SPECTRO-3 Series - True Color Sensors

SPECTRO-3-30-FCL

- Measuring range typ. 15 mm ... 100 mm
- Big dynamic range due to focused white-light operation
- Up to 31 colors can be stored
- RS232 interface (USB or Ethernet adapter is available)
- 9x super-bright white-light LED, focused (AC-/DC-/PULSE-operation or OFF for luminous objects can be switched)
- Color detection, contrast detection, and gray scale detection
- Insensitive to outside light (in AC- or PULSE-operation)
- Brightness correction can be activated (STAT/DYN)
- Scan frequency max. 35 kHz (in DC- or OFF-operation)
- Switching frequency typ. 60 kHz
- Several TEACH functions (via PC, PLC, or push button)
- Various evaluation algorithms can be activated
- “BEST HIT” mode ("human color assessment")
- Switching state display by means of 5 yellow LEDs
- Parameterizable via Windows® software, scope function
- Temperature compensated
- Averaging can be activated (from 1 up to over 32000 values)
- Color control of luminous objects (LEDs, halogen lamps, displays, ...)
- 3-color filter detector (true color detector: "human color perception")

Product name:

SPECTRO-3-30-FCL
SPECTRO-3-30-FCL-d5
(incl. Windows® PC software SPECTRO3-Scope)

d5 = By use of an aperture Ø 5 mm the detection range at the working distance of 30 mm will be reduced to typ. 6 mm

Accessories: (p. 9-10)

FL-34 (flange)
WFL-34 (flange, angle type)
SPECTRO-3-30-OFL
(offline top part/spacer)

Receiver optics with 3-color filter detector (True Color)
transmitter optics with 9x white light LED
scratch-resistant optics cover made of glass

Sturdy aluminum housing, anodized in blue
Mounting screws (M34)
LED display: Switching state indication by means of 5 yellow LEDs

4-pole fem. connector
Binder Series 707
(RS232 interface)

Connecting cable:
cab-las4/PC or
cab-las4/USB or
SI-RS232/Ethernet-4

TEACH button
(external teaching via input IN0)

8-pole fem. connector
Binder Series 712
(connection to PLC)

