OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

KTS Core

Contrast sensor

4-PIN RGB LED





Described product

KTS Core 4-PIN RGB LED

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1 **About this document**

1.1 Information on the operating instructions

These operating instructions provide important information on how to use devices from SICK AG.

Prerequisites for safe work are:

- Compliance with all safety notes and handling instructions supplied
- Compliance with local work safety regulations and general safety regulations for device applications

The operating instructions are intended to be used by qualified personnel and electrical specialists.



NOTE

Read these operating instructions carefully before starting any work on the device, in order to familiarize yourself with the device and its functions.

The instructions constitute an integral part of the product and are to be stored in the immediate vicinity of the device so they remain accessible to staff at all times. Should the device be passed on to a third party, these operating instructions should be handed over with it.

These operating instructions do not provide information on operating the machine in which the device is integrated. For information about this, refer to the operating instructions of the specific machine.

1.2 Scope

These operating instructions serve to incorporate the device into a customer system. Instructions are given by stages for all actions required.

These instructions apply to all listed device variants of the product.

Available device variants are listed on the online product page.

www.sick.com/KTS_Core

Commissioning is described using one particular device variant as an example.

Simplified device designation in the document

In the following, the sensor is referred to in simplified form as "KTS" or "device."

1.3 **Explanation of symbols**

Warnings and important information in this document are labeled with symbols. The warnings are introduced by signal words that indicate the extent of the danger. These warnings must be observed at all times and care must be taken to avoid accidents, personal injury, and material damage.



DANGER

... indicates a situation of imminent danger, which will lead to a fatality or serious injuries if not prevented.



WARNING

... indicates a potentially dangerous situation, which may lead to a fatality or serious injuries if not prevented.



CAUTION

... indicates a potentially dangerous situation, which may lead to minor/slight injuries if not prevented.



NOTICE

... indicates a potentially harmful situation, which may lead to material damage if not prevented.



NOTE

... highlights useful tips and recommendations as well as information for efficient and trouble-free operation.

1.4 **Further information**



NOTE

All the documentation available for the device can be found on the online product page at:

www.sick.com/KTS_Core

The following information is available for download there:

- Type-specific online data sheets for device variants, containing technical data and dimensional drawings
- EU declaration of conformity for the product family
- Dimensional drawings and 3D CAD dimension models in various electronic formats
- These operating instructions, available in English and German, and in other languages if necessary
- Other publications related to the sensors described here

1.5 **Customer service**

If you require any technical information, our customer service department will be happy to help. To find your agency, see the final page of this document.



NOTE

Before calling, make a note of all type label data such as type code, serial number, etc., to ensure faster processing.

2 Safety information

2.1 Intended use

The KTS contrast sensor is an opto-electronic sensor for the optical, non-contact detection of contrasts.

A contrast sensor is designed for mounting and may only be operated according to its intended function. For this reason, it is not equipped with direct safety devices.

The system designer must provide measures to ensure the safety of persons and systems in accordance with the legal guidelines.

SICK AG assumes no liability for losses or damage arising from the use of the product, either directly or indirectly. This applies in particular to use of the product that does not conform to its intended purpose and is not described in this documentation.

2.2 Improper use

- The device does not constitute a safety-relevant device according to the EC Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC).
- The device must not be used in explosion-hazardous areas.
- Any other use that is not described as intended use is prohibited.
- Any use of accessories not specifically approved by SICK AG is at your own risk.

The device is not suitable for the following applications (this list is not exhaustive):

- As a safety device to protect persons, their hands, or other body parts
- Underwater
- In explosion-hazardous areas
- Outdoors, without additional protection



NOTICE

Danger due to improper use!

Any improper use can result in dangerous situations.

Therefore, observe the following information:

- The device should be used only in line with intended use specifications.
- All information in these operating instructions must be strictly complied with.

