# SPECIFICATIONS

White light source	Broad spectrum LED,	
	min.100,000 hours	
Sensing distance	28mm	
Spot size (dia.)	3mm	
Depth of field	+/-3 mm from focal point (approx.	
	28mm) 25uS	
Response time		
Switching Frequency	40kHz	
LED Intensity	3 levels	
Gray-scale	00 to 50	
Controls	MARK and BKGD keys	
Digital Output	Auto-Detect PNP / NPN	
Analog output	05V (20mV resolution)	
Power indicator	Green LED	
Detect indicator	Yellow LED	
Programming indicator	Yellow/green LED	
Data retention	EEPROM non-volatile memory	
Dimensions	2.0"(51mm) x 2.4"(61mm) x 1.0"(25mm)	
Weight	0.21 lbs. (95 g)	
Supply Voltage	1024 VDC	
Operating Current	60 mA	
Short Circuit Protection	Discrete output	
Overload / Reverse Polarity Protection	Supply voltage	
Operating temperature	-20ºC55ºC	
Storage temperature	-20ºC70ºC	
Housing	Plastic	
Mechanical protection	IP65	
Connector	M12, 4-pin	

# CAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

- CAUTION: The discrete output must not be connected to outputs from other sensors (i.e. outputs from multiple sensors must not be connected in parallel). Parallel connections may damage sensor output circuitry.
- CAUTION: Sensor is not suitable for wash down or hazardous environments; a separate enclosure with the appropriate ratings is recommended for these applications.

## **IMPORTANT:**

This product is an accessory or part of a system. Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for the equipment before connecting this product. Comply with all applicable codes and safety regulations. Failure to do so may result in damage, injury or death.



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# CONTRAST SENSOR

CNTX-30-TP



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# **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

# MATERIALS SUPPLIED

- Operating Instructions
- CNTX-30-TP sensor
- Bracket 130-10140362

# **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The CNTX-30-TP sensor combines small spot size and fast response to achieve high-speed contrast detection capable of detecting a wide variety of marks and objects. The CNTX effectively detects contrast differences between many colors on various surfaces over a range of 50 grayscale levels. The modulated white light source in the CNTX is focused to a 2.5 to 3mm spot and directed toward a target. The diffused light returning to the sensor is measured. When the level is equal to or exceeds the threshold the discrete output changes state. Due to the fast response of the sensor, it is suitable for use in high-speed applications. The sensor provides a discrete output that automatically configures to NPN and PNP. A PLC or a computer can be used to monitor the status of the discrete output signal.

# TEACH-IN

Two keys are provided, MARK and BKGD, which are used to set the sensor's detection level. The sensor output will activate when the MARK is detected. The mark may be lighter or darker than the background.

To set the sensor:

- 1. Place the MARK or BKGD in the sensor's light spot and press the appropriate key. Flashing yellow LED indicates proceed with MARK setting, flashing green LED indicates proceed with BKGD setting.
- 2. Place the other, MARK or BKGD in the sensor's light spot and press the appropriate key. Flashing yellow /green LED indicates insufficient contrast error. Repeat from step 1.
- 3. Verify that the Yellow led indicates the presence of the mark.

## TARGETS WITH MULTIPLE COLORS

#### MARK is lighter than the background:

Program the MARK (for example, white), then the next brightest, closest gray scale color that is printed as the background (for example, yellow). The threshold would be set between the white and the yellow color, therefore should only trigger when the white is present.

#### MARK is darker than the background:

Program the MARK on the dark mark (for example, black) and program the BKGD using the next closest gray scale color (for example, brown) as the background and the threshold will be set between these two colors.

## **INSTALLATION**

Install the sensor using accessory bracket 130-10140362 or suitable alternative bracket. Position the sensor at approximately 28mm from the target object (measured from the sensor lens surface). Normally the sensor may be positioned on a 15-20° angle to prevent interference from glossy surfaces. When using the sensor to detect the glossy characteristic of the target, position the sensor perpendicular to the target. Connect the cable, UVX300-C, to power and outputs as required. Do not use other cable without verifying connections and wire colors or damage to the sensor may occur.

## CONTROLS

## Output LED

During normal operation the yellow LED indicates MARK and the green LED indicates BACKGROUND. Yellow/green LED indicates MARK or BKGD readings are being taken.

## MARK key

Sets mark level. After MARK is measured the LED may flash green indicating that BACKGROUND measurement is required.

## **BKGD key**

Sets background level. After BACKGROUND is measured the LED may flash yellow indicating that MARK measurement is required.

# **OUTPUT SIGNALS**

## Discrete output

The discrete output is a PNP/NPN configuration allowing the user to provide a load on this output that is either pulled high to VDC or low to ground. The sensor monitors this level and automatically determines whether to operate the PNP/NPN driver. This output is typically connected to a PLC. The output remains active as long as the mark is recognized as indicated by the yellow LED on the sensor.

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	from multiple sensors must not be		
	connected in parallel). Parallel		
	connections may damage sensor output		
	circuitry.		

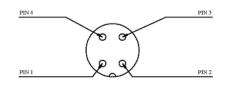
## Analog Output

The analog output is 0-5V with 20mV resolution (8-bit). Any standard analog input channel typically available on a PLC may monitor this output. The analog output signal is useful in applications where simply triggering on the threshold is

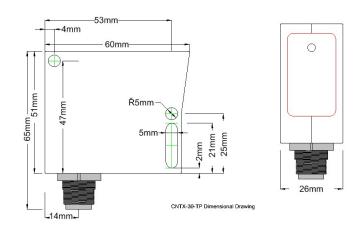
insufficient. For example, constant real-time monitoring of intensity in process allows minor fluctuations or trends to be detected permitting corrective action to be taken. The analog output response time is slower than the discrete output response time and should be evaluated per the requirements of each application.

# **M12 CONNECTIONS**

M12 Connector	Wire Color	Description
Pin 1	Brown	Power 10 to 24VDC
Pin 2	White	Analog output
Pin 3	Blue	Ground
Pin 4	Black	Discrete output, PNP/NPN



# **DIMENSIONAL DETAILS**



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