



BRIEF INFORMATION

Rain / light sensor for vehicles with steeply raked windscreens

- › Fourth generation of the long-established rain sensors from FORVIA HELLA
- › Optics specially designed for vehicles with steeply raked windshields e.g. trucks, buses, agricultural machinery, construction machinery, and motorhomes
- › Dual function: rain and light detection (surroundings and tunnel detection)
- › Optimised design – extremely compact package space

PRODUCT FEATURES

Application

The rain-light sensors (RLS) are used in a variety of vehicles, primarily for automatic rain or light control. These features reduce the driver's workload by virtually eliminating the need for the driver to react and manually operate the wiper lever in rain or the light switch in darkness (tunnels, garages, twilight). HELLA views the lighting function of the RLS as safety-relevant in accordance with ISO 26262.

Design and function

This new sensor offers the user two functions in one product:

Rain sensor

The rain sensor is used to detect different rain conditions in the sensor area and controls the front windshield wiper accordingly. Manual driver intervention is no longer required.

Light sensor

The light sensor has the task of controlling activation and deactivation of low-beam lights under varying lighting conditions and in special situations such as in tunnels.

Infrared-transparent optics for rain detection

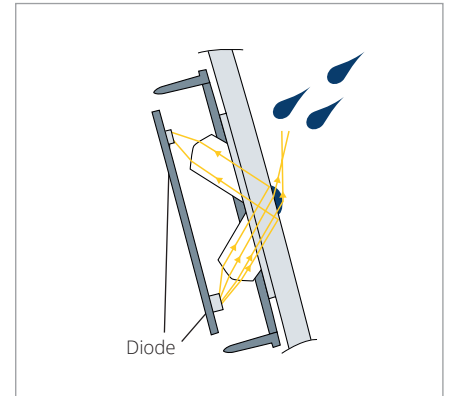
Transparent optics for surrounding light detection and tunnel detection



OPERATING PRINCIPLE

Operating principle of rain detection:

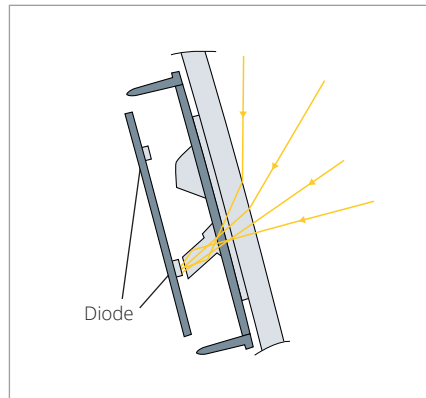
Use of the successfully field-proven principle of total reflection. The large, homogenous measuring section guarantees good starting behavior and comfortable wiper performance. The sensor also has enhanced functions for detecting streaks and dirt.



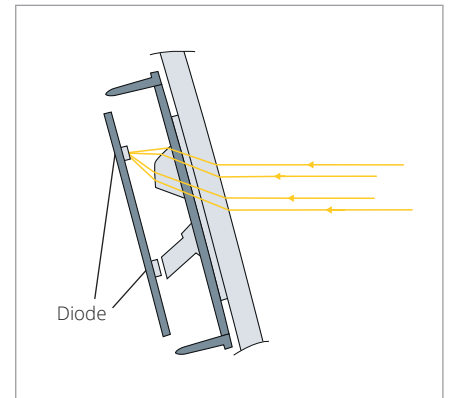
Rain sensor

Operating principle of light detection:

