

# GX SERIES

## Compact Inductive Proximity Sensor



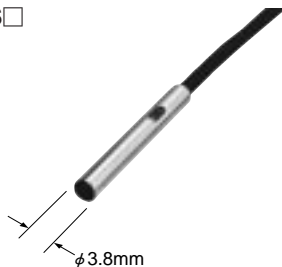
High Functionality  
Together with Robust  
Housing and Inflection  
Resistant Cable

**CE Marked**  
Conforming to EMC Directive

### Miniature

**GX-3S** is an amplifier built-in inductive proximity sensor having a diameter of just  $\phi 3.8\text{mm}$ .

**GX-3S**



### Various Applications

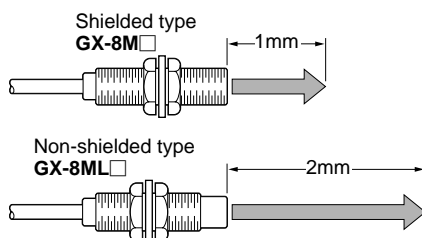
The **GX** series can be used for various applications because of its wide supply voltage range, open-collector transistor output, sufficient output capacity and IP67 protection.

### Operation Indicator

All models of the **GX** series are equipped with an operation indicator for easy adjustment and maintenance.

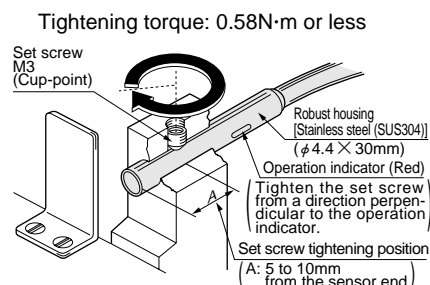
### Long Sensing Range

The non-shielded type (**GX-8ML**) has twice the sensing range of the shielded type (**GX-8M**), although having the same size. Hence, it allows margin against sensing distance variations.



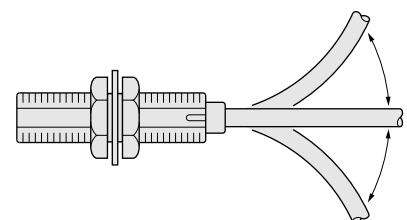
### Robust Housing

The **GX-4S** uses a robust stainless steel housing. The tightening torque can be  $0.58\text{N}\cdot\text{m}$  or less.



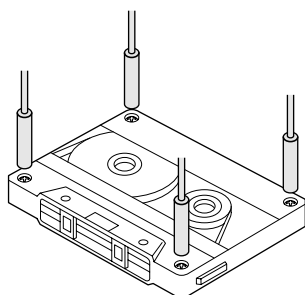
### Ten Times Greater Inflection Resistance

The inflection resistance of the cable to repeated bending has been increased tenfold by using special alloy cores for the cable.

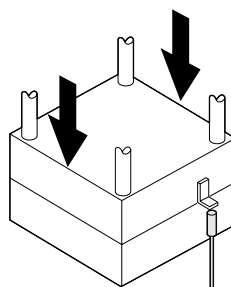


## APPLICATIONS

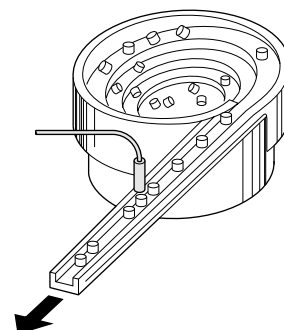
Sensing screws on cassette



Sensing the punch of a die



Counting parts



## ORDER GUIDE

Type	Appearance (mm)	Sensing range (Note 1)	Model No. (Note 2)	Supply voltage	Output operation
Shielded type	 Robust housing type  	 Maximum operation distance 0.8mm (0 to 0.6mm) Stable sensing range	GX-3S	12 to 24V DC ± 10%	Normally open
			GX-3SB		Normally closed
			GX-3S-R		Normally open
			GX-3SB-R		Normally closed
	 	 0.8mm (0 to 0.6mm)	GX-4S	12 to 24V DC ± 10%	Normally open
			GX-4SB		Normally closed
			GX-4S-R		Normally open
			GX-4SB-R		Normally closed
		 1mm (0 to 0.8mm)	GX-5S	10 to 30V DC	Normally open
			GX-5SB		Normally closed
			GX-5S-R		Normally open
			GX-5SB-R		Normally closed
	 	 0.8mm (0 to 0.6mm)	GX-5M	12 to 24V DC ± 10%	Normally open
			GX-5MB		Normally closed
			GX-5M-R		Normally open
			GX-5MB-R		Normally closed
		 1mm (0 to 0.8mm)	GX-8M	10 to 30V DC	Normally open
			GX-8MB		Normally closed
			GX-8M-R		Normally open
			GX-8MB-R		Normally closed
Non-shielded type		 2mm (0 to 1.6mm)	GX-8ML	10 to 30V DC	Normally open
			GX-8MLB		Normally closed