2.3 Limitation of liability

Applicable standards and regulations, the latest state of technological development, and our many years of knowledge and experience have all been taken into account when assembling the data and information contained in these operating instructions. The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage caused by:

- Failure to observe the operating instructions
- Improper use
- Use by untrained personnel
- Unauthorized conversions
- Technical modifications
- Use of unauthorized spare parts, wear and tear parts, and accessories

With special variants, where optional extras have been ordered, or owing to the latest technical changes, the actual scope of delivery may vary from the features and illustrations shown here.

2.4 Requirements for skilled persons and operating personnel



WARNING

Risk of injury due to insufficient training!

Improper handling of the device may result in considerable personal injury and material damage.

All work must only ever be carried out by the stipulated persons.

The operating instructions state the following qualification requirements for the various areas of work:

- Instructed personnel have been briefed by the operating entity about the tasks assigned to them and about potential dangers arising from improper action.
- Skilled personnel have the specialist training, skills, and experience, as well as knowledge of the relevant regulations, to be able to perform tasks assigned to them and to detect and avoid any potential dangers independently.
- Electricians have the specialist training, skills, and experience, as well as knowledge of the relevant standards and provisions to be able to carry out work on electrical systems and to detect and avoid any potential dangers independently. In Germany, electricians must meet the specifications of the BGV A3 Work Safety Regulations (e.g., Master Electrician). Other relevant regulations applicable in other countries must be observed.

The following qualifications are required for various activities:

Activities	Qualification
Mounting, maintenance	 Basic practical technical training Knowledge of the current safety regulations in the workplace
Electrical installation, device replacement	 Practical electrical training Knowledge of current electrical safety regulations Knowledge of the operation and control of the devices in their particular application
Commissioning, configuration	 Basic knowledge of the design and setup of the described connections and interfaces Basic knowledge of data transmission Knowledge of the operation and control of the devices in their particular application
Operation of the devices in their particular application	 Knowledge of the operation and control of the devices in their particular application Knowledge of the software and hardware environment in the application

2.5 Hazard warnings and operational safety

Please observe the safety notes and the warnings listed here and in other chapters of these operating instructions to reduce the possibility of risks to health and avoid dangerous situations.

2.6 Repair

The product is a replacement device. The device is not intended to be repaired. Interference with or modifications to the device on the part of the customer will invalidate any warranty claims against SICK AG.

3 **Product description**

3.1 **Product ID**

3.1.1 Type label



- 1 Contrast sensor pictogram
- 2 Device type number
- 3 Part number
- 4 Date of manufacture
- (5) Electrical data and environmental data
- **6** Pin assignment
- 7 2D code

3.1.2 Type code

1	2	-	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
KT	s		W	В	8	1	1	4	1	1	4	2	Z

Position	Meaning	
1	Basic type	KT = contrast sensor
2	Form factor/housing size	S = small
3	Light sender	W = RGB
4	Switching output	B = push/pull
5	Function	8 = 2-point and dynamic teach-in
6	Light spot direction	1 = longitudinal
7	Sensing distance	1 = sensing distance 13 mm
8	Filtering	4 = no filter
9	Light emission	1 = long side
10	Operation	1 = long side
11	Connection type	4 = M12, male connector, 4-pin

Position	Meaning	
12	Communication	0 = special 2 = no communication A = IO-Link I = analog output (current) U = analog output (voltage) 9 = analog output (voltage) and analog input (voltage) T = serial interface (TetraPak)
13	Device type	M = sample device S = special device F = private label A = automation function B = special device with automation function C = reserved Z = standard

3.2 **Product features and functions**

3.2.1 Device view

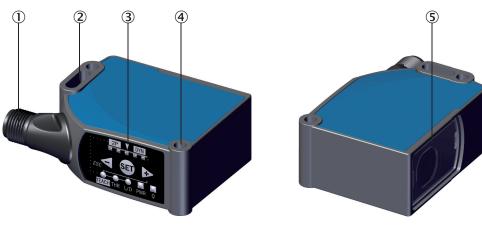


Figure 1: KTS Core

- (1) Connection
- 2 Mounting slot
- 3 Display and control panel
- **(4**) M5 fixing hole/mounting thread
- **(5**) Light emission

3.2.2 **Product characteristics**

Contrast sensors are primarily used in packaging or printing machines for detecting

However, they can also be used in any application based on making a distinction between contrasts.

