# **Ultrasonic Proximity Sensor**

E4C

# Compact, Cylindrical Ultrasonic Proximity Sensor with Separate Amplifier Unit

- Stable operation for a variety of objects regardless of color, transparency, or material (metallic or nonmetallic).
- Compact M18-sized cylindrical head.
- Prevent mutual interference using a synchronization selector.
- With reflective models, setting sensing zones ensures detection without influence by the background.



# **Ordering Information**

#### Sensors (Refer to Dimensions on page 7.)

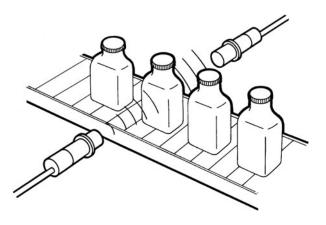
| Sensing method                     | Sensing distance | Model    |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Through-beam                       | 50 cm            | E4C-TS50 |
| Reflective (convergent reflective) | 10 to 35 cm      | E4C-LS35 |

#### Amplifier Units (Refer to Dimensions on page 7.)

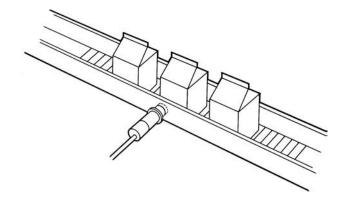
| Supply voltage | Model    |
|----------------|----------|
| 12 to 24 VDC   | E4C-WH4T |
| 12 to 24 VDC   | E4C-WH4L |

# **Application Examples**

#### **Detection of transparent bottles and containers**



#### **Detection of milk packages**



# **Specifications**

# ■ Ratings/Characteristics

#### **Sensors**

|                                  | Model                               | E4C-TS50   | E4C-LS35  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Item                             | Sensing method                      | Through-beam   | Reflective  |
| Sensing dis                      | stance                              | 50 cm  | 10 to 35 cm (possible to limit the sensing zone within a range between 2 and 25 cm) |
| Standard sensing object          |                                     | 10 x 10 cm flat plate  | 4 x 4 cm flat plate   |
| Ultrasonic oscillation frequency |                                     | Approx. 270 kHz  |   |
| Response f                       | esponse frequency 50 Hz 20 Hz       |  | 20 Hz   |
| Directional                      | angle (see note 1)                  | ±8° max.   |   |
| Indicator                        |                                     | SENSING indicator (red LED)  |   |
| Ambient ter                      | mperature                           | Operating: -10°C to 55°C (with no icing)   |   |
| Ambient hu                       | bient humidity Operating: 35 to 95% |  |   |
| Vibration re                     | esistance                           | Destruction: 10 to 55 Hz, 1.5-mm double amplitude for 2 hours each in X, Y, and Z directions |   |
| Shock resis                      | stance                              | Destruction: 500 m/s <sup>2</sup> (approx. 50G) 3 times each in X, Y, and Z directions       |   |
| Degree of p                      | rotection (see note 2)              | IEC IP66   |   |
| Cord length                      | 1                                   | 2 m  |   |
| Weight                           |                                     | Approx. 300 g (with Emitter and Receiver)  | Approx. 150 g   |
| Material                         | Case                                | Heat-resistant ABS resin   |   |
|                                  | Oscillator                          | Ceramic  |   |
|                                  | Nut                                 | Polyacetal resin   |   |

Note: 1. This is the half-value angle obtainable with a signal of -6 dB.

