4-Quadrant Photodiode for Angular Positioning Sensing



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K857

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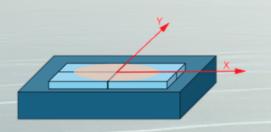


Overview:

The K857 4-quadrant photodetector offers precise position and angle sensing in a single SMD package. Unlike traditional photodiodes, it delivers separate signals from each quadrant for accurate real-time feedback — ideal for alignment, centering, and control applications.

Working Principle

Each quadrant of the photodiode generates a photocurrent proportional to the area it receives light. By analyzing the ratios of these photocurrents, the exact position and angle of the light spot can be calculated.



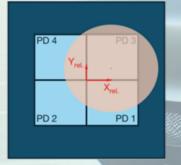
3D View

PD 4 PD 3

X

PD 2 PD 1

Centered Light Spot



Shifted Light Spot



Reverse light current	8.5 µA typical
Operating temperature	-40 °C to +110 °C
Bandwidth	$\lambda_{0.1}$ = 690 nm to 1050 nm
Low crosstalk	0.1 %