KTS contrast sensors detect even the smallest contrasts at the highest speeds, such as print marks on foils or packaging. They detect minute grayscale variations between the mark and the background on matte, shiny, or transparent surfaces. Device types are available with different methods of contrast resolution and different teach-in variants for a wide range of requirements.

Features

- **RGB LED**
- High grayscale resolution
- Very large dynamic range means reliable detection of contrasts on glossy materi-
- 25 kHz switching frequency
- Display for easy sensor adjustment
- 2-point and dynamic teach-in
- Manual switching threshold adjustment
- Light/dark switching

Fields of application

- Applications in which contrast is a basic distinguishing feature
- Print mark detection for controlling the cutting process
- Print control in the print and paper industry
- Positioning of tubes when filling
- Label alignment on bottles
- Monitoring of wafer surfaces
- Roll end monitoring

4 **Mounting**

4.1 Scope of delivery

- Contrast sensor in the version ordered
- Ouickstart
- Safety notes

4.2 Mounting requirements

- Typical space requirement for the device, see type-specific dimensional drawing, see "Technical data", page 29.
- Comply with technical data, such as the permitted ambient conditions for operation of the device (e.g., temperature range, EMC interference emissions, ground potential).
- To prevent condensation, avoid exposing the device to rapid changes in tempera-
- Protect the device from direct sunlight.
- The device must only be mounted using the pairs of mounting threads/fixing holes provided for this purpose.
- Shock and vibration-free mounting.

4.3 Mounting the device

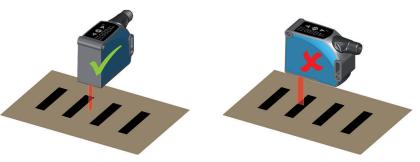


Figure 2: KTS Core

- Install the device via the mounting thread so that the light spot enters the mark longitudinally and the test object has the least possible vertical and horizontal movement. Note the sensing distance while doing so.
- Compensate for the vertical and horizontal movement of the test object by marks of suitable lengths.
- Ensure that any device movement does not affect the sensing distance.

To secure a stable detection when having high gloss material a tilt angle of 10°-15° might be necessary.

5 Electrical installation

5.1 Notes on the electrical installation

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NOTICE

Device damage due to incorrect supply voltage!

An incorrect supply voltage may result in damage to the device.

- Only operate the device with safety/protective extra-low voltage (SELV/PELV).
- The sensor is a device of protection class III.



NOTICE

Device damage due to incorrect supply voltage!

An incorrect supply voltage may result in damage to the device.

• Only operate the device with an LPS (limited power source) in accordance with IEC 60950-1 or an NEC Class 2 power supply unit.



NOTICE

Device damage or unpredictable operation due to working with live parts!

Working with live parts may result in unpredictable operation.

- Only carry out wiring work when the power is off.
- Only connect and disconnect electrical connections when the power is off.
- The electrical installation must only be performed by electrically qualified personnel.
- Standard safety requirements must be met when working on electrical systems!
- Only switch on the supply voltage for the device when the connection tasks have been completed and the wiring has been thoroughly checked.
- When using extension cables with open ends, ensure that bare wire ends do not come into contact with each other (risk of short-circuit when supply voltage is switched on!). Wires must be appropriately insulated from each other.
- Wire cross-sections in the supply cable from the user's power system must be selected in accordance with the applicable standards.
- Only operate the device with an LPS (limited power source) in accordance with IEC 60950-1 or an NEC Class 2 power supply unit.
- All circuits connected to the device must be designed as SELV/PELV circuits.
- Operation in short-circuit protected network at max. 8 A.

The IP enclosure rating for the device is only achieved under the following conditions:

The cables plugged into the connections are screwed tight.

If these instructions are not complied with, the IP enclosure rating for the device is not guaranteed!

