

Sensors from SMC :)

What is a sensor?

A sensor is device that collect information about the world around it. Sensor operate on the principle of transduction: the conversion of energy from one form to another.

Classification of sensors

Level 1: Proprioceptive / Exteroceptive

Level 2: Contact / Non-contact

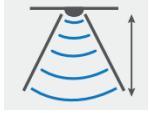
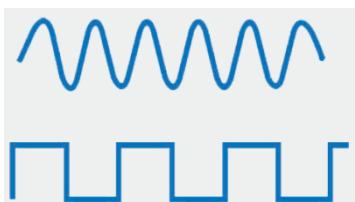
Level 3: Active / Passive

Level 4: Type of detection (contact, sound, electromagnetic spectrum or chemical concantracion)

What can they detect?

- Presence		- Location or dimension		- Chemical composition	
- Temperature		- Color			

Characteristics of sensors

- Measuring range		- Linearity	
- Resolution		- Response time	
- Sensivity		- Offset or Zero deviation	
- Repeatability		- Drift	
- Precision and accuracy		- Types of signal output: Analog or digital	

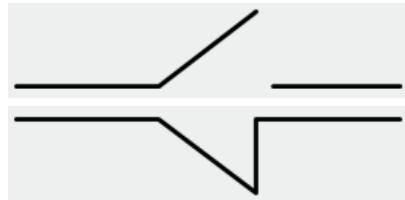
Types of sensors

Proximity sensors

Contact proximity sensors

Contact proximity sensors must make physical contact with an object to determine if it is present or absent.

Normally open sensor



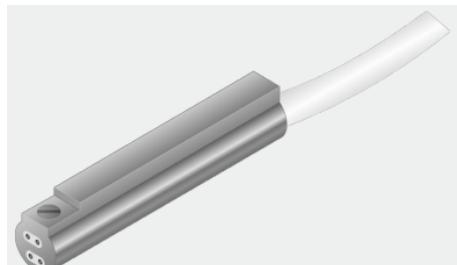
Normally closed sensor

Non-contact proximity sensors

They are able to detect the presence of nearby object without any contact.

Magnetic sensors

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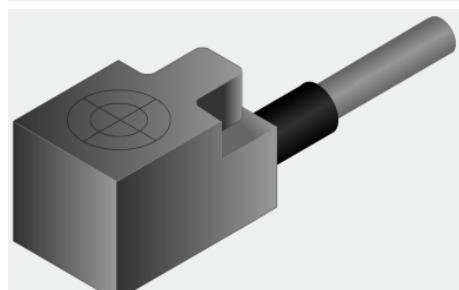


