MICRO-AMP® System

MA3-4 and MA3-4P Modulated Amplifiers

the photoelectric specialist



Banner MICRO-AMP® module **models MA3-4** and MA3-4P are modulated amplifiers designed for use with the popular family of Banner high-performance remote sensors. When these modulated remote sensors are used with the MA3-4 or MA3-4P, their optical response is the same as when they are used with the larger MAXI-AMP CM Series modules.

These modules are powered by 10 to 30 volts dc. They feature the patented Banner Alignment Indicator Device (AID™) signal strength LED. Sensor sensitivity is adjustable via a top-mounted GAIN potentiometer. Circuitry is epoxy-encapsulated and protected by a tough molded VALOX® housing. Connections may be made to these modules via the optional RS8 socket/wiring base, or the module may be mounted directly to a printed circuit board.

The sensors which are used with these modules are totally encapsulated for durability and infinite life. Wide beam angles eliminate alignment problems, and high optical gain permits reliable sensing under severe conditions.

MICRO-AMP MA3-4 Specifications

SUPPLY VOLTAGE: 10 to 30V dc at less than 20 milliamps (exclusive of load); 10% maximum ripple.

OUTPUT CONFIGURATION: two open-collector NPN (current sinking) transistor (solid-state) switches; one normally-open (light operate) and one normally closed (dark operate). 150 milliamps maximum, each output. Saturation voltage less than 0.5V dc at 10 milliamp load. Off-state leakage current less than 1 microamp.

RESPONSE SPEED: 1 millisecond ON and OFF.

REPEATABILITY: 0.3 millisecond.

SENSOR LEAD LENGTH: 30 feet (9m) maximum.

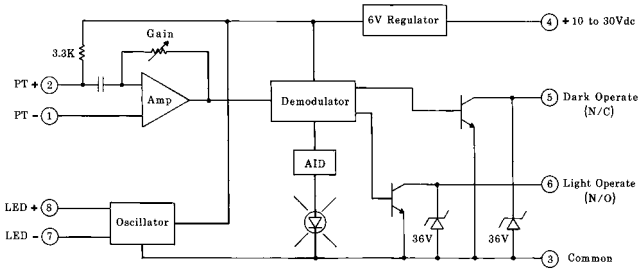
ADJUSTMENT: GAIN adjustment (single-turn potentiometer; adjust with small flat-blade screwdriver).

INDICATOR: exclusive Banner Alignment Indicator Device (AID™) system lights a red LED indicator whenever the sensor "sees" its own modulated light source, and pulses at a rate proportional to the strength of the received light signal.

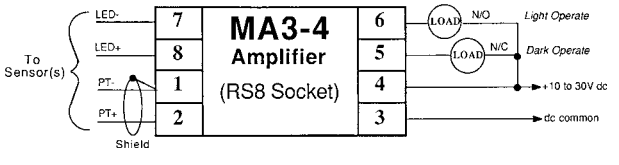
CONSTRUCTION: totally encapsulated plug-in package with molded VALOX® housing. Gold-flashed connection pins.

OPERATING TEMPERATURE:
-40 to +70 degrees C (-40 to +158 degrees F).

Functional Schematic, MA3-4



Hookup Diagram, MA3-4

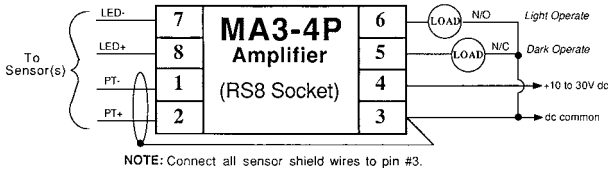


Model MA3-4P: PNP (current sourcing) output

Model MA3-4P has the same specifications and performance as the MA3-4 amplifier, except that the MA3-4P has complementary PNP outputs in place of the MA3-4's NPN configuration.

OUTPUT: two PNP transistors, complementary outputs; one normally open (light operate) and one normally closed (dark operate). 150 milliamps maximum, each output. Saturation voltage less than 1V dc at 10 milliamps. Off-state leakage current less than 1 microamp.