5.2 Note on the swivel connector



NOTICE

Damage to the connector unit from over-tightening!

The connector unit on the device has two opposite end positions.

 Do not rotate the connector unit from either of the two end positions by more than 180°.

5.3 Pin assignment of the connections

5.3.1 Pin assignment of the connections

Table 1: M12 male connector, 4-pin

	2-P	dyn.
1	L+	L+
2	ET	ET
3	М	М
4	Q	Q

Legend

L+ = supply voltage

ET = external teach-in

M = ground

Q = switching output

5.4 Connecting the supply voltage



NOTICE

Risk of damage to the device!

The device can become damaged if it is connected to a voltage supply that is already switched on.

Only connect the device when the supply cable is de-energized.

The device must be connected to a power supply unit with the following properties:

- Supply voltage DC 10.8 V 28.8 V (SELV/PELV as per currently valid standards)
- Electricity source with at least 3 W power

To ensure protection against short-circuits/overload in the customer's supply cables, the wire cross-sections used must be appropriately selected and protected.

5.5 Wiring the interfaces

5.5.1 Wiring the digital inputs

The digital inputs can be used to start a teach-in procedure or a device operating mode.

The number of digital inputs available at the connections will vary, depending on the device, see "Pin assignment of the connections", page 14.

Voltage level at the input starts the corresponding function of the device.

Input, teach-in (ET)

PNP and push/pull: Teach = HIGH; RUN = LOW

NPN: Teach = LOW; RUN = HIGH

5.5.2 Wiring the digital outputs

The physical digital outputs can be allocated with various functions for the output of the result status. If the allocated event occurs in the read process, then the corresponding digital output is live.

The number of digital outputs available at the connections will vary, depending on the device, see "Pin assignment of the connections", page 14.

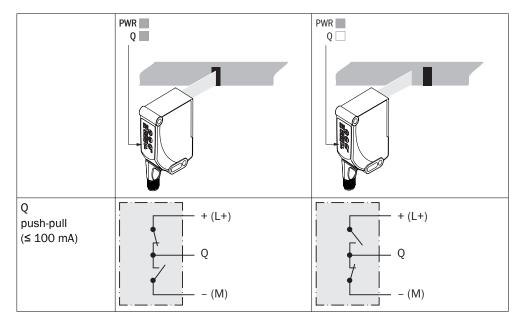
In each case, the digital outputs are short-circuit protected.

Switching behavior: push/pull

Electrical values

Push/pull HIGH: $U_V -3 V$; LOW: $\leq 3 V$

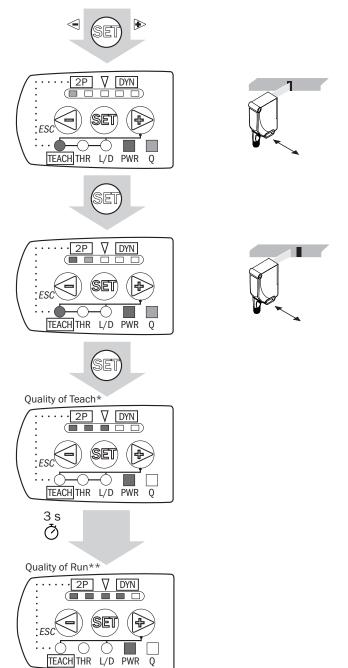
In the case of a push/pull sensor, the signal must be inverted in the control system in order to obtain the same result as a sensor with NPN switching behavior.



