SCD4x

Breaking the size barrier in CO_2 sensing

Features

- Photoacoustic NDIR sensor technology PASens®
- Smallest form factor: 10.1 x 10.1 x 6.5 mm^3
- Reflow solderable for cost effective assembly
- Large output range: 0 ppm – 40'000 ppm
- Large supply voltage range: 2.4 – 5.5 V

- High accuracy: ±(40 ppm + 5 %)
- Digital I^{2}C interface
- Integrated temperature and humidity sensor
- Low power operation down to < 0.4 mA avg. @ 5 V, 1 meas. / 5 minutes

Product Summary

The SCD4x is Sensirion's next generation miniature CO_2 sensor. This sensor builds on the photoacoustic NDIR sensing principle and Sensirion's patented PASens® and CMOSens® technology to offer high accuracy at an unmatched price and smallest form factor. SMD assembly allows cost- and space-effective integration of the sensor combined with maximal freedom of design. On-chip signal compensation is realized with the build-in SHT4x humidity and temperature sensor.

CO_2 is a key indicator for indoor air quality as high levels compromise humans' cognitive performance and well-being. The SCD4x enables smart ventilation systems to regulate ventilation in the most energy-efficient and human-friendly way. Moreover, indoor air quality monitors and other connected devices based on the SCD4x can help maintaining low CO_2 concentration for a healthy, productive environment.

Device Overview

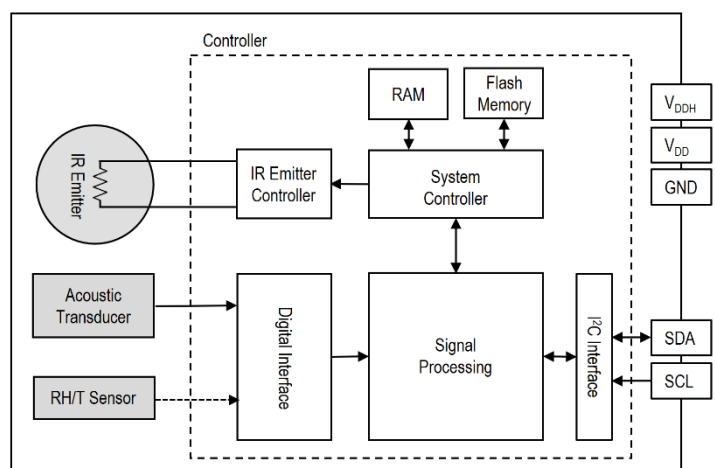| Products	Details
SCD40-D-R2	Base accuracy, specified range 400 – 2'000 ppm
SCD41-D-R2	High accuracy, specified range 400 – 5'000 ppm, single shot mode supported
SCD42-D-R2	Separate datasheet, see https://sensirion.com/products/catalog/SCD42/

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1.1 CO_2 Sensing Performance

Default conditions of 25 °C, 50 % RH, ambient pressure 1013 mbar, default periodic measurement and 3.3 V supply voltage apply to values in the table below, unless otherwise stated.

Parameter	Conditions	Value
CO_2 output range[1]	-	0 – 40'000 ppm
SCD40 CO_2 measurement accuracy[2]	400 ppm – 2'000 ppm	± (50 ppm + 5% of reading)
SCD41 CO_2 measurement accuracy[2]	400 ppm – 5'000 ppm	± (40 ppm + 5% of reading)
Repeatability	Typical	± 10 ppm
Response time[3]	$T_{63\%}$, typical	60 s
Additional accuracy drift per year with automatic self-calibration algorithm enabled[4]	Typical	± (5 ppm + 0.5 % of reading)

Table 1: SCD40 and SCD41 CO_2 sensor specifications

1.2 Humidity Sensing Performance[5]

Parameter	Conditions	Value
Humidity measurement range	-	0 %RH – 100 %RH
Accuracy (typ.)	15 °C – 35 °C, 20 %RH – 65 %RH	± 6 % RH
	-10 °C – 60 °C, 0 %RH – 100 %RH	± 9 % RH
Repeatability	Typical	± 0.4 %RH
Response time[3]	$T_{63\%}$, typical	90 s
Accuracy drift	-	< 0.25 %RH / year

Table 2: SCD4x humidity sensor specifications

1.3 Temperature Sensing Performance[5]

Parameter	Conditions	Value
Temperature measurement range	-	- 10°C – 60°C
Accuracy (typ.)	15 °C – 35 °C	± 0.8 °C
	-10 °C – 60 °C	± 1.5 °C
Repeatability	-	± 0.1°C
Response time[3]	$T_{63\%}$, typical	120 s
Accuracy drift	-	< 0.03 °C / year

Table 3: SCD4x temperature sensor specifications

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[1] Exposure to CO_2 concentrations smaller than 400 ppm can affect the accuracy of the sensor if the automatic self-calibration (ASC) is on.

[2] Deviation to a high-precision reference. Accuracy is fulfilled by > 90% of the sensors after calibration. Rough handling and shipping reduce the accuracy of the sensor. Sensor assembly temporarily reduces sensor accuracy. Accuracy is fully restored with FRC or ASC recalibration features > 5 days after sensor assembly. Accuracy is based on tests with gas mixtures having a tolerance of ± 1.5%.

[3] Time for achieving 63% of a respective step function when operating the SCD41 Evaluation Kit with default measurement mode. Response time depends on design-in, signal update rate and environment of the sensor in the final application.

[4] For proper function of ASC field-calibration algorithm SCD4x must be exposed to air with CO_2 concentration 400 ppm regularly. Maximum accuracy drift per year estimated from stress tests is ± (5 ppm + 2 % of reading). Higher drift values may occur if the sensor is not handled according to its handling instructions.

[5] Design-in of the SCD4x in final application, self-heating of the sensor and the environment impacts the accuracy of the RH/T sensor. To realize indicated specifications, the temperature-offset of the SCD4x inside the customer device must be set correctly (see chapter 3.6). Best RH/T accuracy is realized when operating the SCD4x in low power periodic measurement mode.