Hookup Diagram, MA3-4P





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Sensors for use with the MA3-4 and MA3-4P Modulated Amplifier

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Models/Dimensions

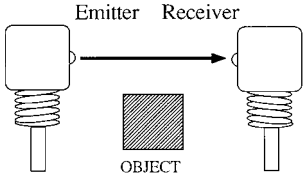
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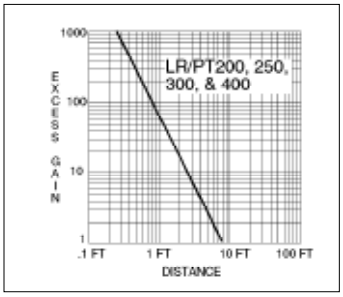
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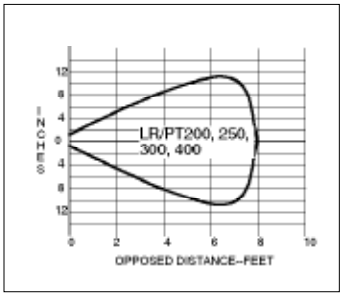
OPPOSED Mode

ALL MODELS
Range: 8 feet (2,4m)
Beam: infrared, 880nm
Effective Beam:
0.14 inch (3,6mm) dia.

PT models are receivers
LR models are emitters



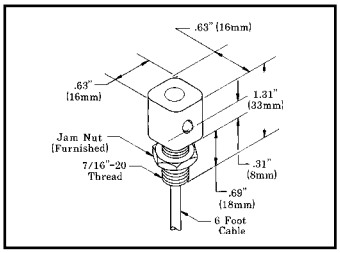




LR200 & PT200

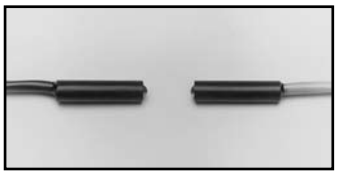
Temp. range: -40 to +100°C
Housing material: black Delrin®

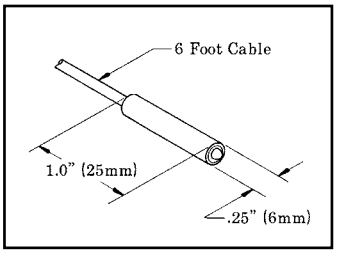




LR250 & PT250

Temp. range: -40 to +100°C
Housing material: black Delrin®

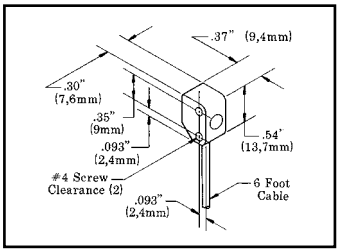




LR300 & PT300

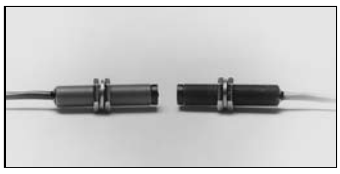
Temp. range: -40 to +80°C
Housing material: black VALOX®

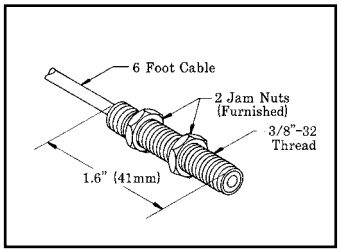




LR400 & PT400

Temp. range: -40 to +100°C
Housing material: anod. aluminum





LR/PT200, 250, 300, and 400 opposed mode remote sensors are identical electronically and optically, and differ only in their housings. All are totally epoxy-encapsulated and use hermetically sealed glass lenses to eliminate condensation inside the optical chamber. These sensors may be washed down without damage. Operating temperature is determined by the type of cable used (see specifications above). All models have a wide beam angle for forgiving line-of-sight alignment. At the same time, the effective beam of each pair is only 1/8 inch, allowing small-profile resolution and reliable response to fast-moving objects. LR models are emitters, and PT models are receivers.

