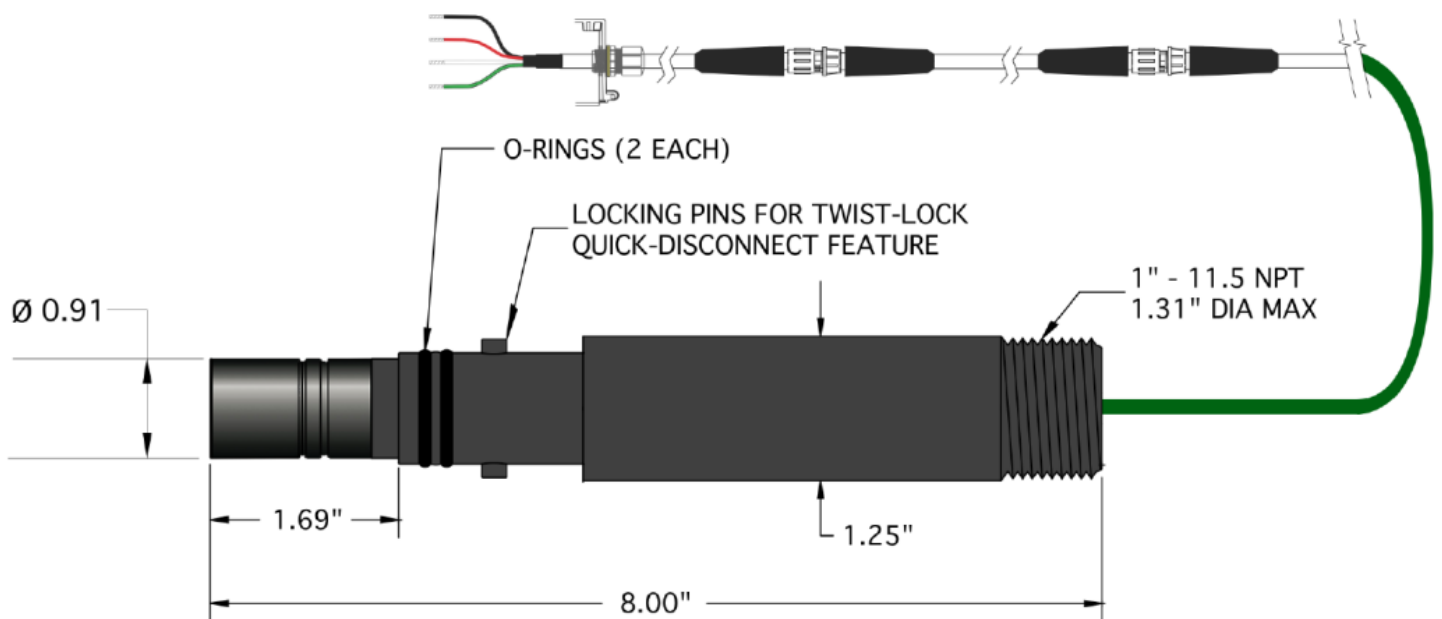
$\frac{3}{4}$ " MNPT Rear Threads for Immersion Use or Submersible with Waterproofing Option

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| General Sensor Specifications:                       |  |
| Operating Temperature Range:                         | -5 to +65 o C (+23 to +149 o F)  |
| Operating Pressure Range:                            | Up to 200 bar submersion pressure; Inquire to factory for installation recommendations |
| Sensor Body Material:<br>DO Measuring Cell Material: | RYTON® R-4-230BL (Poly-Phenylene-Sulfone, PPS)<br>DELRIN® (Polyoxymethylene, POM)      |

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| External Dimensional Details:      | See AST-D0-UNIVERSAL-HiQDT Smart Digital $\frac{3}{4}$ " - $\frac{3}{4}$ " MNPT MODBUS D.O. Sensor Drawing |
| Galvanic DO Sensor Specifications: |  |
| Measurement D.O. Range:            | 0.00 to 150.00 ppm and Percent Saturation from 0.0 to 1,500.0 % (0.01ppm & 0.1% Resolution)                |
| Response Time:                     | Typically 10 to 20 seconds near ambient (response time is temperature dependent)                           |
| Resolution:                        | 1% saturation absolute   |
| Repeatability:                     | Typically $\pm 1\%$ of actual measurement under the exact same conditions                                  |