Notes: 1) The maximum operation distance stands for the maximum distance for which the sensor can detect the standard sensing object.  
The stable sensing range stands for the sensing range for which the sensor can stably detect the standard sensing object even if there is an ambient temperature drift and/or supply voltage fluctuation.

2) The suffix '-R' at the end of the model No. specifies the inflection resistant cable type.

Amplifier Built-in Type

GL-18H/18HL

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GX-L

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GX-L8U

GX-L12

GX-L18H/18HL

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GX-N

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## SPECIFICATIONS

## Non-threaded type

Type		Shielded type													
		Inflection resistant cable				Inflection resistant cable				Inflection resistant cable					
Item	Model No.	GX-3S	GX-3SB	GX-3S-R	GX-3SB-R	GX-4S	GX-4SB	GX-4S-R	GX-4SB-R	GX-5S	GX-5SB	GX-5S-R	GX-5SB-R		
Max. operation distance (Note 1)		0.8mm ± 15%								1mm ± 15%					
Stable sensing range (Note 1)		0 to 0.6mm								0 to 0.8mm					
Standard sensing object		Iron sheet 5 × 5 × t1mm								Iron sheet 6 × 6 × t1mm					
Hysteresis		15% or less of operation distance													
Repeatability		20 μm or less								8 μm or less					
Supply voltage		12 to 24V DC ± 10% Ripple P-P 10% or less								10 to 30V DC Ripple P-P 10% or less					
Current consumption		15mA or less													
Output		NPN open-collector transistor • Maximum sink current: 50mA • Applied voltage: 30V DC or less (between output and 0V) • Residual voltage: 0.4V or less (at 50mA sink current)								NPN open-collector transistor • Maximum sink current: 200mA (Note 2) • Applied voltage: 30V DC or less (between output and 0V) • Residual voltage: 1.5V or less (at 200mA sink current) 0.4V or less (at 50mA sink current)					
		Utilization category		DC-12 or DC-13											
		Output operation		Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed
		Short-circuit protection		Incorporated								Incorporated			
Max. response frequency		1kHz								1.5kHz					
Operation indicator		Red LED (lights up when the output is ON)													
Environmental resistance	Pollution degree		3 (Industrial environment)												
	Protection		IP67 (IEC)												
	Ambient temperature		− 25 to + 70°C, Storage: − 25 to + 80°C												
	Ambient humidity		35 to 95% RH, Storage: 35 to 95% RH								35 to 85% RH, Storage: 35 to 95% RH				
	EMC		Emission: EN50081-2, Immunity: EN50082-2												
	Voltage withstandability		500V AC for one min. between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure												
	Insulation resistance		5MΩ, or more, with 250V DC megger between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure								50MΩ, or more, with 500V DC megger between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure				
	Vibration resistance		10 to 55Hz frequency, 1.5mm amplitude in X, Y and Z directions for two hours each												
Shock resistance		200m/s² acceleration (20G approx.) in X, Y and Z directions for ten times each								300m/s² acceleration (30G approx.) in X, Y and Z directions for ten times each					
Sensing range variation	Temperature characteristics		Over ambient temperature range − 25 to + 70°C: within ± 20% of sensing range at 20°C								Over ambient temperature range − 25 to + 70°C: within ± 15% of sensing range at 20°C				
	Voltage characteristics		Within ± 2% for ± 10% fluctuation of the supply voltage								Within ± 2.5% for ± 15% fluctuation of the supply voltage				
Material		Enclosure: Stainless steel (SUS304), Resin part: TPX								Enclosure: Brass (Nickel plated) Resin part: ABS					
Cable		0.08mm² 3-core oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.1mm² 3-core inflection, oil and heat resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.08mm² 3-core oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.1mm² 3-core inflection, oil and heat resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.14mm² 3-core oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.15mm² 3-core inflection, oil and heat resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long			
Cable extension		Extension up to total 100m is possible with 0.3mm², or more, cable.													
Weight		30g approx.								55g approx.					
Accessories		MS-SS3 (Sensor mounting bracket): 1 No. MS-SS3-2 (C bracket): 1 No.								MS-SS5 (Sensor mounting bracket): 1 No.					

