Optical Sensors

- Remote Controls
- Copiers
- Cell Phones

Selection Guide
Optical Sensors from ROHM Semiconductor

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Important Benefits of ROHM Optical Sensors

- **40 years of IR Sensor Product Advancement**

  For over 40 years, ROHM has been a leading solution provider of photooptic sensors for consumers in the commercial and printer markets.

  Recent advances in GaAlAs high energy band gap technology from ROHM have resulted in the development of IR emitters with 800-950nm wavelength and fast response times.

  In addition, fully automated double molding THD and SMD packaging production lines designed and developed by ROHM Semiconductor contribute to high reliability and accurate mounting.

- **Industry’s Widest Product Line**

  ROHM offers IR sensors including discrete IR LEDs and transistor sensors, fully integrated remote control receivers, IrDA transmitters, photointerrupters and customized sensor detection devices.

  IR LEDs and transistor sensor products are offered in packages ranging from standard T1, T11/4 packages to very small low profile (0.9mm) SMD top view and side view packages, all featuring ambient light resistance with wide or narrow viewing angles. These devices are suitable for remote control transmitters, games, security, industrial applications and proximity detection.

  Integrated products such as photointerrupters and reflectors are offered in a variety of package sizes and different gap and slit widths. High accuracy detection due to double molding technology makes them ideal for printer applications, including paper/door detection and motor rotation/position sensing.

  Tilt sensors offered in small, low profile, low noise SMD packages are applicable for orientation detection and image rotation in digital cameras, cell phones, tablet computers and other handheld devices.

  ROHM IR receivers and IrDA communication devices with integrated LS/IR components operate at low voltage and low power consumption, while internal filters and shielding contribute to low noise operation and greater EMI resistance.

- **Custom Product Development**

  ROHM is directly engaged with leading product manufacturers of consumer, medical, industrial and security products. By utilizing proprietary technologies and manufacturing expertise achieved over the years, ROHM is able to support special designs and custom solutions ranging from low power IR chips to custom packaging.
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IR Emitters

- **SIM-040ST / SIM-041ST**

ROHM’s latest low profile lineup of IR emitters is designed specifically with a peak wavelength of 870nm/850nm which is close to the peak wave sensitivity of phototransistors (sensors), resulting in higher efficiency output and up to 66% in energy savings.

**Applications**
- Light source for proximity sensors
- Signal transmission

**Important Features**
- Improved peak wavelength of 870nm/850nm
- Compact and low profile (1.6mm x 3.1mm x 2.25mm)
- High output (40mW typical)
- Narrow viewing angle (±17.5 degrees)
- Excellent temperature characteristics
- Long life, high reliability

With energy losses minimized, the SIM-040ST infrared emitter is 66% more efficient than traditional components.

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Applications
- Light source for proximity sensors
- Signal transmission

Important Features
- Improved peak wavelength of 870nm/850nm
- Compact and low profile (0.9mm x 2.3mm x 1.95mm)
- High output (30mW typical)
- Narrow viewing angle (±17.5 degrees)
- Excellent temperature characteristics
- Long life, high reliability

DESIGN NOTE

Ultra Low Profile (0.9mm)

At 0.9mm, the SIM-030ST is the thinnest surface mount component of its kind. Similar to the SIM-040ST, this chip is 66% more efficient than traditional infrared emitters.

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IR Phototransistor/Sensor (top-view type)

- **SCM-014TB**

The SCM-014TB features high gain and collector current. This top-view molded chip is designed for automatic mounting and SMD reflow assemblies.