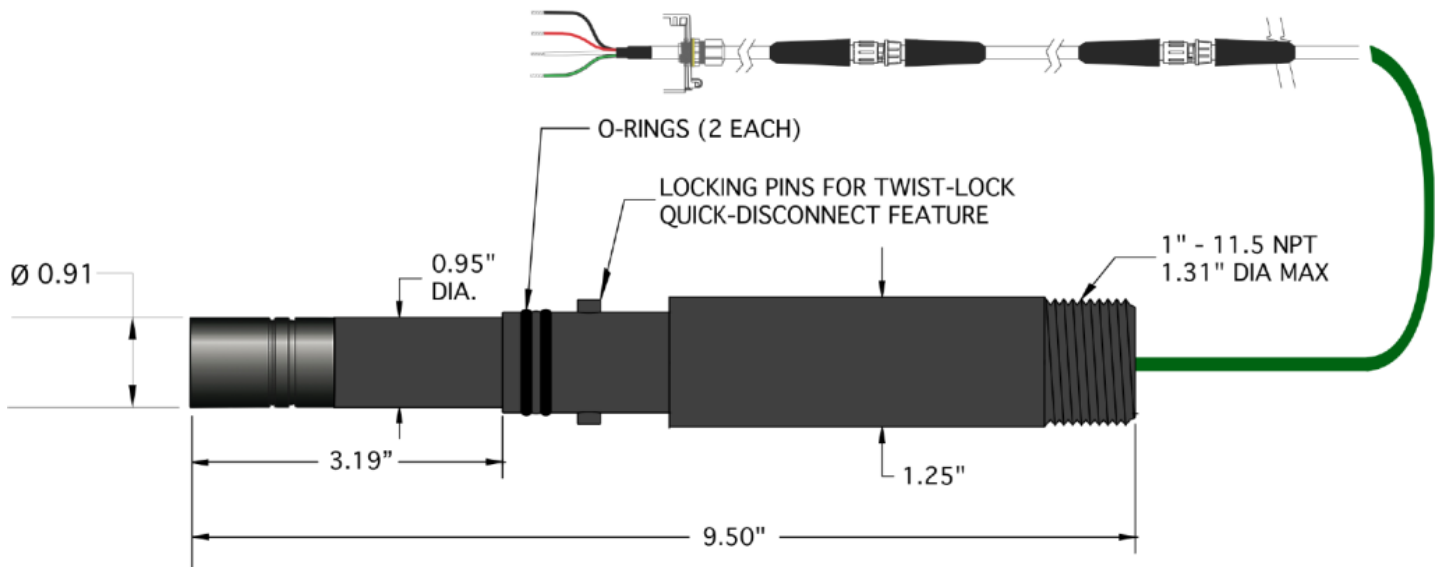
## Twist Lock Quick Disconnect Bayonet Inline Installation Style Option

The AST-D0-UNIVERSAL-TWISTLOCK style is available with twist lock quick disconnect bayonet 1" MNPT receptacle for inline installations that require frequent removal from the process for cleaning. See drawings below for dimensions.



*Drawing shown above in the standard inch insertion depth of 0.70 inches past start of 1" MNPT threads on twist lock receptacle.*





*Drawing shown above in the extended inch insertion depth of 2.20 inches past start of 1" MNPT threads on twist lock receptacle.*

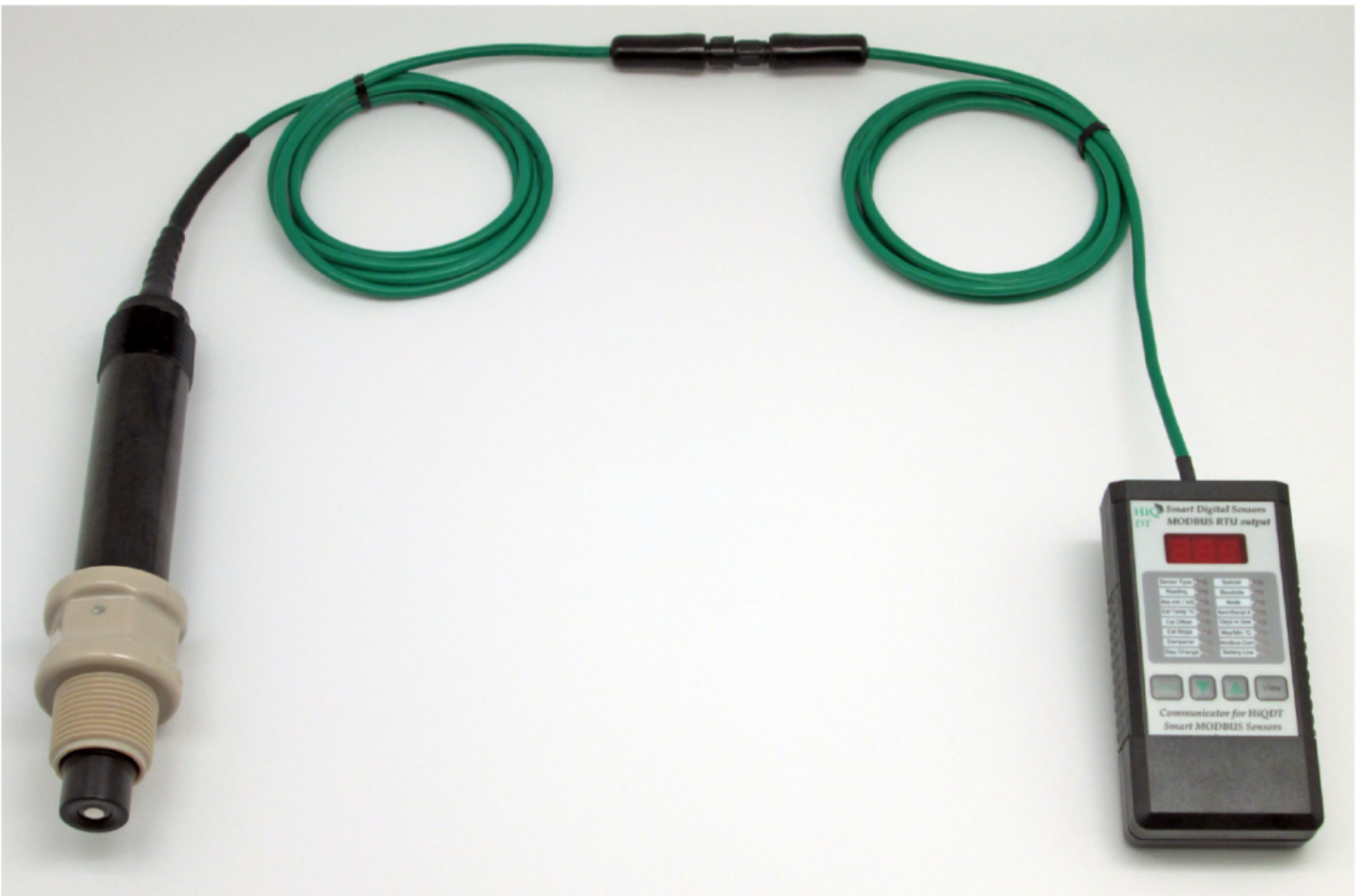
## **Common Notes for Standard & Extended Insertion Depth Twist Lock & Convertible Universal Dissolved Oxygen Sensors:**

