

# BF4R Series

## High reliability of fiber optic amplifier for convenient mounting

### ■ Features

- High speed response : Max. 0.5ms
- Auto sensitivity setting (Button setting) / Remote sensitivity setting.
- External synchronization input, mutual interference protection, self-diagnosis.
- Reverse power polarity and short-circuit (Overcurrent) protection circuit
- Timer function : Selectable None / 40ms OFF delay timer (fixed) (Standard type, remote sensitivity setting type only)
- Automatically selectable Light ON / Dark ON mode.
- Precise detection of small target and complicated place to install.



**!** Please read "Caution for your safety" in operation manual before using.



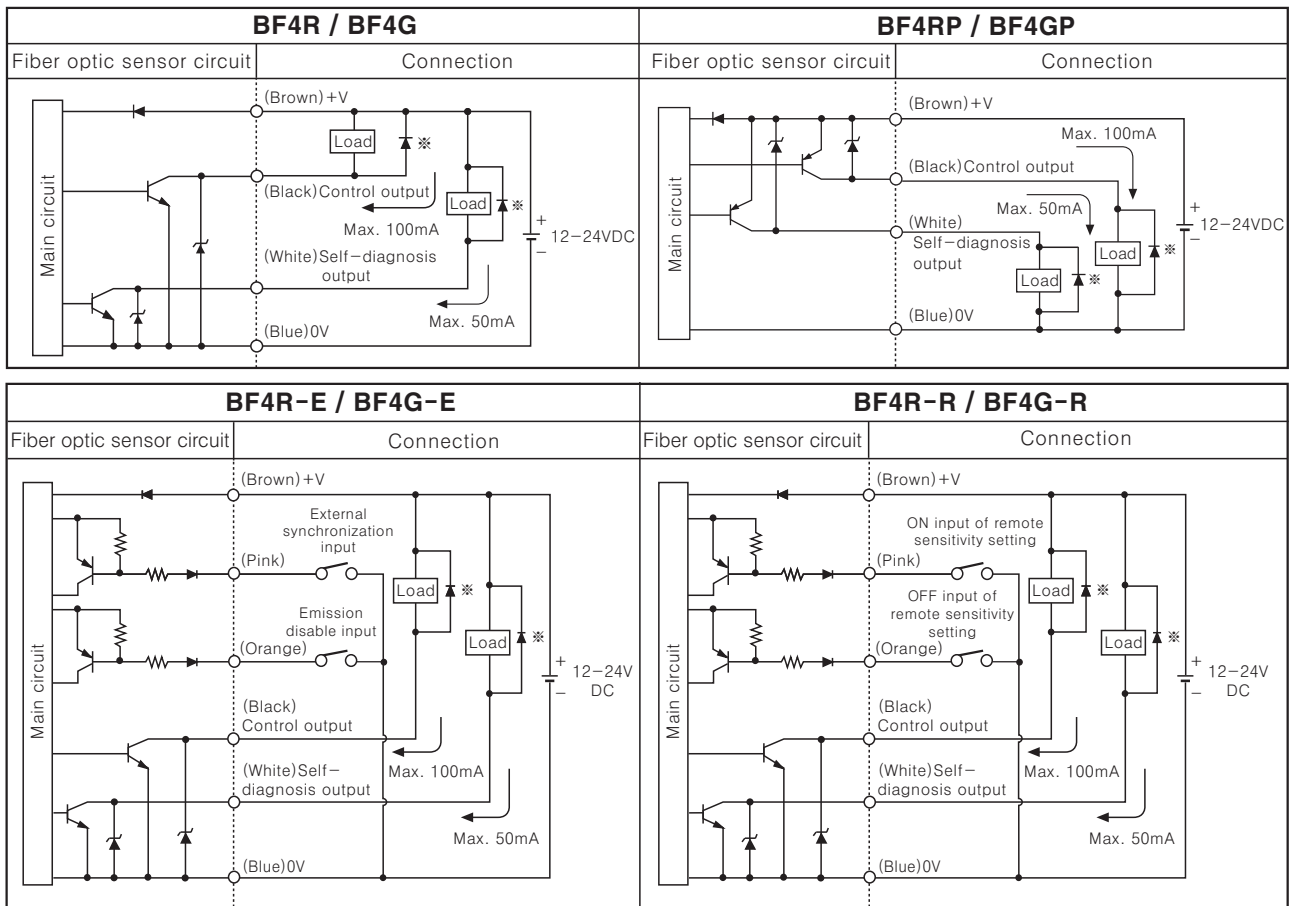
### ■ Specifications

| Model                               | Standard type   |           |         |   | External synchronization input type |           | Remote sensitivity setting type     |           |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|---------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                     | BF4RP   | BF4GP     | BF4R    | BF4G  | BF4R-E                              | BF4G-E    | BF4R-R                              | BF4G-R    |
| Response Frequency                  | Max. 0.5ms (FREQ.1), Max. 0.7ms (FREQ.2)  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Power supply                        | 12-24VDC ±10%, Ripple P-P: Max. 10%   |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Current consumption                 | Max. 45mA   |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Light source (Modulated light)      | Red LED   | Green LED | Red LED | Green LED   | Red LED                             | Green LED | Red LED                             | Green LED |
| Sensitivity adjustment              | Sensitivity adjustment button (ON/OFF)  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Operation mode                      | Automatic selection of Light ON/Dark ON accordance with button setting  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Control output                      | PNP open collector output   |           |         | NPN open collector output   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
|                                     | Load current: Max. 100mA<br>Applied voltage: Max. 30VDC<br>Output voltage: Min. (Power supply -2.5V)                                |           |         | Load current : Max. 100mA, Load voltage : Max. 30VDC<br>Residual voltage : Max. 1V (at 100mA load current),<br>Max. 0.4V (at 16mA load current) |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Self-diagnosis output               | ON state under unstable sensing (When the target stays for 300ms in unstable area),<br>ON state when control output short-circuited |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
