

WORLD-BEAM® QS18AF40 Mechanically Adjustable Background Suppression Sensor (15-40mm)



Datasheet

Compact sensors featuring precise adjustment of cutoff distance and background suppression mode



- Short-range models for precise adjustment of cutoff distance
- Exceptional optical performance; 15 mm to 40 mm adjustable range in compact QS18 housing
- Background suppression models for reliable detection of objects when the background condition is not controlled or fixed
- Simple multi-turn screw adjustment of cutoff distance
- Enhanced immunity to fluorescent lights
- Crosstalk immunity algorithm allows two sensors to be used in close proximity
- Visible red emitter



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.

Models

Models ¹	Supply Voltage	Sensing Range	Output Type
QS18VN6AF40	10 to 30 V dc	15 to 40 mm adjustable range	NPN
QS18VP6AF40			PNP
QS18AB6AF40			Bipolar (1 NPN & 1 PNP)

Overview

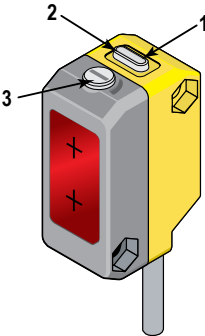
WORLD-BEAM® QS18 Adjustable-Field Sensors with Background Suppression ignore objects beyond the set cutoff distance. Background suppression mode can be used in most situations with varying object color and position or with varying background conditions.

The short range models offer precise cutoff capability for short range applications. With an adjustable cutoff distance of 15 to 40 mm, thinner objects closer to the background can be detected.

¹ Only standard 2 m (6.5 ft) cable models are listed.

- To order 9 m (30 ft) cable models: add suffix "**W/30**" to the model number (for example, **QS18VN6AF40 W/30**)
- To order QD models: For 150 mm (6 in) pigtail cable with 4-pin AC Micro-style QD, add suffix "Q2" to the model number (for example, **QS18VN6AF40Q2**). A model with a QD connector requires an accessory mating cordset; see [Quick-Disconnect \(QD\) Cordsets](#) on page 6
- To order 600 V cable models: Standard models are supplied with 300 V cable. For 600 V cable, add suffix "C1" to the model number (for example, **QS18VN6AF40C1**).





1	Green: Power Indicator
2	Yellow: Light Sensed Indicator (Flashes for Marginal Conditions)
3	Cutoff Point Adjustment Screw

Figure 1. Sensor features

Sensor Orientation

To ensure reliable detection, orient the sensor as shown in relation to the target to be detected.

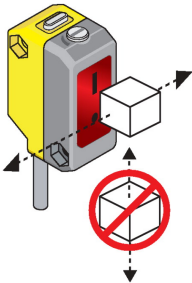
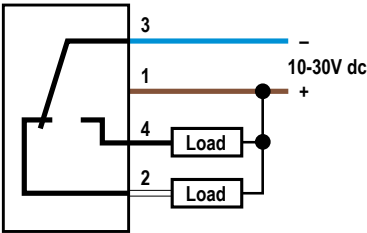


Figure 2. Optimal Orientation of Target to Sensor

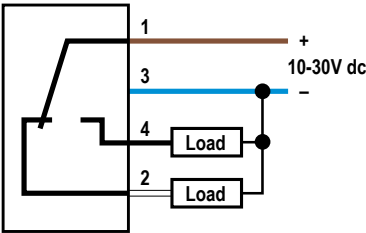
Wiring Diagrams

Cabled wiring diagrams are shown. Quick disconnect (QD) wiring diagrams are functionally identical.

NPN (Sinking) Outputs



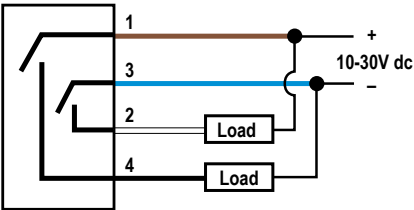
PNP (Sourcing) Outputs



Wiring Key

- 1 = Brown
- 2 = White
- 3 = Blue
- 4 = Black

Bipolar Outputs



Sensor Setup - Background Suppression

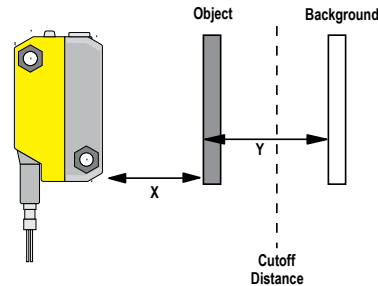
Background Suppression Mode: Objects beyond the set cutoff distance will not be detected.