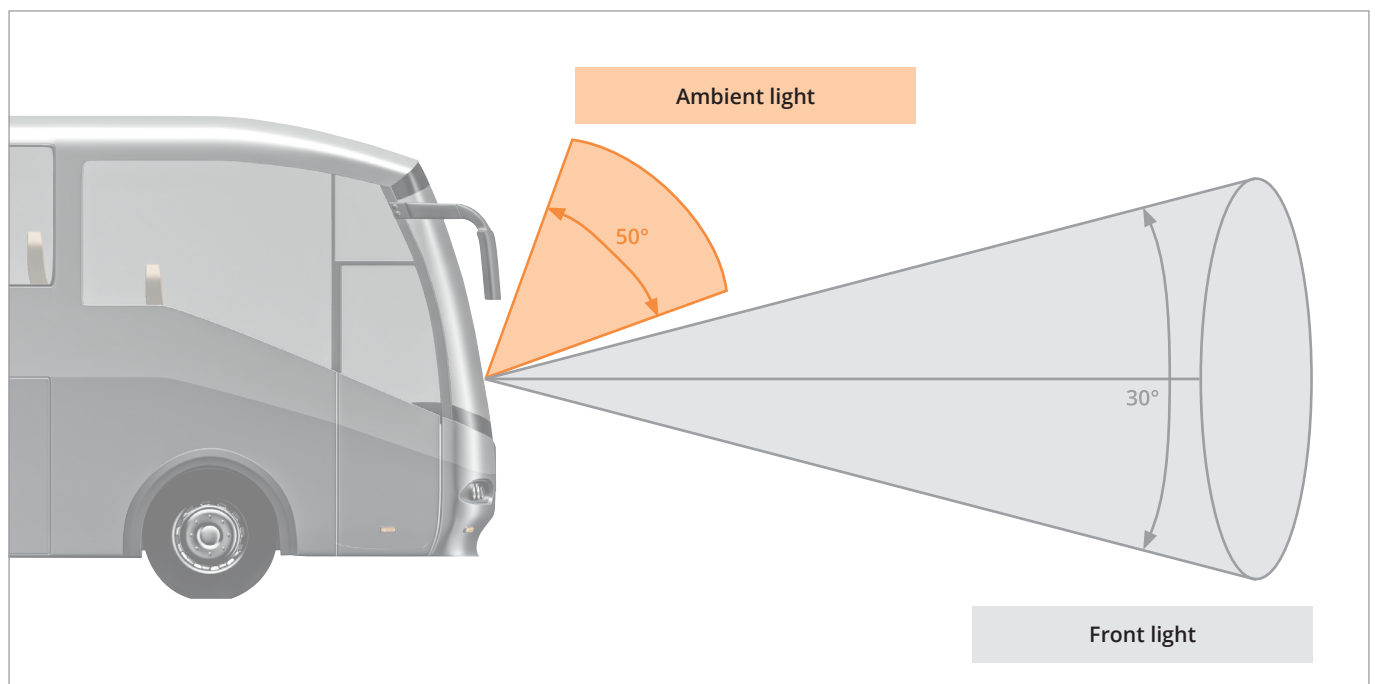
The light sensor contains separate diodes for detecting ambient light and front light. The optical concept is designed such that the light switching characteristics are stable and independent of the direction of travel. The large opening angles of the light diodes enable homogenous light switching behavior in all driving situations.



