# Q4X Stainless Steel Laser Sensor

## Instruction Manual

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# 1 Product Description

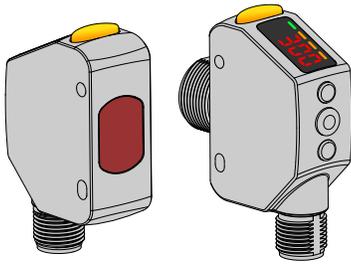*Class 1 laser CMOS sensor with a discrete (PNP or NPN) output. Patent pending.*



Figure 1. Flush Mount (Left) and
Threaded Barrel (Right) Models

- The ultimate problem solver: reduce sensor inventory with a reliable, durable sensor that solves the most challenging applications
- Solves difficult distance-based applications regardless of target surface reflectivity, including black foam on black plastic, black rubber in front of metal, transparent objects, multicolor packaging, and targets of all colors
- Reliable sensing up to 500 mm (11.81 in) for threaded barrel models or up to 310 mm (12.2 in) for flush mount models, depending on model
- Best in class excess gain
- Angled four-digit display with submillimeter resolution is easily viewed from multiple vantage points
- Display provides clear user feedback for easy setup, and bright output indicator provides high visibility of sensor operation
- Intuitive setup using three tactile buttons conveniently located below the display
- Durable and robust construction resists mechanical impact, over tightening, and extreme vibration
- FDA grade stainless steel and plastics, ECOLAB® certified chemically-resistant materials, and laser marked sensor information withstands aggressive cleaning procedures
- Superior resistance to ambient light interference prevents nuisance output trips under changing lighting conditions
- Temperature-compensated design ensures reliable detection during changing temperature conditions

For illustration purposes, the threaded barrel model Q4X images are used throughout this document.

⚠️ **WARNING: Not To Be Used for Personnel Protection**

**Never use this device as a sensing device for personnel protection. Doing so could lead to serious injury or death.** This device does not include the self-checking redundant circuitry necessary to allow its use in personnel safety applications. A sensor failure or malfunction can cause either an energized or de-energized sensor output condition.

## 1.1 Models

| Model | | Sensing Range | Output | Connection[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | Q4XTBLAF500-Q8 | 25 mm to 500 mm (0.98 in to 19.68 in) | Bipolar: 1 NPN; 1 PNP | Integral 5-pin M12/Euro-style quick disconnect |
| | Q4XTBLAF300-Q8 | 25 mm to 300 mm (0.98 in to 11.81 in) | Bipolar: 1 NPN; 1 PNP | |
| | Q4XTBLAF100-Q8 | 25 mm to 100 mm (0.98 in to 3.94 in) | Bipolar: 1 NPN; 1 PNP | |
|  | Q4XFNLAF310-Q8 | 35 mm to 310 mm (1.38 in to 12.20 in) | NPN | Integral 4-pin M12/Euro-style quick disconnect |
| | Q4XFPLAF310-Q8 | 35 mm to 310 mm (1.38 in to 12.20 in) | PNP | |
| | Q4XFNLAF110-Q8 | 35 mm to 110 mm (1.38 in to 4.33 in) | NPN | Integral 4-pin M12/Euro-style quick disconnect |
| | Q4XFPLAF110-Q8 | 35 mm to 110 mm (1.38 in to 4.33 in) | PNP | |
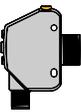
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[1] QD models require a mating cordset.

## 1.2 Overview

The Q4X Sensor is a Class 1 laser CMOS sensor with a bipolar output. The normal sensor state is Run mode. From Run mode, the switch point value and LO/DO selection can be changed and the selected TEACH method can be performed. The secondary sensor state is Setup mode. From Setup mode, the TEACH mode can be selected, all standard operating parameters can be adjusted, and a factory reset can be done.

## 1.3 Features



1. Output Indicator (Amber)
2. Display
3. Buttons
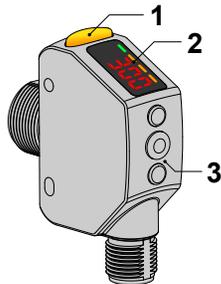
*Figure 2. Sensor Features*

### 1.3.1 Display and Indicators

The display is a 4-digit, 7-segment LED. The main screen is the Run mode screen.

For 2-pt, BGS, FGS, and DYN TEACH modes, the display shows the current distance to the target in millimeters. For dual TEACH mode, the display shows the percentage matched to the taught reference surface. A display value of $999P$ indicates the sensor has not been taught.



1. Stability Indicator (STB—Green)
2. Active TEACH Indicators
   - DYN—Dynamic (Amber)
   - FGS—Foreground Suppression (Amber)
   - BGS—Background Suppression (Amber)

*Figure 3. Display in Run Mode*

**Output Indicator**
- On—Outputs conducting (closed)
- Off—Outputs not conducting (open)

**Active TEACH Indicators (DYN, FGS, and BGS)**
- DYN, FGS, and BGS all off—Two-point TEACH mode selected (default)
- DYN on—Dynamic TEACH mode selected
- FGS on—Foreground suppression TEACH mode selected
- BGS on—Background suppression TEACH mode selected
- DYN, FGS, and BGS all on—Dual TEACH mode selected

**Stability Indicator (STB)**
- On—Stable signal within the specified sensing range
- Flashing—Marginal signal, the target is outside the limits of the specified sensing range, or a multiple peak condition exists
- Off—No target detected within the specified sensing range

### 1.3.2 Buttons

Use the sensor buttons **(SELECT)(TEACH)**, **(+)(DISP)**, and **(-)(MODE)** to program the sensor.
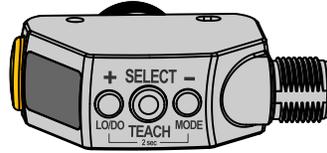
**(SELECT)(TEACH)**
- Press to select menu items in Setup mode
- Press and hold for longer than 2 seconds to start the currently selected TEACH mode (the default is two-point TEACH)

**(-)(MODE)**
- Press to navigate the sensor menu in Setup mode
- Press to change setting values; press and hold to decrease numeric values
- Press and hold for longer than 2 seconds to enter Setup mode

**(+)(DISP)**
- Press to navigate the sensor menu in Setup mode
- Press to change setting values; press and hold to increase numeric values
- Press and hold for longer than 2 seconds to switch between light operate (LO) and dark operate (DO)

**Note:** When navigating the menu, the menu items loop.

## 1.4 Laser Description and Safety Information

**CAUTION:** Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure. Do not attempt to disassemble this sensor for repair. A defective unit must be returned to the manufacturer.

### Class 1 Lasers

Class 1 lasers are lasers that are safe under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation, including the use of optical instruments for intrabeam viewing.

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**Laser wavelength:** 655 nm          **Output:** < 0.20 mW          **Pulse Duration:** 7 µs to 2 ms

# 2 Installation

## 2.1 Install the Safety Label

The safety label must be installed on Q4X sensors that are used in the United States.

> **Note:** Position the label on the cable in a location that has minimal chemical exposure.

1. Remove the protective cover from the adhesive on the label.
2. Wrap the label around the Q4X cable, as shown.
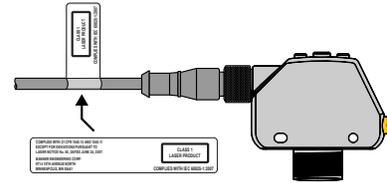3. Press the two halves of the label together.



*Figure 4. Safety Label Installation*

## 2.2 Sensor Orientation

Optimize detection reliability and minimum object separation performance with correct sensor-to-target orientation. To ensure reliable detection, orient the sensor as shown in relation to the target to be detected.
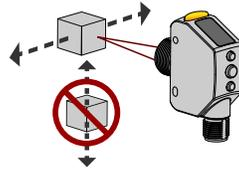


*Figure 5. Optimal Orientation of Target to Sensor*

See the following figures for examples of correct and incorrect sensor-to-target orientation as certain placements may pose problems for sensing some targets. The Q4X can be used in the less preferred orientation and provide reliable detection performance; refer to the *Performance Curves* for the minimum object separation distance required for each case.



| Correct | Incorrect |
|---------|-----------|
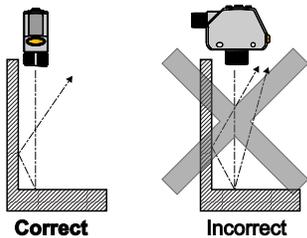
*Figure 6. Orientation by a wall*



| Correct | Incorrect |
|---------|-----------|
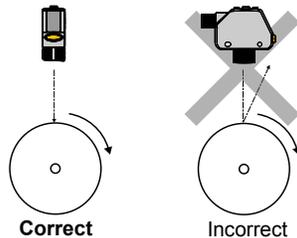
*Figure 7. Orientation for a turning object*



| Correct | Incorrect |
|---------|-----------|
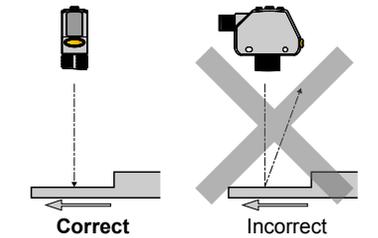
*Figure 8. Orientation for a height difference*



**(Optimal) Horizontal Orientation** — **Vertical Orientation**
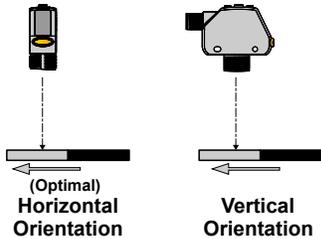
*Figure 9. Orientation for a color or luster difference*



**Reflective Surface** (optional)

*Figure 10. Orientation for highly reflective target[2]*

## 2.3 Mount the Sensor

1. If a bracket is needed, mount the sensor onto the bracket.

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[2] Applying tilt to sensor may improve performance on reflective targets. The direction and magnitude of the tilt depends on the application, but a 15° tilt is often sufficient.

2. Mount the sensor (or the sensor and the bracket) to the machine or equipment at the desired location. Do not tighten the mounting screws at this time.
3. Check the sensor alignment.
4. Tighten the mounting screws to secure the sensor (or the sensor and the bracket) in the aligned position.

## 2.4 Wiring Diagram—Threaded Barrel Models



**Key**
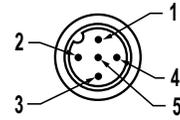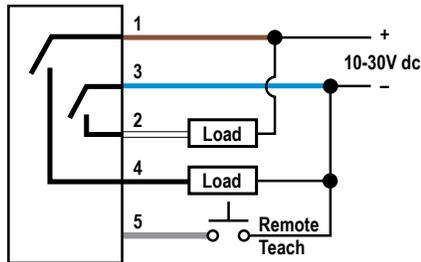
1 = Brown
2 = White
3 = Blue
4 = Black
5 = Gray

**Note:** Open lead wires must be connected to a terminal block.

**Note:** The input wire function is user-selectable. The default for the input wire function is off (disabled).

## 2.5 Wiring Diagram—Flush Mount Models



**Key**
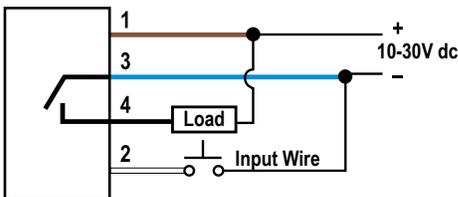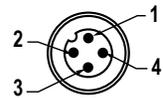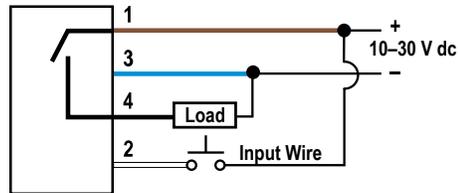
1 = Brown
2 = White
3 = Blue
4 = Black

**Note:** Open lead wires must be connected to a terminal block.

**Note:** The input wire function is user-selectable. The default for the input wire function is off (disabled).

## 2.6 Cleaning and Maintenance

Handle the sensor with care during installation and operation. Sensor windows soiled by fingerprints, dust, water, oil, etc. may create stray light that may degrade the peak performance of the sensor. Blow the window clear using filtered, compressed air, then clean as necessary using water and a lint-free cloth.

# 3 Sensor Programming

Program the sensor using the buttons on the sensor or the remote input (limited programming options).

In addition to programming the sensor, use the remote input to disable the buttons for security, preventing unauthorized or accidental programming changes. See *Locking and Unlocking the Sensor Buttons* on page 15 for more information.

