

Digital Fiber Sensor Amplifier
FX-501□, FX-502□, FX-505□-C2 Series

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⚠ WARNING

- Never use this product as a sensing device for personnel protection.
- In case of using sensing devices for personnel protection, use products which meet laws and standards, such as OSHA, ANSI or IEC etc., for personnel protection applicable in each region or country.

1 Compliance with standards

This product complies with the following standards and regulations.

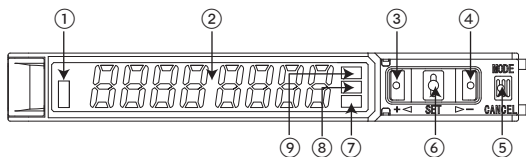
- For the EU: EMC Directive 2004/108/EC
- For the US and Canada: ANSI/UL60947-5-2, CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 14
- For Korea: S1-G-1-2009, S2-W-5-2009



In case you require a UL listing mark or C-UL listing mark, use a class 2 power supply unit.

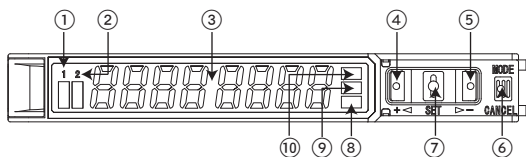
2 Part description

FX-501□



①	Operation indicator for sensing output (orange)	
②	Digital display (green / red)	
③	UP key (+)	Functions: • Teach • Fine adjustment of the threshold value • Select settings
④	DOWN key (-)	
⑤	MODE key	Functions: • Select modes • Cancel
⑥	SET key	Functions: • Teach • Save selected settings
⑦	Mode indicator PRO mode (yellow), see page 6	
⑧	Mode indicator CUST (custom) mode (yellow), see page 5	
⑨	Mode indicator L/D (Light-ON / Dark-ON) mode (yellow)	

FX-502□ and FX-505□-C2



①,	Sensing output 1 (lit if output is active) • Yellow: Sensing output is selected • Orange: Sensing output is operating
②	Sensing output 2 (lit if output is active) • Yellow: Sensing output is selected • Orange: Sensing output is operating
③	Digital display (green / red)

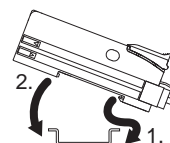
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To toggle the key lock function ON/OFF, press the SET and the MODE key together for 3 seconds.

3 Mounting

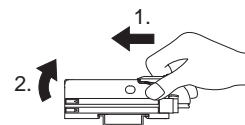
Installation to a DIN rail

1. Attach the railing on the rear of the amplifier to the DIN rail.
2. Push the amplifier in the direction of the arrow as illustrated so that it attaches securely.



Removal from a DIN rail

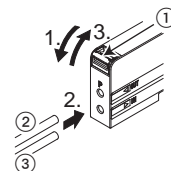
1. Push the amplifier forward.
2. Lift the front part of the amplifier up.



Connecting the fiber cable

The attachments to the fiber cables need to be fitted BEFORE you insert the fibers into the amplifier. For details, refer to the instruction manual enclosed with the fibers.

1. Snap the fiber lock lever ① down as far as it will go.
2. Insert the fiber cables slowly into the inlets until they stop (see note).
3. Return the fiber lock lever to the original position.



With the coaxial reflective type fiber, such as FD-G4 or FD-FM2, insert the single core fiber cable into the inlet for the emitter ② (inlet on the amplifier is labeled "P") and the multi-core fiber cable into the inlet for the receiver ③. If they are inserted the wrong way round, the sensing performance will deteriorate.

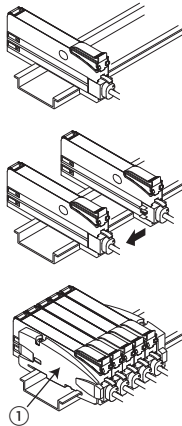
4 Cascading amplifiers of the series connection type

Cascading is not available for FX-505□-C2.

- You can only cascade amplifiers of the series connection type, i.e. FX-501□ and FX-502□.
- Make sure that the power supply is OFF while adding or removing amplifiers of the series connection type.
- If you cascade 2 or more amplifiers, make sure to mount them on a DIN rail. Refer to "3 Mounting" for details.
- For each amplifier using a main connection cable you can install a maximum of 11 additional amplifiers using sub cables.
- If you connect 2 or more amplifiers of the series connection type in cascade, use the sub cable (optional) for the second series-connection-type amplifier and all after.