2 Specifications

2.1 Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min.	Typical	Max.	Units
Supply voltage DC[6]	V_{DD}		2.4	3.3 or 5.0	5.5	V
Voltage ripple peak to peak	V_{RPP}				30	mV
Peak supply current[7]	I_{peak}	V_{DD} = 3.3 V		175	205	mA
		V_{DD} = 5 V		115	137	mA
Average supply current for periodic measurement	I_{DD}	V_{DD} = 3.3 V		15	18	mA
		V_{DD} = 5 V		11	13	mA
Average supply current for low power periodic measurement	I_{DD}	V_{DD} = 3.3 V		3.2	3.5	mA
		V_{DD} = 5 V		2.8	3	mA
Average supply current for periodic single shot measurement, 1 measurement / 5 minutes (SCD41 only)[8]	I_{DD}	V_{DD} = 3.3 V		0.45	0.5	mA
		V_{DD} = 5 V		0.36	0.4	mA
Input high level voltage	V_{IH}		0.65 x V_{DD}		1 x V_{DD}	-
Input low level voltage	V_{IL}				0.3 x V_{DD}	-
Output low level voltage	V_{OL}	3 mA sink current			0.66	V

Table 4 SCD4x electrical specifications

2.2 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stress levels beyond those listed in **Table 5** may cause permanent damage to the device. Exposure to minimum/maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect sensor performance and reliability of the device.

Parameter	Conditions	Value
Temperature operating conditions		-10 – 60°C
Humidity operating conditions[9]	Non-condensing	0 – 95 %RH
MSL Level		3
DC supply voltage		- 0.3 V – 6.0 V
Max voltage on pins SDA, SCL, GND		– 0.3 V to V_{DD}+0.3 V
Input current on pins SDA, SCL, GND		- 280 mA to 100 mA
Short term storage temperature[10]		- 40°C – 70°C
Recommended storage temperature		10 °C – 50 °C
ESD HBM		2 kV
ESD CDM		500 V
Maintenance Interval	Maintenance free when ASC field-calibration algorithm[11] is used.	None
Sensor lifetime[12]	Typical operating conditions	> 10 years

Table 5: SCD4x operation conditions, lifetime and maximum ratings

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[6] Supply voltage must be kept stable during sensor operation

[7] Power supply should be designed with respect to peak current.

[8] On-demand measurement with freely adjustable interval. See chapter 3.10

[9] Accuracy can be reduced at relative humidity levels lower than 10 %.

[10] Short term storage refers to temporary conditions during e.g. transport.

[11] For proper function of ASC field-calibration algorithm the SCD4x has to be exposed to clean air with 400 ppm CO_2 concentration regularly.

[12] Sensor tested over simulated lifetime of > 10 years for indoor environment mission profile

2.3 Interface Specifications

The SCD4x comes in an LGA package (**Table 6**). The package outline is schematically displayed in chapter 4.1. The landing pattern of the SCD4x can be found in chapter 4.2.

Name	Comments
VDD	Supply voltage
VDDH	Supply voltage IR source, must be connected to VDD on customer PCB
GND	Ground contact
SDA	I²C Serial data, bidirectional
SCL	I²C Serial clock
DNC	Do not connect, pads must be soldered to a floating pad on the customer PCB

Table 6 Pin assignment (top view). The notched corner of the protection membrane serves as a polarity mark to indicate pin 1 location.

VDD and VDDH are used to supply the sensor and must always be kept at the same voltage, i.e. should both be connected to the same power supply. The combined maximum current drawn on VDD and VDDH is indicated in **Table 4**. Care should be taken to choose a low noise power supply (preferably a low-dropout regulator, LDO, with output ripple of less than 30 mV p-p), which is adequately dimensioned for the relatively large peak currents. Power supply configurations with large transient voltage drops are to be avoided to ensure proper sensor operation.

SCL is used to synchronize the I²C communication between the master (microcontroller) and the slave (sensor). The SDA pin is used to transfer data to and from the sensor. For safe communication, the timing specifications defined in the I²C manual[13] must be met. Both SCL and SDA lines should be connected to external pull-up resistors (e.g. R_p = 10 kΩ, see **Figure 1**). To avoid signal contention, the microcontroller must only drive SDA and SCL low. For dimensioning resistor sizes please take bus capacity and communication frequency into account (see example in Section 7.1 of NXPs I²C Manual for more details[13]). It should be noted that pull-up resistors may be included in I/O circuits of microcontrollers.

Figure 1: Typical application circuit (for better clarity in the image, the positioning of the pins does not reflect the positions on the real sensor). VDD and VDDH must be connected to each other close to the sensor on the customer PCB.

[13] NXP's I2C-bus specification and user manual UM10204, Rev.6, 4 April 2014

2.4   Timing Specifications

Table 7 list the timings of the ASIC part and does not reflect the availability or usefulness of the sensor readings. The SCD4x supports the I^{2}C "standard-mode" as is described elsewhere (see footnote [13]).

Parameter	Condition	Min.	Max.	Unit
Power-up time	After hard reset, $V_{DD} \geq 2.25$ V	-	1000	ms
Soft reset time	After re-initialization (i.e. reinit)	-	1000	ms
SCL clock frequency	-	0	100	kHz

Table 7 System timing specifications.

2.5   Material Contents

The device is fully REACH and RoHS compliant.

3 Digital Interface Description

All SCD4x commands and data are mapped to a 16-bit address space.

SCD4x	Hex. Code
I²C address	0x62

Table 8 I²C device address.

3.1 Power-Up and Communication Start

The sensor starts powering-up after reaching the power-up threshold voltage $V_{DD,Min}$ = 2.25 V. After reaching this threshold voltage, the sensor needs 1000 ms to enter the idle state. Once the idle state is entered it is ready to receive commands from the master.

