



Now there's accurate counting of containers over a wide range of sizes, even in the presence of "dither" or jiggling back and forth

Accurate counting of containers on single-file conveying systems has challenged the container manufacturing, food processing and packaging, beer/beverage, and pharmaceutical industries for many years. The Model CT1000A series is an ultrasonic sensor designed especially for achieving accurate container counting.

The Model CT1000A ultrasonic counting sensor counts separated containers as well as those moving back-to-back at line speeds up to 2000 containers per minute. The accuracy is maintained in the presence of line stoppages, reversals, and container jiggling in front of the sensor. The sensor provides a setting for large versus small container sizes, and regular versus irregular container shapes.

The Model CT1000A sensor is capable of counting various size containers with a single setting of the sensor as long as the proper spacing between the rails and containers is maintained and the distance from the sensor to the containers is not changed. This feature eliminates the need to stop the conveyor line and readjust the sen-

sor each time there is a change in the container size or material.

Made of tough ULTEM®, the sensor measures 139.7 mm (5.50") long x 66.5 mm (2.62") wide x 78.7 mm (3.10") high. With protection ratings of IP67 and NEMA 4X (indoor use only), the sensor resists most acids and bases, including most food products. It is sealed to withstand dusty, noisy, noncondensing-humidity, high-pressure, wash-down environments typically associated with beverage-filling operations. The transducer face of the sensor is made of silicone rubber.

Operation

The Model CT1000A counting sensor must be mounted so the sensing face is parallel to the container or object moving past the sensor, and away from any threads at the top of certain containers. The sensing range, to the inside of the pass-line-rail, is 50.8 mm to 69.8 mm (2.0" to 2.75") for most size containers.

As the Model CT1000A counts a container, its red LED flashes and its output generates a 20 millisecond pulse with which an electronic counter, PLC, or other counting system uses to keep count.

The output pulse time becomes variable at line speeds above 1500 containers per minute, and is the time between

SUPERPROX® Ultrasonic Counting Sensor

- **Compatible**
with most types of external counters and PLC's
- **Counts accurately**
- **Counts a wide range of container sizes**
- **Counts irregular shaped containers**
- **Counts glass, metal, plastic, and composite containers**
- **Counts accurately at line speeds up to 2000 containers per minute**
- **CE certified**

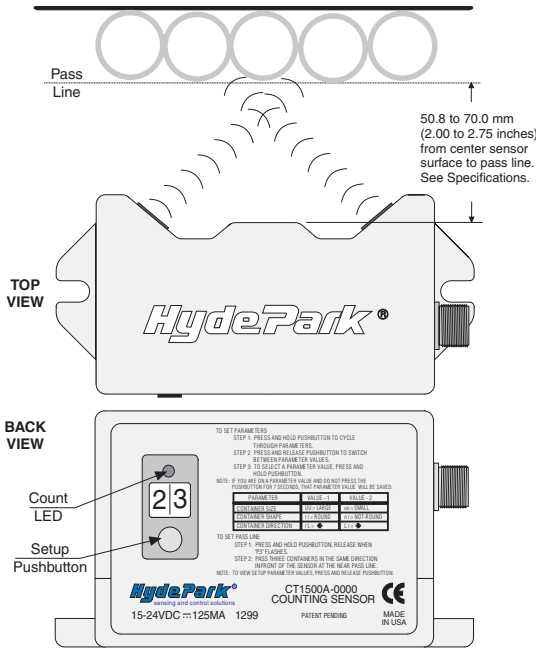
containers divided by 2.

If containers move past the sensor in the opposite direction, the sensor remembers not to generate pulses until the containers move past the sensor in the correct direction. The sensor remembers up to 32,000 containers moving in the opposite direction.

The setup mode which specifies the container size, container shape, and conveyor direction, is done through the two-digit numeric display and the setup push-button. The setup mode is saved in nonvolatile memory and thus retained when power is removed from the sensor.

The Model CT1500A-1400 counting sensor with jam detection is also available.

CT1500A-0000 Counting Sensor



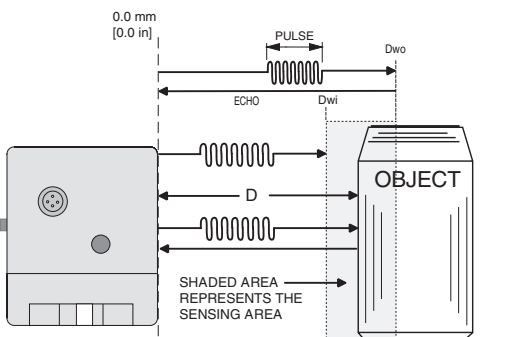
How does it work?

