L-GAGE® LT3BD Long-Range Time-of-Flight Laser Sensor



Datasheet



- Extremely long range: 5 m with white targets or 3 m with gray targets for diffuse mode sensors, up to 50 m for retroreflective models
- Two discrete (switched) outputs in each sensor, with independent window limits¹
- Discrete output can be used for precise background suppression
- Choose NPN or PNP discrete outputs using the output select wire
- Fast, easy-to-use integrated push button TEACH-mode programming; no potentiometer adjustments
- Remote TEACH-function for security and convenience
- Output response is programmable for three speeds
- High-grade retroreflective target included with each retroreflective-mode sensor
- Choose 2 m or 9 m unterminated cable, or 8-pin Euro-style swivel quick-disconnect connector
- Rugged construction withstands demanding sensing environments; IEC IP67, NEMA
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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.



CAUTION: Do Not Disassemble for Repair

This device contains no user-serviceable components. Do not attempt to disassemble for repair. Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure. A defective unit must be returned to the manufacturer.

Models

Models	Sensing Mode	Laser Class	Sensing Distance	Cable ²
LT3BD				2 m (6.5 ft) unterminated 8-wire cable
LT3BDQ	Diffuse	Class 2	0.3 m to 5 m (11.8 in to 16.4 ft)	Integral 8-pin M12/Euro-style male quick disconnect (QD)
LT3BDLV			~	2 m (6.5 ft) unterminated 8-wire cable
LT3BDLVQ	Retroreflective	Class 1	0.5 m to 50 m ² (20 in to 164 ft)	Integral 8-pin M12/Euro-style male quick disconnect (QD)

Theory of **Operation**

A short electrical pulse drives a semiconductor laser diode to emit a pulse of light. The emitted light is collimated through a lens, which produces a very narrow laser beam. The laser beam bounces off the target, scattering some of its light through the sensor's receiving lens to a photodiode, which creates an electrical pulse. The time interval between the two electrical pulses (transmitting and receiving the beam) is used to calculate the distance to the target, using the speed of light as a constant.

Multiple pulses are evaluated by the sensor's microprocessor, which calculates the appropriate output value. The analog output provides a variable signal (4 mA to 20 mA or 0 V dc to 10 V dc, depending on model) that is proportional to the target's position within the user-programmed analog window limits. The discrete (switched) output energizes whenever the target is located between the user-programmed discrete window limits. Window limits for the analog and discrete outputs may be the same, or they may be programmed independently.

See Banner website (*www.bannerengineering.com*) for information on analog/discrete models.

To order the 9 m cable models, add the suffix "W/30" to the model number of any cabled sensor (e.g., LT3BD W/30). A model with a QD connector requires a mating cable.

Retroreflective range specified using included model BRT-TVHG-8X10P high-grade target.



Figure 1. Theory of Operation

Class 2 Laser Safety Notes



Low-power lasers are, by definition, incapable of causing eye injury within the duration of a blink (aversion response) of 0.25 seconds. They also must emit only visible wavelengths (400 to 700 nm). Therefore, an ocular hazard may exist only if individuals overcome their natural aversion to bright light and stare directly into the laser beam.

These lasers are required to have a "hazard" label and to have an indicator light to indicate that laser emission is occurring.

When operating a Class 2 laser:

- Do not stare at the laser.
- Do not point the laser at a person's eye.
- Mount open laser beam paths either above or below eye level, where practical.
- Terminate the beam emitted by the laser product at the end of its useful path.

Configuration Instructions

Sensor Power-Up and Laser-Enable

Power up the sensor for 30 minutes to allow the sensor's internal temperature to stabilize before operating or attempting to program the sensor. If the sensor is used in applications where the temperature is several degrees higher or lower than the ambient temperature, allow the sensor to stabilize in that condition before programming the window limits. The range decreases when the sensor warms up.

The Laser-Enable feature allows the sensor to be continually powered and enabled only when being used. This eliminates the need for the extended warm-up period between uses.

The sensor's red Signal LED indicates the condition of the received signal from the object being measured. When programming the window limits, this LED must be on (not flashing) for the sensor to accept the setting. To ensure the received signal will not be marginal during operation, move the target object 300 mm beyond the furthest desired switch point during setup and verify the signal LED is still on.

Indicators



Power ON/OFF LED (green)—Indicates the operating status of the sensor.

Power ON/OFF LED Status	Indicates
Off	Power is off
Flashing at 2 Hz	Discrete output is overloaded (Run mode)
Flashing at 1 Hz	Power is on; laser is disabled
On	Power is on; the sensor is operating normally and the laser is enabled

Power-Up/Laser-Enable Indicators—When powering up the sensor all LEDs turn on for one second. Allow a 0.6-second delay for Laser-Enable.

Selected Response Speed	Laser-Enable Time	Laser-Disable Time
Slow	150 ms	50 ms
Medium	60 ms	
Fast	51 ms	

Output LED (amber)—Indicates when the discrete load output is conducting.

Response Speed (amber)—Indicates the response speed setting.

