



### **H2 Sensor in Industrial Truck Applications**

Needs assessment from field experience

### **Outline**

- What is the industrial truck application today?
- Nuvera Safety Approach to H2 Leaks
- Where are H2 Detectors Used?
- What have we experienced?
- Ideal H2 Sensor Criteria





# **Industrial Applications**

- Fork trucks
- Utility Vehicle
- Airport "Tug"
- Ice Re-surfacer







#### Hydrogen meets the end-user's goals:

- Increase productivity
- Optimize floor space
- Optimize energy costs
- Improved corporate image

#### Proven fuel cell advantages:

- Refueling vs. Recharging
- Replace indoor battery charger with outdoor On-Site generation and storage
- On-Site Generation = on-demand generation
- "Green", Retail brand names associated with national energy/security policies



# **Component Introduction**







- 1. Onsite Hydrogen Generation (Steam Reformer)
- 2. Outdoor Compression and High Pressure Storage
- 3. Indoor Dispensing
- 4. Battery replacement in existing electric forklifts





## Safety Approach – H2 Leaks

### Mitigation:

Vent

Natural and forced

Detection

Natural and forced

Excess Flow Valve

Fuel supply



### Where are H2 detectors used?

<u>Indoor Dispenser</u> – Typical industrial installation, classified wiring and components

### On Board Sensor

- Integral to vehicle safety circuit
- Vibration
- Dust
- Chemical exposures
- Constant use 24/5 and 24/7 applications





## What we have experienced?

<u>Indoor Dispenser</u> – no major issues, concerns with calibration

#### Onboard Vehicle

Hydrogen overexposure – increased sensitivity

**Dust contamination** 

Silicone contamination

Decreased sensitivity over time

Propane exhaust

Battery off-gas – H2S and Hydrogen

Corrosion – water vapor, corrosives





### Ideal H2 Sensor by application

<u>Indoor Dispenser</u> – easier calibration, calibration alert, lower cost <u>Onboard Vehicle</u>

- Operating Temperature range: -30 to 60 deg C
- Low sensitivity to Dust
- No sensitivity to silicone
- No Hydrogen Overexposure
- Supply Voltage: 16-60 VDC
- 10 years or 10,000 hrs
- No decrease in sensitivity
- Alarm Action Open relay and audible alarm
- Short response time
- \*Feedback signal concentration level