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2) The maximum sink current depends on the ambient temperature. Refer to 'I/O CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS' for details.

## SPECIFICATIONS

## Threaded type

Type		Shielded type								Non-shielded type			
				Inflection resistant cable				Inflection resistant cable					
Item	Model No.	GX-5M	GX-5MB	GX-5M-R	GX-5MB-R	GX-8M	GX-8MB	GX-8M-R	GX-8MB-R	GX-8ML	GX-8MLB		
Max. operation distance (Note 1)		0.8mm ± 15%				1mm ± 15%				2mm ± 15%			
Stable sensing range (Note 1)		0 to 0.6mm				0 to 0.8mm				0 to 1.6mm			
Standard sensing object		Iron sheet 5 × 5 × t1mm				Iron sheet 8 × 8 × t1mm				Iron sheet 12 × 12 × t1mm			
Hysteresis		15% or less of operation distance				10% or less of operation distance							
Repeatability		20 μm or less				8 μm or less				40 μm or less			
Supply voltage		12 to 24V DC ± 10%   Ripple P-P 10% or less				10 to 30V DC   Ripple P-P 10% or less							
Current consumption		15mA or less											
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		Output operation		Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed
		Short-circuit protection						Incorporated					
Max. response frequency		1kHz								500Hz			
Operation indicator		Red LED (lights up when the output is ON)											
Environmental resistance	Pollution degree		3 (Industrial environment)										
	Protection		IP67 (IEC)										
	Ambient temperature		− 25 to + 70°C, Storage: − 25 to + 80°C										
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Sensing range variation	Temperature characteristics		Over ambient temperature range − 25 to + 70°C: within ± 20% of sensing range at 20°C				Over ambient temperature range − 25 to + 70°C: within ± 15% of sensing range at 20°C						
	Voltage characteristics		Within ± 2% for ± 10% fluctuation of the supply voltage				Within ± 2.5% for ± 15% fluctuation of the supply voltage						
Material		Enclosure: Brass (Nickel plated) Resin part: TPX				Enclosure: Brass (Nickel plated) Resin part: ABS							
Cable		0.08mm <sup>2</sup> 3-core oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.1mm <sup>2</sup> 3-core inflection, oil and heat resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.14mm <sup>2</sup> 3-core oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.15mm <sup>2</sup> 3-core inflection, oil and heat resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long		0.14mm <sup>2</sup> 3-core, oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3m long			
Cable extension		Extension up to total 100m is possible with 0.3mm <sup>2</sup> , or more, cable.								Extension up to total 100m is possible with 0.14mm <sup>2</sup> , or more, cable.			
Weight (Note 3)		30g approx.				60g approx.							
Accessories		Nut: 2 Nos. Toothed lock washer: 1 No.		Nut: 2 Nos. Toothed lock washer: 2 Nos.		Nut: 2 Nos. Toothed lock washer: 1 No.		Nut: 2 Nos. Toothed lock washer: 2 Nos.		Nut: 2 Nos. Toothed lock washer: 1 No.			

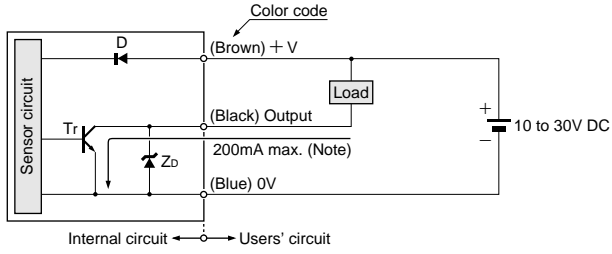
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- 2) The maximum sink current depends on the ambient temperature. Refer to 'I/O CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS' for details.
- 3) The given weight of the threaded type includes the weight of two nuts and one toothed lock washer.

