LX1972 VISIBLE LIGHT SENSOR

New Product Information and Sales Kit

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More than solutions – enabling possibilities
INTRODUCTION

The **LX1972** is a low cost silicon light sensor with spectral response that closely emulates the human eye.

Patented circuitry produces **peak spectral response at 520nm**, with IR response less than ±5%, of the peak response, above 900nm.

The photo sensor is a PIN diode array with a linear, accurate, and very repeatable current transfer function. High gain current mirrors on the chip multiply the PIN diode photo-current to a sensitivity level that can be voltage scaled with a standard value external resistor. Output current from this easy to use two-pin device can be used directly or converted to a voltage by placing it in series with a single resistor at one of its two pins.

This resistor (typically in the range of 10K to 100K) and the power supply value determine the dynamic range. Typically, the LX1972 needs only **1.8V of headroom** to operate at the 1000 Lux of illumination.

Internal temperature compensation allows dark current to be kept below **200nA** over the full specification temperature range (-40 to +85°C), providing high accuracy at low light levels. Usable ambient light conditions range is from 1 to more than 5000 Lux.

The LX1972 is optimized for controlling back lighting systems in low cost consumer products such as LCD TV, portable computers, and digital cameras.

The LX1972 is available in a clear two pin 1206 package.

SUMMARY

The LX1972 is a small, cost effective solution to sensing visible light.
**KEY PRODUCT INFORMATION**

**BLOCK DIAGRAM**

![Block Diagram](image)

**Figure 1 – Block Diagram**

**SPECTRAL RESPONSE**

![Spectral Response](image)

**Figure 2 – LX1972 Spectral Response**

**KEY FEATURES**

- Approximate Human Eye Spectral Response
- Low IR Sensitivity
- Highly Accurate & Repeatable Output Current vs. Light
- Voltage Scalable
- Temperature Stable
- Integrated High Gain Photo Current Amplifiers
- No Optical Filters Needed
- Low Dark Leakage Current
- 2-pin 1206 package

**APPLICATIONS**

- PDA
- Notebook PC
- LCD TV Backlight Systems
- Tablet PC
- Mobile Phones
- Digital Cameras
**TYPICAL APPLICATIONS**

**Figure 3 – LX1972 & LX1995 Application**

- VIN to LX1972
- GND to LX1972
- SHDN to LX1972
- 3.3V
- C1: 4.7µF
- R1: 100K
- VIN to SHDN
- L1: 10µH
- LX1995
- IN to SHDN
- SW to FB
- GND
- R4: 10K
- C3: 10µF
- R8: 60.4K
- C4: 0.1µF
- R7: 24.9K
- MMBT2907
- VIN to S/P
- BRT to LS
- GND
- FB
- VIN
- R5: 5.76K
- R6: 15
- UPS5817
- D1

**Figure 4 – LX1972 & LX1994 Application**

- VIN to LX1972
- GND to LX1972
- SHDN to LX1972
- VIN
- 3.3V
- C1: 4.7µF
- R1: 100K
- LX1994
- VIN to S/P
- BRT to LS
- GND
- FB
- CMP
- 22µH
- FDN337
- UPS5819
- 1M
- 1µF
- 41.2K
- 15
- 1µF
- 4.99K
- 1µF
- 15K
- 100K
- VIN = 2.0V to 5.5V
- PWM Dimming Input
- MMBT2907
## Competitive Analysis

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<td>Sink or Source</td>
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SALES STRATEGY

Find Sockets

- Any equipment requiring luminosity adjustment
- LCD panels (CCFL or white LED)
- Battery powered CCFL or LED light sources
- Luminosity adjustment over wide temperature range

Positioning

- Simple easy to use current output design
- Small two-pin 1206 package
- Accurate linear response
- Useful over wide temperature range
- Low temperature compensated dark current
- Wide input voltage range
- No optical filters needed

Important Facts to Remember

- No pin-for-pin competition
- Compare total BOM cost with competition
- Wide input voltage and temperature range

Eligible for Registration

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SUMMARY

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Note:

Availability

Samples: LX1972IBC
Production: Now

Options

Temperature: Industrial -40 to 85°C
Packages: BC 2-Pin 1206 Tape & Reel [MOQ 3000pcs]

Technical Support

Datasheet: See Microsemi’s Website
Application Note: See Datasheet
Evaluation Board: LX1972 Evaluation Board (LX1972 Eval Kit)

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