

SLM Series Slot Sensors



Datasheet



- An easy-to-use, self-contained, opposed-mode sensor pair in a U-shaped housing
- Rugged, sealed, die-cast metal housing is rated IEC IP67 (NEMA 6)
- Easy and economical to mount; molded-in beam guides simplify beam placement
- Eight slot widths from 10 mm to 220 mm for a wide variety of sensing applications
- Current sourcing (PNP), current sinking (NPN), or bipolar (one NPN and one PNP) output, depending on model
- Fast 500-microsecond response time
- 10 to 30 V dc supply voltage
- Single-turn potentiometer sensitivity adjustment
- Visible red beam
- Selectable Light Operate (L.O.) or Dark Operate (D.O.) with sealed switch

QD Models ¹	Slot Width	Output Type
SLM10P6Q	10 mm (0.39 in)	PNP
SLM10N6Q		NPN
SLM20P6Q	20 mm (0.79 in)	PNP
SLM20N6Q		NPN
SLM30P6Q	30 mm (1.18 in)	PNP
SLM30N6Q		NPN
SLM50P6Q	50 mm (1.97 in)	PNP
SLM50N6Q		NPN
SLM80P6Q	80 mm (3.15 in)	PNP
SLM80N6Q		NPN
SLM120P6Q	120 mm (4.72 in)	PNP
SLM120N6Q		NPN
SLM180P6Q	180 mm (7.09 in)	PNP
SLM180N6Q		NPN
SLM220P6Q	220 mm (8.66 in)	PNP
SLM220N6Q		NPN

Cabled Models ²	Slot Width	Output Type
SLM10B6	10 mm (0.39 in)	Bipolar (one NPN and one PNP)
SLM20B6	20 mm (0.79 in)	
SLM30B6	30 mm (1.18 in)	
SLM50B6	50 mm (1.97 in)	
SLM80B6	80 mm (3.15 in)	
SLM120B6	120 mm (4.72 in)	
SLM180B6	180 mm (7.09 in)	
SLM220B6	220 mm (8.66 in)	

¹ The QD models listed have a 3-pin Pico-style integral QD. A model with a QD connector requires an accessory mating cable.

² The cabled models listed have a 2 m (6.5 ft) 4-wire cable. To order the 9 m (30 ft) cable model, add the suffix "W/30" to the model number (e.g., SLM10B6 W/30). To order the 150 mm (6 in) PUR pigtail cable with 4-pin threaded Euro-style QD connector model, add "QPMA" to the model number (e.g., SLM10B6QPMA). A model with a QD connector requires an accessory mating cable.





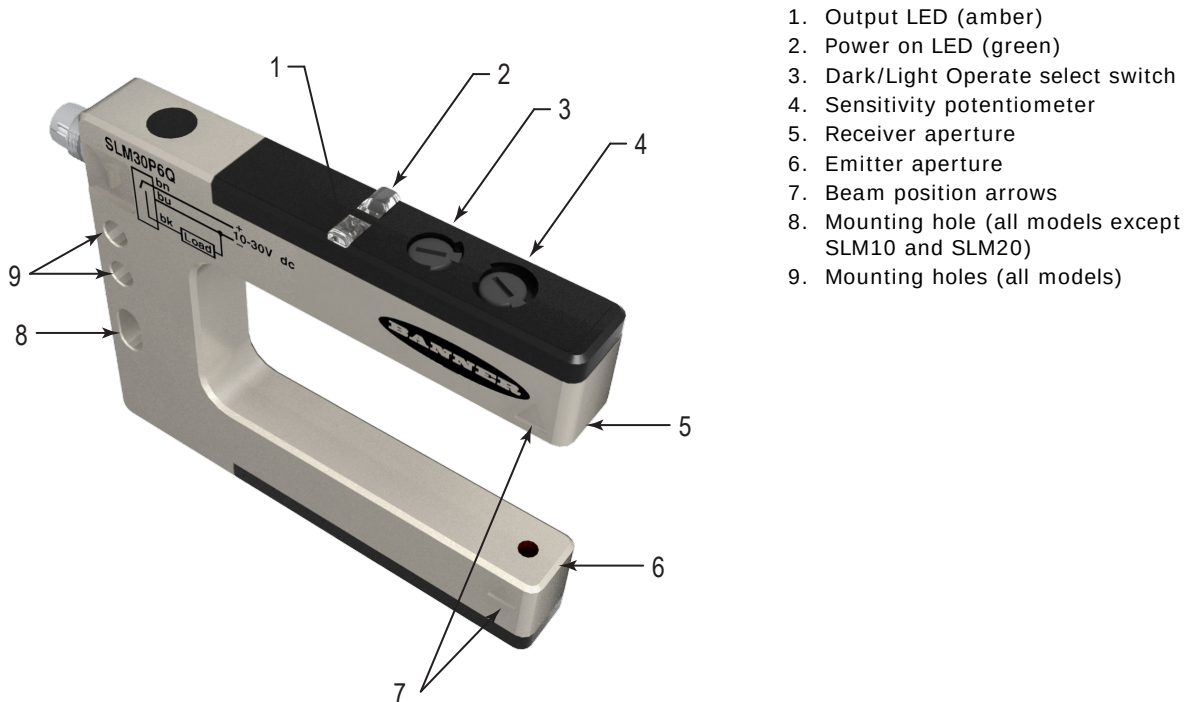
WARNING: Not To Be Used for Personnel Protection