LR200 & PT200: this is a right-angle design which mounts through a 7/16 inch (12mm) diameter hole, using the steel jam nut which is included. This pair is used most commonly on small conveyors when it is desireable to run the cable directly down to a wireway.

LR250 & PT250: these sensors feature a 1/4 inch (6,4mm) diameter smooth barrel design, and are usually held in place in a clearance hole with a small set-screw. Optional mounting blocks (shown below) are available. Model SMB250 holds the sensor in place with two set-screws. The block is then mounted to a bracket (such as model SMB300), or directly to a machine frame with two #6 screws. Block model SMB250C holds an LR & PT250 together to converge at approximately 1/2 inch ahead of the block.

LR & PT300: this is a miniature right-angle design which is mounted in place using two #4 screws. This pair uses a very flexible, low-profile 2-wire cable. Despite their small size, the optical performance of the LR/PT300 is equal to the other remote sensor pairs.

LR400 & PT400: the 3/8 inch (9,5mm) diameter threaded barrel design makes the LR/PT400 the most versatile and most popular remote opposed sensor pair. They are easily mounted through clearance holes using the jam nuts which are supplied. They may be used with optional L4 or L16 lenses for extended range and/or higher excess gain. The addition of an L4 lens on both the LR and PT400 will increase their range from 8 feet to 40 feet and increase the excess gain at any distance by a factor of 25X. A pair of L16 lenses will increase available excess gain by a factor of 250X.

L4 lens



L16 lens



The LR/PT400 pair is often used at close range with optional AP400 aperture assemblies to create a very small and well-defined effective beam for resolving small profiles, increasing sensing repeatability, or easing response time requirements.

SMB250



SMB250C



AP400 apertures



Aperture model	Aperture size
AP400-010	.010" dia.
AP400-015	.015" dia.
AP400-040	.040" dia.
AP400-030R	.030" x .125"

Sensors for use with MA3-4 and MA3-4P Modulated Amplifiers

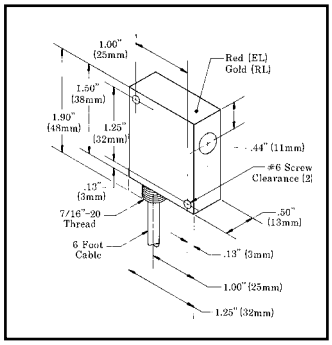
Sensors are epoxy-encapsulated. Cables are 6-1/2 feet (2m) long. 30-foot (9m) cables available by special order.

Models/Dimensions — Excess Gain — Beam Pattern

SP300EL & SP300RL

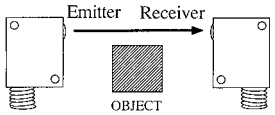
Range: 50 feet (15m)
Effective Beam: .5 inch (13mm) dia.
Temp. range: -40 to +100°C
Housing material: anodized aluminum

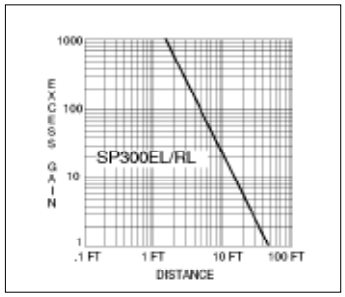


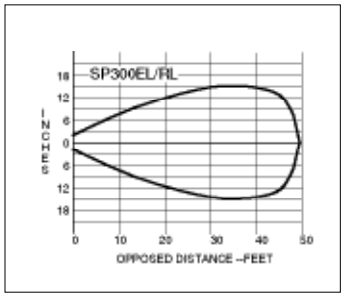


Emitter-receiver pair **SP300EL/RL** are extremely rugged and are totally encapsulated in anodized aluminum housings. The threaded hub at the cable exit allows for the use of flexible armored cable or protective PVC tubing with the addition of compression gland model CF7-16. This pair uses collimating lenses to increase range. These sensors should also be used at short ranges for their high excess gain or to avoid optical "crosstalk" in situations which require several pairs to be mounted adjacent to one another.

