Product Data

Photoelectric Tachometer Probe — MM0012

USES:
- Synchronizing various Brüel & Kjær instruments with rotary or reciprocatory motion
- Reflective object detection
- Displacement detection

FEATURES:
- Combined transmitter-receiver
- Low power consumption from 6 V to 10 V DC supply
- Small dimensions

Photoelectric Tachometer Probe Type MM 0012 is typically used with Data Collector Type 2526, Multichannel Analysis System 3550, Multichannel Data Acquisition System Type 3551, Signal Analyser Unit Type 2035, Generator and Sampling Module Type 3106 and Stroboscope Type 4912 in synchronism with rotating or reciprocating machine parts. These instruments are provided with a combined trigger input and power supply socket which accepts the cable from the MM 0012 directly.

The MM 0012 is a combined infrared light source and pick up device which is built into a common housing. Its output signal and power supply are conveyed from and to the probe via a double shielded BNT connector at the rear of the housing. A 3 m long cable terminated with matching connectors QA 0158 is supplied with the probe. The ‘eye’ of the probe is fitted with an infra-red filter to reduce its sensitivity to visible light, particularly from interference by AC mains powered lamps.

When projected at a non-reflecting surface, minimal light is reflected back to the sensor eye which results in virtually zero volts DC output. When projected at a reflective surface the output voltage will rise to a positive level depending on the proximity and reflectivity of the surface. Typical output signals obtained from a rotating shaft with a strip of white and black tape attached are shown in Fig. 1.

In use, the probe is mounted on a suitable stiff bracket, by means of screws through the two mounting slots in the body, so that the infra-red (invisible) light beam is projected perpendicularly onto the surface of the rotating or reciprocating machine part.

The signal amplitude generated by the MM 0012 is a function of the difference in reflectivity of the contrasting surfaces passing the field of view, the distance to the reflecting surface, and the degree of light dispersion from curved surfaces.

![Fig. 1 Typical output signals from Photoelectric Tachometer Probe MM 0012 projected at a rotating shaft. (A) from a white stripe on a black background, and (B) a black stripe on a white background](image-url)
The best results are obtained using a short piece of self-adhesive reflective tape (see Accessories Available) on a dark matt background.

A strip of ordinary white or black tape, whichever gives the best contrast, glued onto the machine part, is also satisfactory.

At a distance of 1 to 2 mm from a clean white surface the MM 0012 will give an output of several volts, depending on the supply voltage. At 15 to 20 mm distance from a white surface several tens of mV output can be expected. A typical output voltage against distance curve is shown in Fig. 2.

The MM 0012's effective output can be considerably increased by projecting a DC powered lamp beam onto the reflective surface so that the light intensity reflected back to the eye is increased. A Penlite type pocket light is ideal as it is usually equipped with a bulb with an integral lens producing a concentrated parallel beam of light. The auxiliary light source should be positioned adjacent to the MM 0012 so that its beam is projected in a path as close as possible to the MM 0012's infra-red beam. In this way a satisfactory signal can be obtained at distances of 200 mm or more.

If the MM 0012 is to be used for purposes other than triggering Brüel & Kjær instruments that will require an additional power supply, a separate battery box can be made up. A double shielded BNT socket (JJ 0315) matching the plugs used on the connecting cable is available from Brüel & Kjær. Longer cables can be made up using plug JP 0315.

Fig. 2 Typical output voltage of Photoelectric Tachometer Probe MM 0012 plotted against distance from a reflective surface, (A) a piece of ordinary white card, (B) a piece of 3M reflective sheet Scotchlite 5270. Supply voltage 8 V.

Fig. 3 Rear view of Photoelectric Tachometer Probe MM 0012 showing double shielded BNT connector.
Specifications MM0012

TRANSDUCER TYPE:
Combined infra-red light source and photo-sensor, fitted with infra-red filter

SENSITIVITY:
Non-calibrated, typical sensitivity shown in Fig. 1. Minimum: 100 mV at 10 mm distance from a flat white card

POLARITY:
Positive for reflective surfaces

MIN. LOAD IMPEDANCE:
10 kΩ

RESPONSE TIME:
200 μs for full output. Equivalent to a 10 mm long reflective surface passing at 50 m/s

CONNECTOR:
BNT (BNC with double shield), see Fig. 3

CABLE:
AO0158. 3 m long terminated at both ends with BNT connectors (double shielded BNC)

POWER SUPPLY:
+6 V to +10 V DC
+<40 mA at 8 V
+ on inner shield

Note: All values are typical and measured at 25°C (77°F), unless measurement uncertainty or tolerance field is specified. All uncertainty values are specified at 2σ (i.e. expanded uncertainty using a coverage factor of 2)

DIMENSIONS:

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COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS:

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Ordering Information

Type MM0012 Photoelectric Tachometer Probe
Includes the following accessories:
- Instruction Manual
- 3m Cable AO 0158

Accessories Available
- Double shielded BNT socket (BNT)........JJ 0315
- Matching Plug ........................................ JP 0315
- Reflective Tape (1 roll.) ...................... QA 0110

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