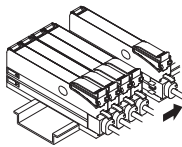
Cascading amplifiers

- Mount the amplifiers one by one on the DIN rail.
- Slide the amplifiers next to each other and connect the quick-connection cables (main cable for the first amplifier, sub cables for all amplifiers after the first).
- Mount the end plates **MS-DIN-E** (①, optional) at both ends of the cascade so that their flat sides hold the amplifiers together.
- Tighten the screws to fix the end plates.



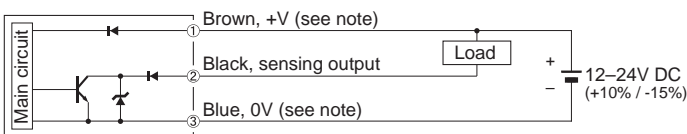
Removing cascaded amplifiers

- Loosen the screws of the end plates.
- Remove the end plates.
- Slide the last amplifier away from the others and remove them one by one.

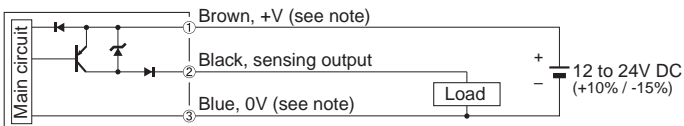


5 I/O circuit diagrams

FX-501 (NPN type)

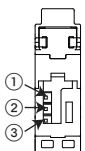


FX-501P (PNP type)



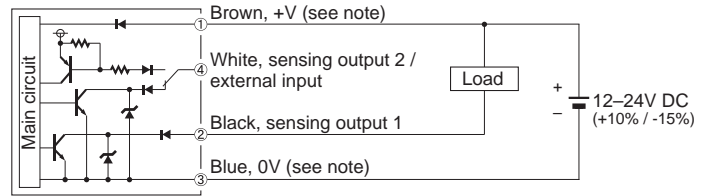
The quick-connection sub cable does not have +V (brown) and 0V (blue). The power is supplied from the connector of the main cable.

Terminal arrangement



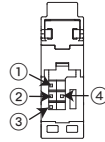
Terminal no.	Function
①	+V
②	Sensing output
③	0V

FX-502 (NPN type)



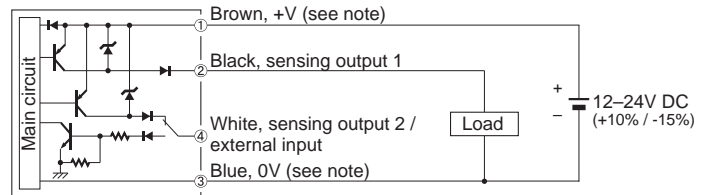
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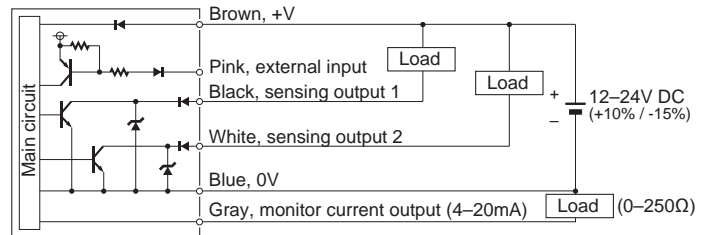


Terminal no.	Function FX-501□ and FX-505□	Function FX-502□
①	+V	+V
②	Sensing output	Sensing output 1
③	0V	Sensing output 2 / external input
④	—	0V

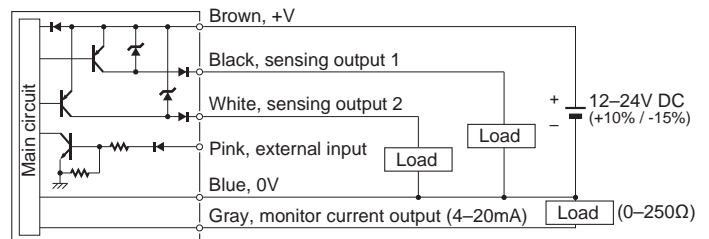
FX-502P (PNP type)



FX-505-C2 (NPN type)



FX-505P-C2 (PNP type)

