

# Self-contained Photoelectric Sensors

## PZ Series

### Features

- Super-small
- IP-67-rated waterproof
- Bright powerful beam
- Easy-to-see LED indicators

### Detecting Distance

Thru-beam – 0 to 7,000 mm (0 to 275.59")



Retro-reflective – 100 to 2,500 mm (3.94" to 98.43")



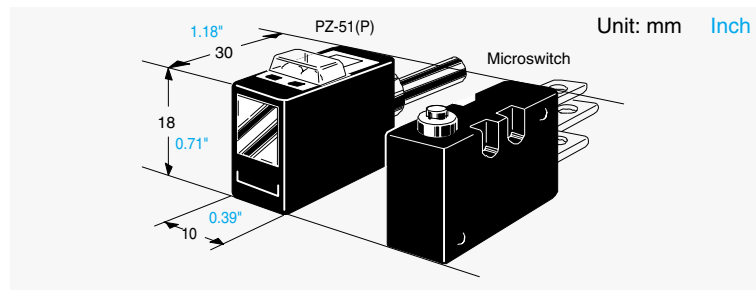
Diffuse-reflective – 0 to 600 mm (0 to 23.62")



## Description

### Super-small

Approximately the same size as a general microswitch, the PZ Series photoelectric sensors combine compactness and long-distance detection.

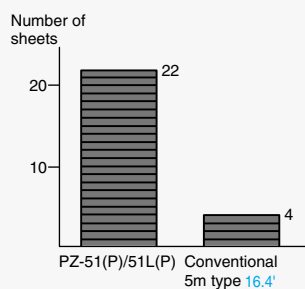


### Powerful and versatile

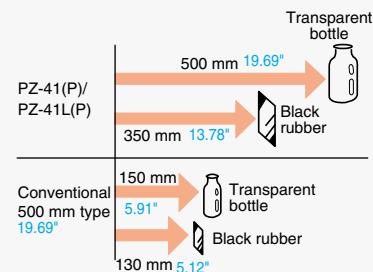
Using a super-bright LED, the PZ Series is very powerful. The PZ-51(P) thru-beam type can penetrate even a large amount of accumulated dust or dirt with ease. The PZ-41(P) reflective type is able to detect at a distance even if the target is black or transparent.

Example:

PZ-51(P)/51L(P) penetrates up to 22 sheets of white paper (detecting distance: 100 mm 3.94").



PZ-41(P)/41L(P) detects black or transparent targets from a distance.



### Easy-to-see LED indicators

The LED indicators provided on the top of the sensor head project slightly, making them easily visible even from a distance.

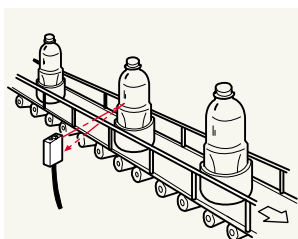
Examples:

Stable operation (Both red and green LEDs light when sensor is in LIGHT-ON mode.)

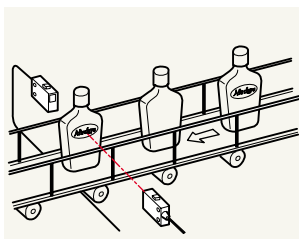
Unstable operation (Green LED turns off and alarm output is activated.)



