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Mini-spectrometers

RC series | C11007MA C11008MA C11009MA C11010MA

Compact and low cost
C11009MA, C11010MA: for installation into measurement equipment

Hamamatsu mini-spectrometer RC series is a family of compact polychromators integrated with a reflection grating and a CMOS linear image sensor. Two types are available: mini-spectrometer modules (C11007MA, C11008MA) with a driver circuit, and mini-spectrometer heads (C11009MA, C11010MA) for installation into measurement equipment, which contain an optical system and an image sensor in a compact case.
Mini-spectrometer modules have a USB port that connects to a PC for spectrum data collection. They come with sample software for setting measurement conditions, acquiring and saving data, and displaying data graphs, as well as with evalution software and DLL. In mini-spectrometer heads, incident light is dispersed into a spectrum which is photoelectrically converted by the image sensor and output as video signals.

Features

C11007MA, C11008MA (Module)

- **Integrating spectrometer head and drive circuit**
- **Spectral measurement using PC**
- **No external power supply required: USB bus power**
- **A/D conversion: 16-bit**
- **Wavelength conversion factor*1 is recorded in internal memory.**

C11009MA, C11010MA (Head)

- **For installation into measurement equipment**
- **Integrating optical system and image sensor into a compact case**
  C11009MA: 28 × 28 × 28 mm
  C11010MA: 35 × 28 × 20 mm
- **Low cost**
- **Wavelength conversion factor*1 is listed on test result sheet.**

Applications

C11007MA, C11009MA

- **Installation into measurement equipment**
- **Chemical measurement**
- **Visible light source testing**
- **Color measurement, etc.**

C11008MA, C11010MA

- **Installation into measurement equipment**
- **Chemical measurement**
- **Measurement of saccharic in fruits**
- **Various industrial measurements**

*1: A conversion factor for converting the image sensor pixel number into a wavelength is recorded in the module. Calculation factor for converting the A/D converted count into the input light level is not provided.

Selection guide

■ Spectrometer modules

Type no.	Product type	Spectral response range (nm)	Spectral Resolution max. (nm)	Interface	Light input method
C11007MA	RC-VIS-MOS	340 to 780	9	USB 1.1	fiber
C11008MA	RC-SWNIR-MOS	640 to 1050	8		

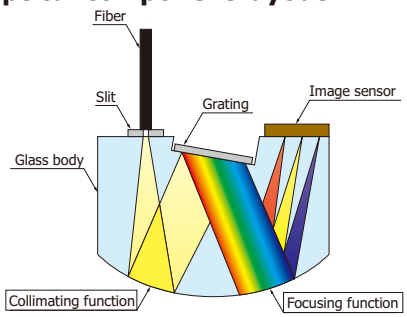
■ Spectorometer heads (for installation into measurement equipment)

C11009MA	RC-VIS-MOS	340 to 780	9	-	fiber
C11010MA	RC-SWNIR-MOS	640 to 1050	8		

Structure of C11009MA, C11010MA

The C11009MA, C11010MA are offered in small size, low-cost units achieved by integrating optical components into a glass body. The reflective grating mounted on the glass body is a plastic-molded replica grating.

Optical component layout



Optical characteristics

Parameter		RC-VIS-MOS		RC-SWNIR-MOS		Unit
		C11007MA (Spectrometer module)	C11009MA (Spectrometer head)	C11008MA (Spectrometer module)	C11010MA (Spectrometer head)	
Spectral response range		340 to 780		640 to 1050		nm
Spectral resolution (Spectral response half width)*2	Typ.	6		6.5		nm
	Max.	9		8		
Wavelength reproducibility*3		-0.5 to +0.5				nm
Wavelength temperature dependence		-0.05 to +0.05				nm/°C
Spectral stray light*2*4		-30 max.				dB

*2: Depends on the slit opening. Values were measured with the slit listed in the table "Structure".
*3: Measured under constant light input conditions
*4: The ratio of the output signal when a line spectrum (the following wavelengths) is input to the output signal at that wavelength ± 40 nm
C11007MA: λ=550 nm
C11008MA: λ=850 nm
C11009MA: λ=550 nm
C11010MA: λ=850 nm

