Computer Controlled **Gas Absorption Column,**
with SCADA and PID Control
CAGC

EDIBON PATENT

Teaching Technique used

EDIBON **SCADA** System
and **PID CONTROL** included

② Control Interface Box

③ Data Acquisition Board

④ Software for:
- Computer Control
- Data Acquisition
- Data Management

Computer
(not included in the supply)

⑤ Cables and Accessories
⑥ Manuals

*Minimum supply always includes: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6
 (Computer not included in the supply)

① Unit: CAGC. Gas Absorption Column

Key features:

▶ **Advanced Real-Time SCADA and PID Control.**

▶ **Open Control + Multicontrol + Real-Time Control.**

▶ **Specialized EDIBON Control Software based on Labview.**

▶ **National Instruments Data Acquisition board (250 KS/s, kilo samples per second).**

▶ **Calibration exercises, which are included, teach the user how to calibrate a sensor and the importance of checking the accuracy of the sensors before taking measurements.**

▶ **Projector and/or electronic whiteboard compatibility allows the unit to be explained and demonstrated to an entire class at one time.**

▶ **Capable of doing applied research, real industrial simulation, training courses, etc.**

▶ **Remote operation and control by the user and remote control for EDIBON technical support, are always included.**

▶ **Totally safe, utilizing 4 safety systems (Mechanical, Electrical, Electronic & Software).**

▶ **Designed and manufactured under several quality standards.**

▶ **Optional CAL software helps the user perform calculations and comprehend the results.**

▶ **This unit has been designed for future expansion and integration. A common expansion is the EDIBON Scada-Net (ESN) System which enables multiple students to simultaneously operate many units in a network.**

**OPEN CONTROL
+
MULTICONTROL
+
REAL TIME CONTROL**

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INTRODUCTION

Absorption is a basic operation of mass transfer that consists on the separation of some components of a gaseous miscture by contact with an adequate solvent.

Mass transfer separation operations imply the contact of two immiscible phases. This contact can be intermittent, as it happens in plate columns, or continuous, as it happens in packed columns.

Some processes that demonstrate the importance of absorption are:

The recovery of solvent vapors or natural gasoline from gaseous currents.

The treatment of gases in refineries.

The decontamination of industrial gases.

The Computer Controlled Gas Absorption Column "CAGC" is a laboratory scale unit designed to study hydrodynamic and absorption processes in a packed column.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The gas absorption column is a scale unit designed to study hydrodynamic and absorption processes in packed columns. This system absorbs ammonia or CO_2 from a mixture with air in a watery solution that flowing down the column.

The main parts of the unit are:

Packed column: it consists of a glass cylindrical column filled with Raschig rings. 2 differential pressure sensors measure the pressure in different parts of the column.

Liquid circuit (water): the liquid, that is stored in a PVC tank, is impelled towards the column by a pump. It feeds the column through its upper end using a glass diffusion shower. After crossing the column, the liquid is returned to the storage tank. The liquid flow that arrives to the column is measured by a flow sensor and a flowmeter.

Gas circuit (air and CO_2): it consists of a CO_2 and air (supplied by a blower) mixture current. Both gaseous currents are mixed, and later they enter the base of the column through a side inlet located below the bed level, so that the gaseous mixture is an homogeneous as possible. Both gas flows are measured by sensors and flowmeters.
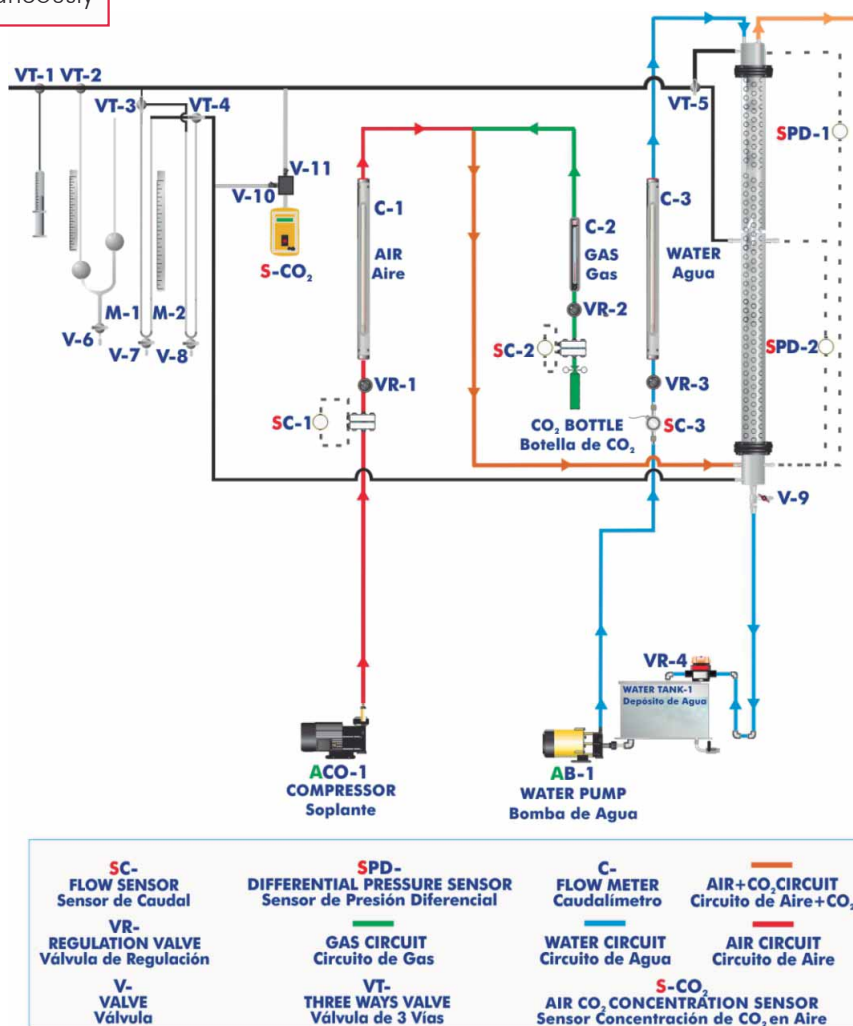
CO_2 measuring system: it allows to determine the concentration of this gas in the currents originated from the upper and central parts of the column. The measurement can be performed analytically or directly with the CO_2 sensor.

This Computer Controlled Unit is supplied with the EDIBON Computer Control System (SCADA), and includes: The unit itself + a Control Interface Box + a Data Acquisition Board + Computer Control, Data Acquisition and Data Management Software Packages, for controlling the process and all parameters involved in the process.

PROCESS DIAGRAM AND UNIT ELEMENTS ALLOCATION

2 actuators and 6 sensors controlled from any computer, and working simultaneously

OPEN CONTROL
+
MULTICONTROL
+
REAL TIME CONTROL

SC- **FLOW SENSOR** Sensor de Caudal	SPD- **DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SENSOR** Sensor de Presión Diferencial	C- **FLOW METER** Caudalímetro	**AIR+CO₂ CIRCUIT** Circuito de Aire+CO₂
VR- **REGULATION VALVE** Válvula de Regulación	**GAS CIRCUIT** Circuito de Gas	**WATER CIRCUIT** Circuito de Agua	**AIR CIRCUIT** Circuito de Aire
V- **VALVE** Válvula	VT- **THREE WAYS VALVE** Válvula de 3 Vías	**S-CO₂** **AIR CO₂ CONCENTRATION SENSOR** Sensor Concentración de CO₂ en Aire	

With this unit there are several options and possibilities:

- Main items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- Optional items: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Let us describe first the main items (1 to 6):

① CAGC. Unit:

This unit is mounted on an anodized aluminum rigid structure, with panels of painted steel.

