Choose the Proper Ultrasonic Sensor for your Application

This guide will help you select the correct MaxSonar[®] sensor for your use. We believe that the MaxSonar[®] sensors are among the easiest to use ultrasonic rangefinders available.



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| | Product Line | | | | | |
| | V | V | V | V | V | |
| | LV-MaxSonar-EZ | XL-MaxSonar-EZ | XL-MaxSonar-AE | XL-MaxSonar-WR | XL-MaxSonar-WRA | |
| | | | | | | |
| Easy to use interface | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Trigger or Free-run Operation | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Stable Range Data | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Serial Output | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Analog Voltage Range Output | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Pulse Width Output | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
| Real-time Analog Envelope | | | _ | | | |
| Output of the Acoustic | No | No | Voc | No | Voc | |
| Waveronn | | NO | 163 | NO | 165 | |
| Outdoor Use (IP67 Rated) | No (can be mounted in a way that protects the sensor from exposure to the elements.) | No (can be mounted in a way that protects the sensor from exposure to the elements.) | No (can be mounted in a way that protects the sensor from exposure to the elements.) | Yes | Yes | |
| Recommended for Industrial Use | Some | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Recommended for Hobby Use | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Automatic Calibration to Compensate for Changes in Temperature, Voltage, | On power up | | | | | |
| Humidity and Noise. | only | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Has noise canceling | Some | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Resolution | 1 inch | 1 cm | 1 cm | 1 cm | 1 cm | |
| Maximum Rate Readings are taken | 20Hz | 10Hz | 10Hz | 10Hz | 10Hz | |
| 3.3V Operation, Average Current Draw | 2mA | 2.1mA | 2.1mA | 2.1mA | 2.1mA | |
| 5V Operation, Average Current Draw | 3mA | 3.4mA | 3.4mA | 3.4mA | 3.4mA | |
| Acoustic Frequency | 42kHz | 42kHz | 42kHz | 42kHz | 42kHz | |
| Minimum Object Detection Distance ⁽¹⁾ | 0" | 0 cm | 0 cm | 0 cm | 0 cm | |
| Minimum Reported Distance ⁽¹⁾ | 6 inches | 20 cm | 20 cm | 25 cm | 25 cm | |
| | 254 inches | 765 cm ^{(2) 1068cm} | 765 cm ^{(2) 1068cm} | 765 cm ^{(2) 1068cm} | 765 cm ^{(2) 1068cm} | |
| Maximum Range | (6.45 meters) | (25.1 feet) | (25.1 feet) | (25.1 feet) | (25.1 feet) | |
| Semi-custom solution available to meet almost | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | (3) | |
| any need | Yes | Yes | res | res | res | |
| Note 1: Objects closer than the minimum-distance-reported*, range as this value*. Note 2: Available by request Note 3: Contact MaxBotix Inc., to have your sensor solution evaluated. | | | | | | |
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| LV-MaxSonar-EZ Some Features: Easy to use interface 1 inch resolution Various calibrated beam widths Size is less than 1 | XL-MaxSonar-EZ Some Features: • Easy to use interface •1 cm resolution • Various calibrated beam widths • Size is less than 1 | XL-MaxSonar-AE Some Features: Easy to use interface 1 cm resolution Various calibrated beam widths Size is less than 1 | XL-MaxSonar-WR Some Features: Easy to use interface IP67 rated 1 cm resolution Calibrated beam width | XL-MaxSonar-WRA Some Features: Easy to use interface IP67 rated 1 cm resolution Calibrated beam width | |
| cubic inch | cubic inch • Real-time auto calibration • Real-time noise rejection • High acoustic power | cubic inch • Real-time auto calibration • Real-time noise rejection • High acoustic power • Real-time analog envelope | Super compact size Real-time auto calibration Real-time noise rejection High acoustic power | Super compact size Real-time auto calibration Real-time noise rejection High acoustic power Real-time analog envelope output | |
| Part Numbers: •MB1000 •MB1010 •MB1020 •MB1030 •MB1040 (Please see page 4 for | Part Numbers: •MB1200 •MB1210 •MB1220 •MB1230 •MB1240 (Please see page 4 for | Part Numbers: •MB1300 •MB1310 •MB1320 •MB1330 •MB1340 (Please see page 4 for | Part Numbers: •MB7060 •MB7066: longer range (Please see page 4 for additional information) | Part Numbers: •MB7070 •MB7076: Longer range (Please see page 4 for additional information) | |
| additional information) | additional information) | additional information) | Possible Applications: • Robots | Possible Applications: •Troubleshooting and | |
| Possible Applications: • Robots • Distance measuring • UAV • Some industrial uses • Autonomous navigation | Possible Applications: • Robots • Distance measuring • UAV • Industrial uses • Autonomous navigation • Bin levels • Changing environment conditions | Possible Applications: •Troubleshooting and sensor integration • User signal processing • Robots • Distance measuring • UAV • Industrial uses • Autonomous navigation • Bin levels • Changing | Distance measuring Industrial uses UAV Autonomous navigation Bin levels Changing environment conditions Tank levels Proximity zone detection | sensor integration • User signal processing • Robots • Distance measuring • Industrial uses • UAV • Autonomous navigation • Bin levels • Changing environment conditions | |
| Comments: • Power up calibration compensates for various mounting | Comments: • Automatically compensates for noisy and changing | environment conditions | | • Tank levels • Proximity zone detection | |
| various mounting arrangements and environments. NOTE: requires user to cycle the power to recalibrate sensor if the voltage, temperature or humidity change during operation. | environmental conditions (temperature, voltage or humidity). | Comments: • Same as the XL- MaxSonar-EZ but allows easy identification of troubleshooting issues using the real-time analog envelope. | Comments: • Automatically compensates for noisy and changing environmental conditions (temperature, voltage or humidity). | Comments: • Same as the XL- MaxSonar-WR but allows easy identification of troubleshooting issues using the real-time analog envelope. | |
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