Ambient light sensor

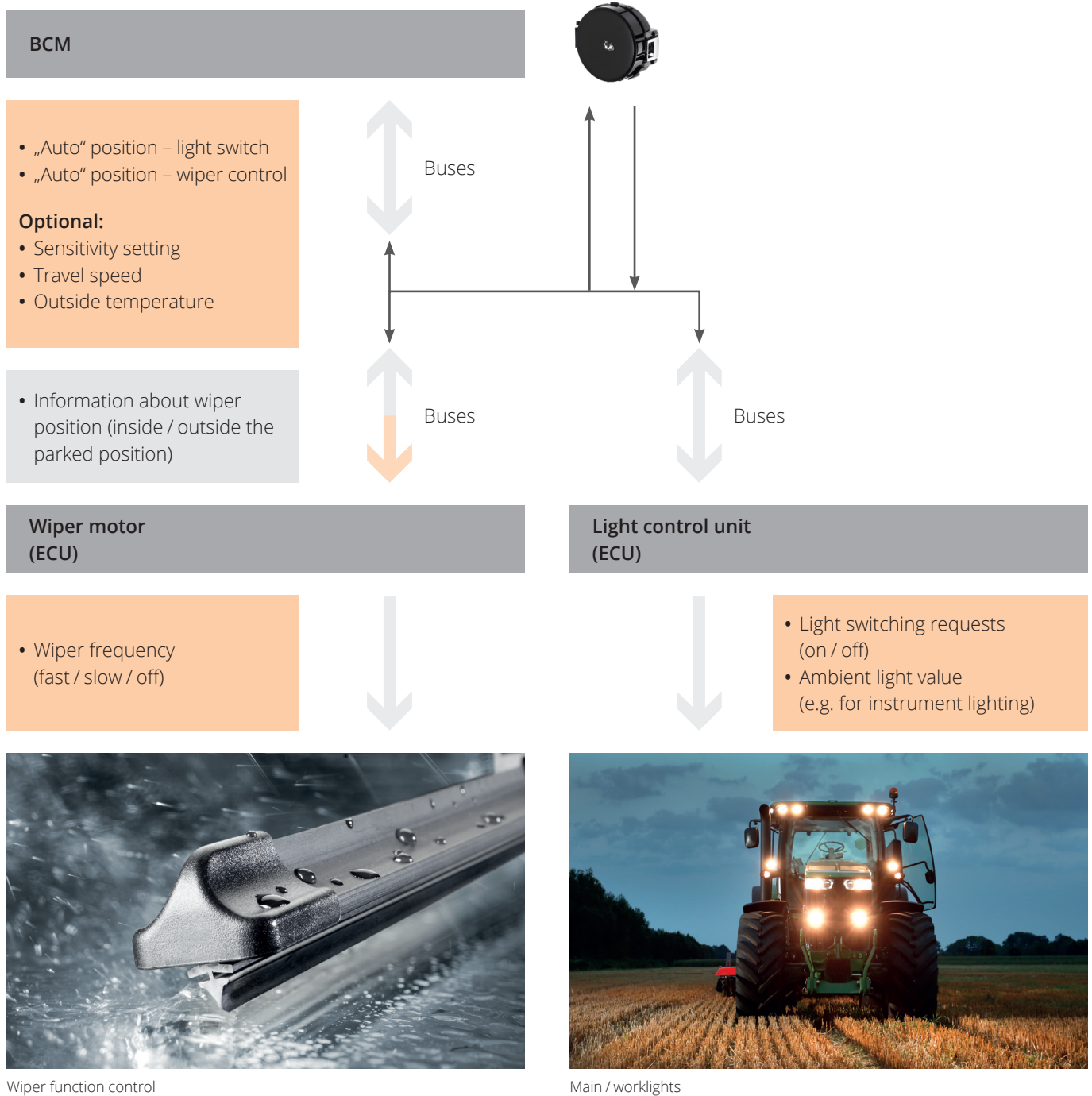


Front light sensor



INTERFACES / FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The following overview illustrates an option for how the sensor communicates with other system components in the vehicle via the LIN interface. Here the sensor is switched on by the overriding control unit and supplied with voltage. It thus provides the system with information, however does not have direct access to the system itself.





APPLICATION EXAMPLES

The rain sensor must be mounted in an area in which it is wiped over by at least one wiper blade. In order to determine the installation position, the minimum distances to the wiper blades must be observed (can be found in the technical specifications).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Technical data

Operating voltage range	Single-voltage (9 – 16 V)
Rated voltage	12 V
Temperature range	- 40 bis + 85°C
Storage temperature	- 40 bis +100°C
Protection class	IP 50
Overvoltage	24 V
Rated current consumption	< 50 mA
Communication interface	LIN 2.1
Weight	≤ 42 g
Mating connector ¹⁾	AMP C-1718346, coding A
Approved	FMVSS 302, ECE-R10 and ECE-R48
ASIL grade	Light function ISO 26262:2018 ASIL-B

Requirements of the windshield²⁾

Spectral range of operation	400 – 1,050 nm
Permitted windshield transmission	23 – 80 % (bei 800 – 1,100 nm)
Permitted windshield thickness	6 – 9 mm
Permitted windshield angle	80° – 90°
Permitted curvature radius in sensor range	R => 1,400 mm
Diameter of print section	40 ± 0.2 mm

¹⁾ This accessory is not included in the scope of delivery.
May be purchased from TE Connectivity.

²⁾ Other windshield configurations available on request.

