

CWL Chromatic White Light Sensor



The **CWL** is a fast optical distance measurement sensor that can be precisely configured for a given application. For this, there are various standard and special sensor heads with different measuring ranges available. The non-destructive principle of the **CWL** works as well on surfaces with high as with low reflectivity. Due to its bright light source and a measuring rate of up to 4 kHz, the sensor is used for a variety of applications in industrial production control and R&D. Up to 16 different measuring heads can be calibrated on one sensor electronics and can be used according to the requirements.

Typical Measuring Tasks

- 2D profile
- 3D topography
- step height

Features

- optical, non-contact and non-destructive measurement
- high measuring rate up to 4 kHz
- bright and small measuring spot
- high lateral and vertical resolution
- excellent signal/noise ratio
- small, robust and wear-free measuring head

Measuring Principle

The **CWL** is based on the principle of chromatic distance measurement. White light is focused on the surface by a measuring head with a strongly wavelength-dependent focal length. The spectrum of the light reflected on the surface generates a peak in the spectrometer. The wavelength of this peak is used to determine the distance to the sample surface.



roughness and planarity

structure and contour



Leadframe module, measured with the CWL 3 mm (Reference: Danfoss Silicon Power GmbH)

Area measurement of the front side of a leadframe module in 3D view. The surface topography can be examined with regard to the warpage of the module, tilting of the diodes and transistors, as well as the thickness of the flash and the roughness.



Cylinder head gasket, measured with CWL 3 mm

Surface measurement of the top of a cylinder head gasket in 3D view. The surface topography can be examined with regard to the flank angle, bead width and height, wave height, shaft misalignment and radii.



Measuring Range z ¹	300 µm	600 µm	1 mm	3 mm	6 mm	10 mm
working distance	4.5 mm	6.5 mm	19.1 mm	22.5 mm	35 mm	70 mm
max. resolution z ²	3 nm	6 nm	10 nm	30 nm	60 nm	100 nm
max. resolution x,y	2.5 µm	2 µm	1.8 µm	6 µm	8 µm	12 µm
numerical aperture	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.43	0.33
measuring angle ³	90° ± 30°	90° ± 30°	90° ± 45°	90° ± 30°	90° ± 25°	90° ± 20°

¹ further measuring ranges available

² maximum resolution based on reduced measuring range

³ diffusive surfaces allow for wider measuring angles

Sensor Electronics	CWL	CWL F		
measuring rate	4,000 measurements / sec. (4 kHz)	4,000 measurements / sec. (4 kHz)		
light source	LED	halogen lamp		
repeatability	< 0.00009 x measuring range			
measuring accuracy	< 0.00033 x measuring range + 0.001 x measuring height			
calibration tables	16			
dimensions (W x H x D)	200 mm x 100 mm x 93 mm	260 mm x 115 mm x 310 mm		
Scope of Delivery				

measuring head, optical fiber, sensor electronics, operating manual



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