## 3.1 Light Operate/Dark Operate

The default output configuration is light operate. To switch between light operate and dark operate, use the following instructions:

1. Press and hold **LO/DO** for longer than 2 seconds. The current selection displays.
2. Press **LO/DO** again. The new selection flashes slowly.
3. Press **SELECT** to change the output configuration and return to Run mode.

> **Note:** If neither **SELECT** nor **LO/DO** are pressed after step 2, the new selection flashes slowly for a few seconds, then flashes quickly and the sensor automatically changes the output configuration and returns to Run mode.

## 3.2 Setup Mode

Access Setup mode and the sensor menu from Run mode by pressing and holding **MODE** for longer than 2 seconds. Use ⊕ and ⊖ to navigate through the menu. Press **SELECT** to select a menu option and access the submenus. Use ⊕ and ⊖ to navigate through the submenus. Press **SELECT** to select a submenu option and return to the top menu, or press and hold **SELECT** for longer than 2 seconds to select a submenu option and return immediately to Run mode.

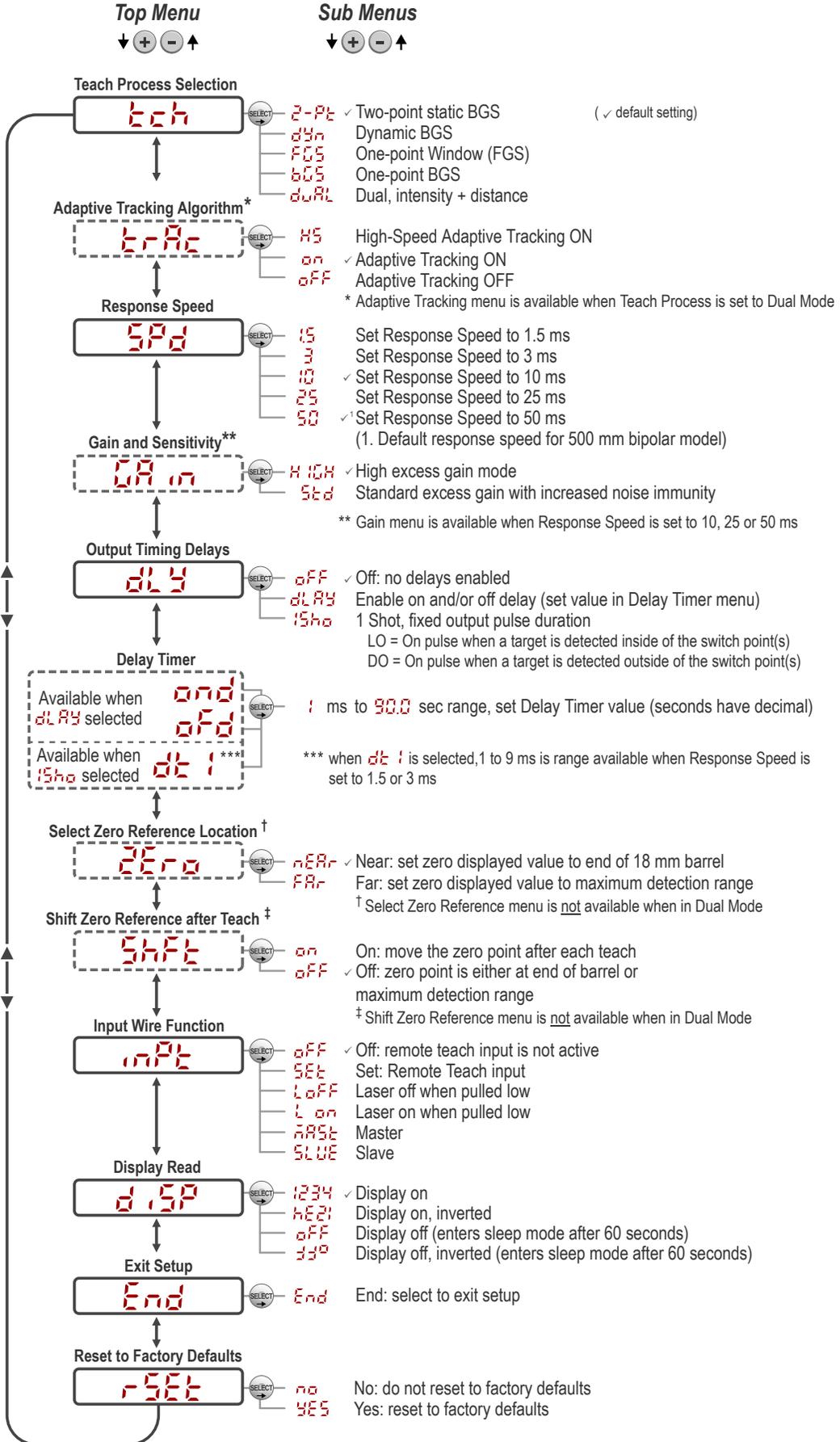To exit Setup mode and return to Run mode, navigate to `End` and press **SELECT**.

**Top Menu**
↓ + − ↑

**Sub Menus**
↓ + − ↑

**Teach Process Selection**

`tch`

SELECT →
- `2-Pt` ✓ Two-point static BGS          ( ✓ default setting)
- `dYn` Dynamic BGS
- `FGS` One-point Window (FGS)
- `bGS` One-point BGS
- `duAL` Dual, intensity + distance

**Adaptive Tracking Algorithm***

`trAc`

SELECT →
- `HS` High-Speed Adaptive Tracking ON
- `on` ✓ Adaptive Tracking ON
- `oFF` Adaptive Tracking OFF

\* Adaptive Tracking menu is available when Teach Process is set to Dual Mode

**Response Speed**

`SPd`

SELECT →
- `15` Set Response Speed to 1.5 ms
- `3` Set Response Speed to 3 ms
- `10` ✓ Set Response Speed to 10 ms
- `25` Set Response Speed to 25 ms
- `50` ✓[1] Set Response Speed to 50 ms
  (1. Default response speed for 500 mm bipolar model)

**Gain and Sensitivity****

`GAin`

SELECT →
- `HIGH` ✓ High excess gain mode
- `Std` Standard excess gain with increased noise immunity

\*\* Gain menu is available when Response Speed is set to 10, 25 or 50 ms

**Output Timing Delays**

`dLY`

SELECT →
- `oFF` ✓ Off: no delays enabled
- `dLAY` Enable on and/or off delay (set value in Delay Timer menu)
- `1Sho` 1 Shot, fixed output pulse duration
  LO = On pulse when a target is detected inside of the switch point(s)
  DO = On pulse when a target is detected outside of the switch point(s)

**Delay Timer**

Available when `dLAY` selected
`ond`
`oFd`

Available when `1Sho` selected
`dt1` \*\*\*

SELECT →
`1` ms to `90.0` sec range, set Delay Timer value (seconds have decimal)

\*\*\* when `dt1` is selected,1 to 9 ms is range available when Response Speed is set to 1.5 or 3 ms

**Select Zero Reference Location** [†]

`2Ero`

SELECT →
- `nEAr` ✓ Near: set zero displayed value to end of 18 mm barrel
- `FAr` Far: set zero displayed value to maximum detection range

[†] Select Zero Reference menu is not available when in Dual Mode

**Shift Zero Reference after Teach** [‡]

`ShFt`

SELECT →
- `on` On: move the zero point after each teach
- `oFF` ✓ Off: zero point is either at end of barrel or maximum detection range

[‡] Shift Zero Reference menu is not available when in Dual Mode

**Input Wire Function**

`inPt`

SELECT →
- `oFF` ✓ Off: remote teach input is not active
- `SEt` Set: Remote Teach input
- `LoFF` Laser off when pulled low
- `Lon` Laser on when pulled low
- `mASt` Master
- `SLUE` Slave

**Display Read**

`diSP`

SELECT →
- `1234` ✓ Display on
- `hE21` Display on, inverted
- `oFF` Display off (enters sleep mode after 60 seconds)
- `JJo` Display off, inverted (enters sleep mode after 60 seconds)

**Exit Setup**

`End`

SELECT →
- `End` End: select to exit setup

**Reset to Factory Defaults**

`rSEt`

SELECT →
- `no` No: do not reset to factory defaults
- `YES` Yes: reset to factory defaults

*Figure 11. Sensor Menu Map—Channel 1*

### 3.2.1 TEACH Mode ᵗᶜʰ

Use this menu to select the TEACH mode. The default is two-point TEACH.

- 2-Pt —Two-point static background suppression
- dᵞn —Dynamic background suppression
- FGS —One-point window (foreground suppression)
- bGS —One-point background suppression
- duAL —Dual (intensity + distance) window

After the TEACH mode is selected, from Run mode, press and hold **TEACH** for longer than 2 seconds to start the TEACH mode and program the sensor. See *TEACH Procedures* on page 16 for additional information and remote input TEACH instructions.

### 3.2.2 Adaptive Tracking ᵗʳAᶜ

Use these menus to set the adaptive tracking algorithm. This menu is available only if dual (intensity + distance) mode is selected.

- HS —High-Speed Adaptive Tracking On
- on —Adaptive Tracking On (default)
- oFF —Adaptive Tracking Off

### 3.2.3 Response Speed SPd

Use this menu to select the response speed. The default is 10 milliseconds. For 500 mm threaded barrel models, the default is 50 milliseconds.

- 15 —1.5 milliseconds
- 3 —3 milliseconds
- 10 —10 milliseconds
- 25 —25 milliseconds
- 50 —50 milliseconds

*Table 1: Tradeoffs*

| Response Speed | Response Speed in Sync Mode | Repeatability | Ambient Light Rejection | Excess Gain |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.5 ms | 3 ms | 500 µs | Disabled | |
| 3 ms | 6 ms | 500 µs | Enabled | |
| 10 ms | 20 ms | 2 ms | Enabled | See *Table 9* on page 25 |
| 25 ms | 50 ms | 5 ms | Enabled | |
| 50 ms | 100 ms | 10 ms | Enabled | |

### 3.2.4 Gain and Sensitivity GA in

Use this menu to set the excess gain mode. This menu is only available when a 10, 25, or 50 millisecond response speed is selected. It is not available for 1.5 or 3 millisecond response speeds.

- HIGH —High excess gain mode
- Std —Standard excess gain mode with increased noise immunity

### 3.2.5 Output Timing Delays dLᵞ

Use this menu to select the output timing delay to be set. On and off delay timers can be used together. The default is no delay.

- $o^{FF}$ —No delay
- $dL^{AY}$ —Delay—enables the selection of on and off delay timers
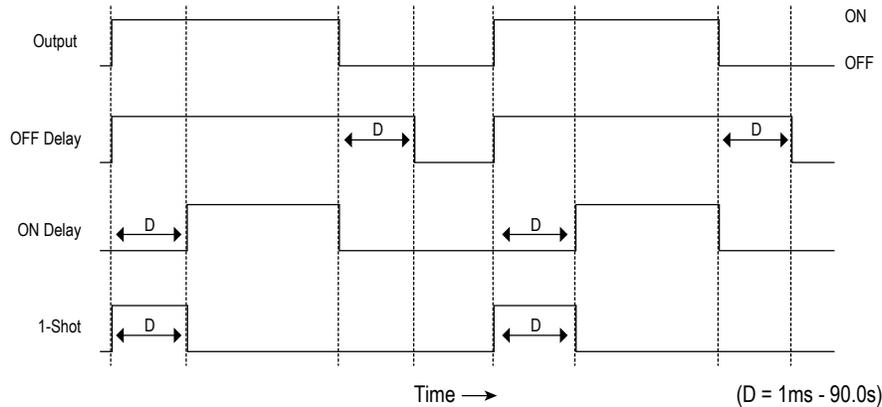- $1Sho$ —One-shot—enables a one-shot, fixed output pulse duration



*Figure 12. Output Timing Delays*

When one of the timing delay options is chosen, the sensor returns to the Setup menu and additional options become available to set the parameter(s):

## dLAY

- $ond$ —On delay
- $oFd$ —Off delay

## 1Sho

- $dt1$ —One-shot delay timer

> **Note:** For the one-shot delay timer:
> - LO = On pulse when a target is detected inside of the switch point(s)
> - DO = On pulse when a target is detected outside of the switch point(s)

## 3.2.6 Delay Timers $ond$ $oFd$ $dt1$

Use these menus to set the delay timers. These menus are available only if an output timing delay is selected.

