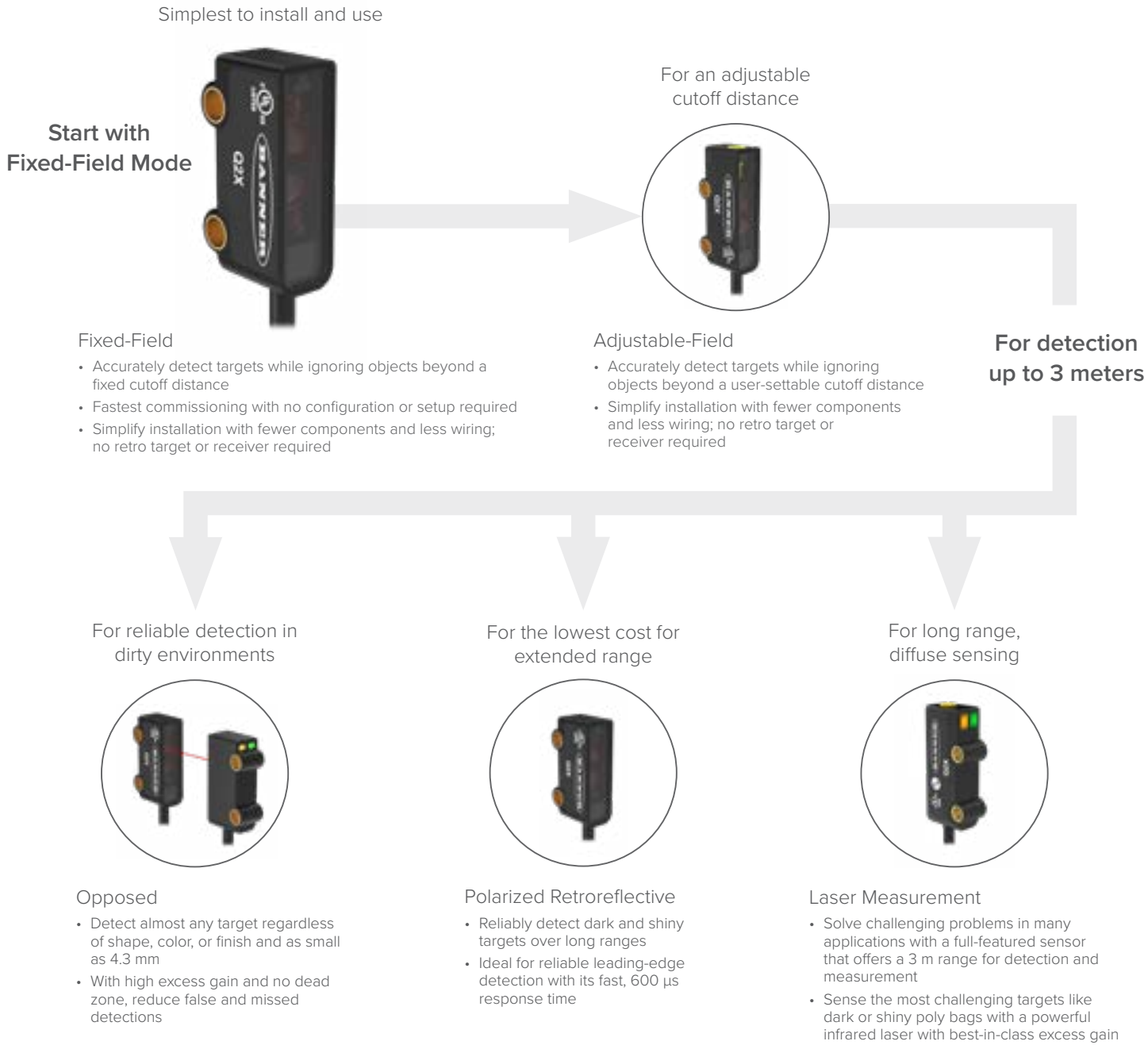# Q2X Miniature Photoelectric Sensors



## Space-saving photoelectric sensor with short- and long-range models

- Install in small or constrained spaces, due to the sensor's compact housing design
- Precisely detect small objects using short-range models
- Sense across a larger area or mount the sensor up to 3.3 m away from the target using long-range models
- Solve challenging problems in many applications by consolidating to one sensor family with an array of sensing modes available

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# Select the Mode to Fit Your Application

Ideal for installation in precise machinery and tight industrial spaces, Banner's compact Q2X Series features the widest range of sensing modes for any automation application.

