MINI-BEAM® DC Voltage Series Sensor



Datasheet

Self-contained photoelectric sensors

- 10 to 30 V DC with bipolar NPN/PNP outputs
- Signal strength or output indicator
- 2 m or 9 m integral cable, or Euro-style quick-disconnect fitting
- 18 mm threaded lens mount on some models



WARNING:

- Do not use this device for personnel protection
- Using this device for personnel protection could result in serious injury or death.
- This device does not include the self-checking redundant circuitry necessary to allow its use in
 personnel safety applications. A device failure or malfunction can cause either an energized (on) or deenergized (off) output condition.

Models

Integral 2 m (6.5 ft) unterminated cable models are listed.

- To order the 9 m (30 ft) PVC cable model, add the suffix "W/30" to the cabled model number. For example, SM31EW/30.
- To order the 4-pin M12/Euro-style QD models, add the suffix "QD" to the model number. For example, SM31EQD.
- To order the 150 mm (6 in) cable with QD, add the suffix "QDP" to the model number. For example, SM31EQDP.
- To order a 0.3 ms response time model, add the suffix "MHS" to the model number. For example, SM31EMHS.

Sensing Mode		Range	LED	Model
	Opposed Emitter	-3 m (10 ft)		SM31E
	Opposed Receiver		Infrared, 880 nm	SM31R
	Opposed Emitter - Long Range	- 30 m (100 ft)		SM31EL
	Opposed Receiver - Long Range			SM31RL
	Opposed Emitter - Clear Plastic Detection	0 to 300 mm (0 to 12 in) Actual range varies,		SM31EPD
OPPOSED	Opposed Receiver - Clear Plastic Detection	depending on the light transmission properties of the plastic material being sensed.		SM31RPD
	Non-Polarized Retroreflective	5 m (15 ft)	Visible red, 650 nm	SM312LV
P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	Polarized Retroreflective	55 mm to 2 m (2 in to 7 ft)	-	SM312LVAG
	Extended-Range Polarized Retroreflective	10 mm to 3 m (0.4 in to 10 ft)		SM312LP
	Diffuse	380 mm (15 in)		SM312D
DIFFUSE		300 mm (12 in)	-	SM312DBZ
	Divergent Diffuse	130 mm (5 in)		SM312W
CONVERGENT	Convergent	16 mm (0.65 in) Focus	Infrared, 880 nm	SM312C
		43 mm (1.7 in) Focus	-	SM312C2



Sensing Mode		Range	LED	Model
		16 mm (0.65 in) Focus		SM312CV
CONVERGENT		43 mm (1.7 in) Focus	Visible red, 650 nm	SM312CV2
	-	16 mm (0.65 in) Focus		SM312CVB
CONVERGENT		49 mm (1.9 in) Focus	Visible blue, 475 nm	SM312CV2B
	-	16 mm (0.65 in) Focus		SM312CVG
CONVERGENT	CONVERGENT	49 mm (1.9 in) Focus	Visible green, 525 nm	SM312CV2G
	Glass Fiber Optic		Infrared, 880 nm	SM312F
			Visible red, 650 nm	SM312FV
GLASS FIBER			Visible blue, 475 nm	SM312FVB
		Range varies, depending on sensing mode and fiber optics used.	Visible green, 525 nm	SM312FVG
	Plastic Fiber Optic		Visible red, 650 nm	SM312FP
PLASTIC FIBER			Visible blue, 475 nm	SM312FPB
			Visible green, 525 nm	SM312FPG
	Special High-Power Option Plastic Fiber Optic		Visible red, 650 nm	SM312FPH

Overview



- 1. Adjustment Indicator Device (AID)
- 2. Gain (sensitivity) adjustment screw
- 3. Light/dark operate select switch

Adjust clockwise for light operate (outputs conduct when sensing light is received) and counterclockwise for dark operate (outputs conduct when sensing light is not received).

Wiring Diagrams

Emitters with Attached Cable



All Other Models with Attached Cable



Emitters with Quick Disconnect (4-pin Euro-Style)







The output type for all models is Bipolar NPN/PNP; load 150 mA max., each output.