During setup and operation, the CT1000A continually and accurately measures the elapsed time of every pulse echo reception between each pulse transmission for each of its transducers. The transmitted pulse begins a clock to register the elapsed times for the received pulse echoes. Given the elapsed time, the CT1000A software calculates the distance traveled out to the container and back to the sensor, using the formula

$$D = \frac{T * V_s}{2}$$

where: D = distance from the sensor to the object; T = elapsed time between pulse transmission and its echo receptions, V_s = velocity of sound, approximately 1100 feet per second.

During operation, the calculated distance (D) is used by the CT1000A to determine the location and direction of each container as it passes by the unit. When each individual container is recognized to have passed by the sensor in the correct direction, the unit increments the digital display and pulses the output.



Model Reference Guide - CT1000A Series

Use the guide below to ensure the correct model number is specified for the application. Please note that not all sensor model combinations are available.

EXAMPLE MODEL:

SUPERPROX® Product Series

Power/Connection Type

0... 15 to 24 VDC / cable style

5... 15 to 24 VDC / connector style - STANDARD

Sensing Function

00... Standard counting

01... Velocity

Design Level

A... Applies to all models

Operating Mode

0... Standard

1... Counting with jam detection (3 transducer model)

Output Type

Counting with no jam output velocity and print control sensors:

0... Normally open (N.O. - NPN & PNP) - standard

1... Normally closed (N.C. - NPN & PNP)

2... Complimentary NPN outputs

3... Complimentary PNP outputs

Counting with Jam output:

4... Normally open (N.O. - NPN & PNP)

5... Normally closed (N.C. - NPN & PNP)

6... Normally open (N.O. - PNP & PNP)

7... Normally closed (N.C. - PNP & PNP)

Special Functionality

00... Standard

01... Divide by 10

02... Divide by 24

03... Divide by 100

10... Count up / down outputs

20... 100ms pulse output

Features and Options

...No letter indicates no features or options

FS... Fluorosilicone transducer face

Housing Types

...No letter indicates standard ULTEM®* plastic housing.

N...NORYL®* Dairy 3A gray plastic housing

Power Cable Length

...No number indicates standard power cable length

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Setup

Before using the counting sensor the container size, shape, and direction must be set first and then the pass line must be set. On the back side of the sensor is a 2-digit LED display and a setup push-button. Normally this display shows either a count or fault status. The 2-digit LED display and setup push-button are also used to set the container direction, size, shape, and the pass line for the containers. Momentarily pressing the setup push-button displays the container size, shape, and direction. This action clears the 2-digit LED display container count but does not affect the external counting device.

Container Size, Shape, and Direction

Press and hold the setup push-button until the 2-digit LED display alternates a blank display with the current value for the desired parameter, and then release the setup push-button. (The parameter displayed can be determined from the parameter value as shown in the table below, since the parameter values are all unique. When the setup push-button is first pressed and held for a few seconds, the 2-digit LED display first flashes P3 for pass line setup, and then continues to the setup parameters. To change the parameter to the other value, press and release the setup push-button. To save the current parameter value as the selected value for the parameter, either press and hold to move to the next pa-

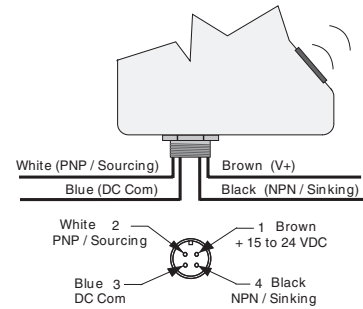
rameter; or wait 7 seconds for the parameter setup to timeout. After the setup push-button is not pressed for 7 seconds, the selected value for each setup parameter is saved in nonvolatile memory, and the display returns to normal operation.

Pass Line Setup

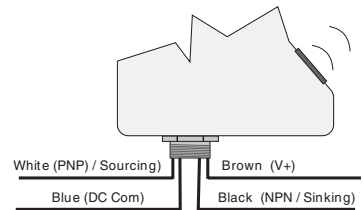
The sensor must be mounted so that the containers pass the sensor at a fixed distance from the sensor. Press and hold the setup push-button until the 2-digit LED display flashes P3 and then release. Next move 3 containers past the sensor at the near edge of the pass line. After each container passes the sensor, the digit following the P is decremented. After the 3rd container passes the sensor, the pass line is set, and the 2-digit LED display returns to displaying a container count. If you wish to abort the pass line setup, press and release the setup push-button. If you press and hold, the sensor switches to container size, shape, and direction setup mode.