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| Protection circuit                  | Reverse power polarity, Short-circuit (Overcurrent) protection circuit  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Indicator                           | Operation indicator : Red LED, Stability indicator : Green LED ON when the target stays in stable sensing level                     |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Input of stop transmission function | _____   |           |         |   | Built-in                            |           | _____                               |           |
| External synchronization function   | _____   |           |         |   | Built-in (Gate/Trigger)             |           | _____                               |           |
| Remote sensitivity setting function | _____   |           |         |   | _____                               |           | Built-in                            |           |
| Interference prevention function    | <b>(Note1)</b> Built-in selectable FREQ.1 or FREQ.2 by ON/OFF button  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Timer function (Selectable)         | None / 40ms OFF delay timer (fixed)   |           |         |   | _____                               |           | None / 40ms OFF delay timer (fixed) |           |
| Insulation resistance               | Min. 20MΩ (at 500VDC megger)  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Ambient illumination                | Sunlight : Max. 11,000lx, Incandescent lamp : Max. 3,000lx  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Noise strength                      | ±240V the square wave noise (pulse width : 1μs) by the noise simulator  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Dielectric strength                 | 1,000VAC 50/60Hz for 1 minute   |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Vibration                           | 1.5mm amplitude at frequency of 10 to 55Hz in each of X, Y, Z directions for 2 hours  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Shock                               | 500m/s <sup>2</sup> (50G) in X, Y, Z direction for 3 times  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Ambient temperature                 | Operation : -10 to 50°C, Storage : -20 to 70°C (at non-freezing state)  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Ambient humidity                    | 35 to 85%RH   |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Material                            | Case : Heat-resistance ABS, Cover : PC  |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Cable                               | φ 4, 4P, Length : 2m, AWG22, Insulation diameter : φ 1.2   φ 4, 6P, Length : 2m, AWG24, Insulation diameter : φ 1.0                 |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Approval                            | <b>CE</b>   |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |
| Unit weight                         | Approx. 65g   |           |         |   |                                     |           |                                     |           |

※ **(Note1)** Frequency1 (Normal mode) : Max. 0.5ms, Frequency2 : Max. 0.7ms

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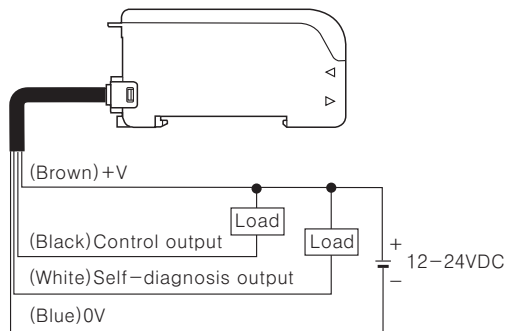
## Control output diagram



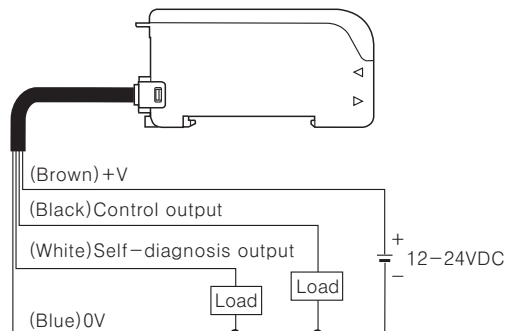
\*Connect Diode at external terminal for inductive load.

