

Radiation Sensor BG51

- Nuclear Beta and Gamma Radiation Sensor
- Ultra Low Power Requirement

Description

The function of the BG51 radiation sensor is based on an array of customized PIN diodes. The integrated pulse discriminator with a temperature compensated threshold level provides true TTL signal output. The BG51 is capable of detecting beta radiation (electrons), gamma radiation (photons) and X-rays.

The performance of the BG51 solid state sensor, in combination with high immunity to electrostatic fields make it a good choice for new state-of-the-art designs as well as for upgrading existing designs.

Features and Benefits

- Detects beta and gamma radiation and X-rays
- New: Ultra low power requirement (25µA)
- Detector sensitivity: 5 cpm/µSv/h
- High immunity to RF and electrostatic fields
- Linear response over wide temperature range (-30°C to 50°C)
- Swiss made

Application Areas

- Equipment for detecting radioactivity in medical environment
- Radiation monitors for nuclear safeguards and security
- Gamma detector to detect illicit nuclear material
- Natural sciences courses and practical lab experiments

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Absolute Maximum Ratings

Supply voltage, V_{CC} to GND 18.0V Output short-circuit current continuous Storage temperature range -65°C to 100°C

Electrical characteristics

Unless otherwise indicated specified at:

 $V_{CC} = 4.0V, T_A = 25^{\circ}C$

Measurement range of dose rate 0.1 µSv/h to 100 mSv/h

Pulse count rate 5 cpm \pm 15% for 1 μ Sv/h radiation dose rate

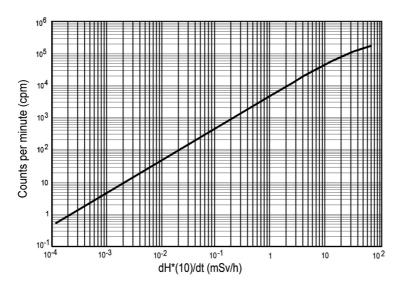
Energy response 50 KeV to above 2 MeV

Output pulse level Equal to supply voltage (positive going) Output pulse width Equal to supply voltage (positive going) 50 μ s to 200 μ s (LOW \rightarrow HIGH \rightarrow LOW)

Supply voltage range, V_{CC} 2.5V to 15.0V Supply current, I_S 25 μ A TYP

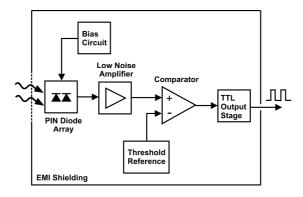
Operating temperature range -20°C to 60°C

BG51 Sensor Linearity

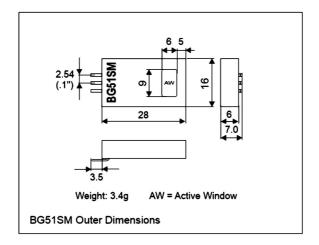


dH*(10) / dt = Radiation dose equivalent rate for Cs-137 and Co-60 (mSv/h)

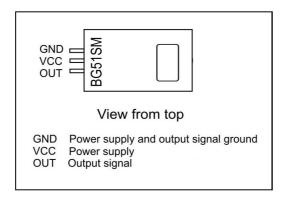
BG51 Functional Block Diagram



BG51-SM Outline Dimensions (in millimeters)



BG51-SM Connection Descriptions (View from the top side)



Soldering Recommendations

Hand soldering is recommended. 360°C max., 5 seconds max.

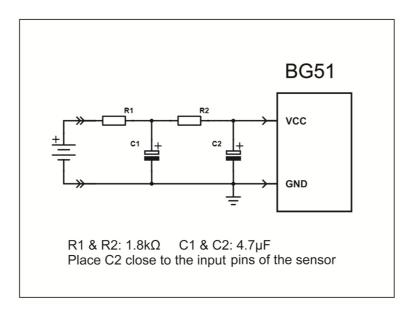
Application Information

Susceptibility to Strong Microwave Signals

In order to prevent generation of false output pulses by strong microwave signals connect a 0.01µF capacitor as close as possible to the sensor between the pins GND and VCC.

Susceptibility to Noise on Power Source

In situations where a high noise level on the power source could create undesired output pulses, an RC filter as shown below is recommended.



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