Electrical Wiring

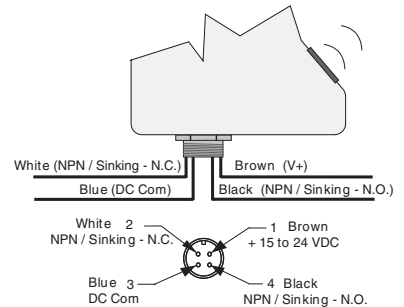
Count – NPN/PNP



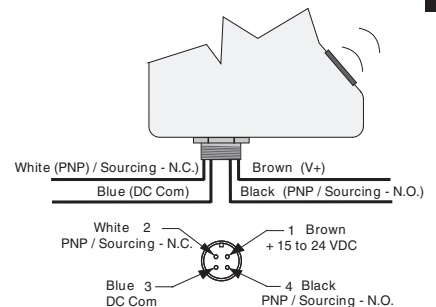
Count – NPN/PNP



Count – NPN



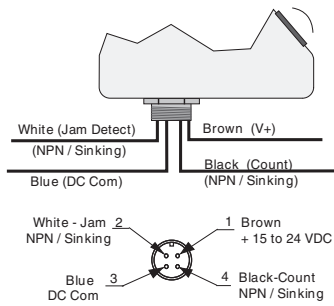
Count – PNP



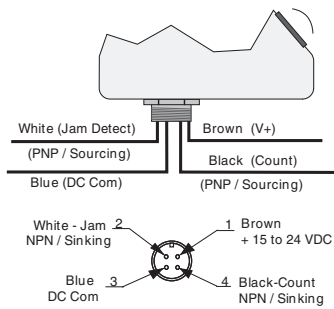
| Parameter | Value 1 | Value 2 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Container Size | UU = large (2.0" - 12.0" approx.) | uu = small (1.5" - 2.0" approx.) |
| Container Shape | rr = round | nr = not round |
| Container Direction | rL = → (right/left) | Lr = ← (left/right) |

Electrical Wiring

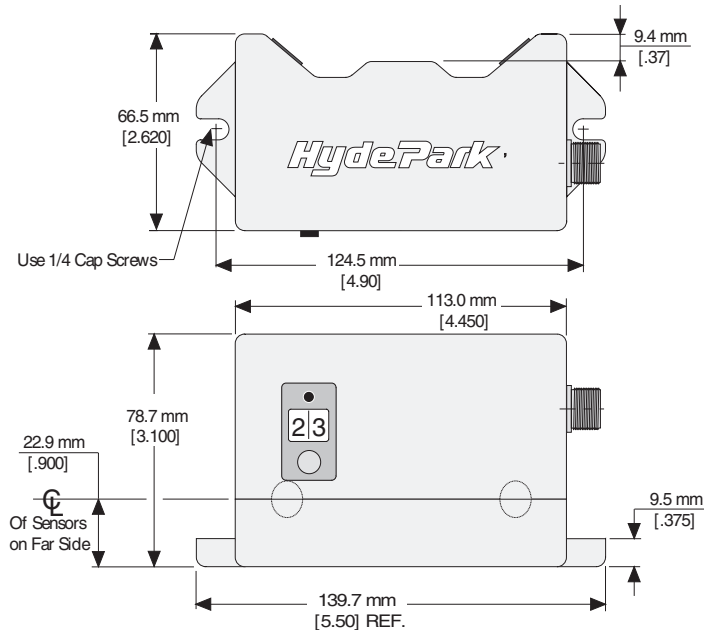
Count/Jam – NPN/NPN



Count/Jam – PNP/PNP

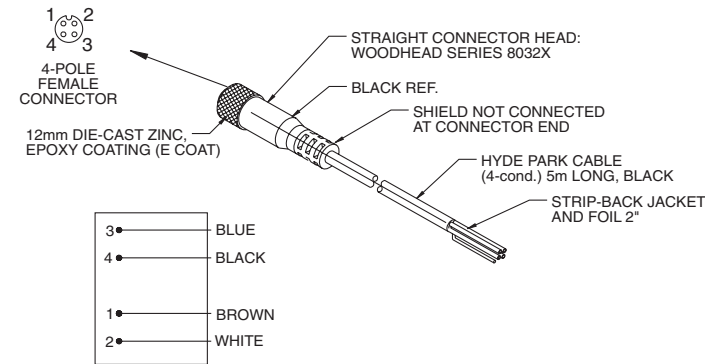
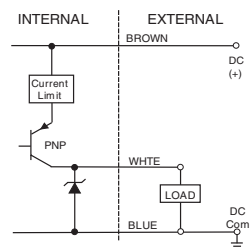
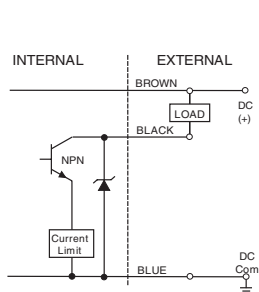


