

Mini-spectrometers



[TG series]

C9404CA

C9404CAH

High sensitivity type (integrated with back-thinned type CCD image sensor)

TG series mini-spectrometers are polychromators integrated with optical elements, an image sensor and a driver circuit. Light to be measured is guided into the entrance port of TM series through an optical fiber and the spectrum measured with the built-in image sensor is output from the USB port to a PC for data acquisition. The C9404CA and C9404CAH are high sensitivity mini-spectrometers employing a back-thinned type CCD image sensor. Their sensitivity is about two orders of magnitude higher than CMOS types making them even more ideal for low-light-level measurement. The C9404CAH is high resolution type (resolution: 1 nm Typ.). Their products come supplied with evaluation software that allows setting measurement conditions, acquiring and saving data, and displaying graphs. Original measurement software can be designed on an end-user's side as DLL's function specification is disclosed.

Features

- **Integrated with back-thinned type CCD image sensor: Sensitivity is about two orders of magnitude higher than CMOS types.**
- **High resolution 1 nm (C9404CAH)**
- **High throughput due to transmission grating made of quartz**
- **Easy to install into equipment**
- **Wavelength conversion factor*1 is recorded in internal memory**
- **Supports external trigger input*2**

*1: A conversion factor for converting the image sensor pixel number into a wavelength is recorded in the module. A calculation factor for converting the A/D converted count into the input light intensity is not provided.

*2: Coaxial cable for external trigger input is sold separately. Refer to the "Mini-spectrometers Selection Guide" for details on external triggers.

Applications

- **Low-light-level measurement such as fluorescence measurement**
- **Evaluation of light source characteristics such as UV light source**

Optical characteristics

Parameter	TG-UV-CCD		Unit
	C9404CA	C9404CAH	
Spectral response range	200 to 400		nm
Spectral resolution (FWHM)*3	Typ.	1	nm
	Max.	2.2	
Wavelength reproducibility*4	-0.1 to +0.1		nm
Wavelength temperature dependence	-0.02 to +0.02		nm/°C
Spectral stray light*3 *5	-35 max.		dB

*3: Depends on the slit opening. Values were measured with the slit listed in the table "Structure".

*4: Measured under constant light input conditions

*5: When monochromatic light of 300 nm is input, spectral stray light is defined as the ratio of the count measured at the input wavelength, to the count measured in a region of the input wavelength ± 20 nm.

Electrical characteristics

Parameter	Specification	Unit
A/D conversion	16	bit
Integration time	10 to 10000	ms
Interface	USB 1.1	-
USB bus power current consumption	150 max.	mA
External power supply	5	V

Structure

Parameter	C9404CA	C9404CAH	Unit
Dimensions (W × D × H)	125.7 × 115.7 × 75		mm
Weight	670		g
Image sensor	Back-thinned type CCD image sensor (S10420-1006-01)		-
Number of pixels	1024		pixels
Slit*6 (H × V)	140 × 500	10 × 1000	μm
NA*7	0.11		-
Connector for optical fiber	SMA905D		-

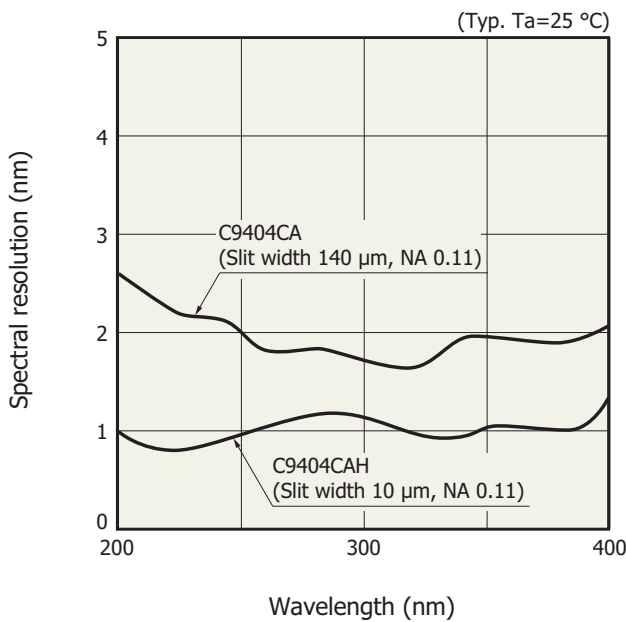
*6: Entrance slit aperture size
 *7: Numeric aperture (solid angle)