This unit has wheels for its mobility.

Main metallic elements of stainless steel.

Diagram in the front panel with similar distribution to the elements in the real unit.

Packed column:

It consists of a glass cylindrical column of 1400 mm of height and 75 mm of internal diameter.

It is filled with Raschig rings of 10 mm diameter.

It includes glass ends for inlet and outlet of gases and liquids and for sample point.

2 Differential pressure sensors. The pressure can be measure in different parts of the column.

Liquid circuit (water):

A PVC glass storage tank (40 l. capacity).

A computer controlled centrifugal pump, (maximum flow rate: 540 l./h.).

The liquid flow that arrives at each moment to the column is measured with a flow sensor, range: 0.25 - 6.5 l./min. and a flowmeter.

Liquid flow is controlled by PID control.

A glass diffusion shower.

PVC conduit for the effluent liquid with a control flow valve and one sampler.

Gas circuit (air and CO_2):

Compressor (blower), computer controlled, provides a maximum flow of 6 m^3/h and a maximum pressure of 1bar.

The gas (CO_2 or ammonia) is supplied by a cylinder, type bottle. (Not supplied with the unit).

Mixing system for the 2 gases streams.

Both gas flows are measured by sensors (2 differential pressure sensors) and 2 flowmeters installed in the panel.

2 Control flow valves.

Instrumentation for the analytical measurement of CO_2:

A glass syringe of 100 ml capacity, dedicated to extract the specific quantities of a sample to be analysed.

Two glass tanks located at different heights and interconnected. They contain an aqueous solution of KOH, in which the contained CO_2 will be absorbed in the sample of gas to analyze.

3 Way-valves to direct the gaseous currents during the analysis process.

Sensor to measure the concentration of CO_2 in a gaseous current (0-100%) directly.

There are transparent elements allowing a better visualization of the process.

The complete unit includes as well:

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CAGC. Unit

② **CAGC/CIB**. **Control Interface Box:**

The Control Interface Box is part of the SCADA system.

<u>Control interface box with process diagram in the front panel</u> and with the same distribution that the different elements located in the unit, for an easy understanding by the student.

All sensors, with their respective signals, are properly manipulated from -10V. to +10V. computer output. Sensors connectors in the interface have different pines numbers (from 2 to 16), to avoid connection errors.

Single cable between the control interface box and computer.

The unit control elements are permanently computer controlled, without necessity of changes or connections during the whole process test procedure.

Simultaneous visualization in the computer of all parameters involved in the process.

Calibration of all sensors involved in the process.

Real time curves representation about system responses.

Storage of all the process data and results in a file.

Graphic representation, in real time, of all the process/system responses.

All the actuators' values can be changed at any time from the keyboard allowing the analysis about curves and responses of the whole process.

All the actuators and sensors values and their responses are displayed on only one screen in the computer.

Shield and filtered signals to avoid external interferences.

Real time PID control with flexibility of modifications from the computer keyboard of the PID parameters, at any moment during the process. Real time PID and on/off control for pumps, compressors, resistances, control valves, etc. **Real time PID control for parameters involved in the process simultaneously. Proportional control, integral control and derivative control, based on the real PID mathematical formula, by changing the values, at any time,** of the three control constants (proportional, integral and derivative constants).

Open control allowing modifications, at any moment and in real time, of parameters involved in the process simultaneously.

Possibility of automatization of the actuators involved in the process.

Three safety levels, one mechanical in the unit, another electronic in the control interface and the third one in the control software.

CAGC/CIB

③ **DAB. Data Acquisition Board:**

The Data Acquisition board is part of the SCADA system.

PCI Express Data acquisition board (National Instruments) to be placed in a computer slot. Bus PCI Express.

Analog input:

Number of **channels= 16** single-ended or 8 differential. **Resolution=16 bits**, 1 in 65536.

Sampling rate up to: <u>250 KS/s (kilo samples per second).</u>

Input range (V)= ±10 V. Data transfers=DMA, interrupts, programmed I/0. DMA channels=6.

Analog output:

Number of **channels=2. Resolution=16 bits**, 1 in 65536.

Maximum output rate up to: 900 KS/s.

Output range(V)= ±10 V. Data transfers=DMA, interrupts, programmed I/0.

Digital Input/Output:

Number of **channels=24 inputs/outputs**. D0 or DI Sample Clock frequency: 0 to 100 MHz.

Timing: Number of **Counter/timers=4**. Resolution: Counter/timers: 32 bits.

DAB

④ **CAGC/CCSOF. PID Computer Control +Data Acquisition+Data Management Software:**

The three softwares are part of the SCADA system.

Compatible with actual Windows operating systems. Graphic and intuitive simulation of the process on the computer screen. **Compatible with the industry standards.**

Registration and visualization of all process variables in an automatic and simultaneous way.

Flexible, open and multicontrol software, developed with actual windows graphic systems, acting simultaneously on all process parameters.

Analog and digital PID control.

PID menu and set point selection required in the whole work range.

Management, processing, comparison and storage of data.

**Sampling velocity up to** <u>250 KS/s (kilo samples per second).</u>

Calibration system for the sensors involved in the process.

It allows the registration of the alarms state and the graphic representation in real time.

Comparative analysis of the obtained data, after the process and modification of the conditions during the process.

Open software, allowing the teacher to modify texts, instructions. Teacher's and student's passwords to facilitate the teacher's control on the student, and allowing the access to different work levels.

This unit allows the 30 students of the classroom to visualize simultaneously all the results and the manipulation of the unit, during the process, by using a projector or an electronic whiteboard.
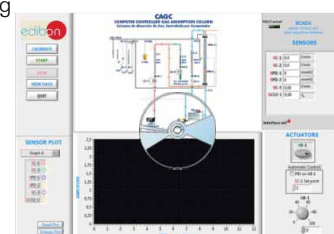
CAGC/CCSOF

⑤ **Cables and Accessories**, for normal operation.

⑥ **Manuals:** This unit is **supplied with 8 manuals:** Required Services, Assembly and Installation, Interface and Control Software, Starting-up, Safety, Maintenance, Calibration & Practices Manuals.

∗ References 1 to 6 are the main items: CAGC + CAGC/CIB + DAB + CAGC/CCSOF + Cables and Accessories + Manuals are included in the minimum supply for enabling normal and full operation.

EXERCISES AND PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES TO BE DONE WITH MAIN ITEMS

1.- Study of the basic principles of the absorption of a gas into a liquid using a packed column.

2.- Gas stream analysis.

3.- Study of the hydrodynamic characteristics of a packed column.

4.- Determination of the drag and flooding flows.

5.- Determination of the mass transfer coefficient.

6.- Checking of the mass balances.

7.- Demonstration of methods of gas and liquid quantitative analysis.

8.- Investigations of the variables influencing the effectiveness of the absorption.

9.- Measurement of the CO_2 concentration in gaseous currents using a CO_2 sensor.

Additional practical possibilities:

10.- PID control system.