Background suppression mode can be used in most situations with varying object colors and positions or with varying background conditions.

To ensure reliable background suppression, a minimum separation distance between the object and the background is necessary. See [Figure 7](#) on page 6 to determine the minimum separation distance.

1. Mount the sensor with the darkest object at the longest application distance. The distance to the object must be less than shown in [Figure 7](#) on page 6 for your object color.
2. Turn the adjustment potentiometer **counter-clockwise** until the yellow indicator turns **off** (5 turns maximum).
3. Turn the adjustment potentiometer **clockwise** until the yellow indicator turns **on**.
4. Replace the darkest object with the brightest background at the closest application distance.
5. Turn the adjustment potentiometer **clockwise**, counting the revolutions, until the yellow indicator turns **on**.
6. Turn the adjustment potentiometer **counter-clockwise** half of the number of turns from step 5. This places the cutoff distance midway between the object and the background switchpoints (see [Figure 3](#) on page 3).

The sensor is ready for operation.



X: Distance to the Object

Y: Minimum Separation Between the Object and the Background

Figure 3.

Set the cutoff distance approximately midway between the farthest object and the closest background

Setup Example

An object with a reflectivity similar to black paper is set 30 mm away from the sensor. A background with a reflectivity similar to white paper is set 40 mm away from the sensor. According to [Figure 7](#) on page 6, the minimum separation distance between the object and the background is 0.7 mm. In this application, reliable detection is achieved when set up according to the procedure outlined in [Sensor Setup - Background Suppression](#) on page 3.

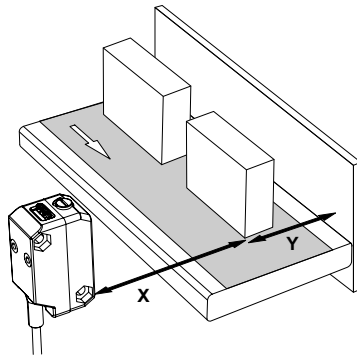


Figure 4. Background Suppression Mode Application Example

1. Object
 2. Conveyor
 3. Background
- X: Distance to the Object = 30 mm
Y: Minimum Separation Between the Object and the Background > 0.7 mm

Output States

Background Suppression Mode				
Sensor Model Type	Output	Object Inside Minimum Sensing Range	Object Between Minimum Sensing Range and Cutoff Distance	Object Beyond Cutoff Distance
All Models	Yellow Indicator Light	Undefined	ON	OFF
Complementary Models	Black Wire (Pin 4)	Undefined	ON	OFF

Background Suppression Mode				
Sensor Model Type	Output	Object Inside Minimum Sensing Range	Object Between Minimum Sensing Range and Cutoff Distance	Object Beyond Cutoff Distance
Bipolar Models	White Wire (Pin 2)	Undefined	OFF	ON
	Black Wire (Pin 4)	Undefined	ON	OFF
	White Wire (Pin 2)	Undefined	ON	OFF

Specifications

Supply Voltage

10 to 30 V dc (10% maximum ripple within specified limits) at less than 16 mA, exclusive of load

Sensing Beam

Visible red LED, 630 nm

Supply Protection Circuitry

Protected against reverse polarity and transient voltages

Output Configuration

Solid-state complementary: NPN or PNP (current sinking or sourcing), or bipolar (both sinking and sourcing) depending on model;
Rating: 100 mA total output current

Off-state leakage current: < 50 μ A at 30 V dc

ON-state saturation voltage: < 1.5 V at 10 mA; < 3.0 V at 100 mA

Protected against false pulse on power-up and continuous overload or short circuit of outputs

Required Overcurrent Protection



WARNING: Electrical connections must be made by qualified personnel in accordance with local and national electrical codes and regulations.

Overcurrent protection is required to be provided by end product application per the supplied table.

Overcurrent protection may be provided with external fusing or via Current Limiting, Class 2 Power Supply.

Supply wiring leads < 24 AWG shall not be spliced.

For additional product support, go to www.bannerengineering.com.

