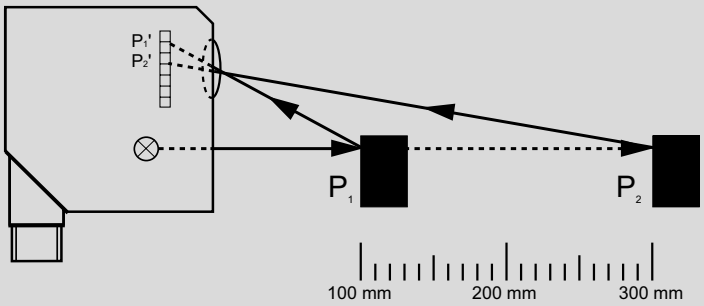
Distance sensors

System description

Distance measurement using triangulation

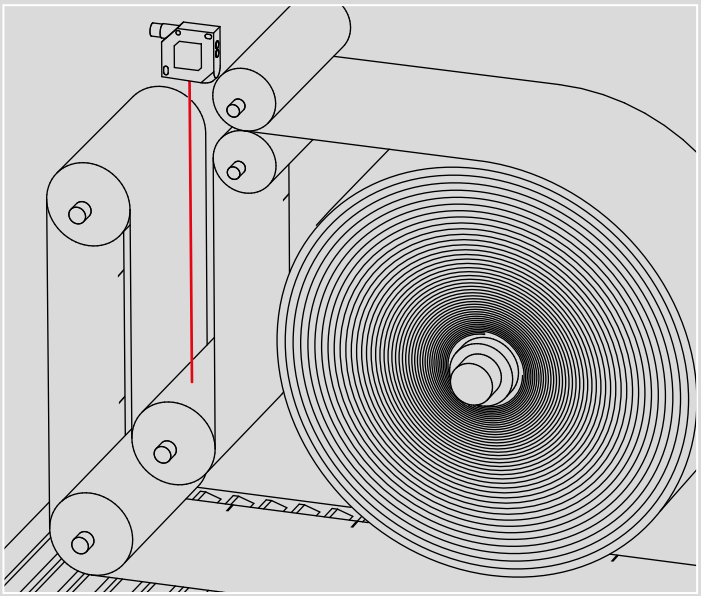
The measurement principle of optical triangulation is suitable for the precise determination of distances at close range. With the help of special receiver optics and a position-sensitive detector (e.g. a photodiode line), the sensor can determine the object distance regardless of its reflectivity (see illustration below). The colour and surface properties (e.g. highly reflective) thus have practically no effect on measurement accuracy.

The FT 50 RLA laser distance sensor provides a signal proportional to the distance, transmitted via the analogue output (e.g. 4 ... 20 mA) or a serial RS485 interface. The switching range of the digital outputs can be set to any zone within the operating range using teach-in.



The triangulation process: with the help of a line-shaped position-sensitive detector, the distance sensor measures the distance to the object regardless of the amount of light reflected.

The light reflected back from the object (P_1) hits the line at point P_1. The sensor determines the distance signal from this. The light correspondingly hits the detector at a different point (P_2) at object distance P_2.



Dancer roll control using the FT 50 RLA-220 laser distance sensor

Collision prevention sensors for monorails

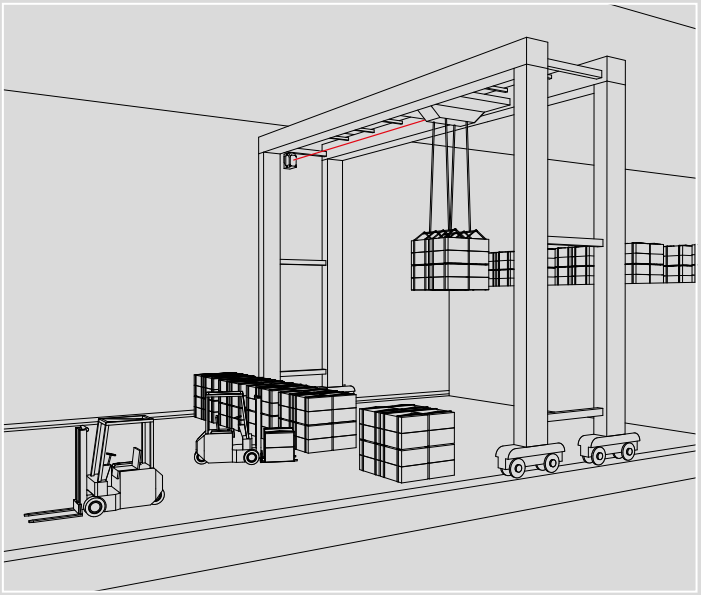
Collision prevention on monorail systems in car production is a special distance measurement task. The FR 85 series was specially developed for this application. These sensors provide excellent measurement results regardless of the reflectivity of the target object, and their comprehensive range of functions is impressive.

