

TOCON selection guide

pre-amplified UV Photodetectors, 0 ... 5V output



What is a TOCON?

A TOCON is a pre-amplified UV photodetector with 0...5V output. The TOCON devices are using modern hybrid technology to cancel unwanted signal disturbances caused by moisture or electromagnetic radiation. The output voltage can be directly connected to a controller or a voltage multimeter. No external amplifier is needed. Most of the TOCONs are powered by a Silicon Carbide (SiC) detector chip (ABC, A, E, C). The BLUE and GAP series works with a GaP chip. The TOCONs are available as:



...3 pin photodiodes in a TO39 housing



... or as easy to mount and connect stainless steel M12x1 thread housings, I = 32 mm, integrated plug

TOCON NOMENCLATURE

TOCON _ {spectral} {dynamic range}

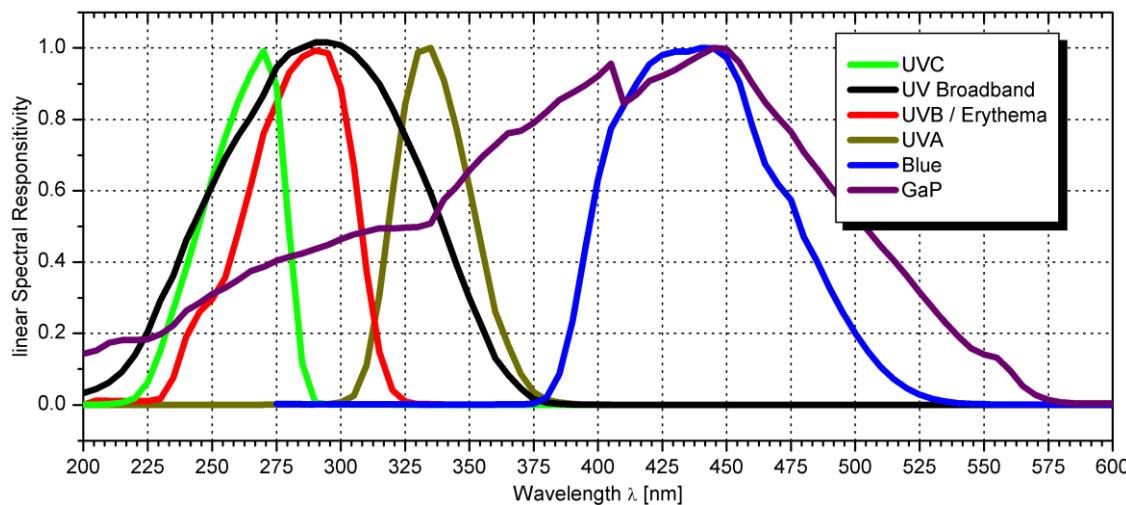
can be:	ABC	1 10
	A	3 9
	E	1 3
	C	2 9
	BLUE	1 6
	GAP	1 6

("1" is very sensitive and "10" is very unsensitive)

How to find „my“ TOCON?

Step 1 → Selection of Spectral Response

The TOCONs are available with six different spectral responses, UV broadband “ABC”, UVA “A” , UVC “C” and Erythema Curve “E” (also useful for other selective UVB/UVC measurements) and blue light “BLUE” and “GaP” for near UV (UVA+blue VIS). The below table shows the spectral response of the different TOCONs. For detailed specification please refer to Appendix B (page 4) and the datasheet.



