



# HL18-N4A3BC

H18 Sure Sense

PHOTOELECTRIC SENSORS

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Ordering information

| Type        | part no. |
|-------------|----------|
| HL18-N4A3BC | 1088259  |

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Detailed technical data

Features

|                                 |                                                       |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Functional principle            | Photoelectric retro-reflective sensor                 |
| Functional principle detail     | With minimum distance to reflector (dual lens system) |
| Dimensions (W x H x D)          | 16.2 mm x 48.5 mm x 31.8 mm                           |
| Housing design (light emission) | Hybrid                                                |
| Thread diameter (housing)       | M18                                                   |
| Mounting system type            | M18, head/side (24.1 ... 25.4 mm)                     |
| Housing color                   | Blue                                                  |
| Sensing range max.              | 0.03 m ... 6.5 m <sup>1)</sup>                        |
| Sensing range                   | 0.03 m ... 5 m <sup>1)</sup>                          |
| Type of light                   | Visible red light                                     |
| Light source                    | PinPoint LED <sup>2)</sup>                            |
| Light spot size (distance)      | 130 mm x 260 mm (6.5 m)                               |
| Wave length                     | 631 nm                                                |
| Adjustment                      |                                                       |
| Potentiometer, right            | On delay, adjustable: 0 ... 2 s                       |
| Potentiometer, left             | None                                                  |
| Special features                | Signal strength light bar                             |

<sup>1)</sup> Reflector PL80A.

<sup>2)</sup> Average service life: 100,000 h at T<sub>U</sub> = +25 °C.

## Mechanics/electronics

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Supply voltage</b>                       | 10 V DC ... 30 V DC                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Ripple</b>                               | $< 5 V_{pp}$ <sup>1)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Current consumption</b>                  | $\leq 20 \text{ mA}$ <sup>2)</sup>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Switching output</b>                     | NPN                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Output function</b>                      | Complementary                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Switching mode</b>                       | Light/dark switching                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Switching output detail</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Switching output Q1                         | NPN, Light switching                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Switching output Q2                         | NPN, Dark switching                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Output current <math>I_{\max}</math></b> | $\leq 100 \text{ mA}$                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Response time</b>                        | $\leq 0.5 \text{ ms}$ <sup>3)</sup>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Switching frequency</b>                  | 1,000 Hz <sup>4)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Time functions</b>                       | Switch-on delay                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Connection type</b>                      | Male connector M12, 4-pin                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Cable material</b>                       | Plastic, PVC                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Circuit protection</b>                   | A <sup>5)</sup><br>B <sup>6)</sup><br>D <sup>7)</sup>                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Protection class</b>                     | III                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Weight</b>                               | 18 g                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Polarizing filter</b>                    | ✓                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Housing material</b>                     | Plastic, VISTAL®                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Optics material</b>                      | Plastic, PMMA                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enclosure rating</b>                     | IP67<br>IP69K                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Items supplied</b>                       | Fastening nut (1x), M18, plastic, black, flat                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)</b>  | EN 60947-5-2 (The sensor complies with the Radio Safety Requirements (EMC) for the industrial sector (Radio Safety Class A). It may cause radio interference if used in a residential area.) |
| <b>Ambient operating temperature</b>        | -40 °C ... +70 °C                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Ambient temperature, storage</b>         | -40 °C ... +75 °C                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>UL File No.</b>                          | E189383                                                                                                                                                                                      |

<sup>1)</sup> May not fall below or exceed  $U_y$  tolerances.

<sup>2)</sup> Without signal strength light bar and load.

<sup>3)</sup> Signal transit time with resistive load.

<sup>4)</sup> With light/dark ratio 1:1.

<sup>5)</sup> A =  $V_S$  connections reverse-polarity protected.

<sup>6)</sup> B = inputs and output reverse-polarity protected.

<sup>7)</sup> D = outputs overcurrent and short-circuit protected.