11.- Study of the hysteresis in the water flow sensor.

12.- Sensors calibration.

13.- Determination of the water, CO_2 and air flow.

14.- Head loss in the column.

Other possibilities to be done with this Unit:

15.- Many students view results simultaneously.

To view all results in real time in the classroom by means of a projector or an electronic whiteboard.

16.- Open Control, Multicontrol and Real Time Control.

This unit allows intrinsically and/or extrinsically to change the span, gains; proportional, integral, derivate parameters; etc, in real time.

17.- The Computer Control System with SCADA and PID Control allow a real industrial simulation.

18.- This unit is totally safe as uses mechanical, electrical and electronic, and software safety devices.

19.- This unit can be used for doing applied research.

20.- This unit can be used for giving training courses to Industries even to other Technical Education Institutions.

21.- Control of the CAGC unit process through the control interface box without the computer.

22.- Visualization of all the sensors values used in the CAGC unit process.

- By using PLC-PI additional 19 more exercises can be done.

- Several other exercises can be done and designed by the user.

REQUIRED SERVICES

-Electrical supply: single-phase, 220V./50Hz or 110V./60Hz.

-Water supply and drainage.

-Computer (PC).

-Vent piping to outside laboratory.

DIMENSIONS & WEIGHTS

CAGC:

Unit:	-Dimensions:	1000 x 740 x 2600 mm. approx. (39.37 x 29.13 x 102.3 inches approx.)
	-Weight:	100 Kg. approx. (220 pounds approx.).
Control Interface Box:	-Dimensions:	490 x 330 x 310 mm. approx. (19.29 x 12.99 x 12.20 inches approx.).
	-Weight:	10 Kg. approx. (22 pounds approx.).

REQUIRED ACCESSORIES

-Gas bottle: CO_2 or ammonia.

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

-General instrument for liquid titration.

-Draining tank for treatment of effluents.
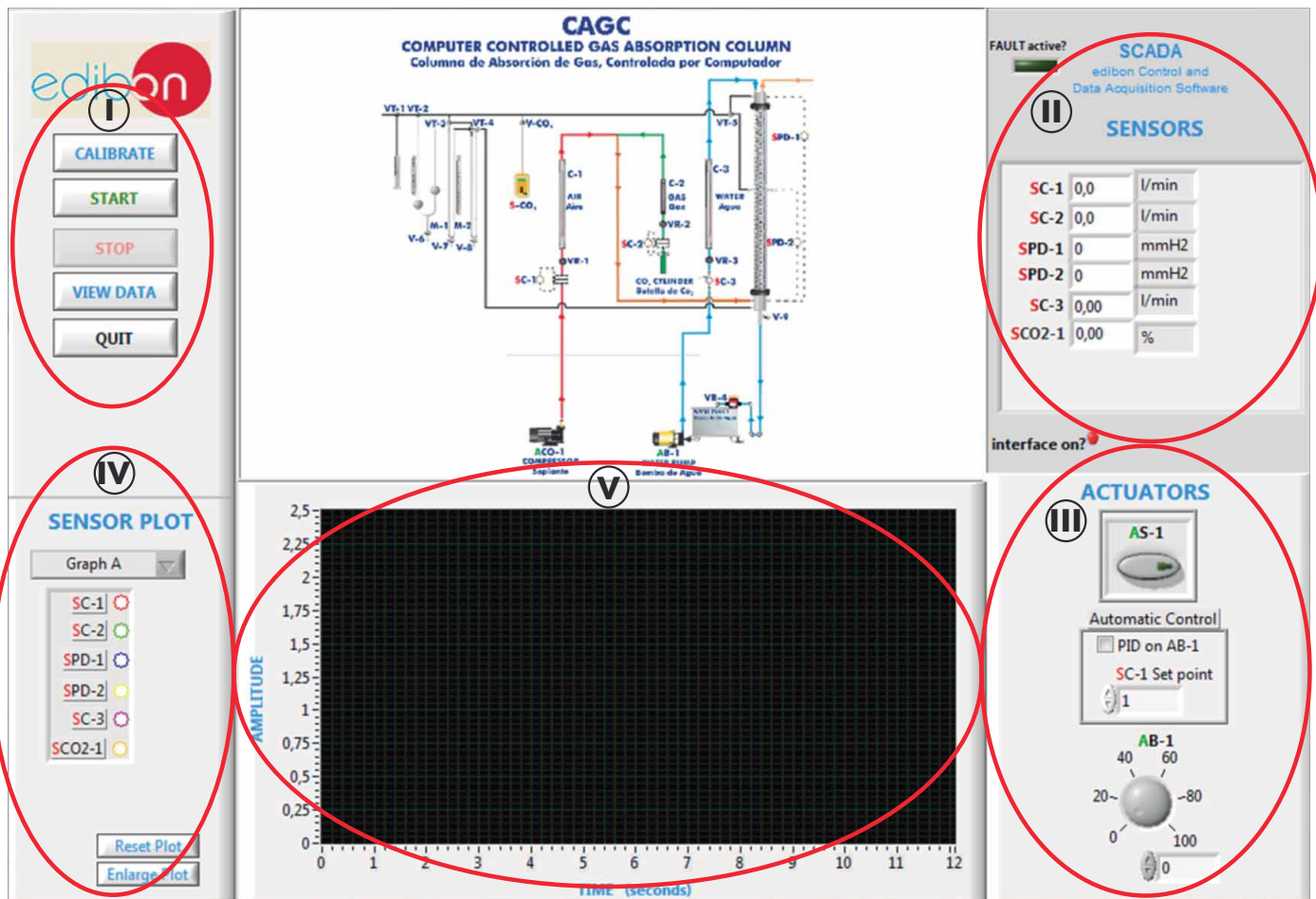
AVAILABLE VERSIONS

Offered in this catalogue:

-CAGC.   Computer Controlled Gas Absorption Column.

Offered in other catalogue:

-CAG.   Gas Absorption Column.

SCADA and PID Control

Main screen

I Main software operation possibilities.

II Sensors displays, real time values, and extra output parameters. **Sensors:** SPD= Differential pressure sensor. SC= Flow sensor. SCO$_2$=CO$_2$ sensor.

III Actuators controls. **Actuators:** AB= Pump. AS= Compressor.

IV Channel selection and other plot parameters.

V Real time graphics displays.

### Software for Sensors Calibration

Example of screen
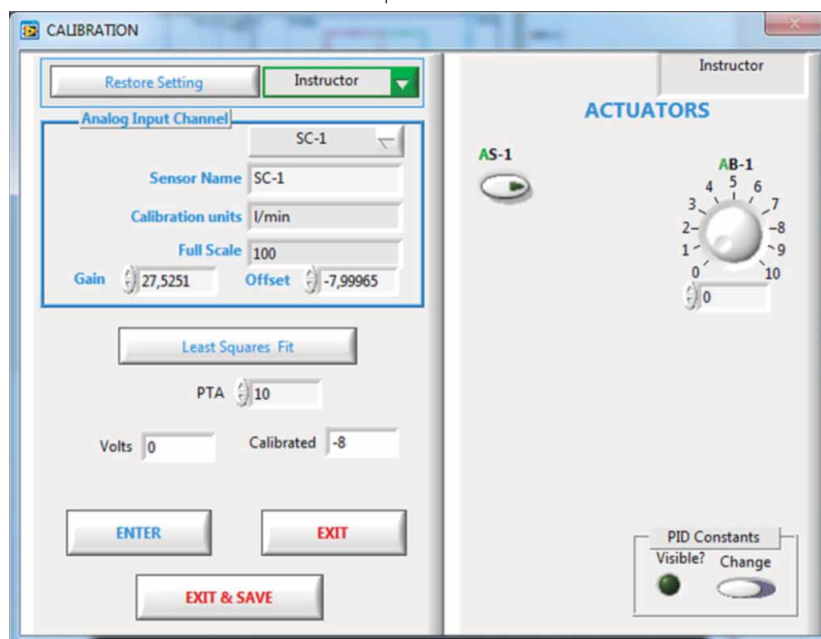
By using a free of charge code, the teacher and the studentscan calibrate the unit.