Each transmission sequence begins with a START condition (S) and ends with a STOP condition (P) as described in the I²C-bus specification.

3.2 Data type & length

Data sent to and received from the sensor consists of a sequence of 16-bit commands and/or 16-bit words (each to be interpreted as unsigned integer, most significant byte transmitted first). Each data word is immediately succeeded by an 8-bit CRC. In write direction it is mandatory to transmit the checksum. In read direction it is up to the master to decide if it wants to process the checksum (see chapter 3.11).

3.3 Command Sequence Types

The SCD4x features four different I²C command sequence types: *"read I²C sequences"*, *"write I²C sequences"*, *"send I²C command"* and *"send command and fetch result"* sequences. **Figure 2** illustrates how the I²C communication for the different sequence types is built-up.
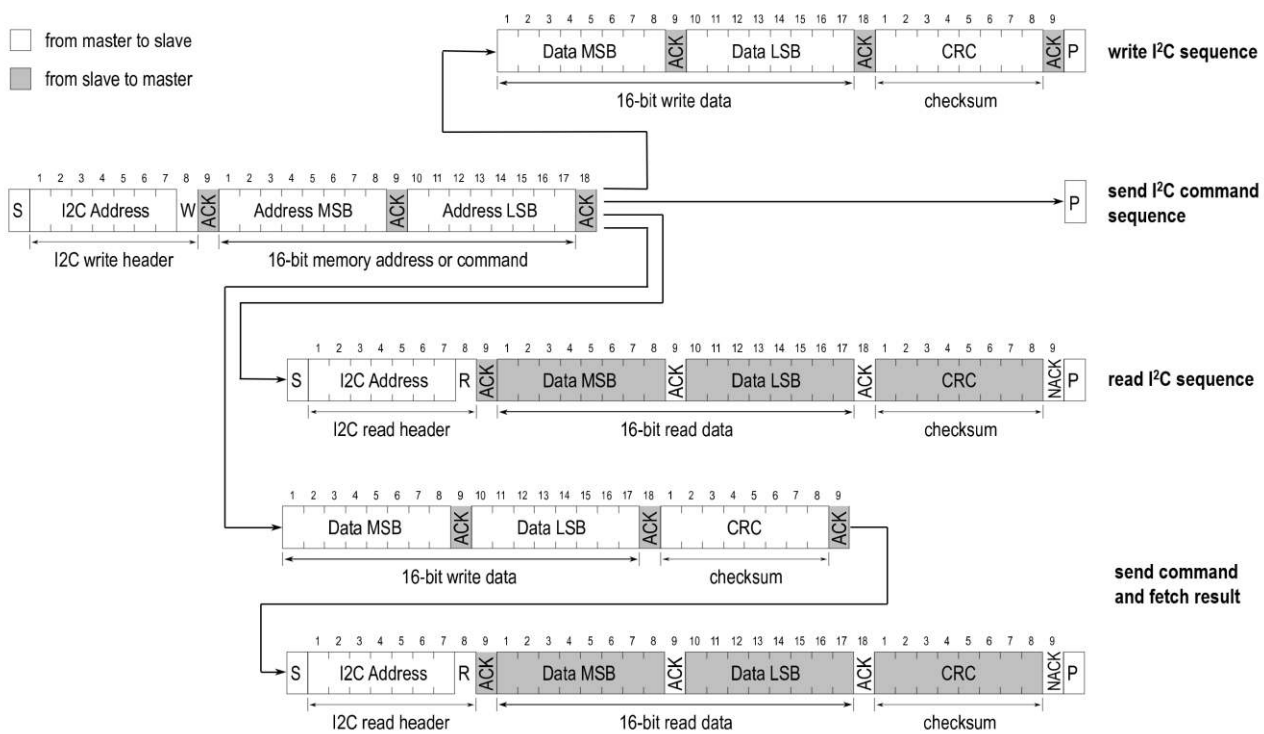

Figure 2: Command Sequence types: *"write"* sequence, *"send* command*"* sequence, *"read"* sequence, and *"send command and fetch result"* sequence.

For *"read""* or *"send command and fetch results"* sequences, after writing the address and/or data to the sensor and sending the ACK bit, the sensor needs the *execution time* (see **Table 9**) to respond to the I²C read header with an ACK bit. Hence, it is required to wait the command *execution time* before issuing the read header. Commands must not be sent while a previous command is being processed.

3.4 SCD4x Command Overview

Table 9: List of SCD4x sensor commands. Detailed description of SCD4x commands can be found further down. *Column indicates whether command can be executed while a periodic measurement is running.

Domain	Command	Hex. Code	I²C sequence type (see chapter 3.3)	Execution	
				time [ms]	During meas.*
Basic Commands Chapter 3.5	start_periodic_measurement	0x21b1	send command	-	no
	read_measurement	0xec05	read	1	yes
	stop_periodic_measurement	0x3f86	send command	500	yes
On-chip output signal compensation Chapter 3.6	set_temperature_offset	0x241d	write	1	no
	get_temperature_offset	0x2318	read	1	no
	set_sensor_altitude	0x2427	write	1	no
	get_sensor_altitude	0x2322	read	1	no
	set_ambient_pressure	0xe000	write	1	yes
Field calibration Chapter 3.7	perform_forced_recalibration	0x362f	send command and fetch result	400	no
	set_automatic_self_calibration_enabled	0x2416	write	1	no
	get_automatic_self_calibration_enabled	0x2313	read	1	no
Low power Chapter 3.8	start_low_power_periodic_measurement	0x21ac	send command	-	no
	get_data_ready_status	0xe4b8	read	1	yes
Advanced features Chapter 3.9	persist_settings	0x3615	send command	800	no
	get_serial_number	0x3682	read	1	no
	perform_self_test	0x3639	read	10000	no
	perform_factory_reset	0x3632	send command	1200	no
	reinit	0x3646	send command	20	no
Low power single shot (SCD41 only) Chapter 3.10	measure_single_shot	0x219d	send command	5000	no
	measure_single_shot_rht_only	0x2196	send command	50	no
	power_down	0x36e0	send command	1	no
	wake_up	0x36f6	send command	20	no

3.5   Basic Commands

This section lists the basic SCD4x commands that are necessary to start a periodic measurement and subsequently read out the sensor outputs.