### Applications
- Automatic mounting
- Photo sensing
- Motion sensing
- SMD reflow assembly

### Important Features
- Remarkably high sensitivity
- 800nm peak wavelength
- Outstanding ambient light filtering

### Key FACTS

#### Why IR and not Bluetooth?

**IR Advantages**
1. Higher security: beam directionality helps ensure that data isn’t detected by nearby devices as it’s transmitted
2. High noise immunity: not as likely to have interference from signals from other devices
3. Few international regulatory constraints
4. Low power requirements: ideal for laptops, cell phones, and personal digital assistants
5. Simple design implementation

**IR Disadvantages**
1. Line of sight: transmitters and receivers must be almost directly aligned
2. Blocked by common materials: people, walls, plants, and other objects can block transmission
3. Short range: performance drops off with longer distances
4. Light and weather sensitive: direct sunlight, rain, fog, dust, and pollution can affect transmission
5. Speed: data rate transmission is lower than typical wired transmission

### Characteristics

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IR Phototransistor/Sensor (molded type)

**SML-810TB**

The SML-810TB features high gain and collector current. This molded type chip is ideal for reverse mounting.

**Applications**
- Reverse mounting
- SMD reflow assembly

**Important Features**
- Low profile
- Accurate positioning
- Saves board space

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**DESIGN NOTE**

Ideal for Reverse Mounting

Reverse mounting is optimized for space saving, low profile applications.

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IR Phototransistor/Sensor and Emitter (side-view type)

**RPM-012PB Sensor**

The RPM-012PB is an ultra-compact side-view chip sensor. Ideal for high sensitivity optical remote control applications when used in combination with the SIM-012SB emitter.

**SiM-012SB Emitter**

The SiM-012SB is an ultra-compact side-view chip emitter compatible with the RPM-012PB sensor.

### Applications
- Optical control equipment
- Remote control devices

### Important Features
- High power lens
- Ultra-compact surface mount package (3mm x 3mm x 2mm)
- Reflow possible

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Photointerrupters (double mold type)

- **RPI-0128**

  The RPI-0128 is a double mold type photointerrupter in an ultraminiature surface mount package featuring a 1.2mm gap width and accurate 0.2mm narrow beam detection.

- **RPI-128**

  The RPI-128 is a double mold type photointerrupter in an ultraminiature through hole package featuring a 1.2mm gap width and accurate 0.2mm narrow beam detection.

**Applications**
- Digital cameras
- Digital video cameras
- Mini industrial sensors

**Important Features**
- Ultra-compact (2.5mm x 1.6mm x 1.8mm)
- 1.2mm gap
- Vertical Slit
- Available in DIP and SMD packages

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Photointerrupter (double mold type)

- **RPI-129BN**

The RPI-129BN is a double mold type photointerrupter in an ultraminiature through hole package configured with horizontal slits featuring a 1.2mm gap width and accurate 0.3mm narrow beam detection.

**Applications**
- Digital photography cameras
- Digital video cameras
- Cell phones

**Important Features**
- Ultra-compact (3.6mm x 2.8mm x 3.3mm)
- 1.2mm gap
- Horizontal slit
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Photointerrupter (transmission type)

- RPI-151

The RPI-151 is a two-phase photointerrupter that integrates two sensors in a single package, contributing to greater space savings.

Applications
- Motor speed and direction detection
- Encoders

Important Features
- Two sensors in one package
- 1.5mm gap

DESIGN NOTE
Two Sensors in One Package

The dual-sensor configuration makes the RPI-151 ideal for detecting both the speed and direction of a motor with high accuracy, eliminating the need for a second sensor.

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Photointerrupter (transmission type)

- **RPI-2501**

The RPI-2501 is a high accuracy photointerrupter designed as a lower-cost alternative to conventional products.

**Applications**
- Printers

**Important Features**
- Built-in mini CT connector
- High accuracy narrow slit design (0.4mm)
- High collector output current
- 850nm emitter wavelength
- Double-mold package
- Compatible with connector types 353293-3 and 353908-3 (26-28 AWG)

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**DESIGN NOTE**

25% Improved Detection Accuracy (0.4mm)

The RPI-2500's narrow slit design of 0.5mm is suitable for a wide range (0.8 - 1.6mm) to PCB thickness assemblies.

