

Compact Inductive Proximity Sensor Amplifier Built-in

Flexible cable Metal e type available possibl

Miniature

GX-3S

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 ↓ ↓ 3.8 mm

 ↓ 0.150 in

 Long sensing range

 The non-shielded type (GX-8ML□)

 has twice the sensing range of the

has twice the sensing range of the shielded type (**GX-6ML**), although having the same size. Hence, it allows margin against sensing distance variations.

GX-3S is an amplifier built-in

inductive proximity sensor having a

diameter of just ϕ 3.8 mm ϕ 0.150 in.



Robust housing

Various applications

IP67 protection.

The GX series can be used for various

applications because of its wide supply

voltage range, open-collector transistor

output, sufficient output capacity and

The **GX-4S** uses a robust stainless steel housing. The tightening torque can be 0.58 N \cdot m or less.

Tightening torque: 0.58 N·m or less



High functionality together with robust housing and flexible cable



Operation indicator

All models of the **GX** series are equipped with an operation indicator for easy adjustment and maintenance.

Ten times greater bending durability

The bending durability of the cable to repeated bending has been increased tenfold by using special alloy cores for the cable.



APPLICATIONS

Sensing screws on cassette Sensing the punch of a die

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Туре	Appearance (mm in)	Sensing range (Note)	Model No.	Supply voltage	Output	Output operation
	¢3.8 ¢0.150	Maximum operation distance 0.8 mm 0.031 in	GX-3S			Normally open
	30	(0 to 0.6 mm 0 to 0.024 in) Stable sensing range	GX-3SB	12 to 24 V DC		Normally closed
aded type	Robust housing type	0.8 mm 0.031 in	GX-4S	± 10 %	NPN open-collector transistor	Normally open
Non-threaded type	30	(0 to 0.6 mm 0 to 0.024 in)	GX-4SB			Normally closed
Shielded type	<i>¢</i>5.4 <i>¢</i> 0.213 30 1.181	1 mm 0.039 in	GX-5S	10 to 30 V DC SB M 12 to 24 V DC ± 10 %		Normally open
		(0 to 0.8 mm 0 to 0.031 in)	GX-5SB			Normally closed
	M5 30 1.181	0.8 mm 0.031 in (0 to 0.6 mm 0 to 0.024 in)	GX-5M			Normally open
			GX-5MB			Normally closed
led type		1 mm 0.039 in (0 to 0.8 mm 0 to 0.031 in)	GX-8M			Normally open
Non-shielded type Threaded type			GX-8MB	- 10 to 30 V DC		Normally closed
	MB	2 mm 0.079 in	GX-8ML			Normally open
	30	(0 to 1.6 mm 0 to 0.063 in)	GX-8MLB			Normally closed

Note: The maximum operation distance stands for the maximum distance for which the sensor can detect the standard sensing object. The stable sensing range stands for the sensing range for which the sensor can stably detect the standard sensing object even if there is an ambient temperature drift and/or supply voltage fluctuation.

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Flexible cable type and 5 m 16.404 ft cable length type

Flexible cable type and 5 m 16.404 ft cable length type (standard: 3 m 9.843 ft) are also available.

Table of model Nos.

Туре		Standard	Flexible cable type	5 m 16.404 ft cable length type	Flexible cable & 5 m 16.404 ft cable length type	
		GX-3S	GX-3S-R	GX-3S-C5	GX-3S-R-C5	
		GX-3SB	GX-3SB-R	GX-3SB-C5	GX-3SB-R-C5	
	Non-threaded	GX-4S	GX-4S-R	GX-4S-C5	GX-4S-R-C5	
	type	GX-4SB	GX-4SB-R			
011111		GX-5S	GX-5S-R	GX-5S-C5	GX-5S-R-C5	
Shielded type		GX-5SB	GX-5SB-R	GX-5SB-C5		
		GX-5M	GX-5M-R	GX-5M-C5	GX-5M-R-C5	
		GX-5MB	GX-5MB-R	GX-5MB-C5		
	_	GX-8M	GX-8M-R	GX-8M-C5	GX-8M-R-C5	
	Threaded type –	GX-8MB	GX-8MB-R	GX-8MB-C5	GX-8MB-R-C5	
Non-shielded		GX-8ML		GX-8ML-C5		
type		GX-8MLB		GX-8MLB-C5		

