

# **5kW Fuel Cell System**

# **User Manual**



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# 1. Safety



ELECTRICAL HAZARD: Fuel cell stacks generate high voltage. Obey all warnings, cautions, and safety instructions. Failure to do so may result in electrical shock leading to personal injury or death.

# **1.1** General Safety

- (1) The fuel cell stack may contain residual voltage when not operating.
- (2) Keep all guards, screens, and electrical enclosures in place when the system is operating.
- (3) The fuel cell stack should not be used or stored in wet or damp conditions.
- (4) Remove jewelry, watches, rings, and metal objects on clothing that can cause short circuits when working with the fuel cell stack or system.

## **1.2** High Temperature and High Pressure Safety



- (1) The fuel cell stack can reach a temperature of 70° C or higher if operated outside the specification. Avoid touching exposed components during or shortly after operation.
- (2) The fuel cell stack and associated system use pressurized gases, which can be hazardous. Use caution and ensure circuits are de-pressurized before opening any lines or fittings.
- (3) The fuel cell stack is assembled under high compression. Do not attempt to disassemble the stack.



## **1.3** High Voltage Safety



- Always ensure that the Stack Power HV+ and HV-terminals are connected to an appropriate load prior to operation.
- (2) Current leakage from the stack can also occur if there is inadequate isolation elsewhere in the electrical system and the stack is not fully isolated from that portion of the electrical system. The inadequate isolation could occur elsewhere in the fuel cell module or external to the fuel cell module. This leak path can be minimized by ensuring all electrical equipment and wiring in the fuel cell module is adequately isolated and by ensuring that the fuel cell module electrical buses are isolated from the application electrical system.
- (3) Stack Power connection cables must be appropriately sized to suit the application for voltage, current and insulation temperature limits. Cables must have suitable voltage rating, current carrying capacity, and insulation temperature rating, depending on the end-users' specific application and operating environment.
- (4) Exercise caution when routing the Stack Power Cables. In particular, ensure that no other electrical cables are routed in between the physical loop formed by the Fuel Cell Stack power terminals, the HV+ and HV- and the load power terminals.
- (5) Exercise caution when working with the stack. Residual reactants within the stack can rapidly develop a charge, even when there is no fuel flow and the stack has been short-circuited. A reading of zero volts across the entire stack does not guarantee that all cells are uncharged.
- (6) Never, under any circumstances, touch live electrical parts such as bus bars or connections.
- (7) Be sure that all electrical connections and connectors are properly



installed and connected with proper torque. Do not over-torque, as this can damage the stack.

- (8) Avoid hazardous voltage situations that could result from unsafe conditions such as, but not limited to, the following:
- ➢ Improper grounding;
- Accumulation of foreign material or debris between live stack parts and hardware that could lead to loss of isolation or reduction in creep age/clearance;
- Handling electrical leads or devices with wet hands or on wet ground;
- Frayed electrical leads;
- Improper connection or re-connection of the terminal Leads;
- Short circuits;
- > Back-feed from energized normal and emergency power sources.

# 1.4 Hydrogen Safety

- (1) Hydrogen is a colorless, odorless, highly flammable gas.
- (2) Hydrogen must be sited and handled in accordance with applicable regulations and the gas supplier's recommendations.
- (3) Hydrogen is non-toxic but can cause asphyxiation by displacing the oxygen in the air. There are no warning symptoms before unconsciousness results.

Hydrogen molecules are smaller than any other gas, making hydrogen more difficult to contain. It can diffuse through many materials considered airtight. Fuel lines, non-welded connections, and non-metal seals such as gaskets, O-rings, pipe thread compounds and packing present potential leakage or permeation sites. Furthermore, hydrogen's small molecule size results in high buoyancy and diffusivity, so leaked hydrogen will diffuse and become diluted



quickly. Stack hydrogen leak rates will generally increase with stack lifetime.

The responsibility for leak detection and the mitigation of combustible leaks rests with the customer. Hydrogen leaks emanating from the fuel cell stack can be readily detected by means of a hydrogen detector, which can trigger warnings well before the hydrogen/air mixture reaches a flammable concentration.