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Photointerrupter (reflective type)

**RPR-220C1**

The RPR-220C1 is a reflective type photointerruptor with a focal length of 6mm and a wavelength of 940nm.

### Applications
- Printers
- CD players
- Gaming machines

### Important Features
- 940nm wavelength
- Plastic lens yields high sensitivity
- Built-in visible light filter minimizes stray light influence
- Light & compact
- Excellent reflection sensitivity (3-6mm)

![Photointerrupter Diagram](image)

**Notes:**
1. Unspecified tolerance shall be ±0.2.
2. Dimension in parenthesis are shown for reference.

#### Emitter

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#### Sensor

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Photointerrupters (reflective type)

**RPR-220UC30**

The RPR-220UC30 is a reflective type photointerrupter with a focal length of 6mm and a wavelength of 630nm (red light).

**RPR-220PC30N**

The RPR-220PC30N is a reflective type photointerruptor with a focal length of 6mm and a wavelength of 470nm (blue light).

**Applications**
- Printers
- Medical
- Games

**Important Features**
- Plastic lens yields high sensitivity
- Built-in visible light filter minimizes stray light influence
- Light & compact

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Tilt Sensor (4-way detection)

- RPI-1040

The RPI-1040 is an optical surface mount 4-way detection sensor with one IR LED and two phototransistors for detecting orientation, rotation, or fall in a variety of applications.

Applications
- Cell phones
- Digital cameras
- Portable audio
- Irons
- Heating Fans

Important Features
- Industry's thinnest package (3.1mm x 3.1mm x 0.8mm thick)
- Silent, noise-free operation
- Shielded from vibration, magnetic, and RF noise
- High precision detection

**Design Note**

(a) RPI-1040 integrates an IR LED, 2 phototransistors, and a light shield, into a single package.

(b) The optimized configuration reduces volume and area by 79% and 37% compared to conventional products.

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IrDA Communication Modules

**RPM871**

The RPM871 is a micro infrared module based on the IrDA1.2 standard. The SIR-compatible unit operates at a distance of 60cm. It contains an infrared LED, a PIN photodiode and LSI circuitry in an ultra-compact, 8-pin package. In addition to low power consumption (73μA typical), the module has a built-in power down function that reduces the current consumption to 0.01μA (typical).

**Applications**
- Cell phones, PDAs

**Important Features**
- Excellent ambient light detection with superior resistance to electromagnetic noise
- Ultra-compact package saves space
- Low power consumption: 73μA (typ.)
- Broad power supply voltage range: 2.6V to 3.6V
- Integrated power down function results in a standby circuit current of only 0.01μA (typ.)
- Variable transmission distance range via constant LED load resistance (60cm max.)
- Available in top view and side view configurations

**Anti-Magnetic Noise Characteristics**

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**DESIGN NOTE**

- Household Appliances
- Financial Terminals
- Gaming Devices
- Consumer Electronics
- Transportation-Related Equipment
- Medical Equipment
- Public Terminals
- Industrial Equipment
- Car Electronics
- Office Equipment (OA Equipment)
- AV Equipment
Remote Control Receiver Modules

**RPM5540 / RPM5340**

RPM5540 and RPM5340 are ultra-compact surface mount remote controller receiver modules ideal for AV equipment (i.e. TVs, digital cameras, car systems, gaming devices, toys), home electronics (e.g. air conditioners, lights, fans), and industrial applications.

**Applications**
- Home electronics, including TVs, DVD players, air conditioners, audio systems, and industrial equipment

**Important Features**
- Ultra-compact package (1/16th the size of existing products)
- Long effective distance and wide angle equivalent to existing products
- Low current consumption (300 - 950 μA)
- Supports Pb-free soldering
- Side-view type also available (H14)
- Compatible with 3V and 5V operation

**DESIGN NOTE**

Requires Only 1/16th the Volume of THDs

The RPM5540 and RPM5340 require 75% less volume than comparable Through Hole Devices (THDs).