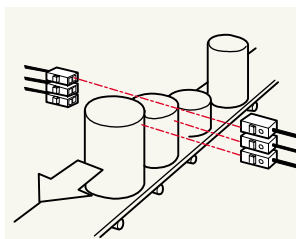
## Applications



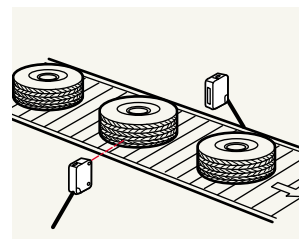
Detection of transparent bottles



Detection of labels on plastic bottles



Differentiates object height



Detection of tires

## Specifications

Type		Thrubeam		Diffuse-reflective			
Model	NPN	PZ-51	PZ-51L	PZ-41	PZ-41L	PZ-42	PZ-42L
	PNP	PZ-51P	PZ-51LP	PZ-41P	PZ-41LP	PZ-42P	PZ-42LP
Detecting distance		0 to 7,000 mm 275.59"		0 to 600 mm 23.62"		0 to 80 mm 3.15"	
Detectable object		Opaque materials (8 x 8 mm 0.31" min.)		Transparent and opaque materials			
Hysteresis		—		20% max. of detecting distance			
Response time		1.5 ms max.		1 ms max. (2 ms when transmitter's LED operates on different frequency)			
Light source		Infrared LED		Infrared LED			
Sensitivity adjustment		1-turn trimmer (240°)		1-turn trimmer (240°)			
Operation mode		LIGHT-ON/DARK-ON (selectable by wiring)					
Indicators		Output: Red LED, Stable operation: Green LED, Power supply: Red LED <sup>1</sup>					
Control output		NPN or PNP: 100 mA (40 V) max.		NPN or PNP: 100 mA (40 V) max.			
Alarm output (NPN type only)		NPN: 50 mA (40 V) max. (with short-circuit protection circuit)					
Power supply		12 to 24 VDC ±10%		12 to 24 VDC ±10%			
Current consumption		Transmitter: 20 mA max. Receiver: 25 mA max.		30 mA max.			
Enclosure rating		IP-67		IP-67			
Ambient light		Incandescent lamp: 5,000 lux max., Sunlight: 20,000 lux max.					
Ambient temperature		-20 to +55°C		-20 to +55°C			
Housing		Glass-fiber reinforced resin		Glass-fiber reinforced resin			
Weight (including 2-m 6.6' cable)		Transmitter: approx. 60g Receiver: approx. 70g		Approx. 75 g	Approx. 75 g	Approx. 75 g	Approx. 75 g

1. The power indicator is equipped on the transmitter of the thru-beam type only.

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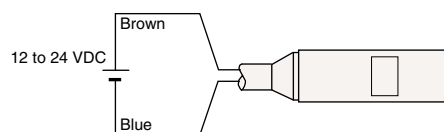
Type		Retro-reflective	
Model	NPN	PZ-61	PZ-61L
	PNP	PZ-61P	PZ-61LP
Detecting distance		100 <b>3.94"</b> to 2,500 mm <b>98.43"</b> (with R-1)	
Detectable object		Opaque materials (30 x 30 mm <b>1.18"</b> min.) <sup>1</sup> .	
Hysteresis		—	
Response time		1 ms max. (2 ms when transmitter's LED operates on different frequency)	
Light source		Infrared LED	
Sensitivity adjustment		1-turn trimmer (240°)	
Operation mode		LIGHT-ON/DARK-ON (selectable by wiring)	
Indicators		Output: Red LED Stable operation: Green LED Power supply: Red LED	
Control output		NPN or PNP: 100 mA (40 V) max.	
Alarm output (NPN type only)		NPN: 50 mA (40 V) max. (with short-circuit protection circuit)	
Power supply		12 to 24 VDC ±10%	
Current consumption		30 mA max.	
Enclosure rating		IP-67	
Ambient light		Incandescent lamp: 5,000 lux max. Sunlight: 20,000 lux max.	
Ambient temperature		-20 to +55°C	
Housing		Glass-fiber reinforced resin	
Weight (including 2-m <b>6.6'</b> cable)		Approx. 75 g	Approx. 75 g

1. Objects smaller than 30 x 30 mm **1.18"** can be detected depending on the sensitivity adjustment.

## Connections

### Thrubeam type (transmitter)

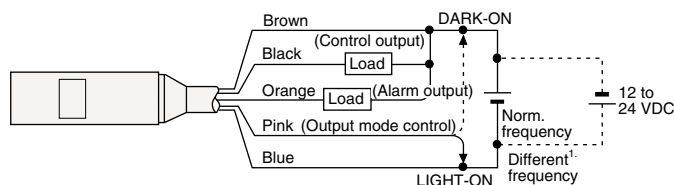
**PZ-51(T)/51L(T)/51P(T)/51LP(T)**



### Thrubeam (receiver) and reflective types

**NPN**

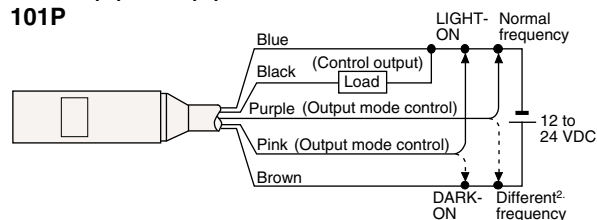
**PZ-51(R)/51L(R)/41/41L/42/42L/61/61L/101**



1. To operate the transmitter on a different frequency, supply 12 to 24 VDC through the blue wire and 0 V through the brown wire.