The teacher can recover his/her own calibration by using the EDIBON code that we give free of charge.

It can be observed in the following screen how the compressor (blower) is on, impelling air to the system to be mixed with the CO_2 before entering the column. The water flow impelled towards the column in countercurrent to the mixture of air and CO_2 can be controlled by the software via a PID control. The following screen shows how the water driving pump is working to the 100% (AB-1) and an objective value for the water flow has been indicated (setpoint: 1.5 l./min). The pump will stop or start automatically keeping that flow value.
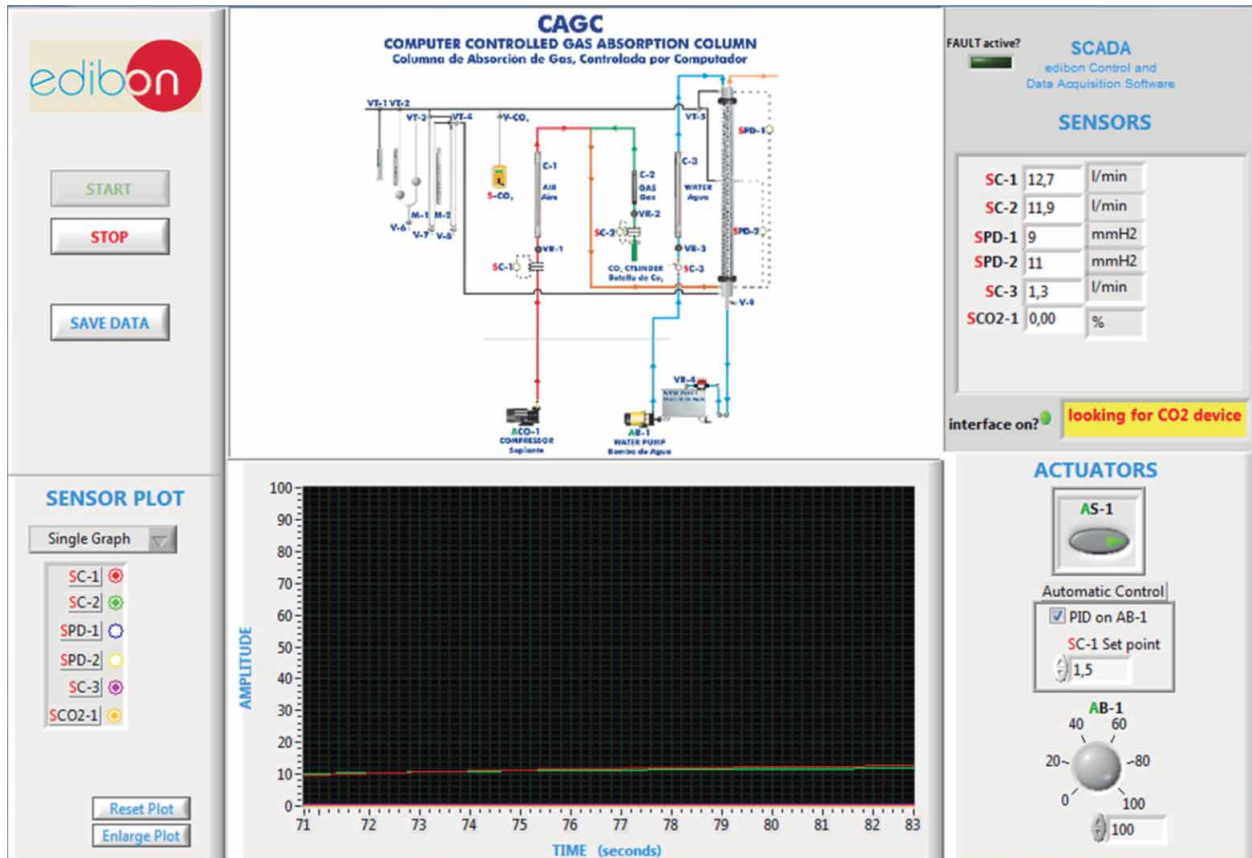
The water flow can also be regulated by the software, varying the AB-1 driving pump from 0 to 100%. As the CO_2 is being absorbed in the water, the concentration of CO_2 in the air current will decrease. This concentration can be measured analytically or with a CO_2 concentration sensor, which allows to measure at the upper or lower part of the column.
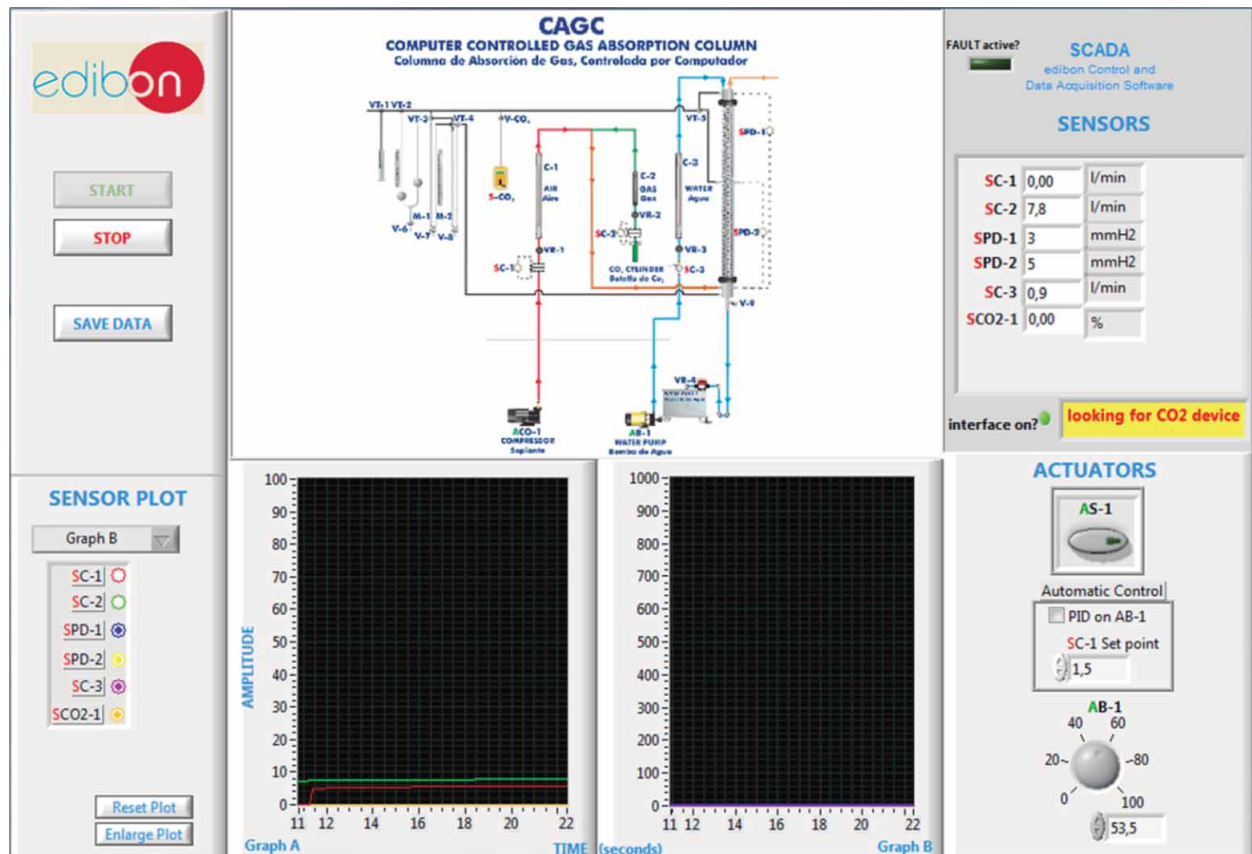
Additionally to the main items (1 to 6) described, we can offer, as optional, other items from 7 to 12.

