

Economical Fiber Optic Sensors

Article Overview

Affordable fiber optic sensors are available from distributors like Amazon, McMaster-Carr, Mouser, and Grainger, offering options suitable for industrial and automation applications.

Types of Fiber Optic Sensors

Fiber optic sensors detect objects or changes in light using a fiber optic cable and a light sensor. Common types include:

- Thrubeam sensors: Use a transmitter and receiver on opposite sides; detection occurs when the light beam is interrupted. Suitable for long-distance detection and opaque targets .
- Reflective sensors: Light reflects off the target back to the sensor; ideal for small or close-range targets .
- Retro-reflective sensors: Light reflects off a reflector opposite the transmitter; detection occurs when the beam is blocked .
- Direct-sensing switches: Detect objects when light reflects back from the object; compact and easy to install in tight spaces .

Features to Consider

- Environmental resistance: Many sensors are rated NEMA 6P and IP67, making them resistant to corrosion, washdowns, and temporary submersion .
- Flexible installation: Fiber optic cables can often be cut to length, and small sensing heads allow placement in hard-to-reach areas

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