Electrical characteristics

Parameter	C11007MA (Spectrometer module)	C11009MA (Spectrometer head)	C11008MA (Spectrometer module)	C11010MA (Spectrometer head)	Unit
A/D conversion	16	-	16	-	bits
Integration time	5 to 10000	-	5 to 10000	-	ms
Interface	USB 1.1	-	USB 1.1	-	-
Power consumption	-	15	-	25	mW
Output impedance*5	-	1	-	1	kΩ

*5: An increase in the current consumption at the video output terminal also increases the chip temperature and so causes the dark current to rise. To avoid this, connect a buffer amplifier for impedance conversion to the video output terminal so that the current flow is minimized. As the buffer amplifier, use a JFET or CMOS input operational amplifier of optical input impedance.

Structure

Parameter	C11007MA (Spectrometer module)	C11009MA (Spectrometer head)	C11008MA (Spectrometer module)	C11010MA (Spectrometer head)	Unit
Dimensions (W × D × H)	55 × 100 × 48	28 × 28 × 28	55 × 100 × 48	35 × 28 × 20	mm
Weight	180	52	168	45	g
Built-in head	C11009MA	-	C11010MA	-	-
Image sensor	CMOS linear image sensor (S8378-256N)		Infrared enhanced type CMOS linear image sensor		-
Number of pixels	256				pixels
Slit*6 (H × V)	70 × 550		70 × 2500		µm
NA*7	0.22				-
Fiber core diameter	600				µm
Optical fiber connector	SMA905D				-

*6: Entrance slit aperture size of the incorporated image sensor
*7: Numeric aperture (solid angle)

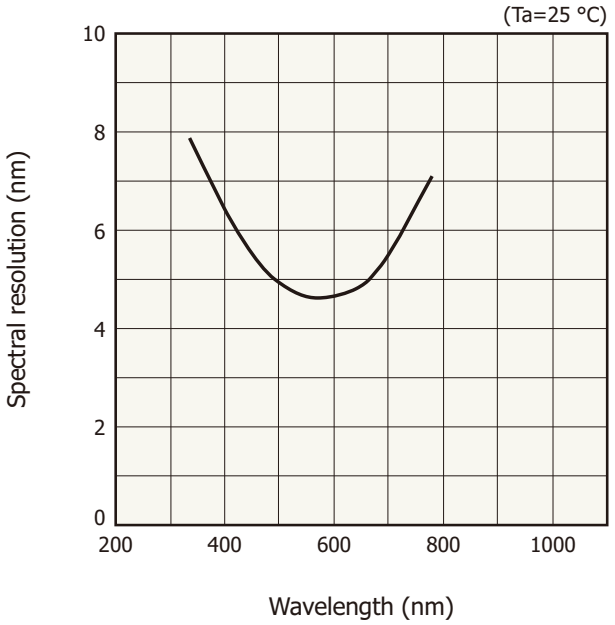
Absolute maximum ratings

Parameter	C11007MA (Spectrometer module)	C11009MA (Spectrometer head)	C11008MA (Spectrometer module)	C11010MA (Spectrometer head)	Unit
Operating temperature*8	+5 to +40				°C
Storage temperature*8	-20 to +70				°C

*8: No dew condensation
When there is a temperature difference between a product and the surrounding area in high humidity environment, dew condensation may occur on the product surface. Dew condensation on the product may cause deterioration in characteristics and reliability.
Note: Exceeding the absolute maximum ratings even momentarily may cause a drop in product quality. Always be sure to use the product within the absolute maximum ratings.

Spectral resolution vs. wavelength (typical example)