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6.1 Simplified illustration

Carry out the following steps based on the example of the 2P teach:



*Quality of Teach

Table 2: Quality of Teach indicator

Indication	Meaning
	Excellent detection reliability
	Good detection reliability
	Poor detection reliability

**Quality of Run

Table 3: Quality of Run indicator

Indic	ation		Meaning
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7.1 **Operating elements**

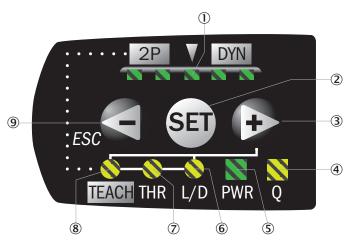


Figure 3: KTS Core operating elements

Table 4: Operating elements legend

Num- ber	Description	Function
1	Bar graph	Indicates qualities in five stages (Quality of Run/Quality of Teach). Status indicator in several functions.
2	SET	Opens the menu, confirms entries, or switches to lower-level menus.
3	Plus	Scrolls through menu items or increases values.
4	Q	Illuminates when there is a switching event. Flashes when various menu functions are executed.
5	PWR	Illuminates when the voltage supply is connected.
6	L/D	Illuminates when this function is selected: light/dark. Flashes when L/D menu is selected.
7	THR	Illuminates when this function is selected: threshold. Flashes when THR menu is selected.
8	TEACH	Illuminates when this function is selected: teach-in. Flashes when teach-in menu is selected and when errors occur during teach-in.
9	Minus/ESC	Switches to the previous menu item, decreases values, or cancels the current operation (press for > 3 s).

7.2 List of abbreviations

Table 5: List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning	German
TCH	Teach-in	Teach-in
THR	Threshold	Schaltschwelle
L/D	Light/dark	Hell/Dunkel
2P	2-point teach-in	2-Punkt Teach-in
DYN	Dynamic teach-in	Dynamischer Teach-in

7.3 Activating or deactivating the pushbutton lock

Press and hold the plus pushbutton for 10 seconds until the bar graph flashes 3 times.



The pushbutton lock is active or deactivated.

7.4 Resetting the device (factory setting)

Press and hold the plus and minus pushbuttons for 10 s until the bar graph and all other indicator LEDs flash several times.



The set parameters are reset to the factory settings.

7.5 **Defaults**

The defaults specify the parameters required for operating the device. It is often the case that only these parameters need to be set in order to use the device.

7.5.1 Teach-in

Two teach-in processes are available for configuring the device:

- 2-point teach-in
- Dynamic teach-in

7.5.1.1 2-point teach-in (factory setting)

Suitable for manual positioning of the object to be detected, e.g., mark and back-

The switching logic (light or dark switching) is detected automatically by the sensor.

- Press the SET pushbutton.
- Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select teach-in.



- Press the SET pushbutton.
- Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select 2P.



- Press the SET pushbutton.
- Position the mark under the light spot.



- 7. Press the SET pushbutton.
- Position the background under the light spot.



Press the SET pushbutton. The Quality of Teach is displayed.

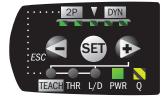


Table 6: Quality of Teach indicator

Indication		Meaning
		Excellent detection reliability
		Good detection reliability
		Poor detection reliability

7.5.1.2 Dynamic teach-in

Suitable for teaching in moving objects.

- 1. Press the SET pushbutton.
- Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select teach-in.



- 3. Press the SET pushbutton.
- Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select DYN.



Press the SET pushbutton. The teach process starts.

The bar graph display flashes during repeat length detection. One repeat length is sufficient for web lengths of between 0 m/s and 2 m/s. At least 2 or 3 repeat lengths are recommended.



Press the SET pushbutton to guit the teach-in operation. The Quality of Teach is displayed.

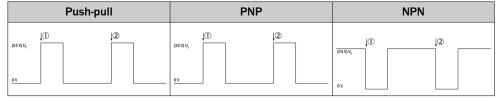


7.5.2 External teach-in

7.5.2.1 2-point teach-in

Suitable for manual positioning of the object to be detected, e.g., mark and background.

- 1. Position the mark under the light spot.
- 2. Activate teach-in via the control cable (ET).
- 3. Position the background under the light spot.
- 4. Activate teach-in via the control cable (ET).
- 5. The teach-in process is complete.



- 1. Teach point
- 2. Teach point

7.5.2.2 Dynamic teach-in

Suitable for teaching in moving objects.