The FR 85 offers high measurement accuracy and immunity to ambient light because it is based on time-of-flight technology. A long measurement range (up to 6 m) and flexibly adjustable protection field geometries allow adaptation to the situation on site, even when cornering.

Distance measurement using time-of-flight

SensoPart uses time-of-flight technology to measure longer distances (up to 250 m). The sensor emits pulsed laser light that is reflected by the target object. The distance to the object is determined by the time taken between emission and reception of the light.

The use of pulsed light provides reliable background suppression and very high immunity to ambient light. The distance sensors of the F 90 series, using time-of-flight technology, measure distances of up to 250 m with a high level of accuracy. The sensors are particularly suitable for use on production lines and in handling and warehousing systems due to their reliable detection and long ranges or scanning distances.



Crane positioning with FR 92 distance sensor

Inductive analogue sensors

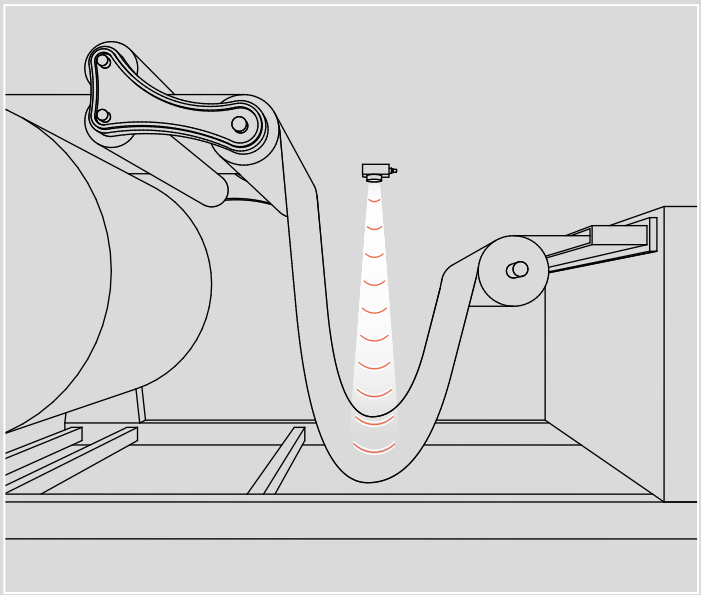
The reasonably priced solution for metallic objects. Compared to optical or ultrasonic sensors, inductive distance sensors have only limited ranges. They are still used under harsh conditions, in particular, as a result of their great robustness.

- Inductive distance sensors with analogue output of 4 … 20 mA
- Operating range of 0 … 6 mm to 4.5 … 12 mm
- Falling characteristic line on approach
- Robust metal housings

Ultrasonic sensors

Ultrasonic sensors are the right choice for materials with which optical systems cannot be reliably operated. Ultrasonic sensors work using the time-of-flight of sound. The sensor emits ultrasonic pulses. The target object reflects the sound. The sensor measures the time-of-flight of the pulse and calculates the distance value. This value is transmitted to the controller as a current or voltage signal.

- Operating ranges from 20 … 6000 mm
- Operating range and analogue output adjustable via teach-in
- Analogue output 0 … 10 V / 4 … 20 mA



Monitoring throughput with the UT 20 ultrasonic sensor

FT 50 / FT 80 – laser distance sensors

Precise and rapid measurement with many extras

Independent of reflectivity
These highly precise triangulation sensors are predestined for the detection of differing materials thanks to their high contrast-independence.

TYPICAL FT 50 / FT 80

- Laser distance sensors with a variety of measurement ranges
- Shape and colour of the target object is largely irrelevant
- High accuracy and resolutions up to 7 µm
- Rapid response time up to 1 kHz
- Intelligent teach-in user concept
- 2 switching outputs
- Analogue output: 4 … 20 mA / 0 … 10 V
- Variants with serial interface for measuring differences and thicknesses in master/slave mode
- ABS housing with rotatable plug

These distance sensors are particularly easy to commission thanks to their fixed operating distances. Voltage rises linearly with increasing distance.

Regardless of the reflectivity of the target object, these sensors provide excellent measurement results and their comprehensive range of functions is impressive.

The optional serial interface allows user-friendly configuration via PC, providing visualisation of measurement values.