C11007MA, C11009MA



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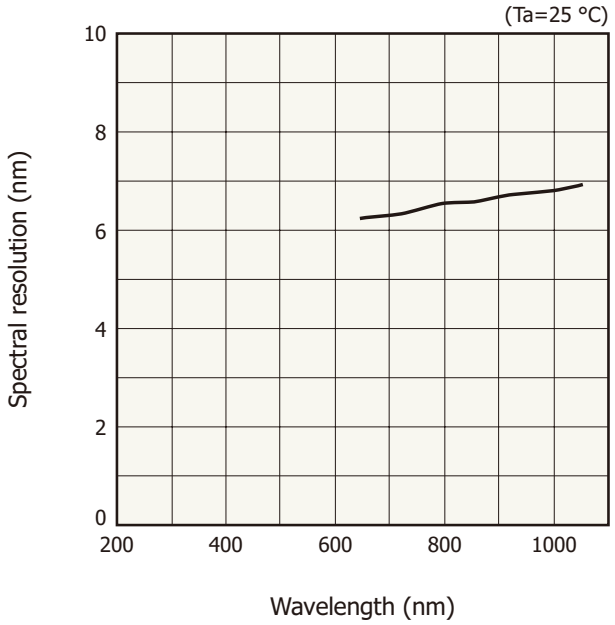
C11008MA, C11010MA



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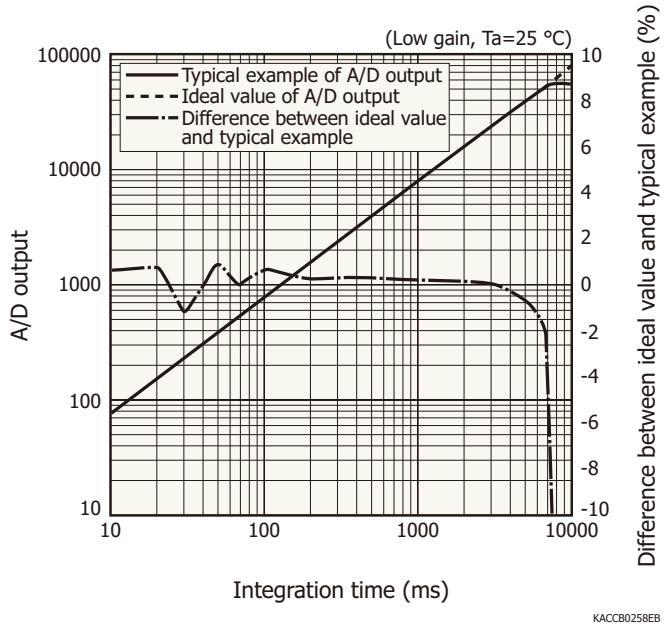
Linearity (typical example)

C11007MA, C11009MA



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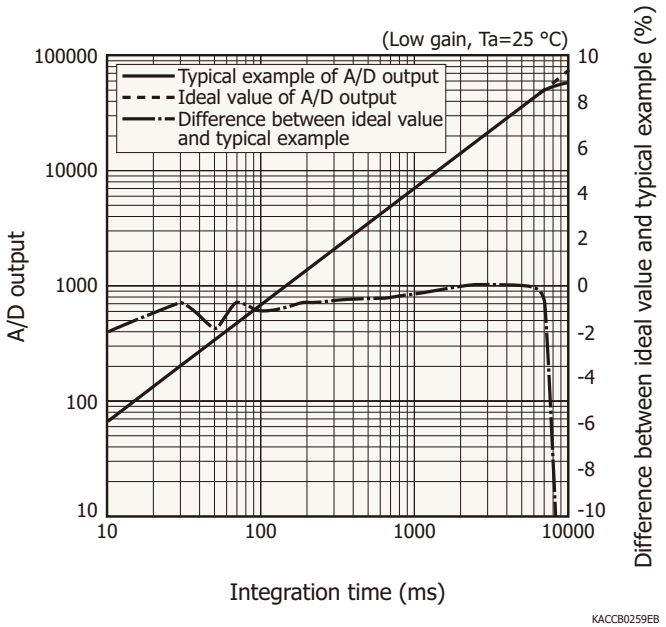