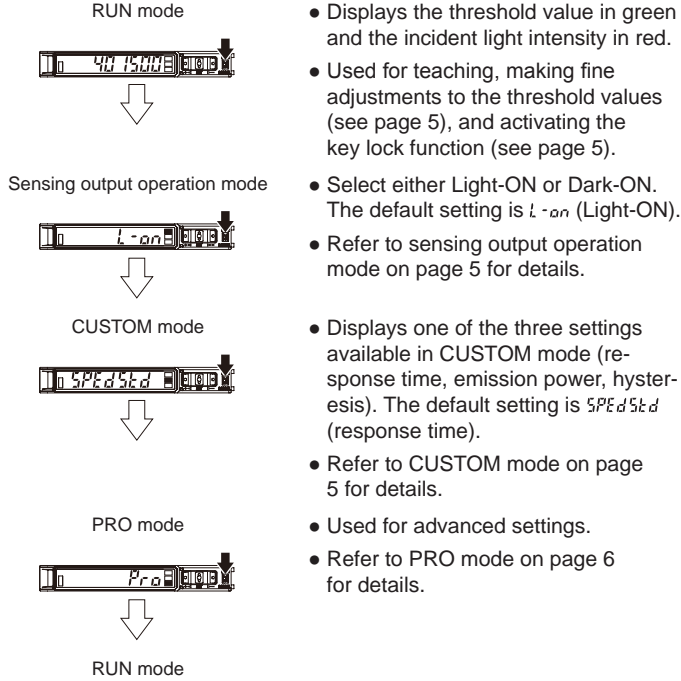


Make sure to insulate the ends of all unused lead wires.

6 Operation procedure

- If you change settings, press the SET key before you turn the power OFF. Otherwise your changes will be lost.
- With FX-502□, press the MODE key for 3 seconds to switch from sensing output 1 to sensing output 2.

When you turn the power ON, the amplifier is in RUN mode. Press the MODE key (indicated by black arrow in the illustrations below) to switch from one mode to the next.



7 Teaching

- Please note that if the threshold values are very close to each other, objects may not be detected reliably.
- For teaching in Window Comparator mode or Hysteresis mode, you need to set the shift amount in PRO mode first. For the setting procedure, refer to the "PRO MODE OPERATION MANUAL" (only available in English).
- If you use 1-point teaching, set the shift amount (the initial value is 10% or 100) in PRO mode.

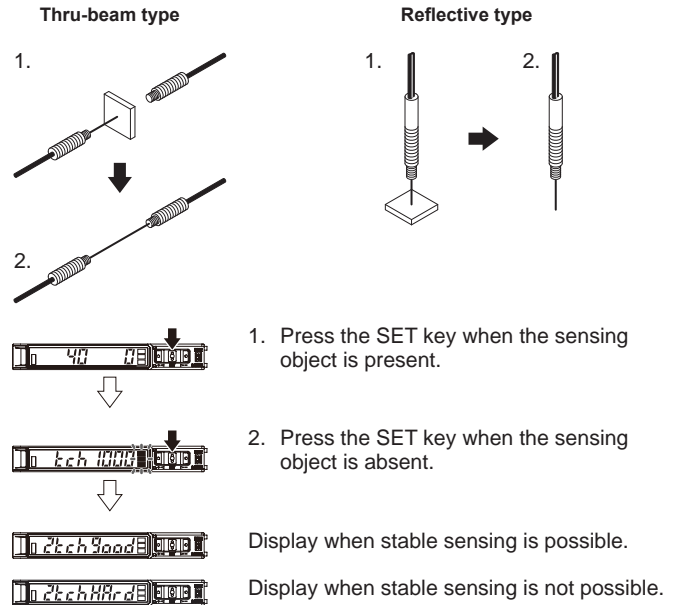
Teaching is performed in RUN mode. There are different teaching methods available. Which teaching method is recommended depends on the sensor type and whether the sensing object is present or not present or moving.

Sensing condition	Recommended teaching method
Sensing object is present and easily detectable.	2-point teaching
Sensing object is very small. Other objects are in the background.	Limit teaching
Production line cannot be stopped and sensing object is moving	Auto teaching

All teaching methods are available for the thru-beam and the reflective type.

