

# WORLD-BEAM® QS18AF Sensor with Background Suppression



## Datasheet

Compact sensors featuring extended range and background suppression mode



- Exceptional optical performance; up to 300 mm sensing range in compact QS18 housing
- Background suppression models for reliable detection of objects when the background condition is not controlled or fixed
- Simple multi-turn screw adjustment of cutoff distance
- Enhanced immunity to fluorescent lights
- Crosstalk immunity algorithm allows two sensors to be used in close proximity
- Visible red emitter



### WARNING: Not To Be Used for Personnel Protection

Never use this device as a sensing device for personnel protection. Doing so could lead to serious injury or death. This device does not include the self-checking redundant circuitry necessary to allow its use in personnel safety applications. A sensor failure or malfunction can cause either an energized or de-energized sensor output condition.

## Models

Long Range Models			
Models <sup>1</sup>	Supply Voltage	Sensing Range	Output Type
QS18VN6AF300	10 to 30 V dc	Adjustable Cutoff: 30 to 300 mm  Minimum sensing range 4 to 10 mm depending on cutoff	NPN
QS18VP6AF300			PNP
QS18AB6AF300			Bipolar (1 NPN & 1 PNP)

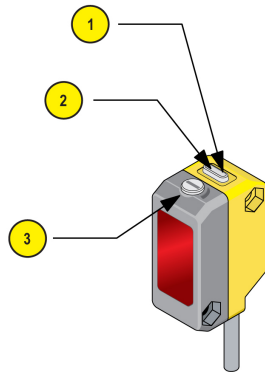
## Overview

WORLD-BEAM® QS18 Adjustable-Field Sensors with Background Suppression ignore objects beyond the set cutoff distance. Background suppression mode can be used in most situations with varying object color and position or with varying background conditions.

<sup>1</sup> Only standard 2 m (6.5 ft) cable models are listed.

- For 9 m (30 ft) cables: add suffix "W/30" to the model number (for example, QS18VN6AF300 W/30).
- For 150 mm (6 in) pigtail with a 4-pin Pico-style connector, add suffix "Q" to the model number (for example, QS18VN6AF300Q)
- For 150 mm (6 in) pigtail with a 4-pin Euro-style connector, add suffix "Q5" to the model number (for example, QS18VN6AF300Q5)





1	Green: Power Indicator
2	Yellow: Light Sensed Indicator (Flashes for Marginal Conditions)
3	Cutoff Point Adjustment Screw

Figure 1. Sensor features

## Sensor Orientation

To ensure reliable detection, orient the sensor as shown in relation to the target to be detected.

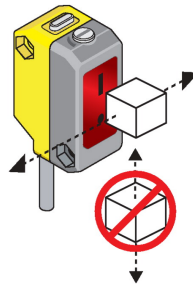


Figure 2. Optimal Orientation of Target to Sensor

## Sensor Setup - Background Suppression

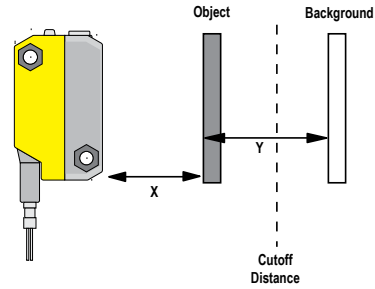
Background Suppression Mode: Objects beyond the set cutoff distance will not be detected.

Background suppression mode can be used in most situations with varying object colors and positions or with varying background conditions.

To ensure reliable background suppression, a minimum separation distance between the object and the background is necessary. See [Figure 7](#) on page 4 to determine the minimum separation distance.

