

S9706

12-bit digital output

The S9706 is a digital color sensor sensitive to red ($\lambda=615$ nm), green ($\lambda=540$ nm) and blue ($\lambda=465$ nm) regions of the spectrum. Detected signals are serially output as 12-bit digital data. Built-in three 12-bit registers allow simultaneous measurement of RGB three colors. Sensitivity level is adjustable in two steps to cover a wide photometric range.

Features

- 12-bit digital output
- Simultaneous measurement of RGB three colors
- 2-step sensitivity switching (sensitivity ratio of 1 : 9)
- Low voltage (3.3 V) operation
- CMOS monolithic photo IC
- No external components required

Applications

- Display color adjustment
- Various applications involving color detection

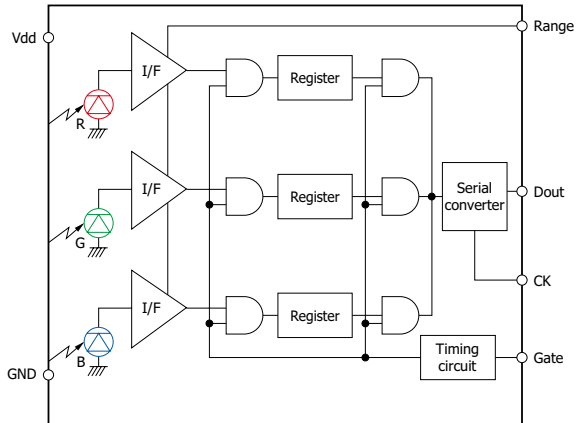
Feature 01 12-bit digital output

Light signals detected by the photodiode are amplified and converted into 12-bit digital signals. An amplifier is also formed for each of the RGB photodiode elements arrayed in the mosaic pattern, allowing simultaneous accurate measurement of the RGB components of incident light.

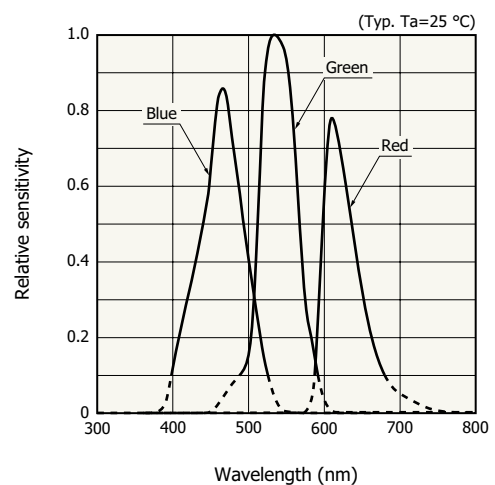
Feature 02 Simultaneous measurement of RGB three colors

The photodiode consists of 9×9 elements arrayed in a mosaic pattern. Each element has an on-chip filter that it sensitive to one color of light, either red ($\lambda_p=615$ nm), green ($\lambda_p=540$ nm) or blue ($\lambda_p=465$ nm).

Block diagram



Spectral response



This product does not support lead-free soldering. Solder it by hand.

Feature 03 2-step sensitivity switching

To enable measurement over a wide range of illuminance, the photodiode sensitivity can be selected from two setting modes (high sensitivity mode and low sensitivity mode). The photodiode photosensitive area used to detect light differs depending on which sensitivity mode is selected (high sensitivity mode: 9×9 elements, low sensitivity mode: 3×3 elements in center).

☐ Sensitivity setting

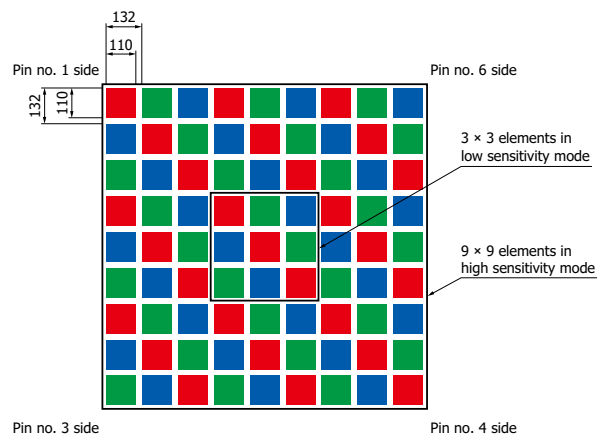
Range	Mode	Effective photosensitive area*
High	High sensitivity	9×9 elements
Low	Low sensitivity	3×3 elements

* The photosensitive area of S9706 consists of 9×9 elements in a mosaic pattern.