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.

Overview

The SLM Series Slot Sensor (sometimes called a “fork sensor”) comprises an opposed-mode emitter and its receiver inside a single convenient housing.

Opposed-mode sensing is very reliable, and the single, self-contained housing provides easy installation, with no sensor alignment required. In addition, molded-in arrows on the housing show at a glance the position of the beam, simplifying installation placement. Applications include counting, gear tooth detection, edge detection, part sensing on conveyor rails and belts, position and orientation verification, dimension verification, tool break monitoring, and level monitoring.



Configuring the Sensor

For the best results, place the objects to be detected midway between the emitter and receiver.

Adjusting the Sensitivity

Adjust the sensor's sensitivity by turning the 270-degree-turn Sensitivity potentiometer with a small flat-blade screwdriver.

Apply power to the sensor and turn the potentiometer all the way clockwise (maximum gain). If the object to be sensed does not block the beam at the maximum gain, turn the gain down a little at a time, testing with the object, until the object can be sensed reliably.

If adjusting the sensitivity with the potentiometer does not provide reliable object detection, investigate alternative sensing methods.

Selecting Light or Dark Operate

Select dark operate (D.O.) or light operate (L.O.) by turning the DO/LO selector switch to the desired setting using a small flat-blade screwdriver.

If dark operate is selected, the output conducts when the receiver element does not see the emitted light (object is present). If light operate is selected, the output conducts when the receiver element sees the emitted light (object is absent).

Specifications

Supply Voltage and Current 10 to 30 V dc (10% ripple) at less than 25 mA, exclusive of load	Slot Opening 10, 20, 30, 50, 80, 120, 180, or 220 mm (depending on model); beam is 5 mm (0.2 in) from outer edge
Supply Protection Circuitry Protected against reverse polarity and transient voltages	Adjustments 1-turn potentiometer sensitivity adjustment Light/dark operate selection switch
Output Configuration Cabled and Euro-style QD models: Bipolar: One current sourcing (PNP) and one current sinking (NPN) Pico-style QD models: Current sourcing (PNP) or current sinking (NPN), depending on model	Indicators Two LED Indicators: Power (green) and Output (amber) Green on: Power on Green flashing: Sensor short circuit Amber on: Output is activated
Output Rating 100 mA with short circuit protection OFF-state leakage current: < 10 µA sourcing; < 200 µA sinking ON-state saturation voltage: NPN: 1.6 V at 100 mA; PNP: 2.0 V at 100 mA	Construction Housing: Die-cast zinc with nickel plating Endcaps: ABS Optic windows: acrylic
Output Protection Circuitry Protected against output short-circuit and false pulse on power up. 100 ms max. delay at power up; outputs do not conduct during this time.	Connections Cabled models: 2 m (6.5 ft) or 9 m (30 ft) 4-conductor, PVC-jacketed cable Pico-style QD models: 3-pin, threaded integral QD connector Euro-style QD models: 150 mm (6 in) pigtail (polyurethane) cable with 4-pin, threaded connector
Output Response Time 500 microseconds	Environmental Rating IP67; NEMA 6
Repeatability 95 microseconds	Operating Conditions -20 °C to +60 °C (-4 °F to +140 °F) 95% at +55 °C maximum relative humidity (non-condensing)
	Certifications