Long Range OPPOSED Mode



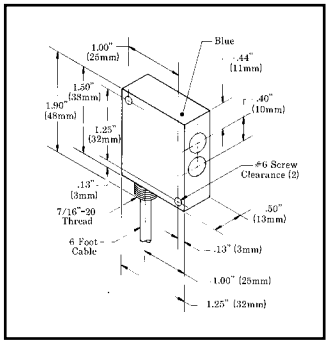




SP300L

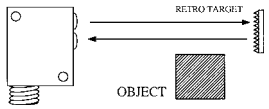
Range: 15 feet (4,5m) with BRT-3 retroreflector
Temp. range: -40 to +80°C
Housing material: blue anodized aluminum

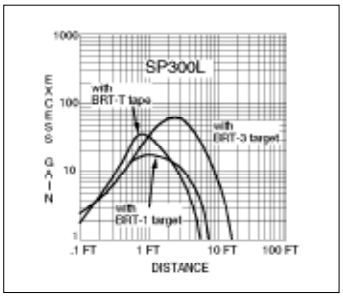


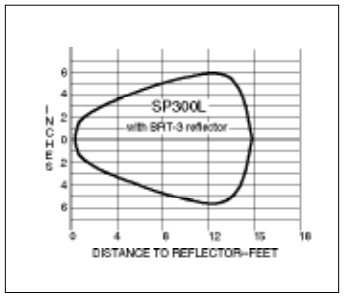


Model **SP300L** is a remote retroreflective sensor with the same rugged design as the SP300EL/RL, described above. Its useable range is from 6 inches to 15 feet (0,2 to 4,5m) using the model BRT-3 retroreflector.

RETROREFLECTIVE Mode



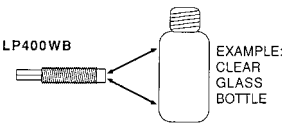




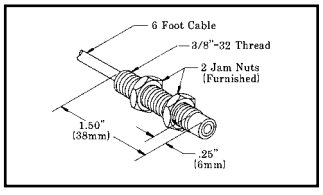
If the object that is to break the beam has a shiny surface, then the SP300L and its retroreflector should be mounted so that the beam is at an angle of 10 degrees or more to that surface in order to eliminate false signals which are caused by proxing.

LP400WB DIVERGENT Mode

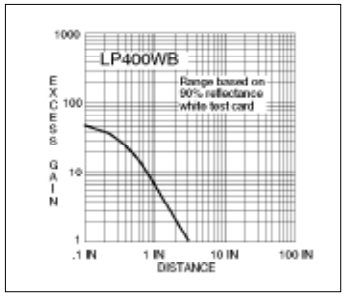
Range: 3 inches (76mm)
Temp. range: -40 to +80°C
Housing material: blue anodized aluminum

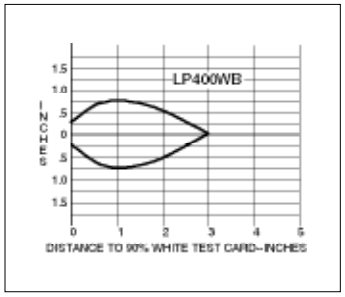






"WB" in this model number designates "wide beam". The **LP400WB** is an infrared divergent mode (wide angle diffuse mode) sensor which is particularly forgiving for reflectively sensing transparent or translucent materials or for sensing objects with irregular surfaces (e.g.- webs with "flutter"). The optics are such that even small threads or wires .005" (0,1mm) or greater in diameter may be detected when they pass within .25" (6mm) of the sensor's plastic lens. Due to its wide response pattern, the LP400WB should not be used for precise positioning control, nor should it be mounted with its lens recessed into a hole.