Signal LED (red)—Indicates the strength and condition of the sensor's incoming signal.

Signal LED Status	Indicates
On	Good signal
Off	No signal is received or the target is beyond the range limitations of the sensor (with some tolerance beyond the recommended minimum and maximum sensing distance)
Flashing	Marginal signal strength (cannot teach limits)

Response Speed

Before setting window limits, use the sensor's speed button to toggle between the three response speed settings. The selected speed will be indicated by one of the three response speed indicator LEDs.

	Discrete Output Response Speed
Slow	100 ms ON and OFF
Medium	10 ms ON and OFF
Fast	1 ms ON and OFF

Programming

Push-Button Programming— Both outputs may be taught simultaneously, when complementary operation is required (while one output is conducting, the other is not). When taught separately, each output may be taught different limits (one output may be taught a window, and the other may be programmed for background suppression, for example).

Remote Programming— To program the sensor remotely or to disable the keypad, the Remote Programming function may be used. Disabling the keypad prevents accidental or unauthorized adjustment of any programming settings. Connect the yellow wire of the sensor to +5 to 24 V dc, with a remote programming switch connected between them.

Note: The impedance of the remote teach input is 55 k Ω .

Program the sensor by following a sequence of input pulses. The duration of each pulse (corresponding to a push button "click"), and the period between multiple pulses, are defined as T, where T is 0.04 seconds < T < 0.8 seconds.

Teaching Limits for Background Suppression

For some applications, ignoring objects beyond a certain distance may be required. To suppress the background, place a target object at the selected distance, and teach the position twice. The sensor's discrete output will activate when an object is detected between the sensor's minimum sensing distance and the taught position.

Note: The sensor allows for some forgiveness in this procedure. If the two limits are not exactly the same (but less than 20 mm apart), the sensor will put the set point at the "average" of the two limits.

Output 1 and Output 2 may be taught independent limits for background suppression. To set both outputs at exactly the same limits, set them simultaneously. This results in complementary outputs (while one output is conducting, the other is not). Hysteresis will be controlled by Output 1 and Output 2 will follow.

Teaching Independent Limits for Either Output



Figure 2. Each output has its own limit for background suppression

To exit Program mode without saving changes, press and hold the same push button (or hold the remote line high) for longer than 2 seconds (before teaching the second limit). The sensor will revert to the last saved program.

1. Enter programming mode.

Method	Action	Result
Push Button	Push and hold the button for either output for longer than 2 seconds. The sensor will return to RUN mode if first TEACH-condition is not registered within 120 seconds.	The appropriate TEACH-LED turns ON. The sensor is waiting for first limit.
Remote Input	No action required.	

2. Teach the first limit.

Method	Action	Result
Push Button	Position the target for the first limit. Click the same button.	
Remote Input	Position the target for the first limit. For output 1, single-pulse the remote line. T For output 2, double-pulse the remote line.	The appropriate TEACH LED turns ON then flashes at 2 Hz. The sensor learns the first limit and waits for the second limit.

3. Teach the second limit.

Method	Action	Result
Push Button	Position the target for the second limit. Click the same button.	The TEACH LED goes OFF. The sensor learns
Remote Input	Position the target for the second limit and single-pulse the remote line.	the second limit and returns automatically to Run mode.

4. Program the second output by repeating steps two and three.

Teaching Identical Limits to Both Outputs

When teaching limits simultaneously, both the outputs will have identical limits.



Figure 3. The two outputs share identical limits for background suppression, but are complementary (while one output is conducting, the other is not)

To exit Program mode without saving changes, press and hold the same push button (or hold the remote line high) for longer than 2 seconds (before teaching the second limit). The sensor will revert to the last saved program.

1. Enter programming mode.

Method	Action	Result
Push Button	Push and hold the button for either output for longer than 2 seconds. The sensor will return to RUN mode if the first TEACH condition is not registered within 120 seconds.	The appropriate TEACH LED turns ON.
	Briefly click the other output button.	The appropriate TEACH LED turns ON. The sensor is waiting for the first limit.
Remote Input	No action required.	

2. Teach the first limit.

Method	Action	Result
Push Button	Position the target for the first limit. Click either output button.	Both TEACH LEDs flash at 2 Hz, alternating red and green. The sensor learns the first limit and waits for the second limit.
Remote Input	Position the target for the first limit, then triple-pulse the remote line. T	Both TEACH LEDs turn ON. The sensor learns the first limit and waits for the second limit. Both TEACH LEDs flash at 2 Hz, alternating red and green.

3. Teach the second limit.

Method	Action	Result
Push Button	Position the target for the second limit. Click either output button.	Both TEACH LEDs go OFF. The sensor learns
Remote Input	Position the target for the second limit, then single-pulse the remote line.	the second limit and returns automatically to Run mode.

Enabling or Disabling the Push Button

In addition to its programming function, the remote line may be used to disable the push buttons for security. Disabling the push buttons prevents undesired tampering with the sensor configuration settings.

- 1. Connect the sensor's gray wire.
- 2. Four-pulse the remote line to enable or disable the push button. The sensor toggles between enable and disable settings and returns to RUN mode.