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## I/O CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS

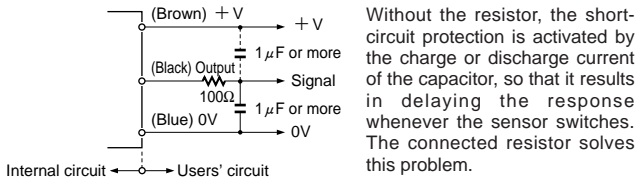
GX-5S □ GX-8M □  
GX-8ML □

### I/O circuit diagram



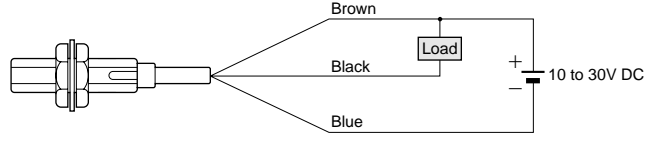
Symbols ... D: Reverse supply polarity protection diode  
Zb: Surge absorption zener diode  
Tr: NPN output transistor

• If a capacitor of  $1\mu\text{F}$  or more is connected between 0V and output or between +V and output, connect a  $100\Omega$  resistor in series as shown below.

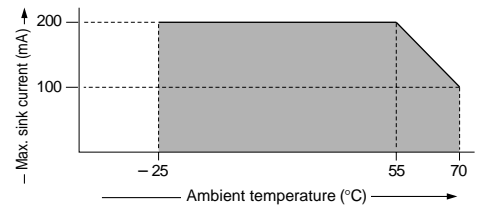


Without the resistor, the short-circuit protection is activated by the charge or discharge current of the capacitor, so that it results in delaying the response whenever the sensor switches. The connected resistor solves this problem.

### Wiring diagram

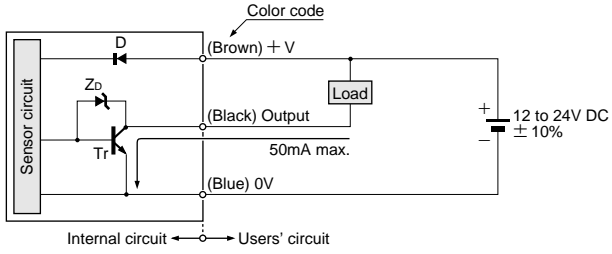


Note: The maximum sink current varies depending on the ambient temperature.



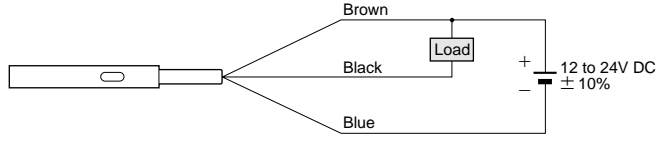
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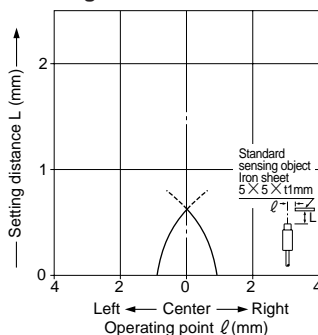
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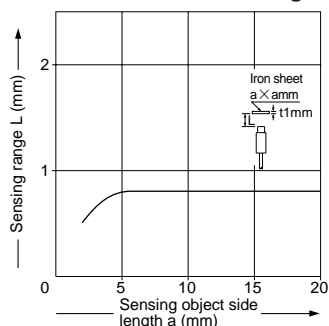
## SENSING CHARACTERISTICS (TYPICAL)

GX-3S □ GX-5M □  
GX-4S □

Sensing field



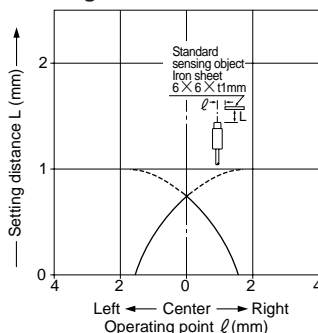
Correlation between sensing object size and sensing range



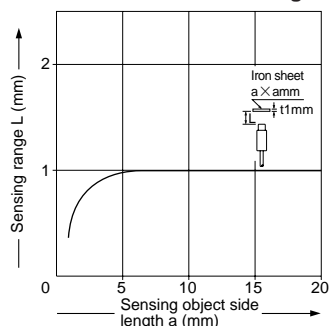
As the sensing object size becomes smaller than the standard size (iron sheet  $5 \times 5 \times t1\text{mm}$ ), the sensing range shortens as shown in the left figure.