The typical communication sequence between the I²C master (e.g., a microcontroller) and the SCD4x sensor is as follows:

1. The sensor is powered up
2. The I²C master sends a *start_periodic_measurement* command. Signal update interval is 5 seconds.
3. The I²C master periodically reads out data with the *read measurement* sequence.
4. To put the sensor back to idle mode, the I²C master sends a *stop periodic measurement* command.

While a periodic measurement is running, no other commands must be issued with the exception of *read_measurement*, *get_data_ready_status, stop_periodic_measurement* and *set_ambient_pressure.*

3.5.1   start_periodic_measurement

Description: start periodic measurement, signal update interval is 5 seconds.

Table 10: start_periodic_measurement I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x21b1	-	-	-	-	not applicable
Example: start periodic measurement					
Write	0x21b1				
(hexadecimal)	*Command*				

3.5.2   read_measurement

Description: read sensor output. The measurement data can only be read out once per signal update interval as the buffer is emptied upon read-out. If no data is available in the buffer, the sensor returns a NACK. To avoid a NACK response, the *get_data_ready_status* can be issued to check data status (see chapter 3.8.2 for further details). The I²C master can abort the read transfer with a NACK followed by a STOP condition after any data byte if the user is not interested in subsequent data.

Table 11: read_measurment I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: CO_2, Temperature, Relative Humidity		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0xec05	-	-	3	CO_2 [ppm] = word[0]	1
			3	$T = -45 + 175 * \frac{word[1]}{2^{16}-1}$	
			3	$RH = 100 * \frac{word[2]}{2^{16}-1}$	
Example: read sensor output (500 ppm, 25 °C, 37 % RH)					
Write	0xec05				
(hexadecimal)	*Command*				
Wait	1 ms	*command execution time*			
Response	0x01f4	0x7b	0x6667	0xa2	0x5eb9	0x3c
(hexadecimal)	*CO_2 = 500 ppm*	*CRC of 0x01f4*	*Temp. = 25 °C*	*CRC of 0x6667*	*RH = 37 %*	*CRC of 0x5eb9*

3.5.3 stop_periodic_measurement

Description: stop periodic measurement to change the sensor configuration or to save power. Note that the sensor will only respond to other commands after waiting 500 ms after issuing the *stop_periodic_measurement* command.

Table 12: stop_periodic_measurement I^{2}C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x3f86	-	-	-	-	500
Example: stop periodic measurement					
Write	0x3f86				
(hexadecimal)	*Command*				

3.6 On-Chip Output Signal Compensation

The SCD4x features on-chip signal compensation to counteract pressure and temperature effects. Feeding the SCD4x with the pressure or altitude enables highest accuracy of the CO_2 output signal across a large pressure range. Setting the temperature offset improves the accuracy of the relative humidity and temperature output signal. Note that the temperature offset does not impact the accuracy of the CO_2 output.

To change or read sensor settings, the SCD4x must be in idle mode. A typical sequence between the I^{2}C master and the SCD4x is described as follows:

1. If the sensor is operated in a periodic measurement mode, the I^{2}C master sends a *stop_periodic_measurement* command.
2. The I^{2}C master sends one or several commands to get or set the sensor settings.
3. If configurations shall be preserved after power-cycle events, the *persist_settings* command must be sent (see chapter 3.9.1)
4. The I^{2}C master sends a start measurement command to set the sensor in the operating mode again.

3.6.1 set_temperature_offset

Description: The temperature offset has no influence on the SCD4x CO_2 accuracy. Setting the temperature offset of the SCD4x inside the customer device correctly allows the user to leverage the RH and T output signal. Note that the temperature offset can depend on various factors such as the SCD4x measurement mode, self-heating of close components, the ambient temperature and air flow. Thus, the SCD4x temperature offset should be determined inside the customer device under its typical operation conditions (including the operation mode to be used in the application) and in thermal equilibrium. Per default, the temperature offset is set to 4° C. To save the setting to the EEPROM, the *persist setting* (see chapter 3.9.1) command must be issued. Equation (1) shows how the characteristic temperature offset can be obtained.

$$T_{offset\_actual} = T_{SCD40} - T_{Reference} + T_{offset\_previous} \qquad (1)$$

Table 13: set_temperature_offset I^{2}C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: Offset temperature		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x241d	3	word[0] = T$_{offset}$ [°C] * 2^{16} / 175	-	-	1
Example: set temperature offset to 5.4 °C					
Write	0x241d	0x07e6	0x48		
(hexadecimal)	*Command*	*T$_{offset}$ = 5.4 °C*	*CRC of 0x7e6*		

3.6.2 get_temperature_offset

Table 14: get_temperature_offset I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: Offset temperature		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x2318	-	-	3	T_{offset} [°C] = 175 * word[0] / 2^{16}	1
Example: temperature offset is 6.2 °C					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x2318 *Command*				
Wait	1 ms	*command execution time*			
Response *(hexadecimal)*	0x0912 *T_{offset} = 6.2 °C*	0x63 *CRC of 0x0912*			

3.6.3 set_sensor_altitude

Description: Reading and writing of the sensor altitude must be done while the SCD4x is in idle mode. Typically, the sensor altitude is set once after device installation. To save the setting to the EEPROM, the *persist setting* (see chapter 3.9.1) command must be issued. Per default, the sensor altitude is set to 0 meter above sea-level.