Absolute maximum ratings

Parameter	C9404CA	C9404CAH	Unit
Operating temperature*8	+5 to +40		°C
Storage temperature*8	-20 to +70		°C

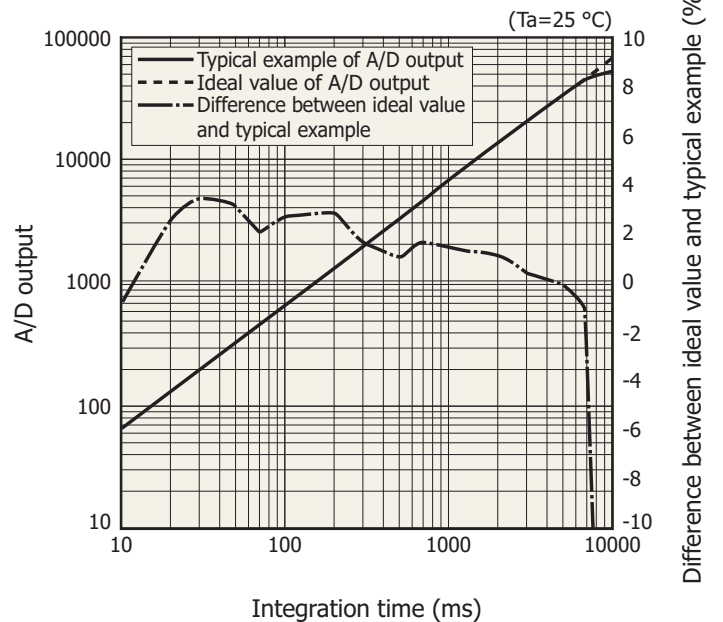
*8: No dew condensation
 When there is a temperature difference between a product and the surrounding area in high humidity environment, dew condensation may occur on the product surface. Dew condensation on the product may cause deterioration in characteristics and reliability.
 Note: Exceeding the absolute maximum ratings even momentarily may cause a drop in product quality. Always be sure to use the product within the absolute maximum ratings.

Spectral resolution vs. wavelength



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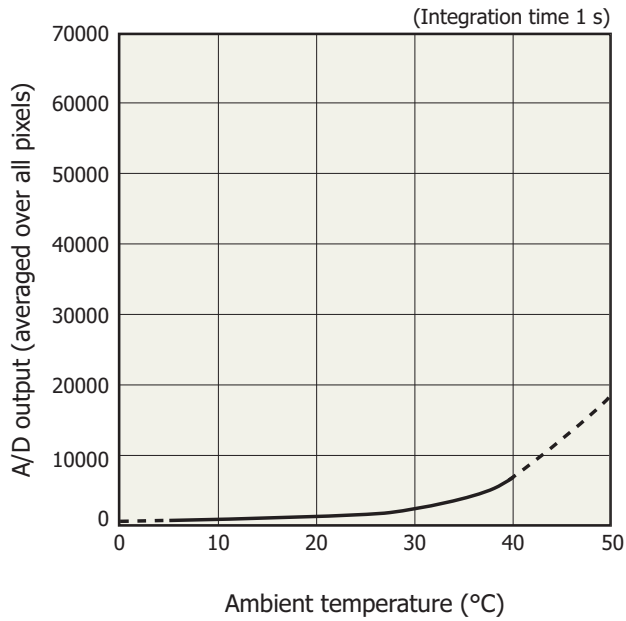
Linearity (typical example)



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A/D output is the output with dark output is subtracted when light is input. The difference between the ideal value and typical example contains a measurement error. The smaller the A/D output, the larger the measurement error.

Dark output vs. ambient temperature (typical example)

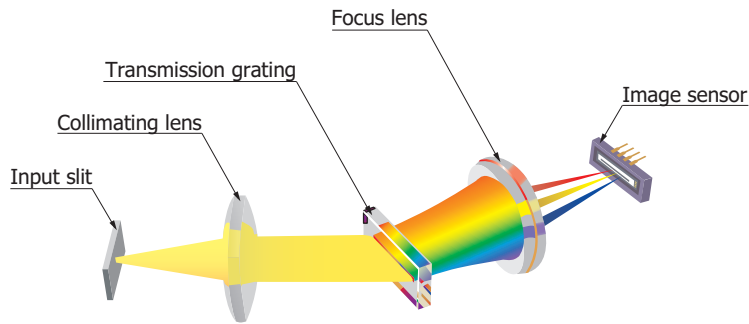


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A/D output is the sum of the sensor and circuit offset outputs and the sensor dark output.