# **1.5** Stack Fire Safety



- Operation of the fuel cell stack in a manner that is significantly outside specification may result in open flame at the stack. Specifically, the following conditions may result in fire:
- Operation with significant fuel starvation (insufficient purge, long periods of over-cooled operation)
- $\geq$

Operation above maximum

stack temperature rating;

#### **1.6** Asphyxiation Safety



The fuel cell stack consumes  $O_2$  while operating. If operating the stack in poorly ventilated, small enclosures, care must be taken that  $O_2$  concentrations do not drop below safe levels.



# **2.** System Introduction

This section mainly describes the working principle and the electrical properties of the fuel cell stack. The fuel cell stack is an electrochemical device that directly outputs a stable DC high voltage, so it can be directly connected to a transformer or inverter to convert the DC voltage to the DC or AC voltage.

Fuel cell stacks are considered a clean, non-polluting green technology by electrochemical reactions of pure hydrogen and oxygen, generating electricity and water which makes fuel cell solutions more attractive for places where emissions limits are required.

Fuel cells are similar to generators and it can operate uninterrupted if the fuel cell has appropriate fuel source, which means that while the fuel cell is used in conjunction with appropriate fuel storage solution it can be efficiently stored as a standby power source in a customer application.

The fuel cell stack is an electrochemical conversion device with high power density and high conversion efficiency by using proton exchange membrane as electrolyte, which converts the chemical energy produced by pure hydrogen and oxygen in the air directly into electrical energy. Hydrogen in the anode loses electrons to form hydrogen protons by the catalyst, hydrogen protons reach to the cathode through the proton exchange membrane and react with oxygen to produce pure water. The electrochemical reaction of the stack is shown as follows:

Anode reaction: $H_2-2e^- \rightarrow 2H^+$ Cathode reaction: $4H^++O_2+4e^- \rightarrow 2H_2O$ Total reaction: $2H_2+O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$ 

### **2.1** System composition

In terms of function, the fuel cell system is mainly composed of five subsystems: oxygen supply system, hydrogen supply system, heat dissipation system, control system and fuel cell stack. The key components are shown in the table below.



No.	Item	Drawing	Function
1	Air Filter		Prevent harmful particles from entering the fuel cell system
2	Air Flow Meter		Monitor feedback of air flow
3	Humidifier		Add humidity to the air entering the stack
4	Radiator		Remove excess heat from the system
5	Ion Exchange		Absorb ions in the coolant and reduce the conductivity of the coolant
6	Controller		Control system, do communication between systems
7	Fuel Cell Stack		Generate power by oxygen and hydrogen reaction

	Table 2-1	Key com	ponents of	fuel cel	l system
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8	Water tank	Fill water and purge air for the fuel cell system
9	Water pump	Power the cooling cycle of the fuel cell system
10	DC/DC	Charge the 48V power battery
11	Blower	Provide air for the fuel cell system

In addition to the above components, the fuel cell system is also equipped with some sensors to feed back the temperature, pressure and humidity signals of the controller system during operation.

The internal oxygen supply system and cooling system components of the system also need to be connected with silicone tubes and multi-way joints to ensure the flow of fluids in the system.

The fixing of the various parts of the system requires the support of a bracket, and the whole system needs a fixed frame, which is connected and fixed together by the frame. Finally, many electrical parts in the system need to be connected with high-voltage wiring harness or low-voltage wiring harness.



The working principle diagram of the fuel cell system is shown in Figure 2-1 below.



Figure 2-1 Working principle diagram of the fuel cell system

Note: These components highlighted in blue module are the materials delivered with the fuel cell system, while the others need to be prepared by customers.

Startup power and load description:

1. Fuel cell system, which is a power generation unit and does not store energy requires an external power source to start;

2. It is recommended to use 48V/60AH battery as the starting power supply. The larger the capacity, the better.

3. Bidirectional electronic load can also be preferred;

4. It is not recommended to use resistive load alone. When the power changes, the system voltage range fluctuation is relatively large, triggering failure, debugging is more difficult. If it is resistive load, it must be able to set constant voltage mode;

5. No matter what kind of load, the simplest way is to add a group of 48V power battery at the back end of the fuel cell system, which can debug the workload.



