

# ColorSight Sensor

Catalog Numbers 46CLR-D5LAC1-D5, 46CLR-D5LAC2-D5, 46CLR-D5LAC3-D5

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## Description

Bulletin 46CLR ColorSight™ sensor is a self-contained true color sensor with a built-in LCD display that can detect and measure slight color variations with high precision in typical packaging applications. The ColorSight sensor allows for the concurrent detection of up to seven internally stored colors and the ability to communicate RGB and intensity values for remote processing of additional colors with the PLC.

The ColorSight sensor also can be programmed to detect and store multiple colors in up to seven different color channels with the help of the local teach button. Upon recognition of the taught colors, up to three discrete outputs can be activated locally in standard IO mode. An additional four virtual outputs can be configured when connected using IO-Link.

## Features

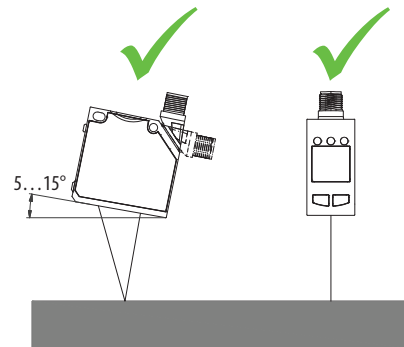
- Wide range of sensing models to address customer needs, including:
  - Glare suppression [18...32 mm (0.71...1.26 in.)]
  - Small spot size [18...60 mm (0.71...2.36 in.)]
  - Long range [20...150 mm (0.79...5.9 in.)]
- Large intuitive LCD display facilitates setup and operation.
- Built-in distance correction technology confirms consistent color detection up to a 65 mm (2.56 in.) range.
- Color Mode and Best Fit allows operators to optimize the sensor for their application.
- Internal storage of up to seven colors when operating in color match mode and unlimited colors by using the IO-Link when connected to the Logix platform.

- True RGB color value is offered as process data using IO-Link for remote processing of color information.
- Nine adjustable tolerance levels provide additional flexibility for application setup.
- Three discrete outputs and IO-Link.
- IP67 and IP69 zinc die-cast enclosure.

## Sensor Mounting Recommendations

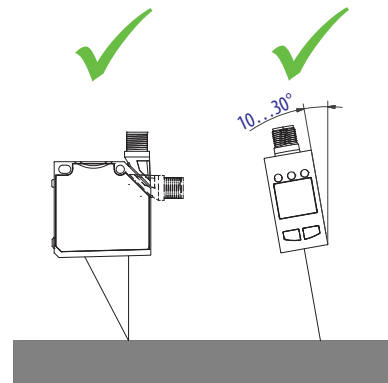
Position the ColorSight sensor so that the distance from the object to the sensor is within the sensing range.

**Figure 1 - Glare Suppression Model (46CLR-D5LAC1-D5)**



Shiny or reflective surfaces can distort the color detection. Mount the sensor at a 10...30° angle, as shown in [Figure 2](#).

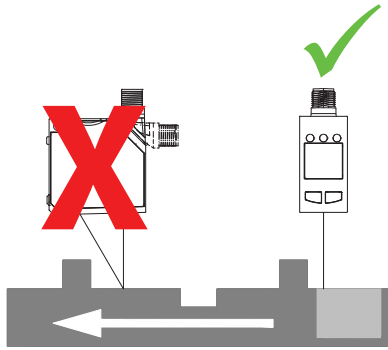
**Figure 2 - Small Spot Size and Long Range Models (46CLR-D5LAC2-D5 and 46CLR-D5LAC3-D5)**



### Recommended Orientation (All Models)

To be sure of reliable color detection, mount all models perpendicular to the target.

**Figure 3 - Preferred Direction**



The direct incidence of high frequency external lighting can impact the reliability of the sensor. We recommend that you change the angle of the sensor to reduce the possibility of external light interference.

**Figure 4 - Sensor User Interface**

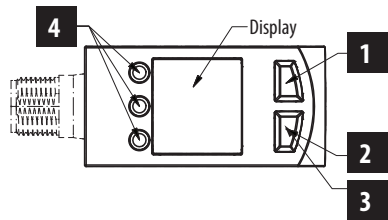


Table 1 provides indicator status in the RUN mode, during operation. The sensor is always in run mode except when being taught.

