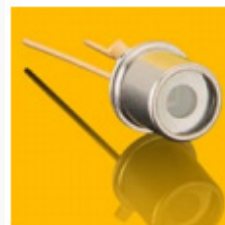




SIC01D-A18

- UVA SiC photodiode
- PTB tested high chip stability
- Active Area: 0.5 mm²
- TO18 hermetically sealed metal housing
- 10 μW/cm² → photocurrent of ~1.85 nA



Description

SiC provides the unique property of extreme radiation hardness, near-perfect visible blindness, low dark current, high speed and low noise. These features make SiC the best available material for visible blind semiconductor UV detectors. The SiC detectors can be permanently operated at up to 170°C (338°F). The temperature coefficient of signal (responsivity) is also low, <-0.1%/K. Because of the low noise (dark current, in the fA range), very low UV radiation intensities can be measured reliably. Please note that this device needs an appropriate amplifier (see circuit on following page). SiC photodiodes are available as unfiltered broadband devices or with optical filters providing UV-A, UV-B, or UV-C-only sensitivity, or erythral action curve compliance.

Maximum Ratings (T = 25°C)

Parameter	Symbol	Values		Unit
		Min.	Max.	
Reverse Voltage	U _R	+20		V
Operating Temperature	T _{opr}	-55	+170	°C
Storage Temperature	T _{stg}	-55	+170	°C
Soldering Temperature (max. 3s)	T _{sol}		+260	°C

General Characteristics (T = 25°C)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.*	Values		Unit
			Typ.*	Max.*	
Active Area	A		0.5		mm ²
Dark current (1V reverse bias)	I _d		1.7		fA
Capacitance	C		125		pF
Short circuit (10μW/cm ² at peak)	I _D		1,85		nA
Temperature coefficient	T _C			0.1	%/K

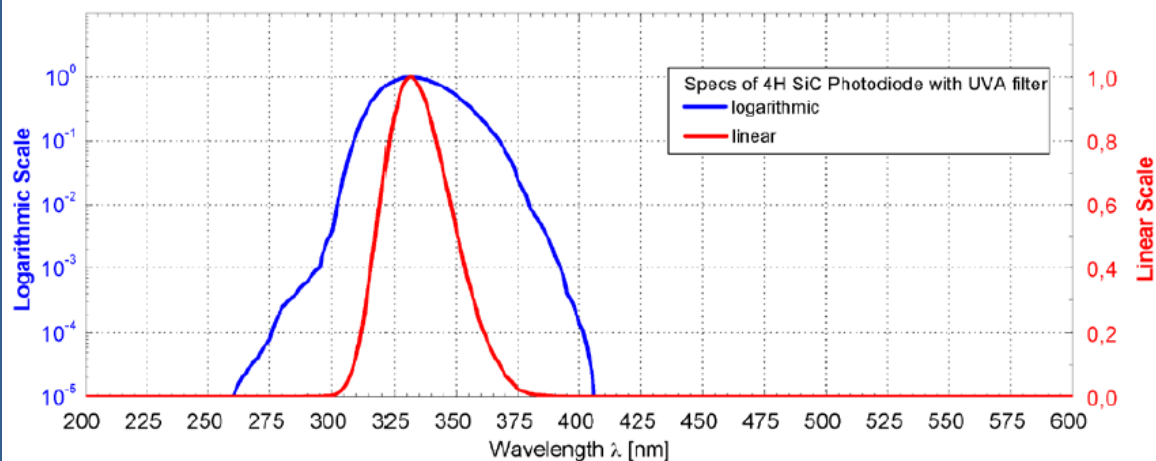
Spectral Characteristics (T = 25°C)

Parameter	Symbol	Min.*	Values		Unit
			Typ.*	Max.*	
Max. spectral responsivity	S _{max}		0.037		AW ⁻¹
Wavelength of max. spectral resp.	λ _{max}		331		nm
Responsivity range (S=0.1*S _{max})	-	309		367	nm
Visible blindness (S _{max} / S _{>405nm})	VB	10 ¹⁰			-

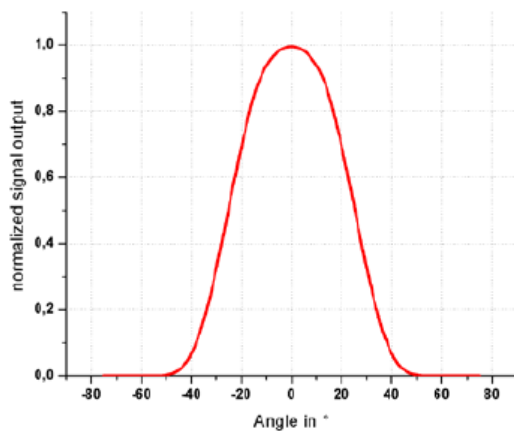


Performance Characteristics

Normalized Spectral Responsivity [a.u.]



