RS485 500cm Ultrasonic Level Sensor

Version: v1.0

Table of Content

1. Overview

1.1. Summary

A12 module is a kind of module which uses ultrasonic sensor technology to measure distance. The module adopts high-performance processor and high-quality components, and the product is stable and reliable with long service life. The module uses waterproof ultrasonic transducer, which has strong adaptability to working environment. The module has built-in high-precision ranging algorithm and power management program, with high ranging accuracy, low power consumption, long measurement distance and small measurement angle.

A12 module, hereinafter referred to as "module".

1.2. Product feature and scope of application

1.1.1 Features

- Long distance measurement with small angle.
- It adopts intelligent signal processing circuit with small blind area.
- The minimum error is less than 5mm.
- The measurement angle is controllable, with high sensitivity and strong anti-interference ability.
- The built-in true target recognition algorithm has high accuracy of target recognition.
- The professional measurement mode can be set, which can be used for targeted measurement of human body or plane objects.
- Multiple output modes can be selected, including high-level pulse width output, UART output or switching value, with strong interface adaptability.
- On board temperature compensation function, automatically correct temperature deviation, ranging from - 15°C to + 60°C.
- Low power consumption design, static current < 15ua, measured state current < 10mA (5V power supply).
- Wide voltage power supply, suitable for 3.3~24 v.
- Static protection design, the output lead is added with electrostatic protection device, which conforms to IEC61000-4-2 standard.
- Operating temperature - 15°C to + 60°C.

1.1.2 Scope of application

- Horizontal Ranging
- Parking Management System
- Robot avoidance and automatic control
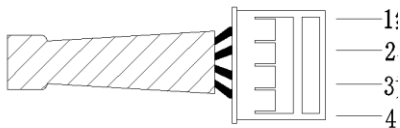- Close and wide-angle object approach and presence detection

2. Appearance description

2.1. Schematic diagram of appearance
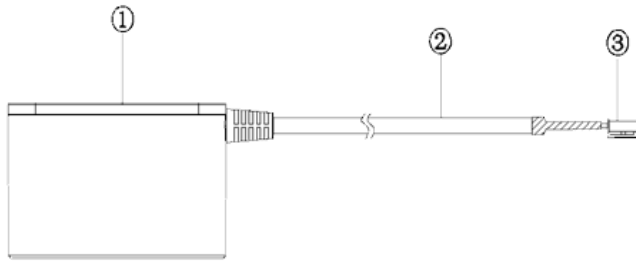
① Sensor ② Wire ③ HY2.0-4Y plug

2.2. PIN definition

PIN #	Color	PIN name	PIN description
1	Red	VCC	Power input
2	Black	GND	Ground
3	Yellow	B	RS485-B
4	White	A	RS485-A

3. Module description

A12A series module is mainly used for plane ranging; it can be used for targeted measurement of plane objects, with long measuring distance, small measuring angle and high precision. The farthest measuring range of plane object is 500cm.

4. Output methods description

4.1. RS485 output method

4.1.1. PIN and command definition

PIN #	Mark	Function description
3	B	RS485-B
4	A	RS485-A

	data bit	stop bit	parity check	Baud rate
RS485	8	1	None	9600

Protocol	Check	Slave Address	Function code-Read	Function code-Write
Modbus-RTU	CRC-16/MODBUS	Default 0x01	0x03	0x06

Read command:

	Address	0x03	Register address	Register number	CRC16 check
Byte	1	1	2	2	2

Response

	Address	0x03	Return byte	data	CRC16 check
Byte	1	1	1	N	2

Write command:

	Address	0x06	Register address	data	CRC16 check
Byte	1	1	2	2	2

Response

	Address	0x06	Register address	data	CRC16 check
Byte	1	1	2	2	2

4.1.2.　　Modbus Register

Status	Register address	Description	Type of data	Details
Read	0x0100	The calculated value of distance	UINT16	After receiving the command, start ranging, after several ranging filtering processing, output distance value, unit: mm, response time is about 500ms
Read	0x0101	Real-time distance value	UINT16	After receiving the instruction, the module starts the ranging, and directly outputs the real-time distance value, unit: mm, and the response time is about 100ms
Read	0x0102	Temperature	INT16	Unit: 0.1℃, response time about 100ms
Read/Write	0x0200	Slave address	UINT16	The value ranges from 0x01 to 0xFE. The default value is 0x01.

				0xFF indicates the broadcast address

4.1.3. Example

1) **Read the calculated value of distance**:
   Command: 01 03 01 00 00 01 85 F6
   Return: 01 03 02 02 F2 38 A1
   Description: The slave address is 0x01, the calculated value of distance is 0x02F2, convert to decimal is 754, the distance value = 754mm

2) **Read the real-time distance value:**
   Command: 01 03 01 01 00 01 D4 36
   Return: 01 03 02 02 EF F8 A8
   Description: The slave address is 0x01, the real-time distance value is 0x02EF, convert to decimal is 751, the distance value = 751mm

3) **Read the temperature value:**
   Command: 01 03 01 02 00 01 24 36
   Return: 01 03 02 01 2C B8 09
   Description: The slave address is 0x01, the temperature is 0x012C, convert to decimal is 300, the temperature value=30.0℃

4）**Modify the slave address**

   Command: 01 06 02 00 00 05 48 71
   Return: 01 06 02 00 00 05 48 71
   Description: Change the address 0x01 to 0x05.