# 2.2 System Operating Conditions

#### 2.2.1 Gas and Liquid Requirements

The fuel cell stack is used to generate electricity by converting the chemical energy produced by hydrogen and oxygen in the air into electricity, using coolant to circulate in the stack to dissipate heat, so the stack is strictly required to use qualified fuel gas, oxidizing gas and coolant. Detailed requirements are shown in table 2-2 below.

Description	Specification
Fuel gas $(> 99.97\% H_2)$	
Other ingredients	< 300ppm
	<2ppm CO <sub>2</sub>
	<0.1ppm CO
	<5ppm H <sub>2</sub> O
	<2ppm Hydrocarbons
	<5ppm O <sub>2</sub>
	<300ppm He
	<200ppm N <sub>2</sub> , Ar
	< 0.004ppm Total sulfur compounds
	<0.01ppm Formaldehyde
	<0.2ppm Formic acid
	<0.1ppm NH <sub>3</sub>
	< 0.05ppm Total halogenated compounds
Oxidizing gases (air)	
O <sub>2</sub>	>20.95%
N <sub>2</sub>	<78.08%
Other gas ingredients	
	<0.1ppm CO
	$<1\% \text{ CO}_2$
	<1ppm O <sub>3</sub>
	<0.01ppm SO <sub>2</sub>
	<0.04ppm Hydrogen sulfide
	<0.025ppm NO
	<0.05ppm NO <sub>2</sub>
	<0.008ppm Volatile Organic Compound

Table 2-2 Gas and liquid specification sheets



	<0.01ppm NH <sub>3</sub>
Atmospheric particulate	
components	
	<90µg/m <sup>3</sup> PM10
	<15µg/m <sup>3</sup> PM2.5
Coolant	
	Deionized water
	Particle diameter < 100 µm
	Conductivity < 5µs/cm

#### Warning:

> If the working environment has a lot of dust, air filter should be installed to filter the air. If there is too much Nitrogen and oxygen compounds, Oxygen and sulfur compounds and other contaminants in the working environment, the air should be chemically filtered.

> Choice of coolant should be prudent. The widespread use of coolant in the market may not applicable, it may contain additives to lead to high conductivity and low insulation resistance. Therefore it needs to be coupled with the device which can monitor electrical conductivity.

#### 2.2.2 System Working Condition

The operating point of the system also affects the normal operation of the system as shown in table 2-3.

Environmental requirements	Specific parameters
Start-up temperature of stack	≥- 10°C ( < 5°C Auxiliary heating is required)
Storage temperature	-20°C~60°C
Altitude range	0~1000m (>1000m performance drops 3.5% for every 500m increase)
Humidity range	0%~100%RH
Air pressure	0 to 0.2barg
$H_2$ pressure (Inside the stack)	0.3 to 0.5barg

Table 2-3 Working condition table



# 2.2.3 System performance

The performance parameters of the 5kW fuel cell system are listed in Table 2-5.

No.	Item	Parameters
1.	Model	HFC-P5
2	System rated power output (kW)	5 (DC is included)
3	System peak power output (kW)	10 (DC is included)
4	Stack rated power (kW)	6
3	Stack peak power (kW)	12
4	System idle Power (kW)	≤2
5	Cell number (cells)	90
6	Rated efficiency of the system (%)	≥50% (@Net Max. Rated Output Power (LHV, hydrogen in DC out)
7	Operating ambient temperature	-10-40°C
8	Storage ambient temperature	-20-60°C
9	Response time (start-up to idle)	$< 30S$ (Ambient temperature $> 5^{\circ}C$ )
10	-10°C low temperature start time	< 15min
11	Operating ambient humidity	0-95%
12	Operating pressure	≤50kPa
13	IP rating	IP54
14	Vibration noise (90% rated power)	≤90dB
15	Voltage current output	222A@54V
16	System size (mm, includes DC/DC)	0.8m*0.9m*1m (kind prevail)
17	System weight (kg) (Includes DC/DC and radiator)	240 (kind prevail)
18	DC output voltage (V)	48-54
19	Stack operating temperature (°C)	60-70
20	H2 purity	> 99.97%
21	Hydrogen inlet pressure	6~10barg(Minimum 2~4barg, as requested)
22	Hydrogen reserved interface model	1/2 inches card sleeve joint
23	Hydrogen Consumption @ Net Max. Rated Output Power	≤0.3kg/h
24	Insulation resistance $(\Omega/V)$	≥500Ω/V
25	Coolant	≤5us/cm