2. The enclosure rating indicates the degree of protection of the case, which will depend on the operating condition.

#### **Amplifier Units**

| Mode                                     | E4C-WH4T  | E4C-WH4L                           |  |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Item Sensing method                      | Through-beam  | Reflective                         |  |
| Sensing distance                         | 50 cm   | 10 to 35 cm                        |  |
| Supply voltage (operating voltage range) | 12 to 24 VDC ±10% with a max. ripple ±10% (p-p)   |                                    |  |
| Current consumption                      | 100 mA max. at 12 VDC   |                                    |  |
| Differential travel                      |   | 20% max. of rated sensing distance |  |
| Response frequency (see note)            | 50 Hz   | 20 Hz                              |  |
| Control output<br>(residual voltage)     | Terminal output: 100 mA max. (NPN or PNP open collector output at 40 VDC with a residual voltage of 2 V) Connector output: 50 mA max. (photocoupler output) |                                    |  |
| Operation mode                           | Normally open or normally closed (selectable with a slide switch)   |                                    |  |
| Ultrasonic compensation                  | Yes   |                                    |  |
| Indicator                                | SENSING indicator (red LED) and STABILITY indicator (green LED)   |                                    |  |
| Ambient temperature                      | Operating: -10°C to 55°C (with no icing)  |                                    |  |
| Ambient humidity                         | Operating: 35 to 95%  |                                    |  |
| Temperature influence                    | ±30% max. of sensing distance at 20°C in the temperature range of -10°C and 55°C ±10% max. of sensing distance at 20°C temperature range of -10°C and 55°C  |                                    |  |
| Voltage influence                        | $\pm 10\%$ max. of sensing distance at a voltage between 90% and 110% of the rated power supply voltage   |                                    |  |
| Insulation resistance                    | 20 MΩ min. (at 500 VDC) between current carry parts and case  |                                    |  |
| Dielectric strength                      | 1,000 VAC (50/60 Hz) for 1 min between current carry parts and case   |                                    |  |
| Vibration resistance                     | Destruction: 10 to 55 Hz, 1.5-mm double amplitude for 2 hours each in X, Y, and Z directions  |                                    |  |
| Shock resistance                         | Destruction: 500 m/s <sup>2</sup> (approx. 50G) 3 times each in X, Y, and Z directions  |                                    |  |
| Degree of protection                     | IEC IP40  |                                    |  |
| Weight                                   | Approx. 110 g   |                                    |  |
| Materials                                | Case: ABS   |                                    |  |

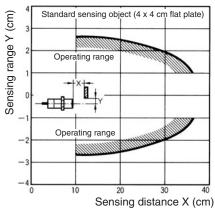
**Note:** The response frequencies are values obtained with the E4C used for detecting the rotating propeller-shaped disc as shown on the right.



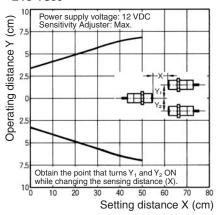
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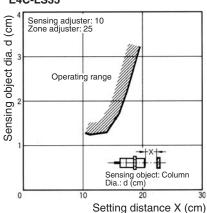
#### E4C-LS35



#### **Parallel Movement Characteristics (Typical)** E4C-TS50

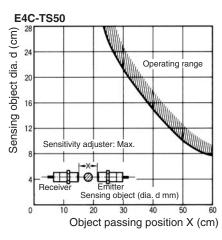


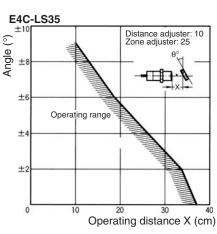
#### Operating Distance vs. Sensing Object Size (Typical) E4C-LS35

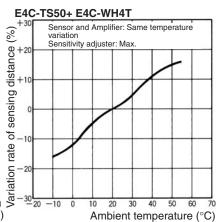


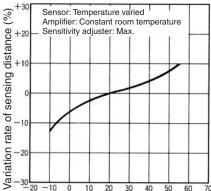
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Ambient Temperature vs. Variation Rate of Sensing **Distance (Typical)** 

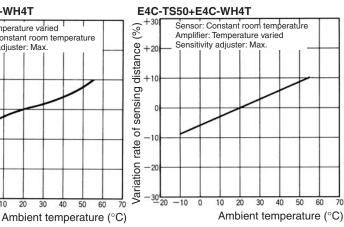


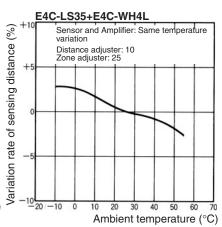




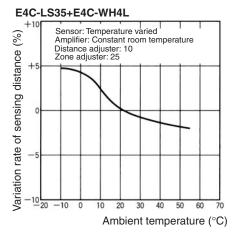


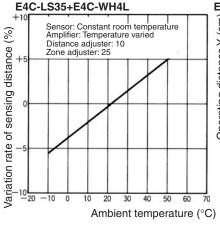
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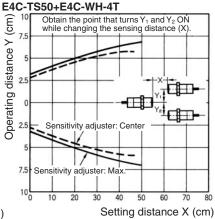