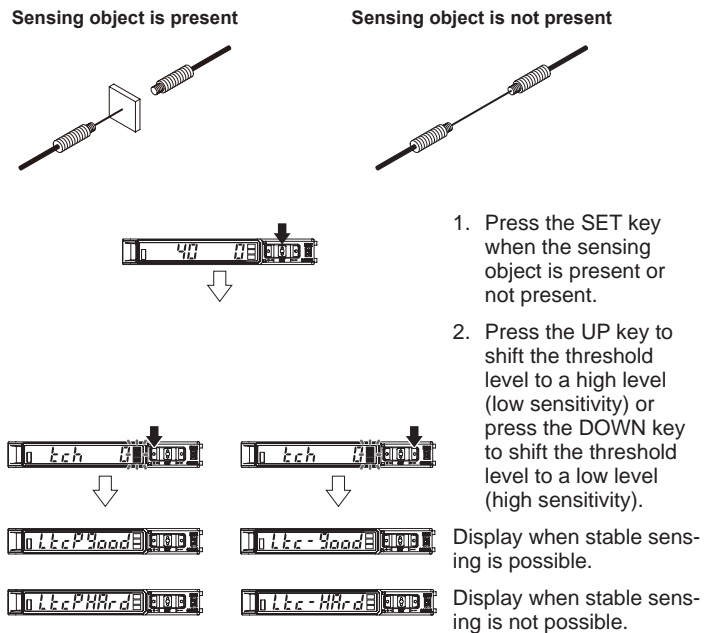
2-point teaching

The basic teaching method when the sensing object is present is **2-point teaching**.



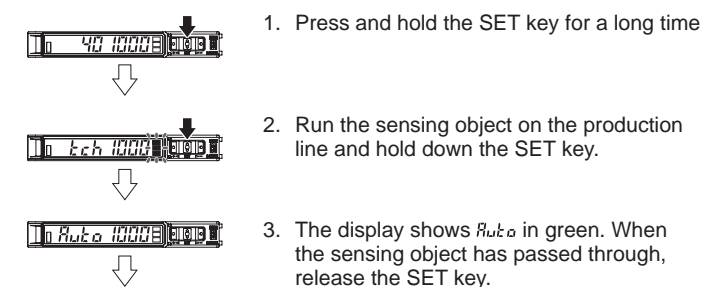
Limit teaching

When the sensing object is small or there are objects in the background, use this teaching method. Both the thru-beam type and the reflective type can be used. The procedure only shows the thru-beam type.



Full auto teaching

When the sensing object is moving, use this teaching method. Both the thru-beam type and the reflective type can be used. The procedure only shows the thru-beam type.





Display when stable sensing is possible.



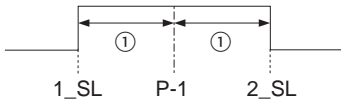
Display when stable sensing is not possible.

1-point teaching in window comparator and hysteresis mode

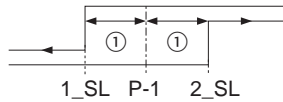
With this method, you set the threshold range by setting the shift amount to the desired value and measuring the incident light intensity once. The shift amount will be added to the incident light intensity to provide the upper threshold respectively subtracted from the incident light intensity to provide the lower threshold.

For FX-502□, window comparator mode only works for sensing output 1.

Window comparator mode



Hysteresis mode



1_SL	Lower threshold value
P-1	Teaching point
2_SL	Upper threshold value
①	Shift amount. The shift amount is 10% by default and can be set in PRO mode as a percentage or as the incident light intensity. If you select a incident light intensity setting that exceeds the maximum or minimum, the maximum or minimum sensitivity will be set automatically.



1. Press the SET key when no sensing object is present.



2. Press the SET key when the sensing object is present. This sets the lower threshold 1_SL at 10% (the set shift amount) lower than the incident light intensity and the upper threshold 2_SL at 10% higher than the incident light intensity.



Display when stable sensing is possible.



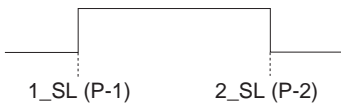
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2-point teaching in window comparator and hysteresis mode

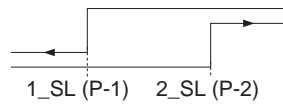
With this method, you set the threshold range by performing teaching the with two sensing objects with different incident light intensities (P-1 and P-2).

For FX-502□, window comparator mode only works for sensing output 1.

Window comparator mode



Hysteresis mode



1_SL (P-1)	Teaching point 1 serving as the lower threshold value
2_SL (P-2)	Teaching point 2 serving as the upper threshold value



1. Press the SET key when the first sensing object is present.



2. Press the SET key again when the second sensing object is present.



Display when stable sensing is possible.



Display when stable sensing is not possible.

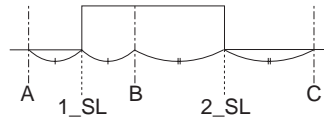
If you select a value exceeding the maximum/minimum, the sensitivity will be set automatically to the maximum/minimum value.

3-point teaching in window comparator and hysteresis mode

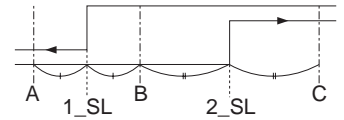
With this method, you set the threshold range by performing teaching with three sensing objects with different incident light intensities (P-1, P-2, and P-3). After you have performed teaching, the three points P-1, P-2, and P-3 will be sorted in ascending order into the values A, B, and C. The threshold range will be calculated from A, B, and C as follows: The lower threshold value 1_SL is the midpoint between A and B and the upper threshold value 2_SL is the midpoint between B and C.