**PNP**

**PZ-51P(R)/51LP(R)/41P/41LP/42P/42LP/61P/61LP/101P** LIGHT- Normal

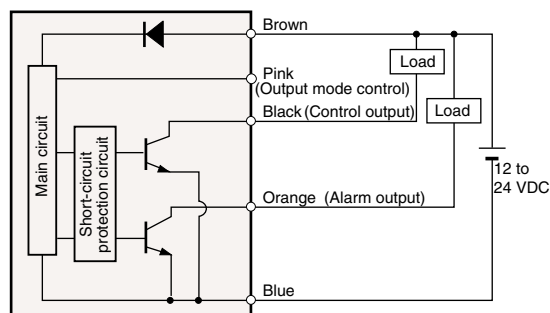


2. Provided only for diffuse reflective type and focused-beam type.

## Output Circuits

Thrubeam type: PZ-51/51L

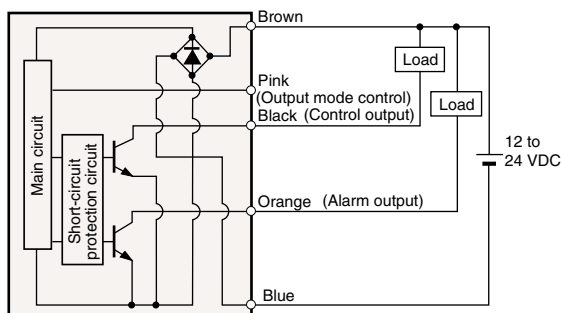
NPN



Diffuse-reflective type: PZ-41/41L/42/42L/101

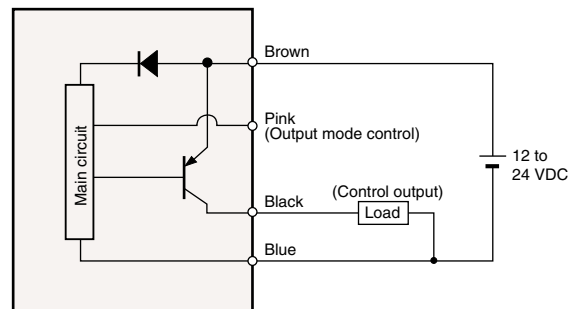
Retro-reflective type: PZ-61/61L

NPN



Thrubeam type: PZ-51P/51LP

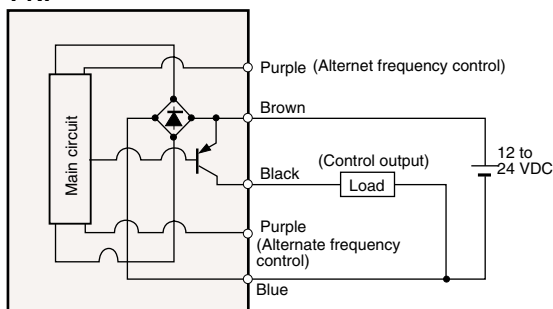
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Diffuse-reflective type: PZ-41P/41LP/42P/42LP/101P

Retro-reflective type: PZ-61P/61LP

PNP



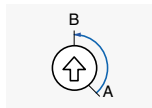
## Adjustment

### Reflective

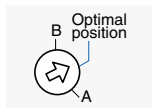
LIGHT-ON mode (When DARK-ON mode is specified, refer to words in parentheses.)



1. With no target, turn the trimmer clockwise until the red LED indicator lights (turns off). – Point A  
If the red LED does not light (turn off) with the trimmer turned to Max., use Max. as point A.



