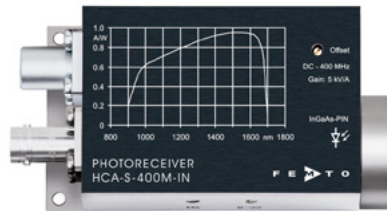


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The picture shows model HCA-S-400M-IN-FST

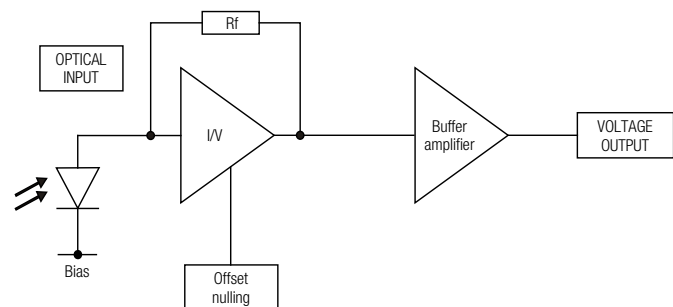
Features

- **InGaAs-PIN photodiode**
- **Bandwidth DC – 400 MHz**
- **Amplifier transimpedance gain 5.0×10^3 V/A**
- **Max. conversion gain 4.8×10^3 V/W @ 1550 nm**
- **Spectral range 900 – 1700 nm**
- **Free-space input 1.035"-40 threaded**
- **Fiber optic input available as permanently mounted FC-input**
- **UNC 8-32 and M4 tapped holes for mounting on standard posts with metric and imperial thread**

Applications

- **Spectroscopy**
- **Fast pulse and transient measurements**
- **Optical triggering**
- **Optical front-end for oscilloscopes, A/D converters and HF lock-in amplifiers**

Block Diagram



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Intended Use

The HCA-S-400M-IN photoreceiver consists of an InGaAs photodiode and a subsequent low-noise fixed gain transimpedance amplifier. It is designed for fast conversion of small optical signals into equivalent output voltages. Operation is mostly self-explanatory. If in doubt, consult this document or contact support@femto.de.

For safe operation, please refer to the damage thresholds specified in the "Absolute Maximum Ratings", "Temperature Range" and "Power Supply" sections of this document.

The operating environment must be free of smoke, dust, grease, oil, condensing moisture, and other contaminants that could affect the operation or performance.

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Available Versions
HCA-S-400M-IN-FST


1.035"-40 threaded flange with internally threaded coupler ring (outer diameter 30 mm) for free space applications, compatible with many optical standard accessories

HCA-S-400M-IN-FC


Fix/permanent FC fiber connector for high coupling efficiency and excellent conversion gain accuracy

Related Models
HCA-S-400M-SI-FST

Si-PIN, $\varnothing$ 0.8 mm, 320 – 1000 nm
free space input, 1.035"-40 threaded flange

HCA-S-400M-SI-FC

Si-PIN, $\varnothing$ 0.8 mm, 320 – 1000 nm
FC fiber connector (fix/permanent)

Available Accessories
PRA-PAP


Alternative mounting option:
Post adapter plate, easy to mount
on FEMTO photoreceiver series OE,
FWPR, PWPR, HCA-S and LCA-S.

PS-15-25-L


Power Supply
Input: 100 – 240 VAC
Output: ± 15 VDC

Specifications
Test conditions

$V_s = \pm 15$ V, $T_A = 25$ °C, output load impedance 50 Ω ,
warm-up 20 minutes (min. 10 minutes recommended)

Gain
Transimpedance gain

5.0×10^3 V/A (@ output load 50 Ω)

Gain accuracy

± 1 % (electrical)

Conversion gain

4.8×10^3 V/W typ. (@ 1550 nm, output load 50 Ω)

Frequency Response
Lower cut-off frequency

DC

Upper cut-off frequency (–3 dB)

400 MHz (± 15 %)

Gain flatness

± 1 dB

Time Response
Rise/fall time (10 % – 90 %)

1.0 ns

Input
Noise equivalent power (NEP)

24 pW/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ (@ 1550 nm, 100 MHz)

Optical saturation power

200 μ W (for linear amplification, @ 1550 nm)

