

# Cylindrical Inductive Full-Metal Proximity Sensors



## PRF Series (DC 2-wire) PRODUCT MANUAL

For your safety, read and follow the considerations written in the instruction manual, other manuals and Autonics website.

The specifications, dimensions, etc. are subject to change without notice for product improvement. Some models may be discontinued without notice.

### Features

- High resistance to impact and wear caused by contact with workpieces or wire brushes (sensor head / housing : stainless steel)
- Reduced risk of malfunction caused by aluminum chips
- Spatter-resistant type  
: PTFE coating prevents malfunctions caused by welding spatter
- 360° ring type operation indicator (red LED) (except Ø 8 mm model)
- Oil resistant cable
- IP67 protection structure (IEC standards)

### Safety Considerations

- Observe all 'Safety Considerations' for safe and proper operation to avoid hazards.
- ⚠ symbol indicates caution due to special circumstances in which hazards may occur.

**⚠ Warning** Failure to follow instructions may result in serious injury or death.

- 01. Fail-safe device must be installed when using the unit with machinery that may cause serious injury or substantial economic loss. (e.g. nuclear power control, medical equipment, ships, vehicles, railways, aircraft, combustion apparatus, safety equipment, crime/disaster prevention devices, etc.)**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in personal injury, economic loss or fire.
- 02. Do not use the unit in the place where flammable/explosive/corrosive gas, high humidity, direct sunlight, radiant heat, vibration, impact, or salinity may be present.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in explosion or fire.
- 03. Do not disassemble or modify the unit.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in fire.
- 04. Do not connect, repair, or inspect the unit while connected to a power source.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in fire.
- 05. Check 'Connections' before wiring.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in fire.

**⚠ Caution** Failure to follow instructions may result in injury or product damage.

- 01. Use the unit within the rated specifications.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in fire or product damage.
- 02. Use a dry cloth to clean the unit, and do not use water or organic solvent.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in fire.
- 03. Do not supply power without load.**  
Failure to follow this instruction may result in fire or product damage.

### Cautions during Use

- Follow instructions in 'Cautions during Use'. Otherwise, it may cause unexpected accidents.
- 12-24 VDC power supply should be insulated and limited voltage/current or Class 2, SELV power supply device.
- Use the product, after 0.8 sec of supplying power.
- Wire as short as possible and keep away from high voltage lines or power lines, to prevent surge and inductive noise.  
Do not use near the equipment which generates strong magnetic force or high frequency noise (transceiver, etc.).  
In case installing the product near the equipment which generates strong surge (motor, welding machine, etc.), use diode or varistor to remove surge.
- If the surface of the product is rubbed with a hard object, PTFE coating can be worn out.
- This unit may be used in the following environments.
  - Indoors (UL Type 1 Enclosure)
  - Altitude max. 2,000 m
  - Pollution degree 3
  - Installation category II

### Cautions for Installation

- Install the unit correctly with the usage environment, location, and the designated specifications.
- Do NOT impacts with a hard object or excessive bending of the wire lead-out. It may cause damage the water resistance.
- Do NOT pull the Ø 3.5 mm cable with a tensile strength of 25 N, the Ø 4 mm cable with a tensile strength of 30 N or over and the Ø 5 mm cable with a tensile strength of 50 N or over. It may result in fire due to the broken wire.
- When extending wire, use AWG 22 cable or over within 200 m.

## Ordering Information

This is only for reference, the actual product does not support all combinations. For selecting the specified model, follow the Autonics website.

PRF ① ② ③ ④ - ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ - ⑧

### ① Characteristic

No-mark: General type  
A: Spatter-resistant type

### ② Connection

No-mark: Cable type  
W: Cable connector type

### ③ Wire connection

T: DC 2-wire

### ④ DIA. of sensing side

Number: DIA. of sensing side (unit: mm)

### ⑤ Sensing distance

Number: Sensing distance (unit: mm)

### ⑥ Power supply

D: 12 - 24 VDC≒

### ⑦ Control output

O: Normally open

### ⑧ Cable

V: Oil resistant cable type  
IV: Oil resistant cable type (IEC standards)

## Product Components

- Product × 1
- Instruction manual × 1
- Nut × 2
- Washer × 1

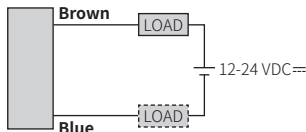
## Sold Separately

- M12 Connector cable: C□D(H)2-□-I
- Fixing bracket: P90-R□
- Spatter protection cover: P90-M□

## Connections

- LOAD can be wired to any direction.
- Connect LOAD before supplying the power.