2. With a target in place, turn the trimmer counterclockwise until the green LED turns off. – Point B



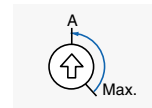
3. Set the trimmer midway between points A and B. Confirm sensor operation.

### Thrubeam

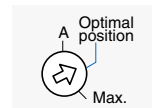
DARK-ON mode



1. With no target, turn the trimmer to Max. With the receiver in place, move the transmitter up/down and right/left. Then secure the transmitter at the midpoint of the range in which the green LED indicator lights.



2. Turn the trimmer counterclockwise from Max., until the green LED turns off. – Point A

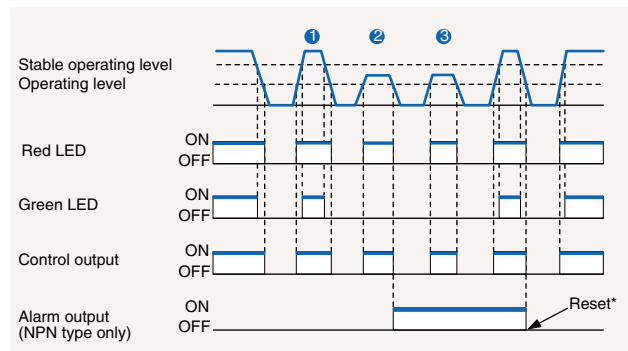


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## Timing Chart

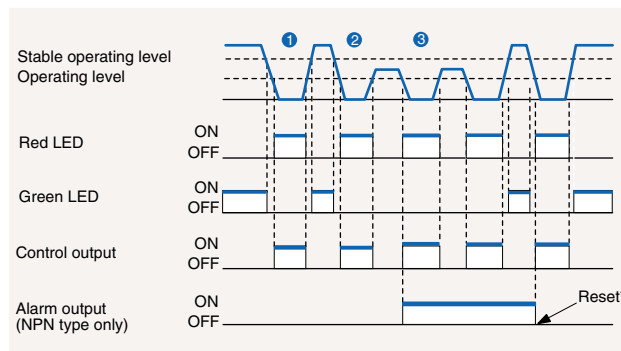
## LIGHT-ON mode



If the light quantity received by the receiver of the sensor drops from a stable level (1) to an unstable level (2), the alarm output level is triggered.

\* If the alarm output is triggered, clean the lens surface and/or realign the optical axis so that the stable operation indicator lights again. Operating the sensor with the green LED lit resets the alarm output.

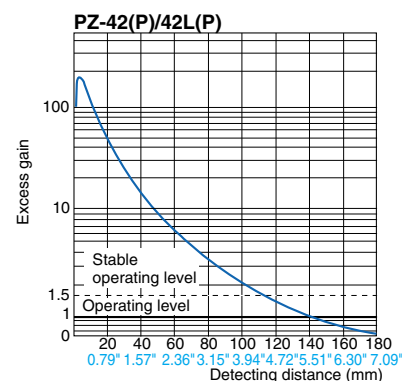
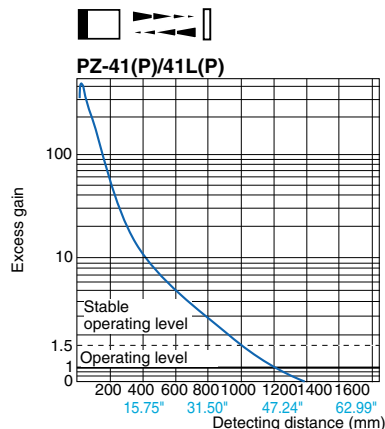
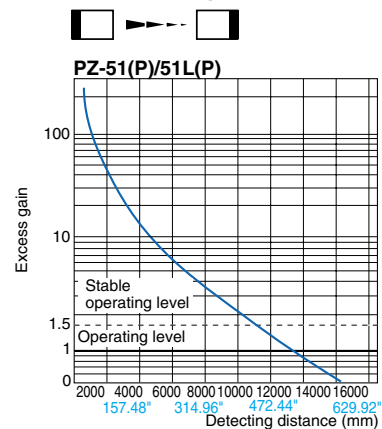
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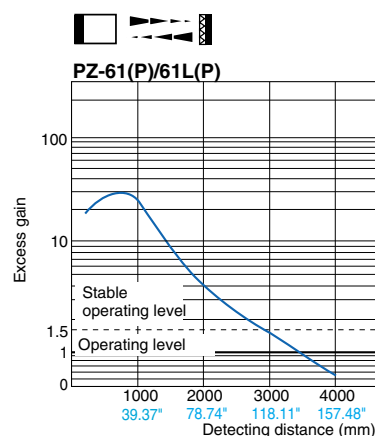
If the lights quantity is not restored to a stable level after detection of a target (2), the alarm output is triggered when detecting a second target (3).