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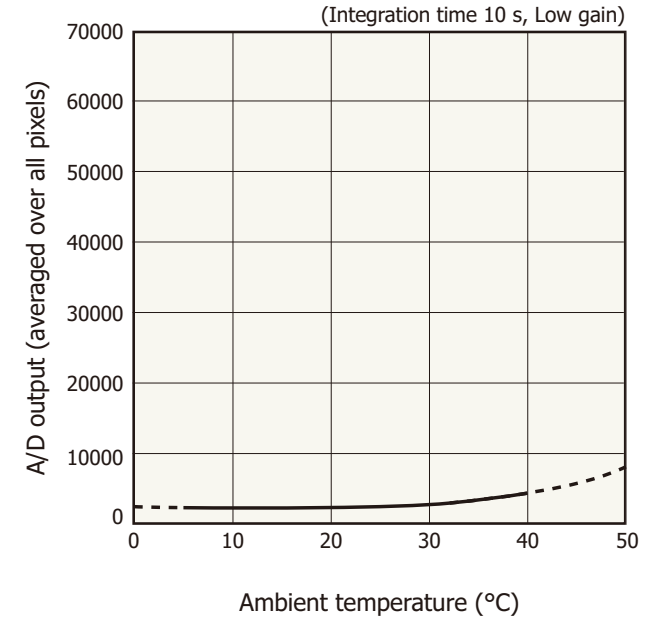
A/D output is the output with dark output is subtracted when light is input. The difference between the ideal value and typical example contains a measurement error. The smaller the A/D output, the larger the measurement error.

Dark output vs. ambient temperature (typical example)

C11007MA, C11009MA



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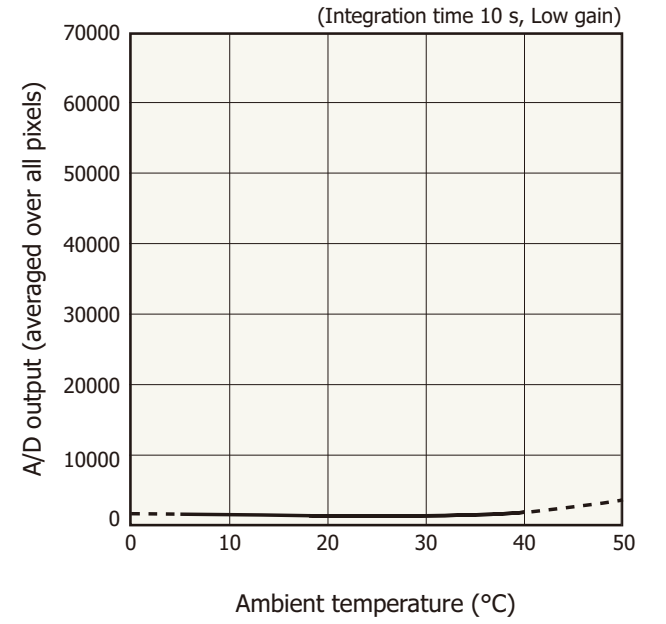

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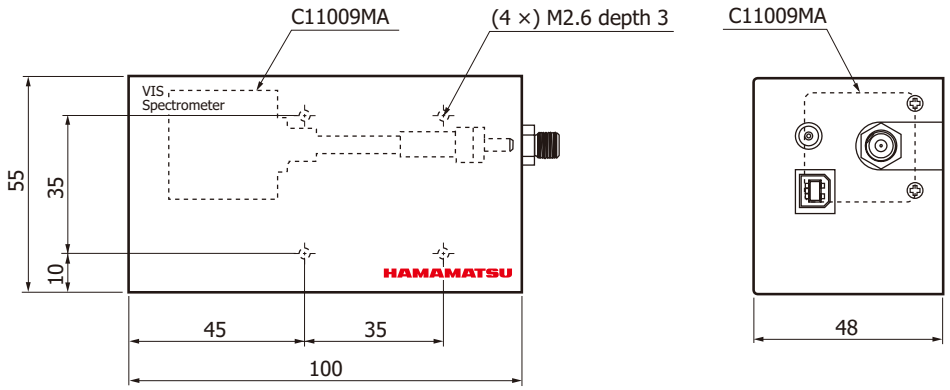
A/D output is the sum of the sensor and circuit offset outputs and the sensor dark output.