1. All dimensions are in inches, unless otherwise indicated with tolerances as detailed below
2. Material of construction for sensor body is RYTON & galvanic DO cell is Polyoxymethylene (POM)
3. High stability thick-membrane dissolved oxygen (DO) self-powered galvanic cell with typical response of ~1 to 2 mV per DO ppm with a measurement range of 0 to 150 ppm (0 to 1,500 Percent % Saturation)
4. Smart digital HiQDT MODBUS RTU configuration use waterproof HiQ4M quick disconnect snap connector. 20 feet (6m) integral cable is standard. Extended integral cable lengths up to 75 feet (23m) available. Extension cables can achieve desired total cable lengths up to a Maximum of 1,000 meters (3,200 feet).
5. Do not use any sensor beyond the factory defined maximum temperature, flow or pressure rating.

## **Photos for Visualization of Twist Lock Quick Disconnect Bayonet Inline Installation Style for Smart Digital D.O. Sensors with Mating Receptacle**



*Twist Lock Style Smart Digital HiQDT MODBUS RTU dissolved oxygen sensors interface 1"MNPT Twist Lock Receptacle for quick disconnect bayonet style insertion and removal from process line for ease of removal for cleaning and recalibration which is ideal for inline installations.*



*Handheld Communicator and Smart Digital D.O. sensor connection is waterproof NEMA 6P*

*when interfaced ready for use in any field condition.*

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## **Description of Most Important Common Core Features:**

### **Rugged Industrial DO Sensor for Tough Inline, Immersion & Submersible Installs**

- Inline insertion depth from 0.7 inches (standard) to 2.2 inches (extended insertion depth option)
- Ready for inline or immersion use standard, submersible with waterproofing option
- Waterproofing seal option is available for complete cable isolation for fully submersible installations & applications employing field washdowns and/or moist & humid conditions
- Integral Pt1000 temperature element used to compute the percent (%) saturation value

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## **Process Connections for Convertible Configuration:**

- 1" MNPT Front Threads for Twist Lock Inline Use (0.7" Std to 2.2" Extended Max insertion config)
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| External Dimensional Details:                        | See AST-D0-UNIVERSAL-HiQDT Smart Digital 1" MNPT Twist Lock MODBUS D.O. Sensor Drawing  |
| Galvanic D0 Sensor Specifications:                   |   |
| Measurement D.O. Range:                              | 0.00 to 150.00 ppm and Percent Saturation from 0.0 to 1,500.0 % (0.01ppm & 0.1% Resolution)   |
| Response Time:                                       | Typically 10 to 20 seconds near ambient (response time is temperature dependent)  |
| Resolution:  | 1% saturation absolute  |
| Repeatability:                                       | Typically ±1% of actual measurement under the exact same conditions   |
| Typical Response & Characteristics: Range:           | Typical 10mV to 40mV dry in air; Typical Slope is between 0.7mV to 3.0mV per D.O. ppm   |
| Electrical Specifications:                           | Max 20mA current draw at 7VDC to 13VDC (Typical 15mA power consumption)   |
| Some Selected Examples of Recommended Applications:  | Industrial & mining abrasive slurries as well as any solution with high turbidity. Ideal for high sulfide containing media since the AST-D0-UNIVERSAL sensor is insensitive to hydrogen sulfide (H2S) gas. Any field measurement where rugged process conditions may exist. |
| Storage and Shelf Life:                              | Two (2) years from date of dispatch from factory stored in dry state (without electrolyte)  |

## 1" MNPT KYNAR® PVDF and KETASPIRE® PEEK Twist Lock Receptacles for Quick Disconnect Bayonet Style Inline Installations



*PEEK receptacle (left) & KYNAR receptacle (right)*

The dimensional detail drawing for the KYNAR® PVDF and KETASPIRE® PEEK Twist Lock Receptacles is linked below:

[1"MNPT Twist Lock Receptacle in KYNAR® PVDF or KETASPIRE® PEEK Material of Construction](#)

[Installation assembly drawing for 1"MNPT twist lock receptacles interfaced with 1"MNPT twist lock quick disconnect sensors](#)

## **1" MNPT KYNAR® PVDF and KETASPIRE® PEEK Twist Lock Receptacles for Quick Disconnect Bayonet Style Inline Installations.**

The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL-SANITARY-HOT-TAP configuration is available for use with the 316SS installation hardware for sanitary tri-clover process connections or for valve retractable installations to remove the sensor while the process is still running. The installation hardware scheme for the sanitary tri-clover type processes can be visualized and the drawing downloaded from the sanitary pH/ORP configurations webpage. The installation hardware scheme for the HOT-TAP valve retractable type processes can be visualized and the drawing downloaded from the HOT-TAP valve retractable pH/ORP webpage and the process connection itself can be viewed from the HOT-TAP valve

retractable hardware.