## Characteristics

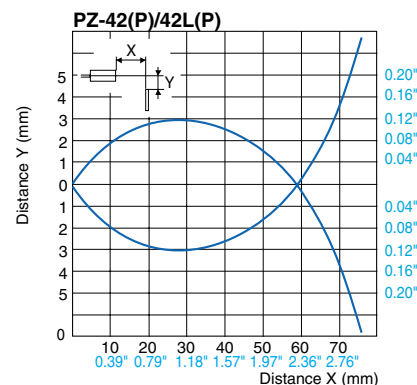
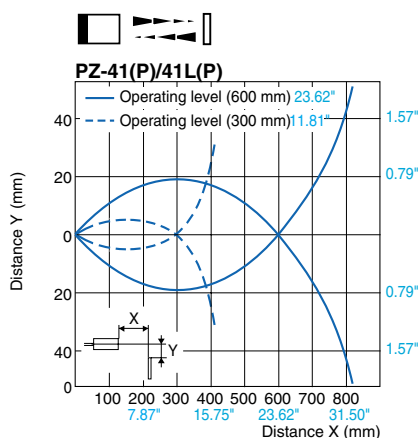
### Receiver excess gain vs. distance (Typical)



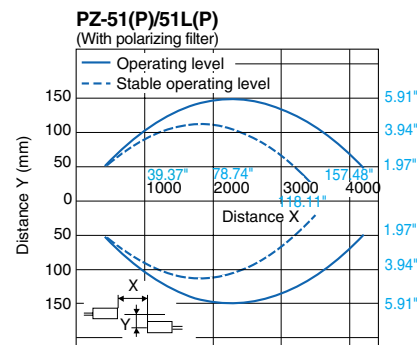
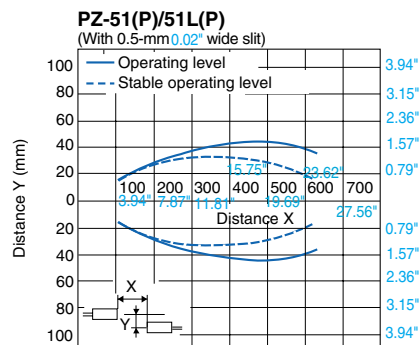
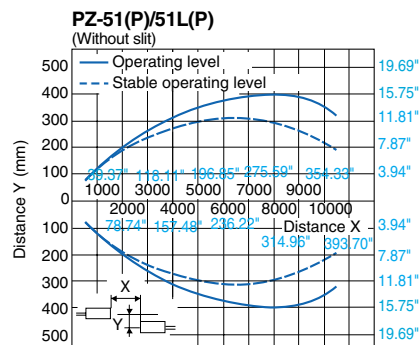
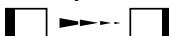
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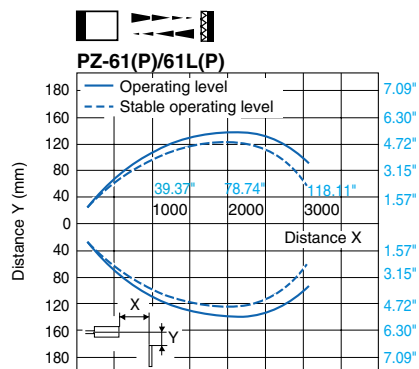
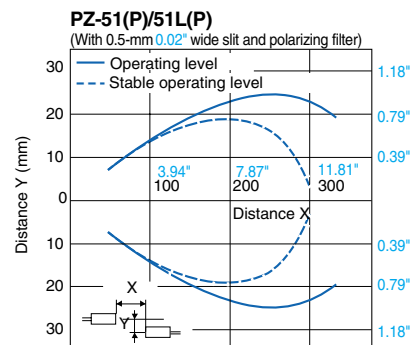
### Operating distance vs. detecting distance (Typical)