For $ond$ and $oFd$ , the default is 0.

For $dt1$ , the default is 10 milliseconds for 10, 25, and 50 millisecond response speeds and 1 millisecond for 1.5 and 3 milliseconds response speeds.

Use ⊕ and ⊖ to scroll through the values. Values greater than 10 increase or decrease by increments of 10. Millisecond values do not include the decimal point; seconds values include the decimal point.

- 1 to 9 ms (when $dt1$ is selected, the 1 to 9 ms range is available for 1.5 and 3 ms response times)
- 10 to 90 ms
- 100 to 900 ms
- 1.0 to 90.0 s

## 3.2.7 Zero Reference Location $2Ero$

Use this menu to select the zero reference location. The default is $nEAr$ , 0 = the front of the sensor. This menu is not available in dual (intensity + distance) mode.

- $nEAr$ —0 = the front of the sensor; the measurement increases further from the sensor
- $FAr$ —0 = maximum range; the measurement increases closer to the sensor

## 3.2.8 Shift the Zero Reference Location after a TEACH `5hFE`

Use this menu to select whether the sensor shifts the zero reference location based on the last TEACH process. The default is `oFF` , 0 = the front of the sensor or the maximum range. This menu is not available in dual (intensity + distance) mode.

- `on`  —Shift the zero reference location to one of the taught positions with each TEACH
- `oFF`  —0 = the front of the sensor or the maximum range, depending on the `2Ero` setting

This figure illustrates three examples of how changes to the zero and shift settings affect what distance readout is shown on the display when in 2-pt TEACH mode. Changes to the zero setting affect the direction in which the distance increases.
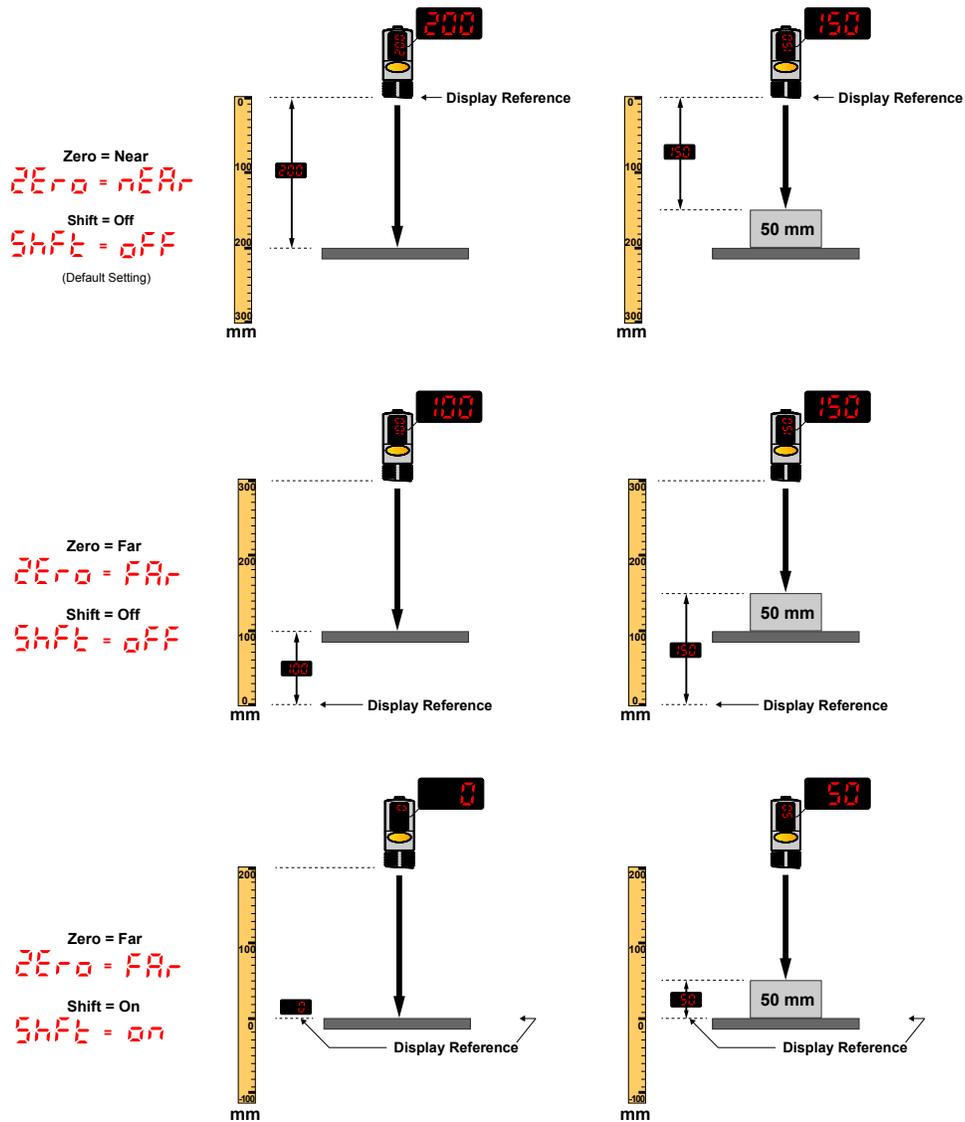


Figure 13. Example Zero and Shift settings

## 3.2.9 Input Wire Function `inPE`

Use this menu to select the input wire function. The default is off, ignore all remote input pulses.

- `oFF`  —Ignore all remote input pulses
- `5EE`  —Remote TEACH input
- `LoFF` —Laser off when pulled low
- `L on` —Laser on when pulled low

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- *FAST* —Master sync line output for two-sensor cross-talk avoidance
- *SLUE* —Slave sync line input for two-sensor cross-talk avoidance

To configure sensors for master-slave operation, see *Sync Master/Slave* on page 24.

## 3.2.10 Display View *diSP*

Use this menu to select the display view. The default is right-reading.

- *1234* —Right-reading
- *hE21* —Inverted
- *oFF* —Right-reading and the display enters sleep mode after 60 seconds
- *ddo* —Inverted and the display enters sleep mode after 60 seconds

When the sensor is in sleep mode, the display wakes with the first button press.

## 3.2.11 Exit Setup Mode *End*

Navigate to *End* and press **SELECT** to exit Setup mode and return to Run mode.

## 3.2.12 Reset to Factory Defaults *rSEt*

Use this menu to restore the sensor to the factory default settings. See *Factory Default Settings* on page 13.

Select *no* to return to the sensor menu without restoring the defaults. Select *YES* to apply the factory defaults and return to Run mode.

### Factory Default Settings

| Setting | Factory Default |
|---|---|
| Delay Timers ( *dLY* ) | *oFF* —No delay |
| Display View ( *diSP* ) | *1234* —Right-reading, no sleep mode |
| Gain and Sensitivity ( *GAin* ) | *HIGH* —High excess gain mode |
| Input Wire Function ( *inPt* ) | *oFF* —Ignore all remote input pulses<br><br>If the sensor was reset using the remote input, the sensor remains in *SEt* mode to allow use of the remote input. |
| LO/DO | LO—Light Operate |
| Response Speed ( *SPd* ) | *10* —10 ms for 100/110 and 300/310 models<br><br>*50* —50 ms for 500 models |
| Shift the Zero Reference Location after a TEACH ( *ShFt* ) | *oFF* —0 = the front of the sensor |
| TEACH Mode ( *tch* ) | *2-Pt* —Two-point TEACH |
| Zero Reference Location ( *2Ero* ) | *nEAr* —Measurement increases further from sensor |

## 3.3 Manual Adjustments

Manually adjust the sensor switch point using the ⊕ and ⊖ buttons.

1. From Run mode, press either ⊕ or ⊖ one time. The current switch point value flashes slowly.

2. Press ⊕ to move the switch point up or ⊖ to move the switch point down. After 1 second of inactivity, the new switch point value flashes rapidly, the new setting is accepted, and the sensor returns to Run mode.

> **Note:** When FGS mode is selected (FGS indicator is on), manual adjustment moves both sides of the symmetrical threshold window simultaneously, expanding and collapsing the window size. Manual adjustment does not move the center point of the window.

> **Note:** When dual mode is selected (DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators are on), after the TEACH process is completed, use the manual adjustment to adjust the sensitivity of the thresholds around the taught reference point. The taught reference point is a combination of the measured distance and returned signal intensity from the reference target. Manual adjustment does not move the taught reference point, but pressing ⊕ increases the sensitivity, and pressing ⊖ decreases the sensitivity. When re-positioning the sensor or changing the reference target, re-teach the sensor.

## 3.4 Remote Input

Use the remote input to program the sensor remotely. The remote input provides limited programming options and is Active Low. For Active Low, connect the gray input wire to ground (0 V dc), with a remote switch connected between the wire and ground. Pulse the remote input according to the diagram and the instructions provided in this manual.

The length of the individual programming pulses is equal to the value **T: 0.04 seconds ≤ T ≤ 0.8 seconds**.

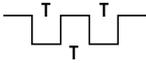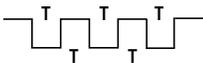Exit remote programming modes by setting the remote input Low for longer than 2 seconds.
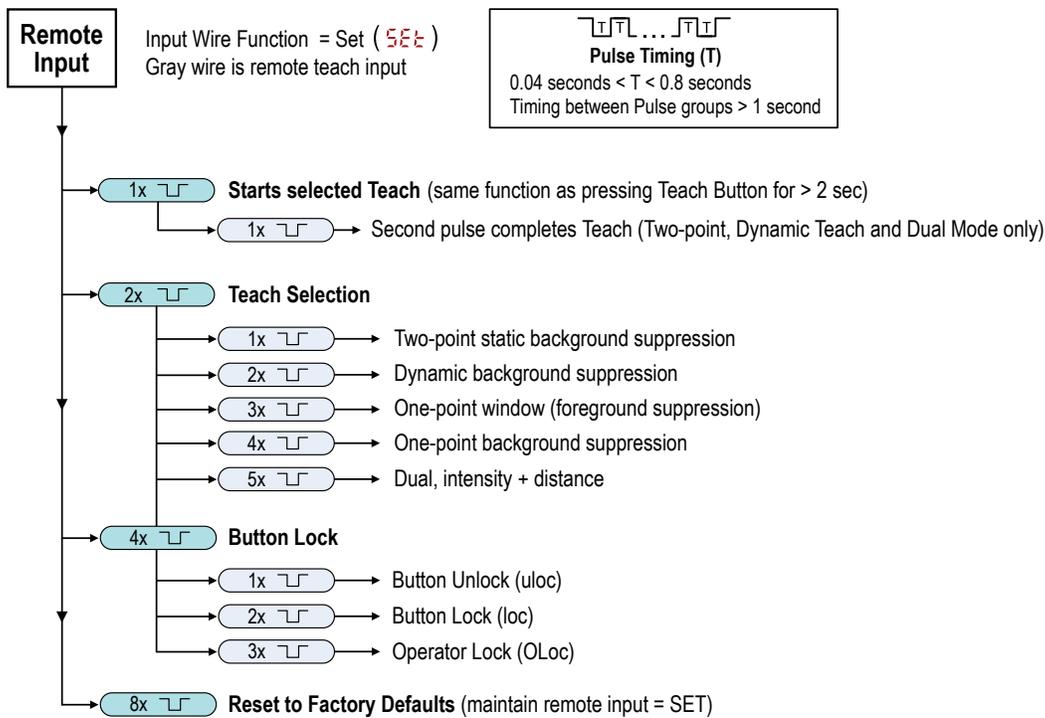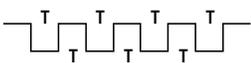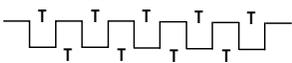


*Figure 14. Remote Input Map*

### 3.4.1 Select the TEACH Mode Using the Remote Input

1. Access the TEACH selection.

| Action | | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Double-pulse the remote input. | | tch displays. |

2. Select the desired TEACH mode.

| Action | | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Pulses** | **TEACH Mode** | |
| 1  | Two-point static background suppression | |
| 2  | Dynamic background suppression | The selected TEACH method displays for a few seconds and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| 3  | One-point window (foreground suppression) | |
| 4  | One-point background suppression | |
| 5  | Dual (intensity + distance) | |

## 3.4.2 Reset to Factory Defaults Using the Remote Input

Eight-pulse the remote input to apply the factory defaults and return to Run mode.
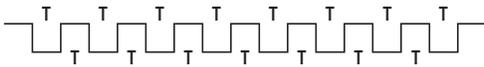


> **Note:** The input wire function remains at remote teach input ( `SEt` ).