Dimensional outlines (unit: mm)

C11007MA



Tolerance unless otherwise noted: ±0.5
Weight: 180 g

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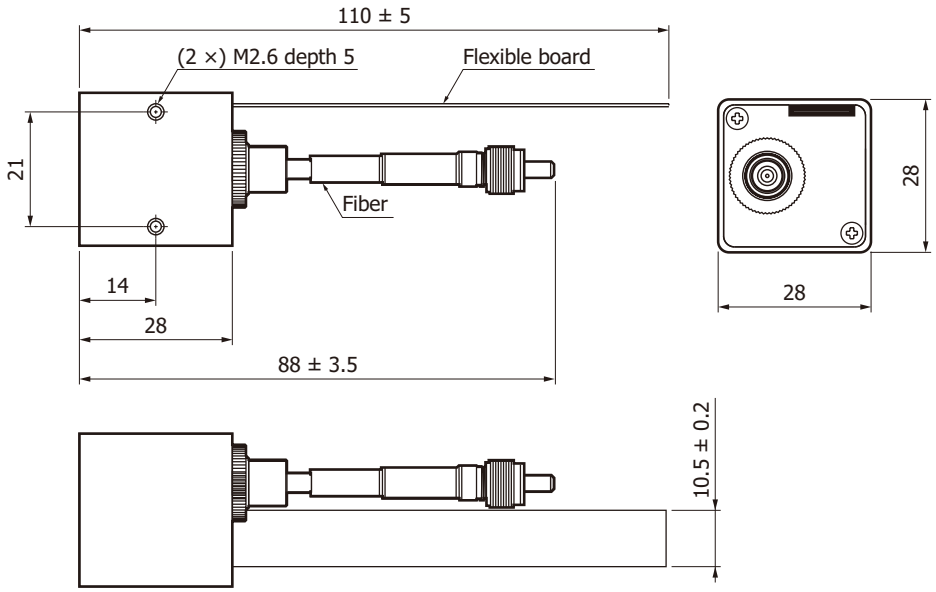
C11009MA



Tolerance unless otherwise noted: ±0.5
Weight: 52 g

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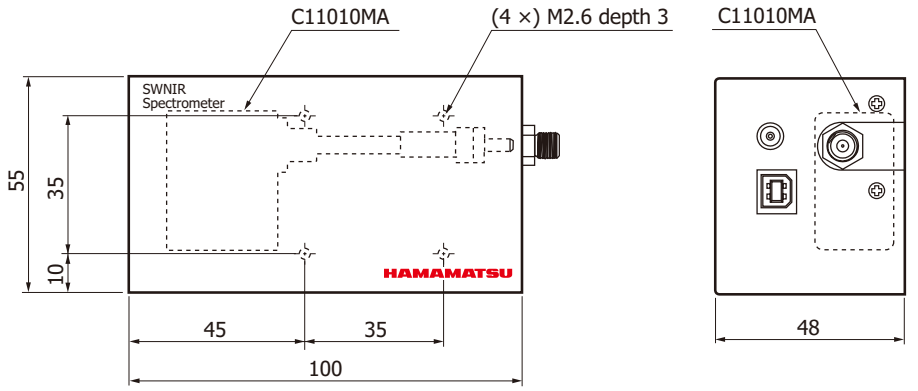
C11008MA



Tolerance unless otherwise noted: ±0.5
Weight: 168 g

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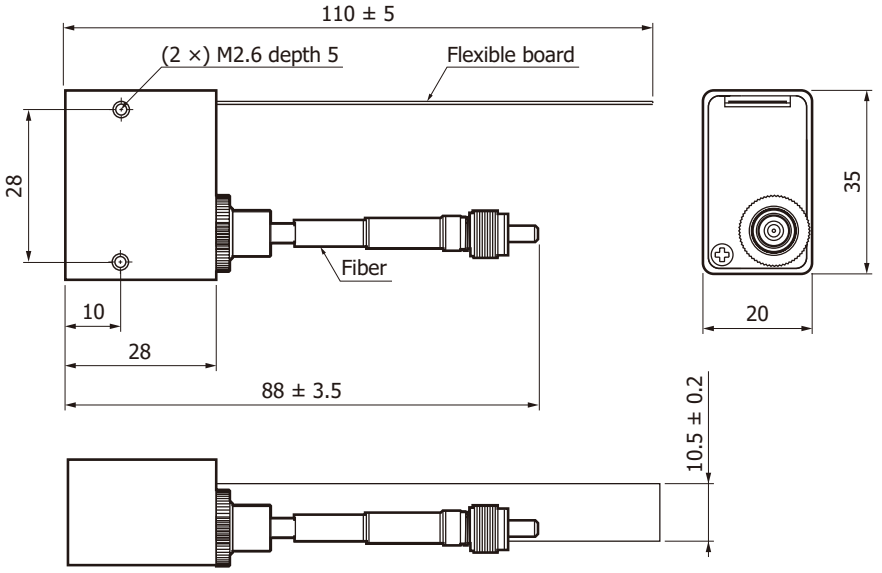
C11010MA