1. Mount the sensor with the darkest object at the longest application distance. The distance to the object must be less than shown in [Figure 7](#) on page 4 for your object color.
2. Turn the adjustment potentiometer counter-clockwise until the yellow indicator turns off (5 turns maximum).
3. Turn the adjustment potentiometer clockwise until the yellow indicator turns on.
4. Replace the darkest object with the brightest background at the closest application distance.
5. Turn the adjustment potentiometer clockwise, counting the revolutions, until the yellow indicator turns on.
6. Turn the adjustment potentiometer counter-clockwise half of the number of turns from step 5. This places the cutoff distance midway between the object and the background switchpoints (see [Figure 3](#) on page 3).

The sensor is ready for operation.



X: Distance to the Object

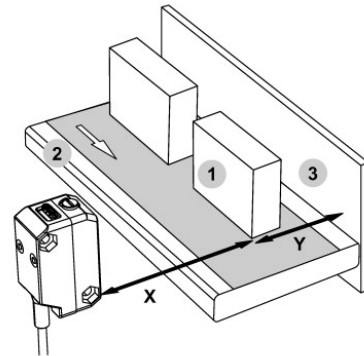
Y: Minimum Separation Between the Object and the Background

Figure 3.

Set the cutoff distance approximately midway between the farthest object and the closest background

## Setup Example

An object with a reflectivity similar to black paper is set 150 mm away from the sensor. A background with a reflectivity similar to white paper is set 200 mm away from the sensor. According to [Figure 7](#) on page 4, the minimum separation distance between the object and the background is 12 mm. In this application, reliable detection is achieved when set up according to the procedure outlined in [Sensor Setup - Background Suppression](#) on page 2.



1. Object

2. Conveyor

3. Background

X: Distance to the Object = 150 mm

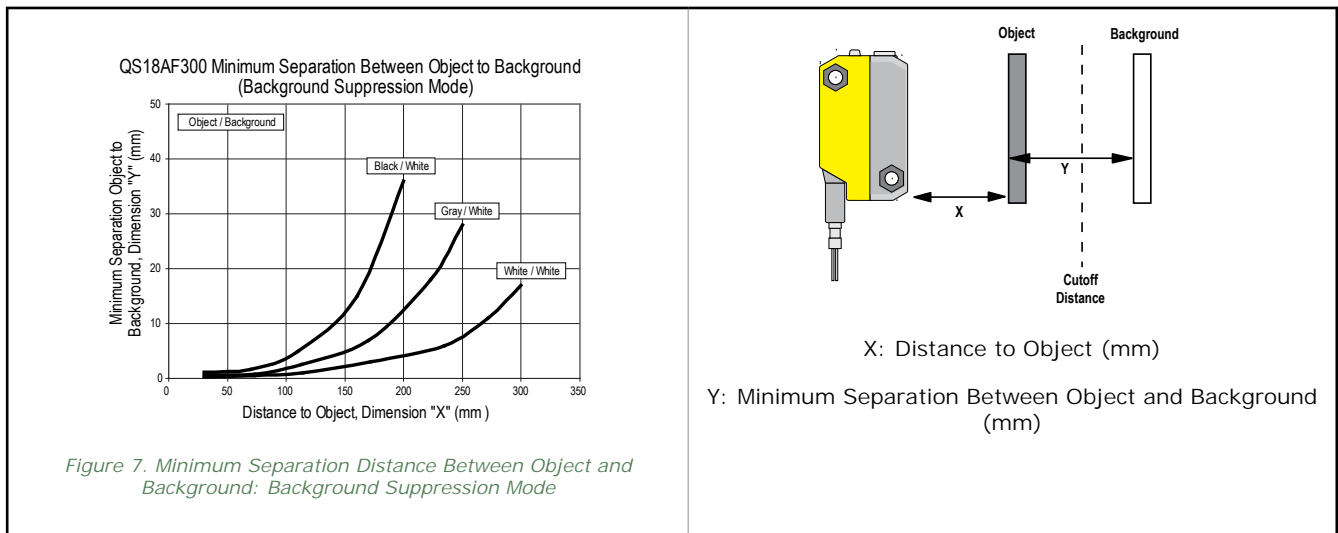
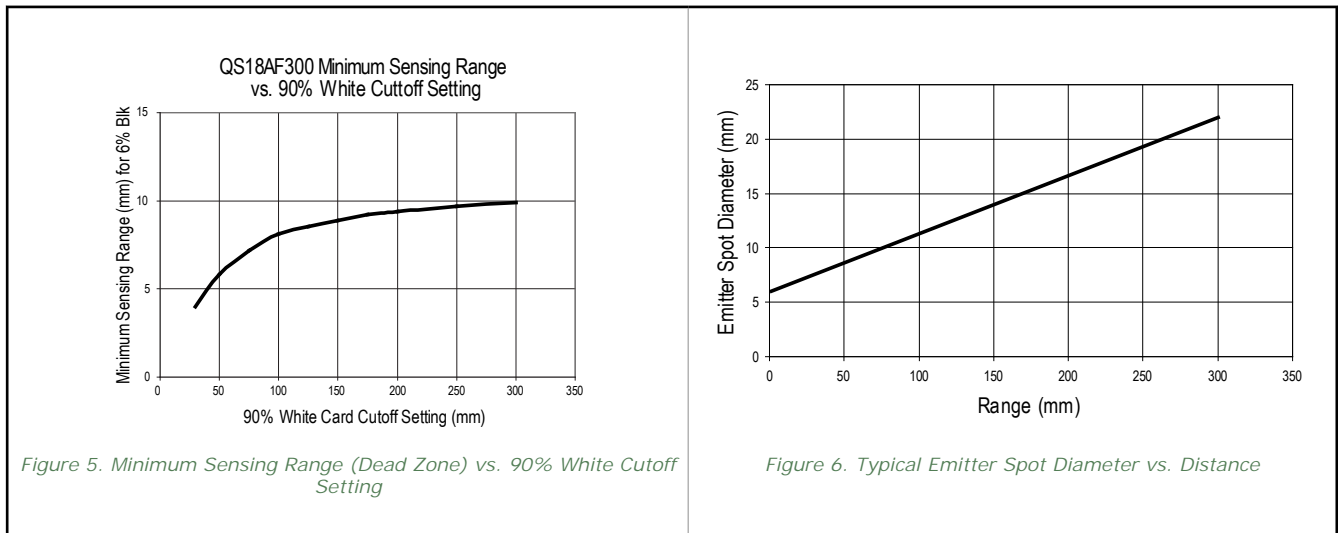
Y: Minimum Separation Between the Object and the Background > 12 mm

