Quick Detection of Flame from Distance, Compact UV Sensor with High Sensitivity and Wide Directivity, Suitable for Flame Detectors and Fire Alarms.

Hamamatsu R2868 is a UV TRON ultraviolet detector that makes use of the photoelectric effect of metal and the gas multiplication effect. It has a narrow spectral sensitivity of 185 to 260 nm, being completely insensitive to visible light. Unlike semiconductor detectors, it does not require optical visible-cut filters, thus making it easy to use.

In spite of its small size, the R2868 has wide angular sensitivity (directivity) and can reliably and quickly detect weak ultraviolet radiations emitted from flame due to use of the metal plate cathode (e.g., it can detect the flame of a cigarette lighter at a distance of more than 5 m.).

The R2868 is well suited for use in flame detectors and fire alarms, and also in detection of invisible discharge phenomena such as corona discharge of high-voltage transmission lines.

APPLICATIONS
- Flame detectors for gas/oil lighters and matches
- Fire alarms
- Combustion monitors for burners
- Inspection of ultraviolet leakage
- Detection of discharge
- Ultraviolet switching

GENERAL

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<td>nm</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>Approx. 1.5</td>
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<td>Dimensional Outline</td>
<td>See Fig. 3</td>
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MAXIMUM RATINGS

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<td>Peak Current (^1)</td>
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<td>mA</td>
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<td>Average Discharge Current (^2)</td>
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<td>mA</td>
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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
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CHARACTERISTICS (at 25°C)

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<td>Vdc Max.</td>
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<td>Recommended Operating Voltage</td>
<td>325 ± 25</td>
<td>Vdc</td>
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<td>Recommended Average Discharge Current (^3)</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>µA</td>
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<td>Background (^3)</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Sensitivity (^4)</td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>cpm Typ.</td>
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NOTES:
1) This is the maximum momentary current that can be handled if its full width at half maximum is less than 10 µs.
2) If the tube is operated near this or higher, the service life is noticeably reduced. Use the tube within the recommended current values.
3) Measured under room illuminations (approximately 500 lux) and recommended operating conditions. Note that these values may increase if the following environmental factors are present.
   1. Mercury lamps, sterilization lamps, or halogen lamps are located nearby.
   2. Direct or reflected sunlight is incident on the tube.
   3. Electrical sparks such as welding sparks are present.
   4. Radiation sources are present.
   5. High electric field (including static field) generates across the tube.
4) These are representative values for a wavelength of 200 nm and a light input of 10 pW/cm². In actual use, the sensitivity will vary with the wavelength of the ultraviolet radiation and the drive circuitry employed.

Figure 1: UV TRON’s Spectral Response and Various Light Sources
Figure 2: Schematic Diagram

Figure 3: Method of Connection

This background cancel circuit outputs signal pulses of 10ms width only when 3 to 9 pulses enter the circuit with a time interval of 2 seconds or less from the UV TRON. Cancel level can be set in 4 steps (number of pulses: 3, 5, 7, 9) by this jumper lead. Connect to “3” for general use. When using where much natural excitation light is present, set the cancel level at a higher step (5, 7, 9).

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

- Since the operation impedance is extremely high, the UV TRON should be connected as close as possible to the circuit board within 5 cm.
- Take care to avoid external noise since a C-MOS IC is used in the circuit. It is recommended that the whole PC board be put in the shield box when it is used.
- To reduce current consumption, oscillating frequency is very low (approx. 20 Hz) in this DC-DC converter. Thus, the output impedance of the high voltage power supply is extremely high. If the surrounding humidity is high, electrical leakage on the PC board surface may lead to a drop in the supply voltage to the UV TRON. This voltage drop may result in lowered detection performance, so a moistureproof material (silicone compound, etc.) should be applied at the connecting point of the UV TRON, etc., if using the unit in a humid environment.

- A model equipped with a flame sensor (R2868) is also available.

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Created in Japan
Hamamatsu C3704 series UV TRON driving circuits are low current consuming, signal processing circuits for the UV TRON, well known as a high sensitivity ultraviolet detecting tube. The C3704 series can be operated as a UV sensor by connecting the UV TRON and applying DC low voltage, as they have both a high-voltage power supply and a signal processing circuit on the same printed circuit board. Since background discharges of the UV TRON caused by natural excitation lights (such as a cosmic ray, scattered sunlight, etc.) can be cancelled in the signal processing circuit, the output signals from the C3704 series can be used without errors. When the high sensitivity sensor “UV TRON R2868” (sold separately) is used, the flame from a cigarette lighter (flame length: 25mm) can be detected even from a distance of more than 5m.

APPLICATIONS
- Flame detectors for gas and oil lighters
- Fire alarms
- Combustion monitors for burners
- Electric spark detector
- UV photoelectric counter

SPECIFICATIONS
Dimensional outline ..................................................... Figure 1
Weight ................................................................. Approx. 20g
Output signal ...... Open collector Output (50 V, 100 mA Max.)
10 ms width pulse output (Note : 1)
UV TRON supply voltage .......................... DC 350 V (Note : 2)
Quenching time ............................................. Approx. 50 ms
Operating temperature ................................ -10 to +50°C
(with no condensation)
Suitable UV TRON ....................... Low voltage operation UV TRON
(such as R2868)

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<th>Model</th>
<th>Input Voltage (V)</th>
<th>Current consumption (mA)</th>
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<tr>
<td>C3704</td>
<td>10 to 30</td>
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<td>C3704-02</td>
<td>5 ± 5%</td>
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<td>C3704-03</td>
<td>6 to 9</td>
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Note 1: The output pulse width can be extended up to about 100s by adding a capacitor to the circuit board.

Note 2: Since the output impedance of this power supply is extremely high, an ordinary voltmeter cannot be used. Use a voltmeter that has an input impedance of more than 10 GΩ.
**PRECAUTIONS FOR USE**

- **Ultraviolet Radiation**

  The UV TRON itself emits ultraviolet radiation in operation. When using two or more UV TRONs at the same time in close position, care should be taken so that they do not optically interfere with each other.

- **Vibration and Shock**

  The UV TRON is designed in accordance with the standards of MIL-STD-202F (Method 204D/0.06 inch or 10g, 10-500Hz, 15 minutes, 1 cycle) and MIL-STD-202F (Method 213B/100g, 11ms, Half-sine, 3 times). However, should a strong shock be sustained by the UV TRON (e.g. if dropped), the glass bulb may crack or the internal electrode may be deformed, resulting in deterioration of electrical characteristics. So extreme care should be taken in handling the tube.

- **Polarity**

  Connect the UV TRON with correct polarity. Should it be connected with reverse polarity, operating errors may occur.

**WARRANTY.**

The UV TRON is covered by a warranty for a period of one year after delivery. The warranty is limited to replacement of any defective tube due to defects traceable to the manufacturer.