## 3.5 Locking and Unlocking the Sensor Buttons

Use the lock and unlock feature to prevent unauthorized or accidental programming changes. Three settings are available:

- `uLoc` —The sensor is unlocked and all settings can be modified (default).
- `Loc` — The sensor is locked and no changes can be made.
- `OLoc` —The switch point value can be changed by teaching or manual adjustment, but no sensor settings can be changed through the menu.

When in `Loc` mode, `Loc` displays when the **(SELECT)(TEACH)** button is pressed. The switch point displays when **(+)(DISP)** or **(-)(MODE)** are pressed, but `Loc` displays if the buttons are pressed and held.
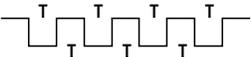
When in `OLoc` mode, `Loc` displays when **(+)(DISP)** or **(-)(MODE)** are pressed and held. To access the manual adjust options, briefly press and release **(+)(DISP)** or **(-)(MODE)**. To enter TEACH mode, press the **(SELECT)(TEACH)** button and hold for longer than 2 seconds.
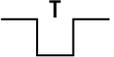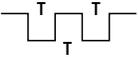
### Button Instructions

To enter `Loc` mode, hold ⊕ and press ⊖ four times. To enter `OLoc` mode, hold ⊕ and press ⊖ seven times. Holding ⊕ and pressing ⊖ four times unlocks the sensor from either lock mode and the sensor displays `uLoc` .

### Remote Input Instructions

1. Access the remote input.

| Action | | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Four-pulse the remote input. | ⊓⊔⊓⊔⊓⊔⊓⊔ (T pulses) | The sensor is ready to have the button state defined and $btn$ displays. |

2. Lock or unlock the sensor buttons.

| Action | | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Single-pulse the remote input to unlock the sensor. | ⊔⊓⊔ (T) | $uLoc$ displays and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| Double-pulse the remote input to lock the sensor. | ⊔⊓⊔⊓⊔ (T T) | $Loc$ displays and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| Triple-pulse the remote input to apply the operator lock to the sensor | ⊔⊓⊔⊓⊔⊓⊔ (T T T) | $OLoc$ displays and the sensor returns to Run mode |

## 3.6 TEACH Procedures

Use the following procedures to teach the sensor.

To cancel a TEACH procedure, press **TEACH** for longer than 2 seconds, or hold the remote input Low for longer than 2 seconds. $CnCL$ momentarily displays when a TEACH procedure is canceled.

## 3.6.1 Two-Point Static Background Suppression $2-Pt$

Two-point TEACH sets a single switch point. The sensor sets the switch point between two taught target distances, relative to the shifted origin location.
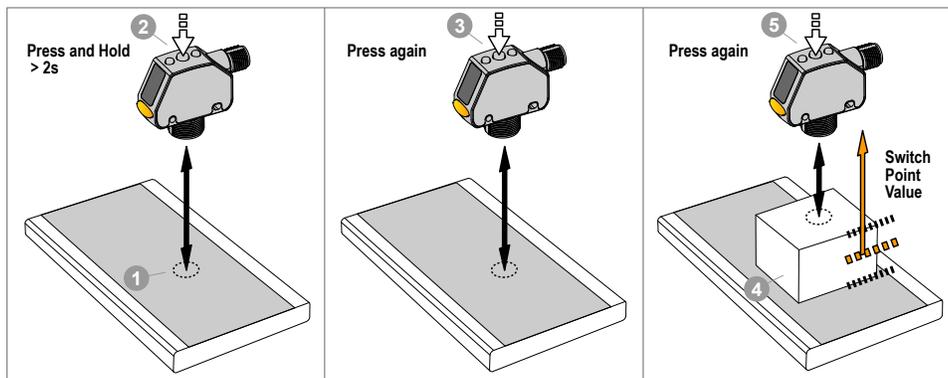


Figure 15. Two-Point Static Background Suppression (Light Operate shown)

**Note:** The sensor must be set to $tch$ = $2-Pt$ to use the following instructions.

**Note:** To program the sensor using remote input, remote input must be enabled ( $inPt$ = $SEt$ ).

1. Present the target.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Present the first target. The sensor-to-target distance must be within the sensor's range. | The target's measurement value displays. |
| **Remote Input** | | |

2. Start the TEACH mode.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press and hold **TEACH** for longer than 2 seconds. | `SEt` and `1St` flash alternately on the display. The DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators flash. |
| **Remote Input** | No action required. | N/A |

3. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press **TEACH** to teach the target. | The sensor is taught the first target. `SEt`, `2nd`, and the current distance measurement flash alternately on the display. The DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators flash. |
| **Remote Input** | Single-pulse the remote input. ⎍T⎍ | |

4. Present the target.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Present the second target. The sensor-to-target distance must be within the sensor's range. | `SEt`, `2nd`, and the distance measurement flash alternately on the display. The DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators flash. |
| **Remote Input** | | |

5. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press **TEACH** to teach the target. | The new switch point flashes rapidly and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| **Remote Input** | Single-pulse the remote input. ⎍T⎍ | |

*Table 2: Expected TEACH Behavior for Two-Point Static Background Suppression*
See *Figure 21* on page 28 for the minimum object separation.

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| Two valid distances that are greater than or equal to the horizontal minimum object separation | Sets a switch point between the two taught distances. | The switch point distance flashes on the display. |
| Two valid distances that are less than the horizontal minimum object separation | Sets a switch point in front of the furthest taught distance by the horizontal minimum object separation. | `bGS` and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |
| One valid distance with one invalid TEACH point | Sets a switch point between the one taught distance and the maximum range. | `obJt` and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| Two invalid TEACH points | Sets a switch point at the following location: <br><br> | *FuLL* and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |

| Model | Switch Point |
|---|---|
| 100 mm threaded barrel models | 99 |
| 300 mm threaded barrel models | 290 |
| 500 mm threaded barrel models | 477 |
| 110 mm flush mount models | 109 |
| 310 mm flush mount models | 300 |

## 3.6.2 Dynamic Background Suppression *dYn*

Dynamic TEACH sets a single switch point during machine run conditions. Dynamic TEACH is recommended for applications where a machine or process may not be stopped for teaching. The sensor takes multiple samples and the switch point is set between the minimum and the maximum sampled distances.
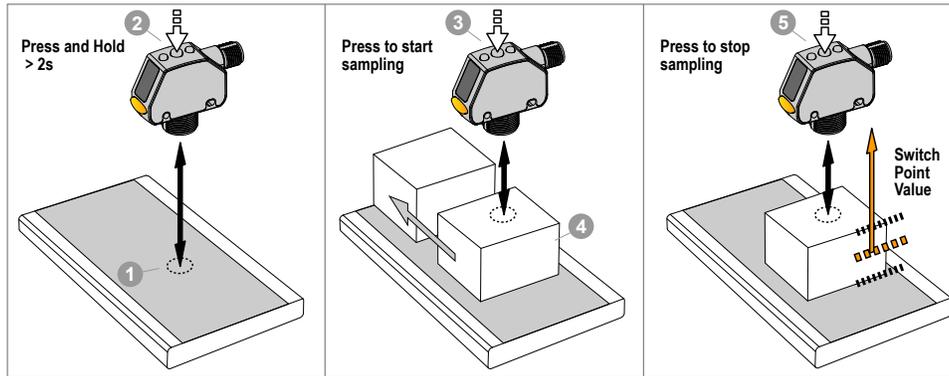


*Figure 16. Dynamic Background Suppression*

**Note:** The sensor must be set to *tch* = *dYn* to use the following instructions. The DYN indicator is amber to indicate Dynamic TEACH mode.

**Note:** To program the sensor using remote input, remote input must be enabled ( *inPt* = *SEt* ).

1. Present the target.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Present the first target. The sensor-to-target distance must be within the sensor's range. | The target's measurement value displays. |
| **Remote Input** | | |

2. Start the TEACH mode.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press and hold **TEACH** for longer than 2 seconds. | *dYn* and *Strt* flash alternately on the display. The DYN indicator flashes. |
| **Remote Input** | No action required. | N/A |

3. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | | Result |
|---|---|---|---|
| Push Button | Press **TEACH** to teach the target. | | The sensor begins sampling target distance information and `dYn` and `StoP` flash alternately on the display. The DYN indicator flashes. |
| Remote Input | Single-pulse the remote input. | T⎍ | |

4. Present the targets.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Push Button | Present additional targets. The sensor-to-target distance must be within the sensor's range. | The sensor continues to sample target distance information and `dYn` and `StoP` flash alternately on the display. The DYN indicator flashes. |
| Remote Input | | |

5. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | | Result |
|---|---|---|---|
| Push Button | Press **TEACH** to stop teaching the sensor. | | The new switch point flashes rapidly and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| Remote Input | Single-pulse the remote input. | T⎍ | |

*Table 3: Expected TEACH Behavior for Dynamic Background Suppression*
See *Figure 21* on page 28 for the minimum object separation.

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| Two valid distances that are greater than or equal to the horizontal minimum object separation | Sets a switch point between the two taught distances. | The switch point distance flashes on the display. |
| Two valid distances that are less than the horizontal minimum object separation | Sets a switch point in front of the furthest taught distance by the horizontal minimum object separation. | `bGS` and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |
| One valid distance with one invalid TEACH point | Sets a switch point between the one taught distance and the maximum range. | `obJt` and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |
| Two invalid TEACH points | Sets a switch point at the following location: <table><tr><td>Model</td><td>Switch Point</td></tr><tr><td>100 mm threaded barrel models</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>300 mm threaded barrel models</td><td>200</td></tr><tr><td>500 mm threaded barrel models</td><td>375</td></tr><tr><td>110 mm flush mount models</td><td>85</td></tr><tr><td>310 mm flush mount models</td><td>210</td></tr></table> | `bGS` and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |

## 3.6.3 One-Point Window (Foreground Suppression) `FGS`

One-point window sets a window (two switch points) centered around the taught target distance. Loss of signal is treated as a detection in One-Point Window mode. The size of the taught window is the vertical minimum object separation. See *Figure 21* on page 28.

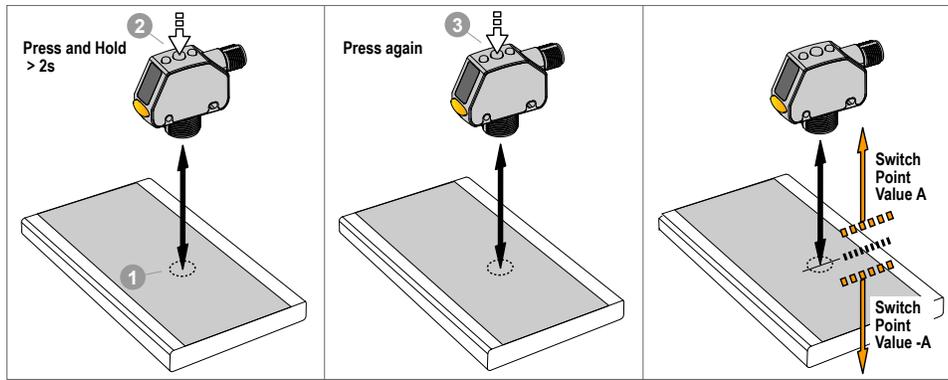Manually adjust the window size from Run mode using ⊕ and ⊖.

*Figure 17. One-Point Window (Foreground Suppression)*

In order to reliably detect changes from the taught background, if multiple laser reflections are returning to the sensor, the output status is treated as though the target is outside of the taught window. The display alternates between $2-Lr$ and the measured distance. Realign the laser to avoid light reflecting off of multiple targets if this extra level of verification is not desired.

**Note:** The sensor must be set to $tch$ = $FGS$ to use the following instructions. The FGS indicator is amber to indicate One-Point Window (Foreground Suppression) mode.