Hall effect sensor

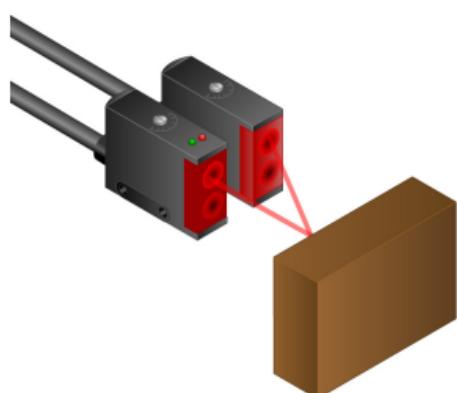
Capacitive sensors

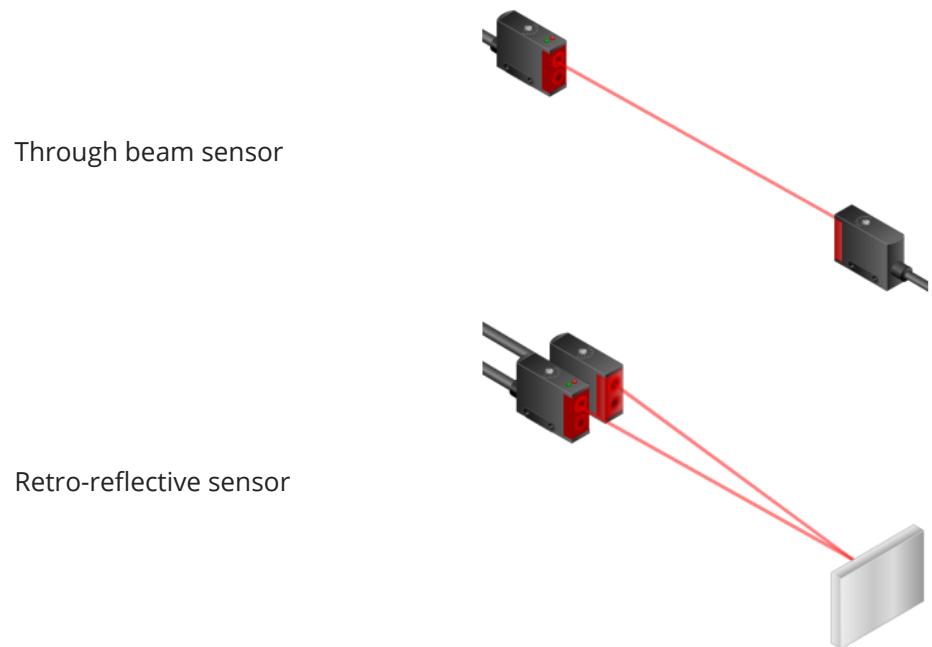


Inductive sensors



Photoelectric sensors Diffuse sensor

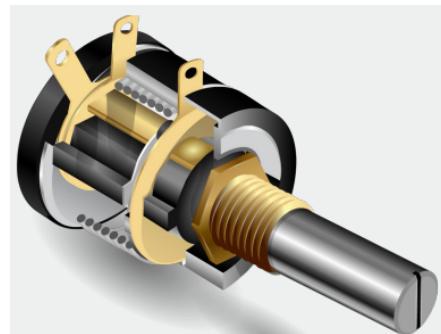




Position, speed and acceleration sensors

Position

Potentiometer

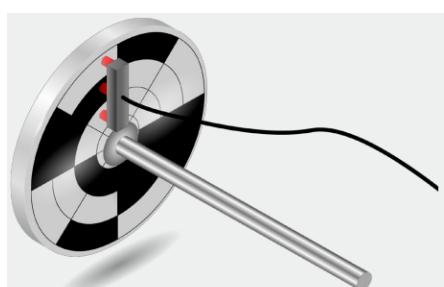


Linear encoder

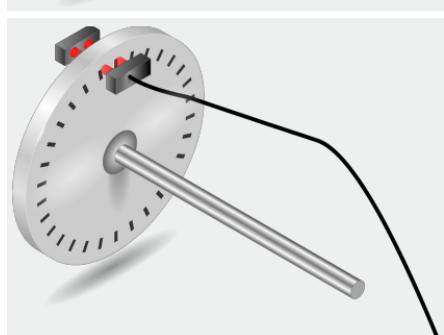


Rotary encoder

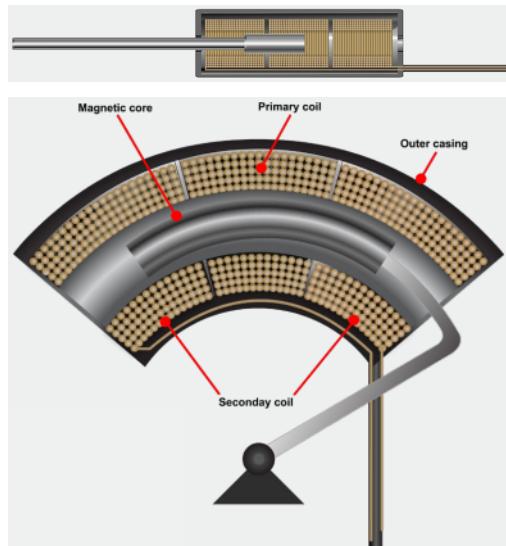
Absolute



Incremental



Linear variable differential transformer (LVDT)



Rotary variable differential transformer (RVDT)

Speed

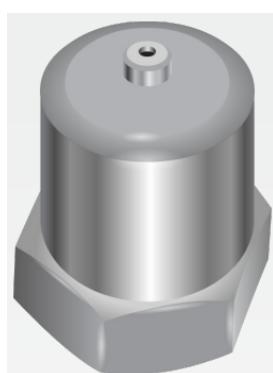
There are many sensors to measure the speed: Linear and rotary encoders, LVDT, RVDT, etc.

Acceleration

Acceleration sensors are used to measure forces on an object that are a result of:

- Fall
- Tap
- Tilt
- Shock
- Vibration

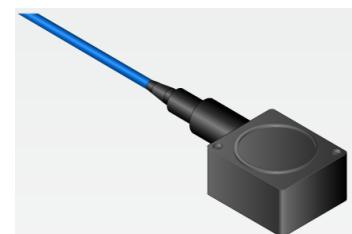
Piezoelectric



Hall effect



Capacitive



Process control sensors



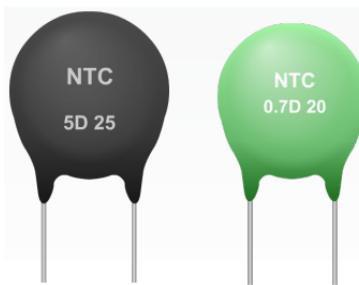
Pressure sensor



Flow sensor



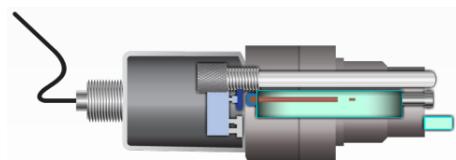
Level sensor



Temperature sensor



Load sensor



pH sensor