### ■ Cable type



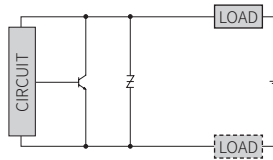
### ■ Cable connector type

- For LOAD connection, follow the cable type connection.
- Fasten the connector not to shown the thread. (0.39 to 0.49 N m)
- Fasten the vibration part with PTFE tape.



Pin	Normally open	
	Color	Func.
①	Brown	+V
②	-	-
③	-	-
④	Blue	0 V

### ■ Inner circuit



## Operation Timing Chart

	Normally open
Sensing target	Presence
	Nothing
Load	Operation
	Return
Operation indicator (red)	ON
	OFF

## Specifications

Installation	Flush type			
General	PRF□T08-1.5DO-□	PRF□T12-2DO-□	PRF□T18-5DO-□	PRF□T30-10DO-□
Spatter-resistant	PRFA□T08-1.5DO-□	PRFA□T12-2DO-□	PRFA□T18-5DO-□	PRFA□T30-10DO-□
DIA. of sensing side	Ø 8 mm	Ø 12 mm	Ø 18 mm	Ø 30 mm
Sensing distance <sup>01)</sup>	1.5 mm	2 mm	5 mm	10 mm
Setting distance	0 to 1.05 mm	0 to 1.4 mm	0 to 3.5 mm	0 to 7 mm
Hysteresis	≤ 15 % of sensing distance			
Standard sensing target: iron	8 × 8 × 1 mm	12 × 12 × 1 mm	30 × 30 × 1 mm	54 × 54 × 1 mm
Response frequency <sup>02)</sup>	200 Hz	100 Hz	80 Hz	50 Hz
Affection by temperature	≤ ± 20 % for sensing distance at ambient temperature 20 °C			
Indicator	Operating indicator (red)			
Approval	CE UK ENEC ERE	CE UK ENEC ERE	CE UK ENEC ERE	CE UK ENEC ERE
Unit weight (package)	≈ 55 g (≈ 80 g)	≈ 83 g (≈ 110 g)	≈ 97 g (≈ 132 g)	≈ 170 g (≈ 225 g)

01) Use accessories (nut, washer) made of SUS. Or, sensing distance cannot be guaranteed.

02) The response frequency is the average value. The standard sensing target is used and the width is set as 2 times of the standard sensing target, 1/2 of the sensing distance for the distance.

Power supply	12 - 24 VDC≒ (ripple P-P: ≤ 10 %), operating voltage: 10 - 30 VDC≒
Leakage current	≤ 0.8 mA
Control output	3 to 100 mA
Residual voltage	≤ 3.5 V
Protection circuit	Surge protection circuit, output short over current protection circuit, reverse polarity protection
Insulation resistance	≥ 50 M Ω (500 VDC≒ megger)
Dielectric strength	Between the charging part and the case: 1,000 VAC~ 50/60Hz for 1 minute
Vibration	1.5 mm amplitude at frequency 10 to 55 Hz in each X, Y, Z direction for 2 hours
Shock	1,000 m/s <sup>2</sup> (≈ 100 G) in each X, Y, Z direction for 10 times (DIA. of sensing side Ø 8 mm) : 500 m/s <sup>2</sup> (≈ 50 G) in each X, Y, Z direction for 10 times
Ambient temp. <sup>01)</sup>	-25 to 70 °C, storage: -25 to 70 °C (non-freezing or non-condensation)
Ambient humi.	35 to 95 %RH, storage: 35 to 95 %RH (non-freezing or non-condensation)
Protection	IP67 (IEC standards)
Connection	Cable type / Cable connector type model
Cable spec. <sup>02)</sup>	DIA. of sensing side Ø 8 mm: Ø 4 mm, 2-wire DIA. of sensing side Ø 12 mm, Ø 18 mm, Ø 30 mm: Ø 5 mm, 2-wire
Wire spec.	AWG 22 (0.08 mm, 60-wire), insulator diameter: Ø 1.25 mm
Connector	M12 connector
Material	Oil resistant cable (dark gray): oil resistant polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
General	Case/Nut: SUS303, washer: SUS304, sensing side <sup>03)</sup> : SUS303
Spatter-resistant	Case/Nut: SUS303 (PTFE coated), washer: SUS304, sensing side <sup>03)</sup> : SUS303 (PTFE coated)