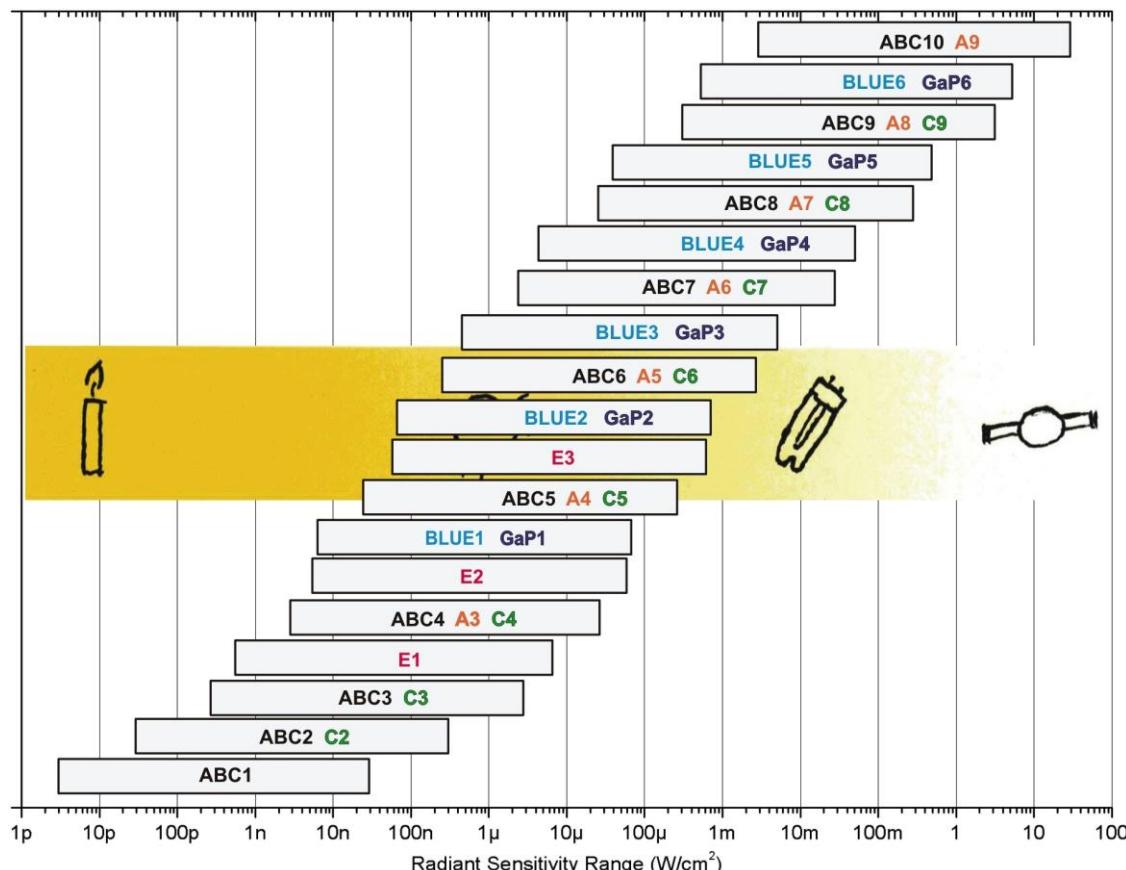
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Step 2 → selection of Sensitivity Range

The selection of the sensitivity range must be thorough. If the TOCON is too sensitive it will saturate below the upper limit of the radiation range to be measured. Conversely, a TOCON that is too insensitive gives no or a too low voltage output. Thus, for dynamic range selection, please estimate, it is best to calculate what is the max. radiation your TOCON must measure without getting saturated (the sensor will not be damaged if saturated). The related min. radiation is lower by approx. factor 5000 – if the TOCON is powered with 5V. It is possible to power the TOCON with lower voltages down to 2,5V. However, this will reduce the dynamic range by factor $5V/V_{\text{supply}}$. The graph below shows the sglux TOCONs offered spread out over a radiant intensity range of 13 orders of magnitude. The dynamic range is determined by the numeric suffix from “1” = very sensitive for very low UV radiation (e.g. a flame) to “10” = very unsensitive for very strong radiation. For detailed specification please refer to Appendix B (page 4) and the datasheet.



If a higher dynamic range than 15000 is needed, the sglux DIGITAL sensors (digital sensor with 5 orders dynamic range) could be interesting.

How to use a TOCON?

The 0...5V output voltage can be directly connected to a voltmeter or a controller. Alternatively a controller of the sglux SENSOR MONITOR 5.0 series can be used. These modules include free programmable versatile Radiometer and Dosimeter modules with 3 programmable relay outputs. A data connection and computer software are available. The SENSOR MONITOR is perfectly suited for developers.