**Note:** To program the sensor using remote input, remote input must be enabled ( $inPt$ = $SEt$ ).

1. Present the target.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Present the target. The sensor-to-target distance must be within the sensor's range. | The target's measurement value displays. |
| **Remote Input** | | |

2. Start the TEACH mode.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press and hold **TEACH** for longer than 2 seconds. | **Light Operate**<br><br>$SEt$ and $on$ flash alternately on the display. The FGS indicator flashes.<br><br>**Dark Operate**<br><br>$SEt$ and $oFF$ flash alternately on the display. The FGS indicator flashes. |
| **Remote Input** | No action required. | N/A |

3. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press **TEACH** to teach the target. | The ± window size flashes rapidly and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| **Remote Input** | Single-pulse the remote input. | |

*Table 4: Expected TEACH Behavior for One-Point Window (Foreground Suppression)*
See *Figure 21* on page 28 for the minimum object separation.

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| One valid distance | Sets a window (two switch points) centered around the taught distance. The ± window size is the vertical minimum object separation. The two switch points always stay within the specified sensing range. | The ± window size flashes on the display. |
| One invalid TEACH Point | Sets a window (two switch points) centered around the following location: | ‒ ‒ ‒ ‒  and the window center point distance flash alternately on the display. |

| Model | Window Center Point |
|---|---|
| 100 mm threaded barrel models | 80 |
| 300 mm threaded barrel models | 250 |
| 500 mm threaded barrel models | 399 |
| 110 mm flush mount models | 90 |
| 310 mm flush mount models | 260 |

The window size is:

| Model | Window Size |
|---|---|
| 100 mm threaded barrel and 110 mm flush mount models | ±12.5 mm |
| 300 mm threaded barrel and 310 mm flush mount models | ± 25 mm |
| 500 mm threaded barrel models | ± 25 mm |

## 3.6.4 One-Point Background Suppression  b꒰5

One-point background suppression sets a single switch point in front of the taught target distance. Objects beyond the taught switch point are ignored. The switch point is set in front of the taught target distance by the vertical minimum object separation. See *Figure 21* on page 28.
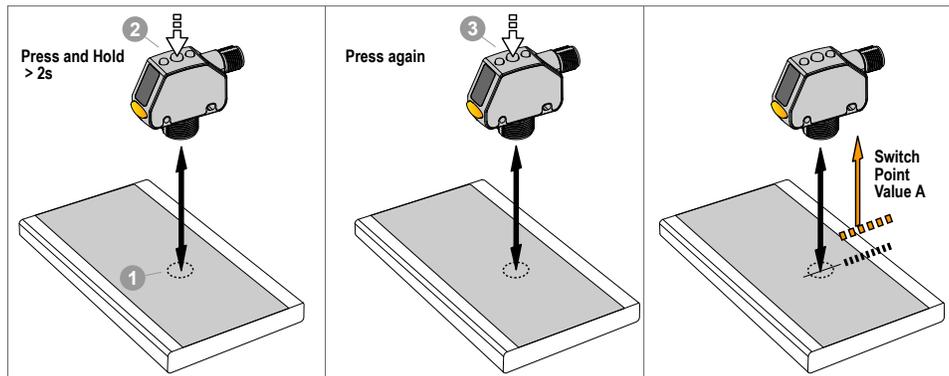


*Figure 18. One-Point Background Suppression*

**Note:** The sensor must be set to  tch  = b꒰5  to use the following instructions. The BGS indicator is amber to indicate Background Suppression mode.

**Note:** To program the sensor using remote input, remote input must be enabled ( ınPt = 5Et ).

1. Present the target.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Present the target. The sensor-to-target distance must be within the sensor's range. | The target's measurement value displays. |
| **Remote Input** | | |

2. Start the TEACH mode.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press and hold **TEACH** for longer than 2 seconds. | **Light Operate**<br><br>`SEt` and `oFF` flash alternately on the display. The BGS indicator flashes.<br><br>**Dark Operate**<br><br>`SEt` and `on` flash alternately on the display. The BGS indicator flashes. |
| **Remote Input** | No action required. | N/A |

3. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| **Push Button** | Press **TEACH** to teach the target. | The new switch point flashes rapidly and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| **Remote Input** | Single-pulse the remote input. ⊓T⊓ | |

*Table 5: Expected TEACH Behavior for One-Point Background Suppression*

See *Figure 21* on page 28 for the minimum object separation.

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| One valid TEACH point | Sets a switch point in front of the taught distance by the vertical minimum object separation. | The switch point distance flashes on the display. |
| One invalid TEACH point | Sets a switch point at the following location:<br><br>| Model | Switch Point |<br>|---|---|<br>| 100 mm threaded barrel models | 75 |<br>| 300 mm threaded barrel models | 200 |<br>| 500 mm threaded barrel models | 375 |<br>| 110 mm flush mount models | 85 |<br>| 310 mm flush mount models | 210 | | `bGS` and the switch point distance flash alternately on the display. |

## 3.6.5 Dual (Intensity + Distance) `duAL`

Dual (intensity + distance) TEACH records the distance and amount of light received from the reference surface. The output switches when an object passing between the sensor and the reference surface changes the perceived distance or amount of returned light. For more information on dual TEACH mode, see *Dual (Intensity + Distance) Mode* on page 30.

**Note:** To use the following instructions, set the sensor to `tch` = `duAL`. The DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators are amber.

**Note:** To program the sensor using remote input, remote input must be enabled ( `ınPt` = `SEt` ).



Press and Hold > 2s

Press again

Reference Surface

Increased Height and/or Intensity

Decreased Height and/or Intensity
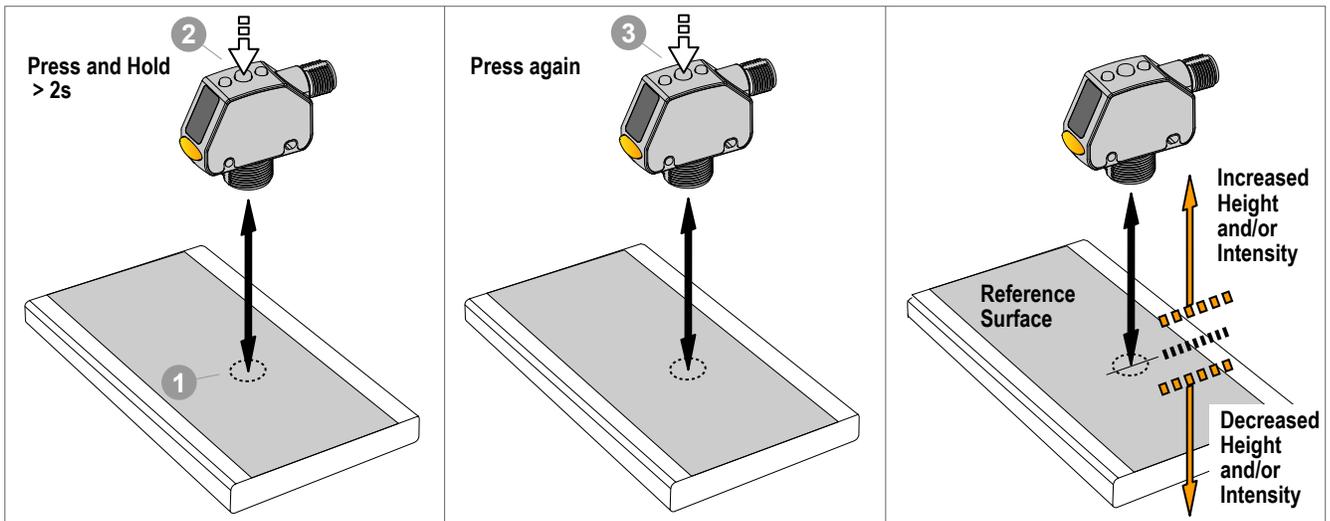
1. Present the target.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Push Button<br>Remote Input | Present the reference target. | The target's match percentage displays |

2. Start the TEACH mode.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Push Button | Press and hold the TEACH button for more than 2 seconds. | Light Operate: `SEt` and `on` flash on the display. The DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators flash.<br><br>Dark Operate: `SEt` and `oFF` flash on the display. The DYN, FGS, and BGS indicators flash. |
| Remote Input | No action required. | N/A |

3. Teach the sensor.

| Method | Action | Result |
|---|---|---|
| Push Button | Press the TEACH button. | The switching threshold flashes rapidly and the sensor returns to Run mode. |
| Remote Input | Single-pulse the remote input. | |

*Table 6: Expected TEACH Behavior for Dual (Intensity + Distance) Mode*

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| One valid reference surface is taught within sensing range | Sets a dual (intensity + distance) window centered around the taught reference surface. The ± window size is the previously used switching threshold, or 75% by default. | The switching threshold flashes on the display. |

| Condition | TEACH Result | Display |
|---|---|---|
| One reference surface is taught outside the sensing range | Sets a dual (intensity + distance) window centered around the taught reference surface that is outside the sensing range. The sensing conditions may not be as reliable. | `out` flashes on the display. |
| One invalid TEACH Point | No reference surface is taught, the output will change when any object is detected. | `FuLL` flashes on the display. |

## 3.7 Sync Master/Slave

Two Q4X sensors may be used together in a single sensing application. To eliminate crosstalk between the two sensors, configure one sensor to be the master and one to be the slave. In this mode, the sensors alternate taking measurements and the response speed doubles.

> **Important:** The master sensor and the slave sensor must be programmed for the same Response Speed and Gain and Sensitivity settings. The master sensor and slave sensor must share a common power source.

1. Configure the first sensor as the master; navigate: `inPt` > `MASt` .
2. Configure the second sensor as the slave; navigate: `inPt` > `SLUE` .
3. Connect the gray (input) wires of the two sensors together.

# 4 Specifications

**Sensing Beam**
   Visible red Class 1 laser, 655 nm

**Supply Voltage (Vcc)**
   10 to 30 V dc

**Power and Current Consumption, exclusive of load**
   < 675 mW

**Sensing Range—Threaded Barrel Models**
   **500 mm models:** 25 mm to 500 mm (0.98 in to 19.69 in)
   **300 mm models:** 25 mm to 300 mm (0.98 in to 11.81 in)
   **100 mm models:** 25 mm to 100 mm (0.98 in to 3.94 in)

**Sensing Range—Flush Mount Models**
   **310 mm models:** 35 mm to 310 mm (1.38 in to 12.20 in)
   **110 mm models:** 35 mm to 110 mm (1.38 in to 4.33 in)

**Output Configuration**
   **Threaded Barrel Models:** Bipolar (1 PNP and 1 NPN) output
   **Flush Mount Models:** PNP or NPN output, depending on model

**Output Rating**
   100 mA total maximum (protected against continuous overload and short circuit)
   **Off-state leakage current:** < 5 µA at 30 V dc
   **PNP On-state saturation voltage:** < 1.5 V dc at 100 mA load
   **NPN On-state saturation voltage:** < 1.0 V dc at 100 mA load

**Discrete Output Distance Repeatability**

*Table 7: Discrete Output Repeatability—300/310 mm and 500 mm Models*

| Distance (mm) | | Repeatability |
|---|---|---|
| Threaded Barrel Models | Flush Mount Models | |
| 25 to 50 mm | 35 to 60 mm | ± 0.5 mm |
| 50 to maximum range | 60 to 310 mm | ± 1% of range |

*Table 8: Discrete Output Repeatability—100/110 mm Models*

| Distance (mm) | | Repeatability |
|---|---|---|
| Threaded Barrel Models | Flush Mount Models | |
| 25 to 100 mm | 35 to 110 mm | +/-0.2 mm |

**Remote Input**
   **Allowable Input Voltage Range:** 0 to Vcc
   **Active Low (internal weak pullup—sinking current):** Low State < 2.0 V at 1 mA max.