Accessories

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• MS-SS3 (Sensor mounting bracket for GX-3S type) • MS-SS5 (Sensor mounting bracket for GX-5S type)



• MS-SS3-2 (C bracket for GX-3S type)

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By using the C bracket, the applicable tightening force can be doubled.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Non-threaded type

\swarrow							Shielde	ed type					
	Туре			Flexible	e cable			Flexible	e cable			Flexib	e cable
Item	Model No.	GX-3S	GX-3SB	GX-3S-R	GX-3SB-R	GX-4S	GX-4SB	GX-4S-R	GX-4SB-R	GX-5S	GX-5SB	GX-5S-R	GX-5SB-R
Max. opera	tion distance (Note 1)			0.8	8 mm 0.03	1 in ±15	%				1 mm 0.03	9 in ±15	%
Stable sen	sing range (Note 1)			0 1	to 0.6 mm	0 to 0.024	in				0 to 0.8 mr	n 0 to 0.03	1 in
Standard s	ensing object		Iron s	sheet 5 $ imes$ 5	×t1mm	0.197×0.	197×t 0.0	39 in		Iron sheet 6	×6×t1mm	0.236×0.23	6×t 0.039 in
Hysteresis						15 %	or less of o	peration di	stance				
Repeatabil	ity			20	0 μm 0.78	7 mil or les	S				8 μm 0.31	5 mil or le	SS
Supply vol	tage		12	to 24 V DC	C±10%	Ripple P-F	9 10 % or le	SS		10 to 30	V DC Rip	ple P-P 10) % or less
Current co	nsumption						15 mA	or less		1			
Output			• Maxi • Appli	n-collector mum sink c ed voltage: dual voltage	current: 50 30 V DC o	or less (bet				• Maxir • Applie	al voltage: 1.5 V	rrent: 200 r 0 V DC or le petween out or less (at 200	ess put and 0 V)
Utiliza	tion category						DC-12 c	or DC-13					
Outpu	t operation	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed
Short-	circuit protection										Incorp	orated	
Max. respo	onse frequency	1 kHz						1.5 kHz					
Operation	indicator	Red LED (lights up when the output is ON)											
Polluti	on degree	3 (Industrial environment)											
Protec	tion		IP67 (IEC)										
g Ambie	ent temperature	- 25 to + 70 °C − 13 to + 158 °F, Storage: - 25 to + 80 °C					; — 13 to ⊣	⊢ 176 °F					
Ambie	ent humidity		35 to 95 % RH, Storage: 35 to 95 % RH						35 to 85 % RH, Storage: 35 to 95 % RH				
EMC		EN 50081-2, EN 50082-2, EN 60947-5-2											
Voltag	e withstandability	500 V AC for one min. between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure											
Ambie Ambie EMC Voltag	tion resistance	$5\ M\Omega,$ or more, with 250 V DC megger between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure					$50~\text{M}\Omega,$ or more, with $500~\text{V}$ DC megger between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure						
b Vibrati	ion resistance		10 t	o 55 Hz fre	quency, 1.	5 mm 0.05	9 in amplit	ude in X, Y	and Z dire	irections for two hours each			
Shock	resistance	200 m/s ² acceleration (20 G approx.) in X, Y and Z directions for ten times each					300 m/s ² acceleration (30 G approx.) in X, Y and Z directions for ten times each						
Sensing rang	Temperature characteristics			erature rang + 20 °C +		+70 °C −	- 13 to + 15	58 °F: Withi	n ± 20 %	$\label{eq:constraint} \begin{array}{ c c c } \hline & \mbox{Over ambient temperature range} -25 \mbox{ to } +70 \ \mbox{°C} -13 \mbox{ to } +158 \ \mbox{°F:} \\ \hline & \mbox{Within} \pm 15 \ \mbox{$\%$ of sensing range at } +20 \ \mbox{°C} +68 \ \mbox{°F} \\ \hline \end{array}$			
variation	Voltage characteristics	Within \pm 2 % for \pm 10 % fluctuation of the supply voltage					Within \pm 2.5 % for \pm 15 % fluctuation of the supply voltage						
Material			Enclosure: Stainless steel (SUS304), Resin part: TPX						osure: Bras n part: ABS		lated)		
Cable		0.08 mm ² heat and co cabtyre ca 9.843 ft long	old resistant able, 3 m	0.1 mm ² 3-c oil and hea cabtyre ca 9.843 ft long	at resistant able, 3 m	heat and co	3-core oil, old resistant able, 3 m g	0.1 mm ² 3-c oil and hea cabtyre c 9.843 ft long	at resistant able, 3 m	heat and c	3-core oil, old resistant able, 3 m	oil and he	-core flexible eat resistan cable, 3 m g
Cable exte	nsion			Extensio	on up to to	tal 100 m 3	328.084 ft i s	s possible v	with 0.3 m	m², or more	e, cable.		
Weight					30 g a	pprox.					55 g :	approx.	
Accessorie	es		Sensor mo 2 (C bracke	unting brack et): 1 pc.	ket): 1 pc.					MS-SS5	(Sensor mo	ounting brack	cket): 1 pc.