Simplest to install and use

**Start with Fixed-Field Mode**

For an adjustable cutoff distance

**For detection up to 3 meters**

### Fixed-Field
- Accurately detect targets while ignoring objects beyond a fixed cutoff distance
- Fastest commissioning with no configuration or setup required
- Simplify installation with fewer components and less wiring; no retro target or receiver required

### Adjustable-Field
- Accurately detect targets while ignoring objects beyond a user-settable cutoff distance
- Simplify installation with fewer components and less wiring; no retro target or receiver required

For reliable detection in dirty environments

For the lowest cost for extended range

For long range, diffuse sensing

### Opposed
- Detect almost any target regardless of shape, color, or finish and as small as 4.3 mm
- With high excess gain and no dead zone, reduce false and missed detections

### Polarized Retroreflective
- Reliably detect dark and shiny targets over long ranges
- Ideal for reliable leading-edge detection with its fast, 600 μs response time

### Laser Measurement
- Solve challenging problems in many applications with a full-featured sensor that offers a 3 m range for detection and measurement
- Sense the most challenging targets like dark or shiny poly bags with a powerful infrared laser with best-in-class excess gain

| | Fixed-Field | Adjustable-Field | Laser Measurement | Polarized Retro | Opposed |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Sensing Range (mm)** | 15, 30, 50 | 100, 150 | 3000 | 3300 | 3000 |
| **Type of Emitter** | Visible Red LED | Visible Red LED, Visible Red Class 1 Laser | Infrared Class 1 Laser | Visible Red LED | Visible Red LED |
| **Response Time** | 850 μs | 850 μs | Fast: 33 ms Medium: 100 ms Slow: 500 ms | 600 μs | 1 ms |
| **IP Rating** | IP67 | IP67 | IP67 | IP67 | IP67 |

## Fixed-Field

- Simplify installation while still having mounting flexibility with 15, 30, and 50 mm sensing ranges available with no configuration required
- Consistently detect challenging targets with best-in-class background suppression
- Avoid crosstalk when mounting multiple sensors in close proximity due to the advanced crosstalk immunity algorithm

| Series | Output State | Output | Mode | Range | Connection |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Q2X** | **A** | **P** | **FF** | **30** | **Q8** |