**Table 1 - Standard I/O (Auto PNP/NPN) Operating Mode Indication**

Color	State	Description
Green (2)	OFF	Power is off
	ON	Power is on
Orange (1)	OFF	Output de-energized
	ON	Output energized

**Table 2 - IO-Link Operation Mode Indication**

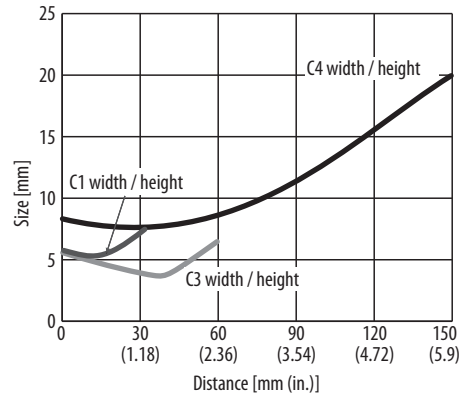
Color	State	Description
Green	OFF	Power is off
	Flash (1 Hz)	Power is on
Orange	OFF	Output de-energized
	ON	Output energized

See [www.ab.rockwellautomation.com](http://www.ab.rockwellautomation.com) for additional details about the operation of the ColorSight IO-Link sensor.

**Table 3 - User Interface**

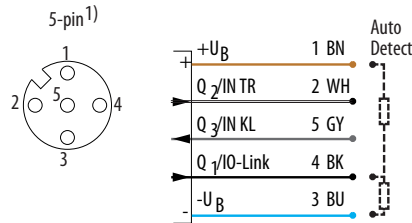
Label	Color	Description
1	Orange	Output Indication LED
2 and 3	Green or Red	Power and Status Operation LED
4	—	Teach Buttons

**Figure 5 - Sensor Spot Size**

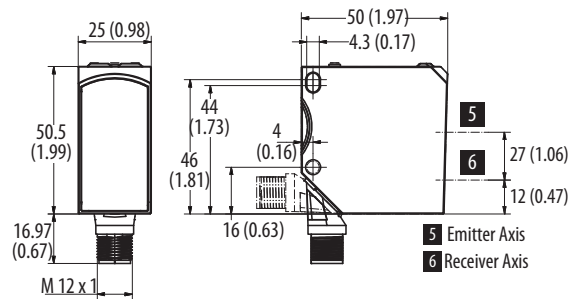


The quick-disconnect connector is shown in Figure 6. The pin numbers correspond to the male connectors on the sensor.