Tolerance unless otherwise noted: ±0.5
Weight: 45 g

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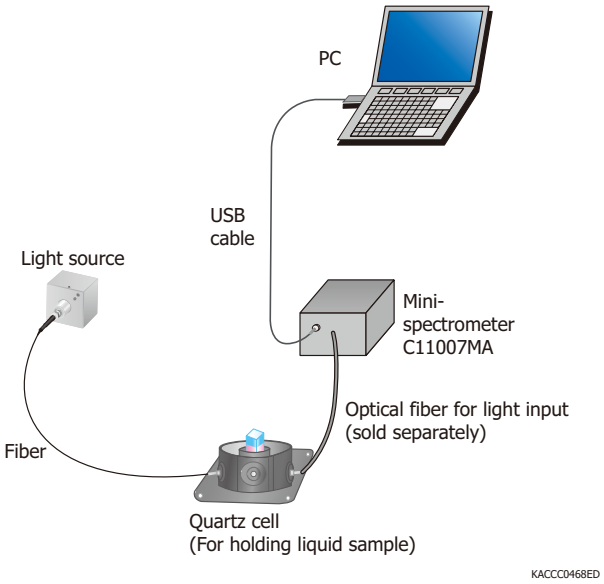
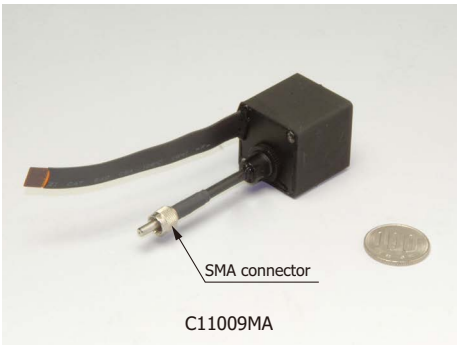
Connection example (transmission light measurement)

Light to be measured is guided into the entrance port of RC series through an optical fiber and the spectrum measured with the built-in image sensor is output through the USB port to a PC for data acquisition.
There are no moving parts inside the unit so stable measurement are obtained at all times. An optical fiber that guides light input from external sources allows a flexible measurement setup.



Light input method

For mini-spectrometer head (C11009MA, C11010MA), an SMA connector is attached with the other end of the optical fiber. Light can be easily guided by hooking up this connector to the SMA receptacle of an external unit. If the optical fiber connected to mini-spectrometer RC series is shorter than needed, an optical fiber of the desired length can be added by connecting a relay unit.



C11009MA

Optical fibers for light input (A16962-01, A16963-01)

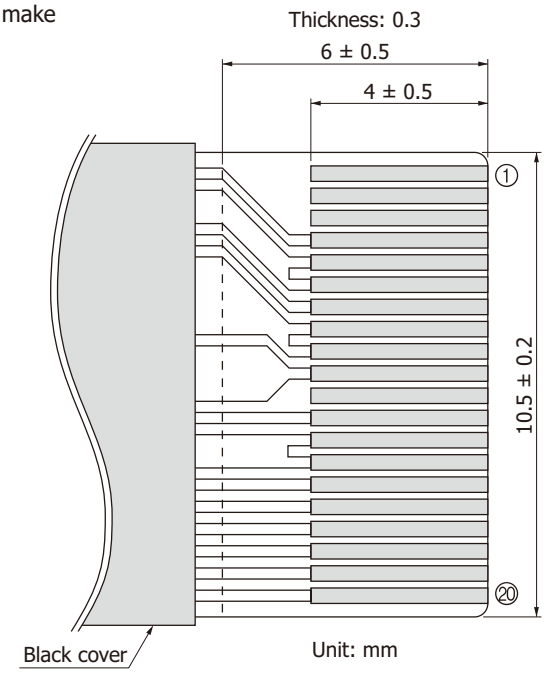
As options for use with mini-spectrometers (C11007MA, C11008MA), Hamamatsu provides optical fibers for UV/visible range (UV resistant) and for visible/near infrared range (core diameter 600 µm, sold separately). The mini-spectrometers (C11009MA, C11010MA) integrate an optical fiber.

