

Overview

KEMET’s QFC pyroelectric flame sensors provide accurate discrimination of flame sources in triple IR flame detection systems, through their excellent signal to noise characteristic at the signature 8 – 10 Hz flicker range of a flame. The sensor element is built into a low noise circuit that has an internal CMOS op amp with a 10 GΩ feedback resistor outputting a voltage signal centred around half the supply rail. Exceptionally high responsivity, a wide field of view and rapid recovery from thermal and electrical shocks makes it the ideal solution for demanding flame detection applications.

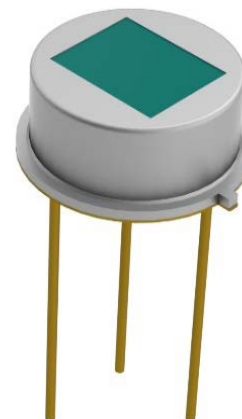
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Applications

- Industrial
- Oil and gas
- Infrastructure protection
- Forest protection

Benefits

- Exceptionally high responsivity
- Wide field of view, typically 100° (subject to filter band pass specification)
- Rapid recovery from thermal and electrical shock (< 1 second downtime)
- TO39 package
- Analog output
- Integrated operational amplifier
- Evaluation kit for analog TO infrared flame sensing evaluation



Ordering Information

USE	QFC	S	A	3381	0	0
Product Family	Series	Sensor Type	Mounting Type	Specification	Packaging	Version
Sensors	QFC = TO39 IR Flame Sensors	S = Single, analog K = Evaluation kit	A = Sensor only 4 = Evaluation kit type 4	0000 = Fixed 3381 = 3.38 μm bandpass 3911 = 3.91 μm bandpass 4351 = 4.35 μm bandpass 4481 = 4.48 μm bandpass 4551 = 4.55 μm bandpass 5001 = 5.00 μm cut on 5501 = 5.50 μm cut on	0 = Bulk	0

Environmental Compliance

All KEMET Flame Sensors are RoHS and REACH Compliant.



Article 33(1) of the REACH Regulation states that manufacturers and importers of articles (products) are required to notify their customers of the presence of any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) in their products exceeding 0.1% by weight and provide instructions on safe use of the product.

KEMET Corporation reports regarding the Article 33(1) of REACH Regulation as follows:

1. Applicable Product: Flame Sensors (QFC, QFCE, QFS & QFSM series)

2. Report for the content of REACH SVHC list:

The product(s) above contains a substance by more than 0.1wt% per product weight that was published in the 8th update of the REACH SVHC substances (December 19, 2012).

3. Regarding the safety of the flame sensors (Piezoceramic products):

The Piezoceramic that is used in this product becomes ceramic by sintering powder containing PZT as the main ingredient. It is chemically stable, with minimum risks toward the human body or environment within the intended use of the product. Please note that risks could occur in the case of inhalation or accidental oral uptake of powder ceramics.

4. Technical product information on the flame sensors (Piezoceramic products):

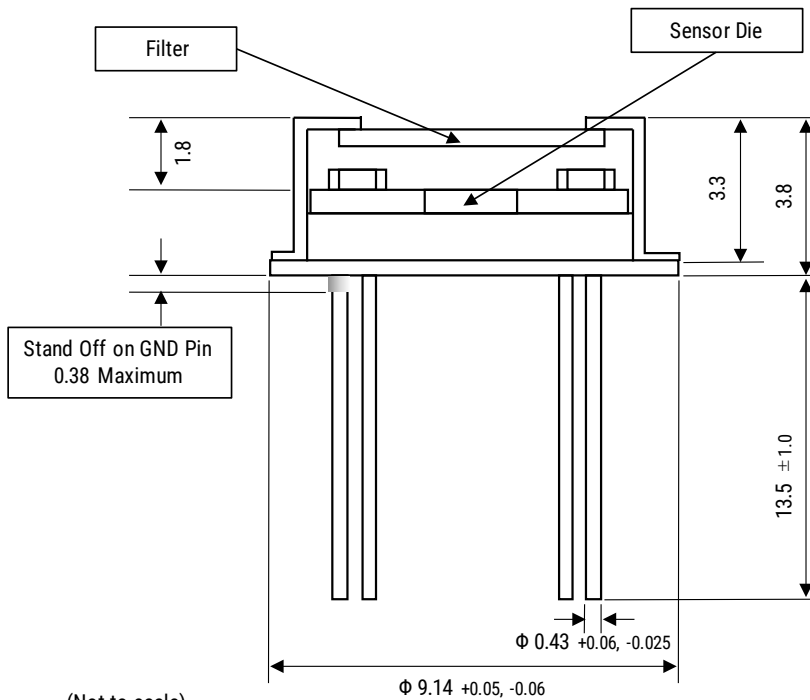
The manufacturing technique of the "piezoceramic products" whose main ingredient is Lead Titanium Zirconium Oxide (PZT) has been established, and there is no alternative material that can exhibit superior performance than PZT at this moment. Please note that the piezoceramic is listed as an exempt on RoHS (2011/65/EU) AnnexIII (7c.1).