## Table 2-5: 5kW Fuel cell system parameters







Figure 2-3 Curve of hydrogen flow (rated power 5kW, peak power 10kW)





# **3.** System operation

The fuel cell system is mainly composed of a fuel cell stack module, a hydrogen supply module, an oxygen supply module, a cooling module and an electrical control module. The hydrogen supply module provides the hydrogen required for the reaction of the fuel cell system. The oxygen supply module provides the air required for the reaction of the fuel cell system. The cooling module is mainly used for the heat dissipation of the fuel cell system, and heat dissipation is performed through the circulation of the coolant. The electrical control module controls the components in the entire system.

## **3.1** System connection instructions

Connect the tailpipe of the system, the hydrogen inlet (connected to the hydrogen source), and the high-voltage end of the DC/DC (need to be connected to the load). After all the pipelines are connected, manually add a certain amount of deionized water to the system kettle.



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Figure 3-1 System connection diagram

## **3.2** System communication line connection

As shown in Figure 3-2, it is the connection method of the communication line between the system and the computer. Connect the communication line we configured with KVASER, one end of the communication line is connected to the CAN2 interface of the system ECU, and the other end of the KVASER is connected to the computer.





Figure 3-2 Communication line connection

### 3.3 Screen display control instructions

As shown in Figure 3-3, it is the control interface of our system, which can start and shut down the system and modify the power through the control of the screen.

Operation 1: When you click this button, it will become **Set Remote Control**. At this time it can be operated on the display screen, otherwise Ethernet operation will be performed.

Operation 2: This button is the lock key of the screen. Clicking this button will become

**Set Control Lock** before power setting and other operations. Otherwise, the screen will not operate.

Operation 3: This is the system emergency stop button. When the button becomes

Reset Normal Mod

, the system will be in emergency stop state.

Operation 4: After the power setting is completed, click this button to change to **STOP** to start the system. Clicking again will stop the system.





Figure 3-3 Screen control interface

# 4. Software operation instructions

# 4.1 Open the Software

Unzip the application package and run Horizon HFC series monitor.exe.

Note: if the package decompressed to the C drive, please right click the computer mouse to allow Horizon HFC series monitor.exe operating in administrator mode. Otherwise, the software can't write to Excel and blf file, thus it fails recording.

# 4.2 Getting Started

First, make sure the fuel cell system is properly wired. Second, supply the 24V power. Third, click the Run button. As long as the CAN connection indicator shows ONLINE, it means the system communication is run correctly, Fourth, wait the system to complete self-checking, then it runs into standby status. After that the fuel cell system is ready to operate.



Note: It is necessary to add enough deionized water and expelling all the air in the coolant circuit to start the fuel cell system for the first time.



Figure 4-1 Software operation interface

#### Start steps

- (1) Set the output voltage which is marked in 1;
- (2) Set the target power which is marked in 2;
- (3) Click the button which is marked in 3 to start the fuel cell system. If the system need to be stop, please click the button marked in 3 again.

Before running the fuel cell system, the water pump needs to be turned on to expel the air in the coolant line. When the coolant inlet pressure stabilizes between  $\pm$  0.01 bar, it can be considered that the air in the coolant circuit has been emptied. The steps for setting the pump speed and waiting time can refer to the following table. Make sure that the pump speed is 0 before starting the fuel cell system.

Pump speed	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	40%	30%	20%	10%	0%	50%
Waiting Time	2min										



# 4.3 Monitoring system status

#### 4.3.1 Main interface

On the main page, you can see various real-time observation values from the fuel cell system.