Notes: 1) The maximum operation distance stands for the maximum distance for which the sensor can detect the standard sensing object. The stable sensing range stands for the sensing range for which the sensor can stably detect the standard sensing object even if there is an ambient temperature drift and/or supply voltage fluctuation.
 2) The maximum sink current varies depending on the ambient temperature. Refer to 'I/O CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS' (p.749) for details.

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Threaded type

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					Shielde	ed type				Non-shielded type			
			Туре			Flexible	e cable			Flexible	e cable		
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Max. operation distance (Note 1)			0.8 mm 0.03	31 in ± 15 %		1 mm 0.039 in ± 15 %				2 mm 0.07	'9 in ± 15 %		
Sta	ble sensi	ing rai	nge (Note 1)		0 to 0.6 mm	0 to 0.024 in			0 to 0.8 mm	0 to 0.031 in		0 to 1.6 mm 0 to 0.063 in	
Sta	ndard se	nsing	object	Iron sheet 5	×5×t1mm	0.197×0.197	7 imest 0.039 in	Iron sheet 8	\times 8 \times t1mm	0.315×0.315	5 imest 0.039 in	lron sheet 12×12×t1 n	nm 0.472 × 0.472 × t 0.039 i
Hys	teresis			15 % or less of operation distance					10 % or less	of operation	distance		
Rep	peatability	у			20 μm 0.78	7 mil or less			8 μm 0.315	5 mil or less		40 µm 1.575 mil or less	
Sup	ply volta	ige		12 to 24 V	DC ± 10 %	Ripple P-P 1	0 % or less		10 to 3	0 V DC Ripp	ole P-P 10 %	or less	
Cur	rent cons	sumpt	ion					15 mA	or less				
Out	put			 Maximu Applied volume 	al voltage: 0.4	nt: 50 mA or less (betweer	. ,	• N • A	pplied voltag	current: 200 e: 30 V DC o ge: 1.5 V or I	r less (betwe	en output ar nA sink curre	ent)
	Utilizatio	on cat	egory					DC-12 or DC-13					
	Output	opera	tion	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed	Normally open	Normally closed
	Short-ci	ircuit p	protection							Incorp	orated		
Max	k. respon	ise fre	quency				1 k	Hz				50	0 Hz
Ope	eration in	dicato	or	Red LED (lights up when the output is ON)									
	Pollution	n deg	ree					3 (Industrial environment)					
	Protecti	ion					IP67 (IEC)						
é	Ambien	t temp	perature			-25 to + 70	°C − 13 to -	+ 158 °F, Storage: −25 to + 80°C − 13 to + 176 °F					
resistance	Ambien	t hum	idity	35 to 95 % RH, Storage: 35 to 95 % RH 35 to 85 % RH, Storage: 35 to 95 % RH									
	EMC			EN 50081-2, EN 50082-2, EN 60947-5-2									
ental	Voltage	withs	tandability	500 V AC for one min. between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure									
Environmental	Insulation resistance					V DC megger ed together ar							ipply
ш	Vibratio	n resi	stance		10 to 55	5 Hz frequenc	xy, 1.5 mm 0.	nm 0.059 in amplitude in X, Y and Z directions for two hours each					
	Shock r	esista	ince		celeration (2 for ten times	0 G approx.) s each	in X, Y and	Z directions for ten times each			approx.) in	eleration (30 G X, Y and Z hree times each	
	sing range		perature acteristics			- 25 to + 70 ℃ - t + 20 ℃ + 68 °I		: Over ambient temperature range -25 to $+70$ °C -13 to $+158$ °F Within $^{+15}_{-10}$ % of sensing range at $+20$ °C $+68$ °F				+ 158 °F:	
varia	ation	Volta char	age acteristics	supply v	oltage	0 % fluctuatic		Within \pm 2.5 % for \pm 15 % fluctuation of the supply voltage				tage	
Material				closure: Bras sin part: TPX	ss (Nickel pla (ted)	Enclosure: Brass (Nickel plate Resin part: ABS				ed)		
Cable			0.08 mm ² 3-0 and cold resi cable, 3 m 9.	stant cabtyre	oil and hea	able, 3 m	0.14 mm ² 3-core oil, heat and cold resistant cabtyre cable, 3 m 9.843 ft long 9.843 ft long 0.15 mm ² 3-core flexible, oil and heat resistant cabtyre cable, 3 m 9.843 ft long		at resistant	heat and c	3-core, oil old resistan able, 3 m g		
Cable extension				E	xtension up	to total 100 m	n 328.084 ft i	is possible with 0.3 mm ² , or more, cable.			328.084 ft is	to total 100 n possible with more, cable.	
Wei	ight (Note	e 3)			30 g a	ipprox.				60 g a	pprox.		
Acc	essories			Nut: 2 pcs. Toothed lock v	vasher: 1 pc.	Nut: 2 pcs. Toothed lock w	vasher: 2 pcs.	Nut: 2 pcs. Toothed lock	washer: 1 pc.	Nut: 2 pcs. Toothed lock w	vasher: 2 pcs.	Nut: 2 pcs. Toothed lock	washer: 1 pc.