**Supply Protection Circuitry**
   Protected against reverse polarity and transient overvoltages

**Response Speed**
   User selectable:

- ⌈5⌉ —1.5 milliseconds
- ⌈3⌉ —3 milliseconds
- ⌈10⌉ —10 milliseconds
- ⌈25⌉ —25 milliseconds
- ⌈50⌉ —50 milliseconds

**Excess Gain—Threaded Barrel Models**

*Table 9:* ⌈HIGH⌉ *Excess Gain (* ⌈Std⌉ *Excess Gain[3])*

| Response Speed (ms) | Excess Gain—90% White Card | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | at 25 mm | at 100 mm | at 300 mm | at 500 mm |
| 1.5 | 200 | 100 | 20 | 7 |
| 3 | 200 | 100 | 20 | 7 |
| 10 | 1000 (500) | 500 (250) | 100 (50) | 36 (18) |
| 25 | 2500 (1000) | 1250 (500) | 250 (100) | 90 (36) |
| 50 | 5000 (2500) | 2500 (1250) | 500 (250) | 180 (90) |

**Excess Gain—Flush Mount Models**

*Table 10:* ⌈HIGH⌉ *Excess Gain (* ⌈Std⌉ *Excess Gain[4])*

| Response Speed (ms) | Excess Gain—90% White Card | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | at 35 mm | at 110 mm | at 310 mm |
| 1.5 | 200 | 100 | 20 |
| 3 | 200 | 100 | 20 |
| 10 | 1000 (500) | 500 (250) | 100 (50) |
| 25 | 2500 (1000) | 1250 (500) | 250 (100) |
| 50 | 5000 (2500) | 2500 (1250) | 500 (250) |

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[3]
- ⌈Std⌉ excess gain available in 10 ms, 25 ms, and 50 ms response speeds only
- ⌈Std⌉ excess gain provides increased noise immunity

[4]
- ⌈Std⌉ excess gain available in 10 ms, 25 ms, and 50 ms response speeds only
- ⌈Std⌉ excess gain provides increased noise immunity

**Beam Spot Size—300/310 mm and 500 mm Models**

*Table 11: Beam Spot Size—300/310 mm and 500 mm Models*

| Distance (mm) | | Size (Horizontal × Vertical) |
|---|---|---|
| Threaded Barrel Models | Flush Mount Models | |
| 25 | 35 | 2.6 mm × 1.0 mm |
| 150 | 160 | 2.3 mm × 0.9 mm |
| 300 | 310 | 2.0 mm × 0.8 mm |
| 500 | - | 1.9 mm × 1.0 mm |

**Beam Spot Size—100/110 mm Models**

*Table 12: Beam Spot Size—100/110 mm Models*

| Distance (mm) | | Size (Horizontal × Vertical) |
|---|---|---|
| Threaded Barrel Models | Flush Mount Models | |
| 25 | 35 | 2.4 mm × 1.0 mm |
| 50 | 60 | 2.2 mm × 0.9 mm |
| 100 | 110 | 1.8 mm × 0.7 mm |

**Delay at Power Up**

< 750 ms

**Maximum Torque**

**Side mounting:** 1 N·m (9 in·lbs)
**Nose mounting:** 20 N·m (177 in·lbs)

**Ambient Light Immunity**

> 5,000 lux at 300 mm
> 2,000 lux at 500 mm

**Connector**

**Threaded Barrel Models:** Integral 5-pin M12/Euro-style quick disconnect
**Flush Mount Models:** Integral 4-pin M12/Euro-style quick disconnect

**Construction**

**Housing:** 316 L stainless steel
**Lens cover:** PMMA acrylic
**Lightpipe and display window:** polysulfone

**Temperature Effect**

0.05 mm/°C at <125 mm (threaded barrel models)/< 135 mm (flush mount models)
0.35 mm/°C at 300 mm (threaded barrel models)/< 310 mm (flush mount models)
1 mm/°C at 500 mm (threaded barrel models)

**Chemical Compatibility**

Compatible with commonly used acidic or caustic cleaning and disinfecting chemicals used in equipment cleaning and sanitation. ECOLAB® certified.
Compatible with typical cutting fluids and lubricating fluids used in machining centers

**Application Note**

For optimum performance, allow 10 minutes for the sensor to warm up

**Environmental Rating**

IEC IP67 per IEC60529
IEC IP68 per IEC60529
DIN IP69K per DIN40050-9

**Vibration**

MIL-STD-202G, Method 201A (Vibration: 10 Hz to 60 Hz, 0.06 inch (1.52 mm) double amplitude, 2 hours each along X, Y and Z axes), with unit operating

**Shock**

MIL-STD-202G, Method 213B, Condition I (100G 6x along X, Y and Z axes, 18 shocks), with sensor operating

**Operating Conditions**

–10 °C to +50 °C (+14 °F to +122 °F)
35% to 95% relative humidity

**Storage Temperature**

–25 °C to +75 °C (–13 °F to +167 °F)

**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**



Class 2 power

UL Environmental Rating: Type 1

 chemical compatibility certified

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## 4.1 Dimensions

All measurements are listed in millimeters [inches], unless noted otherwise.
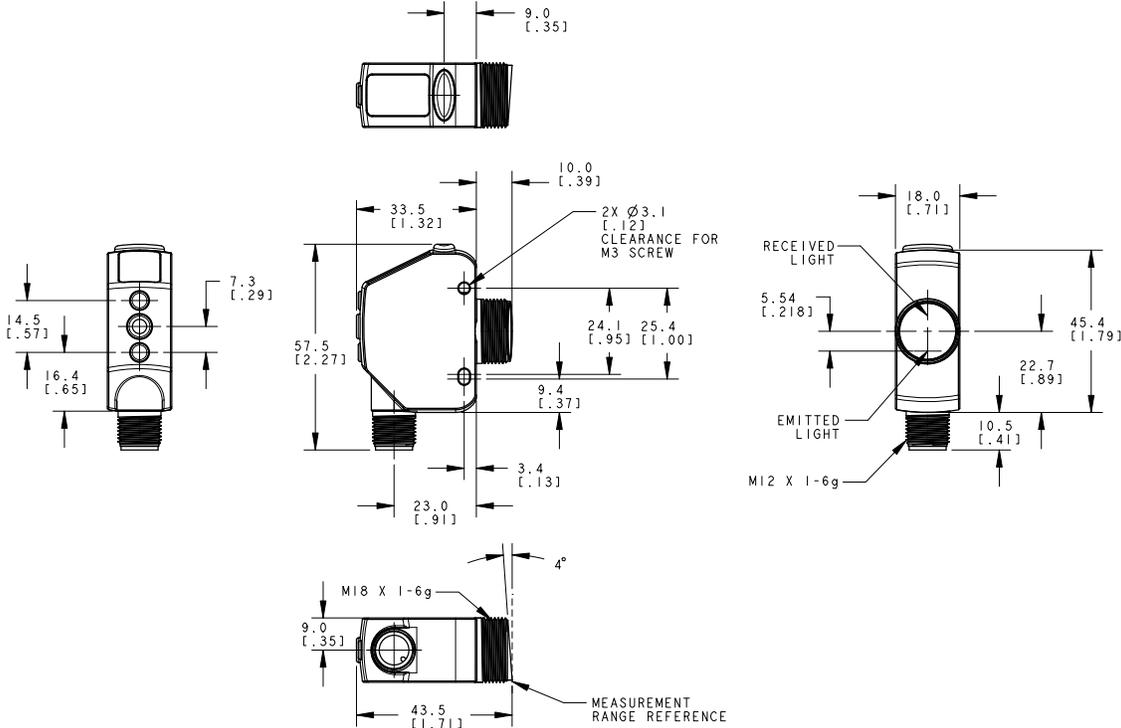


*Figure 19. Threaded Barrel Models*
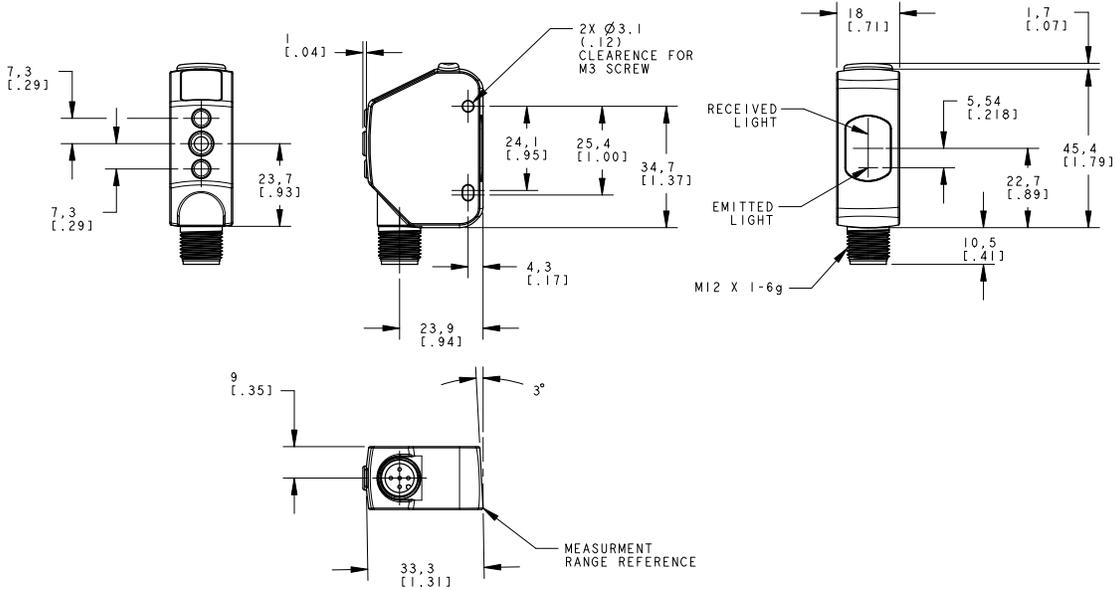


*Figure 20. Flush Mount Models*

## 4.2 Performance Curves—Threaded Barrel Models

**Minimum Separation Distance Between Target and Background for: Uniform and Non-Uniform Targets**



*Figure 21. Minimum Object Separation Distance (90% to 6% reflectance)*

## 4.3 Performance Curves—Flush Mount Models

**Minimum Separation Distance Between Target and Background for: Uniform and Non-Uniform Targets**



Figure 22. Minimum Object Separation Distance (90% to 6% reflectance)