Table 15: set_sensor_altitude I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: Sensor altitude		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x2427	3	word[0] = Sensor altitude [m]	-	-	1
Example: set sensor altitude to 1'950 m.a.s.l.					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x2427 *Command*	0x079e *Sensor altitude = 1'950 m*	0x09 *CRC of 0x79e*		

3.6.4 get_sensor_altitude

Table 16: get_sensor_altitude I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: Sensor altitude		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x2322	-	-	3	Sensor altitude [m] = word[0]	1
Example: sensor altitude is 1'100 m.a.s.l.					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x2322 *Command*				
Wait	1 ms	*command execution time*			
Response *(hexadecimal)*	0x044c *Sensor altitude = 1'100 m*	0x42 *CRC of 0x044c*			

3.6.5 set_ambient_pressure

Description: The *set_ambient_pressure* command can be sent during periodic measurements to enable continuous pressure compensation. Note that setting an ambient pressure using *set_ambient_pressure* overrides any pressure compensation based on a previously set sensor altitude. Use of this command is highly recommended for applications experiencing significant ambient pressure changes to ensure sensor accuracy.

Table 17: set_ambient_pressure I^{2}C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: Ambient pressure		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0xe000	3	word[0] = ambient P [Pa] / 100	-	-	1
Example: set ambient pressure to 98'700 Pa					
Write	0xe000	0x03db	0x42		
(hexadecimal)	*Command*	*Ambient P = 98'700 Pa*	*CRC of 0x03db*		

3.7 Field Calibration

To realize high initial and long-term accuracy, the SCD4x includes two field calibration features. Forced recalibration (FRC) enables restoring highest accuracy with the assistance of a CO_2 reference value immediately. Typically, FRC is applied to compensate for drifts originating from the sensor assembly process or other extensive stresses. Automatic self-calibration (ASC) ensures highest long-term stability of the SCD4x without the need of manual action steps from the user. The automatic self-calibration algorithm assumes that the sensor is exposed to the atmospheric CO_2 concentration of 400 ppm at least once per week.

3.7.1 perform_forced_recalibration

Description: To successfully conduct an accurate forced recalibration, the following steps need to be carried out:
1. Operate the SCD4x in the operation mode later used in normal sensor operation (*periodic measurement*, *low power periodic measurement* or *single shot)* for > 3 minutes in an environment with homogenous and constant CO_2 concentration.
2. Issue *stop_periodic_measurement*. Wait 500 ms for the stop command to complete.
3. Subsequently issue the *perform_forced_recalibration* command and optionally read out the FRC correction (i.e. the magnitude of the correction) after waiting for 400 ms for the command to complete.
   - A return value of 0xffff indicates that the forced recalibration has failed.

Note that the sensor will fail to perform a forced recalibration if it was not operated before sending the command. Please make sure that the sensor is operated at the voltage desired for the application when applying the forced recalibration sequence.

Table 18: perform_forced_recalibration I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: Target CO₂ concentration		Response parameter: FRC-correction		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x362f	3	word[0] = Target concentration [ppm CO_2]	3	FRC correction [ppm CO_2] = word[0] – 0x8000 word[0] = 0xffff in case of failed FRC	400
Example: perform forced recalibration, reference CO_2 concentration is 480 ppm					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x362f *Command*	0x01e0 *Input: 480 ppm*	0xb4 *CRC of 0x01e0*		
Wait	400 ms	*command execution time*			
Response *(hexadecimal)*	0x7fce *Response: - 50 ppm*	0x7b *CRC of 0x7fce*			

3.7.2 set_automatic_self_calibration_enabled

Description: Set the current state (enabled / disabled) of the automatic self-calibration. By default, ASC is enabled. To save the setting to the EEPROM, the *persist_setting* (see chapter 3.9.1) command must be issued.

Table 19: set_automatic_self_calibration_enabled I²C sequence description.

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: ASC enabled		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x2416	3	word[0] = 1 → ASC enabled word[0] = 0 → ASC disabled	-	-	1
Example: set automatic self-calibration status: enabled					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x2416 *Command*	0x0001 *ASC enabled*	0xB0 *CRC of 0x0001*		

3.7.3 get_automatic_self_calibration_enabled

Table 20: get_automatic_self_calibration_enabled I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: ASC enabled		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x2313	-	-	3	word[0] = 1 → ASC enabled word[0] = 0 → ASC disabled	1
Example: read automatic self-calibration status: disabled					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x2313 *Command*				
Wait	1 ms	*command execution time*			
Response *(hexadecimal)*	0x0000 *ASC disabled*	0x81 *CRC of 0x0000*			

3.8 Low Power operation

To enable use-cases with a constrained power-budget, the SCD4x features a low power periodic measurement mode with signal update interval of approximately 30 seconds. While the low power mode saves power and reduces self-heating of the sensor, the low power periodic measurement mode has a longer response time.

The low power periodic measurement mode is initiated and read-out in a similar manner as the default periodic measurement. Please consult chapter 3.5.2 for further instructions. To avoid receiving a NACK in case the result of a subsequent measurement is not ready yet, the *get_data_ready_status* command can be used to check whether new measurement data is available for read-out.

3.8.1 start_low_power_periodic_measurement

Description: start low power periodic measurement, signal update interval is approximately 30 seconds.