For FX-502□, window comparator mode only works for sensing output 1.

Window comparator mode



Hysteresis mode



A	Teaching point with the lowest incident light intensity
B	Teaching point with medium incident light intensity
C	Teaching point with the highest incident light intensity
1_SL	Lower threshold value (midpoint between A and B)
2_SL	Higher threshold value (midpoint between B and C)



1. Press the SET key when the first sensing object is present.



2. Press the SET key again when the second sensing object is present.



3. Press the SET key again when the third sensing object is present.



Display when stable sensing is possible.



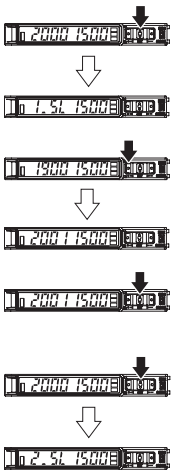
Display when stable sensing is not possible.

If you select a value exceeding the maximum/minimum, the sensitivity will be set automatically to the maximum/minimum value.

8 Threshold value fine adjustment function

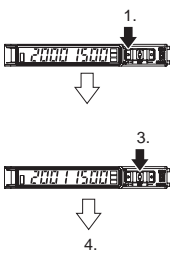
- The fine adjustment of the threshold value can be set in RUN mode, forced ON output mode and forced OFF output mode.
- For the setting procedure, refer to the "PRO MODE OPERATION MANUAL" (only available in English).

Window comparator and hysteresis mode



- Press the SET key for 2 seconds to display the threshold level. *1.5k* or *2.5k* appears in the digital display for a short time, then its threshold value (1900 in the example).
- Press the UP or DOWN key to change the threshold value. In this example, the threshold value of 1900 is increased to 2001.
- Press the SET key to save the threshold value. If you do not press the SET key, the value will be saved automatically after 2 seconds.
- Press the SET key again for 2 seconds to display the other threshold level. Repeat the steps listed above to change and save the value.

All other modes

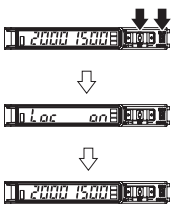


- Press the UP key to increase the threshold value
- Press the DOWN key to decrease the threshold value
- Press the SET key to save the threshold value.
- The value has been saved. If you do not press the SET key, the value will be saved automatically after 2 seconds.

9 Key lock function

The key lock prevents users from changing settings by accident. When the key lock function is activated and you press any of the keys, the digital display shows *Loc on*.

Activating the key lock function

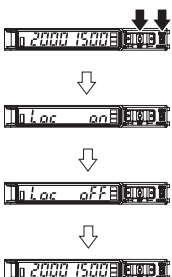


- Press the SET and the MODE key together for 3 seconds or longer.

The digital display changes to show the key lock function has been activated.

Then the digital display returns to show the current values.

Deactivating the key lock function



- Press the SET and the MODE key together for 3 seconds or longer.

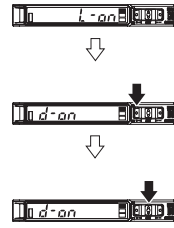
The digital display changes to show the key lock function is active.

The digital display changes to show the key lock function has been turned off.

Then the digital display returns to show the current values.

10 Sensing output operation mode (L/D)

When the mode indicator L/D (yellow) is ON, you can switch from Light-ON mode to Dark-ON mode and vice versa.



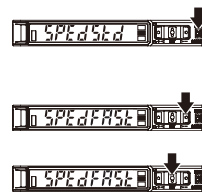
- Press the MODE key. The L/D indicator lights up and the current mode setting is displayed.
- Press the UP key to select Dark-ON mode or the DOWN key to select Light-ON mode.
- Press the SET key to save the setting.