Sensor Mounting and Alignment

MINI-BEAM sensors perform most reliably if they are properly aligned and securely mounted.

For maximum mechanical stability, mount MINI-BEAM sensors through 18 mm diameter holes by their threaded barrel (where available), or use a mounting bracket. A complete selection of mounting brackets is available. Visit http://www.bannerengineering.com or contact Banner Engineering for information on mounting options.

Begin with line-of-sight positioning of the MINI-BEAM sensor to its emitter (opposed-mode sensing) or to its target (all other sensing modes). When using a retroreflective sensor, the target is the retroreflector ("retro target"). For diffuse or convergent sensing modes, the target is the object to be detected.

Apply power to the sensor (and to the emitter, if using the opposed mode). Advance the 15-turn Gain control to maximum (clockwise end of rotation) using a small flat-blade screwdriver. The Gain control is clutched at both ends to avoid damage and will "free-wheel" when either endpoint is reached.

If the MINI-BEAM sensor is receiving its light signal, the red LED Alignment indicator will be ON and flashing at a rate proportional to the signal strength (faster = more signal). Move the sensor (or retro target, if applicable) up-down-right-left (including angular rotation) to find the center of the movement zone within which the LED indicator remains ON. Reducing the Gain setting reduces the size of the movement zone for more precise alignment.

Repeat the alignment motions after each Gain reduction. When optimum alignment is achieved, mount sensor(s) (and the retro target, if applicable) solidly in that position. Increase the Gain to maximum.

Test the sensor by placing the object to be detected in the sensing position, then removing it. The Alignment indicator LED should come ON when the sensing beam is established (Light condition) or be ON when the beam is broken (Dark condition). If the Alignment indicator LED stays ON for both sensing conditions, consider the following tips for each sensing mode.

Opposed Mode Alignment



Flooding occurs when a portion of the sensing beam passes around the object to be sensed. *Burn-through* occurs when a portion of the emitter's light energy passes through a thin or translucent object, and is sensed by the receiver.

To correct either problem, do one or more of the following to reduce the light energy:

- Reduce the Gain adjustment on the receiver
- Add an aperture to one or both lenses (MINI-BEAM apertures, available from Banner, fit neatly inside the lens assembly)
- Intentionally misalign the emitter and receiver

Note:

- Light condition: sensor output is ON when there is no object in the beam
- Dark condition: sensor output is ON when there is an object in the beam

Diffuse Mode Alignment



Retroreflective Mode Alignment



If the Alignment LED does not go OFF when the object is removed from the beam, the sensor is probably detecting light reflected from some background object. To remedy this problem:

- Reduce the reflectivity of the background by painting the surface(s) flat-black, scuffing any shiny surface, or drilling a large hole, directly opposite the diffuse sensor
- Move the sensor closer to the object to be detected and reduce the Gain adjustment. Rule of thumb for diffuse sensing: The distance to the nearest background object should be at least three times the sensing distance

Note:

- Light condition: sensor output is ON when there is no object in the beam
- Dark condition: sensor output is ON when there is an object in the beam

A highly reflective object may reflect enough light back to a retroreflective sensor to allow that object to slip through the beam, without being detected. This problem is called *proxing*, and the following methods may be used to correct it:

- Position the sensor and retro target so the beam will not strike a shiny surface perpendicular to the sensor lens
- Reduce the Gain adjustment
- Add a polarizing filter (for model SM312LV)

Note:

- Light condition: sensor output is ON when there is no object in the beam
- Dark condition: sensor output is ON when there is an object in the beam

Convergent Mode Alignment



The sensing energy of a convergent mode sensor is concentrated at the specified focus point. Convergent mode sensors are less sensitive to background reflections, compared with diffuse mode sensors. However, if background reflections are a problem:

- Skew the sensor position at a 10° to 25° angle to eliminate direct reflections from shiny background surfaces
- Reduce the reflectivity of the background by painting the surface(s) flat-black, scuffing any shiny surface, or drilling a large hole, directly opposite the sensor
- Reduce the Gain adjustment

Note:

- Light condition: sensor output is ON when there is no object in the beam
- Dark condition: sensor output is ON when there is an object in the beam

Installing Plastic Fibers on a MINI-BEAM

Follow these instructions to install plastic fibers into your sensor. MINI-BEAMS may have either a fiber gripper or a clamp screw. **MINI-BEAM** and **ECONO-BEAM** sensors for use with plastic fiber optic assemblies include sensors with the letters **FP** in their model number.