Notes: 1) The maximum operation distance stands for the maximum distance for which the sensor can detect the standard sensing object. The stable sensing range stands for the sensing range for which the sensor can stably detect the standard sensing object even if there is an ambient temperature drift and/or supply voltage fluctuation.
2) The maximum sink current varies depending on the ambient temperature. Refer to 'I/O CIRCUIT AND WIRING DIAGRAMS' (p.749) for details.
3) The given weight of the threaded type includes the weight of two nuts and one toothed lock washer.

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GX-5S GX-8M GX-8M



GX-3S GX-4S

I/O circuit diagram

I/O circuit diagram



ZD: Surge absorption zener diode Tr : NPN output transistor

• If a capacitor of 1 $\,\mu\text{F}$ or more is connected between 0 V and output or between + V and output, connect a 100 Ω resistor in series as shown below.



GX-5M

circuit protection is activated by the charge or discharge current of the capacitor, so that it results in delaying the response whenever the sensor switches. The connected resistor solves this problem.

Without the resistor, the short-

Wiring diagram



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Note: The maximum sink current varies depending on the ambient temperature.



Wiring diagram



Note: GX-3S, GX-4S and GX-5M do not incorporate a short-circuit protection at the output. Do not connect them directly to a power supply or a capacitive load.

Symbols D : Reverse supply polarity protection diode
ZD: Surge absorption zener diode
Tr : NPN output transistor







Setting distance L (mm

0 0 | 4 0.157

2 0.079

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GX-8ML

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- Center Operating point ℓ (mm in)

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Setting distance L (mm in) —

Correlation between sensing object size and sensing range

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Iron sheet

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Sensing object side length a (mm in)

0.197

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(mm in)

Sensing range L

4 0.157

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2 0.079

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As the sensing object size becomes smaller than the standard size (iron sheet $12 \times 12 \times t \ 1 \ mm$ $0.472 \times 0.472 \times t$ 0.039 in), the sensing range shortens as shown in the left figure.

shortens as shown in the left figure.

PRECAUTIONS FOR PROPER USE



This product is not a safety sensor. Its use is not intended or designed to protect life and prevent body injury or property damage from dangerous parts of machinery. It is a normal object detection sensor.

Mounting

• The tightening torque should be as given below.

Mounting with set screw

<Shielded threaded type>

• Tighten the set screw on the flat surface of the sensor without applying excessive force. Make sure to use a set screw with a cup-point end.

Set screw (M4 or less) (Note) Note: To fasten GX-5M , use a M3 or less set screw.