FT 50 / FT 80 – Product Overview

	Housing dimensions	Operating range	Special features	Page
FT 50 RLA-20	50 x 17 x 50 mm	40 … 60 mm	Analogue output	200
FT 50 RLA-40	50 x 17 x 50 mm	45 … 85 mm	Analogue output	202
FT 50 RLA-70 -100 -220	50 x 17 x 50 mm	30 … 100 mm 70 … 170 mm 80 … 300 mm	Analogue output, switching outputs, simple teach-in of measurement ranges; RS485 interface	204
FT 80 RLA-500	83 x 25 x 65 mm	250 … 750 mm	Analogue output, switching outputs, RS485 interface; M12 8-pin	208

FT 50 RLA 20

Distance sensor

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- High resolution and small laser light spot
- Operating range: 40 … 60 mm
- Small, easily visible laser light spot
- No adjustments necessary
- Resolution: 7 µm / 40 µm
- Analogue output: 0 … 10 V
- Device plug rotatable through 270°

Optical data	
Operating range	40 … 60 mm[1]
Measurement range	20 mm
Type of light	Laser, red, 670 nm
Laser Class (IEC 60825-1)	1
Resolution	40 µm / 7µm (see Selection Table)
Linearity	< 1 %
Light spot size	< 1 mm bei 50 mm
Repeatability	< 0.1 mm / 0.05 mm (see Selection Table)

Functions	
Indicator LED, green	Operating voltage indicator
Indicator LED, red	Contamination indicator
Scanning distance adjustment	Fixed setting

Electrical data	
Operating voltage, $+U_B$	18 … 28 V DC
No-load current, I_0	≤ 35 mA
Protective circuits	Reverse-polarity protection, U_B / short-circuit protection, Q
Protection Class	2
Analogue output	0 … 10 V / max. 3 mA
Limit frequency	400 Hz / 40 Hz (see Selection Table)
Temperature drift	10 µm / K
Rise time (10 to 90 %)	3 ms / 30 ms (see Selection Table)
Fall time (90 to 10 %)	2 ms / 20 ms (see Selection Table)

Mechanical data	
Dimensions	50 x 50 x 17 mm
Enclosure rating	IP 67[2]
Material, housing	ABS, impact-resistant
Material, front screen	PMMA
Type of connection	See Selection Table
Ambient temperature: operation	0 … +45 °C
Ambient temperature: storage	-20 … +60 °C
Weight (plug device)	40 g
Weight (cable device)	260 g
Vibration and impact resistance	EN 60947-2

[1] Reference material: Kodak grey, 18 % [2] With connected IP 67 plug

Resolution	Repeatability	Rise time	Fall time	Limit frequency	Type of connection	Part number	Article number
40 µm	< 0.1 mm	3 ms	2 ms	400 Hz	Plug, M12x1, 4-pin	FT 50 RLA-20-F-L4S	574-41005
7 µm	< 0.05 mm	30 ms	20 ms	40 Hz	Plug, M12x1, 4-pin	FT 50 RLA-20-S-L4S	574-41007
40 µm	< 0.1 mm	3 ms	2 ms	400 Hz	Cable, 6 m, 4-wire	FT 50 RLA-20-F-K5	574-41004
7 µm	< 0.05 mm	30 ms	20 ms	40 Hz	Cable, 6 m, 4-wire	FT 50 RLA-20-S-K5	574-41006

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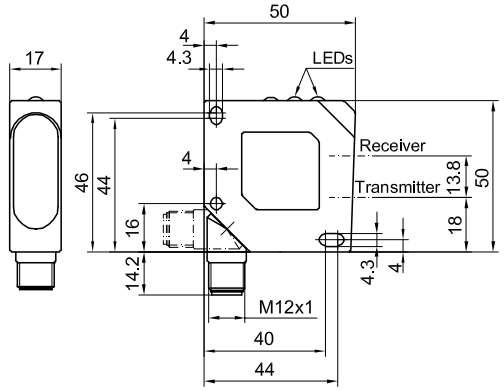
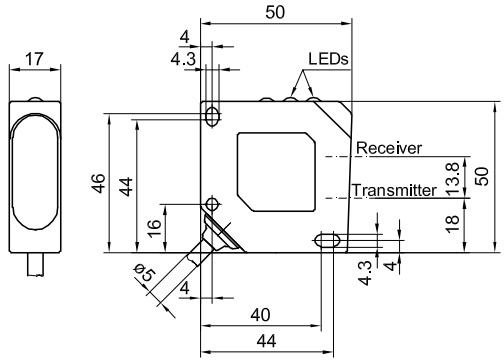
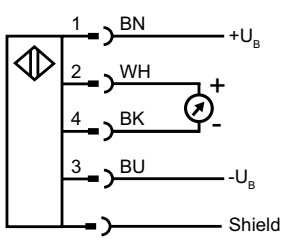
Plug connection