5. Module parameter

5.1. Working parameters

Parameters	A12A	Unit	Remarks
Operating voltage	3.3~24	V	DC
Static current	<5	mA	
Operating current	<10	mA	
Measuring continue duration	≤50	ms	
Blind spot distance	25	cm	(1)
Flat object measurement range	25~500	cm	(1)
Reference angle	≈21°	-	(2)
Measurement accuracy	±(1+s*0.3%)	cm	(3)
Temperature compensation	Compensate	-	

Note:

(1) The temperature is 25 ± 5 °C, the measured object is a 50cm × 60cm flat carton, and the transducer should be perpendicular to the measured object as much as possible.

(2) The test object is the reference data of the white PVC pipe with a distance of 100 cm and the diameter of 75 mm × 100 cm.

(3) The temperature is 25 ± 5 °C, the measured object is 50cm x 60cm flat carton, s is the measurement distance.

5.2. Rated environmental condition

Items	Minimum	Typical value	Maximum	Unit	Remarks
Storage temperature	-25	25	80	°C	
Storage humidity		65%	90%	RH	(1)
Operating temperature	-15	25	60	°C	
Operating humidity		65%	80%	RH	(1)

Note:

(1) a. when the ambient temperature is 0-39 °C, the maximum humidity is 90% (non-condensing).

b. When the ambient temperature is 40-50 °C, the maximum humidity is the highest natural humidity (non-condensation) under the current temperature.

5.3. Rated electrical condition

| Items	Specification			Unit	Remarks
	Minimum	Typical value	Maximum		
Operating voltage	3.2	5.0	24	V	
Peak current	30		50	mA	Peak to peak
Input ripple			50	mV	Peak to peak
Input noise			100	mV	Peak to peak
ESD			±200/±2K	V	(1)
ESD			±4K/±8K	V	(2)

Note:
(1) Assemble line body static electricity specification, contact static electricity should not be higher than ±200V, air static electricity should not be higher than ±2KV.
(2) The probe shell and output lead comply with IEC61000-4-2 standard.

6. Reference diagram of effective detection range

6.1. The object to be tested is PVC white cylindrical tube with a height of 1000mm and a diameter of 75mm.

Paper material plane beam diagram (Unit: m)
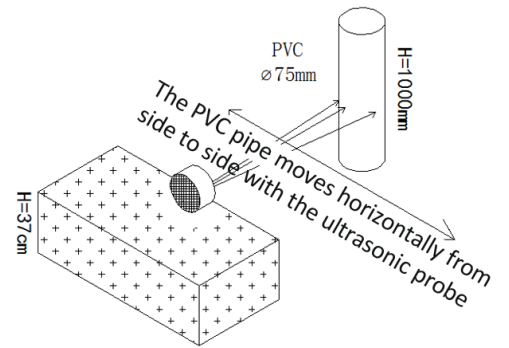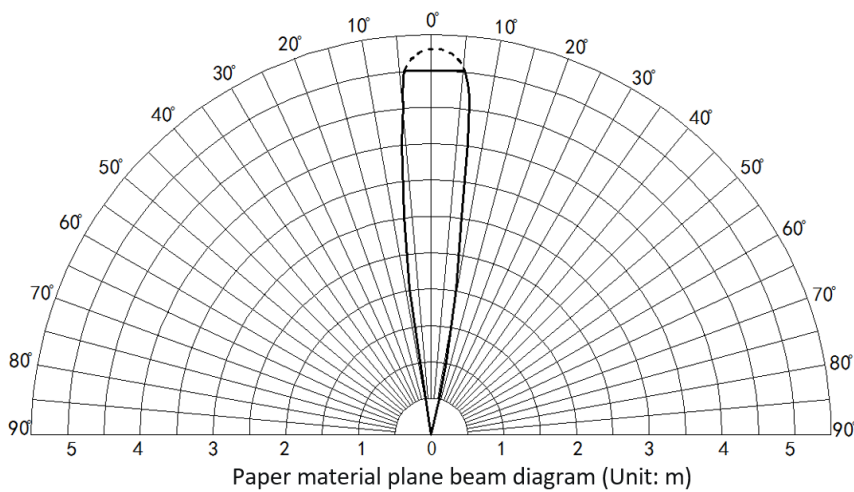
6.2.   The object to be tested is "corrugated box", which is perpendicular to the 0 ° axis, and the length * width is 60cm * 50cm.

