

L-GAGE® LT3 Long-Range Time-of-Flight Laser Sensor

Self-contained Class 2 laser distance sensor, analog and discrete outputs



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Features

- Extremely long range: 5 m with white targets, or 3 m with gray targets
- Banner's unique scalable analog output automatically distributes the output signal over the width of the programmed sensing window
- Analog and Discrete (switched) outputs in each sensor, with independent window limits[†]
- Discrete output can be used for precision background suppression
- Choose NPN or PNP discrete output, plus 0 to 10V dc or 4 to 20 mA sourcing analog output
- 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
- Choose 2 m or 9 m unterminated cable, or 8-pin Euro-style swivel QD connector
- Rugged construction withstands demanding sensing environments; rated IEC IP67, NEMA 6



WARNING . . . Not To Be Used for Personnel Protection

Never use these products as sensing devices for personnel protection. Doing so could lead to serious injury or death.

These sensors do NOT include the self-checking redundant circuitry necessary to allow their use in personnel safety applications. A sensor failure or malfunction can cause either an energized or de-energized sensor output condition. Consult your current Banner Safety Products catalog for safety products which meet OSHA, ANSI and IEC standards for personnel protection.



CAUTION . . . This sensor contains no user-serviceable components. Do not attempt to repair.

Incorrect component values may produce hazardous laser radiation levels.

Models

Models	Sensing Distance	Cable*	Supply Voltage	Discrete Output	Analog Output
LT3PU		2 m (6.5') 8-wire		PNP	
LT3PUQ		8-pin Euro-style QD		(Sourcing)	Analog
LT3NU	300 mm to 5 m	2 m (6.5') 8-wire		NPN (Sinking) PNP (Sourcing)	Voltage (0 to 10V dc) Analog Current (4 to 20 mA)
LT3NUQ	(11.8" to 16.4') 90% reflectivity white card	8-pin Euro-style QD	12 to		
LT3PI	(see specifications for more	2 m (6.5') 8-wire	24V dc		
LT3PIQ	information.)	8-pin Euro-style QD			
LT3NI		2 m (6.5') 8-wire		NPN	
LT3NIQ		8-pin Euro-style QD		(Sinking)	

^{* 9} m cables are available by adding suffix "W/30" to the model number of any cabled sensor (e.g., LT3PU W/30). A model with a QD connector requires a mating cable; see page 10.

[†] NOTE: See Banner website for information on diffuse and dual-discrete models at: www.bannerengineering.com

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 to 20 mA or 0 to 10V 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.

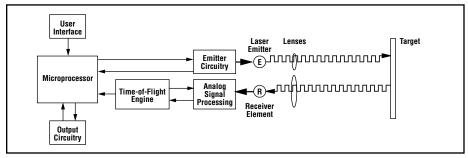


Figure 1. Theory of operation

Programming

The L-GAGE LT3 laser sensor has three selectable response speeds and can be programmed in several ways for specific window limits.

Response Speed

Prior to setting window limits, use the sensor's Speed push button to toggle between the three response speed settings. The selected speed will be indicated by one of the three Response Speed indicator LEDs (see Figure 2). See page 5 for further information.

Sensor Power Up/Laser Enable

Allow 30 minutes after power-up to allow the sensor's internal temperature to stabilize, before operating or attempting to program the sensor. If the sensor will be used in applications where the temperature is several degrees higher or lower than ambient, allow the sensor to stabilize in that condition before programming the window limits. (Range will decrease as 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. See page 6 for indicator status.

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

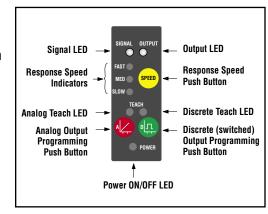


Figure 2. LT3 Time-of-Flight Sensor features

Class 2 Safety Notes

Low-power lasers are by definition incapable of causing eye injury within the duration of the blink, or aversion response, of 0.25 seconds. They must also emit only visible wavelengths (400-700 nm). Therefore, an eye hazard can exist only if an individual overcomes the natural aversion to bright light and stares 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 permit a person to stare directly into the beam
- Do not point the laser at a person's eye at close range

Beam Paths:

The beam emitted by a class 2 laser product should be terminated at the end of its useful path. Open laser beam paths should be located above or below eye level, where practical.