All these items try to give more possibilities for:

a) Industrial configuration. (PLC)

b) Technical and Vocational Education configuration. (CAI and FSS)

c) Higher Education and/or Technical and Vocational Education configuration. (CAL)

d) Multipost Expansions options. (Mini ESN and ESN)

a) Industrial configuration

⑦ **PLC. Industrial Control using PLC** (it includes PLC-PI Module plus PLC-SOF Control Software):

-**PLC-PI. PLC Module:**

Metallic box.

Circuit diagram in the module front panel.

Front panel:

Digital inputs(X) and Digital outputs (Y) block:

16 **Digital inputs,** activated by switches and 16 LEDs for confirmation (red).

14 **Digital outputs** (through SCSI connector) with 14 LEDs for message (green).

Analog inputs block:

16 **Analog inputs** (-10 V. to + 10 V.) (through SCSI connector).

Analog outputs block:

4 **Analog outputs** (-10 V. to + 10 V.) (through SCSI connector).

Touch screen:

High visibility and multiple functions. Display of a highly visible status. Recipe function. Bar graph function. Flow display function. Alarm list.

Multi language function. True type fonts.

Back panel:

Power supply connector. Fuse 2A. RS-232 connector to PC. USB 2.0 connector to PC.

Inside:

Power supply outputs: 24 Vdc, 12 Vdc, -12 Vdc, 12 Vdc variable.

Panasonic PLC:

High-speed scan of 0.32 μsec. for a basic instruction.

Program capacity of 32 Ksteps, with a sufficient comment area.

Power supply input (100 to 240 V AC).

DC input: 16 (24 V DC).

Relay output: 14.

High-speed counter.

Multi-point PID control.

Digital inputs/outputs and analog inputs/outputs Panasonic modules.

Communication RS232 wire to computer (PC).

Dimensions: 490 x 330 x 310 mm. approx. (19.29 x 12.99 x 12.20 inches approx.).   Weight: 30 Kg. approx. (66 pounds approx.).

-**CAGC/PLC-SOF. PLC Control Software:**

For this particular unit, always included with PLC supply.

The software has been designed using Labview and it follows the unit operation procedure and linked with the Control Interface Box used in the Computer Controlled Gas Absorption Column (CAGC).

Unit

Control Interface Box

Data Acquisition Board

Software for:
- Computer Control
- Data Acquisition
- Data Management

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PLC CONTROL

PLC-SOF. Control Software

PLC-PI. PLC Module

Practices to be done with PLC-PI:

1.- Control of the CAGC unit process through the control interface box without the computer.

2.- Visualization of all the sensors values used in the CAGC unit process.

3.- Calibration of all sensors included in the CAGC unit process.

4.- Hand on of all the actuators involved in the CAGC unit process.

5.- Realization of different experiments, in automatic way, without having in front the unit. (This experiment can be decided previously).

6.- Simulation of outside actions, in the cases hardware elements do not exist. (Example: test of complementary tanks, complementary industrial environment to the process to be studied, etc).

7.- PLC hardware general use and manipulation.

8.- PLC process application for CAGC unit.

9.- PLC structure.

10.- PLC inputs and outputs configuration.

11.- PLC configuration possibilities.

12.- PLC programming languages.

13.- PLC different programming standard languages.

14.- New configuration and development of new process.

15.- Hand on an established process.

16.- To visualize and see the results and to make comparisons with the CAGC unit process.

17.- Possibility of creating new process in relation with the CAGC unit.

18.- PLC Programming exercises.

19.- Own PLC applications in accordance with teacher and student requirements.

b) Technical and Vocational Education configuration

⑧ CAGC/CAI. Computer Aided Instruction Software System.

This complete software package includes two Softwares: the INS/SOF. Classroom Management Software (Instructor Software) and the CAGC/SOF. Computer Aided Instruction Software (Student Software).

This software is optional and can be used additionally to items (1 to 6).

This complete software package consists of an Instructor Software (INS/ SOF) totally integrated with the Student Software (CAGC/SOF). Both are interconnected so that the teacher knows at any moment what is the theoretical and practical knowledge of the students.

- **INS/SOF. Classroom Management Software (Instructor Software):**
  The Instructor can:

  Organize Students by Classes and Groups.

  Create easily new entries or delete them.

  Create data bases with student information.

  Analyze results and make statistical comparisons.

  Generate and print reports.

  Detect student's progress and difficulties.

  …and many other facilities.

Instructor Software

- **CAGC/SOF. Computer Aided Instruction Software (Student Software):**

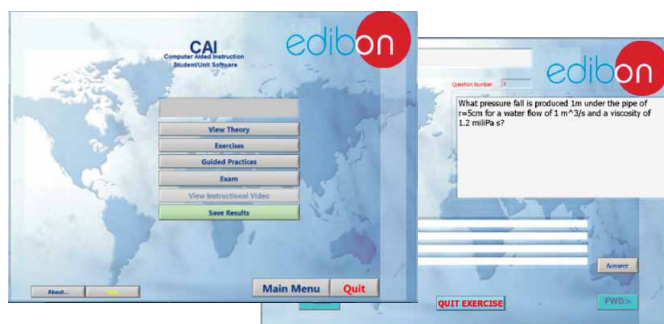 It explains how to use the unit, run the experiments and what to do at any moment.

  This Software contains:

  Theory.

  Exercises.

  Guided Practices.

  Exams.

For more information see **CAI** catalogue. Click on the following link:

  www.edibon.com/products/catalogues/en/CAI.pdf

Student Software

⑨ CAGC/FSS. Faults Simulation System.

Faults Simulation System (FSS) is a Software package that simulates several faults in any EDIBON Computer Controlled Unit. It is useful for Technical and Vocational level.

The "FAULTS" mode consists on causing several faults in the unit normal operation. The student must find them and solve them.

There are several kinds of faults that can be grouped in the following sections:

  Faults affecting the sensors measurement:

  - An incorrect calibration is applied to them.

  - Non-linearity.