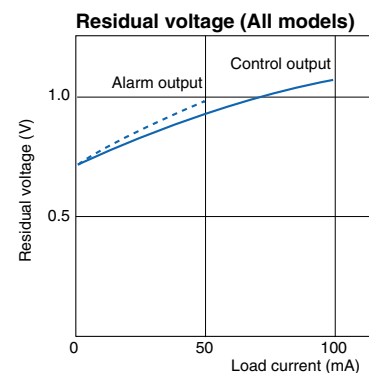
## Parallel displacement of optical axis (Typical)



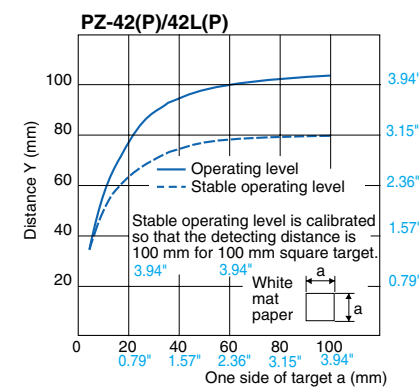
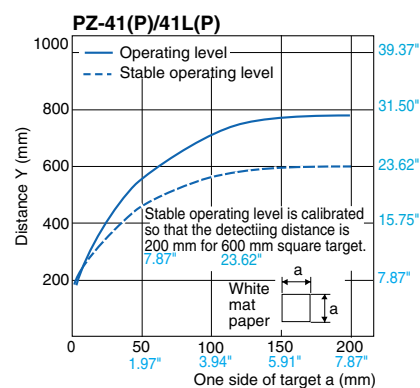
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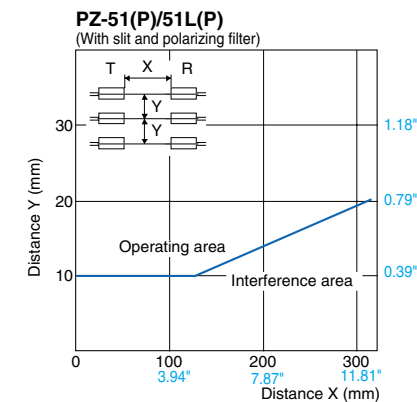
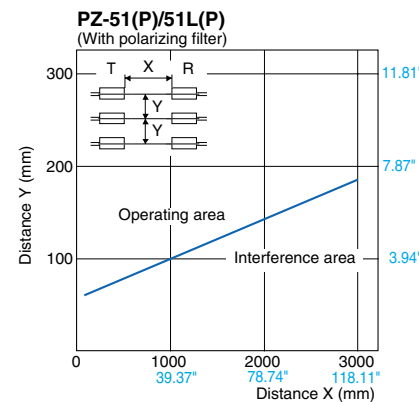
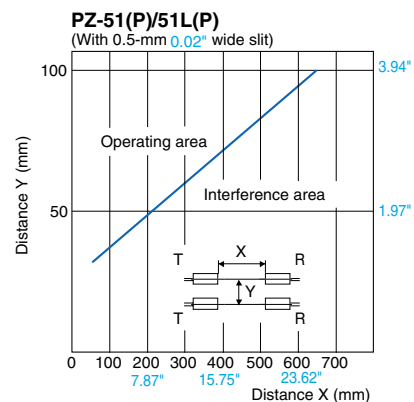
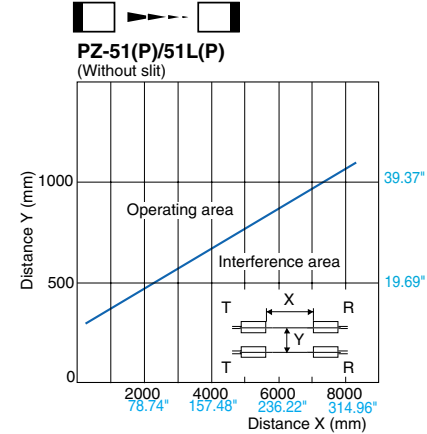
## Residual voltage (All models)