The effective photosensitive area changes depending on which sensitivity mode is used, "high" or "low", as explained below.

- High sensitivity mode: 9×9 elements
- Low sensitivity mode: 3×3 elements in center

☐ Details of photosensitive area (unit: μm)



Note: Spacing between elements is light-shielded.

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☐ Absolute maximum ratings

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Value	Unit
Supply voltage	Vdd	Ta=25 °C	-0.3 to 6	V
Load current	Io	Ta=25 °C	± 10	mA
Power dissipation	P	Ta=25 °C	100	mW
Operating temperature	Topr		-20 to +85	°C
Storage temperature	Tstg		-20 to +85	°C

Note: Exceeding the absolute maximum ratings even momentarily may cause a drop in product quality. Always be sure to use the product within the absolute maximum ratings.

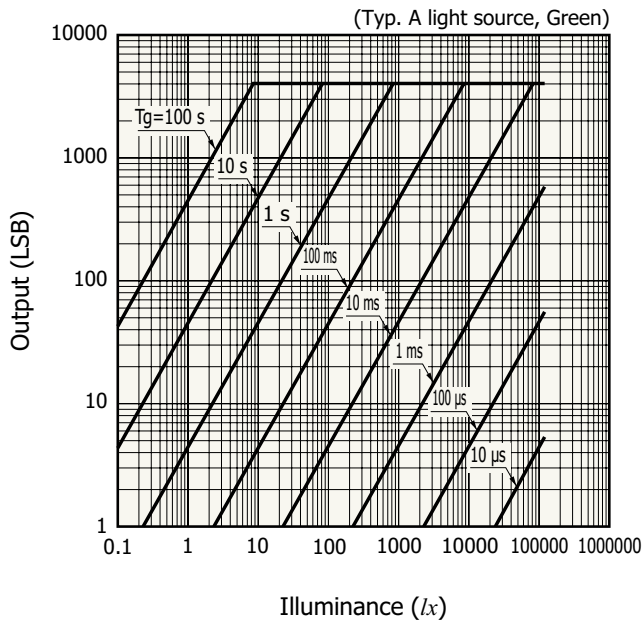
Electrical and optical characteristics

(Ta=25 °C, Vdd=5 V, Tg=100 ms, A light source, unless otherwise noted)