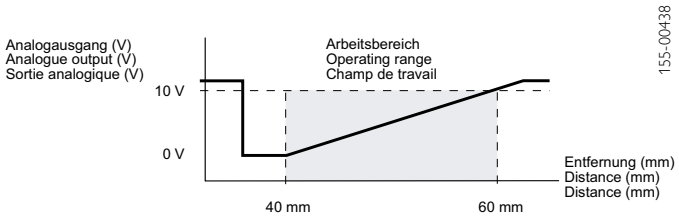
Cable connection



Connection, 4-pin



Characteristic output curve



Accessories

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FT 50 RLA 40

Distance sensor

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- High resolution and small light spot
- Operating range: 45 … 85 mm
- Laser red light (670 nm)
- Small, easily visible light spot
- No adjustments necessary
- Resolution: 0.02 mm / 0.08 mm
- Analogue output: 0 … 10 V
- Device plug rotatable through 270°

Optical data		Functions	
Operating range	45 … 85 mm[1]	Indicator LED, green	Operating voltage indicator
Measurement range	40 mm	Indicator LED, red	Contamination indicator
Type of light	Laser, red, 670 nm	Scanning distance adjustment	Fixed setting
Laser Class (IEC 60825-1)	1		
Resolution	80 µm / 20 µm (see Selection Table)		
Linearity	< 1 %		
Light spot size	< 0.8 mm at 65 mm		
Repeatability	< 0.2 mm / 0.1 mm (see Selection Table)		

Electrical data		Mechanical data	
Operating voltage, $+U_B$	18 … 28 V DC	Dimensions	50 x 50 x 17 mm
No-load current, I_0	≤ 35 mA	Enclosure rating	IP 67[2]
Protective circuits	Reverse-polarity protection, U_B / short-circuit protection, Q	Material, housing	ABS, impact-resistant
		Material, front screen	PMMA
Protection Class	2	Type of connection	See Selection Table
Analogue output	0 … 10 V (max. 3 mA)	Ambient temperature: operation	0 … +45 °C
Limit frequency	400 Hz / 40 Hz (See Selection Table)	Ambient temperature: storage	-20 … +60 °C
Temperature drift	18 µm / K	Weight (plug device)	40 g
Rise time (10 to 90 %)	3 ms / 30 ms (See Selection Table)	Weight (cable device)	260 g
Fall time (90 to 10 %)	2 ms / 20 ms (See Selection Table)	Vibration and impact resistance	EN 60947-2

[1] Reference material: Kodak grey, 18 % [2] With connected IP 67 plug

Resolution	Repeatability	Rise time	Fall time	Limit frequency	Type of connection	Part number	Article number
80 µm	< 0.2 mm	3 ms	2 ms	400 Hz	Plug, M12x1, 4-pin	FT 50 RLA-40-F-L4S	574-41001
20 µm	< 0.1 mm	30 ms	20 ms	40 Hz	Plug, M12x1, 4-pin	FT 50 RLA-40-S-L4S	574-41003
80 µm	< 0.2 mm	3 ms	2 ms	400 Hz	Cable, 6 m, 4-wire	FT 50 RLA-40-F-K5	574-41000
20 µm	< 0.1 mm	30 ms	20 ms	40 Hz	Cable, 6 m, 4-wire	FT 50 RLA-40-S-K5	574-41002

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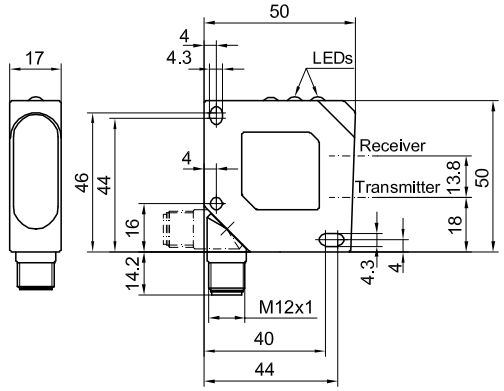
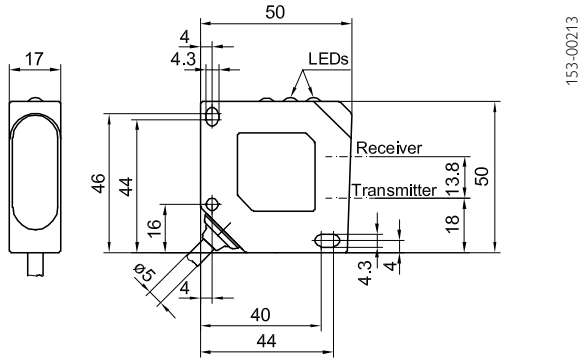
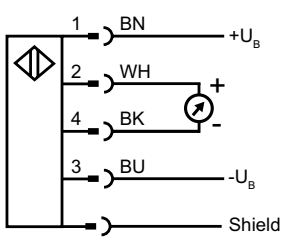
Plug connection