- 1. Prepare the sensor ends of the fibers (see Cut the Plastic Fiber on p. 5).
- 2. Prepare the sensor for the fibers.
 - For models with a fiber gripper: Unlock the fiber gripper as shown in the figure and apply the appropriate fiber adaptors to the fiber, if needed.
 - For models with a clamp screw: Loosen the clamp screw on the sensor face.
- 3. Insert the plastic fibers.
 - For models with a fiber gripper: Gently insert the prepared fiber ends into the ports as far as they will go.
 - For models with a clamp screw: Align the fiber ends flush with the ends of the bushings as shown. Hold the bushings to the fibers and slide both into the sensor ports. Push the fiber an additional 1 inch through the bushing.
- 4. Lock in the fibers.
 - For models with a fiber gripper: Slide the fiber gripper back to lock, as shown in the figure.
 - For models with a clamp screw: Tighten the clamp screw to secure the fibers.

Cut the Plastic Fiber

An unterminated plastic fiber is designed to be cut by the customer to the length required for the application. To facilitate cutting, a Banner model PFC-4 cutting device is supplied with this fiber.

- 1. Locate the non-terminated end, and determine the length of fiber required for the application.
- 2. Lift the top of the cutter to open the cutting ports.
- 3. Insert the non-terminated end through one of the four large cutting ports on the PFC-4 cutter so that the excess fiber protrudes from the back of the cutter.
- 4. Double-check the fiber length, and close the cutter until the fiber is cut.
- 5. Gently wipe the cut ends of the fiber with a clean, dry cloth to remove any contamination.

Note: Do not use solvents or abrasives on any exposed optical fiber. Do not use a cutting port more than once. The blade may tend to dull after one cut.



Installing the Glass Fibers in MINI-BEAMs



- 1. Install the O-ring (supplied with the fiber) on each fiber end, as shown in the drawing.
- 2. While pressing the fiber ends firmly into the ports on the sensor front, slide the U-shaped retaining clip (supplied with the sensor) into the slot in the sensor's barrel, until it snaps into place.

Specifications

Supply Voltage and Current

10 to 30 V DC (10% maximum ripple) at less than 25 mA (exclusive of load) Supply Protection Circuitry

Protected against reverse polarity and transient voltages

Output Configuration

Bipolar: One current sourcing (PNP) and one current sinking (NPN) open collector transistor

Output Rating

150 mA maximum each output at 25 °C, derated to 100 mA at 70 °C (derate ≈ 1 mA per °C)

OFF State Leakage Current: less than 1 microamp

Output Saturation Voltage (PNP Output): less than 1 V at 10 mA, less than 2 V at 150 mA Output Saturation Voltage (NPN Output): less than 200 millivolts at 10 mA, less than 1 V at 150 mA

Output Protection Circuitry

Protected against false pulse on power-up and continuous overload or short-circuit of outputs

Output Response Time

Sensors will respond to either a "light" or "dark" signal of 1 millisecond or longer duration, 500 Hz maximum. Modification for 0.3 millisecond response is available (MHS-suffix models; these models also feature reduced sensitivity range and reduced repeatability.)

Note: Outputs are non-conducting during 100 second delay on power-up.

Repeatability

Opposed: 0.14 milliseconds

Non-Polarized and Polarized Retro, Diffuse, Convergent, Glass Fiber Optic, and Plastic Fiber Optic: 0.3 milliseconds

Response time and repeatability specifications are independent of signal strength.