Optical component layout

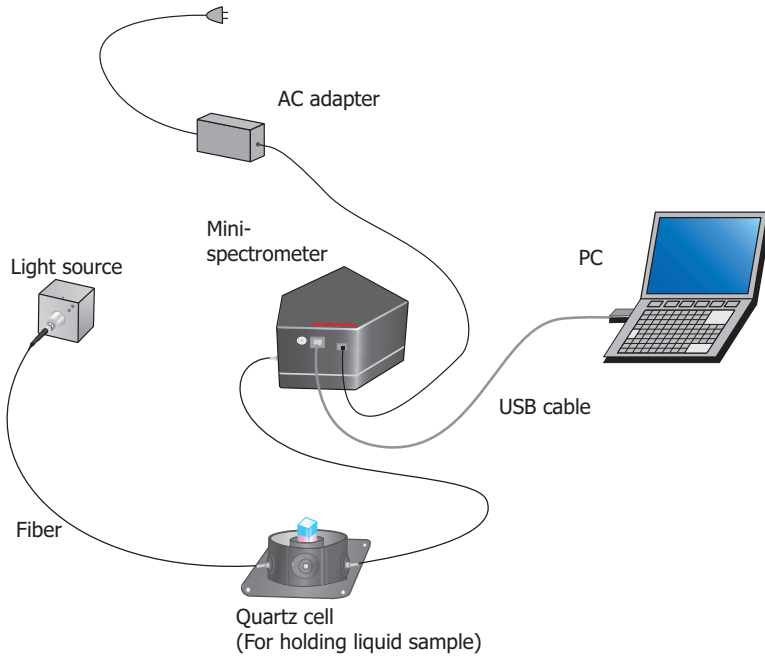
TM series mini-spectrometers use a transmission holographic grating made of quartz and precision optical components arranged on a rugged optical base, making it possible to deliver high throughput and highly accurate optical characteristics.



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Connection example (transmission light measurement)

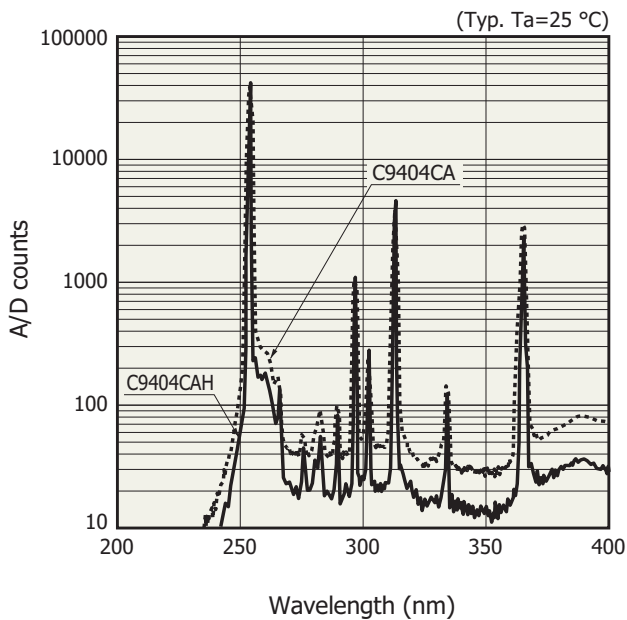
Light to be measured is guided into the entrance port of TM series through an optical fiber and the spectrum measured with the built-in image sensor is output through the USB port to a PC for data acquisition. There are no moving parts inside the unit so stable measurements are obtained at all times. An optical fiber that guides light input from external sources allows a flexible measurement setup.



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Measurement example

Line spectra from low-pressure mercury lamp

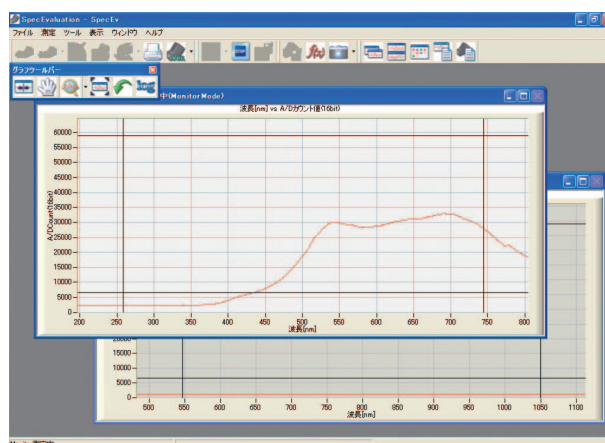


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❏ Evaluation software package (supplied with unit)