Dimensional sketch

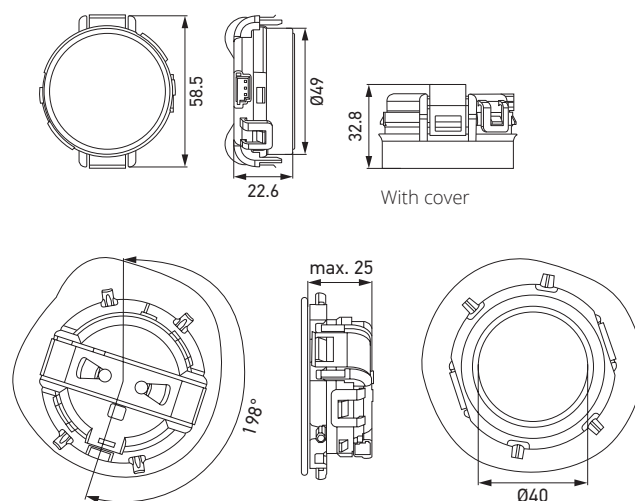
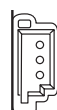



Illustration of installation on the windshield

Pin assignment / electrical connection



Pin 1: 12 V
Pin 2: LIN
Pin 3: GND

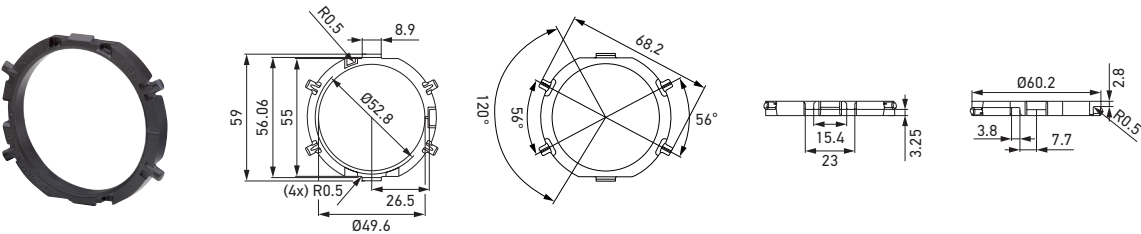
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Product picture	Description	Part number
	Rain / light sensor for vehicles with steeply raked windshields	On request*

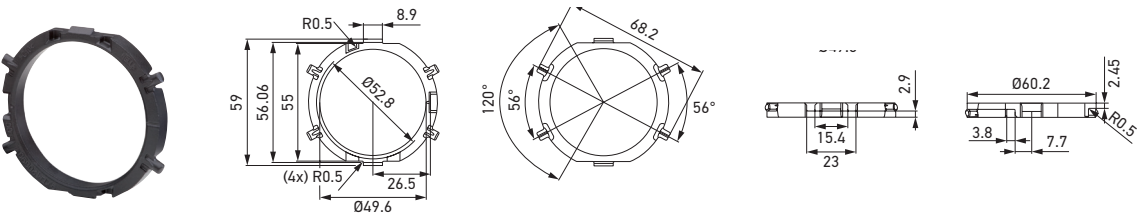
* The sensors must be specially applied for each vehicle. For that reason all part numbers are customer-specific provided.

ACCESSORIES

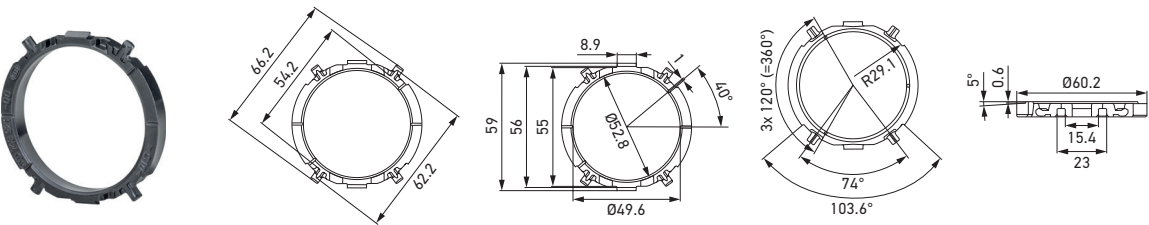
Description	Part number
For mounting with PUR liquid adhesive, material: sintered metal	9XD 420 696-104



Description	Part number
For mounting with 3M adhesive tape, material: sintered metal	9XD 420 696-001



Description	Part number
For mounting with PUR liquid adhesive, material: sintered metal. This bracket can be used together with a design cover (9HB 748 851-107).	9XD 748 921-011



Description	Part number
Design cover	9HB 748 851-101