## **Waterproofing Options for Fully Submersible Assemblies**

All of the AST-D0-UNIVERSAL configurations (Convertible, Twist Lock & Sanitary/HOT-TAP) are available for fully submersible installations with the use of an immersion tube (a.k.a. standpipe or guide rod) when a suitable waterproofing sealing option is factory installed. The option must be installed at time of order for the AST-D0-UNIVERSAL sensor and cannot be installed subsequently. The recommended waterproofing options are the WPIT sealing which is quite sufficient for most such submersible installation uses or else the WPB or WPH sealing for an even more robust sealing assembly for the most aggressive service conditions. Shown below is the WPC sealing option on the convertible configuration which is an excellent choice for situation where an immersion rod will be used for the installation location.

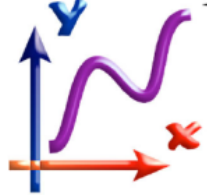


## **AST-D0-UNIVERSAL HiQDT Smart Digital RS-485 MODBUS RTU Dissolved Oxygen (D.O.) Sensors**

Solar / Battery Ultralow Power Datalogger for Remote Sites



ASTI Windows Datalogger for Pilot Scale Plants



Class I, Division II Smart Touchscreen Controller with Remote Ethernet Access



Customer Supplied PLC & HMI

## TYPICAL USES FOR HiQDT SMART RTU SENSORS

Handheld Communicator for Portable Measurement & Calibrations of Sensors



Modbus  
over RS485

Explosion-Proof LED Controller



ASTI Supplied PLC & HMI

[CLICK HERE](#) for complete webpage on SMART DIGITAL HiQDT MODBUS RTU MEASUREMENT SYSTEM that contains all core information that is shared for all measurement types (pH, ORP & Dissolved Oxygen) as well as details on the ASTI supplied PLC & HMI packages for turn-ready commissioning. [See installation guides](#) for details and additional information.

## Core Structure of HiQDT RS485 MODBUS RTU Smart Digital Sensors Installed into Field Service

- Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)
  - Human Machine Interface (HMI) can be either local or else available via remote access
  - All PLC & HMI functionality shown above is included ASTI touchscreen controllers
  - PLC & HMI can be either customer supplied or ASTI provided as desired.
    - See [modbus implementation guide if sensors will be interfaced to customer PLC](#)



- Windows Software for Setup, Configuration & Calibration of HiQDT sensors
  - Search & Assign sensor node address & baudrate (HHC can also search and assign node address)
  - Optional for configuration & calibration if these features are not implemented in HMI+PLC
  - Windows Datalogging & Graphing software records pH, ORP, D.O. ppm & % saturation, temp and raw mV values for setup of modbus network & commissioning plus pilot & research applications
- Handheld Communicator (HHC)
  - 9V battery powered operation with simple easy to use 4 button operation with bright LED
  - Ready for plug & play use right out of the box with zero configuration required

The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL smart digital RS-485 MODBUS RTU dissolved oxygen sensors comes factory calibrated and ready for immediate commissioning right out of the box. The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL sensors are available in the convertible configuration suitable for use in inline, immersion and submersible installations as well as the twist lock configuration for quick disconnect bayonet style inline installation for application where frequent removal from service is needed for cleaning to avoid coiling of the cable from repeated insertion and removal from the inline 1"MNPT receptacle process fitting. In addition, a sanitary & HOT-TAP configuration is available for use with the same 316SS sensor holder and other associated process mounting hardware as used for the pH, ORP & ISE sanitary & HOT-TAP valve retractable sensor assemblies.

Oxygen diffuses through the membrane onto the cathode, where it reacts chemically and then combines with the anode. This chemical process develops an electrical current, which is converted into a millivolt output signal and finally converted into the engineered ppm or percent saturation reading through the built-in internal smart digital electronics. The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL has built in temperature compensation for mg/l (ppm) units and is designed for use at temperatures between -5 and 50 °C (+23 to +122 °F) with liquid movement down to approximately 1 cm/sec (minimum flow determined at 7 mg/l and 13 °C). The smart digital RS-485 MODBUS RTU dissolved oxygen sensors support cable lengths up to 1,000 meters (3,280 feet) by any combination of waterproof extension cables or bridge boxes. Inquire to factory for special features.

**AST-DO-UNIVERSAL probes do NOT need regular service; just keep the membrane reasonably clean.**

If you can calibrate to the correct value you should not open the probe, even if it has been in use for a prolonged period of time (even years). If the membrane should be damaged membrane replacement will, of course, be necessary. The procedure to renovate the probe is easy and can be performed on-the-spot by anyone, as described later in this manual. Extra membranes are shipped new sensor orders and additional membranes are available as spares as are additional 125mL quantities of the internal electrolyte filling solution.