Adjustments

Light/Dark Operate Select switch

15-turn slotted brass screw Gain (sensitivity) adjustment potentiometer (clutched at both ends of travel)

Located on the rear panel, protected by a gasketed, clear acrylic cover.

Indicators

Patented Alignment Indicator Device system (AID[™], US patent #4356393) lights a rear-panel-mounted LED indicator when the sensor sees light. Its pulse rate is proportional to the light signal strength (the stronger the signal, the faster the pulse rate).

Construction

Reinforced thermoplastic polyester housing, totally encapsulated, o-ring sealing, acrylic lenses, stainless steel screws

Environmental Rating

Connections

Meets NEMA standards 1, 2, 3, 3S, 4, 4X, 6, 12, and 13; IEC IP67.

PVC-jacketed 4-conductor 2 m (6.5 ft) or 9 m (30 ft) cables, or 4-pin M12/ Euro-style male QD fitting; QD cables available separately

Operating Conditionsperating Conditions

–20 °C to +70 °C (–4 °F to +158 °F) 90% at +50 °C maximum relative humidity (non-condensing)

Application Note

The NPN (current sinking) output of dc MINI-BEAM sensors is directly compatible as an input to Banner logic modules, including all non-amplified MAXI-AMP and MICRO-AMP modules. MINI-BEAMs are TTL compatible.

Required Overcurrent Protection



WARNING: Electrical connections must be made by qualified personnel in accordance with local and national electrical codes and regulations.

Overcurrent protection is required to be provided by end product application per the supplied table. Overcurrent protection may be provided with external fusing or via Current Limiting, Class 2 Power Supply. Supply wiring leads < 24 AWG shall not be spliced.

For additional product support, go to www.bannerengineering.com.

Supply Wiring (AWG)	Required Overcurrent Protection (Amps)		
20	5.0		
22	3.0		
24	2.0		
26	1.0		
28	0.8		
30	0.5		

Certifications





Performance Curves for SM31Ex Emitter and SM31Rx Receiver Models



Performance Curves for the SM312Lx Retroreflective Models



Performance Curves for the SM312Dx and SM312W Diffuse Models





Performance Curves for the SM312Cx Convergent Models

Performance is based on a 90% reflectance white test card.



Performance Curves for the SM312F Glass Fiber Optic Models





Performance Curves for the SM312FP Plastic Fiber Models





Dimensions



Divergent Diffuse Models

(Suffix DBZ and W)



Plastic Fiber Models (Suffix FP, FPB, FPG, FPH, FPW)





Accessories

4-Pin Euro-Style Cordsets

4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Single Ended					
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)	
MQDC-406	2 m (6.56 ft)		⊣ 44 Typ		
MQDC-415	5 m (16.4 ft)				
MQDC-430	9 m (29.5 ft)	Straight			
MQDC-450	15 m (49.2 ft)		M12 x 1 ø 14.5	1 = Brown	
MQDC-406RA	2 m (6.56 ft)		32 Typ. [1.26"]		
MQDC-415RA	5 m (16.4 ft)				
MQDC-430RA	9 m (29.5 ft)				
MQDC-450RA	15 m (49.2 ft)	Right-Angle	30 Typ. [1.18"] ↓ M12 x 1 ↓ ø 14.5 [0.57"] ↓ ↓	2 = White 3 = Blue 4 = Black	

Mounting Brackets







Miscellaneous Accessories and Replacement Parts

MINI-BEAM lens assemblies are field-replaceable.

Replacement Lens Model	Replacement Lens for MINI-BEAM Model	Possible Sensing Mode or Range Changes	
UC-300AG	LVAG	LV to LVAG	
UC-300BZ	W and DBZ	D to DBZ and F to DBZ	
UC-300C7	C, CV, and CVG	CV2 to CV	
UC-300C2	C2 and CV2	CV to CV2	
UC-300E	E and R	-	
UC-300EL	EL and RL	Extends the range of the E/R models	
UC-300EPD	EPD	-	
UC-300F	F and FV	D to F and DBZ to F	The states
UC-300FP	FP (old style)	-	
UC-300FP2	FP	-	
UC-300L	LV and D	F to D, LVAG to LV, and DBZ to D	
UC-300LP	LP	-	
UC-300RPD	RPD	-	

MINI-BEAM right-angle reflectors are useful for tight sensing locations. These reflectors significantly decrease excess gain.