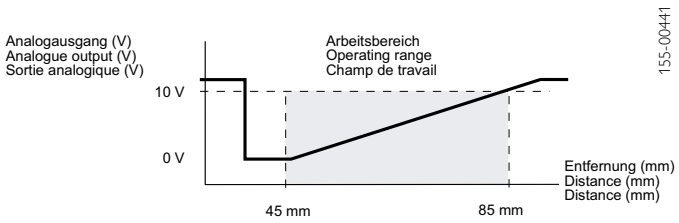
Cable connection



Connection, 4-pin



Characteristic output curve



Accessories

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FT 50 RLA 70 / 100 / 220

Distance sensor

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- Precise distance measurement
- Largely independent of target object reflectivity (highly reflective and glossy objects)
- High long-term stability and low temperature effects
- High resolution
- Very high update rate of analogue output (response time)
- One switching output, one analogue output 4 ... 20 mA
- Simple adjustment via teach-in button

Optical data	
Operating range	30 … 100 mm / 70 … 170 mm / 80 … 300 mm[1]
Measurement range	70 mm, 100 mm, 220 mm
Type of light	Laser, red, 650 nm
Laser Class (IEC 60825-1)	1
Resolution	< 0.1 % of operating range end-value[2] (see Selection Table)
Linearity	< 0.25 % of operating range end-value (see Selection Table)
Repeatability	< 0.25 % of measurement value

Functions	
Indicator LED, green	Operating voltage indicator
Indicator LED, yellow	Switching output indicator
Scanning distance adjustment	Via Teach-in button and control input
Adjustment possibilities	N.O. / N.C. via Teach-in button and control input Button lock via control input

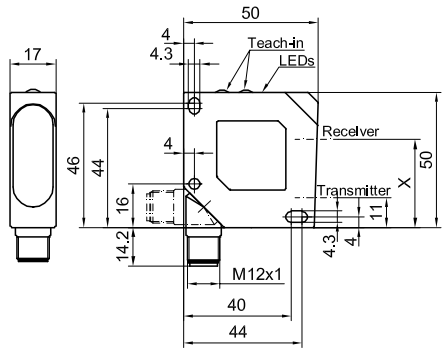
Electrical data	
Operating voltage, $+U_B$	18 … 30 V DC
No-load current, I_0	≤ 40 mA
Output current, Ie	≤ 100 mA
Protective circuits	Reverse-polarity protection, U_B / short-circuit protection, Q
Protection Class	2
Power On Delay	< 300 ms
Switching output, Q	PNP
Output function	N.O. / N.C.
Max. capacitive load, Q	< 100 nF
Analogue output	4 … 20 mA
Temperature drift	< 0.02 % of operating range end-value / K
Load	≤ 500 Ω (recommended)
Switching frequency, f (ti/tp 1:1)	≤ 1 kHz (speed mode) ≤ 10 Hz (averaging mode)
Response time	0.4 ms (speed mode) 40 ms (averaging mode)
Control input, IN	When High ($+U_B$) = laser disable When Low ($-U_B$) = button lock When open = free-running

Mechanical data	
Dimensions	50 x 50 x 17 mm
Enclosure rating	IP 67[3]
Material, housing	ABS, impact-resistant
Material, front screen	PMMA
Type of connection	See Selection Table
Ambient temperature: operation	-10 … +60 °C
Ambient temperature: storage	-20 … +80 °C
Weight	43 g
Vibration and impact resistance	EN 60947-2

[1] Reference material: Kodak grey, 18 % [2] Smallest measurable change [3] With connected IP 67 plug

Operating range	Measurement range	Resolution	Linearity	Type of connection	Part number	Article number
30 … 100 mm	70 mm	0.1 mm	0.25 mm	Plug, M12x1, 5-pin	FT 50 RLA-70-PL5	574-41027
70 … 170 mm	100 mm	0.17 mm	0.42 mm	Plug, M12x1, 5-pin	FT 50 RLA-100-PL5	574-41032
80 … 300 mm	220 mm	0.3 mm	0.75 mm	Plug, M12x1, 5-pin	FT 50 RLA-220-PL5	574-41029