5. The responsibility of piezoceramic manufacturers:

Piezoceramic manufacturers report information regarding PZT containment in their products to the customers to obey the article 33 of the REACH regulation

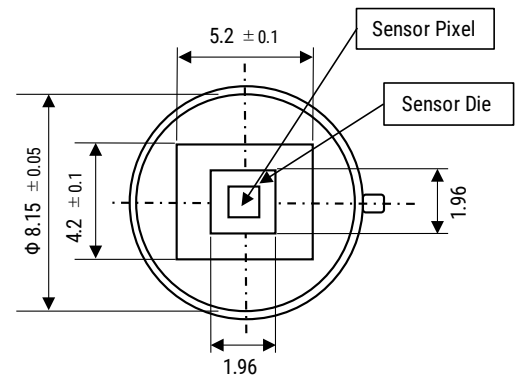
Dimensions – Millimeters

Cross Section View

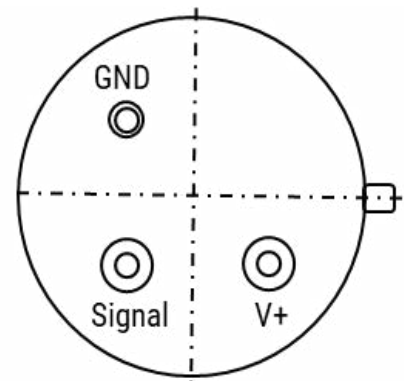


(Not to scale)
Dimensions are typical, unless tolerance stated.

Top View

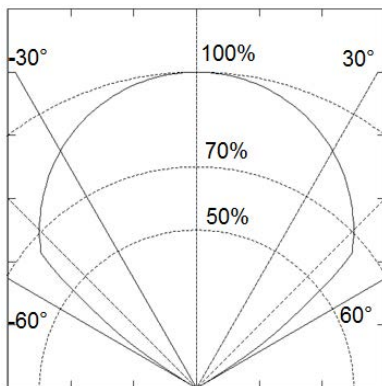


Bottom View

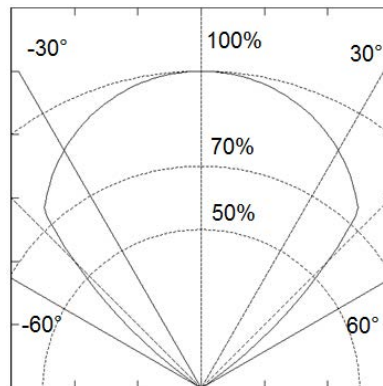


Field of View

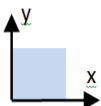
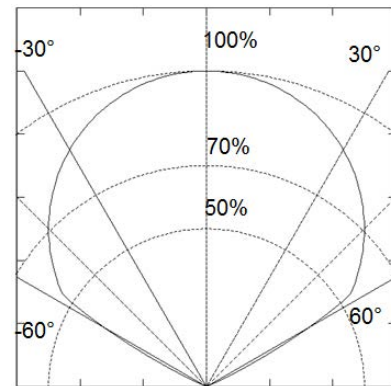
FoV across horizontal window aperture



FoV across vertical window aperture



FoV across diagonal window aperture



Note: Normalised polar plots show max FoV achievable along x, y axis and diagonal without any filter applied.

Part Number Specifications

Sensor Characteristics

Filter Aperture (mm)	Element Size (mm ²)	Package	Responsivity ¹ (V/W)	D* ¹ (cm√Hz/W)	Noise ¹ (μV/√Hz)	Field of View ²
5.2 x 4.2	1 x 1	T039	150,000	3.5 x 10 ⁸	Mean 70	Typical 100°

¹ 10 Hz, 500 K, room temperature, without window and optics.

² With reference to filter used in USEQFCSA435100.

Electrical Characteristics

Maximum Voltage ¹ (V)	Minimum Voltage (V)	Microphonics (μV/√Hz) at 10 Hz	Time Constant (ms)	Operating Temperature Range (°C)	Storage Temperature Range (°C)
8	2.7	S vib~2	~12	-40 to +85	-40 to +110

¹ Absolute maximum operating voltage.