Viewing Angle



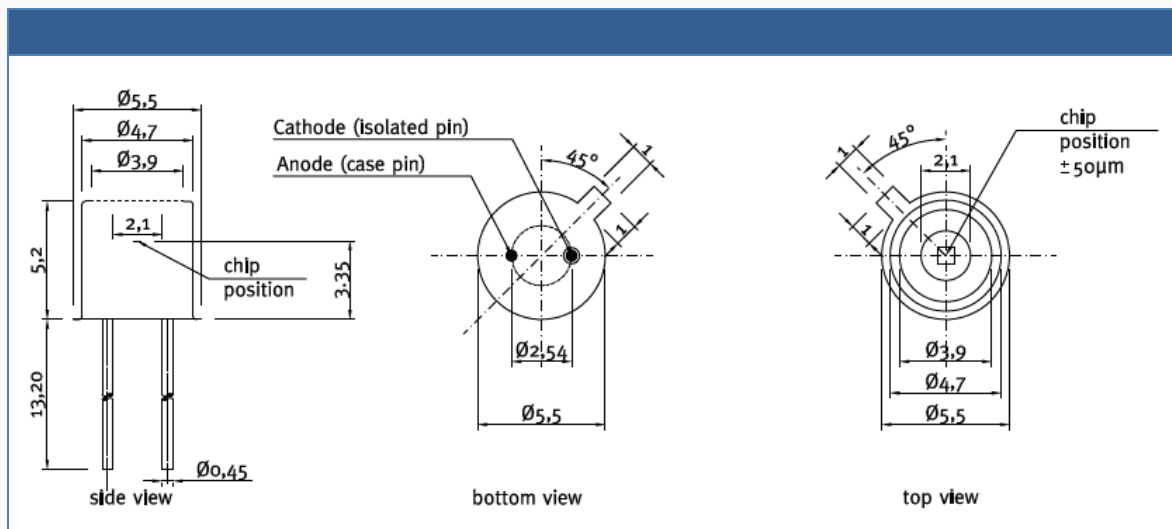
Measurement Setup

lamp aperture diameter: 10 mm
distance lamp aperture to second aperture: 17 mm
second aperture diameter: 10 mm
distance second aperture to detector: 93 mm

pivot level = top surface of the photodiode window

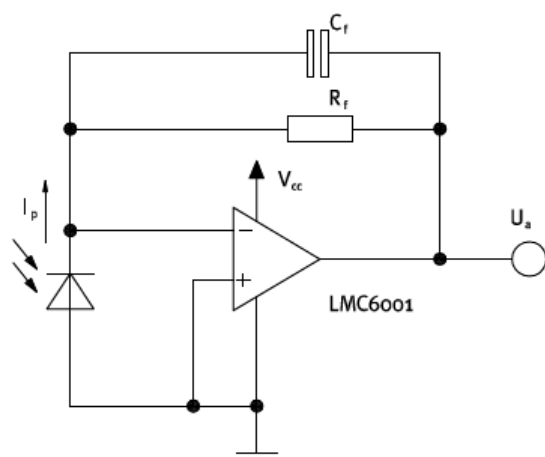


Outline Dimensions



All dimensions in mm

Circuit



Calculations and Limits:

$$U_a = I_p \times R_f = 0 \dots \sim V_{cc}$$

$U_{a,max}$ depends on load and amplifier type

$$R_f = 10k\Omega \dots \sim 10G\Omega, C_f \geq 3pF$$

$$\text{Recommendation: } R_f \times C_f \geq 10^{-9}s$$

$$I_{p,max} = U_{a,max} \div R_f$$

$$\text{Bandwidth} = DC \dots \frac{1}{2\pi \times R_f \times C_f}$$

Example:

$$I_p = 20nA, R_f = 100M\Omega, C_f = 100pF$$

$$U_a = 20 \times 10^{-9}A \times 100 \times 10^6\Omega = 2V$$



Application Note

For correct reading of the photodiode the current (and NOT the voltage) must be analyzed. This requires a short circuiting of the photodiode. Usual approaches are using a Picoamperemeter or a transimpedance amplifier circuit as shown above.

To make the photodiode running reliably, particularly in harsh environment, EMC compatibility and protection against dust, water, and mechanical influences is required. Below listed modules base on a SiC photodiode and guarantee this protection and safety.

UVTIAMO: SiC photodiodes with **integrated amplifier** (0-5V output), available for power intensities ranging from 1.8 pW/cm² to 18 W/cm² for UV broadband, UVA, UVB, UVC or Erythema (UV-Index) measurements. **No additional amplifier needed, direct connection to voltmeter, controller, etc.**

UV-probe: SiC based sensor modules in **customizable industry grade housings** (e.g. cosine response, water pressure proof, sapphire windows) and **different electronic output configurations** (voltage, current, USB, Can) to choose from.

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