  Faults affecting the actuators:

  - Actuators channels interchange at any time during the program execution.

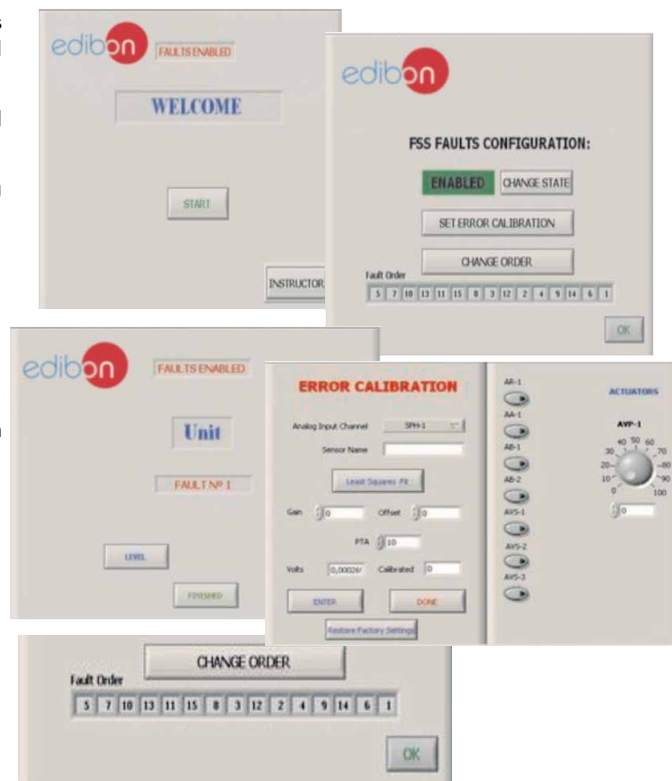 - Response reduction of an actuator.

  Faults in the controls execution:

  - Inversion of the performance in ON/OFF controls.

  - Reduction or increase of the calculated total response.

  - The action of some controls is annulled.

  On/off faults:

  - Several on/off faults can be included.

For more information see **FSS** catalogue. Click on the following link:

  www.edibon.com/products/catalogues/en/FSS.pdf

Example of some screens

c) Higher Education and/or Technical and Vocational Education configuration

⑩ CAGC/CAL. Computer Aided Learning Software (Results Calculation and Analysis).

This Computer Aided Learning Software (CAL) is a Windows based software, simple and very easy to use, specifically developed by EDIBON. It is very useful for Higher Education level.

CAL is a class assistant that helps in doing the necessary calculations to extract the right conclusions from data obtained during the experimental practices.

CAL computes the value of all the variables involved and perfoms the calculations.

It allows to plot and print the results. Within the plotting options, any variable can be represented against any other.

Different plotting displays.

It has a wide range of information, such as constant values, unit conversion factors and integral and derivative tables.
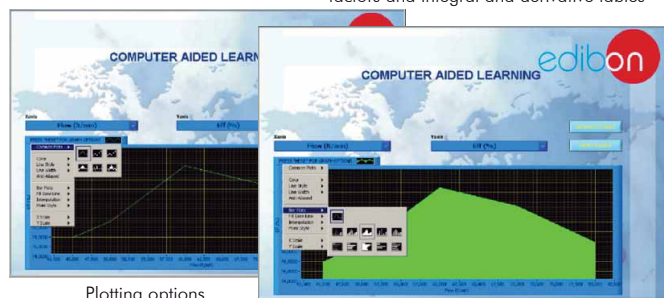
For more information see **CAL** catalogue. Click on the following link:
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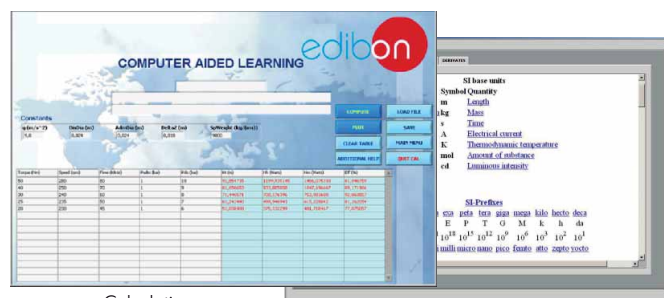
Calculations

Information of constant values, unit conversion factors and integral and derivative tables

Plotting options

d) Multipost Expansions options

⑪ Mini ESN. EDIBON Mini Scada-Net System.

Mini ESN. EDIBON Mini Scada-Net System allows up to 30 students to work with a Teaching Unit in any laboratory, simultaneously. It is useful for both, Higher Education and/or Technical and Vocational Education.

The Mini ESN system consists on the adaptation of any EDIBON Computer Controlled Unit with SCADA and PID Control integrated in a local network.

This system allows to view/control the unit remotely, from any computer integrated in the local net (in the classroom), through the main computer connected to the unit. Then, the number of possible users who can work with the same unit is higher than in an usual way of working (usually only one).
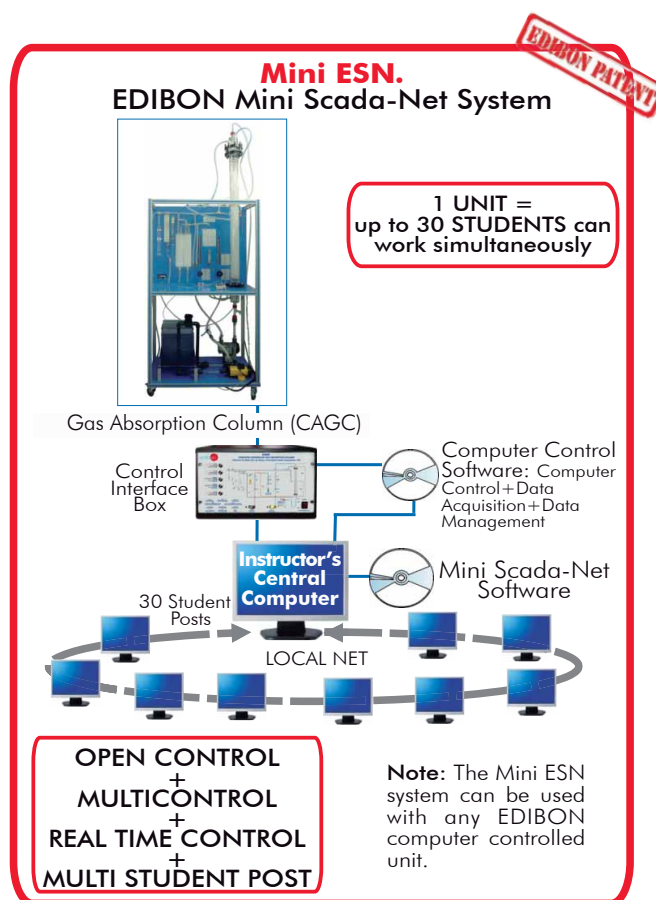
Main characteristics:

- It allows up to 30 students to work simultaneously with the EDIBON Computer Controlled Unit with SCADA and PID Control, connected in a local net.
- Open Control + Multicontrol + Real Time Control + Multi Student Post.
- Instructor controls and explains to all students at the same time.
- Any user/student can work doing "real time" control/multicontrol and visualisation.
- Instructor can see in the computer what any user/student is doing in the unit.
- Continuous communication between the instructor and all the users/students connected.

