

# Test report Hioki LR8432

Hioki heat flow logger LR8432 used with Hukseflux heat flux + temperature sensors

The Hioki heat flow logger is easy and convenient in use. It can measure up to 10 channels and display the data of heat flux, voltage and temperature simultaneously. Our test shows that the latest FHF sensors have excellent compatibility with Hioki LR8432 datalogger. FHF sensors are very versatile: integrated temperature sensor, thermal spreaders to reduce thermal conductivity dependence, applicable over a temperature range from  $-70$  to  $+120$  °C. The combined measurement of heat flux and temperature offers you a full picture of the thermal behaviour of a system.



**Figure 1** FHF04's with BLK and GLD sticker used with Hioki LR8432



**Figure 2** Hioki LR8432 can handle 5 heat flux sensors each with its own temperature measurement and display the results simultaneously on screen

## Introduction

Hukseflux offers a wide range of sensors for heat flux and temperature measurement. The thermopile heat flux sensor and thermocouple temperature sensor are both passive sensors; they do not require power.

## Conclusion of testing

A total of 5 FHF sensors such as FHF04 can be connected directly to the Hioki LR8432. The heat flux in  $W/m^2$  is calculated by dividing the heat flux sensor's output, a small voltage, by its sensitivity. The sensitivity is provided with the sensor on its certificate and can be programmed directly into the datalogger.

## Specifications

Table 1 shows a summary of the most important specifications of the Hioki LR8432 when used with Hukseflux FHF04. Contact Hukseflux for a final check of your proposed solution.

**Table 1** most important specifications of Hioki LR8432 used with a Hukseflux FHF04 sensor

	LR8432
no. of input channels	10
temperature	y
heat flux	y
voltage measurement accuracy	$0.1 \times 10^{-6}$ V
estimated heat flux resolution with FHF04	$0.01 W/m^2$
temperature measurement accuracy	$\pm 0.8$ °C
wireless / bluetooth	n
battery powered use	y

## Getting started

The following text helps you to instal the sensors to the datalogger and getting along. For more information see the sensor manual on our website or the Hioki user brochure. Visit also the Hukseflux [YouTube](#) channel for a quick [introduction to heat flux](#) or learn more about [separation of radiation and convection](#).

## Before use

- charge the internal battery pack for 2.5 hours continuous use or use the AC adapter.

## Step 1

Suggested wire connection of FHF04:

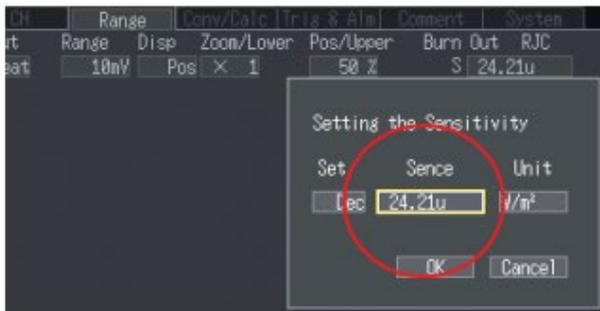
- Ch 1 +: red (heat flux +)
- Ch 1 -: black (heat flux -)
- Ch 2 +: thermocouple (type T +)
- Ch 2 -: thermocouple (type T -)

The channels 5 to 10 can be used for four (4) additional FHF sensors.

## Step 2

Specify your measurement:

- describe the purpose of the experiment;
- estimate the output range of heat flux sensor in [ $\times 10^{-6}$  V] and program it into the logger;
- for Ch 1 choose as input 'heat' and enter sensitivity of heat flux sensor;
- for Ch 2 select as input 'Tc' and then Type T for temperature measurements;
- repeat previous steps in case more sensors are use

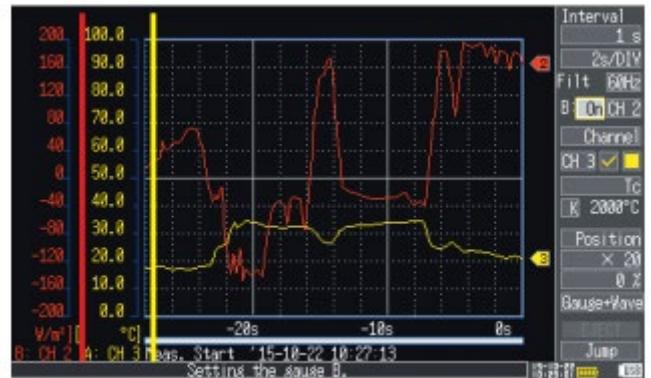


**Figure 3** avoid troublesome calculations by simply entering the sensitivity of the heat flux sensor in the logger

## Step 3

Start your measurement:

- press the start button;
- heat flow and temperature are displayed simultaneously on the same screen
- optimise using display settings



Heat flow (W/m<sup>2</sup>)      Temperature (°C)

**Figure 4** heat flow and temperature can be display simultaneously in the same graph

## Step 4

Store data:

- USB flash drive
- USB connection to computer
- CF Card

## Suggested use

Heat flux + temperature sensors and loggers are used to analyse the cause of temperature change. FHF04 is a sensor for general-purpose heat flux measurements, often applied as part of a larger test- or measuring system. Also, they are used to validate mathematical CFD simulations.

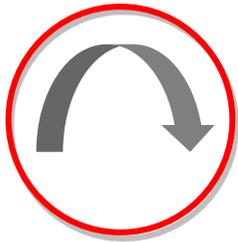
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# FHF series outperforms competing models: how?

FHF04 and FHF03 are Hukseflux' standard models for thin, flexible and versatile heat flux sensors. With its small footprint, FHF03 is the most economical one.



**Flexible**

FHF04 may be bent to a radius of 7.5 mm. FHF03 may be bent to a radius of 50 mm.

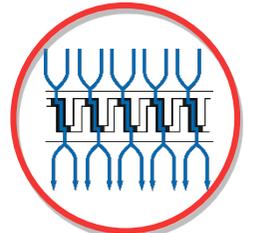
**Large-area**

Larger is better: FHF04's sensitive area of 30 x 30 mm offers good averaging, leading to increased sensitivity. FHF04 has a thermal guard around the sensitive area. The guard can also be used for mounting the sensor without disturbing the sensitive area.

Sensitive area with thermal spreaders reducing thermal conductivity dependence

**Sensitivity independent of environment: Thermal spreader included**

Unlike many competing sensors, FHF series sensors have thermal spreaders, i.e. conductive layers covering the sensor. These layers help reduce the thermal conductivity dependence of the measurement. By employing spreaders, the sensitivity of FHF series becomes independent of its environment.



Corrosion-proof plastic cover protecting the thermal spreader

Thermocouple type T included

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Black and gold stickers matching FHF04 and FHF03 to measure radiative and convective heat flux separately

Durable waterproof wires with metal connection block, may be used as strain relief, temperature resistant up to 150 °C

Durable waterproof shielded cable, temperature resistant up to 150 °C



**Stable: waterproof (IP67), corrosion-proof**

FHF series sensor connection is potted, and waterproof. Its protection class is IP67. Competing sensors often have wire connections with open contact to the environment. This is a large potential source of damage, as well as a starting point for measurement errors, corrosion, and sensor instability.

**FHF04**



**FHF03**

**Best paperwork**  
Hukseflux has the paperwork covered; all FHF series sensors are provided with formally traceable calibration certificates. We calibrate in accordance with ASTM.