Figure 4-2 Main interface

#### 4.3.2 Chart

On the chart page, you can see the Historical data curve of some observed values. Both X axis and Y axis can change the axis range by modifying the numbers on both sides of the axis. Y axis supports mouse operation. When the mouse moves into the corresponding Y-axis range, the Y-axis can be zoomed in and out by the mouse wheel.

4: The option on the left side of the chart can be checked to show/hide the curve.

5: The box on the right is the curve setting option. The user can change setting items such as curve color





Figure 4-3 Chart interface

## 4.4 Calibration parameters

This operation must be carried out under the guidance of Horizon Fuel Cell Technologies.

(I) Click the path selection icon to select the file. The calibration interface will appear when the correct file is selected.

(II) Click to select the parameter you want to modify, the selected row will be highlighted. Click the value again, and the value can be modified when it becomes the input state.





Figure 4-4 Calibration parameters interface

# 4.5 System shutdown

Click the Stop button and wait for the system to execute the shutdown command. When the system turns into standby, it means the shutdown command is over.







Figure 4-5 Shutdown steps

## **4.6** Firmware update

When the stack is in self-check, standby and fault state, you can click the update ECU firmware button to update the program. Select the .srz file required by the update program and click start to start the update. After the program is updated, click to update ECU firmware again to shrink the window before starting the operation.







Figure 4-6 Firmware update

# 4.7 Manually open the exhaust valve

Before the pure hydrogen test, it needs to manually open the exhaust valve, and then open the intake switch to ensure that the exhaust time exceeds 5s, and then close the exhaust valve (at this time the intake switch is normally open), then the system can be operated.

Component Testing is the control interface of the exhaust valve switch.



Main Chart Settings Component Te	can sting office	CAN interface Kvaser-1	Control Signal STOP	Emergency stop	Start	Target output power Target ou	o v	Manual Pur	np Speed %
<b></b>	E-b-set	and the second							
N2_PurgeValveCtrl_1	control button	witch							
ECU Software Version:	Fuel Cell Stack Number:		Software Ver	ion:		Horizon VL series monitor v 1.0.3.2	EN III	中文	STOP

# 4.8 Stop Horizon HFC series monitor

Click the STOP button to stop the Horizon HFC series monitor software running.





# 4.9 Data record

After the program runs correctly, Labview will automatically save the data to the folder named Save which belongs to the same folder where the application programme located.

save > Data-AutoSave	ٽ ~		a-AutoSave"
	修改日期	大小	类型
2020-07-27_08-56.xls	2020/7/27 9:26	190 KB	Microsoft Excel
👰 2020-07-27_08-56-21.blf	2020/7/27 9:26	5,411 KB	Binary Logging
🔁 2020-07-27_10-31.xls	2020/7/27 10:43	75 KB	Microsoft Excel
🔀 2020-07-27_10-31-57.blf	2020/7/27 10:43	2,294 KB	Binary Logging
😥 202004170333.xls	2020/7/24 16:55	53 KB	Microsoft Excel
😠 readme.txt.txt	2020/5/26 14:10	1 KB	TXT 文件

# 5. Precautions for system operation

#### 5.1 Routine inspection before startup

The fuel cell system needs to be checked as follows before starting, but it is not limited to the following points:

1. Visual inspection of the stack module. Check whether the fuel cell stack module is damaged, deformed, etc., and whether there are scratches on the surface.

2. Check at the interface. There is no water leakage or looseness at the interface of the fuel cell system. The hydrogen pipeline joints are free of debris, and the fixing is firm and reliable. The stack cooling water inlet and outlet pipe interfaces are not loose or leaking. The air pipeline clamps are not loose, and the fixing is firm. The external plug-in connection is normal and there is no looseness. The controller 24V low-voltage wiring harness is connected normally. The weak current connection line has no empty plug hanging in the air, and it is firmly fixed.

3. Check the water level of the water tank. The water level of the water tank needs to be within the normal water level. If it is not enough, add the specified coolant. Check whether the radiator is damaged or deformed, and whether there is leakage.



#### 5.2 System operation process

During system operation, real-time monitoring of relevant parameters and status is required. The items that need to be monitored are: whether the communication is normal (with or without interference, delay or acceleration), output voltage and current, water inlet pressure, etc. You can view the real-time status of relevant data during system operation on the chart interface.