GX-5S □

Sensing field



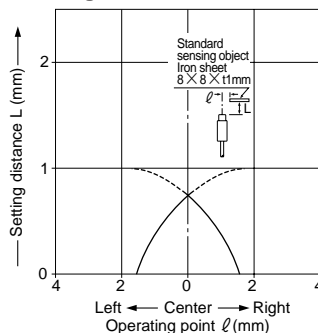
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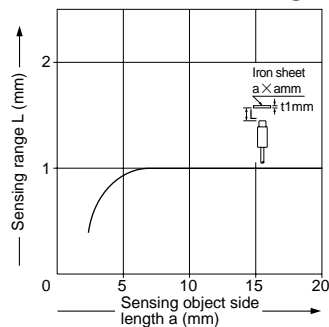
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GX-8M □

Sensing field



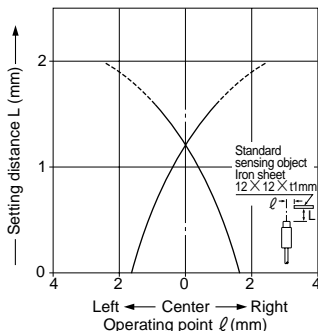
Correlation between sensing object size and sensing range



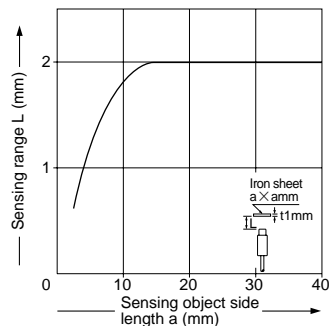
As the sensing object size becomes smaller than the standard size (iron sheet  $8 \times 8 \times t1\text{mm}$ ), the sensing range shortens as shown in the left figure.

GX-8ML □

Sensing field



Correlation between sensing object size and sensing range



As the sensing object size becomes smaller than the standard size (iron sheet  $12 \times 12 \times t1\text{mm}$ ), the sensing range shortens as shown in the left figure.

Amplifier Built-in Type

GL-18H/18HL

GL-N12

GL-8U

GL-6

GXL

Amplifier-separated Type

GA-10/GH

GX

GX-N

GX-U

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## PRECAUTIONS FOR PROPER USE

Refer to P.836~ for general precautions.



This product is not a safety sensor. Its use is not intended or designed to protect life and prevent body injury or property damage from dangerous parts of machinery. It is a normal object detection sensor.

### Mounting

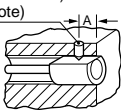
- The tightening torque should be as given below.

#### Mounting with set screw

##### <Shielded threaded type>

- Tighten the set screw on the flat surface of the sensor without applying excessive force. Make sure to use a set screw with a cup-point end.

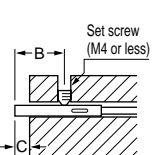
Set screw  
(M4 or less)  
(Note)



Note: To fasten **GX-5M□**, use a M3 or less set screw.

Model No.	Set screw tightening position A (mm)	Tightening torque
<b>GX-5M□</b>	5 to 10	0.29N·m
<b>GX-8M□</b>	8 to 22	0.29N·m

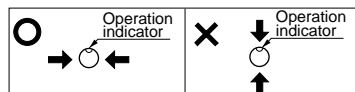
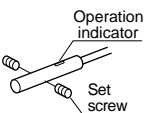
##### <Non-threaded type and non-shielded threaded type>



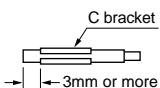
Model No.	B (mm)	C (mm)	Tightening torque
<b>GX-3S□</b>	5 to 10	3	0.29N·m
When using the C bracket			0.58N·m
<b>GX-4S□</b>	5 to 10	3	0.58N·m
<b>GX-5S□</b>	8 to 20	5	0.29N·m
<b>GX-8ML□</b>	13 to 22	10	0.29N·m

Note: The protrusion should be kept C (mm) or more to avoid reduction of sensing range.