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Models/Dimensions — Excess Gain — Beam Pattern

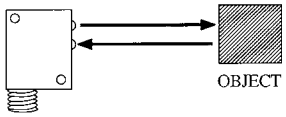
SP300D

Range: 12 inches (30cm) both models
Housing material (SP300D):
green anodized aluminum

SP320D

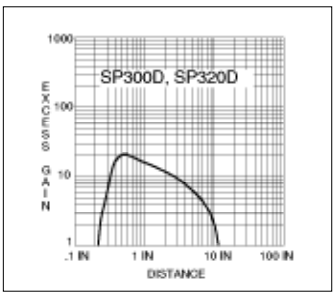
Temp. range: -40 to +80°C both models
Housing material (SP320D):
black VALOX®

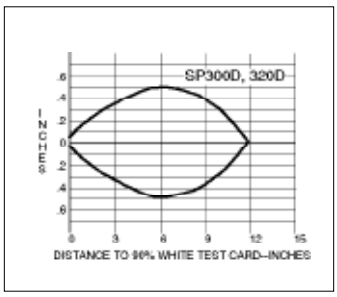
DIFFUSE Mode

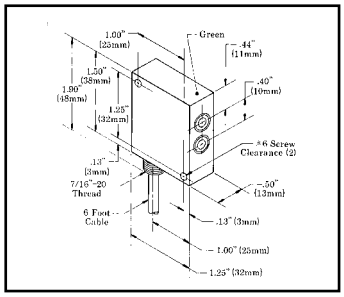


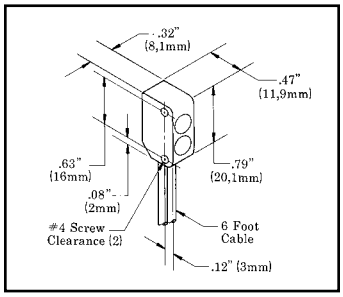












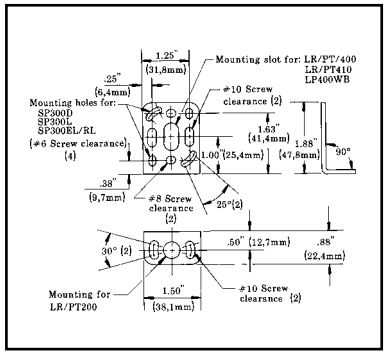
SP300D: the SP300D is the diffuse mode version of the SP300L with the same rugged aluminum housing and totally encapsulated construction. The glass lenses are hermetically sealed, which eliminates any possibility of condensation inside the lenses and allows operation in adverse environments like steam washdown and high vibration. The SP300D may be mounted by its through-holes or with the SMB300 bracket, as shown below.

SP320D: model SP320D is identical to the SP300D, except for its housing. The 320 is a miniature plastic package, designed to fit into very tight locations. It mounts using two #4 (3mm) screws. The SP320D and the SP300D are excellent for nearly any presence sensing application.

SMB300

Universal Mounting Bracket for SP300 Sensors



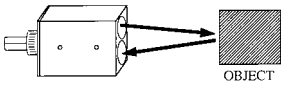


Accessory bracket model SMB300 is designed for 2-axis universal mounting of sensor models SP300EL, SP300RL, SP300L, and SP300D. These sensors are affixed to the SMB300 with two #6 (3,5mm) screws. The bracket, in turn, mounts with two #10 (5mm) screws.

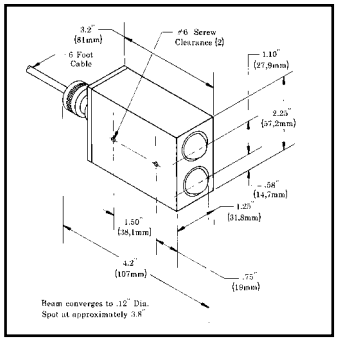
In addition, as indicated by the dimension drawing, the SMB300 has a clearance slot for mounting LR400, PT400, and LP400WB barrel sensors. LR & PT200 sensors may be mounted with the SMB300, using its 7/16-20 threaded hole and steel jam nut, which is supplied with the sensors. LR250 and PT250 sensors may be used with the SMB300 when the SMB250 block is used. Also, two SMB250 blocks may be attached to the SMB300 bracket and angled to mechanically converge an LR & PT250 sensor pair.