# Sensitivity Adjuster Position vs. Parallel Movement Characteristics







#### ■ Amplifier Units

#### **Indicators**

• STABILITY Indicator (Green)

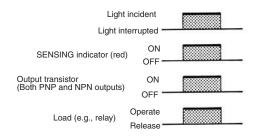
When this indicator is lit, the ultrasonic input into the Receiver is sufficient, or its interruption small enough, to ensure the smooth operation of the E4C. Do not operate the E4C when this indicator is not lit.

• SENSING Indicator (Red)

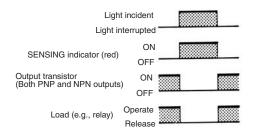
When this indicator is lit, the Receiver has ultrasonic input.

#### **Operation Selector (H1/H2)**

Incident-ON (H1)



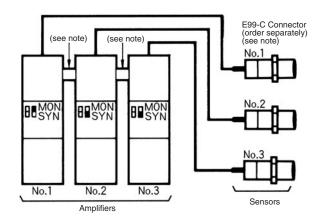
#### Incident-OFF (H2)



**Note:** The load in operation is connected to the output circuit of the E4C.

#### Asynchronous/Synchronous (MON/SYN) Switch

- If more than one Sensor is used in one place, the Sensors need to be in synchronous operation for the prevention of mutual interference. A maximum of four Sensors can be in synchronous operation.
- Connect the DC power supply and Sensor to each Amplifier as usual.
- Use the E99-C (order separately) connector to connect the Sensor to the Amplifier.
- If the case of the connections shown in the following illustration, set the selector of only one Amplifier (No. 1 in the following case) to MON. Set the selector of any other Amplifier to SYN.



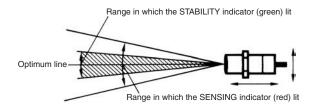
Note: The E99-C Connector will be most effective if the E4C is a reflective model although the E99-C Connector is required by both the reflective and through-beam models. When using through-beam models, however, be sure to maintain enough between adjacent Sensors to suppress mutual interference. Refer to Sensitivity Adjuster Position vs. Parallel Movement Characteristics in Engineering Data

#### ■ Sensitivity/Zone Adjustments

#### E4C-TS50 and E4C-WH4T Through-beam Models

Set the SENSITIVITY adjuster of the Receiver to maximum.

Move the Emitter and Receiver vertically and horizontally until the SENSING indicator of the Receiver is lit and secure the Emitter and Receiver at the midpoint of the range within which the STA-BILITY indicator is lit.



Pass the sensing object through the sensing range and adjust the sensitivity so that the SENSING indicator turns ON and OFF according the presence or absence of the sensing object while the STABILITY indicator is lit continuously.

If the STABILITY indicator is not lit while the Sensor is in operation, this may indicate a possible operational error. Check or readjust the sensitivity.

If the Emitter and Receiver are set at a distance shorter than the rated sensing distance, reduce the sensitivity to within the range in which the STABILITY indicator is lit. This will increase the immunity of the Sensor against noise.

#### E4C-LS35 and E4C-WH4L Convergent Reflective Model

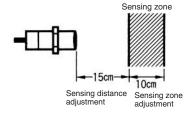
Locate the Sensor so that both the STABILITY and SENSING indicators will be lit when the sensing object is placed at the sensing position, and the STABILITY indicator will be lit and the SENSING indicator will turn OFF when the sensing object is removed.

| Step                 | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Sensing              | Sensing object  | Sensing object  | Sensing object   | 35 cm   Joseph Land Company   100 |
| Distance adjuster    | 20  |   |  | 12 20   |
| Zone adjuster        | DIST (cm) 35  |   |  | ZONE (cm)   |
| Adjustment procedure | Place the sensing object at<br>the sensing position and<br>turn the distance adjuster<br>clockwise gradually until<br>both the SENSING and<br>STABILITY indicators are<br>lit. (See note 2) | Move the Emitter and Receiver vertically and horizontally and secure the Emitter and Receiver at the midpoint of the range within which the STABILITY indicator is lit. | Remove the sensing object<br>and check that the SENS-<br>ING indicator is OFF and<br>the STABILITY indicator is<br>continuously lit. | The sensing zone can be set within a range of 2 to 25 cm with the zone adjuster.  |

Note: 1. If the STABILITY indicator is not lit while the Sensor is in operation, this indicates a possible operational error. Check or readjust the sensitivity.

