Nexa[®] Integration System

1.2 kW Fuel Cell System

The Nexa® Integration System is ideal for demanding application projects. With its 1.2 kW fuel cell module, matching DC/DC converter and a software facilitating overall system control, training and research projects be can implemented easily.

lts fully integrated power module offers performance data that is top in its class and a form factor that allows for facilitated integration into different applications.









System Overview

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The Nexa[®] Integration System includes the 1.2 kW Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell Power Module including a startup kit, the Nexa[®] DC 1200 DC/DC Converter (24 V or 48 V) and the Nexa[®] OSC Overall System Control Software to easily set up and run the system in laboratory environments.

For more complex laboratory setups and integration projects a range of accessories is available.



- 1. Nexa[®] Integration System for operation in laboratory environments.
- 2. Accessory program for more complex laboratory setups or integration projects and research projects.



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The Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell Module is the core of the Nexa[®] Integration System.

The fully integrated fuel cell power module is based on the FCgen[™] 1020 ACS stack from Ballard, offering superior fuel efficiency and a long service life. Its enclosed, robust housing with integrated profile rails allows for comfortable integration of the module and protects the inner life of the system. In combination with the Nexa[®] DC1200 DC/DC Converter and the Nexa[®] OSC Software facilitating overall system control, the Nexa[®] Integration System is optimal for implementing stationary applications.



Nexa® 1200

- 1. Air inlet with intake filter
- 2. Start/Stop button and status LED
- 3. Interface unit
- 4. Exhaust



Nexa® DC 1200





Nexa[®] OSC



System Features Nexa® 1200

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Improved Overall System Efficiency

Whilst the old Nexa[®] Power Module required a compressor and a fan for the supply of reaction and cooling air, the Nexa[®] 1200 uses a single fan on the back of the system, drawing in ambient air for even distribution through the entire system. The parasitic power consumption could be reduced by up to 50%.

Improved Service Life

Heliocentris guarantees a system warrenty of 1500 hours, if the system is used according to specifications - three times the service life of the old Nexa[®] Power Module.

No Draining of Water Required

The open cathode stack facilitates drainage of the water accumulated during the reaction. It is evaporated with the cooling air and is blown out through the air duct at the back of the system. The air outlet is designed for easy attachment of an exhaust air duct.

Central Interface Unit and Mounting Rails

The Nexa[®] 1200 has a central, easy to reach interface unit on its back, housing peripheral, electrical and hydrogen connectors. Integrated mounting rails further facilitate the integration.

Interface Unit





Scope of Delivery

Nexa® 1200 - Item 1911







Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell Power Module

Fully integrated 1.2 kW fuel cell power module comprising the FCgen[™] 1020 ACS stack from Ballard. Integrated profile rails allow for flexible mounting of the system. All interfaces are located in one place on the system's backside facilitating the connection of cables and hydrogen supply.

Remote Control Software

The included Remote Control Software allows to put the Nexa[®] 1200 into operation and monitor all relevant operating parameters, e. g. stack voltage, stack current, coolant temperature and load state. All data can be saved for further editing.

Startup Kit

The startup kit facilitates operation of the system in the lab. It comprises a load cable, a power relais, a diode with cooling element, a bundle of connectors and all necessary electric lines.

All items: Item No. 1911



Scope of Delivery

Nexa® DC 1200 - Item 1610 / 1611





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Nexa[®] DC1200

The Nexa[®] DC 1200 DC/DC Converter stabilizes the unregulated fuel cell voltage of the Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell Module to 24 / 48 Volt direct current. It also protects the system against reverse currents. The Nexa[®] DC1200 is required to hybridize the Nexa[®] 1200 with the optionally available Battery Set..

Hybridization Kit

The included Hybridization Kit ensures that the DC/DC Converter, the Nexa[®] Fuel Cell Module and the Set of Batteries work together safely as a fuel cell/battery hybrid system. The device is responsible for load control, battery control, battery charging and deep charge protection.

Software

The included software of the Nexa® DC1200 enables the central parameterization of the device and the visualization of its operation parameters via a MS Windows PC. Data logging for further analysis is possible.

All items: Item No. 1610/1611



OSC Software

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Nexa[®] OSC Software

The Overall System Control Software enables the central operation and configuration of the main components included in the Nexa[®] Integration System via a regular MS Windows PC:

- » Nexa® 1200 Fuel Cell Module
- » Nexa® DC1200
- » EL1200 Electronic Load (on request 2400)

Component parameters are visualized in the software and can be logged and exported for further editing.