SP1000V CONVERGENT Mode

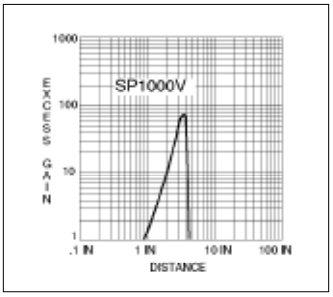
Range: focus at 3.8 inches (96mm)
Temp. range: -40 to +80 degrees C
Housing material: black anodized aluminum

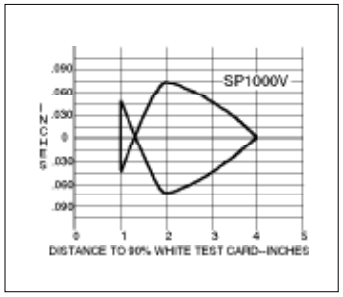






The **SP1000V** is a convergent mode sensor that produces a very small 0.1 inch (2,5mm) diameter sensing image at a point exactly 3.8 inches (96mm) from its glass lenses. As the excess gain curve illustrates, the SP1000V has a very sharp drop-off of gain beyond the focus point. This feature makes it an excellent choice for detecting a small part which is only a fraction of an inch in front of another surface, such as parts on a conveyor (viewed from above). It is also ideal for fill level detection and for precise positioning control, in lieu of opposed sensing.





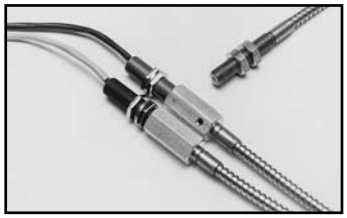
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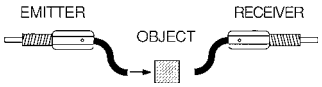
Models/Dimensions **Excess Gain** **Beam Pattern**

FIBER OPTIC Mode

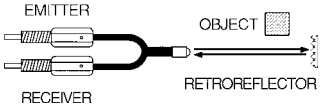
glass fiber optics



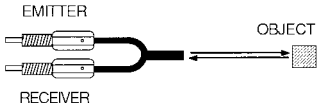
OPPOSED MODE



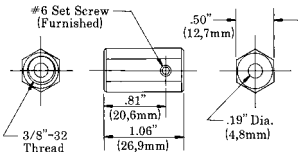
RETROREFLECTIVE MODE



DIFFUSE MODE



FOF-400 fiber optic fitting



LR400 & PT400

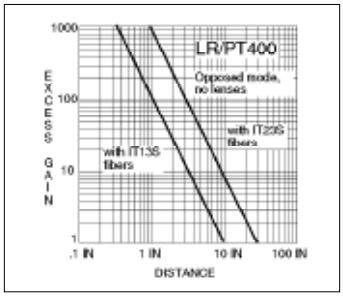
with FOF-400 fittings and fiber optics

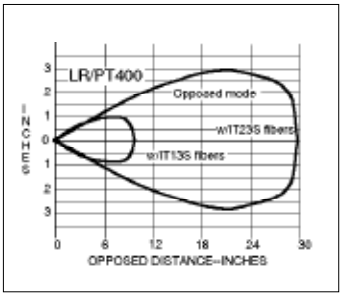
Range: see excess gain curves
Temp. range: -40 to +100°C

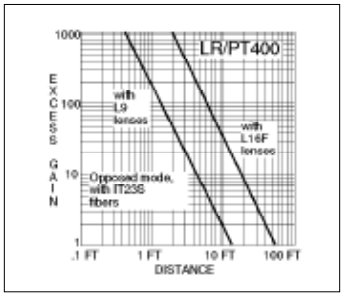
The threaded barrel design of the **LR400 and PT400** permit the connection of any Banner glass fiber optic assembly by using two model FOF-400 fittings. The sensors are typically mounted through a 3/8 inch (10mm) diameter clearance hole, with the FOF-400 fittings threaded onto them after mounting. Setscrews in the fittings lock the fibers in place, but allow rapid replacement without disturbing any electrical wiring.