Window Limits

Window limits may be taught to the sensor in several ways, either using the push buttons on the top of the sensor or via a remote switch.

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 the programming settings. Connect the yellow wire of the sensor to +5 to 24V dc, with a remote programming switch connected between them.

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

Programming is accomplished by following a sequence of input pulses (see pages 4 and 5). The duration of each pulse (corresponding to a push button "click"), and the period between multiple pulses, are defined as "T": 0.04 seconds $\leq T \leq 0.8$ seconds.

Analog Output Slope

The L-GAGE LT3 Sensor may be programmed for either a positive or a negative output slope, based on which condition is taught first (see Figure 3). If the near limit is taught first, the slope will be positive; if the far limit is taught first, the slope will be negative. Banner's unique scalable analog output (patent pending) automatically distributes the output signal over the width of the programmed sensing window.

In the event of analog signal loss for longer than 2 seconds, the analog output goes to OV dc or 3.6 mA, which may be used to trigger an alarm.

Teaching Analog Limits Using the Auto-Zero Feature (Analog Output)

For some analog applications, a sensing distance set point centered within a sensing window may be required. The TEACH procedure is simple: teaching the same limit twice causes the sensor to program a 1 m window centered on the position taught (taught position \pm 0.5 m).

Teaching Discrete Limits for Background Suppresson

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.

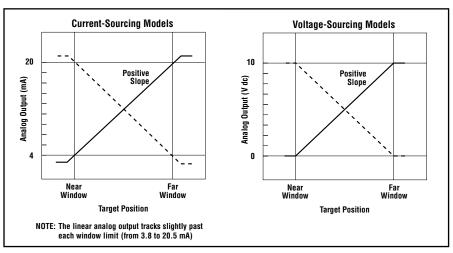


Figure 3. Analog output as a function of target position

Teaching Limits for Either Analog or Discrete Output

Either output may be programmed first.

		h Button lick" ≤ 0.8 sec.	Remote Wire $0.04 \text{ sec.} \le T \le 0.8 \text{ sec.}$						
	Procedure	Result	Procedure		Result				
Programming	Push and hold push button for Analog or Discrete output > 2 seconds* or or or	Appropriate TEACH LED turns ON Sensor is waiting for first limit	No action required						
	Position the target for the first limit** "Click" the same push	TEACH LED flashes Sensor learns first limit and waits for second limit	Position the target for the first limit**		Appropriate TEACH LED turns ON then flashes at 2 Hz Sensor learns first limit and				
Teach	button	and waits for Second infini	Analog Output • Double-pulse the remote line	Discrete Output • Single-pulse the remote line	waits for second limit				
Teach	 Position the target for the second limit "Click" the same push button 	TEACH LED goes OFF Sensor learns second limit and returns automatically to RUN mode	Position the tary limit Single-pulse the	remote line	Appropriate TEACH LED goes OFF Sensor learns second limit and returns automatically to RUN mode				
Program Second	Repeat for other output, i	Repeat for other output, if a second output is desired.							

^{*} Sensor will return to RUN mode if first TEACH condition is not registered within 120 seconds.

^{**} Press and hold the same push button (or hold the remote line high) > 2 seconds (before teaching the second limit) to exit PROGRAM mode without saving any changes. The sensor will revert to the last saved program.