**A** = Light operate
**R** = Dark operate

**P** = PNP
**N** = NPN
**B** = Bipolar

**FF** = Fixed-field

**15** = 15 mm
**30** = 30 mm
**50** = 50 mm

**2M** = 2 m (6.5 ft) cable
**Q** = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M8 pigtail
**Q3** = 150 mm (6 in) 3-pin M8 pigtail
**Q5** = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M12 pigtail
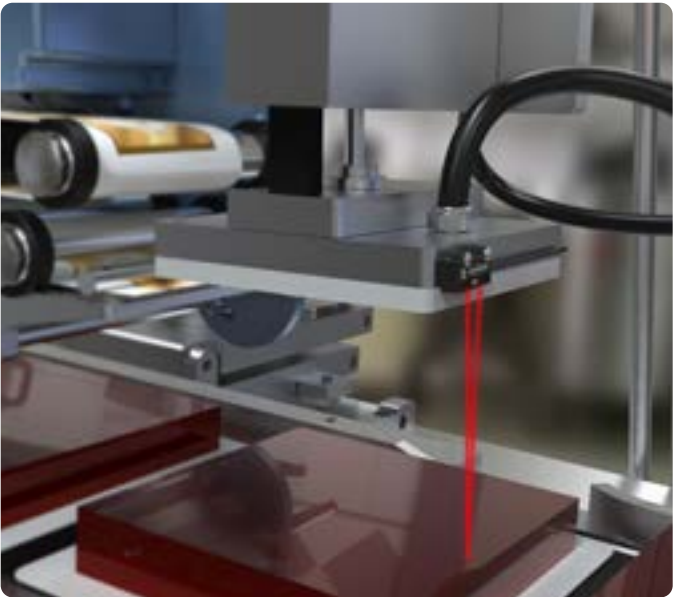
### Challenge
Applying pressure-sensitive labels to packages requires lowering a tamp head to the product and applying enough pressure to adhere the label without damaging the product.
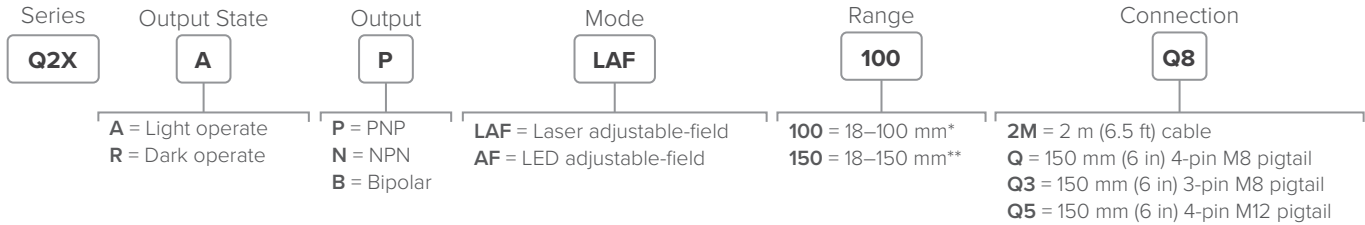
### Solution
A Q2X fixed-field sensor can be fitted onto the labeling machine's tamp head to sense targets at a fixed distance, regardless of the product's color. The sharp 15 mm cutoff distance allows the tamp arm to lower to a consistent distance away from the target, even with products of differing heights. Once the tamp head is close enough to the product, it slows until it makes contact. It applies the appropriate amount of pressure to adhere the label, then rises to repeat the process.
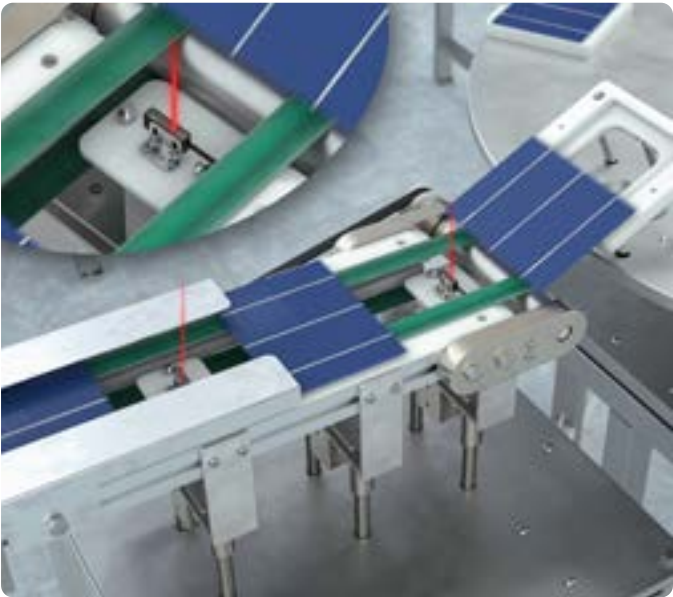
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# Adjustable-Field

- Ignore objects in the background with an adjustable cutoff distance between 18 mm and 150 mm
- Detect dark and challenging targets using powerful emitters with high excess gain
- Detect precise features with the small, bright-red LED or Class 1 laser emitter
- Avoid crosstalk when mounting multiple sensors in close proximity due to the advanced crosstalk immunity algorithm

# Laser Measurement

- Measure farther with the industry's longest sensing range for a sensor in a compact housing
- Sense the most challenging targets like dark or shiny poly bags with a powerful infrared laser with best-in-class excess gain
- Employ in many applications by consolidating to one sensor model with the array of sensing modes, including background suppression, window mode, and dual mode
- Integrate easily into most control systems and access measurement values, delay timers, and advanced diagnostics via IO-Link
- Provide real-time visual feedback to machine operators without using a PLC by integrating the PulsePro output directly into Banner Pro lights

| Series | Output State | Output | Mode | Range | Connection |
|--------|-------------|--------|------|-------|-----------|
| Q2X | A | P | LAF | 100 | Q8 |

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|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| **A** = Light operate<br>**R** = Dark operate | **P** = PNP<br>**N** = NPN<br>**B** = Bipolar | **LAF** = Laser adjustable-field<br>**AF** = LED adjustable-field | **100** = 18–100 mm*<br>**150** = 18–150 mm** | **2M** = 2 m (6.5 ft) cable<br>**Q** = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M8 pigtail<br>**Q3** = 150 mm (6 in) 3-pin M8 pigtail<br>**Q5** = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M12 pigtail | |