- 2. The sensing distance is adjustable within a range of 10 to 35 cm with the distance adjuster.
- 3. Adjust the sensing zone within the sensing distance adjustable range (i.e., 10 to 35 cm).

#### **Sensing Zone Setting Example**

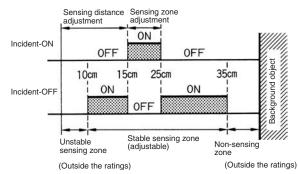


Note: Make the settings as shown above to set a sensing zone of 10 cm with a sensing distance adjustment of 15 cm.

# Relationship between Incident-ON and Incident-OFF

#### Example:

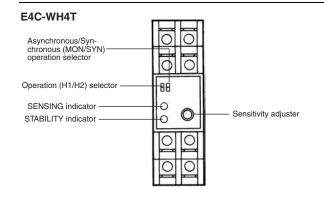
Sensing distance set to 15 cm and zone set to 10 cm

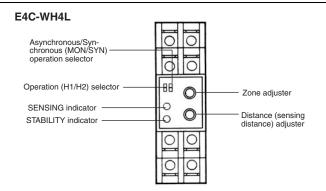


Note: Set the zone within a distance of 10 to 35 cm from the Sensor. Therefore, if the distance adjuster is set to 30 cm and zone adjuster is set to 20 cm, the sensing zone will be 5 cm from a point 30 cm away from the Sensor.

| Step                                      | 1                                  | 2                               |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Distance<br>adjuster and<br>zone adjuster | 20<br>28<br>0<br>DIST (cm) 35      | 12<br>20<br>20NE (cm)           |
| Adjustment procedure                      | Set the distance adjuster to 15 cm | Set the zone adjuster to 10 cm. |

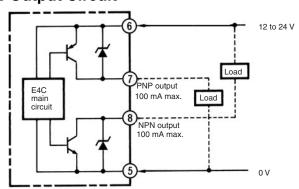
## Nomenclature





## Operation

#### **■ Output Circuit**

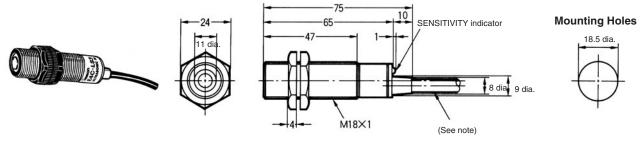


## **Dimensions**

Note: All units are in millimeters unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Sensors**

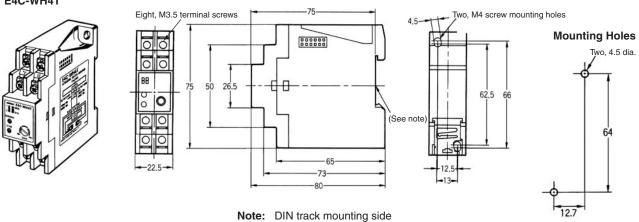
E4C-TS50 E4C-LS35

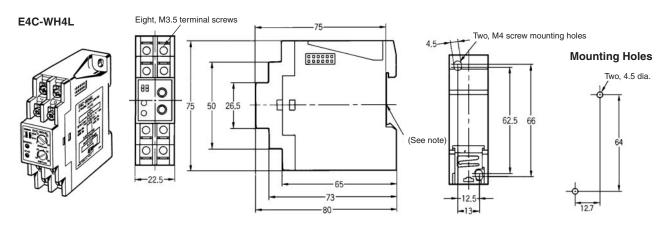


Note: E4C-TS50R or E4C-LS35: 3-conductor, shielded cord (6 dia., UL2791) with 7/0.25 dia. (standard length: 2 m) E4C-TS50S: 2-conductor, shielded cord (6 dia., UL20276) with 7/0.25 dia. (standard length: 2 m)