Teaching Limits for Analog and Discrete Outputs Simultaneously

Both Analog and Discrete outputs will have identical limits.

		n Button ick" ≤ 0.8 sec.	Remote Wire 0.04 sec. ≤ T ≤ 0.8 sec.			
	Procedure Result		Procedure	Result		
Programming Mode	• Push and hold either push button for > 2 seconds*	Corresponding TEACH LED turns ON	No action required			
Progra Mo	Briefly "click" the other button	 Corresponding TEACH LED turns ON Sensor is waiting for first limit 				
Teach First Limit	 Position the target for the first limit** "Click" either push button 	Both TEACH LEDs flash at 2 Hz, alternating Red and Green Sensor learns first limit and waits for second limit	Position the target for the first limit** Triple-pulse the remote line	Both TEACH LEDs turn ON Sensor learns first limit and waits for second limit Both TEACH LEDs flash at 2 Hz, alternating Red and Green		
Teach Second Limit	Position the target for the second limit "Click" either push button	Both TEACH LEDs go OFF Sensor learns second limit and returns automatically to RUN mode	Position the target for the second limit Single-pulse the remote line	Both TEACH LEDs go OFF Sensor learns second limit and returns automatically to RUN mode		

^{*} Sensor will return to RUN mode if first TEACH condition is not registered within 120 seconds.

Sensor Setup

Response Speed

Use the Speed push button to toggle between the three response speed settings. The selected speed is indicated by one of three Response Speed indicator LEDs (see Figure 2).

	Discrete Output Response Speed	Analog Output Frequency Response (-3dB)	
Slow	100 ms ON and OFF	4.5 Hz (100 ms average/4 ms update rate)	
Medium	10 ms ON and OFF	45 Hz (10 ms average/2 ms update rate)	
Fast	1 ms ON and OFF	450 Hz (1 ms average/1 ms update rate)	

^{**} Press and hold the same push button (or hold the remote line high) > 2 seconds (before teaching the second limit) to exit PROGRAM mode without saving any changes. The sensor will revert to the last saved program.

Push Button Lockout

Enables or disables the keypad to prevent accidental or unauthorized adjustment of the programming settings.

	Pro	cedure			
	Push Button	Remote Wire $0.04 \text{ sec.} \le T \le 0.8 \text{ sec.}$	Result		
Enable/Disable Push Buttons	Not available via push button	Four-pulse the remote line	Push buttons are either enabled or disabled, depending on previous condition		

Indicators

Power Up/Laser Enable Indicators

When powering up the sensor, the following should occur:

- · All LEDs turn ON for 1 second
- Allow 0.6 second delay for Laser Enable at power up. If sensor is already powered up, see table at right for Laser Enable time. Laser Disable time for all speeds is 50 ms.

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 (can not teach limits)

Output LED (yellow) – lights when a target is sensed within the programmed discrete window limits.

Power ON/OFF LED (green) – indicates the operating status of the sensor.

Power ON/OFF LED Status	Indicates		
OFF	Power is OFF		
Flashing @ 2Hz	Discrete output is overloaded (RUN mode)		
Flashing @ 1Hz	Power ON, Laser is disabled		
ON Solid	Sensor is operating normally (power ON, Laser enabled)		

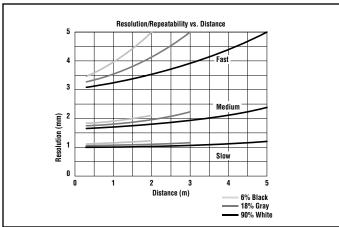
Selected Response Speed	Laser Enable Time
Slow	150 ms
Medium	60 ms
Fast	51 ms