*Available with LAF models only
**Available with AF models only

| Series | Housing Style | Mode | Range | Beam Color | | Connection |
|--------|--------------|------|-------|-----------|--|-----------|
| Q2X | K | LAF | 3 | IR | — | Q5 |

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|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| **K** = IO-Link with discrete | **LAF** = Laser adjustable-field | **3** = 3 m<br>**2** = 2 m | **IR** = Infrared | **Q** = 150 mm (6 in) M8 pigtail QD<br>**Q5** = 150 mm (6 in) M12 pigtail QD | |

QD models require mating cordset

## Challenge

Silicone wafers can be an extremely challenging target to detect, due to their dark, shiny surface. Ensuring correct positioning is vital for these delicate substrates while they are moved and lifted through their processes. Size is also a limiting factor in the machine design.

## Solution

The high excess gain of the adjustable-field Q2X allows it to reliably detect dark wafers. The tight minimum object separation can trigger the machine to move the next wafer into position as soon as the previous one is out of the way. And the small form factor easily fits into the machine without getting in the way.

## Challenge

Within warehouses, retroreflective sensors are often used to detect blocked chutes before they can disrupt throughput. However, a single package stuck blocking a beam can cause a false jam and shut down equipment.

## Solution

The Q2X Laser Measurement sensor with adjustable background suppression can be used. A cutoff distance taught slightly away from the back wall allows temporarily stuck packages to be ignored without disabling the entire chute. The built-in delay timing (available over IO-Link) can be implemented to wait until there is a real jam before shutting down the machine. One customer was able to reduce false jams by more than 90 percent and improve their throughput.

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# Polarized Retroreflective

- Reduce installation time with an easy-to-align, bright-red LED
- Detect targets moving at high speeds with the 600 µs response time
- Sense light, dark, and shiny targets farther away with industry-leading 3.3 m range
- Mount the reflector as close as 3 mm from the face of the sensor for ultra short range applications*
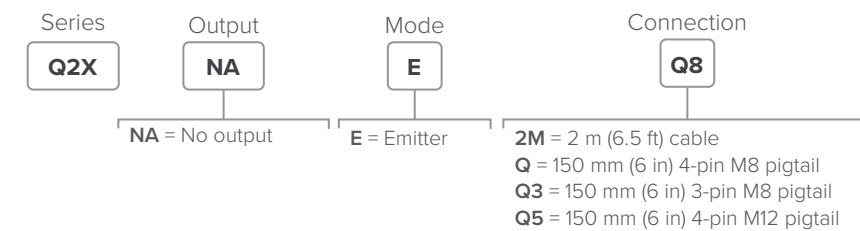
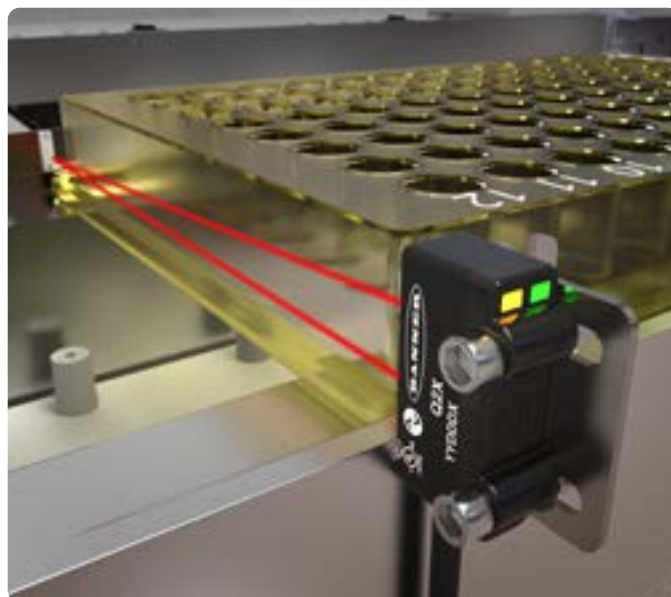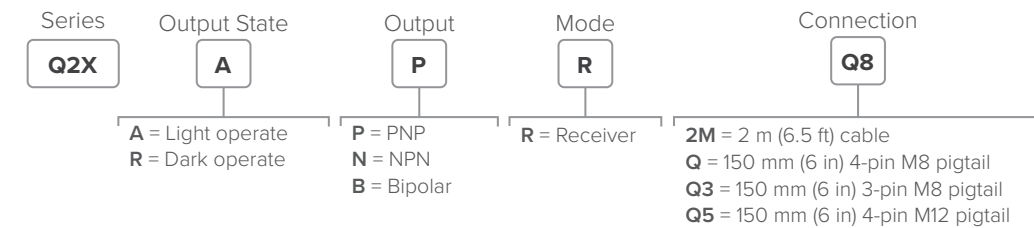*40 mm x 19 mm reflector required (model: BRT-40x19A)
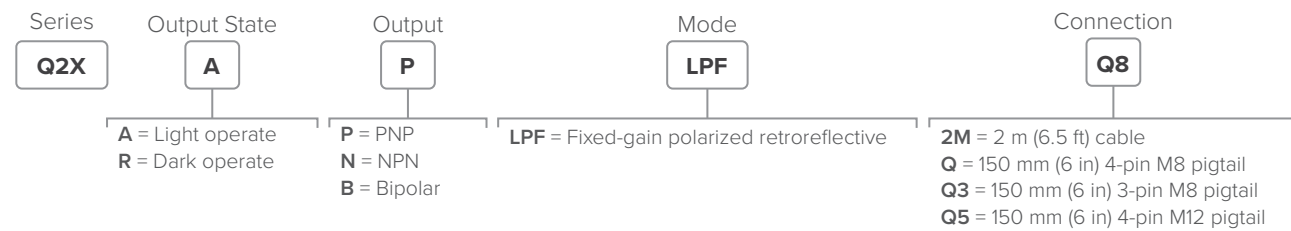
# Opposed