## Connections

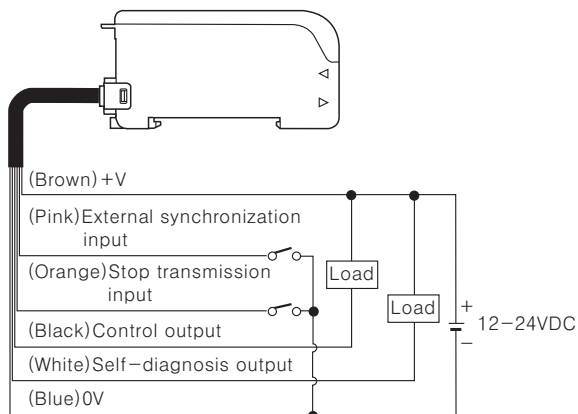
### ●BF4R/BF4G



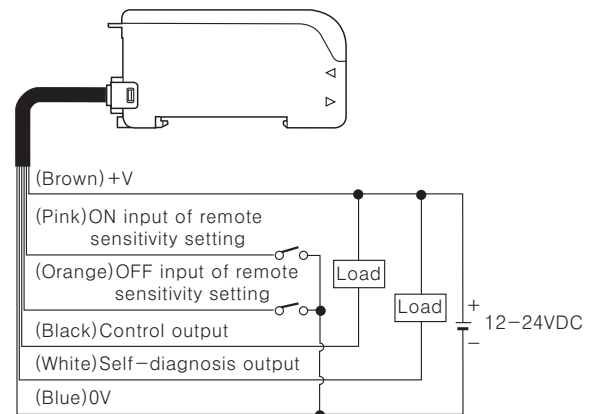
### ●BF4RP/BF4GP



### ●BF4R-E/BF4G-E



### ●BF4R-R/BF4G-R



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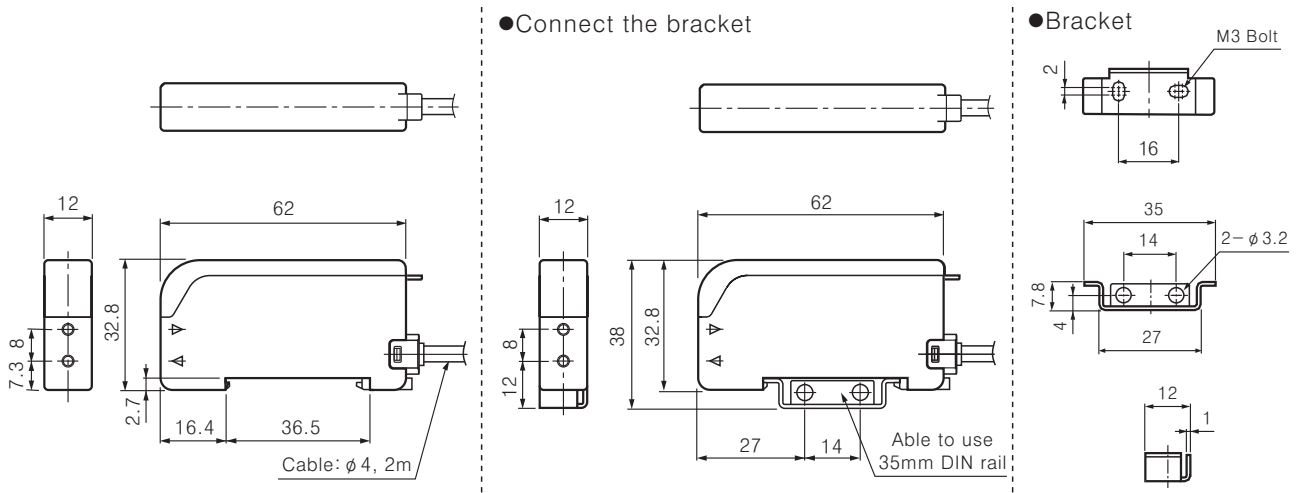
(S) Field network device