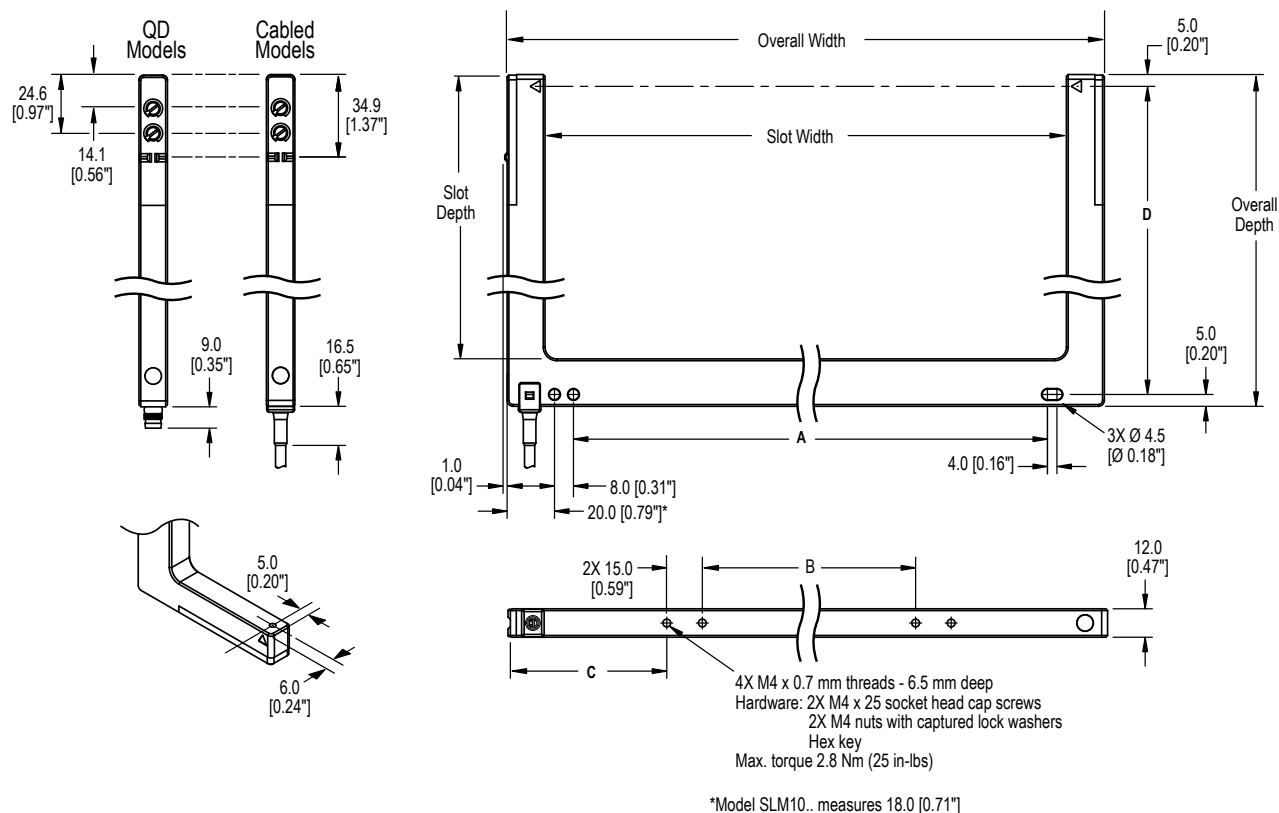
	SLM10	SLM20	SLM30	SLM50	SLM80	SLM120	SLM180	SLM220
Minimum object detection ³ at maximum gain	1.00 mm (0.040")	1.25 mm (0.050")	1.50 mm (0.060")	1.65 mm (0.065")	1.80 mm (0.070")	1.80 mm (0.070")	1.80 mm (0.070")	2.40 mm (0.095")
Minimum object detection ³ at 2X excess gain	0.30 mm (0.012")	0.30 mm (0.012")	0.40 mm (0.016")	0.60 mm (0.024")	0.75 mm (0.030")	0.90 mm (0.035")	0.90 mm (0.035")	1.00 mm (0.039")
Hysteresis ⁴	0.10 mm (0.004")	0.10 mm (0.004")	0.10 mm (0.004")	0.10 mm (0.004")	0.20 mm (0.008")	0.20 mm (0.008")	0.20 mm (0.008")	0.20 mm (0.008")
Repeatability ⁵	0.02 mm (0.001")	0.02 mm (0.001")	0.02 mm (0.001")	0.04 mm (0.002")	0.06 mm (0.002")	0.08 mm (0.003")	0.08 mm (0.003")	0.08 mm (0.003")