01) UL approved surrounding air temperature 40 °C

02) Cable type: 2 m (option: 5 m), cable connector type: 300 mm

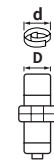
03) Thickness: 0.8 mm (DIA. of sensing side Ø 8 mm: 0.4 mm)

## Effect of Aluminum Scraps

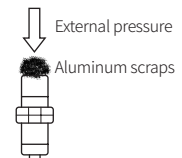
When aluminum scraps are attached or stacked at sensing side, the proximity sensor does not detect and sensing signal is OFF.

However, the below cases may occur to sensing signal. In this case, remove the scraps.

- When the size of aluminum scraps (d) is bigger than 2/3 of the sensing side size (D)
- When aluminum scraps are attached on the sensing side by external pressure

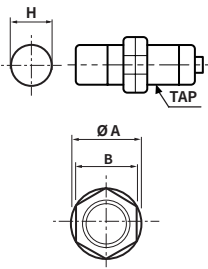


Sensing side	Size	D (mm)
Ø 8 mm		6
Ø 12 mm		10
Ø 18 mm		16
Ø 30 mm		28



## Cut-out Dimensions

• Unit: mm, For the detailed drawings, follow the Autonics web site.



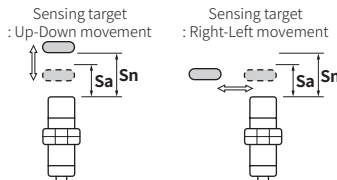
	Ø 8 mm	Ø 12 mm	Ø 18 mm	Ø 30 mm
Mounting hole (H)	Ø 8.5 <sup>+0.5</sup> <sub>0</sub>	Ø 12.5 <sup>+0.5</sup> <sub>0</sub>	Ø 18.5 <sup>+0.5</sup> <sub>0</sub>	Ø 30.5 <sup>+0.5</sup> <sub>0</sub>
TAP	M8×1	M12×1	M18×1	M30×1.5

	Ø 8 mm	Ø 12 mm	Ø 18 mm	Ø 30 mm
Ø A	15	21	29	42
B	13	17	24	36

## Setting Distance Formula

Detecting distance can be changed by the shape, size or material of the target. For stable sensing, install the unit within the 70% of sensing distance.

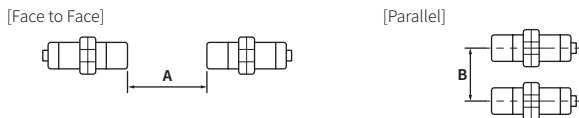
**Setting distance (Sa)**  
= Sensing distance (Sn) × 70%



## Mutual-interference & Influence by Surrounding Metals

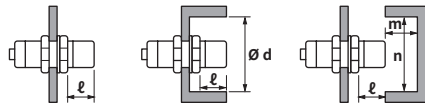
### ■ Mutual-interference

When plural proximity sensors are mounted in a close row, malfunction of sensor may be caused due to mutual interference. Therefore, be sure to provide a minimum distance between the two sensors, as below table.



### ■ Influence by surrounding metals

When sensors are mounted on metallic panel, it must be prevented sensors from being affected by any metallic object except target. Therefore, be sure to provide a minimum distance as below chart.



