# QSensor QSX 310 Ti

The QSensors are developed and produced to provide you with stable, reliable and reproducible data. Full performance is ensured through extensive quality controls and guaranteed for one-time use according to the recommendations.

## Sensor specifications

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<th>Description</th>
<th>QSX 310 Ti</th>
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<td>Top coating material</td>
<td>Titanium (Ti)(^A)</td>
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<td>Surface roughness</td>
<td>&lt; 1 nm RMS(^B)</td>
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<td>Maximum temperature</td>
<td>250 °C</td>
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**Pre-cleaning of sensor**
A new sensor might be contaminated with hydrocarbons and dust. Pre-cleaning the surface will give more reproducible QCM-D results.

**Protocol light**
For light cleaning, step 2, 3 and 7 below can be used.

**Protocol thorough\(^C, E\)**
1. Immerse the sensor surfaces in 1% Hellmanex II (see www.hellma-worldwide.com) for 30 minutes at room temperature.
2. Rinse with milliQ water.
3. Dry with nitrogen gas.
4. Sonicate in 99% ethanol for 10 minutes.
5. Rinse with milliQ water.
6. Dry with nitrogen gas.
7. UV/Ozone treat for 10 minutes.

**Usage**
QSensors are intended for one-time use only.

**Shelf Life**
Stable at least 18 months from package date in unopened package, see expiry date on package.

**Storage**
Store in a cool, dry place out of light.

**Chemical compatibility**
Do not expose to strong acids and bases. There is no guarantee that the coating will be stable under all experimental conditions.

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**Specifications may be subject to change without notice.**

\( A \) - The chemical composition was confirmed by XPS.

\( B \) - Ref. AFM.

\( C \) - Sensor oscillates/works at 250 °C in air. Temperatures above 250 °C have not been tested. Note that ambient environment may influence coating behavior. Theoretically, the quartz and the Au coating withstand temperatures up to 573 °C where the quartz undergoes a phase transition altering its piezoelectric properties. The adhesion layers, the electrode and coating materials will migrate with time, and the migration rate is affected by temperature and time.

\( D \) - The suggested pre-cleaning protocols for the sensors are not harmful to the sensor coatings themselves. If the protocols are used for cleaning the sensor after a measurement, note that there is no guarantee that materials adsorbed onto the coatings are removed.

\( E \) - Please see QSense “Instrument care and sensor pre-cleaning” for more info.