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Sensing Range	90% White card:	18% Gray card:	6% Black card:			
	0.3 to 5 m					
Supply Voltage and Current	` ` `	naximum ripple); 108 mA max.	•			
Supply Protection Circuitry	-	erse polarity and transient volt	ages			
Delay at Power-up		not conduct during this time				
Sensing Beam	658 nm visible red IE (typical laser lifetime		nW max. radiant output power; typical beam dia: 6 mm			
Output Protection	Protected against sho	ort circuit conditions				
Output Configuration	Discrete (switched): Analog output: 0 to 1		NPN (current sinking) or PNP (current sourcing) models			
Output Rating	Discrete (switched) output: 100 mA maximum Off-state leakage current: $< 5 \mu A$ Output saturation NPN: $< 200 \text{ mV} @ 10 \text{ mA}$ and $< 600 \text{ mV} @ 100 \text{ mA}$ Output saturation PNP: $< 1.2 \text{V}$ at 10 mA; $< 1.6 \text{V}$ at 100 mA Analog voltage output: $2.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ minimum load impedance Analog current output: $1 \text{ k}\Omega$ max. @ 24V ; max. load resistance = $[V_{CC} - 4.5 / 0.02 \Omega]$					
Output Response Time	Discrete output Slow: 100 ms ON and OFF Medium: 10 ms ON and OFF Fast: 1 ms ON and OFF Medium: 45 Hz (10 ms average/ 4 ms update rate) Medium: 45 Hz (10 ms average/ 2 ms update rate) Fast: 450 Hz (1 ms average/ 1 ms update rate)					
Linearity	± 30 mm from 0.3 to 1.5 m; ± 20 mm from 1.5 to 5 m. See Figure 6. (Specified @24V dc, 22° C using a 90% reflectance white card)					
Resolution/Repeatability	See Figure 4.					
Color Sensitivity	90% white to 18% gray: <10 mm; 90% white to 6% black: < 20 mm. See Figure 5.					
Discrete Output Hysteresis	Fast: 10 mm Medium: 5 mm Slow: 3 mm					
Temperature Effect	< 2 mm / °C					
Minimum Window Size	20 mm					
Remote Teach Input	18 kΩ minimum (65	kΩ at 5V dc)				
Remote TEACH	To teach: Connect yellow wire to +5 to 24V dc To disable: Connect yellow wire to 0 to +2V dc (or open connection) See Remote Programming on page 3.					
Adjustments	Response speed: Push button toggles between 1, 10 and 100 ms Window limits (analog or discrete): TEACH-mode programming of near and far window limits (see programming procedure). Limits may also be taught remotely via TEACH input (see page 3). Analog output slope: The first limit taught is assigned to minimum output current or voltage (4 mA or 0V dc). Push-button enable/disable (lockout): via remote line (see page 6) Factory defaults: 100 ms response speed Analog/discrete window limits 0.3 m - 5 m using a 90% reflectivity white card Positive analog slope Push buttons enabled					
Laser Control		5 to 24V dc to enable laser be 6 for delay times on enable.	am; connect to 0 to +1.8V dc (or open connection)			

Specifications, continued					
Indicators	Green Power ON LED: Indicates when power is ON, overloaded output and laser status Yellow Output LED: Indicates when discrete load output is conducting Red Signal LED: Indicates target is within sensing range and the condition of the received light signal 3 Yellow Speed LEDs: Indicate the response speed setting Red/Green TEACH LEDs: Sensor is in programming mode (red – analog output; green – discrete output) NOTE: See page 6 for more information on indicator behavior.				
Construction	Housing: ABS Window: Acrylic Quick-disconnect: ABS/polycarbonate blend				
Environmental Rating	IP67, NEMA 6				
Connections	2 m (6.5') or 9 m (30') shielded 7-conductor (with drain) PVC-jacketed attached cable or 8-pin Euro-style quick-disconnect				
Operating Conditions	Temperature: 0° to +50°C (+32° to +122°F) Maximum Relative Humidity: 90% at 50°C (non-condensing)				
Application Note	Allow 30-minute warm-up before programming or operating (see Sensor Power-up/Laser Enable, page 2)				
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 90% White to 18% Gray
 ▶ 90% White to 6% Black Color Sensitivity (mm) 01 01 01 . -30 -40 Distance (m)

Typical Color Sensitivity

Figure 4. LT3 resolution

Figure 5. LT3 color sensitivity (typical)

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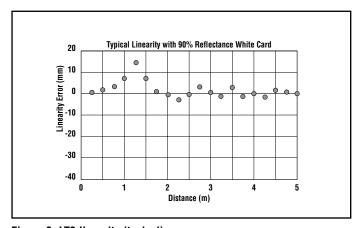


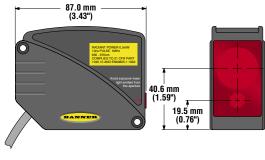
Figure 6. LT3 linearity (typical)

