



Instruction Manual

The NIR-50-325 retroreflective infrared photoeye is an external entrapment protection device Type B1, non-contact sensor for use with automatic gates and doors. Since the reflector directs the beam back to the photoeye, wiring to the other side of the roadway is not needed. The NIR-50-325 operates up to 50 feet over a voltage range of 12-30 VDC and 24-30 VAC. Two LED indicators provide status information at a glance making set-up and alignment easy. The NIR-50-325 is configured for normally closed (NC) and 10K monitoring and complies with UL325 requirements.

Cautions and Warnings



This product is an accessory or part of a system. Install the NIR-50-325 according to instructions from the gate or door operator manufacturer. Comply with all applicable codes and safety regulations.

Retroreflective photoeyes rely on a reflective surface (a reflector) for proper operation. In some cases, a vehicle with a reflective surface at a given distance can act as a reflector and allow the gate to close on a vehicle.

Specifications

Operating Range	0.5 ft (0.1 m) to 50 ft (15.2 m)
Power	12-30 VDC, 24-30 VAC
Current Draw	83 mA (relay activated)
Resistive Termination	10K ohm (internal) on NO contact
Relay Output	Form C contacts (NO, COM, NC) 30 VDC/AC, 2 A
Response Time	10 mS
Operating Temperature	-4° to 131°F (-20° to 55°C)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	1.6" (41 mm) x 0.8" (21 mm) x 2.6" (66 mm)
Environmental Rating	IP 66

Ordering Information

- NIR-50-325 KIT Retroreflective photoeye kit, includes photoeye with hood, reflector with hood and mounting bracket with hardware

Monitoring Methods

UL325 requires continuous monitoring of all safety devices connected to gate and door operators. Consult the gate or door operator manufacturer's instruction manual for the necessary monitoring method.

- **Normally Closed:** Cycles power to the photoeye while monitoring the relay contacts for proper operation
- **10K Resistive Termination:** Provides a measurable 10K ohm resistance across the normally open contact (NO) when unobstructed

Installation

- Determine the mounting location of the NIR-50-325 photoeye according to UL325 guidelines.
- Deactivate the gate or door before photoeye installation.
- The NIR-50-325 cannot be used for a detection area less than 0.5 feet.

1. Check the instruction manual of the gate or door operator to determine which monitoring method is necessary for that specific operator.
2. Wire the NIR-50-325 according to the configuration table and wiring diagram on the next page.
3. Set the sensitivity adjustment to 1/3 of the maximum setting.
4. Mount the NIR-50-325 at the desired location. Hold the reflector and stand at least 1 foot away from the photoeye. Align the reflector and slowly back up to the opposite end of the detection zone where it will be mounted. Move the reflector left, right, up and down to find the detection pattern. (The typical installation will have a 2 foot diameter pattern.)

LED Indicators	
Yellow and Red On	Relay is energized and signal is aligned and stable
Yellow Off and Red On	Relay is energized, reflector is on the edge of the signal path
Yellow and Red Off	Beam is obstructed or photoeye is not aligned with the reflector

TIP:

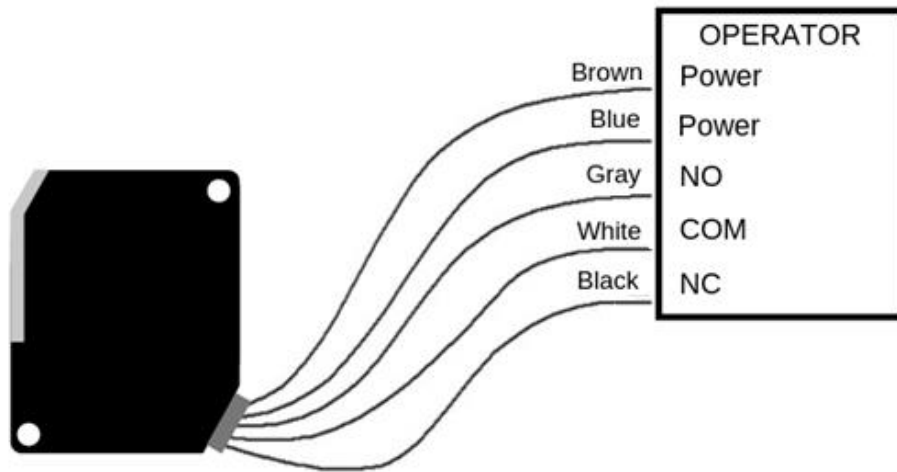
If it is necessary to reposition the photoeye, repeat these steps to properly position the reflector. Ensure that both the yellow and red LED are on to guarantee alignment in the stable area of the signal.

5. Mount the reflector as close to the center of the pattern as possible to ensure the strongest signal. Increase the sensitivity adjustment to maximum. Place an obstruction (ex. hand) between the NIR-50-325 and reflector. The yellow and red LEDs will turn off. Remove the obstruction and the yellow and red LEDs will turn on. Test the beam with an obstruction between the NIR-50-325 and reflector at multiple distances to confirm proper operation.
6. Check the operator control board and verify that the safety input is recognized by the operator.
7. Follow the gate or door operator manufacturer's installation instructions and safety checks to verify that the photoeye is operating properly.

Wiring Connections

Wire Color	Description
Brown	Power (12-30 VDC or 24-30 VAC)
Blue	Power (12-30 VDC or 24-30 VAC)
Gray	Relay – NO (normally open contact)
White	Relay – COM (common contact)
Black	Relay – NC (normally closed contact)

The relay contacts labeled on the wiring diagram are shown in the energized state, aligned with the reflector and no obstruction.



Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Does not detect obstruction	Signal is reflecting off another surface	Check area for highly reflective surfaces such as a shiny vehicle. Possible solutions are to move the photoeye farther away from the roadway or adjust the sensitivity to the minimum setting.
Red or yellow LED not on	Sensitivity is too low	Adjust sensitivity to the maximum setting.
	Photoeye is not aligned with reflector	Realign reflector according to installation instructions.
Photoeye activates but does not transmit signal to operator	Faulty connection between photoeye and operator control input	Verify all wire connections to operator.