## Detecting distance vs. object size (Typical)



## Interference area



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## Hints on Correct Use

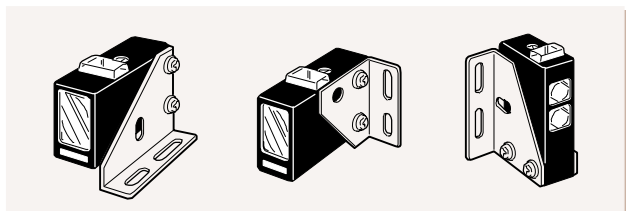
### Wiring

- Limit the length of extension to within 100 m [328.1'](#).

### Mounting

- Use the attached mounting bracket to install and mount the sensor. The sensor can be mounted in various ways depending on the installation site or type of sensor.

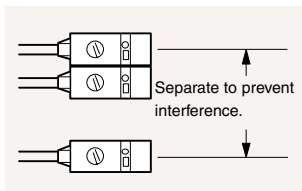
Examples:



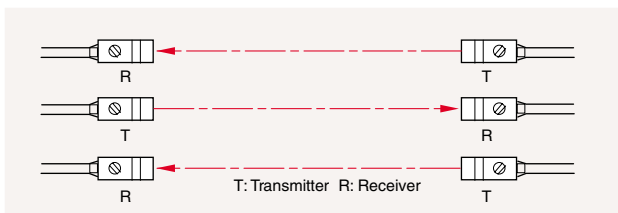
- Mount the sensor at a tightening torque of 0.5 N•m max.
- Two diffuse-reflective or two retro-reflective type sensors can be mounted side-by-side. Refer to Connections for wiring.

[Note]

Only two sensors can be mounted side-by-side. To mount three or more sensors, provide enough distance between the first and third sensors so that they do not interfere with each other. If the sensor is used at an alternate frequency, the response speed will be 2 ms.

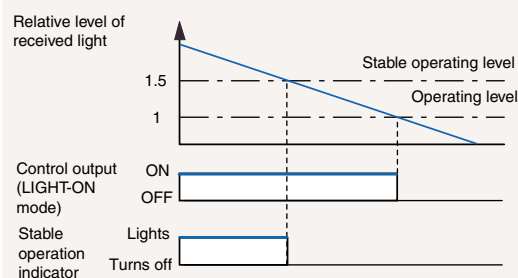


- To install two or more thru-beam type sensors side-by-side, alternate the transmitter and receiver. This limits the range of interference and stabilizes detection. If the detecting distance is short (within 50 cm [19.69"](#)), interference can also be eliminated by using a slit plate.



### Stable operation indicator and output

The stable operation indicator (green LED) of the sensor lights when the quantity of light the receiver has received reaches or exceeds 150% of the operating level. This indicator is used as an alarm for detection failure. The indicator turns off when the received light quantity falls below 150% of the operating level due to soiled lens surface or misalignment of the optical axis. If this happens, the alarm output is activated and, the OUT indicator lights simultaneously.

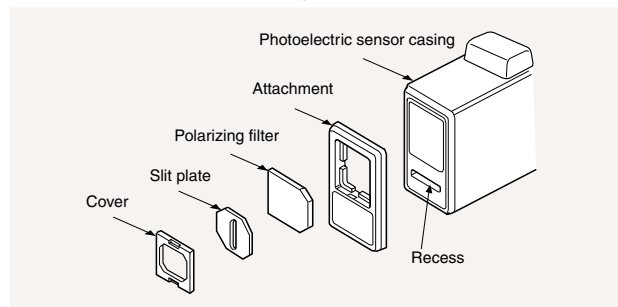


[Note]

If the alarm output is triggered, clean the lens surface and/or realign the optical axis so that the stable operation indicator lights again.

### Slit plate

An optional slit plate is available for the thru-beam type sensors [models PZ-51 (P) and PZ-51L (P)]. It is used to detect or position thin or small objects. Use the polarizing filter to prevent interference when sensors are installed side-by-side.