11 Custom mode (CUST)

The custom mode serves as a shortcut to one of the three settings listed in the table and allows you to access a frequently-used setting without having to go through the PRO mode menu:

Setting item	Digital display
Response time (default)	<i>SPEdStd</i>
Emission power	<i>PctL H-P</i>
Hysteresis	<i>HYSH-02</i>

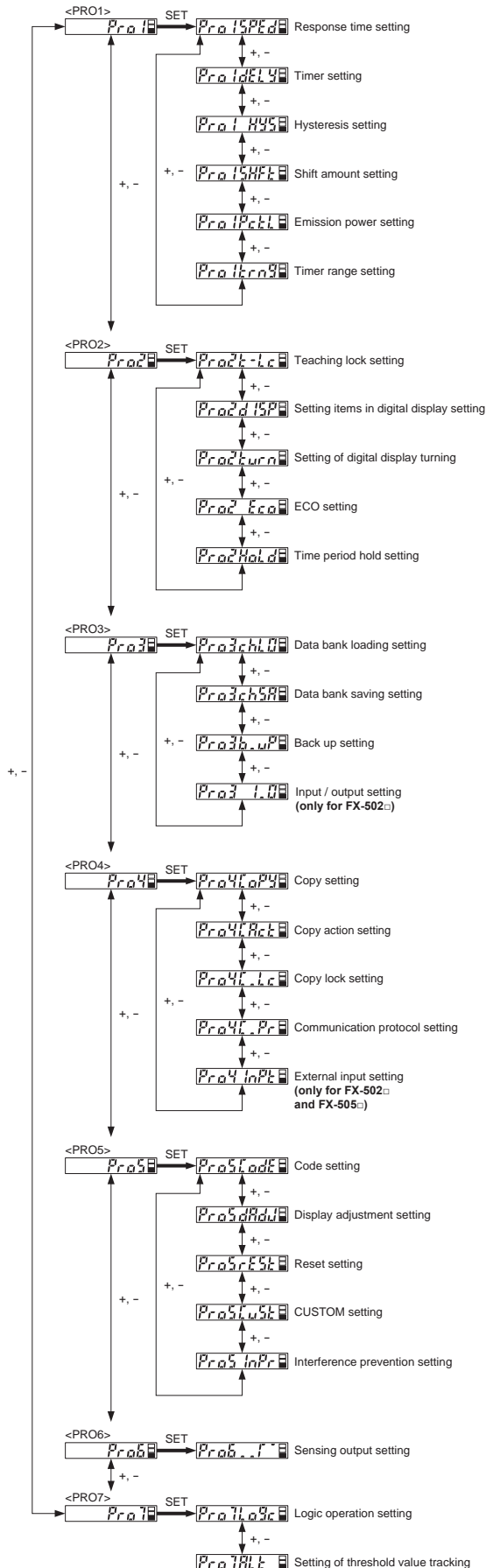
Use Pro5 in the PRO mode to select which item should be displayed in custom mode.



- Press the MODE key twice. The CUST indicator lights up and the pre-selected setting item is displayed.
- Press the UP or DOWN key to change the setting.
- Press the SET key to save the setting.
- Press the MODE key twice to return to RUN mode.

12 PRO mode (PRO)

- When the mode indicator PRO (yellow) is ON, you can scroll through the PRO menu (Pro1 to Pro7) and make advanced settings.
- For the setting procedure, refer to the “PRO MODE OPERATION MANUAL” (only available in English).
- Note that FX-502□ has two additional setting items in Pro3 and Pro4.



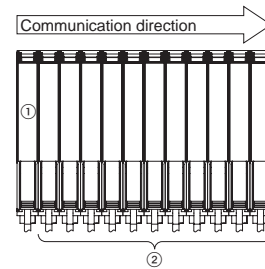
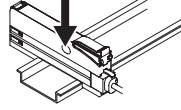
13 Optical communication

It is possible to use optical communication for the following functions.

- Data bank loading / saving (use FX-502□ or FX-505□-C2 as the main amplifier)
- Copy settings

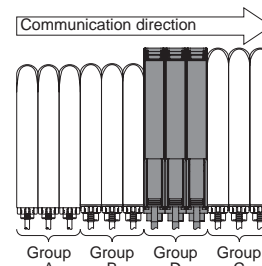
Notes on mounting

Communication is performed via the communication window of the amplifier (marked with an arrow).



For optical communication to work, you need to cascade the sub amplifiers (②) to the right of the main amplifier (①).

- Make sure to mount the amplifiers closely when the interference prevention function is controlled by optical communication. For the setting procedure, refer to the “PRO MODE OPERATION MANUAL” (only available in English).
- When you cascade this product together with other products (e.g. fiber sensor amplifiers, pressure sensor controllers, etc.), install the products so that they are in order of group A, B, D and C as shown in the figure below. This product is included in group D. Within each group, identical models should be mounted next to each other.



Group	Model number
A	FX-301□ (conventional version unit) FX-301B□/G□/H□, LS-401□
B	FX-301□ (modified version unit) FX-305□, FX-301□-C1
C	LS-403□, DPS series
D	FX-500 series

- If products are mounted between different groups, cover the communication window of each product with the amplifier protection seal FX-MB1 (optional).
- If you use copy setting for a cascade of different products from the FX-500 series, each product will only accept the settings that it supports and ignore settings for unsupported functions.