Right-Angle Reflectors

RAR300SM

- Side mount right-angle reflector
 Profile dimension of 14 mm (0.56
- inches) in the direction of the scanUse with MINI-BEAM models 31E,
 - Use with MINI-BEAM models 31E, EL, R, RL; and 312D, DBZ, LV, W



RAR300FM

- Front mount right-angle reflector that attaches directly to the threaded barrel of most MINI-BEAMs
- Profile dimension of 34 mm (1.35 inches) in the direction of the scan
 Use with MINI-BEAM models 31E,
- EL, R, RL; and 312D, LV



Opposed-mode MINI-BEAM sensors may be fitted with apertures that narrow or shape the effective beam of the sensor to more closely match the size or profile of the object to be sensed, for example, the use of "line" (or "slit") apertures for sensing wire or thread. Each model contains 20 apertures.

MINI-BEAM Opposed-Mode Aperture Kits				
Model	Description	Qty		
	Circular			
AP31-020	0.5 mm dia.	20		
AP31-040	1.0 mm dia.	20		
AP31-100	2.5 mm dia.	20		
	Horizontal Slot			
AP31-020H	0.5 x 6.4 mm	20		
AP31-040H	1.0 x 6.4 mm	20		
AP31-100H	2.5 x 6.4 mm	20		
AP31-200H	5.1 x 6.4 mm	20		
	Vertical Slot			
AP31-020V	0.5 x 12.7 mm	20		
AP31-040V	1.0 x 12.7 mm	20		
AP31-100V	2.5 x 12.7 mm	20		
AP31-200V	5.1 x 12.7 mm	20		
	Kit			
AP31-DVHX2	2 of each aperture	2		

	Range (Standard Group I and II Sensor Pairs)				Range (Group I Sensor Pairs with UC-300EL	
	Aperture on Both Emitter and Received		Aperture on Receiver Only		Upper Covers Substituted)	
Aperture	Group I Sensors	Group II Sensors	Group I Sensors	Group II Sensors	Aperture on Both Emitter and Received	Aperture on Receiver Only
AP31-020	89 mm	102 mm	457 mm	1.5 m	127 mm	914 mm
AP31-040	330 mm	457 mm	940 mm	3.2 m	183 mm	2 m
AP31-100	1.5 m	3 m	2.5 m	8.2 m	2.1 m	5.8 m
AP31-020H	406 mm	1.8 m	965 mm	9.1 m	864 mm	3.4 m
AP31-040H	914 mm	4 m	1.8 m	12.5 m	1.8 m	5.2 m
AP31-100H	2.3 m	10.4 m	2.9 m	20.7 m	5.2 m	8.5 m
AP31-200H	2.8 m	21.3 m	3 m	24.4 m	8.2 m	11 m
AP31-020V	457 mm	1.7 m	1 m	8.2 m	1 m	3.4 m
AP31-040V	1 m	5.5 m	1.8 m	15.8 m	2.1 m	5.5 m
AP31-100V	2.3 m	10.7 m	2.9 m	22.9 m	6.1 m	8.5 m
AP31-200V	2.8 m	22.9 m	3 m	25.9 m	8.5 m	11 m

GROUP I Emitter/ Receiver Pairs (see Range): SM31E/SM31R

GROUP II Emitter/ Receiver Pairs (see Range): SM31EL/SM31RL

Example: A MINI-BEAM sensor pair is in Group I. With an AP31-040 circular aperture on the receiver only, range is 940 mm (37 in). With AP31-040 apertures on both emitter and receiver, range is 330 mm (13 in). Group I range with AP31-040 apertures and UC-300EL upper covers on both units is 183 mm; range with receiver aperture only is 2 m (80 in).

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