Dimensions

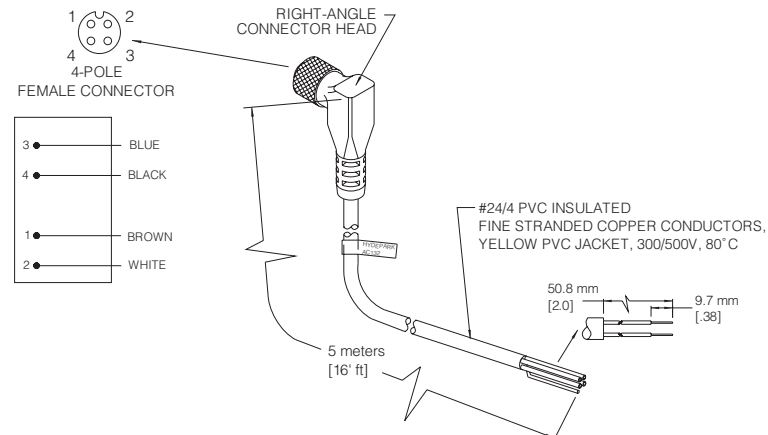


Accessories

AC130 Straight, M12 micro, 4-conductor, connector/cable assembly, 5 m (16'), for 30 mm, barrel-style sensors

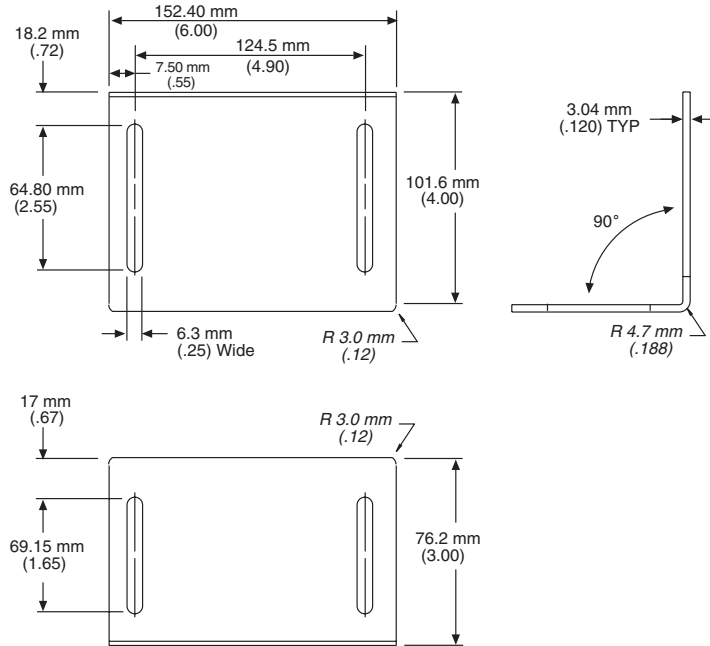


AC132 Right-angle, M12 micro, 4-conductor, connector/cable assembly, 5 m (16'), for 30 mm, barrel-style sensors



Accessories, con't.

Mounting bracket



General Specifications

Power Supply

Supply Voltage: +15 to 24 VDC $\pm 10\%$ regulated supply
 Current: 125 mA max. (excluding load)
 Protection: ESD and reverse-polarity

Maximum on-state voltage @ 100mA: 0.37 V
 Maximum load current: 100 mA
 Maximum applied voltage: 30 VDC
 Protection: ESD and over-current

Maximum on-state voltage drop @ 100mA: 0.50 V
 Maximum load current: 100 mA
 Maximum output voltage: Equal to supply voltage
 Protection: ESD and over-current

Operating Temperature: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F), @ 100% relative humidity

Storage Temperature: -40°C to 100°C (-40°F to 212°F)

Container diameter plus 6.3mm (0.25")

Small containers 38.1mm (1.5") to 50.8mm (2.0") dia. 50.8 mm to 63.5 mm (2.00" to 2.50")

Large containers 50.8mm (2.0") to 305mm (12.0") dia. 50.8 mm to 69.8 mm (2.00" to 2.75")

2000 containers per minute

500kHz

W= 66.5 mm, L= 139.7 mm, H= 78.7mm
 (W= 2.62 in, L= 5.50 in, H= 3.10 in.)

4 pin connector Use either AC130 or AC132 sensor cable
 (Must be purchased separately)

Housing: Epoxy filled to resist shock and vibration
 Case: ULTEM® (FDA Approved)
 Face: FDA approved silicone rubber
 Optional Cable: Non-toxic PVC jacket
 2-digit LED Window: LEXAN®

NEMA 1, 3, 4x (indoor use only), 12, 13, and IP67
 CE mark compliant

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Accessories

Model AC130, Straight, M12 micro, 4-conductor, connector/cable assembly, 5 m (16'), for connector-style sensors

Model AC132, Right-angle, M12 micro, 4-conductor, connector/cable assembly, 5 m (16'), for connector-style sensors

Model AC234, Counting sensor bracket

See page 7-1 for accessory photos.