Type no.	Product name	Applicable mini-spectrometer	Core diamater (µm)	Specification
A16962-01	Fiber for UV/visible range (resistance to UV)	C11007MA	600	NA=0.22, length 1.5 m, connectorized SMA905D at both ends
A16963-01	Fiber for visible/near infrared range	C11008MA		

Electrical connections with an external circuit (C11009MA, C11010MA)

The flexible printed circuit board protruding from the mini-spectrometer is used make electrical connections to an external circuit.

· Mating connectors:
FH12-20S-0.5SV vertical type (made by HIROSE electric)
FH12-52745-2090 horizontal type (made by MOLEX)



Pin no.	Terminal name	I/O	Discription	Pin no.	Terminal name	I/O	Discription
①	NC	-	No connection	⑪	NC	-	No connection
②	NC	-	No connection	⑫	GAIN	I	Image sensor: gain setting
③	NC	-	No connection	⑬	A.GND	-	Analog GND
④	EOS	O	EOS (end of scan) signal	⑭	A.GND	-	Analog GND
⑤	A.GND	-	Analog GND	⑮	ST	I	Sensor scan start signal
⑥	A.GND	-	Analog GND	⑯	CLK	I	Sensor scan sync signal
⑦	VIDEO	O	Video signal output	⑰	SDA	O	Thermosensor output signal
⑧	A.GND	-	Analog GND	⑱	SCL	I	Thermosensor driver signal
⑨	A.GND	-	Analog GND	⑲	D.GND	-	Thermosensor digital GND
⑩	+5 V	I	Power supply of image sensor: +5 V	⑳	VCC	I	Power supply of thermosensor: +3.3 V

Note:
· Pins 4 to 10 and 12 to 16 are connected to the image sensor.
For information on drive specifications, refer to "CMOS linear image sensor S8377/S8378 series" datasheet.
· Pins 17 to 20 are connected to the internal thermosensor (DALLAS DS1775R).

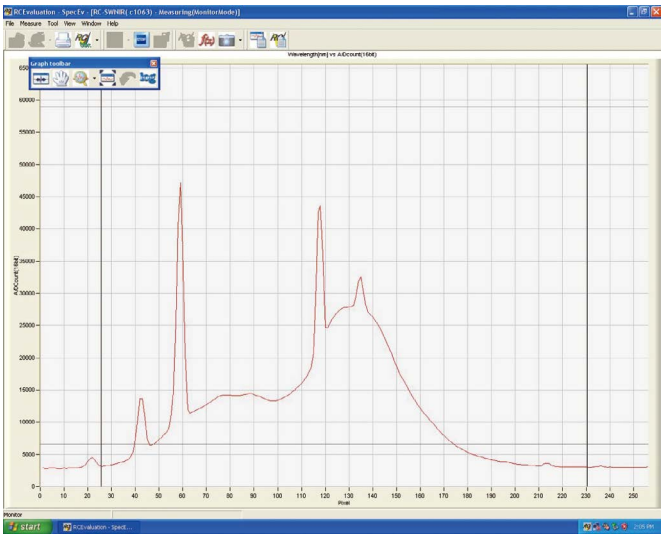
Procautions (C11009MA, C11010MA)

- Avoid excessive or repeated bending and stretching of the flexible board, which may cause an open-circuit fault. Do not bend the flexible board to the point where folds or creases occur.
- Avoid pulling, twisting or excessive bending of the optical fiber, which may damage the optical components in the mini-spectrometer or the optical fiber itself. To prevent applying stress to the optical fiber, provide slotted mounting holes in the equipment enclosure where the head-type mini-spectrometer is to be installed. Make sure these slotted holes are aligned along the same direction as the optical fiber. When installing the mini-spectrometer, first clamp the optical fiber SMA connector and then use the slotted holes to secure the mini-spectrometer at a position where the optical fiber is free from stress.