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## Dimensions

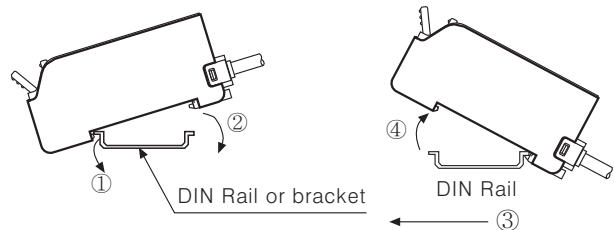
(Unit:mm)



## Installations

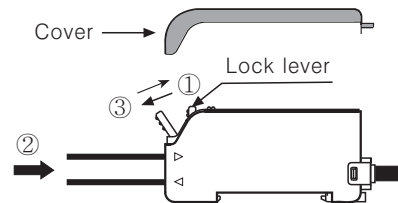
### Amplifier unit mounting

- ① Hook the amplifier on the front of DIN rail (or Bracket).
- ② Press the rear part of the amplifier on DIN rail (or Bracket).
- ③ In case of separating amplifier push the back of amplifier toward ③ and lift the hole for fiber toward ④ up then simply take it out without tools.
- ④ up then simply take it out without tools.



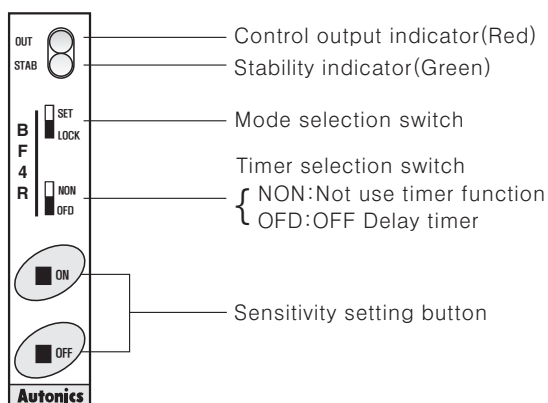
### Fiber cable connection

- ① Open the Lock lever to "↙" direction. (Unlock)
- ② Insert the fiber optic cable in the amplifier slowly. (Depth : 10mm)
- ③ Close the Lock lever to "↘" direction. (Lock)