Main advantages:

- It allows an easier and quicker understanding.
- This system allows you can save time and cost.
- Future expansions with more EDIBON Units.

For more information see **Mini ESN** catalogue. Click on the following link:
www.edibon.com/products/catalogues/en/Mini-ESN.pdf

Mini ESN.
EDIBON Mini Scada-Net System

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1 UNIT =
up to 30 STUDENTS can work simultaneously

Gas Absorption Column (CAGC)

Control Interface Box

Computer Control Software: Computer Control+Data Acquisition+Data Management

Instructor's Central Computer

Mini Scada-Net Software

30 Student Posts

LOCAL NET

OPEN CONTROL
+
MULTICONTROL
+
REAL TIME CONTROL
+
MULTI STUDENT POST

Note: The Mini ESN system can be used with any EDIBON computer controlled unit.

⑫ ESN. EDIBON Scada-Net System.

This unit can be integrated, in the future, into a Complete Laboratory with many Units and many Students.

For more information see **ESN** catalogue. Click on the following link:
www.edibon.com/products/catalogues/en/units/chemicalengineering/esn-chemicalengineering/ESN-CHEMICAL_ENGINEERING.pdf

Main items (always included in the supply)

Minimum supply always includes:

① **Unit: CAGC. Gas Absorption Column.**

② **CAGC/CIB. Control Interface Box.**

③ **DAB. Data Acquisition Board.**

④ **CAGC/CCSOF. PID Computer Control + Data Acquisition + Data Management Software.**

⑤ **Cables and Accessories**, for normal operation.

⑥ **Manuals.**

* IMPORTANT: Under CAGC we always supply all the elements for immediate running as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Optional items (supplied under specific order)

a) Industrial configuration

⑦ PLC. Industrial Control using PLC (it includes PLC-PI Module plus PLC-SOF Control Software):

- PCL-PI. PLC Module.

- CAGC/PLC-SOF. PLC Control Software.

b) Technical and Vocational configuration

⑧ CAGC/CAI. Computer Aided Instruction Software System.

⑨ CAGC/FSS. Faults Simulation System.

c) Higher Education and/or Technical and Vocational Education configuration

⑩ CAGC/CAL. Computer Aided Learning Software (Results Calculation and Analysis).

d) Multipost Expansions options

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① CAGC. Unit:

This unit is mounted on an anodized aluminum rigid structure, with panels of painted steel.

This unit has wheels for its mobility.

Main metallic elements of stainless steel.

Diagram in the front panel with similar distribution to the elements in the real unit.

Packed column:

It consists of a glass cylindrical column of 1400 mm of height and 75 mm of internal diameter.

It is filled with Raschig rings of 10 mm diameter.

It includes glass ends for inlet and outlet of gases and liquids and for sample point.

2 Differential pressure sensors. The pressure can be measure in different parts of the column.

Liquid circuit (water):

A PVC glass storage tank (40 l. capacity).

A computer controlled centrifugal pump, (maximum flow rate: 540 l./h.).

The liquid flow that arrives at each moment to the column is measured with a flow sensor, range: 0.25 - 6.5 l./min. and a flowmeter.

Liquid flow is controlled by PID control.

A glass diffusion shower.

PVC conduit for the effluent liquid with a control flow valve and one sampler.

Gas circuit (air and CO_2):

Compressor (blower), computer controlled, provides a maximum flow of 6 m^3/h and a maximum pressure of 1 bar.

The gas (CO_2 or ammonia) is supplied by a cylinder, type bottle. (Not supplied with the unit).

Mixing system for the 2 gases streams.

Both gas flows are measured by sensors (2 differential pressure sensors) and 2 flowmeters installed in the panel.

2 Control flow valves.

Instrumentation for the analytical measurement of CO_2:

A glass syringe of 100 ml capacity, dedicated to extract the specific quantities of a sample to be analysed.

Two glass tanks located at different heights and interconnected. They contain an aqueous solution of KOH, in which the contained CO_2 will be absorbed in the sample of gas to analyze.

3 Way-valves to direct the gaseous currents during the analysis process.

Sensor to measure the concentration of CO_2 in a gaseous current (0-100%) directly.

There are transparent elements allowing a better visualization of the process.

The complete unit includes as well:

Advanced Real-Time SCADA and PID Control.

Open Control + Multicontrol + Real-Time Control.

Specialized EDIBON Control Software based on Labview.

National Instruments Data Acquisition board (250 KS/s, kilo samples per second).

Calibration exercises, which are included, teach the user how to calibrate a sensor and the importance of checking the accuracy of the sensors before taking measurements.

Projector and/or electronic whiteboard compatibility allows the unit to be explained and demonstrated to an entire class at one time.

Capable of doing applied research, real industrial simulation, training courses, etc.

Remote operation and control by the user and remote control for EDIBON technical support, are always included.

Totally safe, utilizing 4 safety systems (Mechanical, Electrical, Electronic & Software).

Designed and manufactured under several quality standards.

Optional CAL software helps the user perform calculations and comprehend the results.

This unit has been designed for future expansion and integration. A common expansion is the EDIBON Scada-Net (ESN) System which enables multiple students to simultaneously operate many units in a network.

② CAGC/CIB. Control Interface Box:

The Control Interface Box is part of the SCADA system.

Control interface box with process diagram in the front panel.

The unit control elements are permanently computer controlled.

Simultaneous visualization in the computer of all parameters involved in the process.

Calibration of all sensors involved in the process.

Real time curves representation about system responses.

All the actuators' values can be changed at any time from the keyboard allowing the analysis about curves and responses of the whole process.

Shield and filtered signals to avoid external interferences.

Real time PID control with flexibility of modifications from the computer keyboard of the PID parameters, at any moment during the process.

Real time PID control for parameters involved in the process simultaneously.

Proportional control, integral control and derivative control, based on the real PID mathematical formula, by changing the values, at any time, of the three control constants (proportional, integral and derivative constants).

Open control allowing modifications, at any moment and in real time, of parameters involved in the process simultaneously.

Three safety levels, one mechanical in the unit, another electronic in the control interface and the third one in the control software.

③ DAB. Data Acquisition Board:

The Data Acquisition board is part of the SCADA system.

PCI Express Data acquisition board (National Instruments) to be placed in a computer slot.

Analog input: Channels= 16 single-ended or 8 differential. Resolution=16 bits, 1 in 65536. Sampling rate up to: 250 KS/s (kilo samples per second).

Analog output: Channels=2. Resolution=16 bits, 1 in 65536.

Digital Input/Output: Channels=24 inputs/outputs.

④ CAGC/CCSOF. PID Computer Control +Data Acquisition+Data Management Software:

The three softwares are part of the SCADA system.

Compatible with the industry standards.

Flexible, open and multicontrol software, developed with actual windows graphic systems, acting simultaneously on all process parameters.

Analog and digital PID control. PID menu and set point selection required in the whole work range.

Management, processing, comparison and storage of data.

Sampling velocity up to 250 KS/s (kilo samples per second).

Calibration system for the sensors involved in the process.

It allows the registration of the alarms state and the graphic representation in real time.

Open software, allowing the teacher to modify texts, instructions. Teacher's and student's passwords to facilitate the teacher's control on the student, and allowing the access to different work levels.

This unit allows the 30 students of the classroom to visualize simultaneously all the results and the manipulation of the unit, during the process, by using a projector or an electronic whiteboard.