**Figure 6 - Wiring Diagrams**

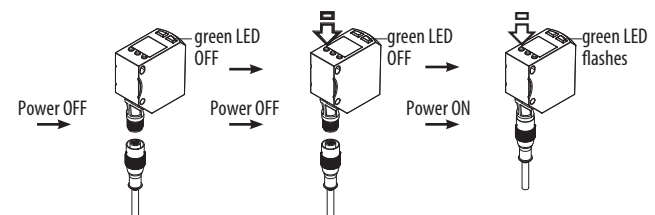


**Figure 7 - Approximate Dimensions [mm (in.)]**

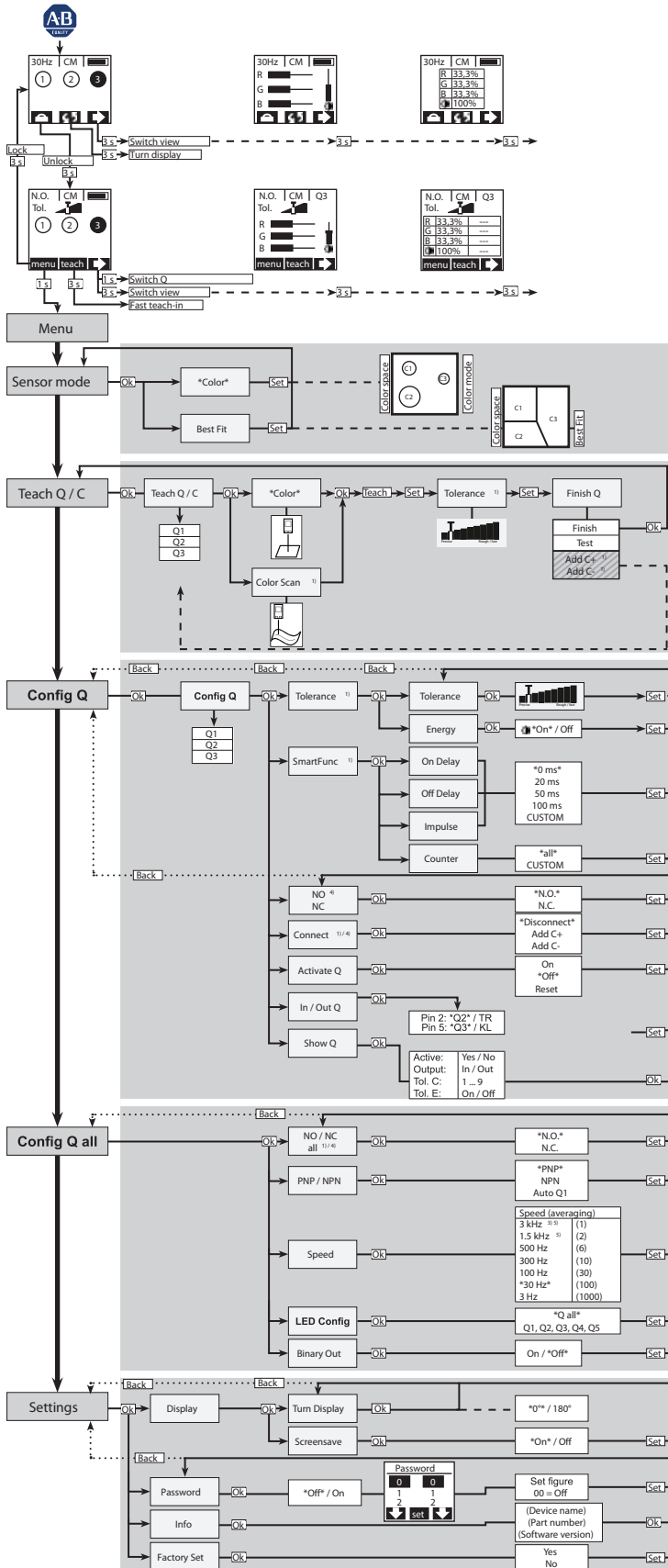


The sensor can be set to factory default by performing the operation in Figure 8.

**Figure 8 - Reset Factory Settings**



# Sensor Settings and Configurations



### Views

N.O. / N.C. (per Q)	CM = Color Mode BF = Best Fit Mode	Tol. Tolerance (1-9)
1...5 switching output Q	Off On Selected Deactivated	RGB = red / green / blue = energy / brightness (normalized values) Q1: selected switching output
Signal quality Flashing = too weak Flashing filled = signal overload	R 33.3% G 33.3% B 33.3% 100%	← taught in color values → live color values

### Fact teach-in

Teach-in: Teach [3s] Tol. By pressing Teach or Tol. for 1 s, the sensor switches between the two.  
Tolerance: color taught. By pressing Teach for 3 s, the selected channel is taught.

### Sensor Operating Mode

**Color**: Indicates the taught color. Required colors >= 1. Application = color detection / color evaluation. Is used when the false colors are not known.

**Best Fit**: Switches the closest bright color. Required colors >= 2. One channel of the sensor always switches. To prevent unwanted switching, teaching of the background is recommended. Applications = Sorting of known objects. Is used when it should be distinguished between known colors. C+ and C- is not possible in BF mode. When returning to color mode they are restored. N.O. / N.C. settings & smart functions are deactivated in BF mode. When returning to color mode they are restored. N.O. / N.C. settings can in BF mode only be adjusted for all Q at once via Config Q all.

Changing the sensor operating mode disables all of the outputs. Stored colors are preserved.

### Teach over menu (Teach Q / C)

Teach Q / C	Teaching of a color (C) on a switching output (Q).
Color	Teaching of a color point.
Color Scan	Teaching of a color space (for example, teaches colors until stop is pressed). Scanning can be paused.
Tolerance	Setting of the tolerance in 9 levels.
Finish Q	Finish: Save and close. Test: Checks whether a deduction will be reliable: 3x green LED = OK, 3x red LED = not OK C+: Add an additional color (C) to the matching output (Q) that will be detected as well. C-: Add an additional color (C) to the matching output (Q) that must not be detected.

### Config Q

Tolerance / Energy: Only available in Color mode (Color): Tolerance adjustable in 9 levels. Energy evaluation can be turned off. This may be helpful in applications with object distances larger than 65 mm (2.56 in.). From here on the energy decreases with increasing object distance. The color values remain the same.

#### Smart functions (SmartFunc)

On Delay	Input H/L, Output H/L	adjustable in 1 ms steps.
Off Delay	Input H/L, Output H/L	adjustable in 1 ms steps.
One-shot	Input H/L, Output H/L	adjustable in 1 ms steps.
Counter	Input H/L, Output H/L	

Connect C+ / C-: The sensor can store more colors than it has outputs. Thus, colors C and switching outputs Q are distinguished. The colors that can be connected are present.