³ The smallest diameter rod that can be detected when passed slowly through sensing beam. Minimum object detection is measured midway between the emitter and receiver. For best results, place the object to be detected in the midway position when possible. The minimum object detection size may increase if the object is very close to the receiver side.

⁴ The distance an object must move to toggle between output OFF and output ON state.

⁵ The variation in switching distance for a standard target at controlled sensing conditions.

Dimensions



All measurements are listed in millimeters (inches), unless noted otherwise.

Models	Slot Width	Slot Depth	Overall Width	Overall Depth	A Side Mount	B Back Mount	C	D
SLM10	10 mm (0.39")	60.8 mm (2.39")	42 mm (1.65")	80 mm (3.15")	n/a	15 mm (0.59")	33.5 mm (1.32")	70 mm (2.76")
SLM20	20 mm (0.79")		52 mm (2.05")		n/a			
SLM30	30 mm (1.18")		62 mm (2.44")		10 mm (0.39")			
SLM50	50 mm (1.97")		82 mm (3.23")		30 mm (1.18")			
SLM80	80 mm (3.15")		112 mm (4.41")		60 mm (2.36")		48.5 mm (1.91")	
SLM120	120 mm (4.72")	120.7 mm (4.75")	152 mm (5.98")	140 mm (5.51")	100 mm (3.94")	30 mm (1.18")	46 mm (1.81")	130 mm (5.12")
SLM180	180 mm (7.09")		212 mm (8.35")		160 mm (6.30")	70 mm (2.76")	56 mm (2.20")	
SLM220	220 mm (8.66")		252 mm (9.92")		200 mm (7.87")	90 mm (3.54")	66 mm (2.60")	

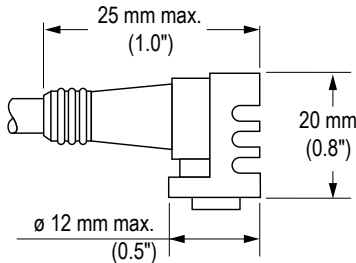
Wiring Diagrams

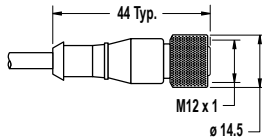
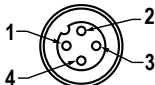
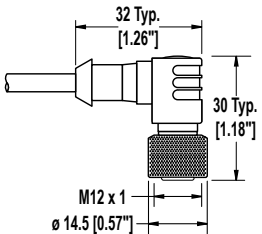
NPN	PNP	Bipolar	Key
			1. Brown 2. White 3. Blue 4. Black

Accessories

3-Pin Threaded M8/Pico-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)
PKG3M-2	2 m (6.56 ft)	Straight		1 = Brown 3 = Blue 4 = Black
PKG3M-5	5 m (16.40 ft)			
PKG3M-7	7 m (22.97 ft)			
PKG3M-9	9 m (29.53 ft)			
PKG3M-10	10 m (32.81 ft)	Right-Angle		1 = Brown 3 = Blue 4 = Black
PKW3M-2	2 m (6.56 ft)			
PKW3M-5	5 m (16.40 ft)			
PKW3M-9	9 m (29.53 ft)			

3-Pin Snap/Pico-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)
PKG3Z-2	2 m (6.56 ft)	Straight		1 = Brown 3 = Blue 4 = Black

3-Pin Snap/Pico-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)
PKW3-2	2 m (6.56 ft)	Right-Angle		

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

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