Deposits develop on all surfaces in biologically active system and various slurry and high viscosity solutions. Deposits that builds up on the membrane of an oxygen probe will change the sensitivity of that probe. The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL probes are designed so that deposits have little influence, but for the greatest accuracy you should keep the probe clean, just as it was when you calibrated it. Deposits should be wiped off the membrane with a soft cloth or paper. The cleaning frequency will depend on the accuracy desired, how fast deposits build up and on their exact nature of the build-up itself. An anti-fouling cap option is available where access to probe is difficult or deposits build-up so heavily & quickly that very frequent cleaning is necessary.

## **AST-DO-UNIVERSAL SENSOR INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE GUIDE**

The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL probe is easy to install. It should be placed where there is some movement in the water (approximately 1 cm/sec is enough at 7 mg/l and 13 °C for example). Ensure that the DO probe cannot strike against the tank wall and don't mount it directly above diffusers and other equipment that will give false readings. Several forms of mounting device are available for AST-DO-UNIVERSAL sensors. Inquire to the factory or your local distributor for assistance with your application. For applications where a submersible type installation approach is used either an immersion tube is used to seal the rear MNPT threads on the sensor or a suitable waterproofing option with tubing (such as WPIT or WPB/WPH) is employed for full cable isolation in which case the sensor can be suspended by just by the cable assembly alone (without a guiderod). For typical inline installation schemes, a low-flow cell suitable for 1" NPT process lines is employed.

## **CALIBRATION INSTRUCTIONS OF AST-DO-UNIVERSAL-HIQDT DO SENSOR**

Calibration of the AST-DO-UNIVERSAL-HIQDT sensor can be performed with the ASTI Windows Software, Handheld Communicator (HHC) or else from any modbus RTU master that has implemented the correct calls. Please refer to the documentation for the Windows Software, Handheld Communicator, or Touchscreen Controller for detailed instruction on how the calibration procedure is performed on each type of device. The gain calibration is performed when the sensor is clean and dry and exposed to only air. In cases of calibrations performed in air where the relative humidity is not 100%, the sensor should be suspended in air over a source of water for best results. It is necessary to wait for temperature and reading equalization (stabilization) before performing a calibration. Any robust long-life probe with a high stability thick membrane design and construction such as the AST-DO-UNIVERSAL dissolved oxygen sensor can take up to an hour to respond to a 10 °C change in air, whereas in water sensing this same change would take just 10 minutes. This must be taken into consideration in deciding when the probe is ready for calibration.

**ALWAYS perform a precise temperature calibration before doing any gain calibration.** An accurate temperature value is very important since the autocalibration routine of the AST-DO-UNIVERSAL smart digital RS-485 MODBUS RTU dissolved oxygen sensor uses

the current temperature reading and air pressure readings as the basis to compute the ppm value that corresponds to the 100% saturation condition.

### **Calibration Tips:**

Take the probe up from the water process media, wipe the membrane dry, and hang the probe in free air, away from direct sunlight. If necessary, wrap aluminum foil around the AST-DO-UNIVERSAL sensor to avoid sunlight negatively impacting on the calibration. Be sure to wait for complete temperature equalization before performing the calibration described above. Calibration against various "pocket" test kits cannot be recommended. For greater accuracy, a correction for barometric air pressure can be entered in mmHg units using P05 in the setup menu. The salinity correction is recommended in salt water or brackish measured solutions to ensure that the computed % saturation is accurate. The salinity value is user entered in PSU (ppt) units and used in the computation of the percent (%) saturation value. The salinity value is NOT used during the calibration procedure as the sensor is not immersed in the brine solution but rather dry in air. In this way there exists two percent (%) saturation values. One percent (%) saturation value is solely for the purpose of calibration with the salinity value not used in the computation of the percent (%) saturation value. This is called the percent (%) saturation value. The second normal percent (%) saturation value DOES include the salinity value provided in the computation. Naturally if the salinity value is zero then these two percent (%) saturation values will be identical. At the completion of a proper calibration procedure the calibration percent (%) saturation will always read 100%. The salinity value of the measured solution can be determined from a handheld portable conductivity meter that can display the readings in salinity PSU/PPT units. It is also possible to convert from mS conductivity units to PSU units (contact factory for assistance if required).

## **How often should calibration be performed?**

Unfortunately, it is not possible to answer this question in a simple way. Under ideal conditions (in air) the probe can keep its calibration for many months. When used in water the actual conditions (e.g. the nature of deposit build-up) and desired accuracy will dictate calibration frequency. It is very important that calibrations are performed with care giving the probe time to stabilize and checking the barometer to enter the air pressure. Check salinity if you measure in salt or brackish type of solutions. It is important to remember that no continuous process measurement can ever be more accurate than the calibration performed before installation.