Evaluation software (C11007MA, C11008MA)

Installing the evaluation software package (RCEvaluation.exe)*9 into your PC allows running the following basic tasks:

- Measurement data acquisition and save
- Measurement condition setup
- Module information acquisition
  (wavelength conversion factor, polychromator type, etc)
- Graphic display
- Arithmetic operation
  Pixel number to wavelength conversion
  Comparison calculation with reference data
  (transmittance, reflectance)
  Dark subtraction
  Gaussian approximation (peak position and count, FWHM)



Note:

- This product cannot operate with the software that comes with the mini-spectrometer TM or TG series.
- The external trigger input function does not work with the evaluation software. If using an external trigger input or designing original application software, the user software must be configured to support that function.

*9: Compatible OS: Microsoft Windows 10 Professional (32-bit, 64-bit)

DLL for controlling hardware is also provided.
You can develop your own measurement programs by using a following software development environment.
Microsoft Visual Studio® 2008 (SP1) Visual C++®
Microsoft Visual Studio 2008 (SP1) Visual Basic®
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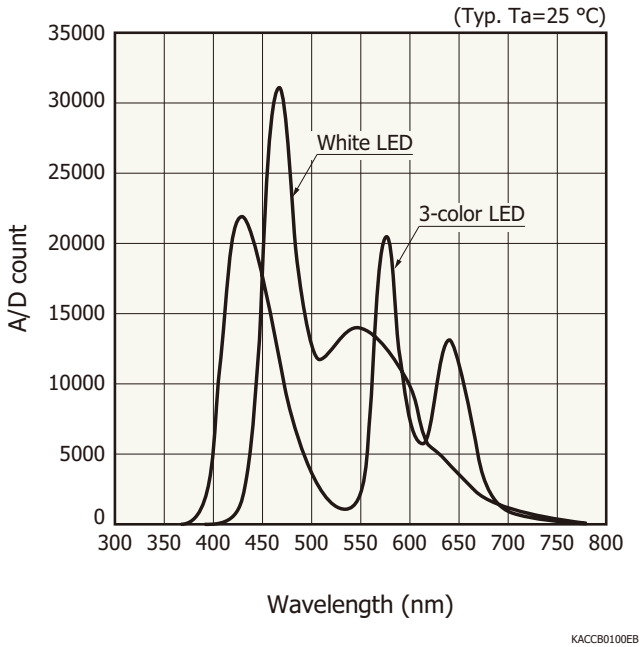
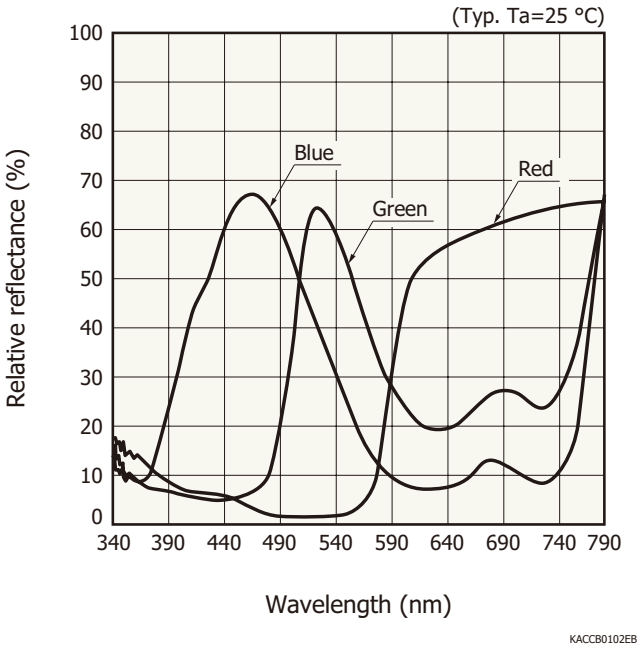
Measurement examples (C11007MA)

White LED and 3-color LED measurements



Reflected light from color paper

Relative reflectance with 100% being equal to reflectance of white plate



Accessories (C11007MA, C11008MA only)

- USB cable
- Dedicated software (evaluation software, sample software, DLL)

Related information

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