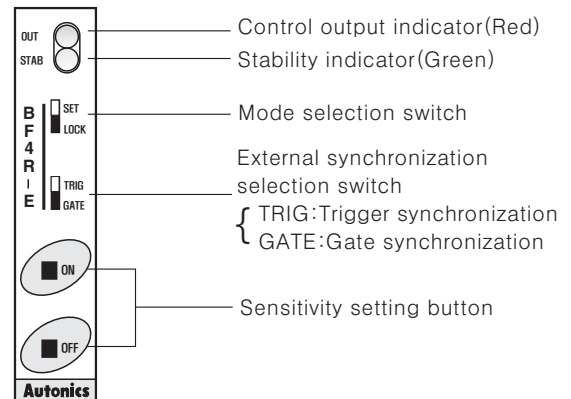


## Front part identification

### BF4R / BF4G / BF4RP / BF4GP / BF4R-R / BF4G-R

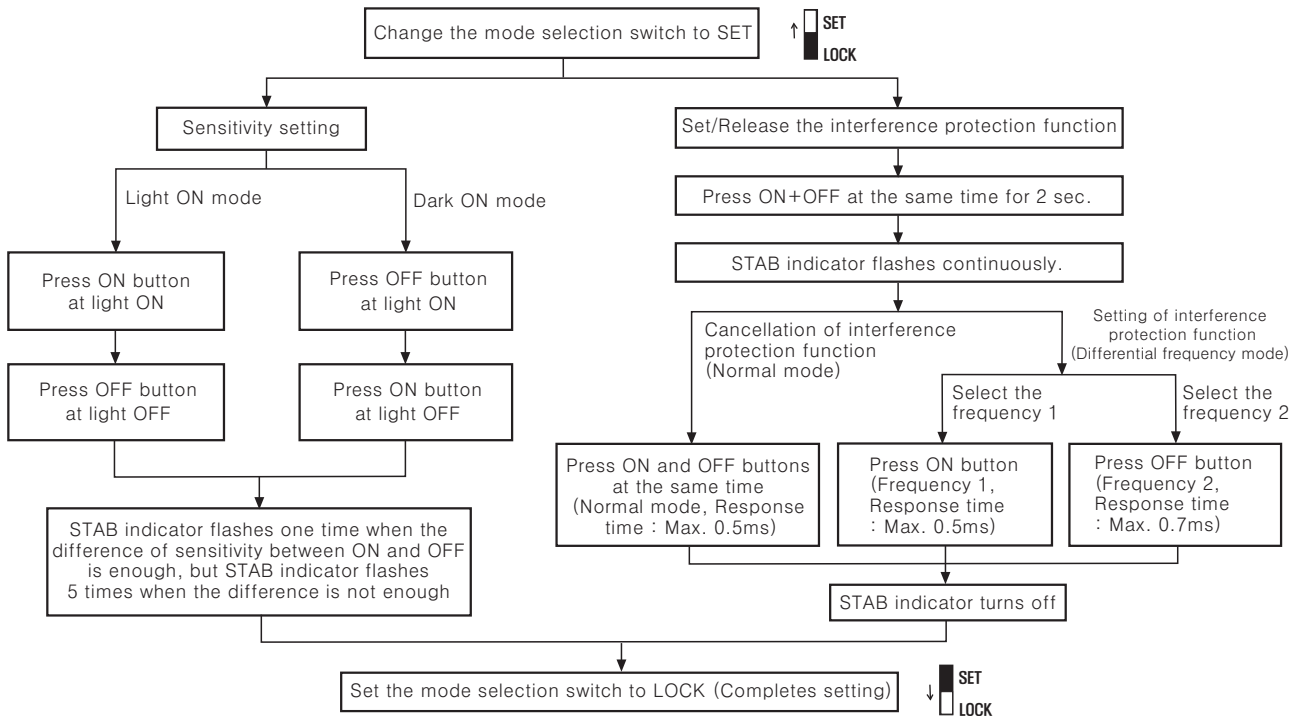


### BF4R-E / BF4G-E



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## Setting mode



## Sensitivity adjustment

### Adjustment by the sensitivity setting button(Common)

#### Light ON mode

The control output turns on at Light ON status and turns off at Light OFF status.

| Order | Setting method  |
|-------|---|
| ①     | Mount the fiber optic cable within sensing distance.  |
| ②     | Change the mode selection switch to <b>[SET]</b> .  |
| ③     | Diffuse reflective: Press <b>[ON]</b> button with the sensing target in place.<br>Transmitted beam: Press <b>[ON]</b> button without the sensing target.<br>  |
| ④     | Stability indicator flashes at ON state. (Check the target position)  |
| ⑤     | Diffuse reflective: Press <b>[OFF]</b> button with the sensing target removed.<br>Transmitted beam: Press <b>[OFF]</b> button with the sensing target in place.<br>   |
| ⑥     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When there is enough sensitivity difference between ON state and OFF state, the STAB indicator flashes one time only at stable sensing level.</li> <li>When there is not enough sensitivity difference between ON state and OFF state, the STAB indicator flashes five times at unstable sensing level. <b>(Note)</b></li> </ul> |
| ⑦     | Change the mode selection switch to <b>[LOCK]</b> , even though the sensitivity setting button is touched, setting sensitivity shall not be changed.  |

**(Note)** The sensitivity can be set at unstable sensing area.

#### Dark ON mode

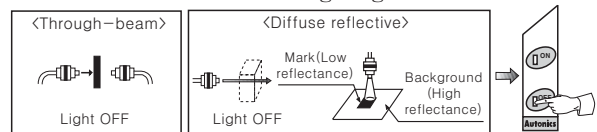
The control output turns off at Light ON status and turns on at Light OFF status.

<How to set sensitivity>

Most of adjustments except ③ & ⑤ are same as Light ON mode.

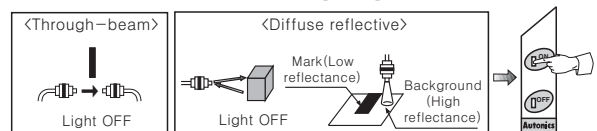
③ state

- Diffuse reflective : Press **[ON]** button without the sensing target.
- Through-beam : Press **[ON]** button with the sensing target.



⑤ state

- Diffuse reflective : Press **[OFF]** button with the sensing target.
- Through-beam : Press **[OFF]** button without the sensing target.



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## ◎To set as max. sensitivity(Common)

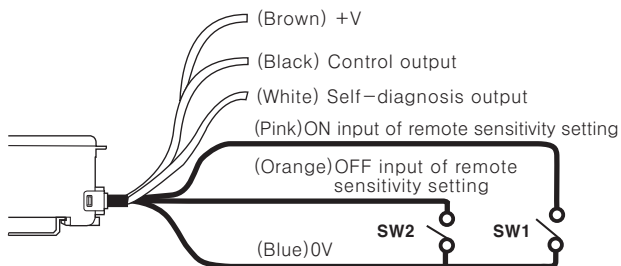
- ①Set the mode selection switch to [SET] mode.
- ②If there is no sensing target,  
**Light ON mode** : Press [ON → OFF] button  
**Dark ON mode** : Press [OFF → ON] button
- ③Set the mode selection switch to [LOCK] mode.  
 ※External sensitivity setting  
**●Light ON Mode**(From above ③)  
 External sensitivity setting **ON** input (High→Low→High),  
 External sensitivity setting **OFF** input (High→Low→High)  
**●Dark ON Mode**(From above ③)  
 External sensitivity setting **OFF** input (High→Low→High),  
 External sensitivity setting **ON** input (High→Low → High)