Connecting cable:
cab-las8/SPS

Optics holding device
(aluminum, anodized)
### Technical Data

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<th>SPECTRO-3-30-FCL</th>
<th>SPECTRO-3-30-FCL-d5</th>
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<tr>
<td>Voltage supply</td>
<td>+24VDC (± 10%), reverse polarity protected, overcurrent protected</td>
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<td>Current consumption</td>
<td>&lt; 220 mA</td>
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<td>Max. switching current</td>
<td>100 mA, short circuit proof</td>
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<td>Switching state indication</td>
<td>5 yellow LED visualize the physical state of the outputs OUT0 ... OUT4</td>
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<td>Input digital (1x)</td>
<td>IN0 (Pin 3), digital (0V/+24V) or teach button at the housing</td>
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<td>Outputs digital (5x)</td>
<td>OUT0 ... OUT4 (Pin 4 ... 8): digital (0V/+24V), npp-npn-able (bright-dark-switching, can be switched)</td>
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<td>Interface</td>
<td>RS232</td>
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<td>Pulse lengthening</td>
<td>0 ... 100 ms, adjustable via PC software</td>
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<td>Averaging</td>
<td>max. 32768 values, adjustable via PC software</td>
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<td>Scan frequency</td>
<td>LED operation, can be switched via PC software: &lt;br&gt;AC operation: max. 20 kHz (depends on parameterization) &lt;br&gt;DC and OFF operation: max. 35 kHz (depends on parameterization) &lt;br&gt;PULSE operation: max. 5 kHz (depends on parameterization)</td>
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<td>Switching frequency</td>
<td>typ. 60 kHz</td>
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<td>Transmitter (light source)</td>
<td>9x super-bright white-light LED, focused</td>
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<td>Transmitter control</td>
<td>can be switched via PC software: &lt;br&gt;AC operation (LED MODE-AC), DC operation (LED MODE-DC), OFF operation (LED MODE-OFF)</td>
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<td>Measuring range</td>
<td>typ. 15 mm ... 100 mm</td>
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<td>Receiver</td>
<td>3-color filter detector (TRUE COLOR detector, &quot;human color perception&quot;), color filter curves acc. to CIE 1931</td>
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<td>Receiver gain setting</td>
<td>8 steps (AMP1 ... AMP8), adjustable via PC software</td>
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<td>Ambient light</td>
<td>max. 5000 Lux</td>
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<td>Detection range (half intensity width)</td>
<td>typ. 12 mm at a distance of 30 mm&lt;br&gt;typ. 15 mm at a distance of 50 mm&lt;br&gt;typ. 27 mm at a distance of 80 mm&lt;br&gt;typ. 35 mm at a distance of 100 mm</td>
<td>typ. 6 mm at a distance of 30 mm&lt;br&gt;typ. 7.5 mm at a distance of 50 mm&lt;br&gt;typ. 13.5 mm at a distance of 80 mm&lt;br&gt;typ. 17.5 mm at a distance of 100 mm</td>
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<td>Reproducibility</td>
<td>in the X, Y color range each 1 digit at 12-bit A/D conversion</td>
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<td>Temperature drift X,Y</td>
<td>ΔX/ΔT, ΔY/ΔT typ. 0.2 digits/°C (&lt; 0.01% / °C)</td>
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<td>Color difference</td>
<td>ΔE ≥ 0,5</td>
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<td>Color space</td>
<td>X Y INT siM (Lab)</td>
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<td>Color memory capacity</td>
<td>non-volatile EEPROM with parameter sets for max. 31 colors</td>
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<td>Housing dimensions</td>
<td>length approx. 130 mm x Ø 32 mm (threaded M34x1.5) or Ø 34 mm (optics holding device), without connectors</td>
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<td>Housing material</td>
<td>aluminum, anodized in blue (optics holding device: aluminum, anodized)</td>
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<td>Enclosure rating</td>
<td>IP67 (optics), IP64 (electronics)</td>
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<td>Connecting cables</td>
<td>to PLC: cab-las8/SPS or cab-las8/SPS-w to PC/RS232 interface: cab-las4/PC or cab-las4/PC-w to PC/USB interface: cab-las4/USB or cab-las4/USB-w to PC/Ethernet interface: SI-RS232/Ethernet-4</td>
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<td>Type of connector</td>
<td>connection to PLC: 8-pole fem. connector (Binder 712), connection to PC: 4-pole fem. connector (Binder 707)</td>
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<td>Operating temp. range</td>
<td>-20°C ... +55°C</td>
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<td>Storage temperature range</td>
<td>-20°C ... +85°C</td>
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<td>EMC test acc. to</td>
<td>DIN EN 60947-5-2</td>
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Dimensions

All dimensions in mm
Connection to PLC:
8-pole fem. connector Binder Series 712

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<th>Pin</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Assignment</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>white</td>
<td>GND (0V)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>brown</td>
<td>+24VDC (+10%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>green</td>
<td>IN0</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>yellow</td>
<td>OUT0 (Digital 0: typ. 0…1V, Digital 1: typ. +Ub - 10%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>grey</td>
<td>OUT1 (Digital 0: typ. 0…1V, Digital 1: typ. +Ub - 10%)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>pink</td>
<td>OUT2 (Digital 0: typ. 0…1V, Digital 1: typ. +Ub - 10%)</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>blue</td>
<td>OUT3 (Digital 0: typ. 0…1V, Digital 1: typ. +Ub - 10%)</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>red</td>
<td>OUT4 (Digital 0: typ. 0…1V, Digital 1: typ. +Ub - 10%)</td>
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Connecting cable:
cab-las8/SPS-(length)
cab-las8/SPS-w-(length) (angle type, 90°)
(std. length 2m)

Connection to PC:
4-pole fem. connector Binder Series 707

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<td>1</td>
<td>+24VDC (+Ub, OUT)</td>
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<td>GND (0V)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>RxD</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>TxD</td>
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Connection via RS232 interface at the PC:
Connecting cable:
cab-las4/PC-(length)
cab-las4/PC-w-(length) (angle type, 90°)
(std. length 2m)

alternative:
Connection via USB interface at the PC:
Connecting cable (incl. driver software):
cab-las4/USB-(length)
cab-las4/USB-w-(length) (angle type, 90°)
(std. length 2m)

alternative:
Connection to local network via Ethernet bus:
Adapter (based on Lantronix XPortModul):
SI-RS232/Ethernet-4-(length)
(std. length 2m)
**Measuring principle of the color sensors of SPECTRO-3 series:**