Note)				
	Model No.	Set screw tightening position A (mm in)	Tightening torque	
	GX-5M	5 to 10 0.197 to 0.394	0.29 N∙m	
	GX-8M	8 to 22 0.315 to 0.866	0.29 N∙m	

<Non-threaded type and non-shielded threaded type>

Set screw	Model No.	B (mm in)	C (mm in)	Tightening torque
B (M4 or less)	GX-3S	5 to 10 0.197 to 0.394	3 0.118	0.29 N∙m
	When using the C bracket			0.58 N∙m
+ C 4 ///////	GX-4S	5 to 10 0.197 to 0.394	3 0.118	0.58 N∙m
	GX-5S	8 to 20 0.315 to 0.787	5 0.197	0.29 N∙m
	GX-8ML	13 to 22 0.517 to 0.866	10 0.394	0.29 N∙m

Note: The protrusion should be kept C (mm in) or more to avoid reduction of sensing range.

• To fasten **GX-3S** and **GX-4S**, use a M3 or less set screw and tighten it from a direction perpendicular to the operation indicator.





• When using the C bracket, place it on the sensor at a distance of 3 mm 0.118 in or more from the sensor end.



• To fasten the non-shielded threaded type, tighten the set screw on the flat surface of the sensor.

Mounting with nut

• Note that the maximum tightening torque differs according to the location of the nuts.

<Shielded threaded type>





Refer to p.1152~ for general precautions.

Model No.	D (mm in)	Tightening torque
	2 to 3 0.079 to 0.118	0.49 N∙m
GX-5M⊡	3 0.118 or more	1.47 N∙m
GX-8M	3 to 11 0.118 to 0.433	1.47 N∙m
	11 0.433 or more	3.43 N∙m
GX-8ML□	9 to 11 0.345 to 0.433	0.98 N∙m
	11 0.433 or more	3.43 N∙m

Note: Mount such that the nuts do not protrude from the threaded portion.

PRECAUTIONS FOR PROPER USE

Distance from surrounding metal

• As metal around the sensor may affect the sensing performance, pay attention to the following points.

Influence of surrounding metal

• The surrounding metal will affect the sensing performance. Keep the minimum distance specified in the table below.

Model No.	E (mm in)
GX-3S	3 0.118
GX-4S	3 0.118
GX-5S	4 0.157
GX-5M	3 0.118
GX-8M	4 0.157
GX-8ML	8 0.315

Embedding of the sensor in metal

 Sensing range may decrease if the sensor is completely embedded in metal. Especially for the non-threaded type and the non-shielded type, keep the minimum distance specified in the table below.

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	Model No.	F (mm in)	G (mm in)	
	GX-3S□	3 0.118	¢12 ¢ 0.472	
	GX-4S□	3 0.118	φ12 φ0.472	
	GX-5S	5 0.197	¢15.4 ¢0.606	
	GX-8ML	10 0.394	¢30 ¢1.181	

H (mm in)

16 0.630

16 0.630

20 0.787

10 0.394

20 0.787

50 1.969

J (mm in)

16 0.630

16 0.630

15 0.591

10 0.394

15 0.591

30 1.181

Mutual interference

• When two or more sensors are installed in parallel or face to face, keep the minimum separation distance specified below to avoid mutual interference.

GX-8M

GX-8ML

 Face to face mounting
 Model No.

 GX-3S
 GX-4S

 GX-4S
 GX-5S

 GX-5M
 GX-5M

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Sensing range

• The sensing range is specified for the standard sensing object. With a non-ferrous metal, the sensing range is obtained by multiplying with the correction coefficient specified below.

Correction coefficient

Model No. Metal	GX-3S□ GX-4S□	GX-5M⊡	GX-5S GX-8M GX-8ML
Iron	1	1	1
Stainless steel (SUS304)	0.65 approx.	0.83 approx.	0.70 approx.
Brass	0.36 approx.	0.61 approx.	0.40 approx.
Aluminum	0.30 approx.	0.58 approx.	0.35 approx.

Note: The sensing range also changes if the sensing object is plated.

Others

- Do not use during the initial transient time (10 ms) after the power supply is switched on.
- When the sensor is mounted on a moving base, stress should not be applied to the sensor cable joint.

Sensors attached with flexible cable are also available. They are identified by the suffix '-**R**' at the end of the model No.



• **GX-3S**, **GX-4S** and **GX-5M** do not incorporate a short-circuit protection at the output. Do not connect them directly to a power supply or a capacitive load.

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