(unit: mm)

Sensing side	Ø 8 mm	Ø 12 mm	Ø 18 mm	Ø 30 mm
Item				
A	35	40	65	110
B	30	35	60	100
l	0	0	0	0
Ø d	8	12	18	30
m	4.5	8	20	40
n	30	40	60	100

## Tightening Torque

Use the provided washer to tighten the nuts.

The allowable tightening torque table is for inserting the washer as below.



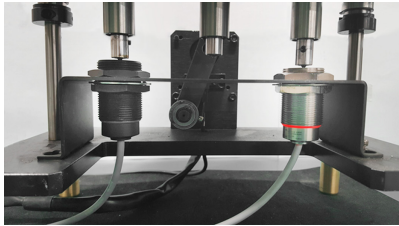
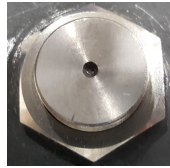
Sensing side	Ø 8 mm	Ø 12 mm	Ø 18 mm	Ø 30 mm
Strength				
Tightening torque	3.5 N m	25 N m	70 N m	180 N m

## Durability Test

High resistance to the impact of removing Welding sludge attached to the sensing face



### ■ Continuous hitting test

• Test model: PRF18, hitting object: 1.3 kg of weight, hitting speed: 48 times per 1 min, The number of hitting times: 300 thousand times

Test conditions	Result
	

### ■ Metallic brush test

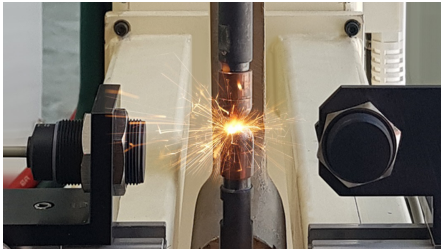
• Test model: PRF18, testing object: stainless cup brush, rotation speed: 80 RPM, testing time: 3 hours

Test conditions	Result
	

## Electromagnetic Resistance Test

Large current from welding generates magnetic field which can affect the proximity sensor to malfunction due to noise. This product, however, can be used near strong noise without malfunctioning, thanks to excellent electromagnetic resistance. This test is conducted in the environment of welding. Minimum sensing distance can be different by welding environment.

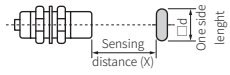
• Test model: all Series, welding current: 13,000 A, installation direction: front and side

Test conditions	Remarks
	Recommended to use spatter protection cover (sold separately) for general type.

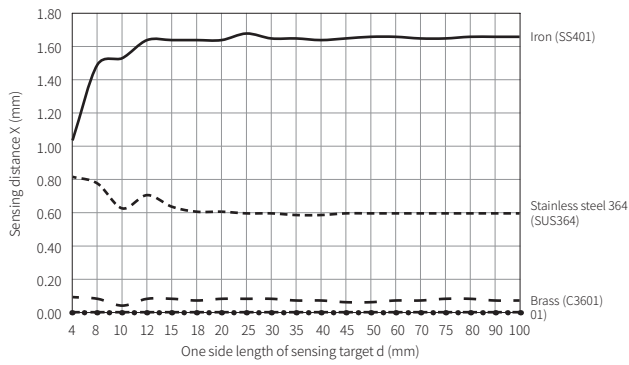
### ■ Minimum sensing distance between weld and sensor

Sensing side	Ø 8 mm	Ø 12 mm	Ø 18 mm	Ø 30 mm
Installation direction				
Front	60 mm	30 mm	10 mm	120 mm
Side	70 mm	60 mm	50 mm	120 mm