Plug connection



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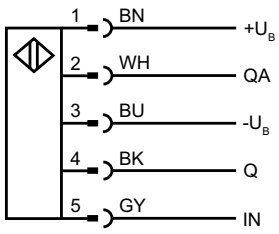
Type

FT 50 RLA 70
FT 50 RLA 100
FT 50 RLA 220

X (distance, receiver)

29.4 mm
32.5 mm
32.5 mm

Connection, 5-pin



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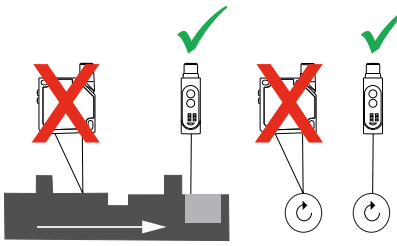
Installation



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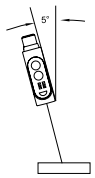

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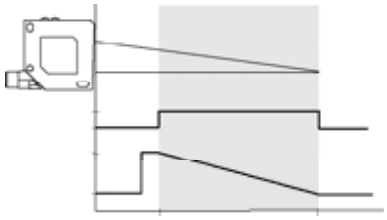
Characteristic analogue curve

Operating range (default setting)



OK LED (green)
(Good Target)

Analogue output
(invertible)

FT 50 RLA 70	30 mm	100 mm
FT 50 RLA 100	70 mm	170 mm
FT 50 RLA 220	80 mm	300 mm

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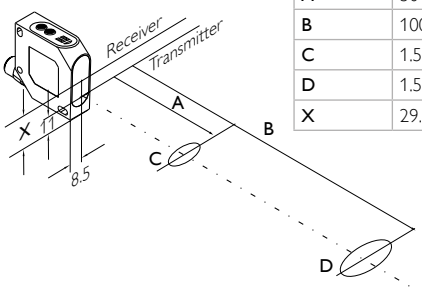
Light spot geometry



FT 50 RLA	70 …	100 …	220 …
A	30	70	80
B	100	170	300
C	1.5 x 3	1.5 x 3.5	1.5 x 3.5
D	1.5 x 3.25	1.7 x 3.9	2 x 4.5
X	29.4	32.5	32.5

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Accessories

Connection cables	From Page A-38
Brackets	From Page A-4

FT 50 RLA 70 / 100 / 220

Distance sensor with RS485 interface

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- Largely independent of target object reflectivity (highly reflective and glossy objects)
- RS485 interface for parameterisation and measurement value output
- High resolution
- Rapid response time
- 2 switching outputs, 1 analogue output 4 ... 20 mA
- High long-term stability and low temperature effects

Optical data	
Operating range	30 … 100 mm / 70 … 170 mm / 80 … 300 mm[1]
Measurement range	70 mm, 100 mm, 120 mm
Type of light	Laser, red, 650 nm
Laser Class (IEC 60825-1)	1
Resolution	< 0.1 % of operating range end-value (0.1 mm / 0.17 mm/ 0.3 mm)[2]
Linearity	< 0.25 % of operating range end-value (0.25 mm / 0.42 mm / 0.75 mm)
Repeatability	< 0.25 % of measurement value

Functions	
Indicator LED, green	Operating voltage indicator
Indicator LED, yellow	Switching output indicator
Scanning distance adjustment	Via Teach-in button and control input
Adjustment possibilities	N.O. / N.C. via Teach-in button and control input Button lock via control input
Default settings	Max. scanning distance and N.O.

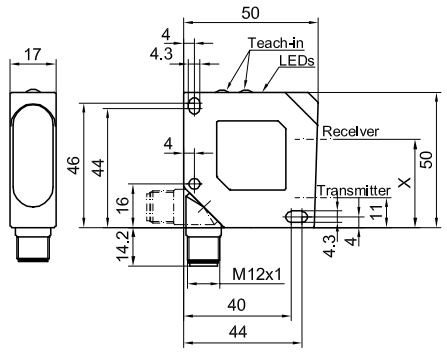
Electrical data	
Operating voltage, $+U_B$	18 … 30 V DC
No-load current, I_0	≤ 40 mA
Output current, Ie	≤ 100 mA
Protective circuits	Reverse-polarity protection, U_B / short-circuit protection, Q (not Type S1)
Protection Class	2
Power On Delay	≤ 300 ms
Switching output, Q_1 / Q_2	PNP
Output function	N.O. / N.C.
Analogue output	4 … 20 mA
Temperature drift	< 0.02 % of operating range end-value / K
Load	≤ 500 Ω
Switching frequency, f (ti/tp 1:1)	≤ 1000 Hz
Response time	≥ 0.4 ms (when mean value formation = off) / 4 ms / 40 ms to end-value
Serial interface	See Selection Table