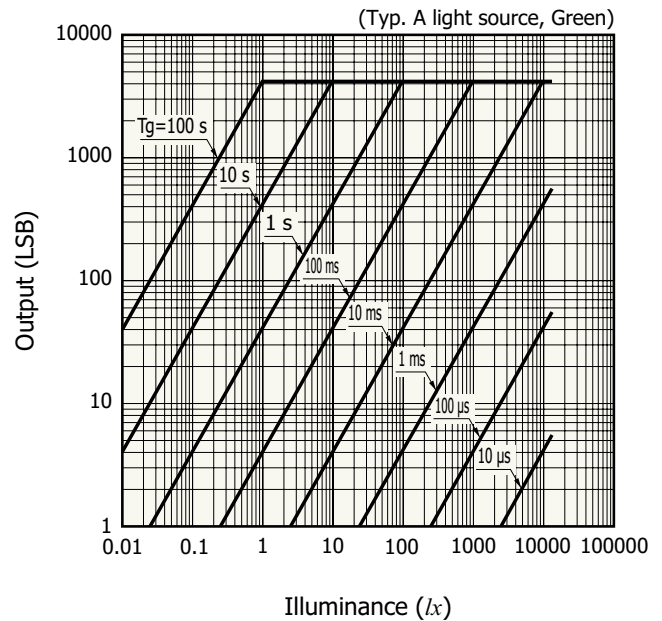
Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Photosensitive area size	-	All elements (9 × 9 elements)	-	1.2 × 1.2	-	mm
Effective photosensitive area	-	Per 1 color, High range	-	0.32	-	mm ²
Spectral response range	λ	Blue	-	400 to 540	-	nm
		Green	-	480 to 600	-	
		Red	-	590 to 720	-	
Peak sensitivity wavelength	λ_p	Blue	-	465	-	nm
		Green	-	540	-	
		Red	-	615	-	
Supply voltage	Vdd		3.0	-	5.5	V
Current consumption	Idd	Dark state, no load	-	5	10	mA
Photosensitivity	Sbl	Blue, Low range	0.15	0.21	0.27	LSB/lx
	Sgl	Green, Low range	0.32	0.45	0.59	
	Srl	Red, Low range	0.45	0.64	0.83	
	Sbh	Blue, High range	1.3	1.9	2.5	
	Sgh	Green, High range	2.8	4.1	5.4	
	Srh	Red, High range	4.0	5.8	7.6	
Incident light power (Conversion value in A light source)	Ibl	Blue, Low range	-	-	240	k/lx
	Igl	Green, Low range	-	-	110	
	Irl	Red, Low range	-	-	78	
	Ibh	Blue, High range	-	-	26	
	Igh	Green, High range	-	-	12	
	Irh	Red, High range	-	-	8.6	
Dark output	Dark	Tg=0.5 s	-	-	1	LSB
Input high level	Vih		Vdd × 0.82	-	-	V
Input low level	Vil		-	-	Vdd × 0.18	V
High level output voltage	Voh	Ioh=-0.5 mA	4.5	-	-	V
Low level output voltage	Vol	Iol=0.5 mA	-	-	0.5	V
Integration time	Tg		Refer to "Output vs. illuminance"			-
Hold time	t1		4	-	-	μs
	t2		3	-	-	μs
	t3		3	-	-	μs
	t4		2000	-	-	μs
	t5		3	-	-	μs
Readout clock period	tck		500	-	-	ns
Readout pulse width (positive)	tw		200	-	-	ns
Readout pulse width (negative)	tck-tw		200	-	-	ns

Output vs. illuminance

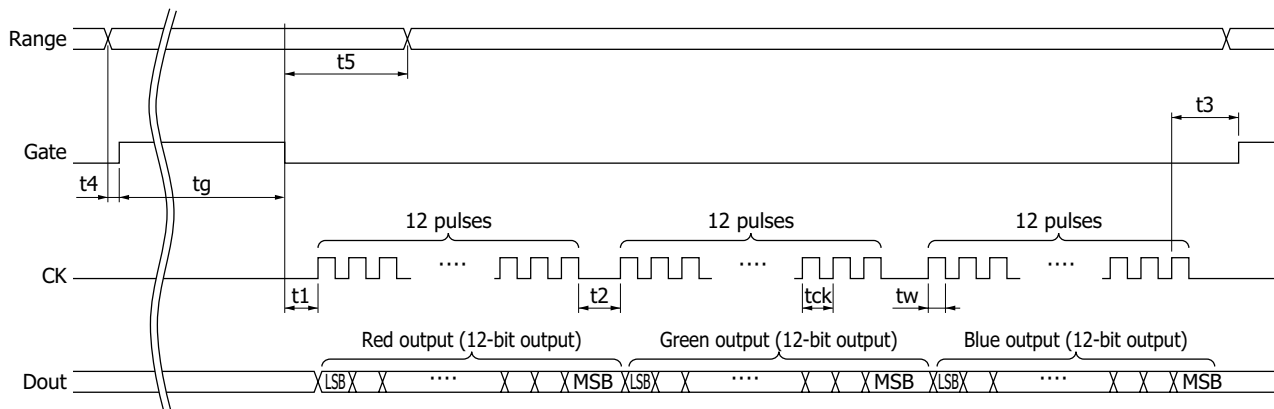
Low range



High range



Timing chart



Operating sequence

- (1) Set the Gate terminal and CK terminal to "Low".
- (2) Select the desired sensitivity with the Range terminal.
- (3) Set the Gate terminal from "Low" to "High", to start integrating the light intensity.
- (4) After the desired integration time (t_g) has passed, set the Gate terminal from "High" to "Low" to end the light intensity integration.
- (5) Measurement data is output from the Dout terminal by inputting 36 CK pulses to the CK terminal.