Notes on optical communication

- Optical communication is not possible if an amplifier is in one of the following states:
 - The copy lock has been activated (setting $\overline{L.L.C. on}$).
 - The digital display is blinking.
 - The external input setting of the main amplifier is set to $inp\bar{k} 5ELF$ (only for databank loading / saving).
- When the communication protocol of a sub amplifier is set to halt communication (setting $\overline{L.Pr off}$), it is not possible to communicate with any of the sub amplifiers mounted to the right of said sub amplifier.

14 Interference prevention function

There are 2 options available for interference prevention:

- Interference prevention by optical communication ($\#P-1$, default).
- Interference prevention by different emitting frequency.

For the setting procedure, refer to the “PRO MODE OPERATION MANUAL” (only available in English).

Interference can be prevented only for a limited number of amplifiers when you have selected the default setting $\#P-1$ (optical communication). The number of amplifiers depends on the response time you have selected, see table below.

H-SP ≤25μs	FAST ≤60μs	STD ≤250μs	LONG ≤2ms	U-LG ≤4ms	HYPR ≤24ms
—	2	4	8	8	12

If you have mounted more amplifiers than the interference prevention func-

tion can cover, you need to prevent interference manually with one of the two following methods:

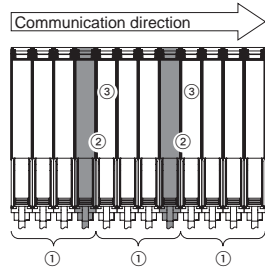
- Attach the amplifier protection seal **FX-MB1** to the communication window between the last amplifier in the valid range and the first amplifier of the next range (see example below).
- Turn the communication function OFF ($\bar{E}.Pr\ aFF$) for the amplifier **after** the valid range (see example below). For the setting procedure, refer to the "PRO MODE OPERATION MANUAL" (only available in English).
- If you have mounted more than the valid range of amplifiers and the amplifiers use different response times, cover the communication window between two amplifiers with different response times with a protection seal or turn the communication function OFF for the amplifier in the master position.

Example

You have mounted 12 amplifiers and the response time is STD. This means, the valid range for the interference prevention function is 4 amplifiers (①). The last amplifier in the valid range is highlighted in gray.

To make sure that there is no interference between the 12 amplifiers, use one of the two following methods:

- Cover the communication window between the 4th and the 5th amplifier (②) with the protection seal.
- Turn the communication function OFF ($\bar{E}.Pr\ aFF$) for the amplifier marked with ③.



15 Error codes and troubleshooting

The following error codes may appear in the digital display

Error code	Description	Remedy
$E_r 01$	EEPROM is broken or reached the end of its working life.	Please contact our office.
$E_r 02$	Error writing on the EEPROM	
$E_r 11$	Load of the sensing output 1 is short-circuited causing an over-current to flow.	Turn OFF the power and check the load.
$E_r 12$ (only FX-502□)	Load of the sensing output 2 is short-circuited causing an over-current to flow.	
$E_r 52$	Communication error when the amplifiers are mounted in cascade.	Check that all amplifiers are firmly attached and that there is no gap between amplifiers.
$E_r 53$	Communication error between the "master" communication unit and the subordinated amplifiers.	Check that all amplifiers are firmly attached and that there is no gap between the "master" communication unit and the subordinated amplifiers.

16 Cautions

- This product has been developed / produced for industrial use only.
- This product is suitable for indoor use only.
- Make sure to add or remove amplifiers with the power OFF.
- If you apply a voltage exceeding the rated range or if an AC power supply is connected directly, the product may get burnt or damaged.
- Shortcircuiting the load or wrong wiring may burn or damage the product.
- Do not run the wires together with high-voltage lines or power lines or put them in the same raceway. This can cause malfunction due to induction.
- Avoid using the product where there are strong magnetic fields as they may prevent the product from working according to the specification.
- Verify that the supply voltage including the ripple is within the rating.
- If power is supplied from a commercial switching regulator, ensure that the frame ground (F.G.) terminal of the power supply is connected to an actual ground.
- In case noise generating equipment (switching regulator, inverter motor, etc.) is used in the vicinity of this product, connect the frame ground (F.G.) terminal of the equipment to an actual ground.
- Do not apply stress directly to the sensor cable joint or the fiber cable by forcibly bending or pulling.
- The ultra long response time settings U-LG and HYPR are more likely to be affected by extraneous noise since the sensitivity is higher than with other response times. Test the behavior of the product before use.
- Do not use during the initial transient time (H-SP, FAST, STD: 0.5 seconds, LONG, U-LG, HYPR: 1 second) after the power supply is switched ON.
- Use the quick-connection cable (see Specifications on page 8). You can extend the cable up to 100m max. with 0.3mm² or more cable. However, in order to reduce noise, make the wiring as short as possible.
- Do not use the product in dusty or dirty places or in places that are exposed to steam.
- Protect the sensor from water, oil, grease, organic solvents such as thinner, etc., strong acid, and alkaline.
- This product cannot be used in an environment containing inflammable or explosive gasses.
- Never disassemble or modify the product.
- This product uses an EEPROM. Due to the EEPROM's lifetime, do not expect to make settings more than 100 thousand times.