Mechanical data	
Dimensions	50 x 50 x 17 mm
Enclosure rating	IP 67[3]
Material, housing	ABS, impact-resistant
Material, front screen	PMMA
Type of connection	See Selection Table
Ambient temperature: operation	-10 … +60 °C
Ambient temperature: storage	-20 … +80 °C
Weight	43 g
Vibration and impact resistance	EN 60947-2

[1] Reference material: Kodak grey, 18 % [2] Smallest measurable change [3] With connected IP 67 plug

Scanning distance	Measurement range	Resolution	Linearity	Serial interface	Type of connection	Part number	Article number
30 … 100 mm	70 mm	0,1 mm	0,25 mm	–	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 50 RLA-70-L8	574-41018
30 … 100 mm	70 mm	0,1 mm	0,25 mm	RS485	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 50 RLA-70-S1L8	574-41019
70 … 170 mm	100 mm	0,17 mm	0,42 mm	RS485	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 50 RLA-100-S1L8	574-41033
80 … 300 mm	220 mm	0,3 mm	0,75 mm	–	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 50 RLA-220-L8	574-41014
80 … 300 mm	220 mm	0,3 mm	0,75 mm	RS485	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 50 RLA-220-S1L8	574-41015

Plug connection



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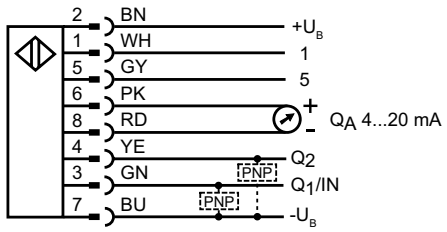
Type	X (distance, receiver)
FT 50 RLA 70	29,4 mm
FT 50 RLA 100	32,5 mm
FT 50 RLA 220	32,5 mm

Connection, 8-pin



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Type	Pin 1	Pin 5
FT 50 RLA -S1L8.	RS485 Y/A	RS485 Z/B
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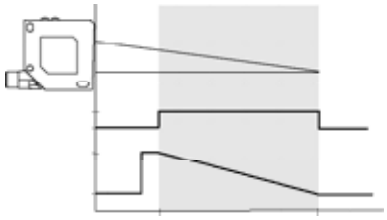
Characteristic analogue curve

Operating range (default setting)



OK LED (green)
(Good Target)

Analogue output
(invertible)

FT 50 RLA 70	30 mm	100 mm
FT 50 RLA 100	70 mm	170 mm
FT 50 RLA 220	80 mm	300 mm

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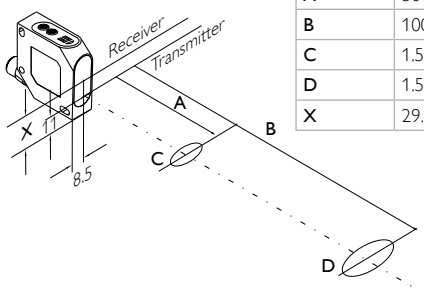
Light spot geometry



FT 50 RLA	70 …	100 …	220 …
A	30	70	80
B	100	170	300
C	1.5 x 3	1.5 x 3.5	1.5 x 3.5
D	1.5 x 3.25	1.7 x 3.9	2 x 4.5
X	29.4	32.5	32.5

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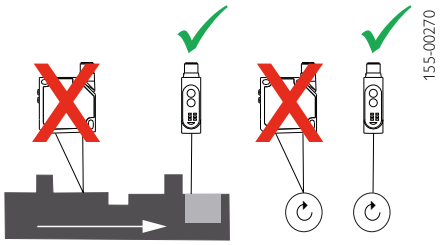
Installation



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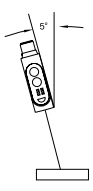

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FT 80 RLA

Distance sensor with RS485 interface

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- Long operating distance
- 2 switching outputs + analogue output: 4 … 20 mA
- High resolution (0.1% of measurement range)
- Type S1 with serial Bus interface (RS485 half-duplex)
- Adjustable via Teach-in; Type S1 also via software
- Wide range of functions

Optical data	
Operating range	250 … 750 mm[1]
Measurement range	500 mm
Type of light	Laser, red, 650 nm
Laser Class (IEC 60825-1)	1
Resolution	< 0.1 % of measurement range end-value
Linearity	< 0.25 % of measurement range end-value

Functions	
Indicator LED, green	Operating voltage indicator
Indicator LED, yellow	Switching output indicator
Indicator LED, red	State indicator
Scanning distance adjustment	Via Teach-in button and control input
Adjustment possibilities	Button lock via control input
Default settings	Max. scanning distance and N.O.

