



VL18-3E3212

V18

CYLINDRICAL PHOTOELECTRIC SENSORS

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Ordering information

Type	Part no.
VL18-3E3212	6013537

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Illustration may differ



Detailed technical data

Features

Functional principle	Photoelectric retro-reflective sensor
Dimensions (W x H x D)	18 mm x 18 mm x 63.6 mm
Housing design (light emission)	Cylindrical
Housing length	63.6 mm
Thread diameter (housing)	M18 x 1
Optical axis	Axial
Sensing range max.	0.05 m ... 3.7 m ¹⁾
Sensing range	0.05 m ... 3 m ¹⁾
Focus	Approx. 2.8°
Type of light	Visible red light
Light source	LED ²⁾
Light spot size (distance)	Ø 150 mm (3 m)
Angle of dispersion	Approx. 2.8°
Adjustment	Potentiometer, 270° (Sensitivity)

¹⁾ Reflector C110A.

²⁾ Average service life: 100,000 h at T_J = +25 °C.

Mechanics/electronics

Supply voltage U_B	10 V DC ... 30 V DC ¹⁾
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⁴⁾ Signal transit time with resistive load.

⁵⁾ With light/dark ratio 1:1.

⁶⁾ Do not bend below 0 °C.

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⁸⁾ B = inputs and output reverse-polarity protected.

⁹⁾ C = interference suppression.

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Ripple	$\pm 10\%$ ²⁾
Current consumption	30 mA ³⁾
Switching output	NPN
Switching mode	Light switching
Output current I_{max}	≤ 100 mA
Response time	≤ 2 ms ⁴⁾
Switching frequency	250 Hz ⁵⁾
Connection type	Cable, 3-wire, 2 m ⁶⁾
Cable material	PVC
Conductor cross section	0.14 mm ²
Cable diameter	$\varnothing 3.1$ mm
Circuit protection	A ⁷⁾ B ⁸⁾ C ⁹⁾ D ¹⁰⁾
Protection class	III
Weight	120 g
Polarisation filter	✓
Housing material	Metal, Nickel-plated brass
Optics material	Plastic, PMMA
Enclosure rating	IP67
Ambient operating temperature	-25 °C ... +70 °C
UL File No.	NMFT2.E175606

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Safety-related parameters

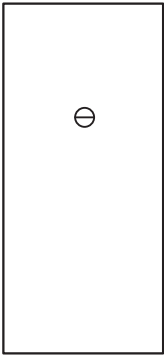
MTTF_D	68 years
DC_{avg}	0 %

Classifications

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eCl@ss 6.0	27270902
eCl@ss 6.2	27270902
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UNSPSC 16.0901	39121528

Adjustments

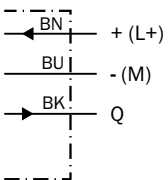


Connection type

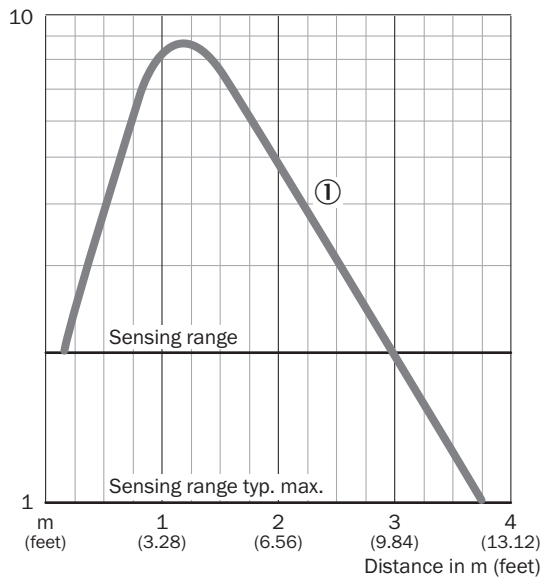


Connection diagram

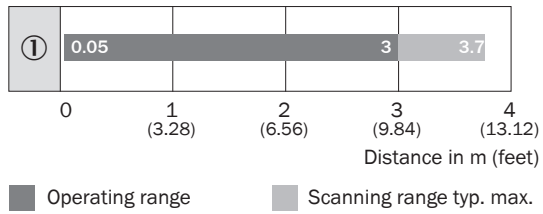
Cd-043



Characteristic curve

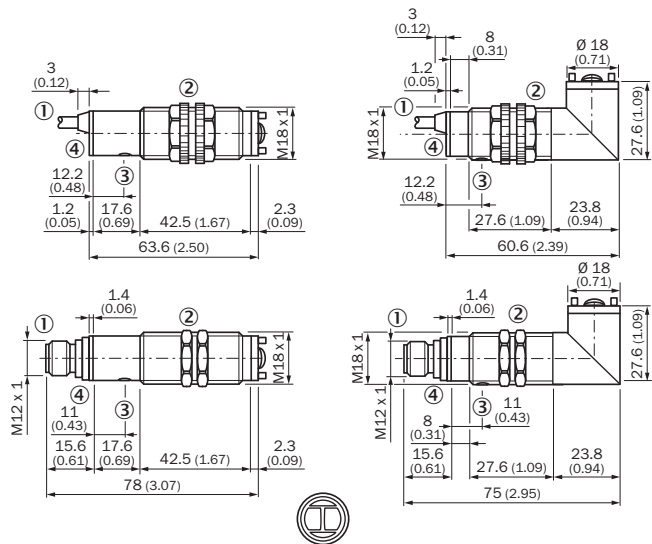


Sensing range diagram



① Reflector type C110




Dimensional drawing (Dimensions in mm (inch))



- ① Connecting cable or connector
- ② Fastening nut, 22 mm hex, made of plastic for equipment with plastic housing / Fastening nut, 24 mm hex, made of metal for equipment with metal housing
- ③ Sensitivity control
- ④ Signal strength indicator, LED, yellow

Recommended accessories

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	Brief description	Type	Part no.
Mounting brackets and plates			
	Mounting bracket for M18 sensors, steel, zinc coated, without mounting hardware	BEF-WN-M18	5308446
	Universal mounting bracket for reflectors, steel, zinc coated	BEF-WN-REFX	2064574
Plug connectors and cables			
	Head A: male connector, M8, 3-pin, straight Cable: unshielded	STE-0803-G	6037322

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