## Safety-related parameters

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| <b>MTTF<sub>D</sub></b> | 730.1 years |
| <b>DC<sub>avg</sub></b> | 0 %         |

Connection type/pinouts

|                               |                |                           |  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Connection type</b>        |                |                           |  |
|                               |                | Male connector M12, 4-pin |  |
| <b>Connection type Detail</b> |                |                           |  |
|                               | Cable material | Plastic                   |  |
| <b>Pinouts</b>                |                |                           |  |
|                               | BN 1           | + (L+)                    |  |
|                               | WH 2           | Q <sub>2</sub>            |  |
|                               | BU 3           | - (M)                     |  |
|                               | BK 4           | Q <sub>1</sub>            |  |

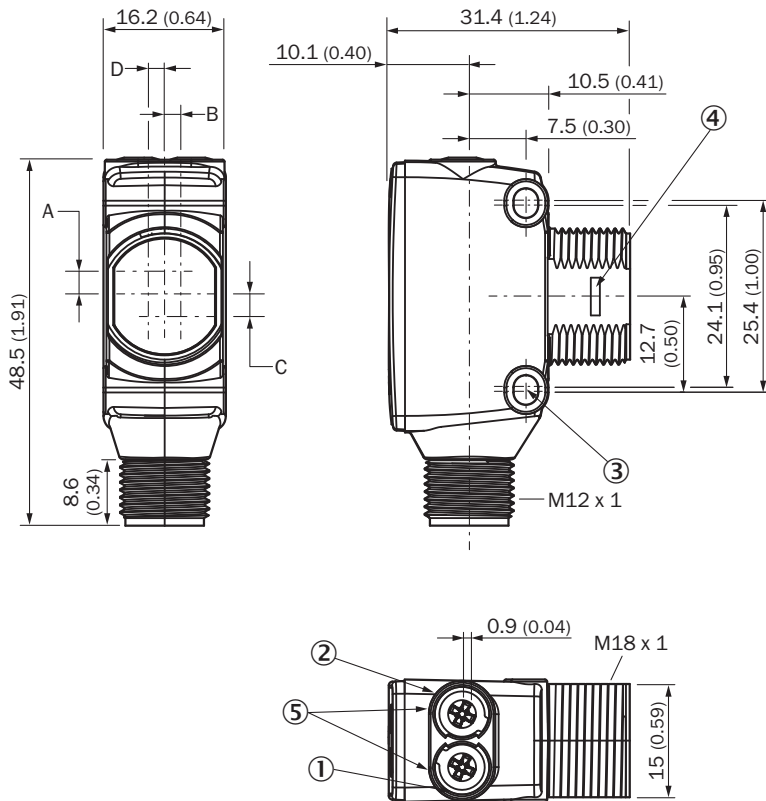
Certificates

|                                           |   |
|-------------------------------------------|---|
| <b>EU declaration of conformity</b>       | ✓ |
| <b>UK declaration of conformity</b>       | ✓ |
| <b>ACMA declaration of conformity</b>     | ✓ |
| <b>Moroccan declaration of conformity</b> | ✓ |
| <b>China RoHS</b>                         | ✓ |
| <b>cULus certificate</b>                  | ✓ |

Classifications

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| <b>ECLASS 5.0</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 5.1.4</b>   | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 6.0</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 6.2</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 7.0</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 8.0</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 8.1</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 9.0</b>     | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 10.0</b>    | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 11.0</b>    | 27270902 |
| <b>ECLASS 12.0</b>    | 27270902 |
| <b>ETIM 5.0</b>       | EC002717 |
| <b>ETIM 6.0</b>       | EC002717 |
| <b>ETIM 7.0</b>       | EC002717 |
| <b>ETIM 8.0</b>       | EC002717 |
| <b>UNSPSC 16.0901</b> | 39121528 |

## Dimensional drawing

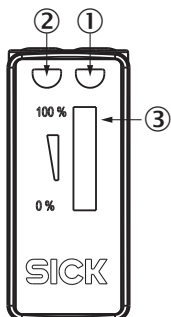


Dimensions in mm (inch)

- ① LED indicator yellow: Status of received light beam
- ② LED indicator green: power on
- ③ M3 mounting hole
- ④ Snap Connection for flush ring (sold separately)
- ⑤ Potentiometer (if selected) or LED Indicators

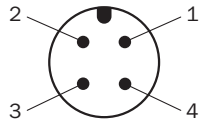
| Dimensions in mm (inch)          | Receiver     |            | Sender     |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                  | A            | B          | C          | D          |
| HTB18 / HTF18                    | - 1.1 (0.04) | 1.1 (0.04) | 4.7 (0.19) | 0.6 (0.02) |
| HTE18 / HL18 / HSE18             | 2.5 (0.1)    | 0.0 (0.0)  | 4.0 (0.16) | 0.0 (0.0)  |
| HTB18L / HTF18L / HL18L / HSE18L | 2.5 (0.1)    | 0.0 (0.0)  | 3.5 (0.14) | 0.0 (0.0)  |

