Model M-320/95
Low Cost Sensor
4 - 20 mA Output

The Massa Model M-320/95 Sensor measures target distances over a range of 12 inches (300 mm) to 13 feet (4 meters). It is a member of the Massa M-300 family, which includes several models of RoHS compliant and CE certified low cost liquid level sensors that produce detection ranges from as close as 4 inches (100 mm) to 13 feet (4 meters). Incorporating state-of-the-art ultra-sonic technology, the sensors provide precision non-contact distance measurement for factory automation or industrial process control. The M-300 family stands out over all other sensors because of its affordability, extraordinary ease of operation, genuinely user-friendly software, versatile user-controlled outputs, and the ability to be set up without using a target. They transmit narrow beam sound pulses at a user-selected rate (or they can be software triggered), process return echoes, and produce outputs dependent on the position of the target.

Operating from 15 to 24 V DC, the M-320/95 Sensor provides a linear output of 4 to 20 mA DC, which is proportional to the measured distance to the target. This output voltage range can be easily reprogrammed to start and end anywhere between 4 and 20 mA DC. The corresponding target distance span can be set to start and stop at any two target ranges. In addition, this output current can also be programmed to operate as a digital switch within zones defined by specified target setpoint distances.

The measurement parameters and outputs are programmable via an RS-485 data link, eliminating problems associated with adjustment potentiometers or pushbuttons. Some additional programmable adjustments include: analog output slope, sampling rate, averaging of multiple distance measurements, loss-of-echo time-out, setpoint hysteresis when operating in the digital switch mode, and a software sensor transmit trigger.

The Model M-320/95 includes an advanced diagnostic feature that will retrieve the ultrasonic waveform for analysis and display it on a computer using the sensor’s software. Users will find this very useful for debugging and correcting more difficult applications without using an oscilloscope.

The M-320/95 Sensor’s user-friendly software operates with MS Windows® operating systems using an USB/RS-485 or RS-232/RS-485 converter. This data link allows up to 32 sensors to be connected in parallel onto the same multi-drop communication network using the supplied protocol. This network also allows users to remotely program their sensors and read target distances for quick integration into their process control application.

Other features include a totally sealed PVC housing (PVDF also available) containing an industry standard 1 inch NPT fitting for mounting, operation from -20°C to 65°C with built-in temperature compensation, diagnostic and monitoring outputs, and protection from over-voltage, short circuits, and reverse polarity.

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ORDERING INFORMATION

Massa Model M-320/95 Sensor:
P/N 300444-501: PVC Housing, 6 ft. Cable
P/N 300444-502: PVC Housing, 15 ft. Cable
P/N 300444-503: PVC Housing, 30 ft. Cable
For PVDF Housing, consult factory

Sensors Include:
Locknut (Qty. 1)
P/N 8195-1: For use when installing the sensor on a bracket or plate

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Mounting Bracket:
P/N 200671-1

Serial Port Converters:
USB/RS-485: P/N 8448-1
RS-232 (DB9)/RS-485: P/N 7868-1

Custom Tank Fitting PVC Adapter,
2” to 1” NPT: P/N 200758-1

M-300 Software & Manuals:
Go to: www.massa.com to download the latest versions

M-320/95 SPECIFICATIONS

PERFORMANCE
(Typical at 24 V DC, 22° C, and 50% RH air)

Target Detection
Minimum Distance: 12 inches (300 mm)
Maximum Distance: Up to 13 feet (4 meters), dependent on target
Measurement Resolution: .01 inches (0.25 mm)
Measurement Accuracy: ± 0.1% of target range (uniform temperature)
Echo Detection Sensitivity: User selectable
System Beam Angle: 8 degrees conical
Ultrasonic Frequency: 95 kHz, nominal
Power Required: 15 V DC to 24 V DC (reverse polarity protected), 30 mA, typical (not including I-Out)
Temperature Compensation: Internal probe

PROGRAMMABLE CURRENT OUTPUTS

Proportional Current Output Mode
Current Loop Output: 0 to 20 mA or 4 to 20 mA DC sourcing, 10-bit resolution, invertible
Zero & Span Distance: Programmable from 1 foot to over 13 feet (factory default: 1 foot to 13 feet)
Zero & Span Currents: Programmable from 0 to 20.5 mA DC (factory default: 4 to 20.0 mA DC)
Loss of Echo Current: Programmable from 0 to 20.5 mA DC (factory default: 20.5 mA DC)
Response Time: 60 mS
Resolution: 10 bits

Switched Setpoint Output Mode
Setpoint Distances: Programmable from 1 foot to over 13 feet
Setpoint Current: 0 or 20.5 mA DC
Setpoint Hysteresis: Programmable from 0% to 75%
Response Time: < 1 ms

PROGRAMMABLE SAMPLING SETTINGS

Sampling Rate: 0.1 Hz to 20 Hz in 0.1 Hz increments (factory default: 10 Hz)
Trigger Modes: Internal, software trigger
Target Distance Averaging: Rolling Average: from 1 to 32 samples, or Boxcar Average: from 1 to 1,024 samples (factory default: 1 sample)
Loss-of-Echo Time-out: From 1 to 254 consecutive samples missed before time-out (factory default: 1 sample)

MECHANICAL
(see outline drawing)

Housing Material: PVC (standard) or PVDF (consult factory)
Transducer Surface: MassaPlast™102 (custom PPA)
Cable: 5 conductor, 24 AWG, shielded, PVC jacket, pigtail [user-extendable for RS-485 Communication to 5,000 ft. (1,500 m)]

ENVIRONMENTAL

Operating Temperature: -20°C to 65°C
Storage Temperature: -40°C to 85°C
Relative Humidity: 0 to 95%, non-condensing
Enclosure Rating: IP67

PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS

Communications Converter: USB/RS-485 or RS-232/RS-485 with automatic send data control
Operating System: Windows® 10, 8, 7, Vista, and XP SP3

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Guide for Connecting an M-320 Sensor to a Power Supply and a Computer

To operate the Massa M-320 Sensor, it is only necessary to connect its red and black wires to a 15 to 24 V DC battery or power supply, as shown in the diagram below. The current output on the white wire will then indicate the distance to the target or its position relative to the setpoint.

To change the programmable parameters, or to observe the target distance digitally with the user-friendly software, the M-320 Sensor can be connected to a computer or other host system with either an optionally supplied USB/RS-485 converter or RS-232/RS-485 converter. Before more than one M-320 Sensor can be used simultaneously on the same RS-485 Communication Bus, each sensor must first be programmed with its own unique ID Tag. After this has been completed, the green and brown communication wires for all of the M-320 Sensors should all be connected in parallel. Terminating resistors are not required for the RS-485 Network.

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