## **Maintenance**

The probe's membrane must be kept free from deposits. A film composed mostly of bacteria will cover ALL surfaces in a biologically active system. This bacteria film acts as a diffusion barrier for the oxygen that must diffuse through the membrane. For industrial type process solution the most likely form of contamination and build-up will be particulates and solids from the solution if the media has high turbidity

or viscosity or is an abrasive slurry in nature. The membrane must, therefore, be cleaned at regular intervals, the frequency depending on the actual conditions. Cleaning can be performed with a cloth or soft paper. The membrane is strong and not easily damaged, but do not try to scratch it clean with a fingernail! There is no need to exchange the electrolyte regularly, and there is no sensor element that will need replacing!

The probe should not be taken apart for membrane replacement and rebuilding of the DO cell unless the membrane is damaged, or you cannot calibrate to the correct value after long use.

### Other Points Worth Considering

Even though the AST-DO-UNIVERSAL dissolved oxygen probe is very robust, it should be treated carefully. It measures of few thousandths of a gram of oxygen, which it must "drag" out of the water around it. So, if, in your opinion, it performs mysteriously then ask the ASTI factory or your local agent/distributor for assistance.

### Best Practice Stocking

Spare membranes, O-rings and electrolyte for the first few years' use are shipped with the probe, after which you can purchase more. A stock of these parts will enable you to replace a damaged membrane in a few minutes. If desired you can also stock a spare probe in which case you will then be able to replace a probe that is accidentally mechanically destroyed, damaged or lost. A spare probe can be kept ready-to-use for years at a time if stored in the proper manner and conditions. Spare probes should be stored in a cool, dry place without any electrolyte (filling solution) in the cap (completely dry). When a dry, unfilled spare probe is taken from stock for use, follow the steps outlined on the following page to get it ready for installation.

A stock of one or more spare caps will make it easy to renovate probes with damaged or "old" membranes. You can fit new membranes to the "old" caps indoors in the dry conditions ready for next time.

### Spare Parts & Optional Fittings

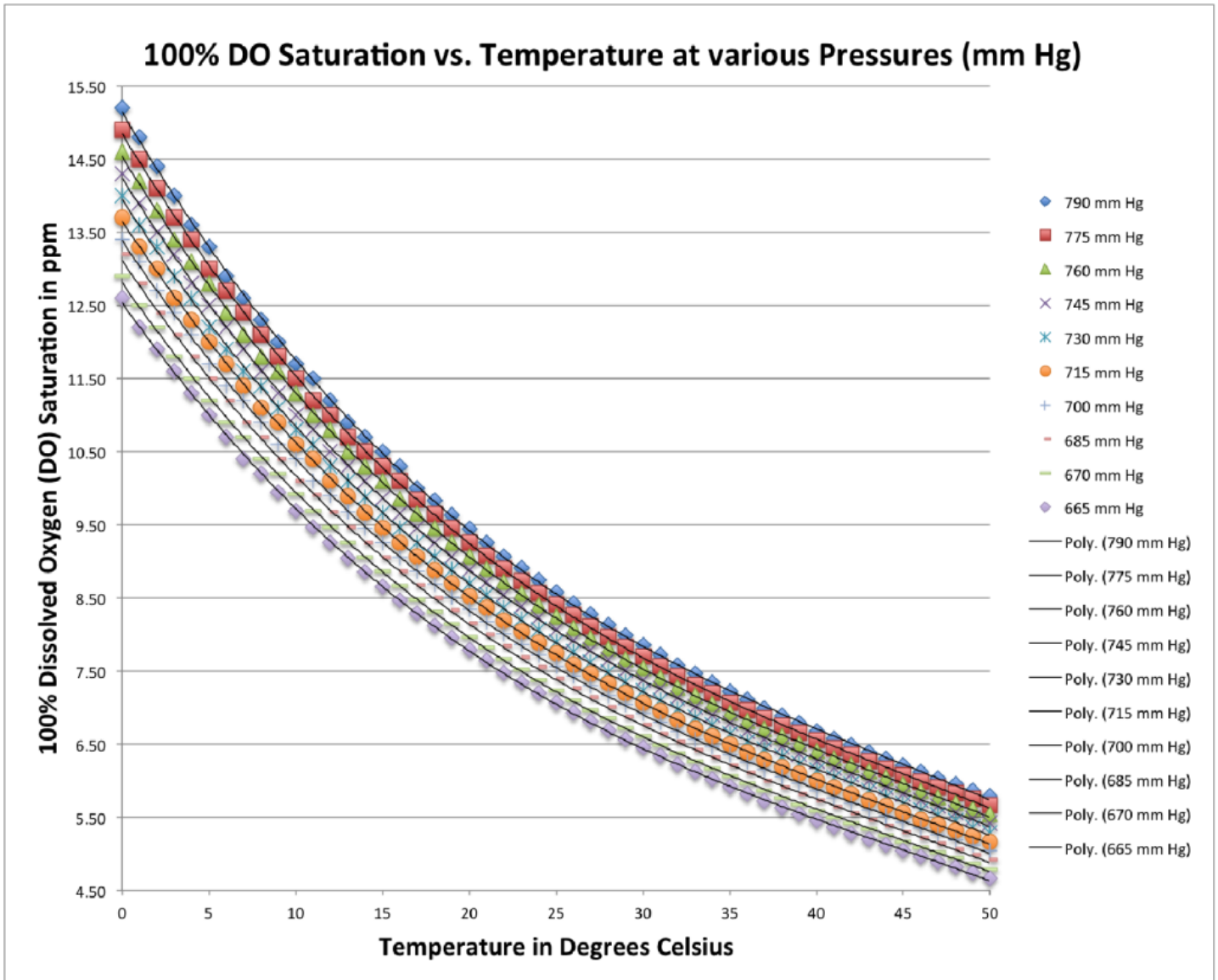
Set of 10 each thick high stability membrane with small O-rings  
UNIVERSAL-DO-EL-125mL:125ml Electrolyte (Internal Filling Solution to recharge sensor).