### < Application >

- To extend sensing distance by the diffuse reflective type :  
 If fiber optic sensor is used in place where there are targets with high reflectivity and low reflectivity, able to get stable detection by adjusting max. sensitivity.
- When it is used as transmitted beam type at bad environment :  
 If fiber optic sensor is used in place where there is lots of dust or moisture it might cause malfunction. Please max. sensitivity then it can perform stable detection.

## ◎Remote adjustment of sensitivity [BF4R(G)-R]

BF4R-R/BF4G-R type can adjust the sensitivity with input signal lines regardless of the mode selection switch as following diagram :



- ①SW1 (ON input of remote sensitivity setting) :  
 SW1 turns on and then turns off instead of ③ method by the sensitivity setting button.
- ②SW2 (OFF input of remote sensitivity setting) :  
 SW2 turns on and then turns off instead of ⑤ method by the sensitivity setting button.

### <External sensitivity setting input signal condition>

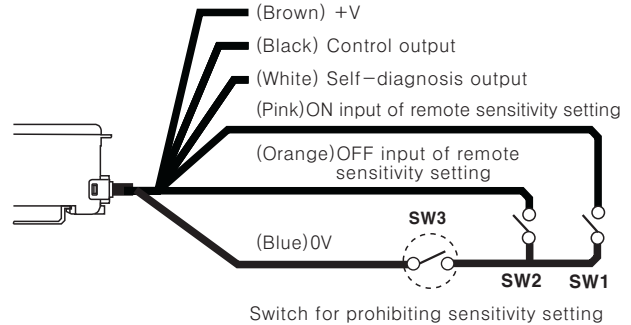
| State | Signal condition  |
|-------|-------------------|
| High  | 4.5-30VDC or Open |
| Low   | 0-1VDC            |

\*Input impedance:10kΩ

## ◎Prohibition of inputting External sensitivity setting[BF4R(G)-R]

Even though mode switch is at Lock position, it is able to input external sensitivity setting when Switch1 and Switch2 are ON. Therefore please install Switch3 in order to prevent from malfunction as below.

- ※SW3 - OFF : Disable to set external sensitivity
- ※SW3 - ON : Enable to set external sensitivity

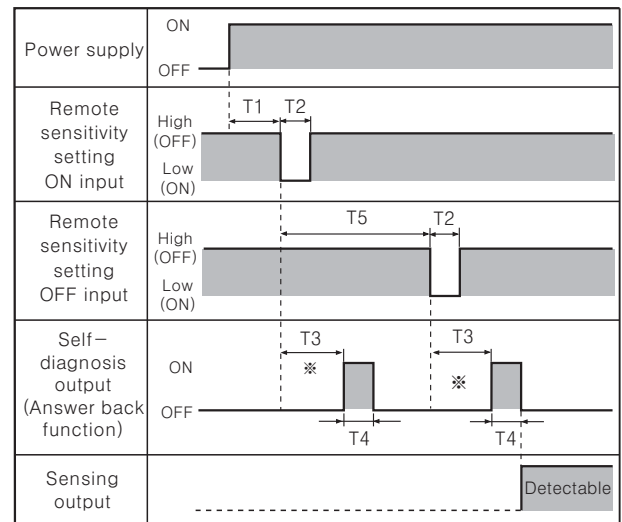


## ◎Answer Back function[BF4R(G)-R]

When ON or OFF input of remote sensitivity setting is applied, after 300ms, self-diagnosis output turns on for 40ms and then the sensor keeps normal sensing state. (Note:Time chart)

- ※Self-diagnosis output does not turn on if there is no difference of sensitivity between ON input and OFF input and stable sensing is not executed, but stable sensing operates after 340ms.

### <Time Chart : Light ON mode >



- ※During period T3 (Approx. 300ms), do not change the light ON value by moving the object, etc.