During the test, use the operating gap to check regularly whether the fuel cell system has any abnormal phenomena such as water leakage, gas leakage, hydrogen tail discharge or other abnormal noises, and report and deal with it in time. Check whether the water tank water level is normal every day. The user collects timely system operation data, download and record system data regularly. Avoid running the system in areas with serious air pollution (such as heavy dust). No open flames are allowed around the system.

#### 5.3 System fault reset operation

If the system reports related fault information during operation, restore the system to standby state, you can do as follows:

1. Turn off the 24V power supply.

2. Turn on the computer according to the normal startup process again, and the system status on the display screen will be displayed as standby.

# 6. Maintenance and Repair

#### 6.1 Maintenance of Fuel Cell System

The daily maintenance of the fuel cell system is divided into: daily inspection and maintenance, monthly inspection and maintenance and long-term parking inspection and maintenance. The following is a brief description in the form of a table.



No.	Maintenance item	Specific operation method	Estimated time	Note
1	Observe whether the parameters are normal after starting.	Start the system after it is electrified and observe the parameters through the display screen as well as visual inspection.	5min	Follow the system instructions.

 Table 6-1:
 Daily Inspection and Maintenance Record of Fuel Cell System

Table 6-2 Monthly Inspection and Maintenance Record of Fuel Cell System

No.	Maintenance item	Specific operation method	Estimated time	Note
1	Check high and low voltage electrical components.	Check whether the high and low voltage plug-in is loose, whether the wiring harness is firmly fixed, and whether there is wear.	5min	Timely feedback if any abnormality is found.
2	Inspect system component fixation.	Check all parts for fastness and bolts for looseness.	5min	
3	Inspect radiator and air filter.	Check the radiator and air filter for any blockage.	5min	
4	Check the level of coolant.	Visually check the tank level.	1min	When it is below the level, fill the antifreeze timely to the Min. level.



No.	Maintenance project	Specific operation method	Estimated time	Note
1	Long downtime before storage.	Make sure the fuel cell is normally shut down and purged, and the 24V power supply is turned off. If deionized water or purified water is added, please drain the coolant in the pipeline.	10min	Special antifreeze for fuel cell must be used when the lowest ambient temperature is below 5°C.
2	Check fuel regularly.	Turn on the 24V handle switch, start the fuel cell to work for more than 20 minutes, and then shut down the system normally.	30min	The fuel cell starts and stops once a month.

Table 6-3 Fuel Cell System Long-term Parking (more than 30 days) Maintenance Record Sheet

## **6.2 Regular maintenance**

#### 6.2.1 System component maintenance

In order to ensure the safe and stable operation of fuel cell system, periodic preventive maintenance is required for the fuel cell system to ensure its continued safe operation. Users need to perform maintenance tasks according to the maintenance schedule, record each maintenance task and date, and see Table 6-4 for maintenance requirements.

Table 6-4 Maintenance Checklist

No.	Item	Action	Maintenance cycle	Note
1	Air filter cartridge	1. Blow and sweep away dust 2. Replacement	1.500h 2.2000h	The final replacement cycle shall be based on the actual running situation.
2	Deionizer	Replacement	500h	It is recommended to replace it within two months after initial use.



3	Coolant	Replacement	1 year	
4	Fixed points and connectors	Inspection	6 months	Inspect all fixed points and connectors of the fuel cell system every six months

#### 6.2.2 Replacement of vulnerable parts

1. It needs to regularly check the coolant condition:

1) If the minimum ambient temperature is below 5  $^{\circ}$ C, all coolant needs to be replaced with fuel cell specific antifreeze. The mixture ratio of ethylene glycol and deionized water is 1:1. If the ambient temperature is above 5  $^{\circ}$ C, deionized water can be used.

2) Monthly filling should be carried out based on the liquid level situation, and the water level of the make-up water tank should be between the lowest and highest water levels, as shown in Figure 6.2.2.





2. Radiator maintenance

1) Confirm that the fuel cell system is in a shutdown state and not powered to high and low voltage.