Paper material plane beam diagram (Unit: m)
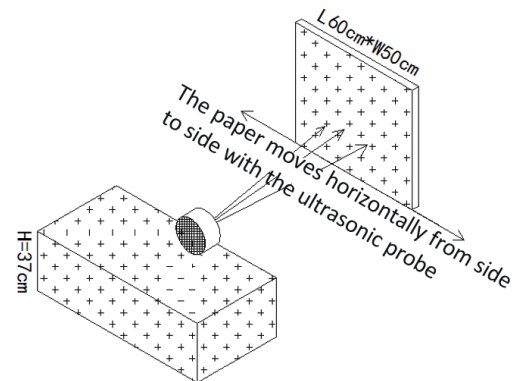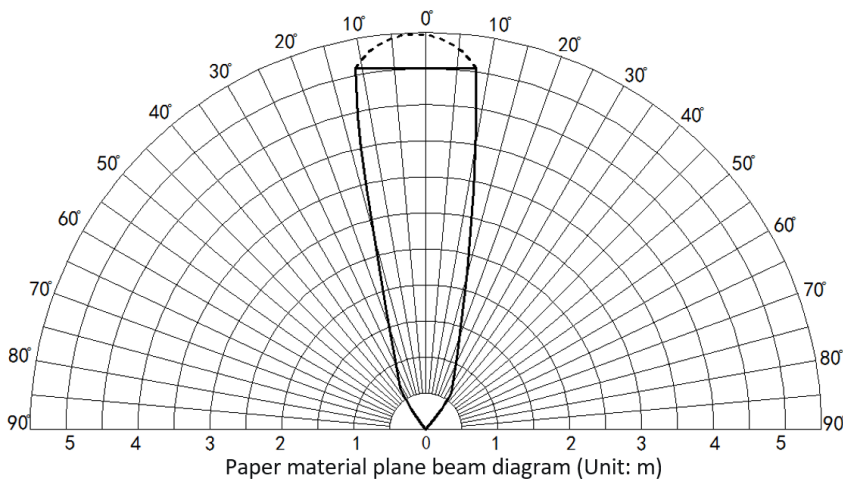
7.   Reliability test conditions

Items	Test content	Experimental condition	Samples	Remarks
1	High temperature and humidity	65°C, 85% RH, power ON@24V， 72hrs	3	
2	Low temperature operation	-20°C, power ON@24V， 72hrs	3	
3	High temperature and humidity storage	80°C, 80% RH, storage, 72hrs	3	
4	Low temperature storage	-30 °C, storage, 72hrs	3	
5	Vibration test	10-200hz, 15min, 2.0g, XYZ three axes, 0.5h for each axis	3	
6	Drop test	1.2m free fall, 5 times @ wooden floor	3	

Note: after the test, the module is judged to be OK after passing the function test, and the performance degradation rate is less than or equal to 10%.

8. Matter needing attention

1. The module will assemble the net cover by default. If the net cover cannot be used or is not needed in the application scenario, please remove the net cover.

2. Please pay attention to EMC evaluation during design. Improper system design may cause abnormal function of module.

3. When the boundary application of module limit parameters is involved, the FAE of our company can be contacted to confirm the relevant precautions.

9. Package size

Unit: mm
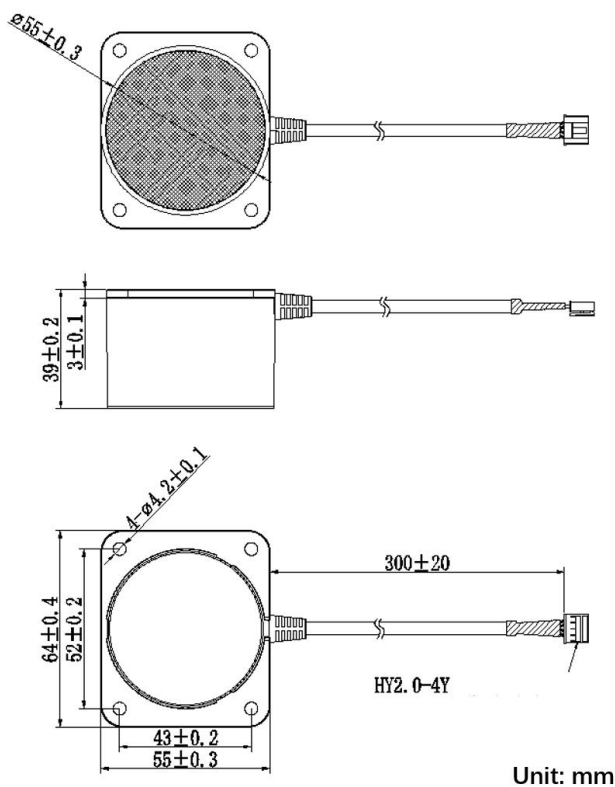
10. Packing specifications

By default, electrostatic bag and bubble bag packaging, no independent box.