Input offset compensation range

± 200 μ A, adjustable by offset potentiometer

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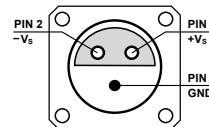
Detector	Detector	InGaAs-PIN photodiode
	Active area (FST version) Active area (FC version)	Ø 0.3 mm integrated ball lens suitable for fibers up to 62.5 µm core diameter
Output	Spectral range	900 – 1700 nm
	Max. sensitivity	0.95 A/W typ. (@ 1550 nm)
Optical Input Connector	Output voltage range	±1.0 V (@ 50 Ω output load) for linear operation and low harmonic distortion
	Max. output voltage range	±1.5 V (@ 50 Ω output load)
	Output impedance	50 Ω (terminate with 50 Ω load)
	Output noise	3 mV RMS (20 mV peak-peak) typ. (@ 50 Ω load, no signal on detector, measurement bandwidth 1.5 GHz)
Power Supply	Material FST flange	1.4305 stainless steel, nickel-plated
	Material FST coupler ring	1.4305 stainless steel, glass bead blasted
	Material FC receptacle	nickel silver
Case	Supply voltage	±15 V (±14.5 V ... ±16.5 V)
	Supply current	±55 mA (depends on operating conditions, recommended power supply capability min. ±150 mA)
Temperature Range	Weight	209 g (0.46 lbs) HCA-S-400M-IN-FST incl. coupler ring 188 g (0.41 lbs) HCA-S-400M-IN-FC
	Material	AlMg4.5Mn, nickel-plated
Absolute Maximum Ratings	Storage temperature	–30 °C ... +85 °C
	Operating temperature	0 °C ... +60 °C

Absolute Maximum Ratings

Optical input power (CW)	10 mW
Power supply voltage	±20 V

Connectors

Input	HCA-S-400M-IN-FST	1.035"-40 threaded flange for free space applications and for use with various types of optical standard accessories
	HCA-S-400M-IN-FC	FC fiber optic connector (fix/permanent, FC/PC and FC/APC compatible)
Output	BNC jack (female)	
Power supply	LEMO® series 1S, 3-pin fixed socket (mating plug type: FFA.1S.303.CLAC52)	



Pin 1: +15 V
Pin 2: –15 V
Pin 3: GND

Scope of Delivery

HCA-S-400M-IN, internally threaded coupler ring (FST version only), LEMO® 3-pin connector, datasheet, transport package

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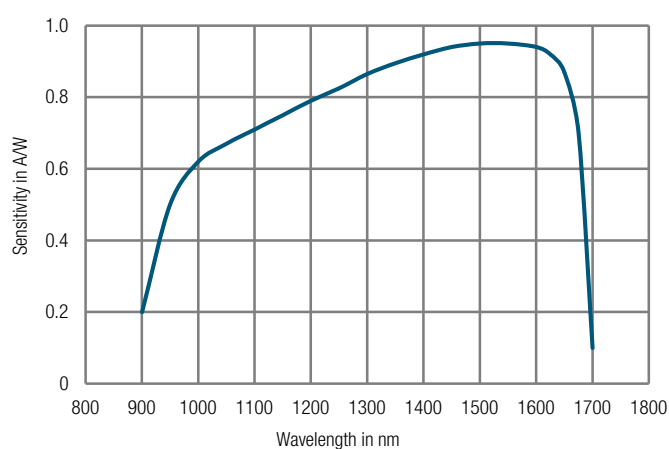
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HCA-S-400M-IN-FC

FC fiber optic connector (fix/permanent, FC/PC and FC/APC compatible).

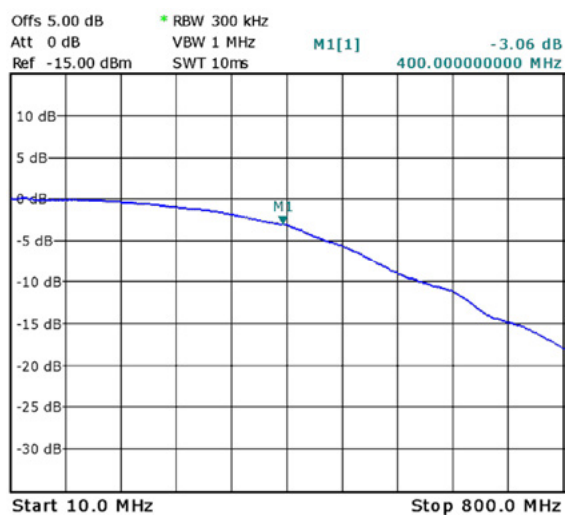
Spectral Response



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Typical Performance Characteristics