The SPECTRO-3 provides highly flexible signal acquisition. For example, the sensor can be operated in alternating-light mode (AC mode), which makes the sensor insensitive to extraneous light. It also can be set to constant-light mode (DC mode), which makes the sensor extremely fast and allows a scan-frequency of up to 35 kHz. An OFF function turns off the integrated light source at the sensor and changes to DC operation. The sensor then can detect so-called „self-luminous objects“. In PULSE operation extremely dark surfaces can be reliably detected. With the stepless adjustment of the integrated light source as well as the selectable gain of the receiver signal and an INTEGRAL function the sensor can be set to almost any surface or any “self-luminous object”.

When the integrated light source of the SPECTRO-3 color sensor is activated, the sensor detects the radiation that is diffusely reflected from the object. As a light source the SPECTRO-3 color sensor uses a white-light LED with adjustable transmitter power. An integrated 3-fold receiver for the red, green, and blue content of the light that is reflected from the object, or the light that is emitted by a „self-luminous object“, is used as a receiver.

The SPECTRO-3 color sensor can be „taught“ up to 31 colors. For each of these taught colors it is possible to set tolerances. In „X Y INT - 2D“ or „s i M - 2D“ mode these tolerances form a color cylinder in space. In „X Y INT - 3D“ or „s i M - 3D“ mode the tolerances form a color sphere in space. Color evaluation according to „s i M - 2D“ is based on the lab calculation method. All modes can be used in combination with several operating modes such as „FIRST HIT“ and „BEST HIT“. Raw data are represented with 12 bit resolution.

As a special feature the sensor can be taught two completely independent parameter sets. Input IN0 can then be used to tell the sensor which parameter set it should work with.

Color detection either operates continuously or is started through an external PLC trigger signal. The respective detected color either is provided as a binary code at the 5 digital outputs or can be sent directly to the outputs, if only up to 5 colors are to be detected. At the same time the detected color code is visualised by means of 5 LEDs at the housing of the SPECTRO-3. [Please note: Visualisation by means of LEDs not available with SPECTRO-3-…-JR types.]

With a TEACH button at the sensor housing the color sensor can be taught up to 31 colors. For this purpose the corresponding evaluation mode must be set with the software. The TEACH button is connected in parallel to the input IN0 (green wire at cable cab-las8/SPS). [Please note: TEACH button not available with SPECTRO-3-…-JR types.]

Parameters and measurement values can be exchanged between a PC and the SPECTRO-3 color sensor through the serial RS232 interface. All the parameters for color detection also can be saved to the non-volatile EEPROM of the SPECTRO-3 color sensor through this serial RS232 interface. When parameterisation is finished, the color sensor continues to operate with the current parameters in STAND-ALONE mode without a PC.

The sensors of the SPECTRO-3 series can be calibrated (white-light balancing). Balancing can be performed to any white surface. A ColorChecker™ table with 24 color fields is available as an alternative. White-light balancing or calibration can be performed to one of the white fields.

**Visualization of the color code:**

The color code is visualised by way of 5 yellow LEDs at the housing of the SPECTRO-3 color sensor. At the same time in the binary mode (OUT BINARY) the color code indicated on the LED display is output as 5-bit binary information at the digital outputs OUT0 to OUT4 of the 8-pin SPECTRO-3/PLC socket.

The SPECTRO-3 color sensor is able to process a maximum of 31 colors (color code 0 ... 30) in accordance with the corresponding rows in the COLOR TEACH TABLE. An "error" respectively a "not detected color" is displayed by the lighting of all LED (OUT0 ... OUT4 digital outputs are set to HIGH-level).

In the DIRECT mode (OUT DIRECT HI or OUT DIRECT LO) the maximum numbers of colors to be taught is 5 (color no. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4). If DIRECT HI is activated, the specially digital output is set to HI, while the other 4 are set to LO. If the current color does not correspond with any of the teach-in colors, all digital outputs are set to LOW (no LED is lighting).