Accessories

Nexa[®] Integration System







Startup Power Supply

The Startup Power Supply provides the power required to start-up the Nexa[®] 1200 when used without Nexa[®] DC 1200 and Battery Set.

Item No. 1660

Set of Batteries

The Set of Batteries (24 / 48 V) includes two/four Lead-Gel-Batteries as well as a cable connection set and a short circuit protection for the connection to the Nexa® DC1200. It also enables the startup of the Nexa® 1200 without a power supply.

Item No. 1650 / 1651

EL 1200 Electronic Load (on request 2400)

The Electronic Load enables the controllable loading of the Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell System and features the operating modes: constant current, constant power, constant voltage or constant resistance. The load settings can be made manually or via the included software or the optionally available Nexa[®] OSC Software.



Accessories

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DC/AC Inverter

The DC/AC Inverter converts the power from the Nexa $^{(\!8\!)}$ DC1200 to 230V/110V. Only compatible with Nexa $^{(\!8\!)}$ DC1200 24V Version.

Item No. 1620

H₂ Flow Meter

The Hydrogen Flow Meter enables the exact measurement of the current hydrogen consumption.

Item No. 1730



A portable hydrogen warning device for monitoring the workplace together with a leak test fluid ensure safety during use the system.





Hydrogen Supply Nexa[®] Integration System





Metal Hydride Canister

The low-pressure metal hydride canister allows for safe and easy intermediate storage of 700 sl of hydrogen in a compact form. An integrated quick coupling ensures safe connecting and disconnecting of the canister.

Item No. 650

H₂ Connection Kit 200 bar

For direct operation of the Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell Module or refilling of Metal Hydride Canisters from compressed gas cylinders. The pressure reducer ensures that the cylinder pressure is reduced to the suitable inlet pressure of the Nexa[®] 1200 or Metal Hydrid Canister.

Item No. 631

H₂ Connection Kit 15 bar

For connecting three Metal Hydride Canisters to the Nexa[®] 1200 Fuel Cell System.



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HG72 Hydrogen Generator

The HG72 produces up to 72 standard liters of hydrogen per hour through the electrolysis of de-ionized water. No free acids or alkalines are used.

Through an innovative and maintenance-free gas dehydration system the generator achieves a hydrogen purity of 6.0 (99.99999 %). It is suitable for the refilling of low-pressure metal hydride canisters.



System Scheme





Power Curve – Nexa® 1200 Fuel Cell Module





Parts List

Item No.	Name	Description
1911	Nexa [®] 1200	1.2 kW Fuel Cell Power Module with FCgen™-1020ACS stack, Monitoring and Control Software and Startup Kit allowing to run the system in the lab
1610	Nexa [®] DC1200-24	DC/DC Converter stabilizing the unregulated fuel cell voltage of the Nexa [®] 1200 Fuel Cell Module to 24 V DC, incl. Hybridization Kit and Cable Connection Set (battery set recommended for operation)
1611	Nexa [®] DC1200-48	DC/DC Converter stabilizing the unregulated fuel cell voltage of the Nexa [®] 1200 Fuel Cell Module to 48 V DC, incl. Hybridization Kit and cable connection set (battery set recommended for operation)
1870	Nexa® OSC	Software package for overall system control with a MS Windows based PC
Hydrogen	Supply	
631	H ₂ Connection Kit 200 bar	Connection Kit for refilling of Metal Hydride Canisters from compressed gas cylinders
1502	H ₂ Connection Kit15 bar	Connection Kit for connecting 3 Metal Hydride Canisters to the Nexa® 1200 Fuel Cell Power Module
Accessorie	95	
1660	Startup Power Supply	AC-Adaptor for powering Nexa [®] 1200 Fuel Cell Module during startup
1650	Set of Batteries 24 V	Two Lead-Gel-Batteries á 18Ah
1651	Set of Batteries 48 V	Four Lead-Gel-Batteries á 18Ah
1600	EL 1200 Electronic Load	Electronic Load for controllable loading of the Nexa [®] 1200 Fuel cell Module. Operating modes: constant current, constant power, constant resistance, constant voltage
1620	DC/AC Inverter	Inverter to operate loads requiring DC/AC input (only aplicable with Nexa $^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{B}}}$ DC1200 and Battery Set)
1730	H ₂ Flow Meter	Hydrogen Flow Meter for measurement of hydrogen consumption
731	H ₂ Detector	Hydrogen Leak Detection Set including a hydrogen sensor with a display and various acoustic and visual alarm levels and a leak test liquid