## Adjustments



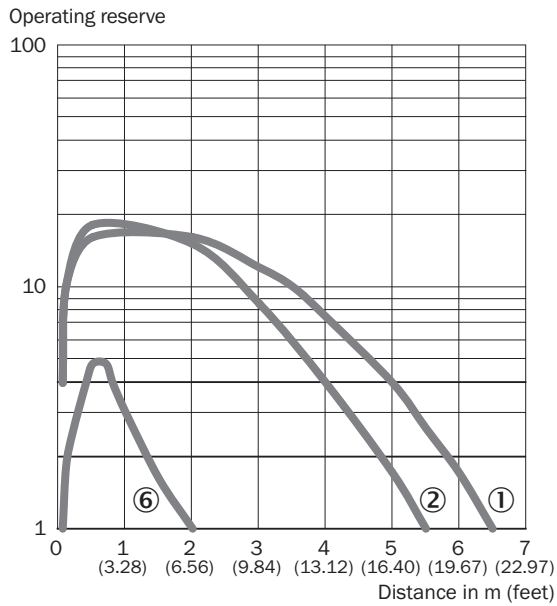
- ① LED indicator yellow: Status of received light beam
- ② LED indicator green: power on
- ③ Signal strength light bar

Pinouts, see table Technical data: Connection type/pinouts



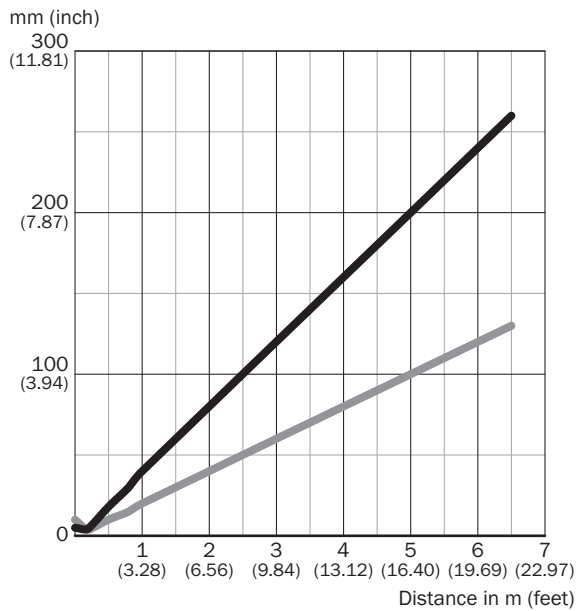
M12 male connector, 4-pin, A-coding

### Characteristic curve



- ① Reflector PL80A
- ② Reflector PL40A
- ⑥ Reflective tape IREF6000 (REF-IRF-56)

## Light spot size

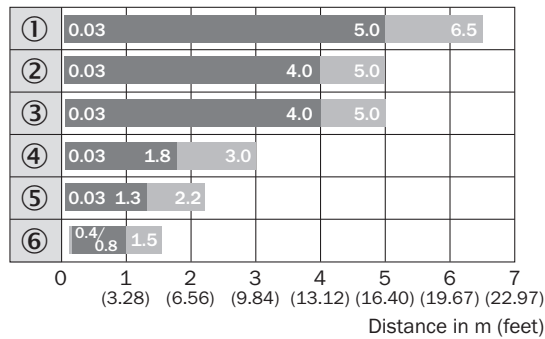


## Dimensions in mm (inch)

| Sensing range                       | Horizontal     | Vertical      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>0.5 m</b><br><b>(1.64 feet)</b>  | 18<br>(0.71)   | 10<br>(0.39)  |
| <b>1 m</b><br><b>(3.28 feet)</b>    | 40<br>(1.57)   | 20<br>(0.79)  |
| <b>5 m</b><br><b>(16.40 feet)</b>   | 200<br>(7.87)  | 100<br>(3.94) |
| <b>6.5 m</b><br><b>(21.33 feet)</b> | 260<br>(10.24) | 130<br>(5.12) |

