



WLF4FI-973121A0ZZZ

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MINIATURE PHOTOELECTRIC SENSORS

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Ordering information

Type	Part no.
WLF4FI-973121A0ZZZ	1124155

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Detailed technical data

Features

Functional principle	Photoelectric retro-reflective sensor
Functional principle detail	With minimum distance to reflector (dual lens system)
Sensing range	
Sensing range min.	0 m
Sensing range max.	10 m
Maximum distance range from reflector to sensor (operating reserve 1)	0.4 m ... 10 m
Recommended distance range from reflector to sensor (operating reserve 3,75)	0.4 m ... 7 m
Reference reflector	Reflector PL80
Recommended sensing range for the best performance	0.4 m ... 7 m
Emitted beam	
Light source	PinPoint LED
Type of light	Infrared light
Shape of light spot	Point-shaped
Light spot size (distance)	Ø 40 mm (1,000 mm)
Maximum dispersion of the emitted beam around the standardized transmission axis (squint angle)	< +/- 1.5° (at Ta = +23 °C)
Key LED figures	
Normative reference	EN 62471:2008-09 IEC 62471:2006, modified

LED risk group marking	Free group
Wave length	850 nm
Average service life	100,000 h at T _a = +25 °C
Adjustment	
None	-
Indication	
LED green	Operating indicator Static on: power on
LED yellow	Status of received light beam Static on: object not present Static off: object present Flashing: Below the 1.5 function reserve

Safety-related parameters

MTTF_D	663 years
DC_{avg}	0 %
T_M (mission time)	20 years (EN ISO 13849) Rate of use: 60 %

Electrical data

Supply voltage U_B	10 V DC ... 30 V DC ¹⁾
Ripple	≤ 5 V _{pp}
Usage category	DC-12 (According to EN 60947-5-2) DC-13 (According to EN 60947-5-2)
Current consumption	≤ 20 mA, without load. At U _B = 24 V
Protection class	III
Digital output	
Number	1
Type	Push-pull: PNP/NPN
Signal voltage PNP HIGH/LOW	Approx. U _B -2.5 V / 0 V
Signal voltage NPN HIGH/LOW	Approx. U _B / < 2.5 V
Output current I _{max}	≤ 100 mA
Circuit protection outputs	Reverse polarity protected Overcurrent protected Short-circuit protected
Response time	≤ 500 μs
Repeatability (response time)	150 μs ²⁾
Switching frequency	1,000 Hz ³⁾
Pin/Wire assignment	
Function of pin 4/black (BK)	Digital output, light switching, object present → output Q LOW

¹⁾ Limit values.

²⁾ Signal transit time with resistive load in switching mode.

³⁾ With light/dark ratio 1:1.

Mechanical data

Housing	Rectangular
Design detail	Flat

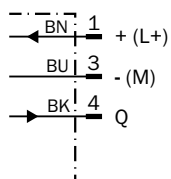
Dimensions (W x H x D)	16 mm x 40.1 mm x 12.1 mm
Connection	Cable with connector M8, 3-pin, 338 m
Connection detail	
Deep-freeze property	Do not bend below 0 °C
Conductor size	0.14 mm ²
Cable diameter	Ø 3.4 mm
Length of cable (L)	300 m
Material	
Housing	Plastic, VISTAL®
Front screen	Plastic, PMMA
Cable	PVC
Male connector	Plastic, VISTAL®
Weight	Approx. 30 g
Maximum tightening torque of the fixing screws	0.4 Nm

Ambient data

Enclosure rating	IP66 (EN 60529) IP67 (EN 60529) IP69 (EN 60529)
Ambient operating temperature	-40 °C ... +60 °C
Ambient temperature, storage	-40 °C ... +75 °C
Typ. Ambient light immunity	Artificial light: ≤ 50,000 lx Sunlight: ≤ 50,000 lx
Shock resistance	30 g, 11 ms (3 positive and 3 negative shocks along X, Y, Z axes, 18 total shocks (EN60068-2-27))
Vibration resistance	10 Hz ... 1,000 Hz (Amplitude 1 mm, 3 x 30 min (EN60068-2-6))
Air humidity	35 % ... 95 %, Relative humidity (no condensation)
Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)	EN 60947-5-2
Resistance to cleaning agent	ECOLAB
UL File No.	NRKH.E181493 & NRKH7.E181493