- 1. Activate teach-in via the control cable (ET) and hold.
- 2. Position the background or the mark under the light spot.
- 3. One repeat length is sufficient for a web length between 0 m/s and 2 m/s. At least 2 - 3 repeat lengths are recommended.

- 4. Deactivate teach-in via the control cable (ET).
- 5. The teach-in process is complete.

Push-pull	PNP	NPN
(24 V) U,	(24 V) U, (24 V) U,	[₹4¥]U,]Û
o <u>v</u>	<u>ov</u>	ov

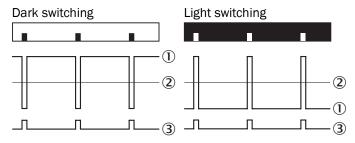
- Start teach-in
- Stop teach-in

7.5.3 Adjusting the switching logic (light/dark)



NOTE

The switching logic is determined by the teach sequence automatically at the factory (LED under "arrow" = on).



- **(I)** Internal received signal
- **(2**) Switching threshold
- 3 Output Q
- 1. Press the SET pushbutton. Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select L/D.



- Press the SET pushbutton.
- Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select the required setting.







Press the SET pushbutton.

7.5.4 Adjusting the switching threshold

During teach-in, the remission value of the switching threshold displayed is automatically set between the mark and background and corresponds to a switching threshold of 50%.

If the switching events do not correspond to the expected results, the switching threshold can be adjusted manually, independently of the teach-in process.

- Press the SET pushbutton. 1.
- 2. Use the plus or minus pushbutton to select THR.



Press the SET pushbutton.



Use the plus or minus pushbutton to adjust the switching threshold.

The LEDs shown in the bar graph act as live values to indicate how much remission is present in comparison to the switching threshold. The arrow represents the current switching threshold.

As soon as the LEDs are under/over the arrow, switching output Q changes its status. The further away the remission value is from the switching threshold setting, the more stable the detection.

Manual switching threshold adjustment is sped up by pressing the plus or minus pushbutton for longer.



Press the SET pushbutton to confirm the switching threshold.

7.6 Other indicators and functions

Short-circuit and overcurrent detection



In the event of a short-circuit or an overcurrent, all LEDs of the bar graph and the Q LED flash.

Teaching failure

In the event of a teach-in failure, the teach LED, the Q LED, and the bar graph flash.



Standby bar graph



NOTE

Standby mode is not activated when a teach-in process is ongoing or while an error message is displayed.

If no settings are made on the device for 5 minutes, standby mode is activated to save electricity. Any settings made which have not been confirmed are not adopted.

To quit standby mode, one of the operating keys must be pushed.

8 **Troubleshooting**

8.1 Possible errors during commissioning

Table 7: Troubleshooting during commissioning

Display, error situation	Cause	Measure
Bar graph display (green) flashes Q LED (yellow) flashes	Short-circuit message/over- current message: Sensor is not connected prop- erly	 Disconnect sensor from the power network Check pin assignment Reconnect sensor Check current at the switching output
After the teach process Q LED (yellow) flashes Bar graph display (green) flashes and No switching output for object detection	Programmed contrast or contrast difference is not sufficient for stable contrast detection	 Clean sensor Readjust sensor Check the application conditions Restart teach process

Possible errors during operation 8.2

Table 8: Troubleshooting during operation

Display, error situation	Cause	Measure
No switching output any more	 Distance or angle to material not consistent Light emission (optics) is dirty Manual switching threshold set incorrectly 	 Clean sensor Readjust sensor Check parameter settings Perform teach process again

9 Maintenance

9.1 Maintenance

During operation, the device works maintenance-free.

Depending on the assignment location, the following preventive maintenance tasks may be required for the device at regular intervals:

Table 9: Maintenance schedule

Maintenance work	Interval	Implementation
Clean housing and front screen	Cleaning interval depends on ambient conditions and climate	Specialist
Check screw connections and plug connectors	Every 6 months	Specialist

9.2 Cleaning the device

At regular intervals (e.g., weekly), check the light emission window and the housing of the device for dirt. This is especially relevant in harsh operating environments (dust, abrasion, damp, fingerprints, etc.). The lens of the light emission window must be kept clean and dry during operation.