Electrical data	
Operating voltage, $+U_B$	18 … 30 V DC
No-load current, I_0	≤ 40 mA
Output current, Ie	≤ 100 mA
Protective circuits Temperature drift	Reverse-polarity protection, U_B / short-circuit protection, Q (not Type S1)
Protection Class	2
Power On Delay	≤ 300 ms
Switching output, Q_1 / Q_2	PNP
Output function	N.O. / N.C.
Analogue output	4 … 20 mA
Temperature drift	< 0.02 % of operating range end-value / K
Load	≤ 500 Ω (recommended)
Switching frequency, f (ti/tp 1:1)	≤ 1000 Hz
Response time	≥ 0.4 ms (when mean value formation = off) / 4 ms / 40 ms to end-value
Serial interface	See Selection Table

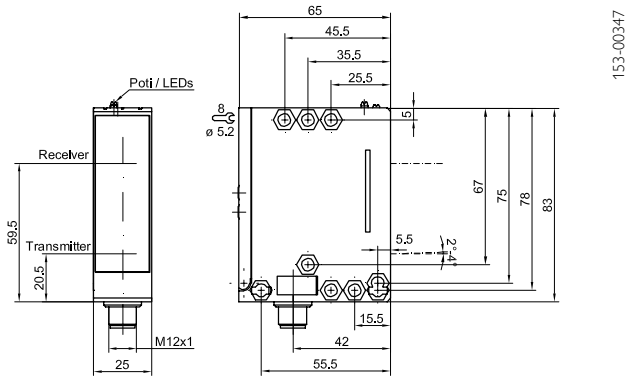
Mechanical data	
Dimensions	83 x 65 x 25 mm
Enclosure rating	IP 67[2]
Material, housing	PBT
Material, front screen	PMMA
Type of connection	See Selection Table
Ambient temperature: operation	-10 … +60 °C
Ambient temperature: storage	-20 … +80 °C
Weight	107 g

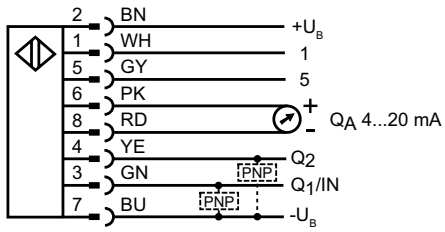
[1] Reference material: Kodak grey, 18 % [2] With connected IP 67 plug

Scanning distance	Measurement range	Resolution	Linearity	Serial interface	Type of connection	Part number	Article number
250 … 750 mm	500 mm	0,1 mm	0,25 mm	–	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 80 RLA-500-L8	574-41020
250 … 750 mm	500 mm	0,1 mm	0,25 mm	RS485	Plug, M12x1, 8-pin	FT 80 RLA-500-S1L8	574-41024

Version: 07/2016. Subject to changes; diagrams similar

Plug connection



Connection, 8-pin	Type	Pin 1	Pin 5
	FT 80 RLA 500 -S1L8.	RS485 Y/A	RS485 Z/B
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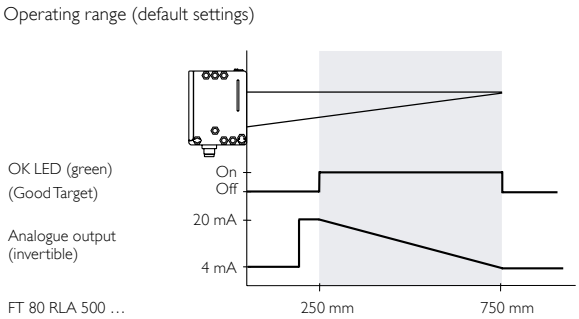
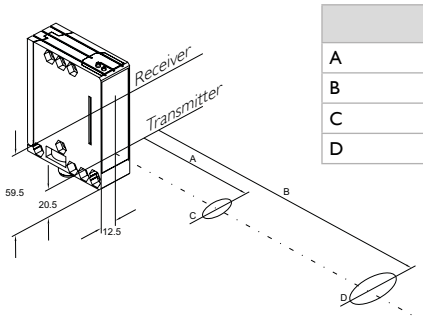
Characteristic analogue curve



Light spot geometry



	FT 80 RLA 500 …
A	250 mm
B	750 mm
C	1.9 mm x 1.2 mm
D	2.7 mm x 1.9 mm

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