- Simplify installation with an easy to align, large visible spot
- Decrease false and missed detections by ignoring most dust and debris
- Emitter and receiver can be up to 3 m ( 10 ft) apart and will reliably detect objects as small as 4 mm anywhere within the beam

| Series | Output State | Output | Mode | Connection |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q2X | A | P | LPF | Q8 |
| | A = Light operate<br>R = Dark operate | P = PNP<br>N = NPN<br>B = Bipolar | LPF = Fixed-gain polarized retroreflective | 2M = 2 m (6.5 ft) cable<br>Q = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M8 pigtail<br>Q3 = 150 mm (6 in) 3-pin M8 pigtail<br>Q5 = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M12 pigtail |

## Opposed Emitter

| Series | Output | Mode | Connection |
|---|---|---|---|
| Q2X | NA | E | Q8 |
| | NA = No output | E = Emitter | 2M = 2 m (6.5 ft) cable<br>Q = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M8 pigtail<br>Q3 = 150 mm (6 in) 3-pin M8 pigtail<br>Q5 = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M12 pigtail |

## Opposed Receiver

| Series | Output State | Output | Mode | Connection |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q2X | A | P | R | Q8 |
| | A = Light operate<br>R = Dark operate | P = PNP<br>N = NPN<br>B = Bipolar | R = Receiver | 2M = 2 m (6.5 ft) cable<br>Q = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M8 pigtail<br>Q3 = 150 mm (6 in) 3-pin M8 pigtail<br>Q5 = 150 mm (6 in) 4-pin M12 pigtail |

### Challenge
Medical and scientific laboratories need a method to ensure that their microwell plates are accurately positioned in testing machines. Polarized retroreflective sensors work well for leading-edge detection, but many testing machines have a small footprint and are already crowded with internal components.