Table 21: start_low_power_periodic_measurement I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x21ac	-	-	-	-	not applicable
Example: start low power periodic measurement					
Write	0x21ac				
(hexadecimal)	*Command*				

3.8.2 get_data_ready_status

Table 22: get_data_ready_status I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: data ready status		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0xe4b8	-	-	3	If the least significant 11 bits of word[0] are 0 → data not ready else → data ready for read-out	1
Example: read data ready status: data not ready					
Write	0xe4b8				
(hexadecimal)	*Command*				
Wait	1 ms		*command execution time*		
Response	0x8000		0xa2		
(hexadecimal)	*Least significant 11 bits are 0 → data not ready*		*CRC of 0x8000*		

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3.9 Advanced Features

3.9.1 persist_settings

Description: Configuration settings such as the temperature offset, sensor altitude and the ASC enabled/disabled parameter are by default stored in the volatile memory (RAM) only and will be lost after a power-cycle. The *persist_settings* command stores the current configuration in the EEPROM of the SCD4x, making them persistent across power-cycling. To avoid unnecessary wear of the EEPROM, the *persist_settings* command should only be sent when persistence is required and if actual changes to the configuration have been made. The EEPROM is guaranteed to endure at least 2000 write cycles before failure. Note that field calibration history (i.e. FRC and ASC, see chapter 3.7) is automatically stored in a separate EEPROM dimensioned for the specified sensor lifetime.

Table 23: persist_settings I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x3615	-	-	-	-	800
Example: persist settings					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x3615 *Command*				

3.9.2 get_serial_number

Description: Reading out the serial number can be used to identify the chip and to verify the presence of the sensor.
The get serial number command returns 3 words, and every word is followed by an 8-bit CRC checksum. Together, the 3 words constitute a unique serial number with a length of 48 bits (big endian format).

Table 24: get_serial_number I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: serial number		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x3682	-	-	9	Serial number = word[0] << 32 | word[1] << 16 | word[2]	1
Example: serial number is 273'325'796'834'238					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x3682 *Command*				
Wait	1 ms	*command execution time*			
Response *(hexadecimal)*	0xf896 *word[0]*	0x31 *CRC of 0xf896*	0x9f07 *word[1]*	0xc2 *CRC of 0x9f07*	0x3bbe *word[2]*	0x89 *CRC of 0x3bbe*

3.9.3 perform_self_test

Description: The perform_self_test feature can be used as an end-of-line test to check sensor functionality and the customer power supply to the sensor.

Table 25: perform_self_test I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: sensor status		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x3639	-	-	3	word[0] = 0 → no malfunction detected word[0] ≠ 0 → malfunction detected	10000
Example: perform self-test, no malfunction detected					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x3639 *Command*				
Wait	10000 ms	*command execution time*			
Response *(hexadecimal)*	0x0000 *No malfunction detected*		0x81 *CRC of 0x0000*		

3.9.4 perfom_factory_reset

Description: The perform_factory_reset command resets all configuration settings stored in the EEPROM and erases the FRC and ASC algorithm history.

Table 26: perform_factory_reset I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x3632	-	-	-	-	1200
Example: perform factory reset					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x3632 *Command*				

3.9.5 reinit

Description: The reinit command reinitializes the sensor by reloading user settings from EEPROM. Before sending the reinit command, the stop measurement command must be issued. If the *reinit* command does not trigger the desired re-initialization, a power-cycle should be applied to the SCD4x.

Table 27: reinit I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x3646	-	-	-	-	20
Example: reinit					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x3646 *Command re-initialization*				

3.10 Low power single shot (SCD41)

In addition to periodic measurement modes, the SCD41 features a single shot measurement mode, i.e. allows for on-demand measurements.

The typical communication sequence is as follows:
1. The sensor is powered up.
2. The I²C master sends a single shot command and waits for the indicated *max. command duration* time.
3. The I²C master reads out data with the *read measurement* sequence (chapter 3.5.2).
4. Steps 2-3 are repeated as required by the application.

To reduce noise levels, the I²C master can perform several single shot measurements in a row and average the CO_2 output values. After a power cycle, the initial single shot reading should be discarded to maximize accuracy. The idle current in between measurements is 0.15 mA (typ.), respectively 0.2 mA (max.). The energy consumed per single shot typically is 243 mJ (296 mJ max.).

As for the periodic measurement modes, the automatic self-calibration (ASC) is enabled per default in single shot operation. The automatic self-calibration is optimized for single shot measurements performed every 5 minutes. Longer measurement intervals will result in less frequent self-calibration sequences. Note that no self-calibration is issued if the sensor is power-cycled between single shot measurements. Please consult Chapter 3.7 for a detailed description of the automatic-self calibration and the corresponding commands.

3.10.1 measure_single_shot

Description: On-demand measurement of CO_2 concentration, relative humidity and temperature. The sensor output is read using the *read_measurement* command (chapter 3.5.2).

Table 28: measure_single_shot I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x219d	-	-	-	-	5000
Example: measure single shot					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x219d *Command*				

3.10.2 measure_single_shot_rht_only

Description: On-demand measurement of relative humidity and temperature only. The sensor output is read using the *read_measurement* command (chapter 3.5.2). CO_2 output is returned as 0 ppm.

Table 29: measure_single_shot_rht_only I²C sequence description

Write (hexadecimal)	Input parameter: -		Response parameter: -		Max. command duration [ms]
	length [bytes]	signal conversion	length [bytes]	signal conversion	
0x2196	-	-	-	-	50
Example: measure single shot, RH and T output only					
Write *(hexadecimal)*	0x2196 *Command*				

3.11 Checksum Calculation

The 8-bit CRC checksum transmitted after each data word is generated by a CRC algorithm. Its properties are displayed in **Table 32**. The CRC covers the contents of the two previously transmitted data bytes. To calculate the checksum only these two previously transmitted data bytes are used. Note that command words are not followed by CRC.

Property	Value	Example code (C/C++)
Name	CRC-8	```#define CRC8_POLYNOMIAL 0x31```
Width	8 bit	
Protected Data	read and/or write data	
Polynomial	0x31 (x8 + x5 + x4 + 1)	
Initialization	0xFF	
Reflect input	False	
Reflect output	False	
Final XOR	0x00	
Examples	CRC (0xBEEF) = 0x92	

```c
#define CRC8_POLYNOMIAL 0x31
#define CRC8_INIT 0xFF

uint8_t sensirion_common_generate_crc(const uint8_t* data, uint16_t count) {
    uint16_t current_byte;
    uint8_t crc = CRC8_INIT;
    uint8_t crc_bit;
    /* calculates 8-Bit checksum with given polynomial */
    for (current_byte = 0; current_byte < count; ++current_byte) {
        crc ^= (data[current_byte]);
        for (crc_bit = 8; crc_bit > 0; --crc_bit) {
            if (crc & 0x80)
                crc = (crc << 1) ^ CRC8_POLYNOMIAL;
            else
                crc = (crc << 1);
        }
    }
    return crc;
}
```

Table 32 I²C CRC properties.