Figure 4. Background Suppression Mode Application Example

## Output States

Background Suppression Mode				
Sensor Model Type	Output	Object Inside Minimum Sensing Range	Object Between Minimum Sensing Range and Cutoff Distance	Object Beyond Cutoff Distance
All Models	Yellow Indicator Light	Undefined	ON	OFF
Complementary Models	Black Wire (Pin 4)	Undefined	ON	OFF
	White Wire (Pin 2)	Undefined	OFF	ON
Bipolar Models	Black Wire (Pin 4)	Undefined	ON	OFF
	White Wire (Pin 2)	Undefined	ON	OFF

## Performance Curves



## Excess Gain Curves

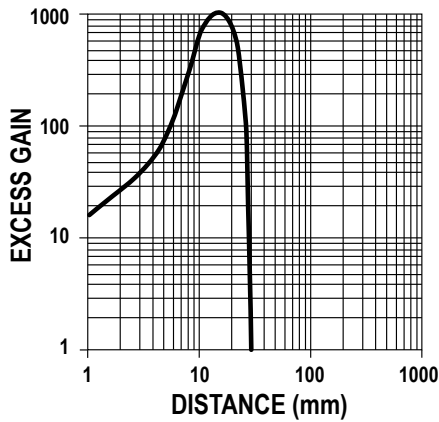


Figure 8. Excess Gain Curve with 30 mm Cutoff (based on 90% White Card)

