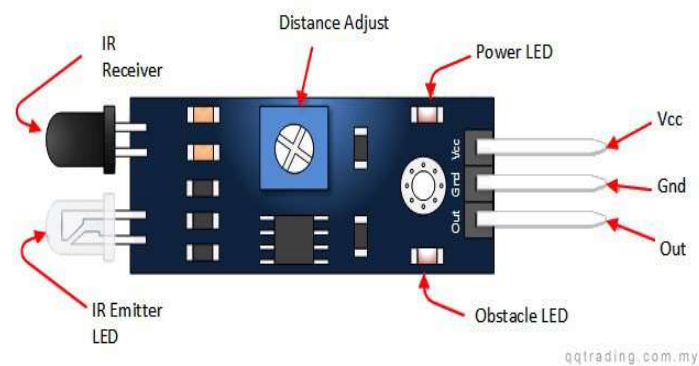


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FC-51 Infrared Object Sensor



Optical Sensor FC-51

A different style of Optical Sensors have been provided with your FTM-4 board that needs to be connected differently than the previous style of sensor. The FC-51 sensor also requires calibration when first installed.

Wires have been soldered to the sensors to make the installation easier. The wire colors and their destinations are listed on the next page.

Installation

Installation of the sensors can be done from under your layout with the IR Transmitter and Receiver facing upwards between the rails of the track or can lay horizontally to reflect the infrared light off the side of the train. Either method will work, however, ensure the distance adjust control is accessible for calibration.

Setup

Once the sensor is mounted in the desired location, connect the wires to the FTM-4 Board as listed below. Ensure there are no objects in front of the sensor when performing the calibration and the light level in the room is at it's maximum.

The sensor board has two indicator leds. One is a power indicator and the other is an obstacle detect indicator. After the power has been applied to the FTM-4 board, use a small screw driver to adjust the distance sensitivity control until the obstacle led goes out. If your layout or Free-mo module is moved to an area where the light source is significantly different, the sensor may need to be re-adjusted. Otherwise this should be the only time the sensor will require adjustment.

Run some rolling stock over or pass the sensor to ensure the obstacle led comes on when the space in front of the sensor is occupied. Once the set up is complete, turn off the power to the FTM-4 board for a few seconds and then power it back up so the sensors can be properly detected.

Connections

Sensor output lead – White	To OS1 terminal.
Sensor ground lead – Black	To GND terminal.
Sensor power lead – Red	To the 5v terminal.
Sensor led lead – Yellow	To the LED terminal.

Auto Infrared sensing

Upon power up, the board will read the optical sensor for external sources of infrared light. (Ensure there are no trains covering the sensors during power up in order for this feature to work properly). If an external source of infrared light is present, the sensor will work in beam break mode. If no external infrared light is present, the sensor will work in beam reflect mode.

Questions or Comments

If you have any questions or comments please send them to me by using the email address on the Model Railroad Signal Systems Website.