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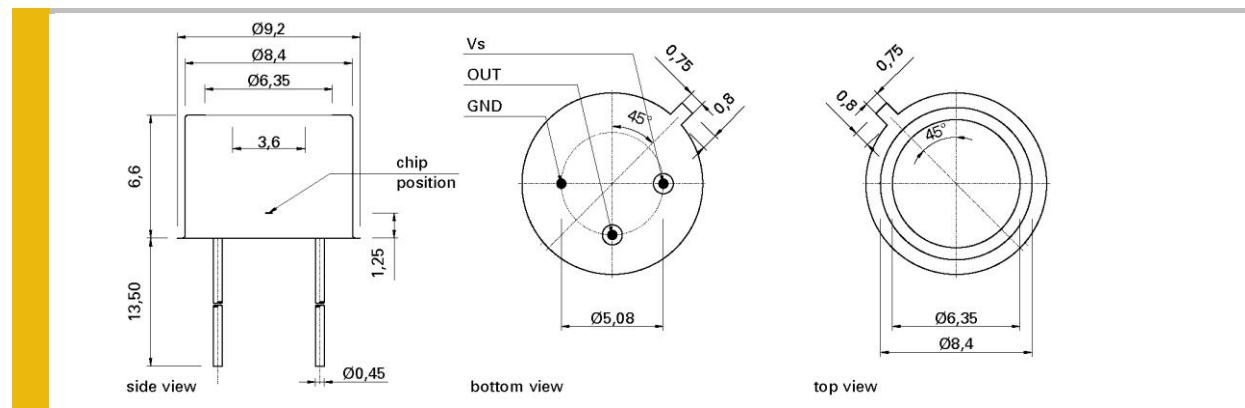
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Appendix A₁ – General Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Maximum Ratings			
Operating Temperature Range	T_{opt}	-25 ... +85	°C
Storage Temperature Range	T_{stor}	-40 ... +100	°C
Soldering Temperature (5s)	T_{sold}	300	°C
General Characteristics ($T=25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{\text{supply}}=+5 \text{ V}$)			
Supply voltage	V_{supply}	2,5 ... 5,0	V
Saturation voltage	V_{sat}	V_{supply}	V
Dark offset voltage	V_{offset}	0,05	mV
Temperature coefficient	T_c	<+0,3	%/K
Current consumption	I	0,8	mA
Bandwidth (-3 dB)	Θ	15	Hz
Risetime (63%) (other risetimes on demand)	t_{rise}	10	ms
Spectral Characteristics ($T=25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $V_{\text{supply}}=+5 \text{ V}$)			
Sensitivity at peak	S_{max}	see appendix B	nm
Wavelength of max. spectral sens.	λ_{max}	see appendix B	nm
Sensitivity range ($S=0,1 \cdot S_{\text{max}}$)	-	see appendix B	nm
SiC Visible blindness ($S_{\text{max}} / S_{>405\text{nm}}$)	VB	$>10^{10} (\text{SiC})$	-

Appendix A₂ - Drawing



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Appendix B – Product Details of all TOCONs

Model	Optical input at peak, mW/cm ² , for 2 V output	Approx. minimum irradiance (mW/cm ²)	Approx. maximum irradiance (V _{supply} = 5 V) (mW/cm ²)	Applications
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UV broadband (SiC)	Peak wavelength = 280nm Sensitivity range (S=0,1" Smax) = 210nm - 380nm			
TOCON_ABC1	7,00E-06	1,80E-09	1,80E-05	very low UV radiation detection, flame detection
TOCON_ABC2	7,00E-05	1,80E-08	1,80E-04	low UV radiation detection, occupational safety
TOCON_ABC3	7,00E-04	1,80E-07	1,80E-03	UV radiation detection, occupational safety
TOCON_ABC4	7,00E-03	1,80E-06	1,80E-02	UV irradiation measurement
TOCON_ABC5	7,00E-02	1,80E-05	1,80E-01	UV irradiation measurement
TOCON_ABC6	7,00E-01	1,80E-04	1,80E+00	optimized for total sun UV measurements (not Erythema curve)
TOCON_ABC7	7,00E+00	1,80E-03	1,80E+01	UV irradiation measurement, industrial standard UV radiation
TOCON_ABC8	7,00E+01	1,80E-02	1,80E+02	curing lamp control
TOCON_ABC9	7,00E+02	1,80E-01	1,80E+03	curing lamp control
TOCON_ABC10	7,00E+03	1,80E+00	1,80E+04	UV hardening control and other very high radiation sources

