
Typical Applications

Why Use Photodiodes?

Photodiodes are unique among light detectors in that when illuminated, they generate an output which is proportional to light level. Their characteristics and features can be summarized as follows:

- *Low cost visible and near-IR photodetector*
- *Excellent linearity in output photocurrent over 7 to 9 decades of light intensity*
- *Fast response times*
- *Available in a wide range of packages including epoxy coated, transfer molded, cast, and hermetic packages as well as in chip form*
- *Low noise*
- *Mechanically rugged yet compact and lightweight*
- *Available as duals, quads or as linear arrays*
- *Usable with almost any visible or near infrared light source such as LEDs; neon, fluorescent, incandescent bulbs; lasers; flame sources; sunlight; etc.*
- *Can be designed and tested to meet the requirements of your application*

Applications

Photodiodes are used in many different types of circuits and applications. Here are a few examples of where photodiodes have been used.

Camera

- *Light Meters*
- *Automatic Shutter Control*
- *Auto-focus*
- *Photographic Flash Control*

Medical

- *CAT Scanners - X ray Detection*
- *Pulse Oximeters*
- *Blood Particle Analyzers*

Safety Equipment

- *Smoke Detectors*
- *Flame Monitors*
- *Security Inspection Equipment - Airport X ray*
- *Intruder Alert - Security System*

Automotive

- *Headlight Dimmer*
- *Twilight Detectors*
- *Climate Control - Sunlight Detector*

Communications

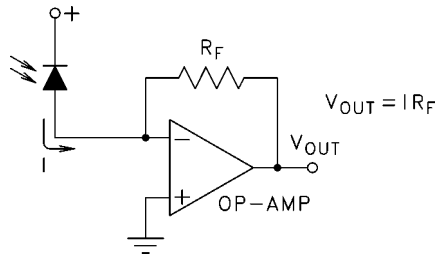
- *Fiber Optic Links*
- *Optical Communications*
- *Optical Remote Control*

Industry

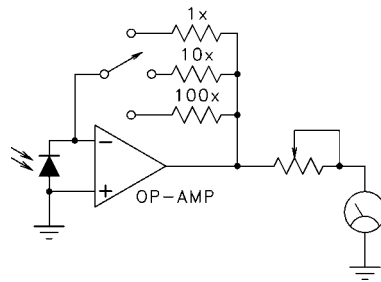
- *Bar Code Scanners*
- *Light Pens*
- *Brightness Controls*
- *Encoders*
- *Position Sensors*
- *Surveying Instruments*
- *Copiers - Density of Toner*

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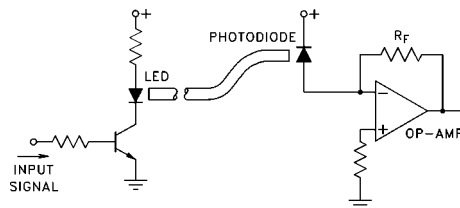
Typical Application Circuits



Basic Transimpedance Op-Amp Circuit



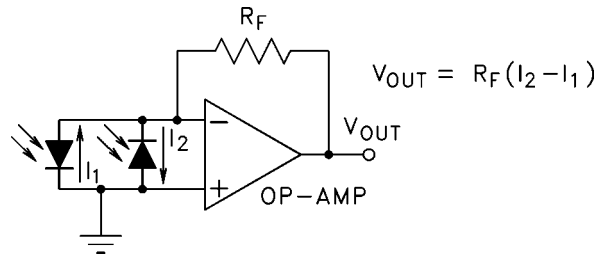
Light Meter (with three sensitivity ranges)



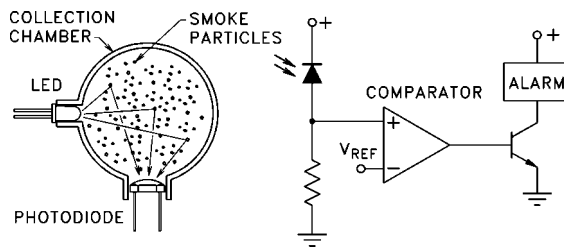
Fiber Optic Link

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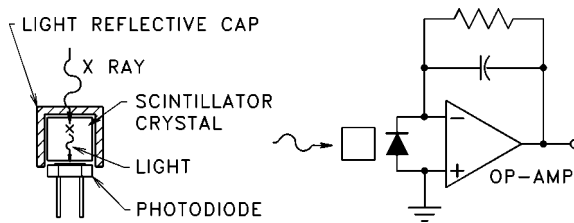
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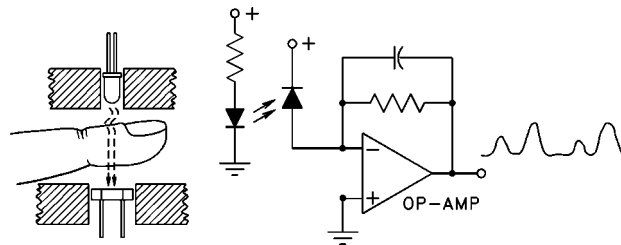
Balancing Circuit



Smoke Detector



CAT Scan (X ray Detector)



Pulse Monitor (Finger Probe)

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