NOTICE

Device damage due to improper cleaning!

Improper cleaning may result in device damage.

- Only use suitable cleaning agents.
- Never use sharp objects for cleaning.

Cleaning the light emission window



NOTICE

Damage to the light emission window!

Reduced reading performance due to scratches or streaks on the light emission window!

- Clean the light emission window only when wet.
- ▶ Use a mild cleaning agent that does not contain powder additives. Do not use aggressive cleaning agents, such as acetone, etc.
- Avoid any movements that could cause scratches or abrasions on the light emission window.
- Only use cleaning agents suitable for the lens material.



NOTE

Static charge may cause dust particles to stick to the light emission window. This effect can be avoided by using an anti-static glass cleaner in combination with the SICK lens cloth (can be obtained from www.sick.com).



NOTE

If the light emission window is scratched or damaged (cracked or broken), the device must be replaced. Contact SICK Service to arrange this.

Cleaning the housing

In order to ensure that the heat produced by the internal power loss is adequately dissipated, the housing surface must be kept clean.

10 **Decommissioning**

10.1 Disassembly and disposal

Disassembling the device

- Switch off the supply voltage to the device.
- 2. Detach all connecting cables from the device.
- 3. If the device is being replaced, mark its position and alignment on the bracket or surroundings.
- 4. Detach the device from the bracket.

Disposing of the device

Any device which can no longer be used must be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner in accordance with the applicable country-specific waste disposal regulations. As it is categorized as electronic waste, the device must never be disposed of with household waste!

10.2 **Returning devices**

Do not dispatch devices to the SICK Service department without consultation.



NOTE

To enable efficient processing and allow us to determine the cause quickly, please include the following when making a return:

- Details of the contact person
- Description of the application
- Description of the fault that occurred

11 **Technical data**

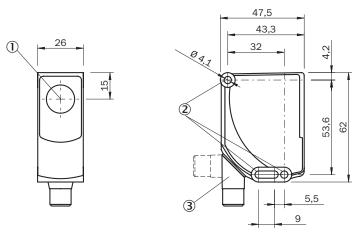
11.1 **General data**

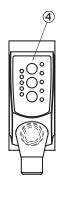
Table 10: Technical data

Attribute	Value
Sensing distance	13 mm
Light spot size/light spot direction	longitudinal: 3.9 mm x 1.2 mm
Sensing distance tolerance	± 3 mm
Supply voltage ¹	10.8 V - 28.8 V
Switching frequency	25 kHz
Response time	20 μs
Jitter	10 µs
Switching type	Push/pull or NPN
Switching output	$HIGH = U_V - 3 V / LOW \le 3 V$
Input, teach-in (ET)	Teach: U = 10 V < U _V Run: U < 2 V
Enclosure rating	IP 67
Ambient temperature (operation)	-20 °C +60 °C
Ambient temperature (UL)	max. 60 °C
Ambient temperature (storage)	-25 °C +75 °C
Protection class	III
Circuit protection (A/B/C)	U _V connections, reverse polarity protected, output Q short-circuit and overcurrent protected, interference-pulse suppression
Max. output current of the switching output	100 mA

Operation in short-circuit protected network max. 8 A

Dimensional drawings 11.2





- 1 Optical axis
- 2 Fixing hole
- 3 M12 device connection, can be rotated by 180 $^{\circ}$
- 4 Control panel

12 Accessories



NOTE

Accessories can be found on the online product page at:

www.sick.com/KTS_Core

13 **Annex**

13.1 EU declaration of conformity and certificates

The EU declaration of conformity and other certificates can be downloaded from the Internet at:

www.sick.com/KTS Core

13.2 Certification according to UL 60947-5-2



The contrast sensors of the KTS/KTX Prime and KTS Core series are certified in accordance with UL 60947-5-2 if they are supplied with power by LPS or Class 2 power supply units.

The certification is only valid with corresponding device identification on the type label of the respective device.

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