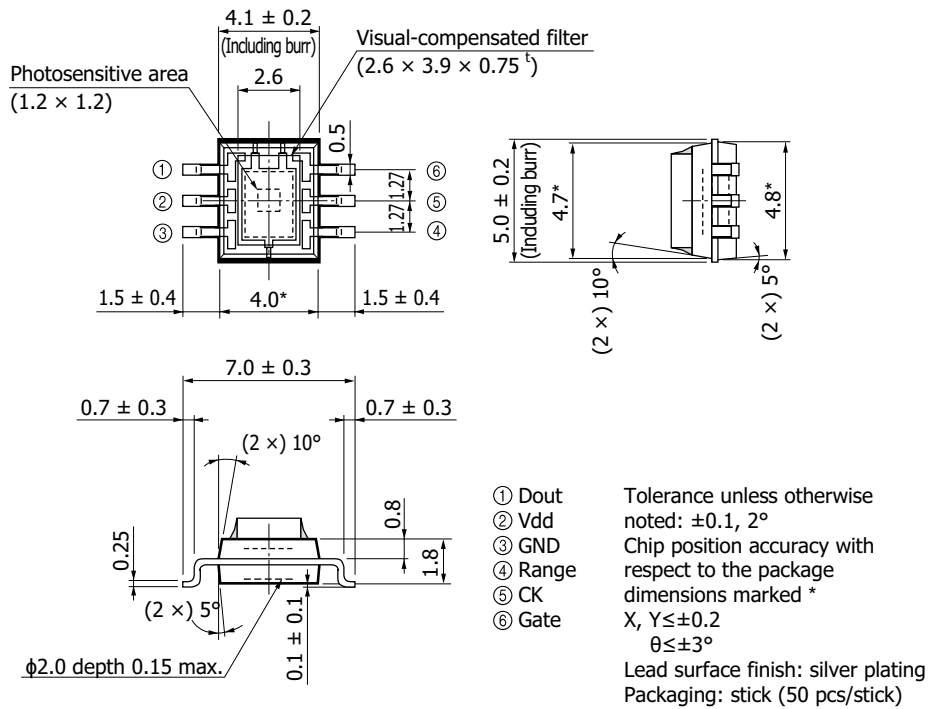
Note 1: A total of 36 CK pulses are required to read out 3-color measurement data. Red data is output by the first 12 pulses, green data by the next 12 pulses, and blue data by the last 12 pulses. Measurement data is output from the LSB side.

Note 2: Measurement data changes at the CK pulse rising edge.

Note 3: Do not switch the Range terminal during integration time (t_g).

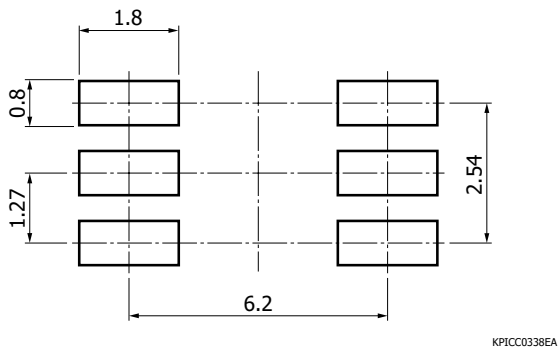
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Dimensional outline (unit: mm)



Note: If excessive vibration is continuously applied to the glass filter, there is a risk that the filter may come off, so secure the glass filter with a holder.

Recommended land pattern (unit: mm)



Related information

www.hamamatsu.com/sp/ssd/doc_en.html

■ Precautions

- Disclaimer
- Metal, ceramic, plastic package products
- Surface mount type products

Evaluation kit for color sensor C13522-01

An evaluation kit [60 mm (H) × 22 mm (V)] is available for S9706 color sensor (with S9706). Contact us for detailed information.



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