If DIRECT LO is activated, the specially digital output is set to LO, while the other 4 are set to HI. If the current color does not correspond with any of the teach-in colors, all digital outputs are set to HIGH (all LED are lighting).
LED display:
The color code is visualized by means of 5 yellow LEDs at the housing of the color sensor. At the same time the color code indicated at the LED display is output as 5-bit binary information at the digital outputs OUT0 ... OUT4 of the 8-pole PLC connector.

In the DIRECT mode the maximum number of color codes to be taught is 5. These 5 color codes can be directly output at the 5 digital outputs. The respective detected color code is displayed by means of the 5 yellow LEDs at the color sensor housing.
Windows® user interface:

The color sensor is parameterized under Windows® with the SPECTRO3-Scope software. The Windows® user interface facilitates the teach-in process at the color sensor and supports the operator in the task of adjustment and commissioning of the color sensor.

Under Windows® representation of the color value on a PC in numeric form and in a color chart, and representation of RGB values in a time chart. In addition the current RGB values are displayed as a bar chart.

The RS232 interface (tab PARA1 or PARA2) is used for setting parameters such as:

- **POWER MODE**: Light power of the LED
- **LED MODE**: Triggering of the internal light source
- **GAIN**: Used for setting the gain of the receiver
- **AVERAGE**: Averaging over a maximum of 32768 values
- **INTEGRAL**: This function field is used to set the number of scan values (measurement values) over which the raw signal measured at the receiver is summed up. This integral function allows the reliable detection even of extremely weak signals
- **MAXCOL-No.**: Number of colors to be checked
- **OUTMODE**: Triggering of the digital outputs
- **INTLIM**: Minimum intensity required for color evaluation
- **EVALUATION MODE**: Various evaluation modes to choose from (FIRST HIT, BEST HIT, MIN DIST, COL5, THD RGB)
- **CALCULATION MODE**: There are 2 methods of teaching a color, which are selectable via CALCULATION MODE.
  - The **CALCULATION MODE „X Y INT - 3D“** (or „s i M - 3D“) uses a color sphere in space with radius TOL. Contrary to this, the **CALCULATION MODE „X Y INT - 2D“** (or „s i M - 2D“) uses a color cylinder in space with radius CTO or siTO and with height ITO or M. The teach process is the same for both methods. Color evaluation according to „s i M - 2D“ uses the Lab calculation method
- **EXTEACH**: In all the evaluation modes teaching of a color can be performed externally through IN0 or by means of the button at the sensor housing [Please note: TEACH button not available with SPECTRO-3-…-JR types.]
- **TRIGGER**: Continuous or external or self trigger
Firmware update by means of software „ProgramLoader“ or „FirmwareLoader“:

The software „ProgramLoader“ or „FirmwareLoader“ allows the user to perform an automatic firmware update. The update will be carried out through the RS232 interface.

An initialisation file (xxx.ini) and a firmware file (xxx.elf.S) are required for performing a firmware update. These files can be obtained from your supplier.

In some cases an additional firmware file for the program memory (xxx.elf.p.S) is also needed, and this file will be automatically provided together with the other two files.
Diagrams: DETECTION RANGE (HALF INTENSITY WIDTH) and RELATIVE INTENSITY
SPECTRO-3-30-FCL

Detection range (half intensity width \(d\))
SPECTRO-3-30-FCL:
12 mm (typ.) at a working distance of 30 mm

Relative intensity
SPECTRO-3-30-FCL:
100% at a working distance of 15 mm
(INTENSITY 3726)
Mounting Accessories

**FL-34**  
(flange)

Example: FL-34 with SPECTRO-3-30-DIL mounted

**WFL-34**  
(flange, angle type 90°)

Example: WFL-34 with SPECTRO-3-30-DIL mounted

(All dimensions in mm)
SPECTRO-3-30-OFL
offline top part/spacer
(please order separately)

The spacer is mounted onto the optics of the SPECTRO-3-30-FCL, thus the color sensor can be used as a hand-held unit.

For the purpose of color control the SPECTRO-3-30-FCL with the spacer is put directly on the surface to be checked.

By means of the spacer directly put on the surface, the color sensor SPECTRO-3-30-FCL works at a reference distance of 30 mm to the measuring object.