Frequency response



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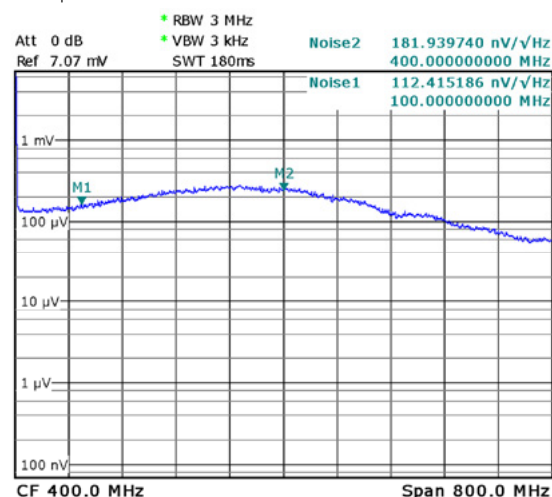
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Noise spectrum



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Note: spectral noise data is measured at the amplifier output with no signal on the photodiode.

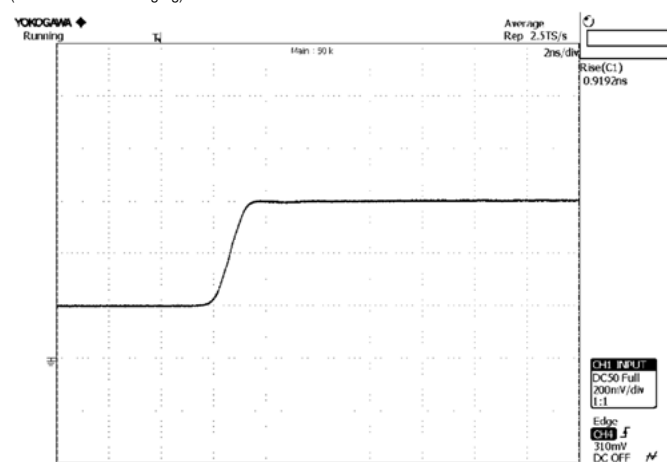
To determine the spectral input noise divide the measured output noise by the amplifier conversion gain.

Conversion gain (V/W) = amplifier gain (V/A) × photo sensitivity (A/W).

Marker frequency output noise resulting input noise (NEP)

Marker	frequency	output noise	resulting input noise (NEP)
1	100 MHz	112 nV/√Hz	24 pW/√Hz (@ 1550 nm)

Pulse response to square wave input signal
(with 16 times averaging)



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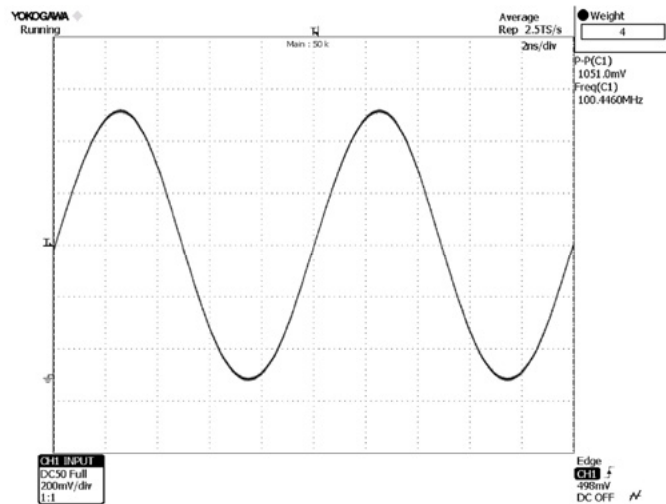
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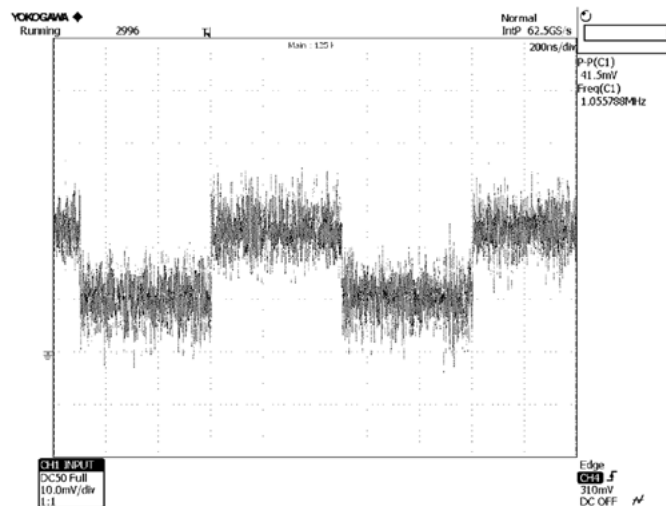
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Large signal response
output signal for 100 MHz, 210 μ W modulated optical input signal
(with 4 times averaging)