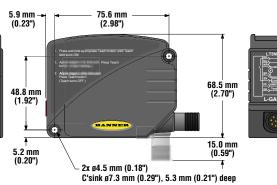
Dimensions

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

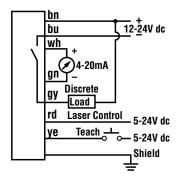




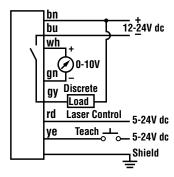


Hookups

NPN Analog Current

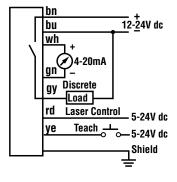


NPN Analog Voltage

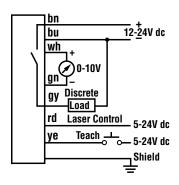


NOTE: Hookups for QD models are functionally identical.

PNP Analog Current



PNP Analog Voltage



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Accessories

Euro-Style Quick-Disconnect Cables

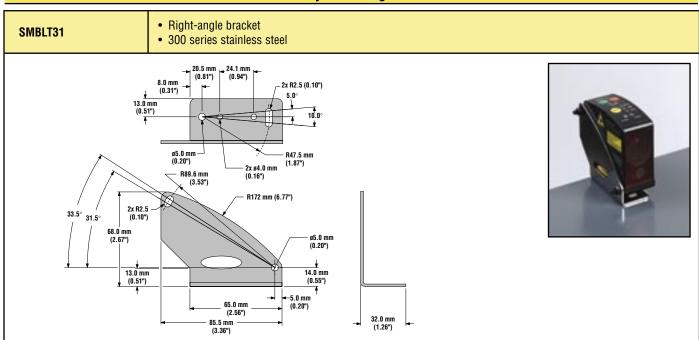
Cable: PVC jacket, polyurethane connector body, chrome-plated brass coupling nut Conductors: 24 AWG high-flex stranded, PVC insulation, gold-plated contacts

Temperature: -40° to +105°C (-40° to +221°F)

Voltage Rating: 30V ac/36V dc

Style	Model	Length	Connector	Pinout (Female View)
8-Pin Euro Straight	MQDC-806 MQDC-815 MQDC-830	2 m (6.5') 5 m (15') 9 m (30')	M12 X 1 (0.56") 42.0 mm (1.65")	Gray Red or Pink Yellow Blue Green Brown Shield

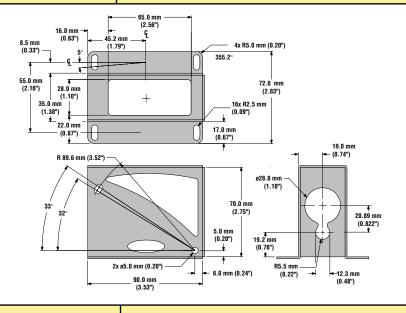
Accessory Mounting Brackets



Mounting Brackets, continued

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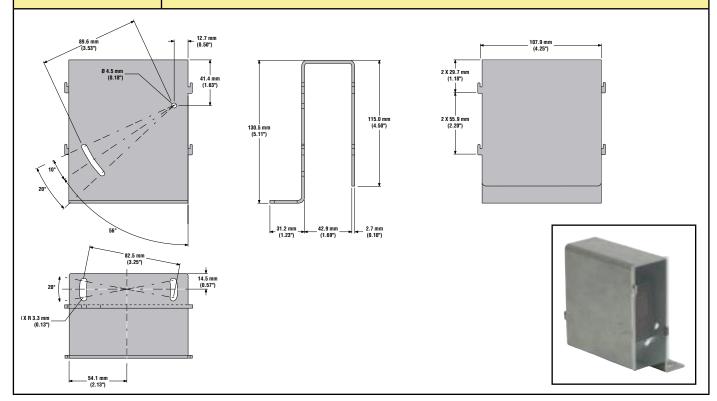
- · Heavy-duty protective bracket
- 304 series stainless steel
- Mounting hardware included





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- · Replaceable windows for welding environments
- · Stainless steel construction
- · Includes 2 weld-resistant windows





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