Output voltage normalised around mid-rail.

Op-Amp with 10 GΩ feedback resistor.

Part Number (Sensor)


Part Number	Filter Name	Cut On Wavelength (μm) Typical	Cut Off Wavelength (μm) Typical	Weight (gr)
USEQFCSA338100	3.38 μm bandpass	3.295	3.475	0.95
USEQFCSA391100	3.91 μm bandpass	3.865	3.955	0.95
USEQFCSA435100	4.35 μm bandpass	4.050	4.650	0.95
USEQFCSA448100	4.48 μm bandpass	4.170	4.790	0.95
USEQFCSA455100	4.55 μm bandpass	4.340	4.760	0.95
USEQFCSA500100	5.00 μm cut on	5.000	-	0.95
USEQFCSA550100	5.50 μm cut on	5.500	-	0.95

An additional window is required to provide high wavelength blocking (above 8.0 μm) and thermal shielding.

Evaluation Kits

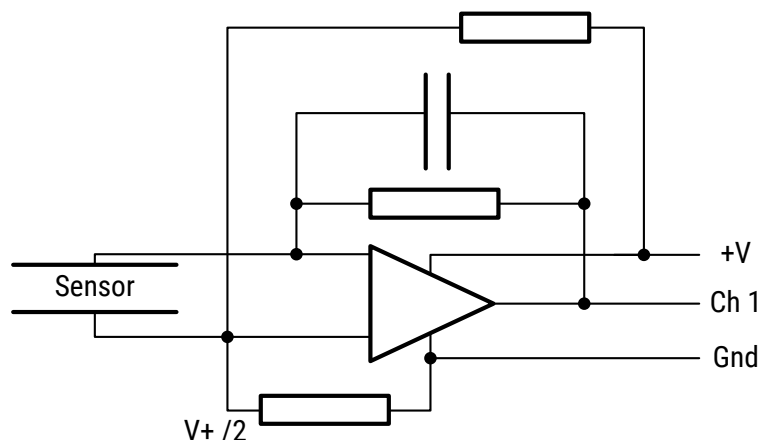
- Quick prototype development
- Easy way to evaluate
- Easy to install software
- Digital output

The analog TO Infrared Flame Sensing kit is to enable the users to carry out a simple and effective evaluation of the KEMET QFC TO-39 packaged flame sensors, experiment with the sample flame detection ratio based algorithm, and to capture measured data to a PC. The kit is based on the Silicon Labs C8051F350 microcontroller with a high precision A-D converter and programmable gain amplifier. It is capable of sample rates above 100 Hz for 3 sensor channel and 75 Hz for 4 channel operation.

Part Number	Use	Includes	Weight
 USEQFCK4000000	Analog TO Flame Sensing Evaluation Kit	Flame detection demonstrator kit Sensor USEQFCSA391100 3.91 μm bandpass filter Sensor USEQFCSA435100 4.35 μm bandpass filter Sensor USEQFCSA500100 5.00 μm cut on filter 9 V DC power supply USB communications cable	650 gr

Part Schematic

Internal Schematics



Packaging

Part Number	Packaging Type	Pieces per Tube
USEQFCS*****	Tube	50

Part Number	Packaging Type	Pieces per Box
USEQFCK4000000	Cardboard Box	1

Handling Precautions

Pyroelectric Infrared Sensors should be kept away from indirect and direct sunlight, the headlights of cars, wind, and exposure to strong vibration and strong shock.

Do not use in water, alcohol ETA, corrosive gas or under sea breeze.

Do not be expose to corrosive substances.

Do not drop or apply any mechanical stress.

The performance of this device can be affected by ESD. Precautions should be used when handling and installing the sensor. Precision devices such as this sensor can be damaged or caused not to meet published specification due to ESD. Please note that there is limited ESD protection built-in as the device is optimised for low power consumption and low noise operation. Human Body Model (HBM), per JS-001: 2,000 V.

Pyroelectric Infrared Sensors should be stored in normal working environments.

Solderability will be degraded by exposure to high temperatures, high humidity, corrosive atmospheres, and long-term storage.

KEMET recommends that ambient storage conditions are < 30°C and < 60% relative humidity and that maximum storage temperature does not exceed 110°C. Atmospheres should be free of chlorine and sulfur-bearing compounds.

Temperature fluctuations should be minimized to avoid condensation on the parts.

For optimized solderability sensors stock should be used promptly, preferably within 24 months of receipt.

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