890ZV SOFC Fuel Cell Test Load



NEW – SOFC Zero Volt Operation Includes Two Current Ranges 5A/25A

The Model **890ZV** is the latest fuel cell test system produced by Scribner Associates, Inc. The instrument consists of a programmable electronic load, fuel and temperature controls, and data acquisition functions in an integrated bench top unit. A built-in power source makes the **890ZV** particularly well suited for small single cell SOFC work for research, laboratory and educational use. Such cells often have high resistance electrical interconnects that require use of a power source in order to apply current to the fuel cell.

The **890ZV**, like earlier models, is optimized for cost and size, and offers extra hardware features and Scribner Associates' FuelCell® software.

The **890ZV** is typically for use with a SOFC fuel cell, a suitable furnace and a fuel management unit. It is available with the optional internal **Model 880 Frequency Response Analyzer** (FRA). An interface box may be purchased for non-integrated fuel system designs.

Features:

- Remote operation from USB-GPIB interface with SAI FuelCell® software
- Load system with bucking power source for SOFC high resistance cell leads
- Electronic load with two current ranges: 5 / 25 Amps
- Constant current, voltage, or power control mode
- Current Interrupt (iR) cell resistance measurement
- Whole cell sense voltage input and two high-impedance reference electrode inputs
- Optional internal impedance analyzer with real-time high frequency resistance (HFR) capability
- Impedance measurement using whole cell or either reference electrode input
- Automatic shutdown in hardware for over-current, under-voltage, over-power, load temperature and cell / furnace temperature conditions
- Ramping cell/furnace temperature control
- Cell main terminals and sense inputs tolerant of non-isolated cell
- Internal temperature controllers for anode humidifier and cell / furnace temperatures
- Multifunction front panel text display with function select button
- Connections for Solartron impedance analyzer (for models without internal impedance analyzer)
- Connector for optional interface box or direct gas management unit connection
- Analog input/output ports for two main gas mass flow controllers and up to five additional mass flow controllers including anode forming gas mixtures
- Low voltage output signal to control purge gas valves
- Contact inputs for three supply pressure sensors and three auxiliary alarms
- Low voltage alarm output signal to indicate fault condition
- RS485 digital interface for external temperature controllers

Specifications:

Electronic Load:

Maximum Load Current (2 ranges): 5A, 25A
Maximum Load Voltage 10 V
Maximum Load Power: 50 W

Minimum Load Resistance: 3.3V power supply used to allow

zero load voltage at full current with

up to 3.2V drop in cell wiring

Current Resolution: 1mA

Current Accuracy: 0.3% of full scale current of selected range

Voltage Measurement and Data Acquisition:

Maximum Whole Cell Voltage:10.000VMaximum Reference Electrode Voltage:9.999VWhole Cell Sense Voltage Input Resistance:> 35 kΩReference Electrode Input Resistance> $10^9 Ω$ Voltage Resolution:1 mV

Voltage Accuracy: ±3 mV ±0.3% of reading

Voltage and Current Data Update Rate: 100 Hz

Fuel Interface:

Outputs for anode, cathode flow controllers: Two, Analog (0-5 V)

Outputs for reformate flow controllers: Five, Analog (0-5 V) (optional)

Alarm Inputs: Six: Three for gas pressures, three auxiliary

Alarm Outputs: One, 5 V logic

Fuel Solenoid Control: One, 5 V output (external relay needed, included with

interface box)

Temperature Controllers:

Quantity: Three (Anode, Cathode and Cell / Furnace)
Type: On/off 5V output (external SSR required)
Set and Report Accuracy: ±0.25% of span, ±1 least significant digit

Sensor Type: Thermocouple, Type K Standard, T or S optional

Impedance Measurement:

Interface for internal or external analyzers: Voltage and current output channels with variable DC

bias rejection, generator input channel with selectable

attenuation

Internal Impedance Analyzer Type: Single sine, two gain/phase measurement channels, one generator output channel

Internal Analyzer Frequency Range: 1 mHz to 10 kHz

Measurement Channels: Three: whole cell plus two half cell vs. reference

electrode

Environment:

Operating Temperature: 0-40 °C ambient; all specs given for 25 °C ambient

Power Source: 100-240 VAC, 50/60 Hz (auto select)

Size: 3U std rack mount, 19" W x 5.25" H x 21" D

Safety Features: Automatic shutdown and N₂ purge with under voltage,

over-current, over-temperature, loss of supply pressures, low water, furnace over-temperature, communications failure or external alarm. Manual Emergency Stop switch

for manual operator shutdown.

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