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

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<td>10 to 30 V dc</td>
<td>15 to 40 mm adjustable range</td>
<td>NPN</td>
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<td>QS18VP6AF40</td>
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<td>PNP</td>
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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 (p. 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).
Sensor Orientation

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

Wiring Diagrams

Cabled wiring diagrams are shown. Quick disconnect wiring diagrams are functionally identical.

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**NPN (Sinking) Outputs**

**PNP (Sourcing) Outputs**

**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* (p. 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* (p. 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* (p. 3)).

The sensor is ready for operation.

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**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* (p. 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** (p. 3).

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**Output States**

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## Background Suppression Mode

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### 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 µA 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**

**Output Response**
- 2.8 milliseconds 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 µs

**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**

### Supply Wiring (AWG) vs. Required Overcurrent Protection (Amps)

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Dimensions

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Performance Curves

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

Figure 6. Typical Emitter Spot Diameter vs. Distance
Minimum Separation (mm)

Distance (mm)

0.0
0.5
1.0
1.5
2.0
2.5
3.0
0
5
10
15
20
25
30
35
40
45
50

Object / Background

Gray / White

White / White

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

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 — Single Ended

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

WORLD-BEAM® QS18AF40 Mechanically Adjustable Background Suppression Sensor (15-40mm)
### 4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets — Single Ended

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Sensor Status Indicators

#### S15L Series In-Line Sensor Status Indicator

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<th>Male</th>
<th>Wiring</th>
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<td>S15LGYPQ</td>
<td>PNP</td>
<td>Power ON = Green, Input Active = Yellow</td>
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<td>1 = Brown, 10 V dc to 30 V dc, 2 = White, 3 = Blue, dc common, 4 = Black, Sensor Input</td>
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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 = ø 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 = ø 4.3

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