UNIVERSAL-DO-GUARD: Protective guard threads onto threads of convertible sensor

## Automatic Calculation of Theoretical 100% Dissolved Oxygen Saturation at any Temperature & Pressure for Accurate Calibration & Measurement

The HiQDT-DO sensor has preprogrammed the correct 100% dissolved oxygen saturation

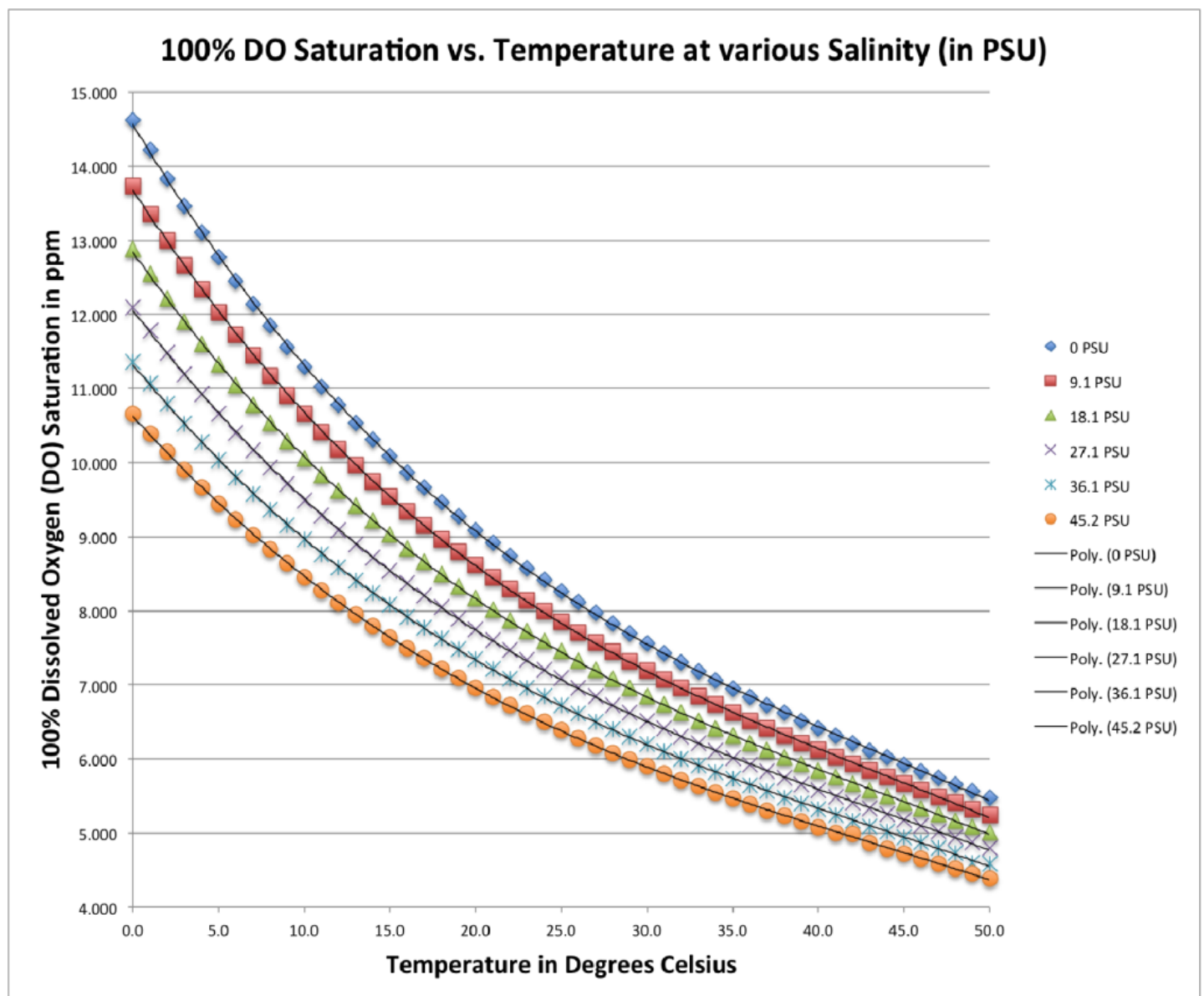
levels valid at any temperature and pressure. This is important for two main purposes: 1) to ensure accurate calibration of the sensor which is performed dry in air and 2) when the percent (%) saturation is displayed and output for purposes of monitoring and control. The graph below demonstrates the impact of both temperature and pressure on the dissolved oxygen (DO) ppm levels that constitute 100% saturation condition.