#### Slit plate (A-1)

Slit width	Detecting distance	Smallest detectable object
0.5 mm 0.02"	500 mm 19.69"	0.5 x 5 mm opaque 0.02" x 0.20"
1 mm 0.04"	800 mm 31.50"	1.0 x 5 mm opaque 0.04" x 0.20"
2 mm 0.08"	1500 mm 59.06"	2.0 x 5 mm opaque 0.08" x 0.20"

#### Polarizing filter (A-2)

Detecting distance	Smallest detectable object
2.5 m 8.2'	6 x 6 mm 0.24" x 0.24" opaque

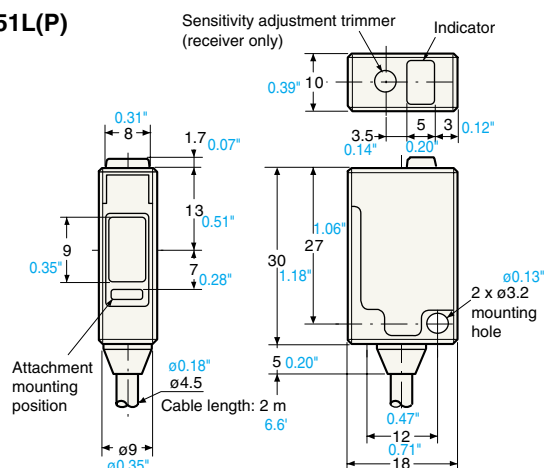
#### When both slit plate and polarizing filter are attached.

Slit width	Detecting distance	Smallest detectable object
0.5 mm 0.02"	200 mm 7.87"	0.5 x 5 mm opaque 0.02" x 0.20"
1 mm 0.04"	400 mm 15.75"	1.0 x 5 mm opaque 0.04" x 0.20"
2 mm 0.08"	700 mm 27.56"	2.0 x 5 mm opaque 0.08" x 0.20"

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Unit: mm    **Inch**

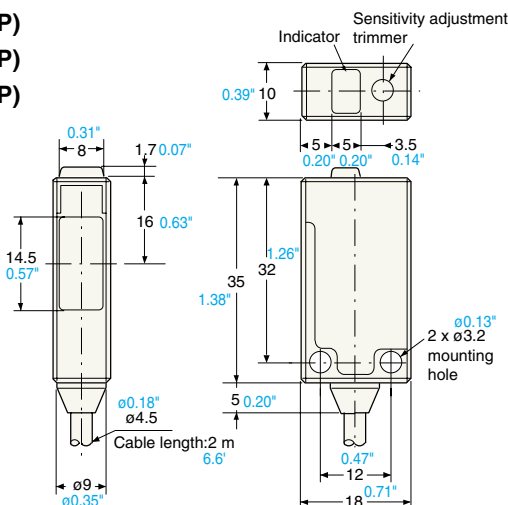
**PZ-51L(P)**



**PZ-41L(P)**

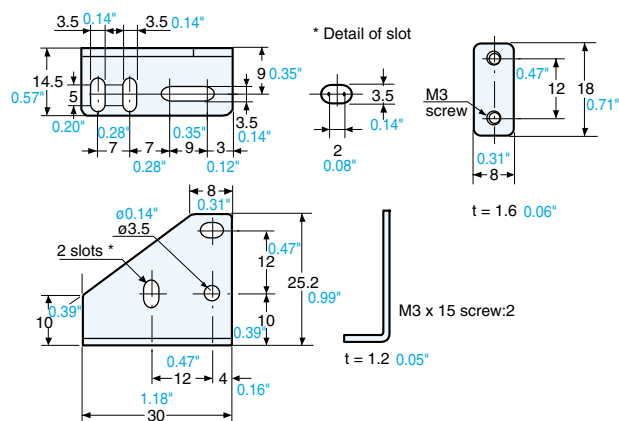
**PZ-42L(P)**

**PZ-61L(P)**



### Mounting bracket (standard)

## R-1



\* The thrubeam type (PZ-51/51L) also comes with a plane-symmetrical type bracket (not shown).