⑤ Cables and Accessories, for normal operation.

⑥ Manuals: This unit is supplied with 8 manuals: Required Services, Assembly and Installation, Interface and Control Software, Starting-up, Safety, Maintenance, Calibration & Practices Manuals.

Tender Specifications (for main items)

Exercises and Practical Possibilities to be done with Main Items

1.- Study of the basic principles of the absorption of a gas into a liquid using a packed column.

2.- Gas stream analysis.

3.- Study of the hydrodynamic characteristics of a packed column.

4.- Determination of the drag and flooding flows.

5.- Determination of the mass transfer coefficient.

6.- Checking of the mass balances.

7.- Demonstration of methods of gas and liquid quantitative analysis.

8.- Investigations of the variables influencing the effectiveness of the absorption.

9.- Measurement of the CO_2 concentration in gaseous currents using a CO_2 sensor.

Additional practical possibilities:

10.- PID control system.

11.- Study of the hysteresis in the water flow sensor.

12.- Sensors calibration.

13.- Determination of the water, CO_2 and air flow.

14.- Head loss in the column.

Other possibilities to be done with this Unit:

15.- Many students view results simultaneously.

To view all results in real time in the classroom by means of a projector or an electronic whiteboard.

16.- Open Control, Multicontrol and Real Time Control.

This unit allows intrinsically and/or extrinsically to change the span, gains; proportional, integral, derivate parameters; etc, in real time.

17.- The Computer Control System with SCADA and PID Control allow a real industrial simulation.

18.- This unit is totally safe as uses mechanical, electrical and electronic, and software safety devices.

19.- This unit can be used for doing applied research.

20.- This unit can be used for giving training courses to Industries even to other Technical Education Institutions.

21.- Control of the CAGC unit process through the control interface box without the computer.

22.- Visualization of all the sensors values used in the CAGC unit process.

- By using PLC-PI additional 19 more exercises can be done.

- Several other exercises can be done and designed by the user.

a) Industrial configuration

⑦ **PLC. Industrial Control using PLC** (it includes PLC-PI Module plus PLC-SOF Control Software):

- **PLC-PI. PLC Module:**

Metallic box.

Circuit diagram in the module front panel.

Digital inputs(X) and Digital outputs (Y) block: 16 Digital inputs. 14 Digital outputs.

Analog inputs block: 16 Analog inputs.

Analog outputs block: 4 Analog outputs.

Touch screen.

Panasonic PLC:

High-speed scan of 0.32 μsec. Program capacity of 32 Ksteps. High-speed counter. Multi-point PID control.

Digital inputs/outputs and analog inputs/outputs Panasonic modules.

- **CAGC/PLC-SOF. PLC Control Software:**

For this particular unit, always included with PLC supply.

Practices to be done with PLC-PI:

1.- Control of the CAGC unit process through the control interface box without the computer.
2.- Visualization of all the sensors values used in the CAGC unit process.
3.- Calibration of all sensors included in the CAGC unit process.
4.- Hand on of all the actuators involved in the CAGC unit process.
5.- Realization of different experiments, in automatic way, without having in front the unit. (This experiment can be decided previously).
6.- Simulation of outside actions, in the cases hardware elements do not exist. (Example: test of complementary tanks, complementary industrial environment to the process to be studied, etc).
7.- PLC hardware general use and manipulation.
8.- PLC process application for CAGC unit.
9.- PLC structure.
10.- PLC inputs and outputs configuration.
11.- PLC configuration possibilities.
12.- PLC programming languages.
13.- PLC different programming standard languages.
14.- New configuration and development of new process.
15.- Hand on an established process.
16.- To visualize and see the results and to make comparisons with the CAGC unit process.
17.- Possibility of creating new process in relation with the CAGC unit.
18.- PLC Programming exercises.
19.- Own PLC applications in accordance with teacher and student requirements.

b) Technical and Vocational Education configuration

⑧ **CAGC/CAI. Computer Aided Instruction Software System.**

This complete software package consists of an Instructor Software (INS/ SOF) totally integrated with the Student Software (CAGC/SOF).

- INS/SOF. Classroom Management Software (Instructor Software):

The Instructor can:

Organize Students by Classes and Groups.

Create easily new entries or delete them.

Create data bases with student information.

Analyze results and make statistical comparisons.

Generate and print reports.

Detect student's progress and difficulties.

- CAGC/SOF. Computer Aided Instruction Software (Student Software):

It explains how to use the unit, run the experiments and what to do at any moment.

This Software contains:

Theory.

Exercises.

Guided Practices.

Exams.

⑨ **CAGC/FSS. Faults Simulation System.**

Faults Simulation System (FSS) is a Software package that simulates several faults in any EDIBON Computer Controlled Unit.

The "FAULTS" mode consists on causing several faults in the unit normal operation. The student must find them and solve them.

There are several kinds of faults that can be grouped in the following sections:

Faults affecting the sensors measurement:
- An incorrect calibration is applied to them.
- Non-linearity.

Faults affecting the actuators:
- Actuators channels interchange at any time during the program execution.
- Response reduction of an actuator.

Faults in the controls execution:
- Inversion of the performance in ON/OFF controls.
- Reduction or increase of the calculated total response.
- The action of some controls is annulled.

On/off faults:
- Several on/off faults can be included.

c) Higher Education and/or Technical and Vocational Education configuration

⑩ CAGC/CAL. Computer Aided Learning Software (Results Calculation and Analysis).

This Computer Aided Learning Software (CAL) is a Windows based software, simple and very easy to use.

CAL is a class assistant that helps in doing the necessary calculations to extract the right conclusions from data obtained during the experimental practices.

CAL computes the value of all the variables involved and performs de calculations.

It allows to plot and print the results. Within the plotting options, any variable can be represented against any other.

Different plotting displays.

It has a wide range of information, such as constant values, unit conversion factors and integral and derivative tables.

d) Multipost Expansions options

⑪ Mini ESN. EDIBON Mini Scada-Net System.

EDIBON Mini Scada-Net System allows up to 30 students to work with a Teaching Unit in any laboratory, simultaneously.

The Mini ESN system consists on the adaptation of any EDIBON Computer Controlled Unit with SCADA and PID Control integrated in a local network.

This system allows to view/control the unit remotely, from any computer integrated in the local net (in the classroom), through the main computer connected to the unit.

Main characteristics:

- It allows up to 30 students to work simultaneously with the EDIBON Computer Controlled Unit with SCADA and PID Control, connected in a local net.
- Open Control + Multicontrol + Real Time Control + Multi Student Post.
- Instructor controls and explains to all students at the same time.
- Any user/student can work doing "real time" control/multicontrol and visualisation.
- Instructor can see in the computer what any user/student is doing in the unit.
- Continuous communication between the instructor and all the users/students connected.

Main advantages:

- It allows an easier and quicker understanding.
- This system allows you can save time and cost.
- Future expansions with more EDIBON Units.

The system basically will consist of:

This system is used with a Computer Controlled Unit.

- Instructor's computer.
- Students' computers.
- Local Network.
- Unit-Control Interface adaptation.
- Unit Software adaptation.
- Webcam.
- Mini ESN Software to control the whole system.
- Cables and accessories required for a normal operation.

✱Specifications subject to change without previous notice, due to the convenience of improvements of the product.

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