### Solution
The Q2X polarized retroreflective sensor is small enough to fit inside many types of machines that cannot accommodate larger sensors. In addition to its reduced size, the sensor offers a fast response time of 600 µs, which ensures accurate positioning relative to the known speed of conveyors. By using retroreflective sensing, the Q2X can detect microwell plates of any color, shade, or reflectivity.
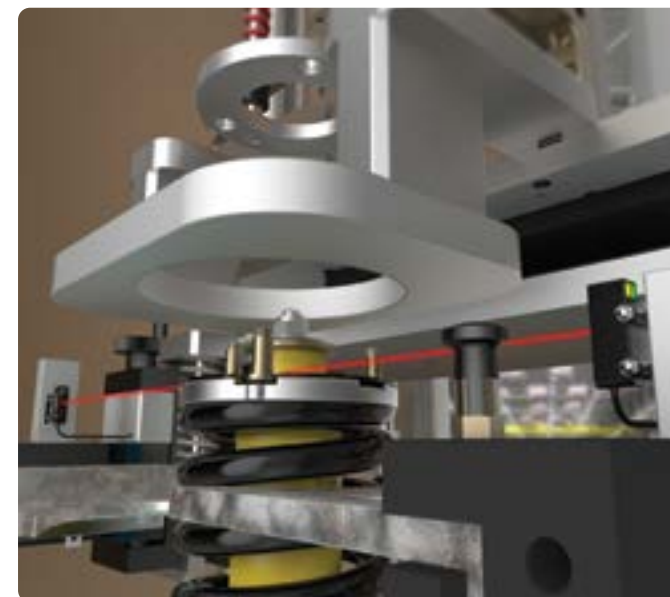
### Challenge
Before a suspension strut assembly can proceed down the line, the presence of all parts must be verified. However, Tier 1 automotive assembly machines may not have enough physical space to house a larger or even average-sized sensor for this verification.
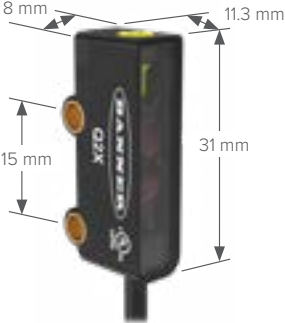
### Solution
The miniature housing of the opposed-mode Q2X can be fit into most assembly machines. Once the Q2X is installed, its 4.3 mm effective beam can accurately sense whether the top cap of the strut is present; deciding if it can advance to the next stage of assembly.

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## Specifications

**Fixed-Field, Opposed, and Polarized Retro**

8 mm • 11.3 mm • 26 mm

**Adjustable-Field and Laser Measurement**

8 mm • 11.3 mm • 15 mm • 31 mm

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|---|---|
| **Response Speed** | Fixed-Field: 850 µs ON/OFF<br>Adjustable-Field: 850 µs, ON/OFF<br>Opposed: 1 ms ON, 0.6 ms OFF<br>Polarized Retro: 600 µs, ON/OFF<br>Laser Measurement: Fast 33 ms, Medium 100 ms, Slow 500 ms |
| **Operating Conditions** | Laser Measurement: -20 to +50 ˚C<br>All other: -25 to +50 ˚C |
| **Environmental Rating** | IP67 |
| **Construction** | Housing: PC/ABS<br>Lens cover: Acrylic |
| **Certifications** | CE c(UL)us LISTED  Industrial Control Equipment TJJ |

## Accessories

**SMBQ2XA**
Right-angle mount bracket

**SMBQ2XB**
Right-angle mount bracket

**BRT-2X2**
51 x 51 mm
retroreflective target

**BRT-60X40C**
60 x 40 mm
retroreflective target

**BRT-40x19A**
45 x 19 mm
retroreflective target

**SMBQ20FA**
Bracket kit for 10 mm (3/8 in)
rod bracket systems

**APQ2X-VH\***
Cross-talk avoidance filters
(1 set of 4)

**APQ2X-1\***
1 mm round aperture kit
(set of 2)

**APQ2X-1.5\***
1.5 mm round aperture kit
(set of 2)

**APQ2X-2\***
2 mm round aperture kit
(set of 2)

*For opposed mode only

**3-Pin M8 Connector**
Straight connector models listed; for right-angle, replace **G** with **W** in the model number (example, **PKW3M-2**)

**PKG3M-2**
2 m (6.5')
**PKG3M-5**
5 m (16')
**PKG3M-9**
9 m (30')

**4-Pin M8 Connector**
Straight connector models listed; for right-angle, replace **G** with **W** in the model number (example, **PKW4M-2**)

**PKG4M-2**
2 m (6.5')
**PKG4M-5**
5 m (16')
**PKG4M-9**
9 m (30')

**4-Pin M12 Connector**
Straight connector models listed; for right-angle, add **RA** to the end of the model number (example, **MQDC-406RA**)

**MQDC-406**
2 m (6.5')
**MQDC-415**
5 m (15')
**MQDC-430**
9 m (30')