1. T1 ≥ 1,000ms (After the power turns on, it can be set after 1sec.)
2. T2 ≥ 5ms (ON or OFF input time of remote sensitivity setting must be min. 5ms)
3. T3 ≒ 300ms (When ON or OFF input of remote sensitivity setting is applied, self-diagnosis output turns on after 300ms)
4. T4 ≒ 40ms (ON time of self-diagnosis output)
5. T5 ≥ 500ms (When ON input of remote sensitivity setting is applied and then apply OFF input of remote sensitivity setting after 500ms)

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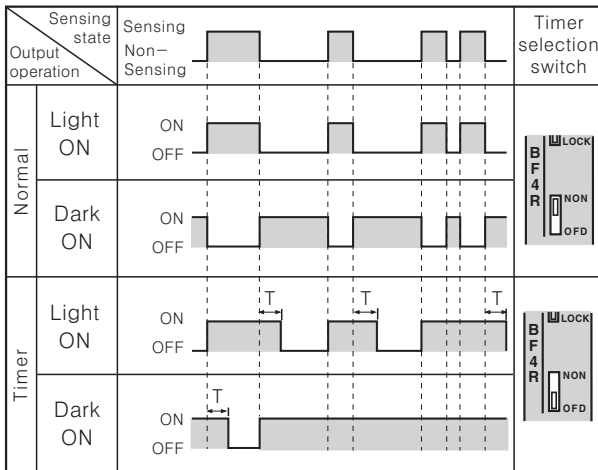
## OFF delay timer function

**(BF4R/BF4RP/BF4R-R/BF4G/BF4GP/BF4G-R)**

Standard type and Remote sensitivity setting type both contain a built-in approx. 40ms fixed OFF-delay timer. The timer works when the timer selection switch is set to 'OFD'. The output is turned off after remaining on for additional 40ms at OFF position of the sensing output. It is useful when the response time of the connected device is slow or when the sensing signal from a tiny object is too short.

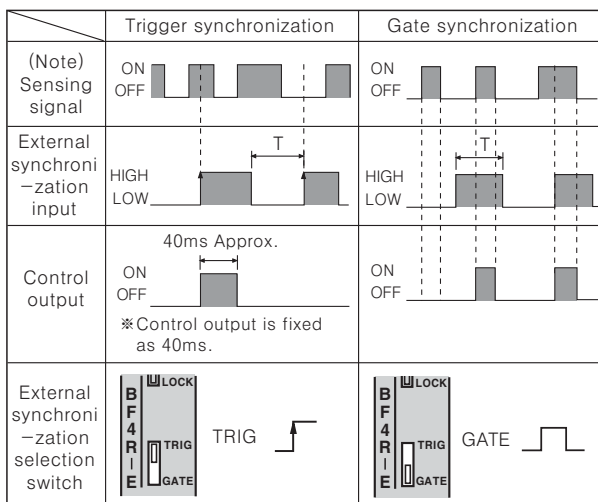
<Time chart>

$T \approx 40\text{ms}$



## External synchronization input function [BF4R(G)-E]

By using external synchronization function, the time for making sensing can be specified by external synchronization. Trigger synchronization and gate synchronization are available.



\*  $T \geq 0.5\text{ms}$  (When interference prevention function is used :  $T \geq 0.7\text{ms}$ )

\* (Note) Actual signal detected by sensor.

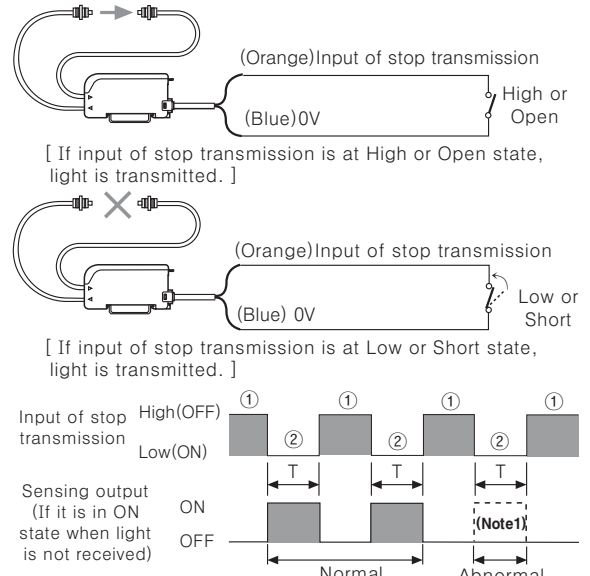
<Input signal condition for External synchronization>

| State | Signal condition  |
|-------|-------------------|
| High  | 4.5-30VDC or Open |
| Low   | 0-1VDC            |

## Stop transmission function

### [BF4R(G)-E]-Operation test

- Below test is available under Light ON state only.
- If input of stop transmission is at Low state, transmission light will be stopped.
- It can check normal or abnormal state of the sensor without moving the target.