Connection diagram

Cd-045



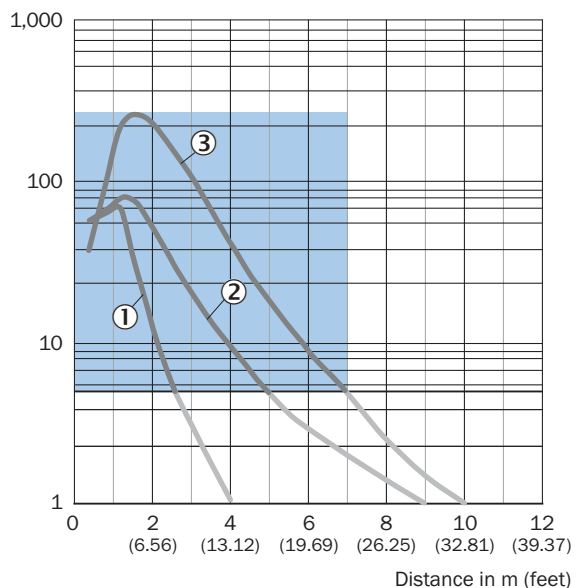
Truth table

Push-pull: PNP/NPN - light switching Q

	Light switching Q (normally open (upper switch), normally closed (lower switch))	
	Object not present → Output LOW	Object present → Output HIGH
Light receive	✘	✔
Light receive indicator	✘	☉
Load resistance to L+	⚠	✘
Load resistance to M	✘	⚠

Characteristic curve

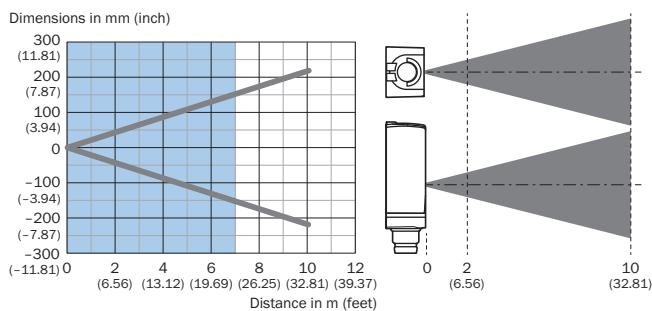
Operating reserve



Recommended sensing range for the best performance

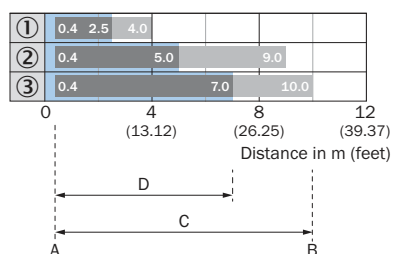
- ① Reflector PL80A
- ② Reflector PL30A
- ③ Reflective tape REF-DG

Light spot size



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Sensing range diagram



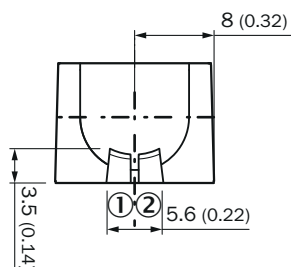
A = Sensing range min. in m
 B = Sensing range max. in m
 C = Maximum distance range from reflector to sensor (operating reserve 1)
 D = Recommended distance range from reflector to sensor (operating reserve 3.75)

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Adjustments



Display and adjustment elements



- ① LED green
- ② LED yellow

Recommended accessories

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	Brief description	Type	Part no.
Mounting brackets and plates			
	Mounting bracket for wall mounting, Stainless steel 1.4571, mounting hardware included	BEF-W4-A	2051628
Reflectors			
	Fine triple reflector, screw connection, suitable for laser sensors, 20 mm x 32 mm, PM-MA/ABS, Screw-on, 2 hole mounting	PL10F	5311210

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