- To fasten **GX-3S□** and **GX-4S□**, use a M3 or less set screw and tighten it from a direction perpendicular to the operation indicator.



- When using the C bracket, place it on the sensor at a distance of 3mm or more from the sensor end.

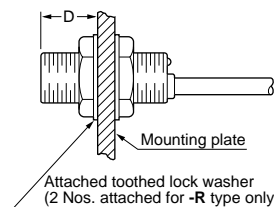


- To fasten the non-shielded threaded type, tighten the set screw on the flat surface of the sensor.

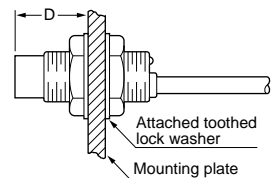
### Mounting with nut

- Note that the maximum tightening torque differs according to the location of the nuts.

#### <Shielded threaded type>



#### <Non-shielded threaded type>



Model No.	D (mm)	Tightening torque
<b>GX-5M□</b>	2 to 3	0.49N·m
	3 or more	1.47N·m
<b>GX-8M□</b>	3 to 11	1.47N·m
	11 or more	3.43N·m
<b>GX-8ML□</b>	9 to 11	0.98N·m
	11 or more	3.43N·m

Note: Mount such that the nuts do not protrude from the threaded portion.



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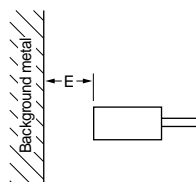
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## Distance from surrounding metal

- As metal around the sensor may affect the sensing performance, pay attention to the following points.

## Influence of surrounding metal

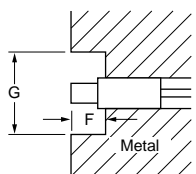
- The surrounding metal will affect the sensing performance. Keep the minimum distance specified in the table below.



Model No.	E (mm)
GX-3S□	3
GX-4S□	3
GX-5S□	4
GX-5M□	3
GX-8M□	4
GX-8ML□	8

## Embedding of the sensor in metal

- Sensing range may decrease if the sensor is completely embedded in metal. Especially for the non-threaded type and the non-shielded type, keep the minimum distance specified in the table below.

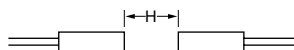


Model No.	F (mm)	G (mm)
GX-3S□	3	φ 12
GX-4S□	3	φ 12
GX-5S□	5	φ 15.4
GX-8ML□	10	φ 30

## Mutual interference

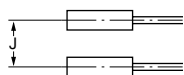
- When two or more sensors are installed in parallel or face to face, keep the minimum separation distance specified below to avoid mutual interference.

## Face to face mounting



Model No.	H (mm)	J (mm)
GX-3S□	16	16
GX-4S□	16	16
GX-5S□	20	15
GX-5M□	10	10
GX-8M□	20	15
GX-8ML□	50	30

## Parallel mounting



## Sensing range

- The sensing range is specified for the standard sensing object. With a non-ferrous metal, the sensing range is obtained by multiplying with the correction coefficient specified below.

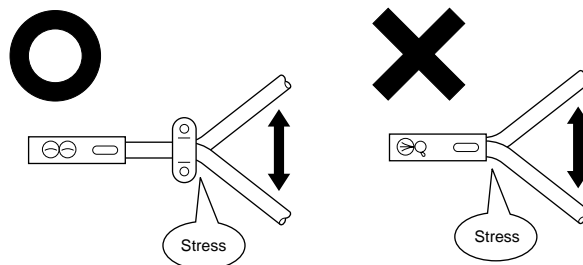
## Correction coefficient

Model No. Metal	GX-3S□ GX-4S□	GX-5M□	GX-5S□ GX-8M□ GX-8ML□
Iron	1	1	1
Stainless steel (SUS304)	0.65 approx.	0.83 approx.	0.70 approx.
Brass	0.36 approx.	0.61 approx.	0.40 approx.
Aluminum	0.30 approx.	0.58 approx.	0.35 approx.

Note: The sensing range also changes if the sensing object is plated.

## Others

- Do not use during the initial transient time (10ms) after the power supply is switched on.
- When the sensor is mounted on a moving base, stress should not be applied to the sensor cable joint.  
(Sensors attached with inflection resistant cable are also available. They are identified by the suffix 'R' at the end of the model No.)