17 Specifications

Type	Standard type		2-output type		Cable type
Model number	NPN output	FX-501	FX-502		FX-505-C2
	PNP output	FX-501P	FX-502P		FX-505P-C2
Supply voltage	12 to 24V DC % (+10% / -10%), ripple P-P10% or less				
Power consumption	Normal operation: 960mW or less (current consumption 40mA or less at 24V supply voltage) Eco mode: 680mW or less (current consumption 28mA or less at 24V supply voltage)				
Output (FX-502 and FX-505-C2 only: output 1, output 2)	<p>NPN open-collector transistor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum sink current (see note 2): FX-501: 100mA FX-502, FX-505: 50mA Applied voltage: 30V DC or less between sensing output and 0V Residual voltage: 2V or less (see note 3) at maximum sink current <p>PNP open-collector transistor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum source current (see note 2): FX-501P: 100mA FX-502P, FX-505P: 50mA Applied voltage: 30V DC or less between sensing output and +V Residual voltage: 2V or less (see note 3) at maximum source current 				
Number of outputs	1		2		
	Output operation				
	Switchable either Light-ON or Dark-ON				
Short-circuit protection					
Incorporated					
Response time	H-SP: 25μs or less, FAST: 60μs or less, STD: 250μs or less, LONG: 2ms or less, U-LG: 4ms or less, HYPR: 24ms or less				
Analog output (FX-505-C2 only)	—		—		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Output current: approx. 4 to 20mA (display in H-SP, FAST, STD: 0 to 4,000, display in LONG: 0 to 8,000 (see note 4)) Response time: 2ms or less Zero point: within 4mA ±1%F.S. Span: within 16mA ±5%F.S. Linearity: within ±3%F.S. Load resistance: 0 to 250Ω
External input (switchable with output 2 for FX-502)	—		<p>Signal condition of NPN non-contact input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High: +8V to +V DC or Open Low: 0 to +1.2V DC (at 0.5mA source current) Input impedance: Approx. 10kΩ <p>Signal condition of PNP non-contact input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High: +4V to +V DC (at 3mA sink current) Low: 0 to +0.6V DC or Open Input impedance: Approx. 10kΩ 		
Protection	IP40 (IEC)				
Ambient temperature	-10 to +55°C (no dew condensation or icing allowed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 4 to 7 units mounted in cascade: -10 to +50°C For 8 to 12 units mounted in cascade: -10 to +45°C Storage: -20 to +70°C				
Ambient humidity	35 to 85% RH, Storage: 35 to 85% RH				
Material	Enclosure: polycarbonate, switch: TPEE, protective cover: polycarbonate				
Cable	Cables are not supplied with the product. Select cables from the table below,			0.2 mm ² 6-core cab tire cable, 2m	
Weight (main body only)	Approx. 15g			Approx. 60g	
Accessory	FX-MB1 (Amplifier protection seal): 1 set.				

- Notes:**
- Where measurement conditions have not been specified precisely, the conditions used were an ambient temperature of +23°C.
 - FX-501**: 50mA max. if 5 or more series connection types are connected together (25mA for **FX-502**)
 - Only if you are using the quick-connection cable (optional, cable length 5m).
 - If the digital display has been adjusted manually, the figures displayed may be outside the range.

Amplifier	Cable	Cable length 1m		Cable length 2m		Cable length 5m	
		Main cable	Sub cable	Main cable	Sub cable	Main cable	Sub cable
FX-501		CN-73-C1	CN-71-C1	CN-73-C2	CN-71-C2	CN-73-C5	CN-71-C5
FX-502		CN-74-C1	CN-72-C1	CN-74-C2	CN-72-C2	CN-74-C5	CN-72-C5

 You can extend the cable up to 100m max. with 0.3mm² or more cable. However, in order to reduce noise, make the wiring as short as possible.

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