4 Mechanical specifications

4.1 Package Outline

Figure 3 schematically displays the package outline. The notched corner of the protection membrane serves as a polarity mark to indicate pin 1 location. Nominal dimensions and tolerances are listed in **Table 33**.
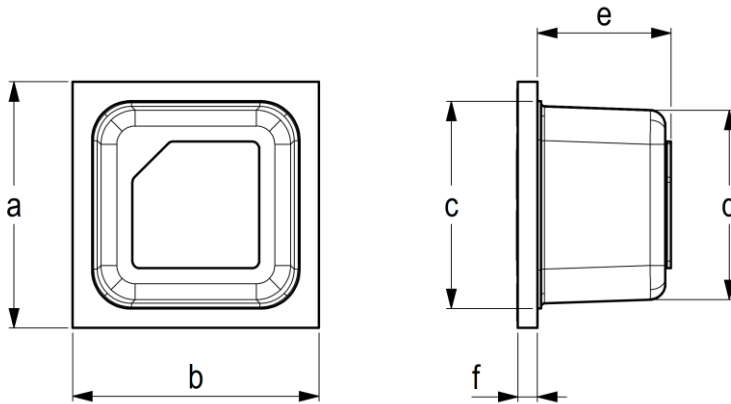

Figure 3: Packaging outline drawing of the SCD4x: (left) top view and (right) side view. Nominal dimensions and tolerances are listed in millimeters.

Dimension	a	b	c	d	e	f
Nominal [mm]	10.1	10.1	8.5	7.8	5.5	0.8
Tolerance [mm]	± 0.3	± 0.3	± 0.2	± 0.2	± 0.3	± 0.2

Table 33: Nominal dimensions and tolerances SCD4x (all in mm). The weight of the sensor is approx. 0.6 g.

Note that the white protection membrane on top of the sensor must not be removed or tampered with to ensure proper sensor operation.

4.2 Land Pattern

Recommended land pattern, solder paste and solder mask are shown in **Figure 4**. These are recommendations only and not specifications. The exact mask geometries, distances and stencil thicknesses must be adapted to the customer soldering processes.
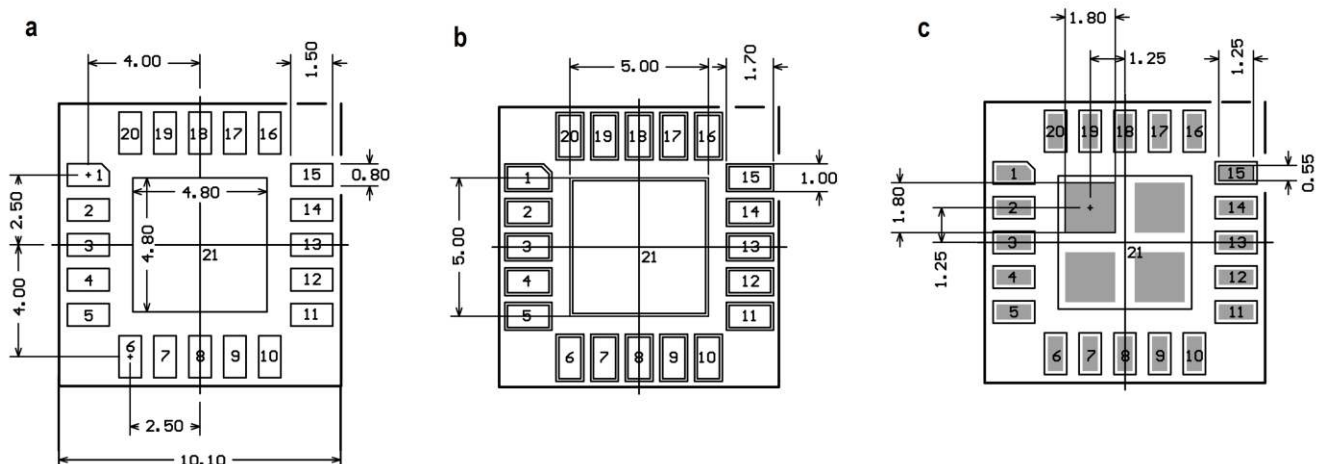