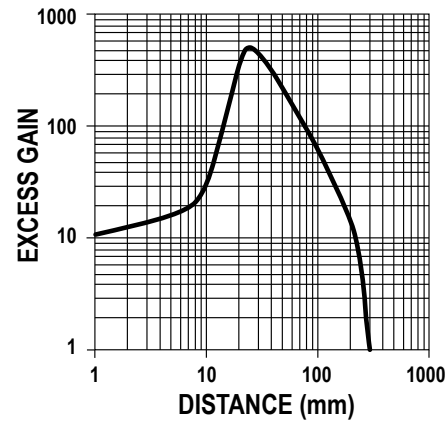


Figure 9. Excess Gain Curve with 300 mm Cutoff (based on 90% White Card)

## Specifications

### Supply Voltage

10 to 30 V dc (10% maximum ripple within specified limits) at less than 27 mA, exclusive of load

### Sensing Beam

Visible red LED, 640 nm

### Supply Protection Circuitry

Protected against reverse polarity and transient voltages

### Output Configuration

Solid-state complementary: NPN or PNP (current sinking or sourcing), or bipolar (both sinking and sourcing) depending on model;

Rating: 100 mA total output current

Off-state leakage current:

NPN: less than 200  $\mu$ A @ 30 V dc (See Application Note 1)

PNP: less than 10  $\mu$ A @ 30 V dc

ON-state saturation voltage:

NPN: less than 1.6 V @ 100 mA

PNP: less than 3.0 V @ 100 mA

Protected against false pulse on power-up and continuous overload or short circuit of outputs

### Output Response

2.8 millisecond ON/OFF

NOTE: 200 millisecond delay on power-up; outputs do not conduct during this time

### Adjustments

Five-turn adjustment screw sets cutoff distance between min. and max. positions, clutched at both ends of travel

### Repeatability

250  $\mu$ s

### Indicators

2 LED indicators on sensor top:

Green solid: Power on

Amber solid: Light sensed

Amber flashing: Marginal sensing condition

### Construction

ABS housing, acrylic lens cover; PVC cable, nickel-plated brass connector, acetal adjustment pot

### Environmental Rating

IEC IP67; NEMA 6; UL Type 1

### Connections

2 m (6.5 ft) 4-wire PVC cable, 9 m (30 ft) PVC cable, or 4-pin Pico-style or Euro-style 150 mm (6 in) pigtail QD, depending on model

### Operating Conditions

Relative Humidity: 95% @ 50 °C (non-condensing)

Temperature: -20 °C to 55 °C (-4 °F to 131 °F)

### Application Notes

1. NPN off-state leakage current is < 200  $\mu$ A for load resistances > 3 k $\Omega$  or optically isolated loads. For load current of 100 mA, leakage is < 1% of load current.

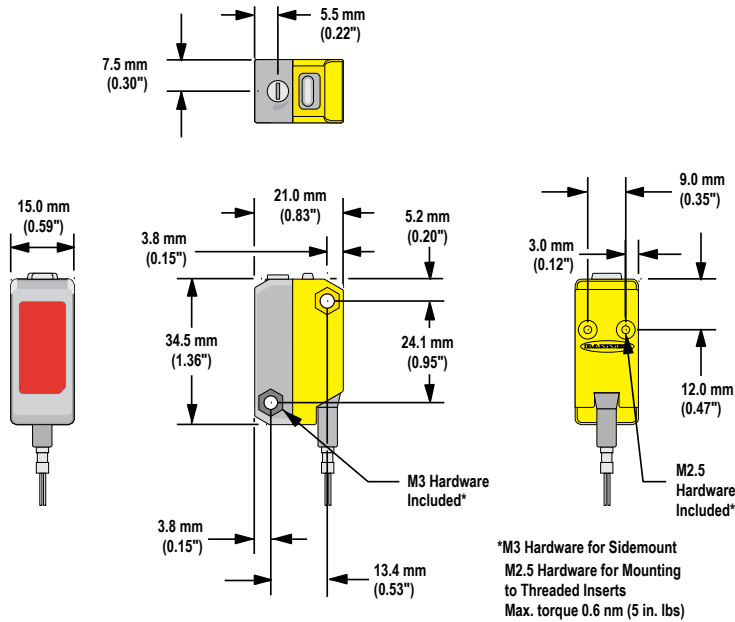
2. For emitter spot alignment, cover the receiver (top lens position) to temporarily turn emitter for maximum brightness.