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Small signal response
output signal for 3 μ W modulated optical input signal, 1 MHz square wave, without averaging



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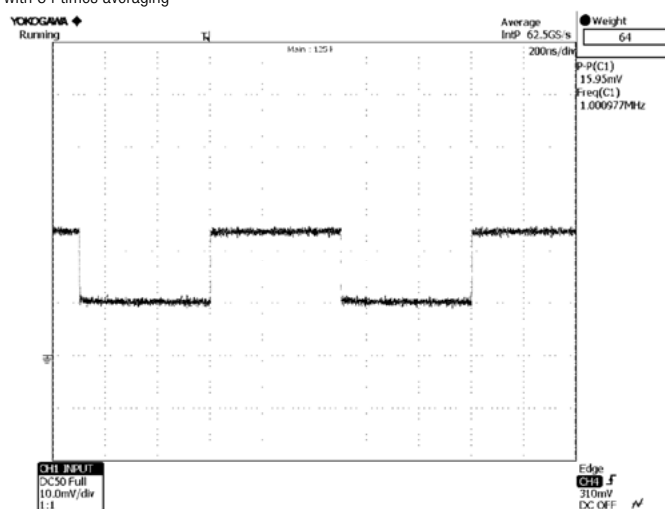
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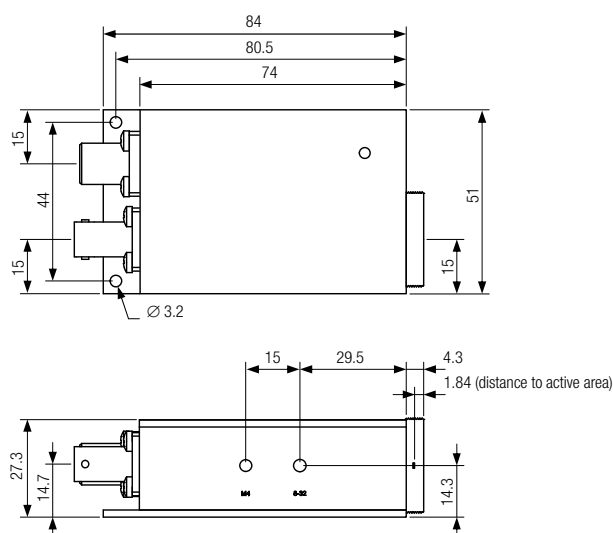
Small signal response
output signal for 3 μ W modulated optical input signal, 1 MHz square wave,
with 64 times averaging



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Dimensions

HCA-S-400M-IN-FST (1.035"-40 threaded free space input)



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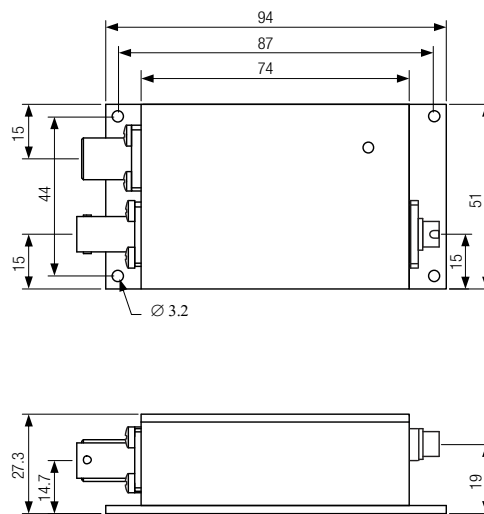
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HCA-S-400M-IN-FC (FC fiber optic connector)



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