Figure 4: SCD4x footprint (top view): landing pads (**a**), solder mask (**b**) and solder paste (**c**).
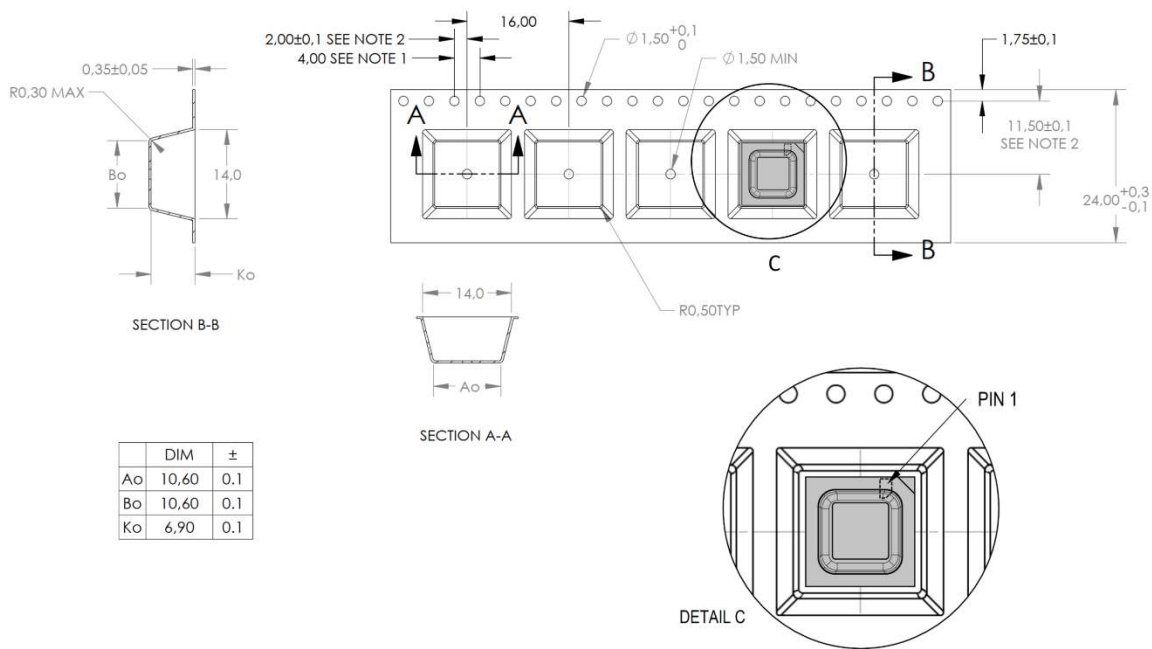
4.3 Tape & Reel Package

Figure 5: Technical drawing of the packaging tape with sensor orientation in tape. Header tape is to the right and trailer tape to the left on this drawing. Dimensions are given in millimeters.

4.4 Moisture Sensitivity Level

Sensirion SCD4x sensors shall be treated according to Moisture Sensitivity Level 3 (MSL3) as described in IPC/JEDEC J-STD-033B1. Exposure to moisture levels or solder reflow temperatures, which exceed the limits as stated in this document, can result in yield loss and reliability degradation.

The manufacturing floor time (out of bag) at the customer's end is 168 hours at normal factory conditions (≤30°C and 60%RH). If sensors are not mounted within this time, or have been exposed to higher temperatures and humidity (>30°C and >60%RH), or there is any doubt about the airtight integrity of the dry pack, the parts should be baked (baking parameters see **Table 34**). The maximum allowed baking temperature is 40°C if the sensors are inside the reel.

Table 34: Baking condition SCD4x if floor time (168 h) with open bag is exceeded.

SCD4x package type	Baking temperature	Min. baking time	Baking condition
Sensors removed from tape	90 °C	48 hours	RH < 5 %
Sensors in tape	40 °C	23 days	RH < 5 %

4.5 Soldering Instructions

For soldering, standard reflow soldering ovens may be used. The sensors are designed to withstand soldering profile based on IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 with a maximum peak temperature of 235°C during up to 30 sec for Pb-free assembly in IR/Convection reflow ovens.

Note that due to the comparably large size of the SCD4x sensor significant temperature differences across the sensor element can occur during reflow soldering. Specifically, the temperature within the sensor cap can be higher than the temperature measured at the pad using usual temperature monitoring methods. Care must be taken that a temperature of 235° C is not exceeded at any time in any part of the sensor.

Do not apply any board wash process step subsequently to the reflow soldering. Note that the dust cover on top of the cap must not be removed or wetted with any liquid. Finally, the SCD4x is not compatible with vapor phase reflow soldering.

Minor temporary accuracy deviations of the CO_2 reading can result from the reflow soldering of the SCD4x. Full sensor accuracy is restored after at most five days after the soldering process, independently on whether the sensor is operated or not.

Average ramp-up rate	< 3 °C / second	
Liquid phase ▪ T_L ▪ t_L	> 220 °C < 60 seconds	
Peak temperature ▪ T_P ▪ t_P	≤ 235 °C < 30 seconds	
Ramp-down rate	< 4 °C / seconds for temperature > T_L	

Table 35 Soldering profile parameter

4.6 Traceability

All SCD4x sensors have a distinct electronic serial number for identification and traceability (see chapter 3.9.2). The serial number can be decoded by Sensirion only and allows for tracking through production, calibration, and testing.

5 Ordering Information

Use the part names and product numbers shown in the following table when ordering the SCD4x CO_2 sensor. For the latest product information and local distributors, visit http://www.sensirion.com/.

Part Name	Description	Ordering quantity (pcs)	Product Number
SCD40-D-R2	SCD40 CO2 sensor SMD component as reel, I2C	600 sensors per reel	3.000.521
SCD40-D-R1	SCD40 CO2 sensor SMD component as reel, I2C	60 sensors per reel	3.000.496
SCD41-D-R2	SCD41 CO2 sensor SMD component as reel, I2C	600 sensors per reel	3.000.498
SCD41-D-R1	SCD41 CO2 sensor SMD component as reel, I2C	60 sensors per reel	3.000.497
SEK-SCD41-Sensor	SEK-SCD41-Sensor set; SCD41 on development board with cables	1	3.000.455
SEK-SensorBridge	Sensor Bridge to connect SEK-SCD41-Sensor to computer	1	3.000.124

Table 36 SCD4x ordering options

6 Revision History

Date	Version	Page(s)	Changes
January 2021	1	all	Initial release
April 2021	1.1	16 - 17	Adjustment max. command time self-test (chapter 3.9) and single shot (chapter 3.10), minor revisions on other pages
May 2022	1.2	3	Clarification on additional sensor accuracy drift (Table 1)
		12	Clarification of set_ambient_pressure command description (chapter 3.6.5)
		18	Addition of power_down and wake_up commands (chapter 3.10)
		22	Addition of minor temporary accuracy deviation after reflow soldering (chapter 4.5)
		all	Minor editorial revisions
September 2022	1.3	All	Minor editorial revisions

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