Technical Data

Fuel Cell Power Module			
Dimensions			
Width x depth x height	400 x 550 x 220 mm		
Weight	Approx. 22 kg		
Stack			
Manufacturer	Ballard		
Make	Fcgen™-1020ACS		
Туре	PEM		
Design	Air cooled, open cathode		
Electrical			
Rated power	1,200 W		
Rated current	52 Adc		
Output voltage (unregulated)	20 - 36 Vdc		
Operational temperature	5 - 40°C		

Media			
Hydrogen quality	4.0 (99.99 % or better)		
Hydrogen consumption	15 slpm (at rated output)		
Air consumption	335 m ³ /h (at rated output, 30 °C ambient temperature)		
Connectors			
Electrical connector	Screw terminal, 16-50mm ²		
Hydrogen connector	Brass clamping ring screw connection, 6 mm		
Periphery connector	Plug-in connector, Phoenix FCM		
Communication connector	Plug-in connector, Sub-D		



Technical Data

DC/DC Converter			
Specifications			
Output power	max. 1,450 W		
Nominal voltage	24 / 48 Vdc		
Output voltage	0 32 Vdc / 062 Vdc		
Input voltage	1645 Vdc		
Output current	max. 55 / 27 Adc		
Operational temperature	-1055 °C		
Efficiency	> 95 %		
Weight	approx. 2.5 kg		

Accessories			
H ₂ Flow Meter			
Measuring range	25 slpm		
Accuracy	± 1.5% of full scale		
Temperature	0-50 °C		
H ₂ Detector			
Sensor type	Hydrogen 4 %		
Measuring principle	3-electrode sensor		
Standard range	0.00 - 4.00 %		

Accessories			
Set of Batteries			
Rated voltage	24 Vdc / 48Vdc		
Capacity	18Ah		
Startup Power Supply			
Output voltage	24 Vdc		
Output current	5.2 Adc		
Output power	150 W		
Input voltage	90 264 V (60/50 Hz)		
Electronic Load			
Load voltage	0 80 Vdc		
Load current	0 85 Adc		
Load power	max. 1200 W		
Power supply	115 / 230 V (60/50 Hz)		
DC/AC Inverter			
Output voltage	110 / 230 V (60/50 Hz)		
Continuous output power	1500 W		
Short time output power	3000 W		
Input voltage	24 Vdc		
Efficiency (full load)	91 / 93 % (110/230 V)		



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Hydrogen Supply

Hydrogen Generator HG72				
Hydrogen flow rate	up to 72 sl/h			
Hydrogen purity	> 6.0 (99.9999 %)			
Hydrogen delivery pressure	12 - 16 bar adjustable			
Pressure accuracy	0.1 bar (±0.5 %)			
Water quality	Deionized, ASTM II, <0.1uS			
Operating temperature	5 °C - 35 °C			
Relative humidity	0 - 80 %, non-condensing			
Input voltage	120 or 240 V AC / 50 - 60 Hz selectable			
Power consumption	560 VA max.			
Operation panel	LC Display			
Operation parter	Set points, status, alarm			
	1 port RS232			
I/O board with	2 ports RS485			
optional PC software	Potential free relay contacts			
	Set points, system status, user parameter			
Dimensions (W x D x H)	485 x 410 x 177 mm			

Metal Hydride Canister			
Storage capacity (at charge pressure of 17 bar)	700 sl		
Output	max. 6 sl/m		
Weight	7.3 kg		
Size (ø x L)	102 x 470 mm		
Charge pressure	1 - 17 bar		
H₂ Connection Kit 15 bar			
Inlet pressure	15 bar (217.5 psig)		
Connections	3 x metal hydride canister to quick coupling		
H ₂ Connection Kit 200 bar			
Inlet pressure	200 bar (2900 psig)		
Outlet pressure	0 - 20 bar (0 – 290 psig)		

The power delivered by the fuel cell depends on various parameters and decreases throughout the product life. All technical data correspond to the stack power at time of delivery.

The system works with hydrogen, a highly inflammable gas. Therefore, the respective local norms and safety regulations for transport, storage and operation have to be observed. Before setting up and operating the system, carefully read the instruction manual.

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