

Troubleshooting - Operation Contamination

KJLC 354 Ion Gauge

Part Number: KJLC354401xx

Issue	Possible Cause	Possible Solution
Clear ERROR message	Must be done before the ion gauge can be turned on after receiving an ERROR message	SETUP UNIT> CLR IG ERROR (if using the FRONT PANEL CONTROL)
Display is off / blank Readings are very different from expected pressure	 No power The connector may not be wired correctly Sensor not installed in the proper location 	 Check cable connections Check cable connections Page 12 of manual for the analog pin-out Page 13 of manual for the RS485 pin-out Ensure sensor is located in the right place (page 10 of manual)
	 The process gas is different from the gas used to calibrate the gauge (nitrogen) Sensor has been dropped Gauge sensor is contaminated Leak in the vacuum system 	 Apply gas sensitivity correction factor if applicable or select the appropriate gas from the 354 display menu (page 29 of manual) Front Panel Control - SETUP UNIT> GAS TYPE Ion gauge sensor is possibly contaminated. Go into R&D Mode MENU> SETUP DISP> MODE and select RESEARCH. After going to top of menu, it should display several things including FVI. The first digits are filament voltage, the second digits are current. If voltage > 1.7 V and current is > 2.5 A at 100 uA setting, there is possible contamination If voltage > 2.3 V and current is > 2.7 A at 4 mA setting, there is possible contamination. Degas sensor if values exceed limits from point 3 Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON RS-485 - page 32 of manual Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated. Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D values Possibly need to replace the sensor Re-check for a leak in the system; metal seals should be used when operating below 1x10-7 Torr

lon gauge cannot be turned on	 Pressure exceeds 1.00 x 10-3 Torr at 4 mA emission Pressure exceeds 5.0 x 10-2 Torr at 0.10 mA (100 μA) emission Emission Control not functioning 	 Decrease pressure below required value Decrease pressure below required value Switch to the other filament Front Panel Control - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) RS485 - page 32 Ion gauge sensor is possibly contaminated. Go into R&D Mode MENU> SETUP DISP> MODE and select RESEARCH. After going to top of menu, it should display several things including FVI. The first digits are filament voltage, the second digits are current. If voltage > 1.7 V and current is > 2.5 A at 100 uA setting, there is possible contamination If voltage > 2.3 V and current is > 2.7 A at 4 mA setting, there is possible contamination. Degas sensor if values exceed limits from point 4 Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON RS-485 - page 32 of manual Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated. Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D values Possibly need to replace the sensor
Research Screen shows filament Voltage is present but filament current stays at 0	1. Filament is open	 Switch to second filament Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) RS485 - page 32 of manual Check the resistance between filaments 1 and 2 (page 37) Remove the ion gauge transducer from the control module (page 78, steps 1-5) Measure the resistance using an ohmmeter; a good intact filament will have a resistance of 0.2 ohms (page 73 of manual

Unable to initiate degas	System pressure above 5.0 x 10-5 Torr	3. 3. Contact sales@lesker.com with resistance values 1. Possibly need to replace the sensor 1. Decrease pressure below the required value
Voltage to filament too high	Filament contaminated or near end of its life	Check filament current a. Go into R&D Mode 1. MENU> SETUP DISP> MODE and select
		RESEARCH. After going to top of menu, it should display several things including FVI. The first digits are filament voltage, the second digits are current. i. If voltage > 1.7 V and current is > 2.5 A at 100 uA setting, there is possible
		contamination ii. If voltage > 2.3 V and current is > 2.7 A at 4 mA setting, there is possible contamination.
		2. Degas sensor if values exceed limits from point 1
		 a. Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual b. Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON
		c. RS-485 - page 32 of manual
		Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated.
		4. Switch to second filament
		a. Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2)
		b. RS485 - page 32
		5. Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D values
		a. Possibly need to replace the sensor
Setpoint does not actuate	Incorrect setup	Check setpoint setup (pages 25-26 of manual)
Error Message - "OVERPRESSURE"	The calculated pressure is greater than the maximum setting for	 Change to 100 μA emission current which will operate at higher pressures OR reduce pressure Front panel - page 24 (EMISSION SEL> 100 μA)