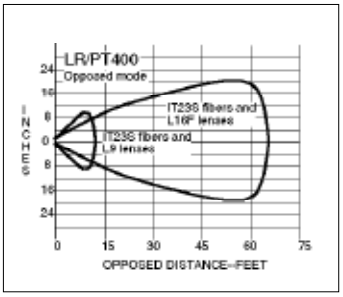
As the excess gain curves show, the LR/PT400 combination produces a high-performance fiber optic sensing system. With the amplifier's 1 millisecond response time, this system can be used for almost any fiber optic requirement.

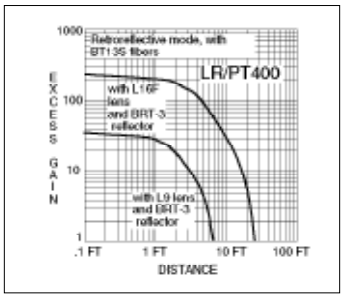
Fiber optic information:
IT13S: individual assembly .06 in. (1,5mm) dia. bundle
IT23S: individual assembly .12 in. (3mm) dia. bundle
BT13S:bifurcated assembly .06 in. (1,5mm) dia. bundle
BT23S:bifurcated assembly .12 in. (3mm) dia. bundle
L9: .5 in. (12mm) dia. lens
L16F: 1.0 in. (25mm) dia. lens

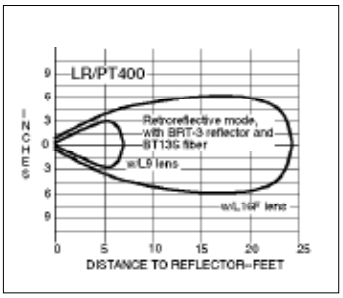


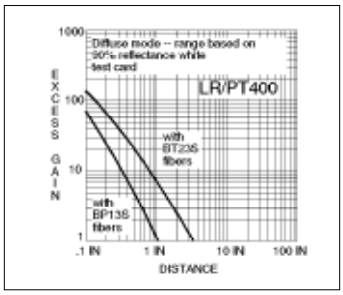


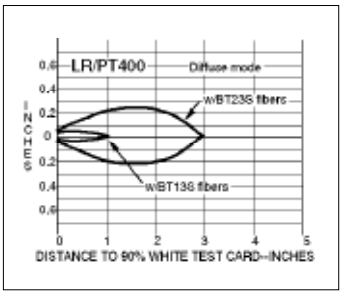










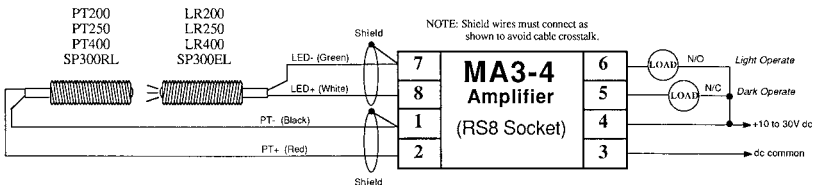


Sensor Hookup Diagrams for MA3-4 MICRO-AMP Modules **(continued on page 6)**

The following hookup diagrams include all of the remote sensors for use with the model MA3-4 modulated amplifier module. It is important to note how the shield wire of a remote sensor is wired. The shield wire is the uninsulated wire in each sensor cable. Failure to connect the shield as shown may result in false operation of the amplifier. When wiring emitters, it is good practice to connect the positive wire first. LEDs are sensitive to application of the wrong voltage, and can easily be destroyed.

NOTE: only one sensor may be connected to each MA3-4 amplifier.