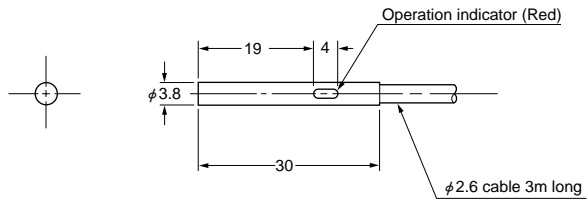
- GX-3S□, GX-4S□ and GX-5M□ do not incorporate a short-circuit protection at the output. Do not connect them directly to a power supply or a capacitive load.



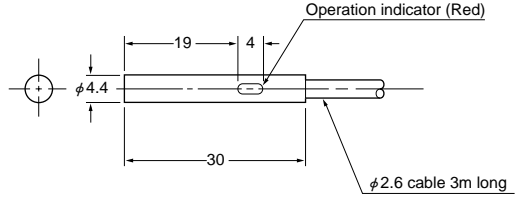
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## DIMENSIONS (Unit: mm)

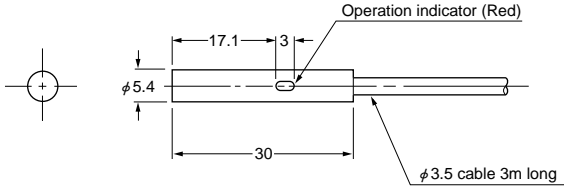
**GX-3S** ☐ Sensor



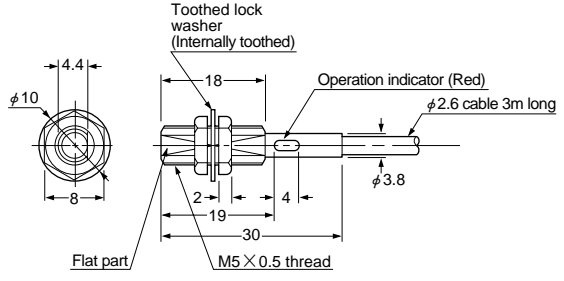
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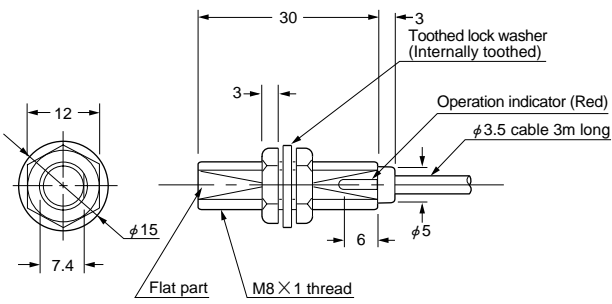
**GX-5S** ☐ Sensor



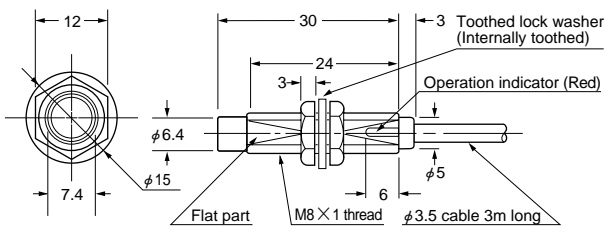
**GX-5M** ☐ Sensor



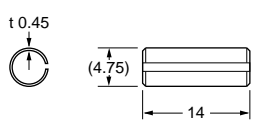
**GX-8M** ☐ Sensor



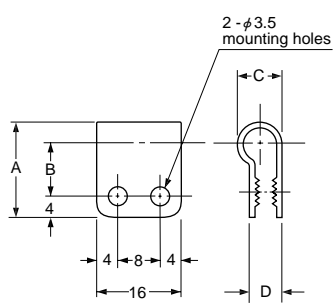
**GX-8ML** ☐ Sensor



**MS-SS3-2** C bracket for **GX-3S** ☐ (Accessory)



**MS-SS3**  
**MS-SS5** Sensor mounting bracket for **GX-3S** ☐ (Accessory)  
Sensor mounting bracket for **GX-5S** ☐ (Accessory)



Model No.	MS-SS3	MS-SS5
Symbol		
A	16	18
B	9	10
C	6.3	8.3
D	4.9	6.1
Applicable model No.	<b>GX-3S</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>GX-5S</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

Note: By using the C bracket, the applicable tightening force can be doubled.

Material: Nylon 66