UVA selective (SiC)	Peak wavelength = 335nm Sensitivity range (S=0,1" Smax) = 310nm - 395 nm			
TOCON_A3	7,00E-03	1,80E-06	1,80E-02	UVA radiation detection
TOCON_A4	7,00E-02	1,80E-05	1,80E-01	UVA irradiation measurement
TOCON_A5	7,00E-01	1,80E-04	1,80E+00	UVA irradiation measurement
TOCON_A6	7,00E+00	1,80E-03	1,80E+01	UVA irradiation measurement
TOCON_A7	7,00E+01	1,80E-02	1,80E+02	Measurement of high UVA irradiation, curing lamp control
TOCON_A8	7,00E+02	1,80E-01	1,80E+03	Measurement of very high UVA irradiation, curing lamp control
TOCON_A9	7,00E+03	1,80E+00	1,80E+04	Measurement of very high UVA irradiation, curing lamp control

UVB selective (SiC)	Peak wavelength = 280nm Sensitivity range (S=0,1" Smax) = 230nm - 315nm, for Erythema Curve and other UVB measurements, complies with CIE087 and DIN5050			
1 UV input produces electrical output of:				
TOCON_E1	1.7 V per UVI	0.01 UVI	3 UVI	UV-Index measurements, if an attenuating diffusor is used
TOCON_E2	170 mV per UVI	0.1 UVI	30 UVI	UV-Index measurements
TOCON_E3	1,00E-01	5,00E-03	7,50E-01	UVB/UVC radiation measurements

UVC selective (SiC)	Peak wavelength = 270nm Sensitivity range (S=0,1" Smax) = 230nm - 285nm, complies with DVGW W294(3) and ÖNorm			
TOCON_C2	7,00E-05	1,80E-08	1,80E-04	low UVC radiation detection, occupational safety
TOCON_C3	7,00E-04	1,80E-07	1,80E-03	UVC radiation detection, occupational safety
TOCON_C4	7,00E-03	1,80E-06	1,80E-02	UVC irradiation measurement
TOCON_C5	7,00E-02	1,80E-05	1,80E-01	Purification lamp control
TOCON_C6	7,00E-01	1,80E-04	1,80E+00	Purification lamp control
TOCON_C7	7,00E+00	1,80E-03	1,80E+01	Purification lamp control
TOCON_C8	7,00E+01	1,80E-02	1,80E+02	curing lamp control
TOCON_C9	7,00E+02	1,80E-01	1,80E+03	curing lamp control

Blue Light (GaP)	Peak wavelength = 445nm Sensitivity range (S=0,1" Smax) = 390nm - 515nm, complies with 2006/25/EG			
TOCON_BLUE1	1,70E-02	4,20E-06	4,30E-02	measurement of very low blue light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_BLUE2	1,70E-01	4,20E-05	4,30E-01	measurement of low blue light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_BLUE3	1,70E+00	4,20E-04	4,30E+00	measurement of blue light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_BLUE4	1,70E+01	4,20E-03	4,30E+01	measurement of blue light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_BLUE5	1,70E+02	4,20E-02	4,30E+02	measurement of high blue light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_BLUE6	1,70E+03	4,20E-01	4,30E+03	measurement of very high blue light irradiation, occupational safety

UV + VIS (GaP)	Peak wavelength = 445nm Sensitivity range (S=0,1" Smax) = 190nm - 570nm			
TOCON_GaP1	1,70E-02	4,20E-06	4,30E-02	measurement of very low UV & VIS light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_GaP2	1,70E-01	4,20E-05	4,30E-01	measurement of low UV & VIS light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_GaP3	1,70E+00	4,20E-04	4,30E+00	measurement of blue UV & VIS light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_GaP4	1,70E+01	4,20E-03	4,30E+01	measurement of blue UV & VIS light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_GaP5	1,70E+02	4,20E-02	4,30E+02	measurement of high UV & VIS light irradiation, occupational safety
TOCON_GaP6	1,70E+03	4,20E-01	4,30E+03	measurement of very high UV & VIS light irradiation, occupational safety

Accessories				
TOCON_housing	miniature stainless steel housing (M12x1) with TOCON installed and removable 5-pin connector with 2m cable, easy to mount and connect, robust			
TOCON_Starter_Kit	Kit for initial testing setup, includes a TOCON socket, two banana plugs to connect with a voltmeter and a 9V block battery			