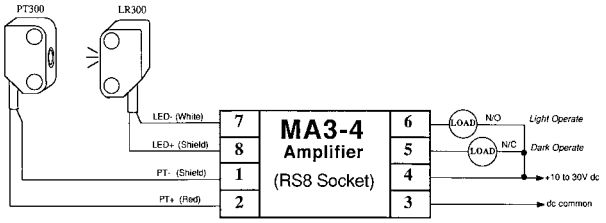
Hookup of LR/PT200, 250, 300, and 400



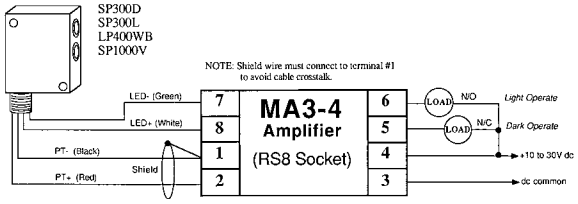
NOTE: Shield wires must be connected as shown to avoid cable crosstalk.

Sensor Hookup Diagrams for MA3-4 MICRO-AMP Modules (continued)

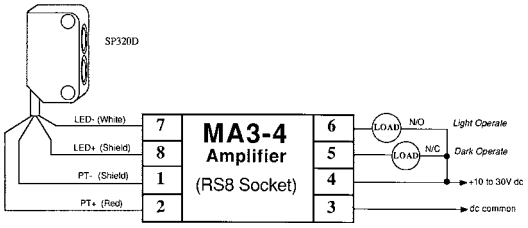
Hookup of LR300 and PT300



Hookup of SP300D, SP300L, LP400WB, SP1000V



Hookup of SP320D



IMPORTANT : Cable Splicing Information

Remote sensor cables may be run up to 30 feet (9m) away from the MA3-4 amplifier. All sensor models are available from the factory with 30 feet of cable, installed as an option.

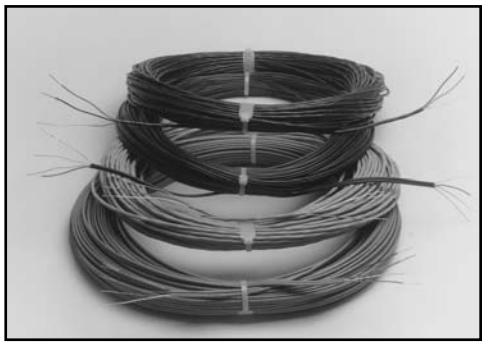
When splicing additional cable to the standard 6-1/2 foot length, it is important to use a separate shielded cable for emitter and receiver wires. Combining emitter and receiver wires together in the same cable (even if the cable is shielded) will result in direct coupling of the emitter signal to the receiver leads.

This is called "cable crosstalk" and will not allow full amplifier sensitivity setting without an amplifier "lock on" situation, which appears as a continuous LIGHT condition. Banner offers 100 foot (30m) lengths of sensor extension cable (see below) which, if used for cable splicing, will minimize the chances for cable crosstalk.

Accessories for High Performance Modulated Remote Sensors

Extension Cable

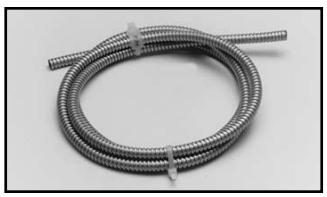
Modulated remote sensors require specially designed cable for efficient sensor performance. Extension cable is available in 100 foot (30m) lengths.



Extension Cable Model	Used on Sensor Models	# of Wires	Wire Colors
ESC-100	LR200, LR250, LR400, SP300EL	3	White, Green, Shield
RSC-100	PT200, PT250, PT400, SP300RL	3	Red, Black, Shield
SSC-100	SP300D, SP300L, LP400WB, SP1000V	5	White, Green, Red, Black, Shield
EC300E-100	LR300	2	White, Shield
EC300R-100	PT300	2	Red, Shield
EC320-100	SP320D	4	White, Shield, Red, Shield

Cable Protection

AC-6 6 feet (1,8m)
AC-30 30 feet (9m)
This is mild-steel flexible tubing used with the compression fittings, at right, to achieve maximum protection to sensor cables.
I.D. = 5/16"; O.D. = 7/16".



PVC-6 6 feet (1,8m)
PVC-30 30 feet (9m)
Heavy duty PVC tubing used to protect sensor cable in applications involving moisture and/or corrosive materials. I.D. = 1/4"; O.D. = 3/8".





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