For the calibration function, either the field condition should be 100% relative humidity for best accuracy or else the sensor should be suspended dry in air but over a water source to simulate locally the 100% relative humidity condition. The water molecule in air (humidity) is then saturated with oxygen in manner that can be fully described by the ambient temperature and pressure as shown above. When placed into service, the galvanic DO sensor will measure the ppm levels at the installation depth. To convert this measured ppm value into percent (%) saturation the HiQDT-DO sensor uses the internally stored curve visualization above.

# Automatic Calculation of Theoretical 100% Dissolved Oxygen Saturation at any Temperature & Pressure for Accurate Calibration & Measurement

The HiQDT-DO has preprogrammed the correct 100% dissolved oxygen saturation levels valid at not only any temperature and pressure but also corrected for salinity. This is important for applications where not only fresh water will be present but also for brackish and salt water sources in variable amounts. The graph below demonstrates the impact of salinity on the dissolved oxygen (DO) ppm levels that constitute 100% saturation condition at the nominal 760mm pressure condition. For simplicity of visualization just one set of curves is shown although the analyzer can perform this compensation any temperature, pressure or salinity.



This salinity correction is only required as a correction to the computation of the %

saturation from the measured DO ppm levels for the inline measurement. Since the calibration is done dry in air, salinity correction is not required for this part of operation. Since the impact of salinity is considerable as shown in the graph above, it must be corrected carefully at any level of salinity and temperature. The salinity value in standard PSU (PPT) units can be entered into the HiQDT-DO sensor to perform this correction. The value of the salinity can be determined by a handheld meter or else monitoring continuously using a conductivity transmitter from which one can readily convert into common salinity units.

## **Membrane Replacement of AST-DO-UNIVERSAL Industrial Galvanic Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Sensor**

### **IMPORTANT NOTE BEFORE CHANGING MEMBRANE!**

The AST-DO-UNIVERSAL sensor should not be taken apart for service unless the membrane is damaged the response (slope) is significantly reduced by fouling or deposits on the membrane that cannot be cleaned off. This is typically only the case after some prolonged period of use or an exceedingly aggressive process condition during a shorter time.

### **PREPARATION FOR CHANGING MEMBRANE**

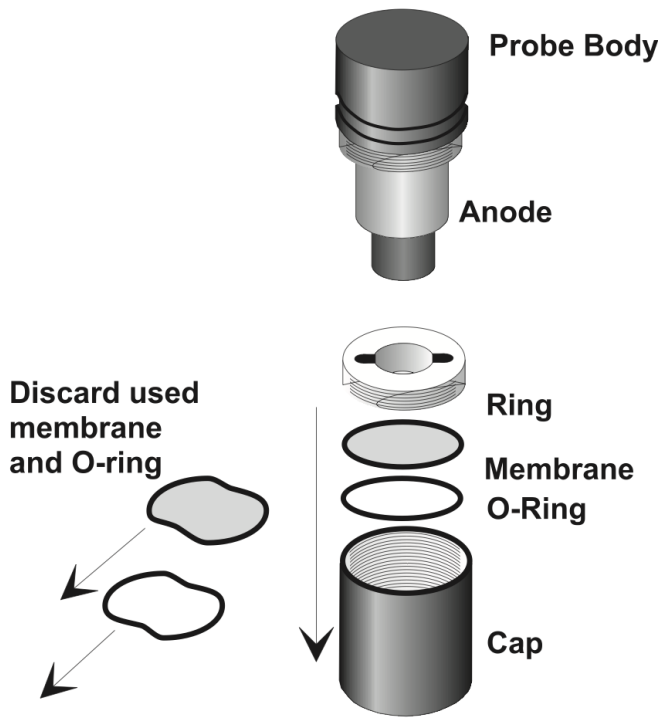
Unscrew the cap, rinse with water and clean the anode ONLY with a PLASTIC scouring pad. NEVER USE A METAL SCOURING PAD ON THE ANODE!

If the cathode is tarnished it can be cleaned with a 600 grade wet-or-dry paper. DO NOT POLISH THE CATHODE!

### **QUICK TEST**

After the anode and (if necessary the cathode) was cleaned it is possible to perform a simple test to ensure the integrity of the sensor. Dry the top part of the sensor quite thoroughly, especially the cathode and the area surrounding it. Measure the output of the sensor when connected to the mating 3TX-DO or 3TX-DO-X dissolved oxygen transmitter. It should show zero ppm on the display. If your display does not read zero (or very near zero) contact factory for assistance.

### **MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE:**



See drawing to right for all referenced components in instructions:

1. Use the tool provided to unscrew the ring the ring.
2. Remove the used membrane and O-ring.
3. Rinse the cap and ring. Dry both parts thoroughly.
4. Put a new O-ring in the bottom of the cap.
5. Put a membrane on top of the O-ring.
6. Replace ring & tighten it firmly with the supplied tool.

#### **Precautions and Caveats:**

Wait one hour before performing a calibration after changing the membrane. For best results calibrate once again approximately 24 hours after membrane is changed as the galvanic DO cell will have reached full equilibrium by this point in time.

It is very important that all parts must be clean & dry before performing this procedure.

Membrane must not be wrinkled before or after it is installed. If the membrane is wrinkled at any point in time it must be replaced with a new membrane immediately.

Fill the cap to the brim with electrolyte. Hold probe upright & slowly screw on cap until it is completely flush. Some electrolyte solution may leak out during this step.