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PSD (position sensitive detector)



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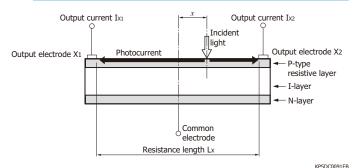


Various methods are available for detecting the position of incident light, including methods using an array of many small detectors and a multielement detector (e.g., image sensor). In contrast to these, the PSD is a monolithic device designed to detect the position of incident light. Since the PSD is a non-segmented photosensor that makes use of the surface resistance of the photodiode, it provides continuous electrical signals and offers excellent position resolution, fast response, and high reliability. Hamamatsu PSDs are fabricated using our unique semiconductor process technology and have the following features:

- · Excellent position resolution
- · Wide spectral response range
- · High-speed response
- · Simultaneous detection of light intensity and light intensity center of gravity of spot light
- · High reliability

The PSD is used in a wide range of fields such as measurements of position, angles, distortion, vibration, and lens reflection/refraction. Applications also include precision measurement such as laser displacement meters, as well as optical remote control devices, distance sensors, and optical switches.

Schematic of PSD cross section

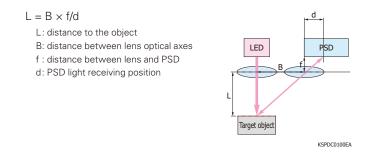


 \cdot Conversion formula for light spot incident position

$$\frac{|X_2 - |X_1|}{|X_1 + |X_2|} = \frac{2x}{|L_x|}$$

Principle of triangulation

With the optical system shown in the figure on the right, the distance between the light receiving position of the PSD and the object is related to the following equation from the principle of triangulation. This allows obtaining the distance from the PSD output value.



Application examples

[Auto-focus]



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The PSD measures the distance to the screen to autofocus the image.

[Obstacle detection]



KPSDC0102EA

The PSD measures distance to avoid obstacles.

One-dimensional PSD

These PSDs have a belt-like photosensitive area and detect the position along the longer direction.

Type no.	Photosensitive area (mm)	Resistance length (mm)	Interelectrode resistance Vb=0.1 V (kΩ)	Spectral response range (nm)	Package	Photo
<u>S4583-04</u>	1 × 3	3	140	760 to 1100	Plastic	
<u>S4584-04</u>		3.5	140 -	760 to 1100	Plastic	
<u>S4584-06</u>	1 × 3.5			320 to 1100		1 contraction of the second se
<u>S3274-05</u>			400	760 to 1100		
<u> S7105-04</u>				760 to 1100	Plastic	
<u> S7105-06</u>	1	4.2	140	320 to 1100		- The
<u>S7105-16</u>	1 × 4.2			320 to 1100	Glass epoxy	
<u>S7105-05</u>			400	760 to 1100	Plastic	
<u>S15430-01CT</u>		6	50	780 to 1100	Glass epoxy	0
<u>S15430-02CT</u>	1 × 6			320 to 1100		()
<u>S15430-03CT</u>			300	780 to 1100		10 IC
<u>S3931</u>	1 × 6	6		320 to 1100	Ceramic	R
<u>S3932</u>	1 ~ 10	12	50	320 to 1100	Ceramic	
<u>S14241</u>	1 × 12			380 to 1000	Glass epoxy	
<u>S8543</u>	0.7 × 24	24	140	320 to 1100	Ceramic	(*1****)

Two-dimensional PSD

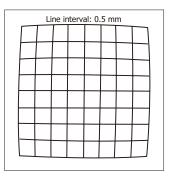
These PSDs detect two-dimensional positions.

Type no.	Photosensitive area (mm)	Resistance length (mm)	Interelectrode resistance Vb=0.1 V (kΩ)	Spectral response range (nm)	Package	Photo
<u>S2044</u> *1	4.7 × 4.7	5.7	10	320 to 1060	Metal	
<u> S5990-01</u>	4 × 4	4.5		320 to 1100	Ceramic chip	
<u> S5991-01</u>	9 × 9	10	7	320 (0 1100	carrier	
<u>S15534</u>	4 × 4	4.5		380 to 1100	Glass epoxy	

*1: Corresponds to small spot light

Examples of position detectability [Ta=25 °C, λ=900 nm (S2044), λ=830 nm (S5990-01, S5991-01, S15534), light spot size: φ0.2 mm]

[S2044]



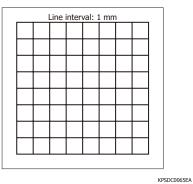
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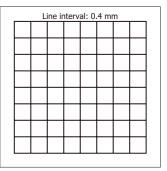
Line interval: 0.4 mm

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[S5991-01]



[S15534]



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PSD signal processing circuits

DC type

These are signal processing circuits for DC light detection.

Type no.	Compatible PSD	Output	Dimensions (mm)	Photo
<u>C3683-02</u>	One-dimensional PSD	Analog	66 × 56 × 15	
<u>C9068-01</u>		Digital (RS-232C)	110 × 75 × 15	
<u>C4674-01</u>	Two-dimensional PSD -	Analog	90 × 65 × 15	
<u>C9069-01</u>		Digital (RS-232C)	$110 \times 75 \times 15$	

PSD modules

The high-precision analog output position detectors combine a PSD for precision photometry with a low-noise amplifier.

Type no.	Built-in PSD	Photosensitive area	Peak sensitivity wavelength	Photosensitivity*2	Output noise voltage	Cutoff fr f -3 (kł	c dB	Photo
		(mm)	(nm)	(mV/µW)	(mVp-p)	Lower	Upper	1
<u>C10443-01</u>	Two-dimensional PSD	4×4	960	-60	1	DC	16	-
<u>C10443-02</u>		9 × 9						

*2: λ=λp

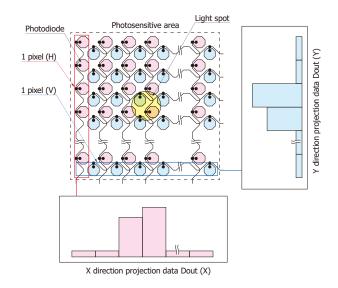
Profile sensors

These high-speed frame rate CMOS image sensors are specialized for acquiring 2-D projection data. A built-in A/D converter makes them available for digital output. The S15366 series also integrates a center-of-gravity calculation circuit, so the center-of-gravity calculation result of light is output.

Type no.	Photosensitive area [mm (H) × mm (V)]	Number of lines X/Y directions	Pixel pitch (µm)	Frame rate 8-bit max. (frames/s)	Package	Photo
<u>S9132</u>	- 1.9968 × 1.9968	256	7.8	3200	Ceramic	
<u> S15366-256</u>	1.9906 × 1.9906			3156	- Glass epoxy	New York Street St
<u>S15366-512</u>	3.9936 × 3.9936	512		1602		

Operating principle

In the photosensitive area arranged two-dimensionally, the photosensitive area for the X-direction projection data is connected in one vertical column, and the photosensitive area for the Y-direction projection data is connected in one horizontal row using metal wiring. Output of the photosensitive area of the same line is read out as added data, making it possible to acquire projection data in the X/Y directions. The amount of data per frame is small, achieving a high frame rate.



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