2) Dismantle the induced draft hood and electronic fan on the surface of the radiator.

3) Use a high-pressure water gun to clean the surface of the radiator and remove any foreign objects such as dust, willow catkins, and leaves that have settled on the radiator fins.

4) Use high-pressure air to blow dry the radiator fins.



# 5) Clean the branches, leaves, and other foreign objects inside the protective net, and use highpressure air to blow the grooves of the electronic fan blades and motor to clean the deposited dust.

6) Reinstall the induced draft hood and electronic fan onto the radiator.

3. Suggested replacement steps for the deionizer

- 1) Drain the coolant from the system;
- 2) Loosen the four bolts that secure the deionizer;
- 3) Remove the deionizer and replace it with a new one;
- 4) Reinstall the brackets at both ends of the deionizer;
- 5) Fill up with coolant again.
- 4. Suggested replacement steps for air filters
  - 1) Release the metal buckle on the air filter;
  - 2) Remove the filter of the air filter and replace it with a new one;

# 6.3 Check fixed points and connector connection

 Check whether bolts are loose at the mounting point, radiator, air compressor, intercooler humidifier integrated module, water pump, electric reactor, DC, ground points, and bonding points.
 Check whether the DCL 24V negative terminal grounding point, DCL 24V positive power supply fuse box, high voltage component shell grounding point, heat dissipation fan 24V negative power supply grounding point, fuel point system and grounding point, fixing bolts are loose.
 The 24V positive fuse of the heat dissipation fan is a power supply plug. Check whether the plug latch is in place.

6.4	Torque	requirements	for	standard	parts	and	universal	parts
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Bolt	Corresponding torque	Clamp	Corresponding torque
M5	5±0.5N.M	Clamp 11-20	3±0.5N.M
M6	10±1.0N.M	Clamp 14-27	3±0.5N.M
M8	24±2.4N.M	American double clamp 17-32	5.4±0.5N.M









M10	45±4.5N.M	German double compensation clamp 25-40	5.4±0.5N.M
M12	75±7.5N.M	German double compensation clamp 30-50	5.4±0.5N.M
		German double compensation clamp 40-60	5.4±0.5N.M
		German double compensation clamp 60-80	5.4±0.5N.M
		American double clamp 22-32	5.4±0.8N.M
		Heavy clamp with pad 30-80	8±0.8N.M

## 6.5 After sales of fuel cell systems

If there are any problems that cannot be solved during the maintenance of this fuel cell system, please contact our company at any time by support@horizonfuelcell.com.

# 7. Transport and storage

## 7.1 System transport

> Products in the transport process should not be violent vibration, impact and inverted.

> The transport temperature is within the -40°C to 65°C range.

> Products should be able to adapt to sea and air transport conditions.

> Products should be sealed packaging and other protective measures to avoid unnecessary damage while it is in sea and air transport conditions.

# 7.2 System storage

Safe and reliable storage sites or warehouses should be provided to prevent damage. The product should have proper method of receiving and distributing the goods in the storehouse.

> Products placed in a ventilated and dry environment, storage temperature in the -40°C to  $65^{\circ}$ C range.



#### 7.2.1 Short time storage

When the store environment temperature is < 30°C, the performance attenuation is slow, we recommend to operate the stack with 80% load for 1 hour to maintain performance monthly.</li>
When the store environment temperature is > 30°C, it should be sealed for storage and we recommend to operate the stack with 80% load for 1 to 2 hours to maintain performance every two weeks.

#### 7.2.2 Long time storage

For the long time storage, the performance degradation is inevitable but it can be recoverable and the recovery time is longer than the normally used stacks. There are two ways to be recovered for the stacks stored for a long time.

> First, make sure the hydrogen supply is enough. Second, connect the load to make sure the system output 20% of the total power for 3 minutes. Then shut down the system and restart after few minutes. Operating at 40% of the total power for 3 minutes. Shut down again and repeat the steps until the power is up to 80% of the total power, operate the system for 1 to 2 hours.

> Make sure the hydrogen supply is enough and let the stack in the process of gradual load to restore its performance slowly by exhaust and short-circuit control.