

# VIM-2

**First Stationary and Mobile Spinning Rotor Gauge with Battery & Grid Operation**



## Key Advantages:

- Grid & battery operated
- >3 h battery operation time
- Measuring range:  
10 mbar to  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar
- High intrinsic accuracy
- Neglectable drift over time
- No electronics inside vacuum
- Cost-effective two-part design
- Plug and measure
- App included
- Internal & external data logger
- Bluetooth (optional)

## Applications:

- Thermal vacuum insulation
- Conductive vacuum insulation
- Preventive maintenance
- Documentation, QC, R&D
- Trouble shooting and safety check without opening the vacuum chamber



0-10 VDC out



RS 485 24 VDC

## Introduction

The VIM-2 is a stationary (grid operation) and mobile, battery-operated, highly accurate and long-term stable vacuum pressure gauge based on Spinning Rotor Gauge (SRG) technology.

SRGs are characterized by two main components:

- A simple, all-metal sensor, connected to the vacuum system
- A measuring head & electronics unit, outside the vacuum system

The all-metal sensor consists of a stainless-steel sphere inside a stainless-steel thimble. Its sensor sphere is magnetically lifted and accelerated by the measuring head, which inductively measures the spin deceleration of the sphere. The measured deceleration rate is used to calculate the pressure of the vacuum system with high accuracy.

## SRG technology advantage

SRGs are well known transfer standards in metrology due to their high accuracy and long-term stability. Combined with its simple, but robust sensor design with no electronic components inside the vacuum, the SRG offers unique properties including:

- 1% achievable accuracy of reading from 0.1 to  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  mbar
- Safe & clean measurements:  
No contamination/heating/ionization by SRG sensor
- Long term stability: <1.5%/year drift
- Corrosion & deposition insensitive

## VIM-2: Ideal for vacuum insulation application

- Extensive measurement range compared to Pirani/thermocouple gauges
- Reliable and permanent sensor mounting by welding
- No failures caused by electrical feedthroughs
- Resistant to mechanical stress (mechanical protection included)
- Reliable measurements thanks to a strong magnetic field and high sensor rotation frequency
- Ideal for field work: Battery operation, display, and internal logger
- Cost effective: One electronics unit, shared with multiple sensors

## Technical Data

<b>Measurement Principle</b>	Spinning Rotor Gauge
<b>Measurement Range</b>	10 mbar to $5 \times 10^{-7}$ mbar
<b>Achievable Accuracy</b>	10 mbar to 0.1 mbar 10% of reading 0.1 to $1 \times 10^{-6}$ mbar 1% of reading
<b>Measurement Time</b>	1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 s or adaptive
<b>Long Term Stability</b>	< 1.5 % drift each year
<b>Wetted Materials</b>	1.4404, 1.4034
<b>Alignment</b>	Horizontal
<b>Hardware Interfaces</b>	USB Type C, Bluetooth (optional), High Density 15 pin
<b>Digital Interfaces</b>	USB, Bluetooth (optional), RS 232 (service), RS 485
<b>Communication Protocol</b>	Modbus protocol, ASCII protocol (optional), LabView driver (optional)
<b>Internal Data Logger</b>	1023 values
<b>Remote Control / GUI</b>	Win7/10
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	Electronics 10°C to 40°C (50°F to 104°F) Measurement head 10°C to 50°C (50°F to 122°F) Sensor tube bakeable until 150°C (302°F) elastomer sealed 450°C (842°F) metal sealed
<b>Power Requirements</b>	18 to 28 VDC
<b>Analog Output</b>	0 to 10 VDC configurable
<b>Flange Type</b>	KF 25, KF40, CF40, 8 VCR, 1/8" NPT, welding socket
<b>Weight</b>	Device 1650 g (58 oz), power adapter 510 g (18 oz), head 750 g (26.5 oz)
<b>Dimensions</b>	L x B x H = 325 x 275 x 100 mm (13 x 11 x 4 in.)
<b>Power Supply</b>	Grid or battery operation
<b>Power Consumption</b>	Maximum 1.5 A at 24 VDC, typically < 1 A
<b>Run Time in Battery Mode</b>	> 3 h
<b>Battery Charging Time</b>	In 4.5 h to more than 95% of current capacity
<b>Response Time (fast mode)</b>	1 s

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