## Sensing Distance Feature Data by Target Material and Size

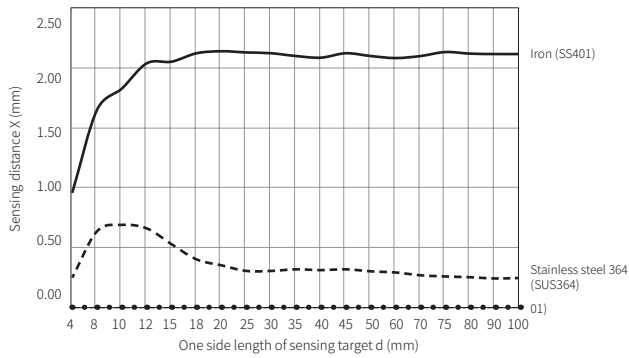


• Ø 8 mm



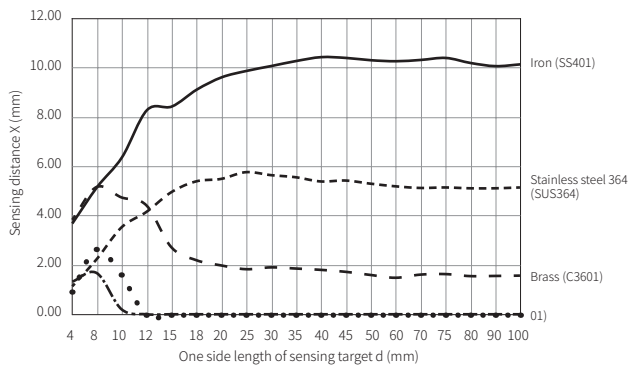
01) Aluminum (ALS052), Copper (C1100)

• Ø 12 mm



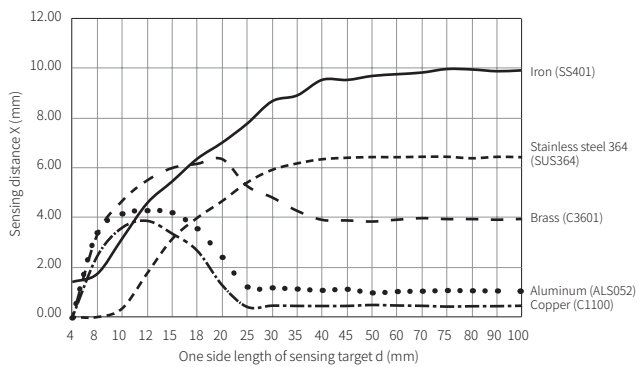
01) Brass (C3601), Aluminum (ALS052), Copper (C1100)

• Ø 18 mm

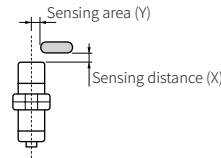


01) Aluminum (ALS052), Copper (C1100)

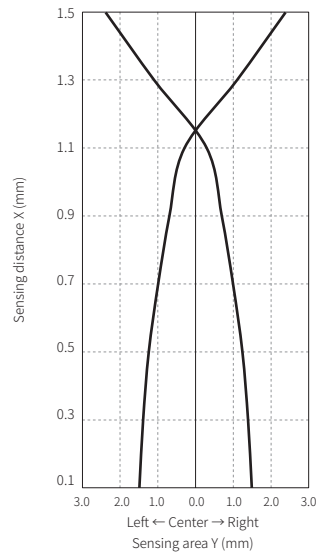
• Ø 30 mm



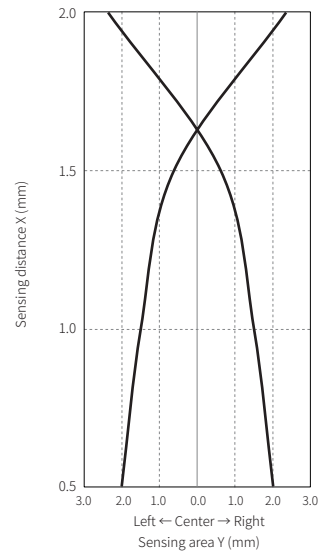
## Sensing Distance Feature Data by Parallel (left/right) Movement