# 5 Additional Information
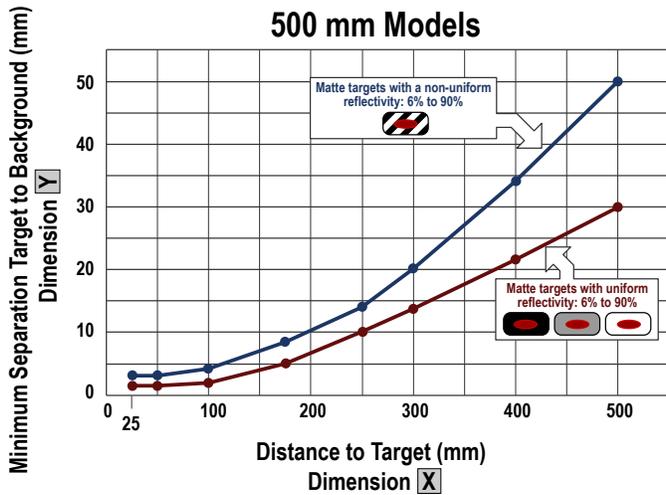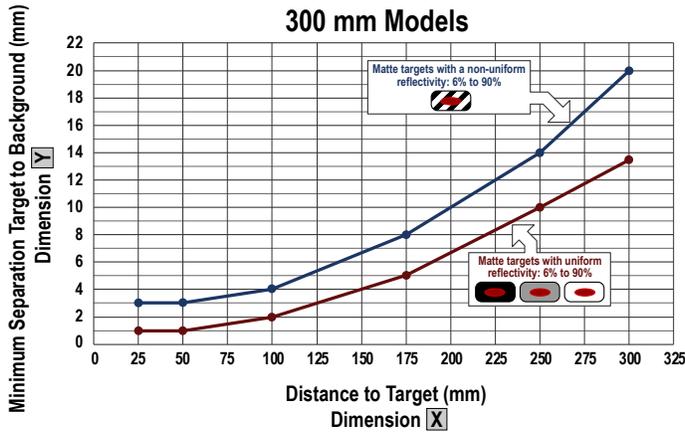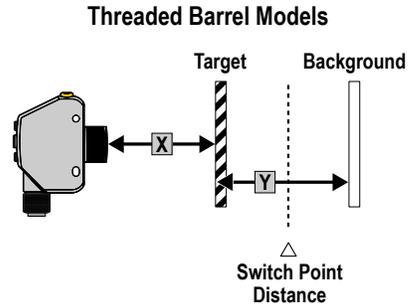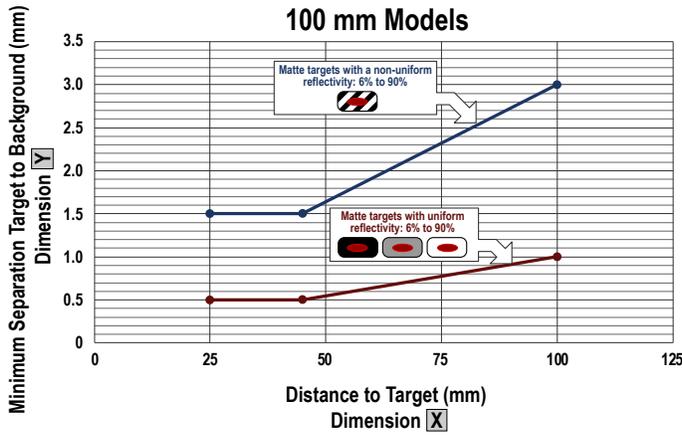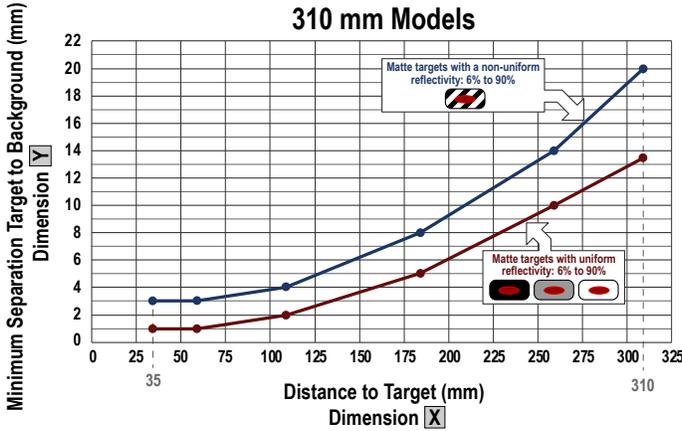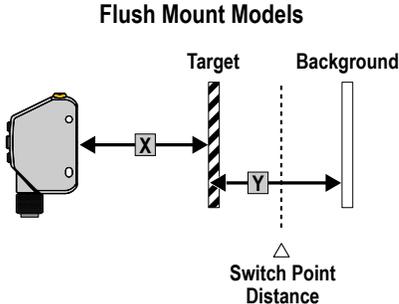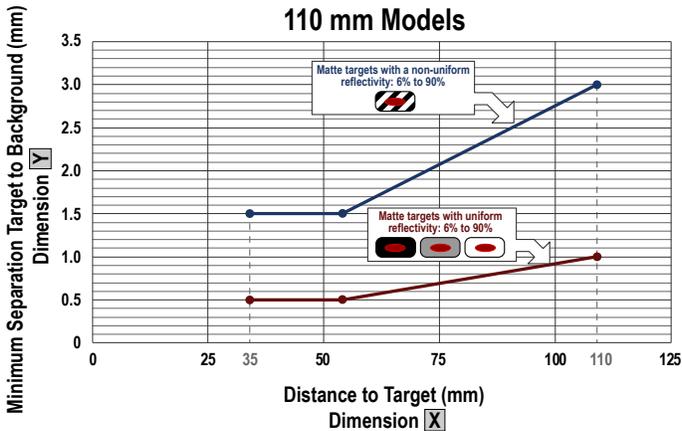
## 5.1 Dual (Intensity + Distance) Mode

In background suppression (DYN, 1-pt, 2-pt) and foreground suppression (FGS) TEACH modes, the Q4X sensor compares changes in the measured distance between the sensor and target to control the output state. Dual TEACH mode, dual intensity + distance window, expands the applications the Q4X can solve by combining distance-based detection with light intensity thresholds. In dual TEACH mode, the user teaches the Q4X a fixed reference surface, and the sensor compares intensity and distance readings against the reference surface it was taught. After teaching the reference target, the displayed value is calibrated to 100P, or a 100% match. When an object enters the sensor's field of view, the degree of consistency with the reference surface becomes lower and causes a change in sensor output.

In dual mode, you can detect when the target is present at the right distance and when it returns the right amount of light. This is useful in error-proofing applications where you need to know not only that the part is present (distance), but also that it is the correct part (intensity).

In dual mode, the Q4X requires a reference surface (far left). Once taught, the distance and intensity of the reference surface are recorded and used as a baseline. A user-adjustable switching threshold is set, and changes in distance and/or intensity outside the switching threshold creates a sensor output change. The example in *Figure 23* on page 30 uses a 90% (90P) match condition with a 10% change in intensity and/or distance from the reference surface required to change the output state. The default-switching threshold is a 75% match to the reference condition (75P); this sets the threshold 25% from the distance and intensity of the reference surface. A transparent object can be detected either by a change in intensity, distance, or by a double peak reflection (far right). When a double peak reflection is detected, the display alternates between 2-Lr and the percent match.
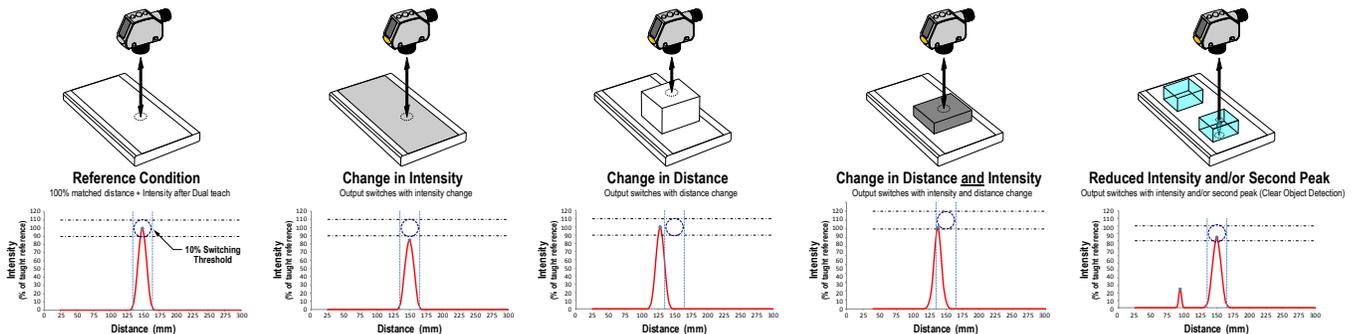


*Figure 23. Dual Mode Example*

The Q4X sensor can be taught non-ideal reference surfaces, such as surfaces outside of the sensor's range, very dark surfaces, or even empty space. These situations may enable applications requiring a long range detection but are subject to typical diffuse mode detection challenges.

## 5.2 Dual Mode Reference Surface Considerations

Optimize reliable detection by applying these principals when selecting your reference surface, positioning your sensor relative to the reference surface, and presenting your target. The robust detection capabilities of the Q4X allows successful detection even under non-ideal conditions in many cases. Typical reference surfaces are metal machine frames, conveyor side rails, or mounted plastic targets. Contact Banner Engineering if you require assistance setting up a stable reference surface in your application.

1. Select a reference surface with these characteristics where possible:
   - Matte or diffuse surface finish
   - Fixed surface with no vibration
   - Dry surface with no build-up of oil, water, or dust
2. Position the reference surface between 50 mm and the maximum sensing range for threaded barrel models or between 60 mm and the maximum sensing range for flush mount models.
3. Position the target to be detected as close to the sensor as possible, and as far away from the reference surface as possible.
4. Angle the sensing beam relative to the target and relative to the reference surface 10 degrees or more.

## 5.3 Dual Mode Considerations for Clear and Transparent Object Detection

The Q4X is able to detect the very small changes caused by transparent and clear objects. A transparent object can be detected either by a change in intensity, distance, or by a double-peak reflection.

The Q4X sensor can be taught non-ideal reference surfaces, such as surfaces outside of the sensor range or very dark surfaces. Teaching non-ideal reference surfaces may enable applications other than transparent or clear object detection, but best results for transparent or clear object detection require a stable reference surface.

The display shows the match percentage to the taught reference point. The user adjustable switch point defines the sensitivity and the output switches when the match percentage to the reference point crosses the switch point. Your specific application may require fine tuning of the switch point, but these values are the recommended starting values:

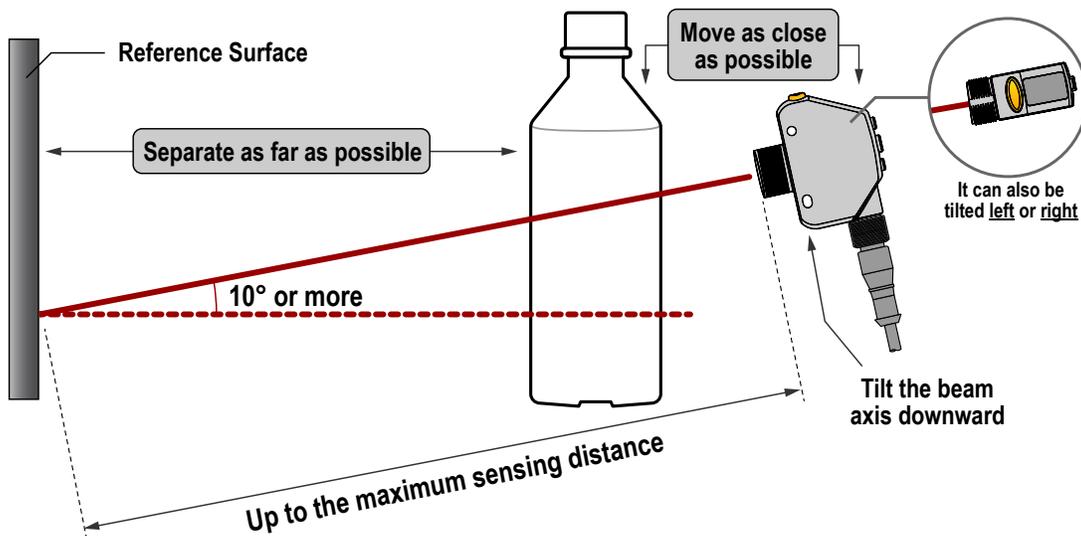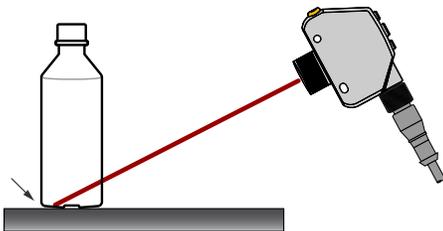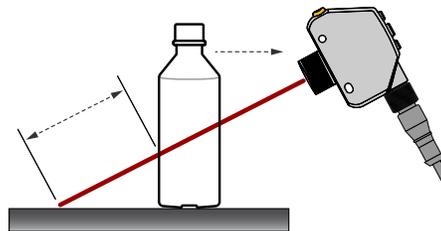| Switch point (%) | Typical Applications |
| --- | --- |
| 75 (default) | Default, recommended for PET bottles and Trays |
| 88 | Recommended for thin films |
| 50 | Recommended for tinted brown, tinted green, or water-filled containers |



Figure 24. Example mounting considerations
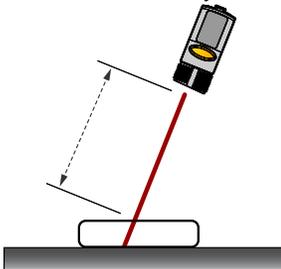
**PROBLEM:**
**The object is close to the reference surface**

**SOLUTION:**
**Move the target closer to the sensor**

**PROBLEM:**
**The sensor is far from the object**

**SOLUTION:**
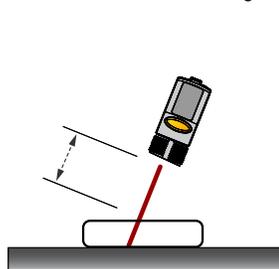**Move the sensor closer to the target**



Figure 25. Common problems and solutions for detecting clear objects

## 5.4 Adaptive Tracking

When operating in dual mode, or when the sensor is a clear object detection (COD) model, the Adaptive Tracking Algorithm adjusts the switching thresholds (distance and intensity) around a taught reference surface. Adaptive tracking adjusts for small variations in the reference surface to maintain a consistent 100P (100%) on the display and to ensure reliable detection. Adjustment of the thresholds only occurs when the reference surface is visible to the senor (that is, no target is present). The Adaptive Tracking Algorithm can reduce or eliminate the need to periodically re-teach the sensor as environmental conditions change around the sensor.

Enable or disable the Adaptive Tracking Algorithm from the sensor menu. Note that the $\boxed{tr Ac}$ menu is available when the TEACH process is set to dual mode. **On** enables adaptive tacking at the standard speed and is the default selection. **OFF** disables adaptive tracking. **HS** is high speed adaptive tracking. The appropriate speed depends on the application.