#### **Amplifier Units**



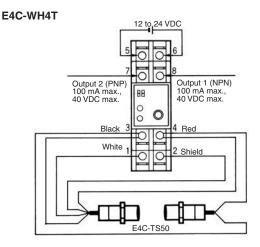




Note: DIN track mounting side

#### Installation

#### ■ Connections



# E4C-WH4L 12 to 24 VDC 5 0 0 8 Output 2 (PNP) 100 mA max., 40 VDC max. Black 3 0 4 Red White 1 0 2 Shield

#### **Precautions**

#### **■** Correct Use

#### **Sensor Mounting Angle**

If the E4C is in level control or distance control of sensing objects, the stability of signal detection will depend on the sensing surface condition of the objects. Considering the repose angle of the objects, mount the E4C so that the ultrasonic beam and the sensing surface of each object meet at right angles to each other.

#### Surrounding Objects

Make sure that the Sensor is free from surrounding objects that reflect the ultrasonic beam diffusion, otherwise the Sensor may malfunction. In particular, pay the utmost attention so that no side lobe of the ultrasonic beam will be reflected by such objects.

#### Mounting

Securely mount the E4C by using the nuts provided with the E4C or the mounting holes of the E4C. Refer to *Dimensions* for details.

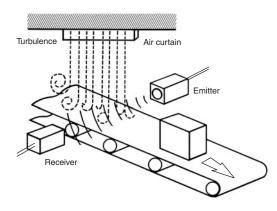
Do not strike the Sensor with any hammer or other object, otherwise the E4C will no longer be water-resistant.

If the E4C is not mounted securely, the E4C may be damaged by vibration or may not detect sensing objects accurately due to a possible change in the mounting position.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

Do not use the E4C at a temperature exceeding the rated range or outdoors, otherwise the reliability and life of the E4C will decrease.

The Ultrasonic Reflective Sensor utilizes the air as a beam transmission media. Do not use the E4C in places with radical convection or extreme local temperature changes. For example, if there is a hot air curtain that causes turbulence within the sensing area, the E4C may malfunction.



The jetting sound of air nozzles includes noise of a wide frequency range, which will affect the operation of the E4C. Do not use an air nozzle near the E4C.

The sensing distance of the E4C will decrease if there is any water drops on the surface of the emitter or receiver.

The reflective model may not detect any objects if there is any object absorbing sound, such as powder and cotton, on the surface of the emitter or receiver.

#### **Mutual Interference**

If more than one Unit is closely mounted together or used in a narrow space, the mutual interference of the Sensors will result. To prevent this, set the MON/SYN selector to SYN and check that no mutual interference results.

#### Connections

The cord length between the Sensor and Amplifier can be a maximum of 20 m provided that the cord is a three-conductor, shielded cord (6 dia., UL2791) with 7/0.25 dia. If the Emitter is the E4C-TS50S, however, use a two-conductor, non-shielded cord (6 dia. UL20276) with 7/0.25 dia.

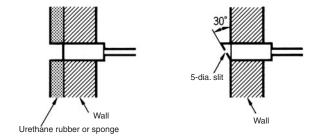
Do not wire the lines of the E4C along with high-tension or power lines in the same conduit or close together, otherwise the E4C may malfunction due to inductive noise.

The power supply lines of the Amplifier can be extended up to 100 m provided that the size of the cord is 0.3 dia. or more.

#### Others

Be sure not to turn the sensitivity adjuster excessively. If the sensitivity adjuster is turned exceeding the permissible range, no sensitivity adjustment will be possible again.

Take the measures shown in the following illustrations if multiple reflection results.



The sensing distance will be, however, reduced to half (i.e., 10 to 17 cm) if the slit is used.

If the sensing zone is set to a small value (i.e., a few centimeters) on the E4C reflective model, the E4C may require a warming-up time of 3 minutes or more after the E4C is turned ON.

**ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE IN MILLIMETERS.**To convert millimeters into inches, multiply by 0.03937. To convert grams into ounces, multiply by 0.03527.

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