— Horizontal  
— Vertical

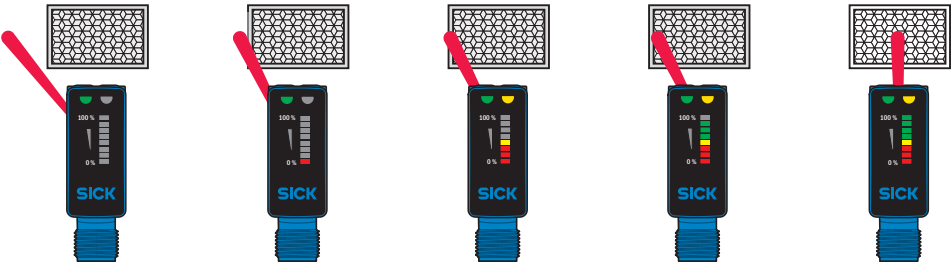
## Sensing range diagram



■ Sensing range      ■ Sensing range max.

- ① Reflector PL80A
- ② Reflector PL40A
- ③ Reflector P250
- ④ Reflector PL30A, PL31A
- ⑤ Reflector PL20A
- ⑥ Reflective tape IREF6000 (REF-IRF-56)

Functions



Recommended accessories

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|                                                                                     | Brief description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Type         | part no. |
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| Mounting systems                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |          |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Description:</b> Mounting bracket for M18 sensors</li><li>• <b>Material:</b> Steel</li><li>• <b>Details:</b> Steel, zinc coated</li><li>• <b>Items supplied:</b> Without mounting hardware</li><li>• <b>Suitable for:</b> GR18, V180-2, V18, W15, Z1, Z2</li></ul>                                                                       | BEF-WN-M18   | 5308446  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Description:</b> Universal mounting bracket for reflectors</li><li>• <b>Dimensions (W x H x L):</b> 85 mm x 90 mm x 35 mm</li><li>• <b>Material:</b> Steel</li><li>• <b>Details:</b> Steel, zinc coated</li><li>• <b>Suitable for:</b> C110A, P250, PL20, PL30A, PL40A, PL80A</li></ul>                                                  | BEF-WN-REFX  | 2064574  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Description:</b> Plate N11N for universal clamp bracket</li><li>• <b>Material:</b> Stainless steel</li><li>• <b>Details:</b> Stainless steel 1.4571 (sheet), Stainless steel 1.4408 (clamp)</li><li>• <b>Items supplied:</b> Universal clamp (5322627), mounting hardware</li><li>• <b>Usable for:</b> DeltaPac, Glare, WTD20E</li></ul> | BEF-KHS-N11N | 2071081  |
| reflectors and optics                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |          |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Description:</b> Rectangular, screw connection</li><li>• <b>Dimensions:</b> 51 mm 61 mm</li><li>• <b>Ambient operating temperature:</b> -30 °C ... +65 °C</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                      | P250         | 5304812  |

|                                                                                   | Brief description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Type               | part no. |
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| connectors and cables                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                    |          |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Connection type head A:</b> Female connector, M12, 4-pin, straight, A-coded</li> <li>• <b>Connection type head B:</b> Flying leads</li> <li>• <b>Signal type:</b> Sensor/actuator cable</li> <li>• <b>Cable:</b> 5 m, 4-wire, PVC</li> <li>• <b>Description:</b> Sensor/actuator cable, unshielded</li> <li>• <b>Application:</b> Zones with chemicals, Uncontaminated zones</li> </ul>                                                      | YF2A14-050VB3XLEAX | 2096235  |
|                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Connection type head A:</b> Male connector, M12, 4-pin, straight, A-coded</li> <li>• <b>Description:</b> Unshielded</li> <li>• <b>Connection systems:</b> Screw-type terminals</li> <li>• <b>Permitted cross-section:</b> ≤ 0.75 mm<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                   | STE-1204-G         | 6009932  |
|                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Connection type head A:</b> Female connector, M12, 4-pin, straight, A-coded</li> <li>• <b>Connection type head B:</b> Flying leads</li> <li>• <b>Signal type:</b> Sensor/actuator cable</li> <li>• <b>Cable:</b> 5 m, 4-wire, PUR, halogen-free</li> <li>• <b>Description:</b> Sensor/actuator cable, unshielded</li> <li>• <b>Application:</b> Uncontaminated zones, Zones with oils and lubricants, Robot, Drag chain operation</li> </ul> | YF2A14-050UB3XLEAX | 2095608  |

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