### 5.4.1 ON

**ON** enables the Adaptive Tracking Algorithm at the standard speed.

**ON** is the default setting while the sensor is in dual mode. It is recommended for the majority of applications detecting low contrast targets. Standard adaptive tracking adjusts the thresholds around slowly changing background and environmental conditions. It adjusts the sensor for stable detection when the environment changes due to gradual dust accumulation, machine vibration, or ambient temperature changes which influence the signal from the reference surface. Standard adaptive tracking will not easily adapt to or learn slow moving, low contrast targets (for example, clear targets entering and exiting the beam over approximately 2 seconds).

For example, if the signal from the reference surface changes by 10% due to environmental effects, the standard Adaptive Tracking Algorithm adjusts the displayed value back to 100P (100%) over 8 to 9 seconds.

### 5.4.2 OFF

**OFF** disables the Adaptive Tracking Algorithm.

**OFF** prevents the sensor from adjusting the thresholds around the taught reference surface while the sensor is in dual mode. The sensor will not adapt to or learn any target. Environmental changes may cause the displayed value to deviate from 100P (100%) over time. A periodic re-teach of the reference surface may be required to restore the displayed value to 100P if this is important to the application.

There are some cases in which disabling adaptive tracking is useful. For example, disable adaptive tracking if the target passes very slowly through the sensing beam, if the target might stop while partially blocking the beam, and if the environmental conditions are stable.

### 5.4.3 HS

**HS** enables the Adaptive Tracking Algorithm at high speed.

**HS** is an optional adaptive tracking setting used with dual mode. Use high speed adaptive tracking when the signal from the reference surface changes quickly due to unstable environmental conditions **and** high contrast and high speed targets are being detected. High speed adaptive tracking adjusts the sensor for stable detection in challenging environmental conditions such as dust accumulation, machine vibration, ambient temperature changes, or a non-stable reference surface (for example, a running belt or web which influences the signal from the reference surface).

For example, if the signal from the reference surface changes by 10% due to environmental effects, high speed adaptive tracking adjusts the displayed value back to 100P (100%) over 2 to 3 seconds.

High speed adaptive tracking addresses certain applications where the reference surface is not stable, but the sensor must detect high speed and high contrast targets reliably. With high speed adaptive tracking there is the potential for the sensor to adapt the thresholds to slow moving or low contrast targets, leading to missed detection events. If the detection events are generating small signal changes of similar magnitude to the background changes, detection problems are likely. Stabilize the reference surface to avoid this problem.

## 5.5 Abbreviations

The following table describes the abbreviations used on the sensor display and in this manual.

| Abbreviation | Description |
|---|---|
| - - - - | No valid signal in range |
| 999P | The sensor has not been taught |

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| Abbreviation | Description |
|---|---|
| 1Sho | One-shot |
| 1St | First |
| 2-Lr | Multiple light reflections |
| 2nd | Second |
| 2-Pt | Two-point TEACH (static background suppression) |
| bGS | One-point background suppression |
| btn | Button |
| CnCL | Cancel |
| diSP | Display read |
| dLY | Output timing delay |
| dLAY | Delay |
| dt1 | Delay timer for one-shot |
| dYn | Dynamic background suppression |
| End | End—exit the sensor menu |
| FAr | Far zero reference location—the maximum range is 0 and the measurement increase as the target moves closer to the sensor |
| FGS | One-point window (foreground suppression) |
| FuLL | Full range |
| GAin | Excess gain |
| HIGH | High excess gain mode |
| inPt | Input wire function |
| Loc | Lock/locked |
| LoFF | Laser off |
| mASt | Master |
| nEAr | Near zero reference location—the end of the barrel is 0 and the measurement increase as the target moves further away from the sensor |
| obJt | Object |
| oFFd | Off delay timer |
| ond | On delay timer |
| rSEt | Reset to factory defaults |
| SEt | Input wire = remote teach function |
| ShFt | Shift the Zero Reference Location after a TEACH |
| SLUE | Slave |

| Abbreviation | Description |
|---|---|
| 5Pd | Response speed |
| 5td | Standard excess gain mode |
| 5trt | Start |
| 5toP | Stop |
| tch | TEACH process selection |
| uLoc | Unlock/unlocked |
| uuuu | Saturated signal (too much light) |
| 2Ero | Zero—select the zero reference location |

# 6 Troubleshooting

*Table 13: Error Codes*

| Error Code | Description | Resolution |
|---|---|---|
| - - - - | No valid signal in range | Reposition the sensor or the target |
| ⌐⌐⌐⌐ | The signal is saturated (too much light) | Reposition the sensor or the target to increase the detection distance, or increase the angle of incidence between the sensor and the target |
| ErrE | EEPROM fault | Contact Banner Engineering to resolve |
| ErrL | Laser fault | Contact Banner Engineering to resolve |
| ErrC | Output short-circuited | Check the wiring for an electrical short circuit and to ensure that the wiring is correct |
| ErrS | System fault | Contact Banner Engineering to resolve |

# 7 Accessories

## 7.1 Cordsets—Threaded Barrel Models

All measurements are listed in millimeters, unless noted otherwise.

| 5-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Single Ended | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Model | Length | Style | Dimensions | Pinout (Female) |
| MQDC1-501.5 | 0.50 m (1.5 ft) | Straight | | |
| MQDC1-506 | 1.83 m (6 ft) | | | |
| MQDC1-515 | 4.57 m (15 ft) | | 44 Typ. — M12 x 1 — ø 14.5 | 1 = Brown<br>2 = White<br>3 = Blue<br>4 = Black<br>5 = Gray |
| MQDC1-530 | 9.14 m (30 ft) | | | |
| MQDC1-506RA | 1.83 m (6 ft) | Right-Angle | | |
| MQDC1-515RA | 4.57 m (15 ft) | | 32 Typ. [1.26"] — 30 Typ. [1.18"] — M12 x 1 — ø 14.5 [0.57"] | |
| MQDC1-530RA | 9.14 m (30 ft) | | | |

**5-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Washdown Stainless Steel**

**Cable:** PVC jacket and over-mold, EPDM o-ring, 316L coupling nut
**Environmental Rating:** DIN IP69K

| 5-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Washdown Stainless Steel | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Model | Length | Style | Dimensions | Pinout (Female) |
| MQDC-WDSS-0506 | 1.83 m (6 ft) | Straight | | |
| MQDC-WDSS-0515 | 4.57 m (15 ft) | | Ø15.5 mm — 43.5 mm — Ø4.8 mm | 1 = Brown<br>2 = White<br>3 = Blue<br>4 = Black<br>5 = Gray |
| MQDC-WDSS-0530 | 9.14 m (30 ft) | | | |

## 7.2 Cordsets—Flush Mount Models

All measurements are listed in millimeters, unless noted otherwise.

| 4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Model | Length | Style | Dimensions | Pinout (Female) |
| MQDC-406 | 1.83 m (6 ft) | Straight | | |
| MQDC-415 | 4.57 m (15 ft) | | | |
| MQDC-430 | 9.14 m (30 ft) | | | |
| MQDC-450 | 15.2 m (50 ft) | | | 1 = Brown |
| MQDC-406RA | 1.83 m (6 ft) | Right-Angle | | 2 = White |
| MQDC-415RA | 4.57 m (15 ft) | | | 3 = Blue |
| MQDC-430RA | 9.14 m (30 ft) | | | 4 = Black |
| MQDC-450RA | 15.2 m (50 ft) | | | |

## 4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Washdown Stainless Steel

**Cable:** PVC cable, stainless steel coupling nut, EPDM o-ring
**Environmental Rating:** DIN IP69K

| 4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Washdown, Stainless Steel | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Model | Length | Style | Dimensions | Pinout (Female) |
| MQDC-WDSS-0406 | 1.83 m (6 ft) | Straight | | |
| MQDC-WDSS-0415 | 4.57 m (15 ft) | | | 1 = Brown |
| MQDC-WDSS-0430 | 9.14 m (30 ft) | | | 2 = White |
| | | | | 3 = Blue |
| | | | | 4 = Black |

## 7.3 Brackets

All measurements are listed in millimeters, unless noted otherwise.

### SMBQ4X..

- Swivel bracket with tilt and pan movement for precision adjustment
- Easy sensor mounting to extruded rail T-slots
- Metric and inch size bolts available
- Side mounting of some sensors with the 3 mm screws included with the sensor
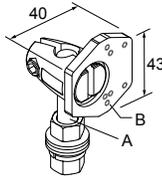
**B** = 7 × M3 × 0.5

| Model | Bolt Thread (A) |
|---|---|
| SMBQ4XFA | 3/8 - 16 × 2¼ in |
| SMBQ4XFAM10 | M10 - 1.5 × 50 |
| SMBQ4XFAM12 | n/a; no bolt included. Mounts directly to 12 mm (½ in) rods |

### SMB18FA..

- Swivel bracket with tilt and pan movement for precision adjustment
- Easy sensor mounting to extruded rail T-slots
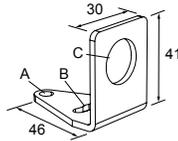- Metric and inch size bolts available
- 18 mm sensor mounting hole
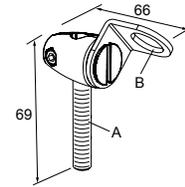
**Hole size:** B=ø 18.1

| Model | Bolt Thread (A) |
|---|---|
| SMB18FA | 3/8 - 16 × 2 in |
| SMB18FAM10 | M10 - 1.5 × 50 |
| SMB18FAM12 | n/a; no bolt included. Mounts directly to 12 mm (½ in) rods |

### SMB18A

- Right-angle mounting bracket with a curved slot for versatile orientation
- 12-ga. stainless steel
- 18 mm sensor mounting hole
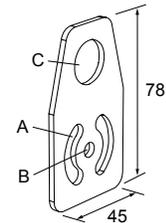- Clearance for M4 (#8) hardware

**Hole center spacing:** A to B = 24.2
**Hole size:** A = ø 4.6, B = 17.0 × 4.6, C = ø 18.5

### SMBAMS18P

- Flat SMBAMS series bracket with 18 mm hole
- Articulation slots for 90+° rotation
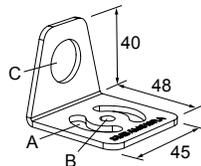- 12-ga. (2.6 mm) cold-rolled steel

**Hole center spacing:** A = 26.0, A to B = 13.0
**Hole size:** A = 26.8 × 7.0, B = ø 6.5, C = ø 19.0

### SMBAMS18RA

- Right-angle SMBAMS series bracket with 18 mm hole
- Articulation slots for 90+° rotation
- 12-ga. (2.6 mm) cold-rolled steel

**Hole center spacing:** A = 26.0, A to B = 13.0
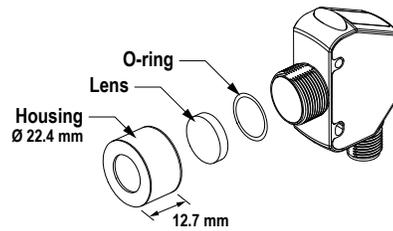**Hole size:** A = 26.8 × 7.0, B = ø 6.5, C = ø 19.0

## 7.4 Aperture Kits—Threaded Barrel Models

**APG18S**

Kit with glass lens to protect plastic sensor lens from chemical environments and weld splatter damage.

Used with S18, M18, T18, TM18, and Q4X



### Additional Information
- Borosilicate glass window protects the PMMA window from weld splatter and chemicals
- Adds 4.8 mm to the length of the threaded barrel
- Reduces excess gain by 30%; increase the response time to restore excess gain

## 7.5 Reference Targets

All measurements are listed in millimeters, unless noted otherwise.

**BRT-Q4X-60X18**
- Reference target for clear object detection or dual mode applications
- FDA grade acetal material
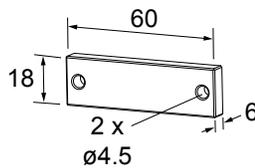


**BRT-Q4X-60X50**
- Reference target for clear object detection or dual mode applications
- FDA grade acetal material

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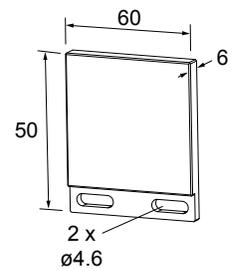**Website:** *www.bannerengineering.com*

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