Installation Instructions

Wiring Diagrams



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

Specifications

Supply Voltage and Current Sensing Range (Diffuse Model) 90% White card: 0.3 to 5 m 12 V dc to 24 V dc (10% maximum ripple) 18% Gray card: 0.3 to 3 m 108 mA maximum at 24 V dc or [2600/V dc] mA 6% Black card: 0.3 to 2 m Supply Protection Circuitry Sensing Range (Retroreflective Model) Protected against reverse polarity and transient voltages 0.5 to 50 m (using BRT-TVHG-8X10P) Delay at Power Up Sensing Beam 1 second; outputs do not conduct during this time Typical beam dia: 6 mm at 3 m Output Protection Typical laser lifetime: 75,000 hours Protected against short circuit conditions Diffuse model: 658 nm visible red IEC and CDRH Class 2 laser; 0.5 mW max. radiant output power Output Configuration Retroreflective model: 658 nm visible red IEC and CDRH Class 1 laser; 0.15 mW Discrete (switched): SPST solid-state switch; selectable NPN (current sinking) or max. radiant output power PNP (current sourcing) Color Sensitivity (Diffuse Models) 90% white to 18% gray: <10 mm 90% white to 6% black: < 20 mm Output Rating (Discrete) Output Response Time (Discrete) Fast: 1 ms ON and OFF 100 mA maximum Medium: 10 ms ON and OFF Off-state leakage current: < 5 µA Output saturation NPN: < 200 mV at 10 mA and < 600 mV at 100 mA Slow: 100 ms ON and OFF Output saturation PNP: < 1.2 V at 10 mA; < 1.6 V at 100 mA **Resolution/Repeatability** Temperature Effect See Performance Curves Diffuse models: < 2mm / °C Discrete Output Hysteresis (Diffuse model) Retroreflective models: < 3 mm / °C Fast: 10 mm Minimum Window Size Medium: 5mm Diffuse model: 20 mm Slow: 3mm Retroreflective model: 40 mm Discrete Output Hysteresis (Retroreflective model) Factory Default Settings Fast: 20 mm Response speed: 150 ms Medium: 10 mm Window limits 0.3 m to 5 m using a 90% reflectivity white card Slow: 6 mm Push buttons enabled Remote Teach Input Construction 18 k Ω minimum (65 k Ω at 5 V dc) ABS housing; acrylic window; ABS/polycarbonate blend quick disconnect fitting Application Notes Laser Control Allow 30-minute warm-up before programming or operating Enable: connect red wire to +5 to 24 V dc Retroreflective performance specifications are based on use with BRT-TVHG-8X10P high-grade target; results may vary with other retroreflective Disable: connect to 0 to +1.8 V dc (or open connection) **Operating Conditions** target materials 0 °C to +50 °C (+32 °F to +122 °F) Connections 90% at +50 °C maximum relative humidity (non-condensing) 2 m (6.5 ft) or 9 m (30 ft) shielded 7-conductor (with drain) PVC-jacketed Certifications attached cable or 8-pin M12/Euro-style quick-disconnect Environmental Rating IEC IP67: NEMA 6

Performance Curves



Figure 4. Resolution/Repeatability vs Distance (Diffuse Mode)



Figure 6. Resolution/Repeatability vs Distance (Retroreflective Mode)

Dimensions

Mounting Hardware:

M4 x 0.7 x 40 socket-head cap screw.

M4 x 0.7 hex nut with captured, toothed lock washer. M3 short-arm hex key.



Figure 5. Typical Color Sensitivity (Diffuse Mode)



Description of Laser Classes

Class 1 Laser Label (Retroreflective Models)



Class 1 lasers are lasers that are safe under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation, including the use of optical instruments for intrabeam viewing.

Reference IEC 60825-1:2001, Section 8.2.

Class 2 Laser Label (Diffuse Models)



Class 2 lasers are lasers that emit visible radiation in the wavelength range from 400 nm to 700 nm, where eye protection is normally afforded by aversion responses, including the blink reflex. This reaction may be expected to provide adequate protection under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation, including the use of optical instruments for intrabeam viewing.

Reference IEC 60825-1:2001, Section 8.2.

Accessories

8-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)
MQDC-806	1.83 m (6 ft)	Straight	44 Typ. 44 Typ	$\begin{array}{c}2\\1\\7\\6\end{array}$

8-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style	ded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets with Shield				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout (Female)	
MQDC-815	4.57 m (15 ft)			1 = White	5 = Gray
MQDC-830	9.14 m (30 ft)			3 = Green 4 = Yellow	7 = Blue 8 = Shield

Retroreflectors

Model	Reflectivity Factor	Maximum Temperature	Size
BRT-TVHG-8X10P	0.8	+60 °C (+140 °F)	203 × 254 mm

Note: Retroreflective material has a pressure-sensitive adhesive on it. Surfaces must be clean and dry before applying the adhesive. For best results, use a full-size target and trim it if needed.

Mounting Brackets



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