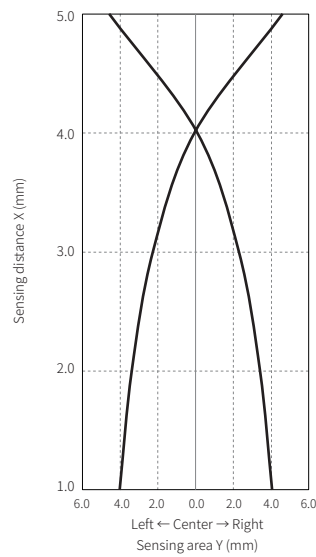
• Ø 8 mm



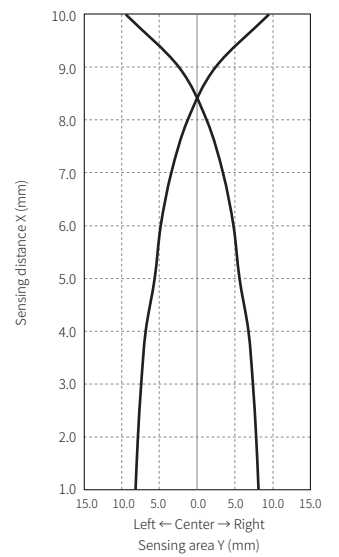
• Ø 12 mm



• Ø 18 mm







• Ø 30 mm



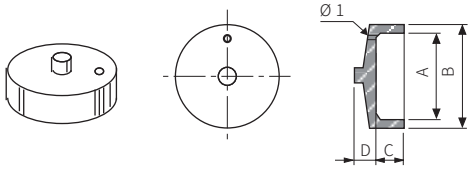
## Sold Separately: M12 Connector Cable

• For detailed information, refer to the 'M8/M12 Connector Cable' manual.

Appearance	Power	Connector 1	Connector 2	Length	Feature	Model
	DC	M12 (Socket-Female) 4-pin	2-wire	2 m	PVC	CID2-2-I
				5 m		CID2-5-I
	DC	M12 (Socket-Female) 4-pin	2-wire	2 m	Oil resistant PVC	CIDH2-2-I
				5 m		CIDH2-5-I
	DC	M12 (Socket-Female) 4-pin, L type	2-wire	2 m	PVC	CLD2-2-I
				5 m		CLD2-5-I
	DC	M12 (Socket-Female) 4-pin, L type	2-wire	2 m	Oil resistant PVC	CLDH2-2-I
				5 m		CLDH2-5-I

## Sold Separately: Protection Cover (P90-M□)

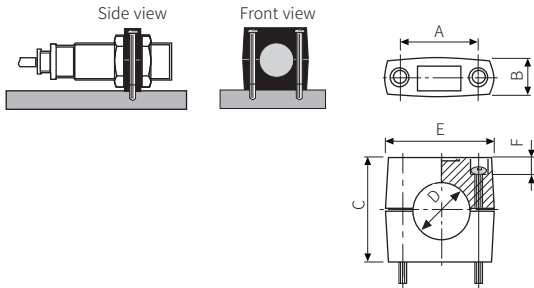
The welding tip (spatter) generated during arc welding has a property of sticking to plastics and metals. If several welding tips are attached to the front or body of the proximity sensor, it may be difficult to replace the body or cause a malfunction. When using a general type proximity sensor, use a silicone protective cover (sold separately). Only for flush (shield) type.



Item (mm)	Model	P90-M12	P90-M18	P90-M30
A		Ø 11	Ø 17	Ø 28.5
B		Ø 14	Ø 21	Ø 33
C		5.0	6.0	8.0
D		1.0	3.0	6.0
Applied sensing side size		M12	M18	M30

## Sold Separately: Fixing Bracket (P90-R□)

If fixing holes are not made for cylindrical proximity sensor, use a cylindrical fixing bracket as below. For Non-flush (non-shield) type, be sure effect by ambient material.



Item (mm)	Model	P90-R12	P90-R18	P90-R30
A		24 ± 0.2	32 ± 0.2	45 ± 0.2
B		≤ 11.5	≤ 16	≤ 16
C		20	30	50
D		Ø 12	Ø 18	Ø 30
E		≤ 34.4	≤ 47	≤ 60
F		6.0	10	10
Fixing bolt		M4 × 20	M5 × 30	M5 × 50
Applied sensing side size		M12	M18	M30