\* ① : Transmission area, ② : Stop transmission area

\* (Note1) If transmission is stopped control output must turn on, but if control output does not turn on, it seems that sensor has some problems.

\*  $T \geq 0.5\text{ms}$

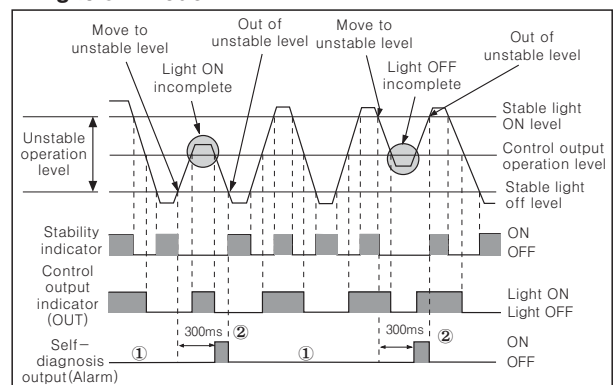
(When using interference prevention function  $T \geq 0.7\text{ms}$ )

\* Input of stop transmission  $\Rightarrow$  High: 4.5-30VDC or Open  
Low: 0-1VDC or Short

## Self-diagnosis function (Common)

When fiber hood is contaminated by dust, transmitted light is lowered by element ability loss or received light is lowered by missing of optical axis, the self-diagnosis output will turn on.

### \* Light ON mode



① The self-diagnosis output turns off during stable detection. (① position)

② When detecting state remains for 300ms at unstable level between stable light OFF level and stable light ON level, self-diagnosis output turns on, self-diagnosis output turns off at lower than stable light OFF level and upper than stable light ON level. (② position)

③ When the control output turns on, if an overcurrent condition exists in control output, then self-diagnosis output turns on.

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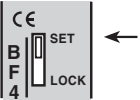
## ■ Interference prevention function (Common)

BF4R series has interference prevention function, two fiber optic cables can be mounted very closely by setting different transmission frequencies.

### ● Interference prevention function (Operation of differential frequency mode)

First sensor—FREQ.1 (Response time:Max. 0.5ms)

① Set the mode selection switch to [SET].

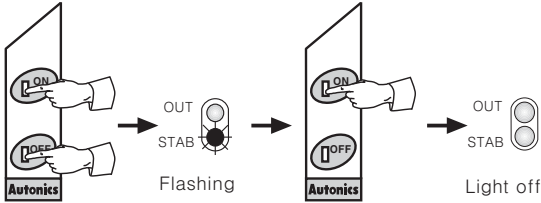


② Press [ON] & [OFF] buttons for 2sec. at the same time.

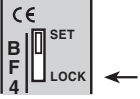
③ The [STAB] indicator flashes continuously.

④ Press [ON] button

⑤ The [STAB] indicator turns off.

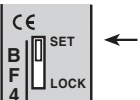


⑥ Set the mode selection switch to [LOCK].



Second sensor—FREQ.2 (Response time:Max. 0.7ms)

① Set the mode selection switch to [SET].

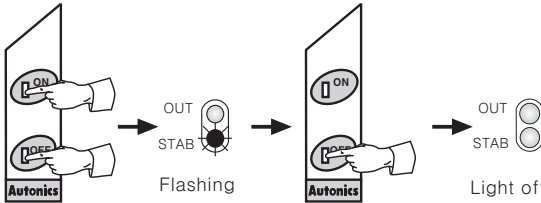


② Press [ON] & [OFF] buttons for 2sec. at the same time.

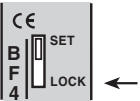
③ The [STAB] indicator flashes continuously.

④ Press [OFF] button

⑤ The [STAB] indicator turns off.



⑥ Set the mode selection switch to [LOCK].



### ● Interference prevention function (Operation of normal mode)

- ① Set the mode selection switch to [SET].
  - ② Press [ON] & [OFF] buttons for 2 sec. at the same time.
  - ③ The stable indicator flashes continuously.
  - ④ Press [ON] & [OFF] buttons at the same time.
  - ⑤ The [STAB] indicator turns off.
  - ⑥ Set the mode selection switch to [LOCK].
- ※ When interference prevention function is used, hysteresis & response time will be longer than normal operation (Response time : Max. 0.5ms).