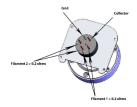
	emission current. System pressure is too high	2. RS485 - page 32
Error Message - "EMIS FAIL"		 Reduce pressure (if applicable) Check filament current Go into R&D Mode MENU> SETUP DISP> MODE and select RESEARCH. After going to top of menu, it should display several things including FVI. The first digits are filament voltage, the second digits are current. If voltage > 1.7 V and current is > 2.5 A at 100 uA setting, there is possible contamination If voltage > 2.3 V and current is > 2.7 A at 4 mA setting, there is possible contamination. Switch to 4 mA emission current and attempt repeated filament starts to clean filament Front panel - page 24 (EMISSION SEL> 4mA) RS485 - page 32 Degass sensor if values exceed limits from point 2 Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON RS-485 - page 32 of manual Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated. Switch to second filament Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) RS485 - page 32 Check the resistance between filaments 1 and 2 (page 37) Remove the ion gauge transducer from the control module (page 78, steps 1-5) Measure the resistance using an ohmmeter; a good intact filament will have a resistance of 0.2 ohms (page 73 of manual) Agency and the page 25 of manual Agency and the page 25 of manual
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Error Message - "ION CUR FAIL"	1. The ion current (IC) is below the minimum parameter. Sensor contamination, possible coating on collector inhibiting ion collection 2. Electrometer failure	 Check filament current in R&D Mode MENU> SETUP DISP> MODE and select RESEARCH. After going to top of menu, it should display several things including FVI. The first digits are filament voltage, the second digits are current. If voltage > 1.7 V and current is > 2.5 A at 100 uA setting, there is possible contamination If voltage > 2.3 V and current is > 2.7 A at 4 mA setting, there is possible contamination. Switch to 4 mA emission current and attempt repeated filament starts to clean filament Front panel - page 24 (EMISSION SEL> 4mA) RS485 - page 32 Degass sensor if values exceed limits from point 1 Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON RS-485 - page 32 of manual Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated. Switch to second filament Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) RS485 - page 32 Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D values Possibly need to replace the sensor
Error Message - "LV Failure"	The filament voltage could not be established; electronics failure.	Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D and Resistance Values (see Error Message - EMIS FAIL for instructions on how to obtain these values) Possibly need to replace electronics
Error Message - "F1 or F2 OPEN"	 Filament 1 or 2 is open Faulty electronics 	 Check the resistance between filaments 1 and 2 (page 37) Remove the ion gauge transducer from the control module (page 42, steps 1-5) Measure the resistance using an ohmmeter; a good intact filament will have a resistance of 0.2 ohms

		3. 2. Switch to the other filament 1. Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) 2. RS485 - page 32 3. Contact sales@lesker.com with resistance values 1. Possibly need to replace the sensor or electronics
		R&D MODE Troubleshooting
		1. SETUP DISP> MODE> RESEARCH
Filament voltage values are present for several seconds immediately after turning IG ON, but then the values are zero	Filament is contaminated or filament has reached end-of-useful operating life for required emission current setting	 Check filament current in R&D Mode MENU> SETUP DISP> MODE and select RESEARCH. After going to top of menu, it should display several things including FVI. The first digits are filament voltage, the second digits are current. If voltage > 1.7 V and current is > 2.5 A at 100 uA setting, there is possible contamination If voltage > 2.3 V and current is > 2.7 A at 4 mA setting, there is possible contamination. Switch emission current setting from initial setting and restart the IG; make several attempts to establish emission current at both 100 μA and 4 mA. Front panel - page 24 (EMISSION SEL> 4mA / 100 uA) RS485 - page 32 Degas sensor if values exceed limits from point 1 Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON RS-485 - page 32 of manual Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated. Switch to second filament Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) RS485 - page 32

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All parameters in the R&D screen are zero after IG turn ON is attempted	1. Failed Electronics	Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D and Resistance Values (see Error Message - EMIS FAIL for instructions on how to obtain these values) Possibly need to replace the electronics
354 filament voltage is greater than 1.7 V and filament current is greater than 2.5 A with emission current = 100 μA	Filament nearing end-of-useful operating-life	 Switch emission current setting from initial setting and restart the IG; make several attempts to establish emission current at both 100 μA and 4 mA. Front panel - page 24 (EMISSION SEL> 4mA / 100 uA) RS485 - page 32 Degas sensor if values exceed limits from point 1 Degassing basic information, page 16 of manual Front Panel Control> DEGAS ON RS-485 - page 32 of manual Re-check R&D Mode Values. If nothing changed, sensor is contaminated. Switch to second filament Front panel - page 25 (SETUP IG> FILAMENT NUM> FILAMENT 1/2) RS485 - page 32 Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D values Possibly need to replace the sensor
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 - 2. Front Panel Control --> DEGAS ON
 - 3. RS-485 page 32 of manual
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 - 2. RS485 page 32
- 5. Check the resistance between filaments 1 and 2 (page 37)
 - 1. Remove the ion gauge transducer from the control module (page 42, steps 1-5)
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- 6. Contact sales@lesker.com with R&D and Resistance values
 - Possibly need to replace the sensor

If none of these steps help alleviate the issues, please contact sales@lesker.com with the Troubleshooting form as well as provide the R&D and Resistance Values (see Error Message - EMIS FAIL for instructions on how to obtain these values)



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