Supply Wiring (AWG)	Required Overcurrent Protection (Amps)
20	5.0
22	3.0
24	2.0
26	1.0
28	0.8
30	0.5

Output Response

2.8 millisecond ON/OFF

Note: 200 millisecond delay on power-up; outputs do not conduct during this time

Adjustments

Five-turn adjustment screw sets cutoff distance between min. and max. positions, clutched at both ends of travel

Repeatability

250 μ s

Indicators

2 LED indicators on sensor top:

Green solid: Power on

Amber solid: Light sensed

Amber flashing: Marginal sensing condition

Construction

ABS housing, acrylic lens cover; PVC cable, nickel-plated brass connector, acetal adjustment pot

Environmental Rating

IEC IP67; NEMA 6; UL Type 1

Connections

2 m (6.5 ft) 4-wire PVC cable, 9 m (30 ft) PVC cable, or 4-pin Pico-style or Euro-style 150 mm (6 in) pigtail QD, depending on model

Operating Conditions

Relative Humidity: 95% relative humidity at 50 °C (non-condensing)

Temperature: -20 °C to 55 °C (-4 °F to 131 °F)

Application Notes

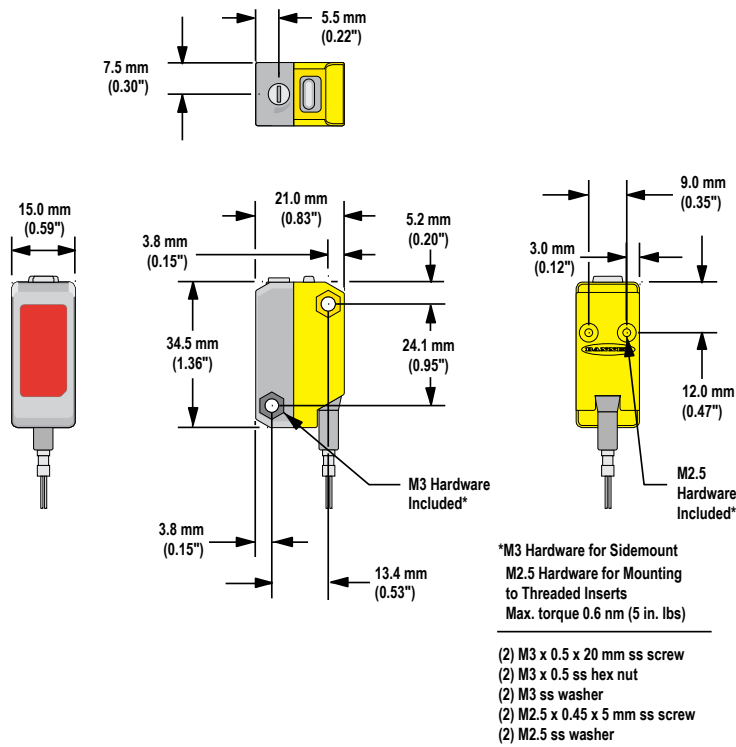
For mirror-like objects, minimize the sensor to object mounting distance and tilt the sensor so reflected light is directed away from the sensor when the object is present.

Certifications



Dimensions

All measurements are listed in millimeters [inches], unless noted otherwise.