Installing the evaluation software package (Spec Evaluation.exe)*9 into your PC allows running the following basic tasks:

- Measurement data acquisition and save
- Measurement condition setup
- Module information acquisition
(wavelength conversion factor, polychromator type, etc.)
- Graphic display
- Arithmetic operation
 - Pixel number to wavelength conversion
 - Comparison calculation with reference data
(transmittance, reflectance)
 - Dark subtraction
 - Gaussian approximation
(peak position and count, FWHM)



Note:

- Two or more mini-spectrometers can be connected and used with one PC simultaneously.
- The external trigger input function does not work with the evaluation software. If using an external trigger input or designing original application software, the user software must be configured to support that function.

*9: Compatible OS: Microsoft Windows 8.1 Professional (32-bit, 64-bit)
Microsoft Windows 10 Professional (32-bit, 64-bit)

DLL for controlling hardware is also provided.

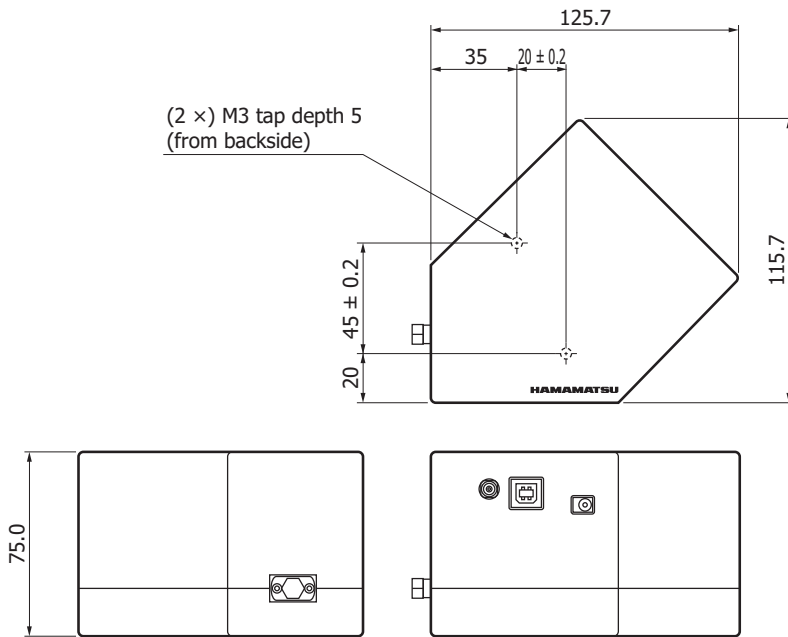
You can develop your own measurement programs by using a following software development environment.

Microsoft Visual Studio® 2008 (SP1) Visual C++®

Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 (SP1) Visual Basic®

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Dimensional outline (unit: mm)



Tolerance unless otherwise noted: ± 0.5
 Weight: 670 g

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Accessories

- USB cable
- Dedicated software (evaluation software, sample software, DLL)
- AC adapter (for power supply)

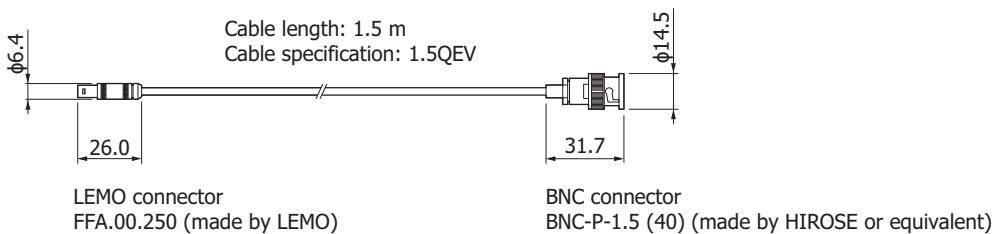
Options (sold separately)

- Optical fiber for light input

Type no.	Product name	Applicable mini-spectrometer	Core diameter (μm)	Specification
A15362-01	Fiber for UV/visible range (resistance to UV)	C9404CA (TG-UV-CCD) C9404CAH (TG-UV-CCD)	600	NA=0.22, length 1.5 m, connectorized SMA905D at both ends

- Coaxial cable for external trigger input A10670

Dimensional outline (unit: mm)



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Related information

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