### Certifications



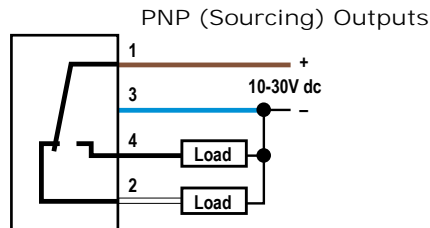
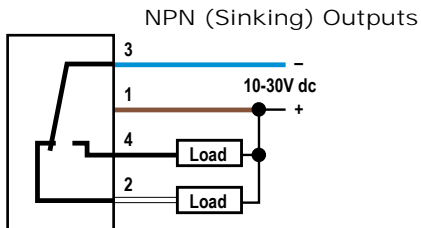
## Dimensions

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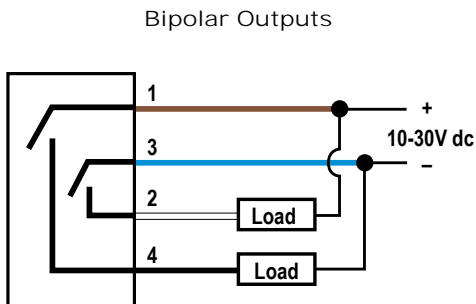
- (2) M3 x 0.5 x 20 mm ss screw
- (2) M3 x 0.5 ss hex nut
- (2) M3 ss washer
- (2) M2.5 x 0.45 x 5 mm ss screw
- (2) M2.5 ss washer

## Wiring Diagrams



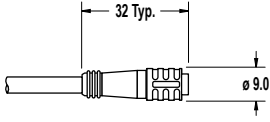

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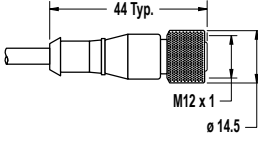
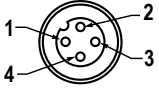
- 1 = Brown
- 2 = White
- 3 = Blue
- 4 = Black



Cabled wiring diagrams are shown. Quick disconnect (QD) wiring diagrams are functionally identical.

## Quick-Disconnect (QD) Cordsets

4-Pin Snap-on M8/Pico-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout
PKG4-2	2.00 m (6.56 ft)	Straight		 <p>1 = Brown 2 = White 3 = Blue 4 = Black</p>

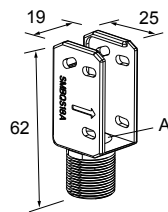
4-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout
MQDC-406	1.83 m (6 ft)	Straight		 <p>1 = Brown 2 = White 3 = Blue 4 = Black</p>
MQDC-415	4.57 m (15 ft)			
MQDC-430	9.14 m (30 ft)			
MQDC-450	15.2 m (50 ft)			

## Mounting Brackets

All measurements are listed in millimeters.

### SMBQS18A

- Wrap-around protection bracket
- Die-cast bracket
- Base fits 18 mm threaded hole
- Metal hex nut, lock washer and grommet included
- Mounting holes specially designed for QS18AF sensors

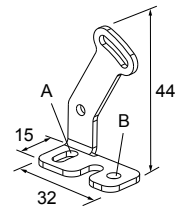


Hole size: A = ø 15.3

### SMBQS18AF

- Right-angle mounting bracket
- 14-ga. 304 stainless steel

Hole center spacing: A to B = 20.3  
Hole size: A = 4.3 x 9.4,  
B = ø 4.3



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