Performance Curves

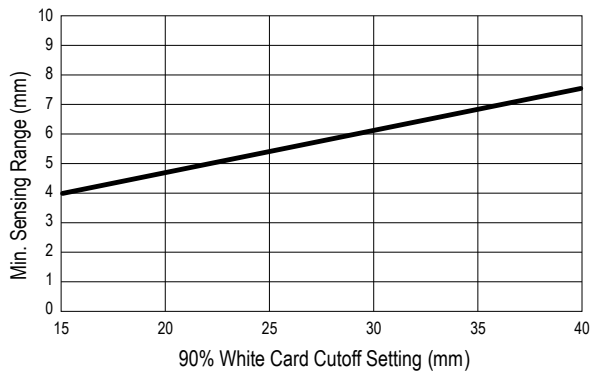


Figure 5. Minimum Sensing Range (Dead Zone) vs. 90% White Cutoff Setting

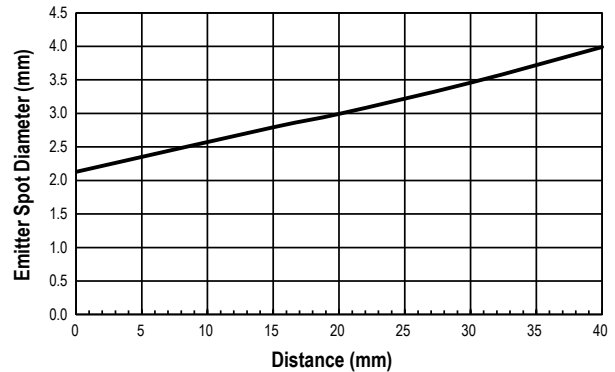


Figure 6. Typical Emitter Spot Diameter vs. Distance

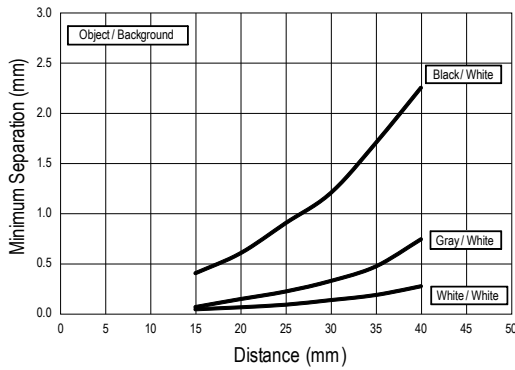
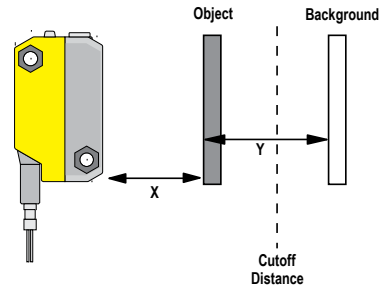


Figure 7. Minimum Separation Distance Between Object and Background: Background Suppression Mode



X: Distance to Object (mm)

Y: Minimum Separation Between Object and Background (mm)

Excess Gain Curves

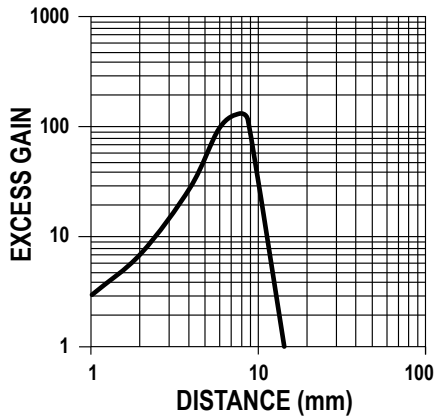


Figure 8. Excess Gain Curve with 15 mm Cutoff (based on 90% White Card)

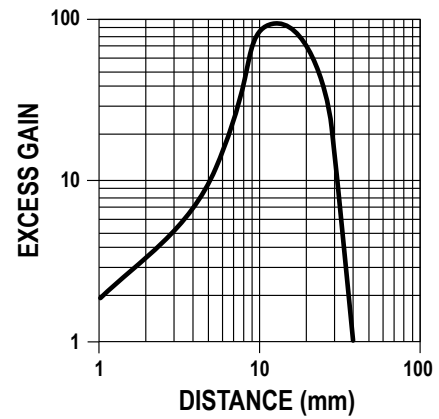
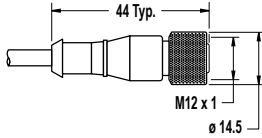
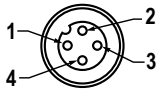


Figure 9. Excess Gain Curve with 40 mm Cutoff (based on 90% White Card)

Accessories

Quick-Disconnect (QD) Cordsets

4-Pin Snap-on M8/Pico-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)
PKG4-2	2 m (6.56 ft)	Straight		1 = Brown 2 = White 3 = Blue 4 = Black

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

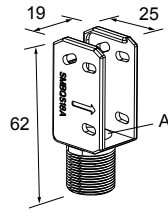
Mounting Brackets

All measurements are listed in millimeters, unless noted otherwise.

SMBQS18A

- Wrap-around protection bracket
- Die-cast bracket
- Base fits 18 mm threaded hole
- Metal hex nut, lock washer and grommet included
- Mounting holes specially designed for QS18AF sensors

Hole size: A = $\varnothing$ 15.3

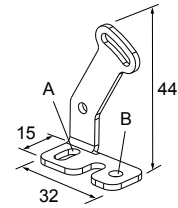


SMBQS18AF

- Right-angle mounting bracket
- 14-ga. 304 stainless steel

Hole center spacing: A to B = 20.3

Hole size: A = 4.3 × 9.4, B = $\varnothing$ 4.3



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