Activate Q: Activate/Deactivate. The stored colors C remain in the sensor. Reset: Resets switching output to factory settings. Stored colors on this Q will be deleted.

In / Out Q: Some switching outputs can be set as input or output. TR = Trigger (high = lamp on, low = lamp off). KL = Keypad (high = keys are locked, low = keys are unlocked). Low signal <= 0.8V, high signal >= 3V.

### Config Q all

PNP / NPN: Setting for all Q. Autodetect (Auto Q1) is not based on switching output Q1.

Speed (Averaging): Laser speed results with more precise color recognition. Additional averaging also helps if ambient light disturbs the measurement.

Binary Out: Logically combines the switching outputs in order to be able to detect up to 7 (S-pin models) colors. The combination is shown in the figures below. Thereby: Connected colors will be disconnected. Only one color switches only. The priority is C1 > C2 > C3... Smart functions are not available in this mode. All switching outputs will be set to N.O.

### Settings

Display	Turn Display: Display is rotated 180°. Screensave: ON = Display turns off after 3 minutes. OFF = Display stays on.
Password	Definition of unlock password. This has to be entered each time when unlocking the sensors. If password is forgotten, a master password can be obtained at Rockwell Automation support.
Factory Set	Deletes all modifications that are done since set up of the sensor, all settings are reset to original factory settings.

<sup>1</sup> Not available in Best Fit mode. <sup>2</sup> Not available in Color mode. <sup>3</sup> At 3 kHz only Q1 & Q2 are available. <sup>4</sup> Not available when Binary Out is active. <sup>5</sup> xxx = Factory settings

[Table](#) lists the settings for the sensor defaults.

**Table 4 - Sensor Defaults**

Settings	Description
Output	Switching outputs deactivated
Output function	N.O.
Switching output	PNP, auto-detect
LED orange configuration	Q all
Response frequency	30 Hz

## Specifications

Attribute	46CLR-D5LAC1-D5, 46CLR-D5LAC2-D5, 46CLR-D5LAC3-D5
Certifications	c-UL-us and CE marked for all applicable directives
<b>User Interface</b>	
Status indicators	Green and orange light-emitting diodes 75 x 71 pixels — LCD Display
<b>Performance</b>	
Sensing range	46CLR-5LAC1-D5: 18...32 mm (1.26 in.) 46CLR-5LAC2-D5: 18...60 mm (2.36 in.) 46CLR-5LAC3-D5: 20...150 mm (5.9 in.)
Spot size	46CLR-5LAC1-D5: 6 x 6 mm (0.24 x 0.24 in.) @ 25 mm (0.98 in.) 46CLR-5LAC2-D5: 3.5 x 3.5 mm (0.14 x 0.14 in.) @ 40 mm (1.57 in.) 46CLR-5LAC3-D5: 8 x 8 mm (0.31 x 0.31 in.) @ 60 mm (2.36 in.)
Light source	White LED LED risk group 2 (EN 62471:2008)
<b>Electrical</b>	
Adjustments	Push buttons
Voltage	18...30V DC
Current consumption	60 mA max
Sensor protection	Reverse polarity and short circuit
Response time	46CLR-D5LAC1-D5 – 540 µs max 46CLR-D5LAC2-D5 – 180 µs max 46CLR-D5LAC3-D5 – 180 µs max
Output type	Pin 4: Auto PNP/NPN and IO-Link – Q1 Pin 2: PNP/NPN, Trigger – Q2 Pin 5: PNP/NPN, Key lock – Q3
Load current	100 mA max
<b>IO-Link</b>	
Communications mode	COM2
Vendor ID	2
Device ID	46CLR-D5LAC1-D5 – 294 46CLR-D5LAC2-D5 – 295 46CLR-D5LAC3-D5 – 296
Cycle time	4 ms, min
Process data bit length	48 bits (6 bytes)

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Specifications	1.1
<b>Mechanical</b>	
Dimensions	50 x 25 x 50.5 mm (1.97 x 0.98 x 1.99 in.)
Housing Material	Zinc die-cast, matt chrome
Lens Material	PMMA
Display Material	PMMA
<b>Environmental</b>	
Enclosure Type Rating	IP67 and IP69 rated enclosure
Operating Temperature	-20...+55 °C (-4...+131 °F)

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