

# Panasonic

NEW

For small diameter tubes  
Optical Bubble Sensor

BE-A SERIES

CE  
Conforming to  
EMC Directive

**Fits perfectly with applicable tube sizes!**  
**Detects liquid and air bubbles without fail!**



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# Experience its ease of use!

Optical bubble sensor is handy, simple, and precise!

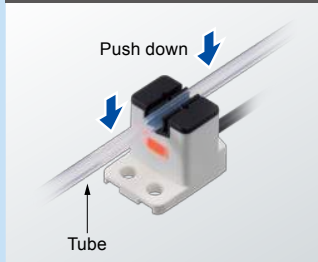
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## One-touch attachment

### Simply attach the sensor with your hand!

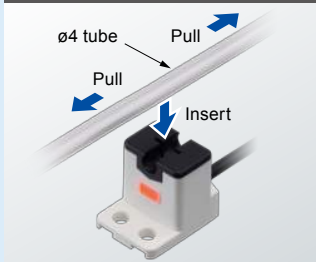
Hassle-free one-touch attachment without using tools!

In the case of BE-A201□ / BE-A301□



• Push down the tube into the sensor.

In the case of BE-A401□



• Stretch the tube and insert it into the sensor.  
\*ø4 tube: Equivalent to flexible PVC

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## For small diameter tubes

### For ø2 mm, ø3 mm, ø4 mm tubes

Perfect fit into applicable tubes without obstructing flow rate.

Compatible with tubes in inch size

ø2 mm tube type



BE-A201□

ø3 mm tube type



BE-A301□

ø4 mm tube type



BE-A401□



Model No. : **BE-A201** (NPN output type)

**BE-A201P** (PNP output type)

Applicable tube : Transparent resin tube  
(PFA equivalent)

Outer diameter ø2 mm ø0.078 in ×  
inner diameter ø1 mm ø0.039 in

Output operation: Liquid-absent-ON / Liquid-present-ON  
(equipped with two outputs)

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## High speed response time

### High speed detection

0.8 mm 0.032 in air gaps are reliably detected by optical technology at a response time of 20 μs\*.  
Ideal for traceability of the analysis process.



\*Refer to the specifications for detection conditions,  
BE-A201□ has a response time of 30 μs.

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## Ultra compact

### Fingertip size

Allows for installation in a narrow space.



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## For a wide-range of power supply voltages

### 5 to 24 V DC compliant

Allows for direct power supply from  
PC board.

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## Built-in Amplifier

### No requirement of sensitivity adjustment

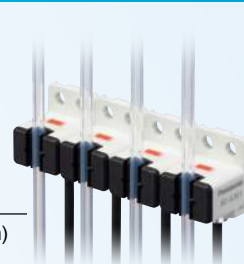
Can be used immediately after installation  
by built-in amplifier.  
Equipped with two outputs,  
Liquid-absent-ON and Liquid-present-ON.

Allows for  
close proximity  
attachment

Staggered pattern  
(10 mm 0.394 in pitch)



Parallel pattern  
(15.5 mm 0.610 in pitch)



ø3 mm ø0.125 in  
tube type



Model No. : **BE-A301** (NPN output type)  
**BE-A301P** (PNP output type)  
Applicable tube : Transparent resin tube  
(PFA equivalent)  
Outer diameter ø3 mm ø1/8 in ×  
inner diameter ø2 mm ø1/16 in  
Output operation: Liquid-absent-ON / Liquid-present-ON  
(equipped with two outputs)

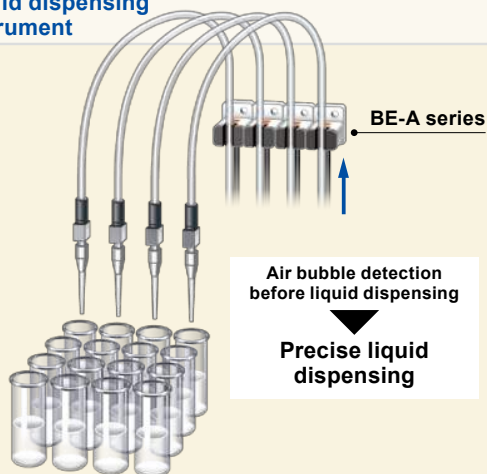
ø4 mm ø0.156 in  
tube type



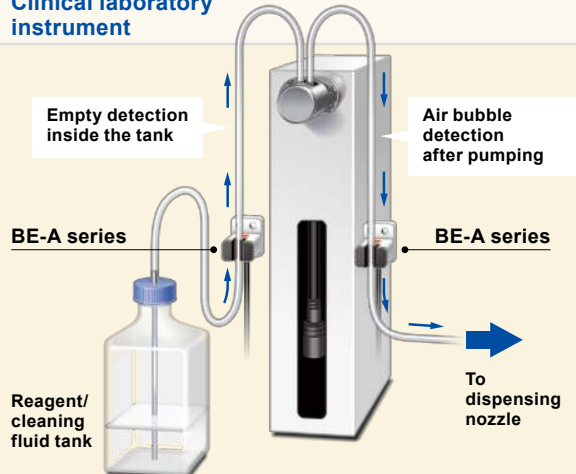
Model No. : **BE-A401** (NPN output type)  
**BE-A401P** (PNP output type)  
Applicable tube : Transparent resin tube  
(equivalent to flexible PVC)  
Outer diameter ø4 mm ø5/32 in ×  
inner diameter ø2.4 mm ø3/32 in  
Output operation: Liquid-absent-ON / Liquid-present-ON  
(equipped with two outputs)

## Applications

### Liquid dispensing instrument



### Clinical laboratory instrument

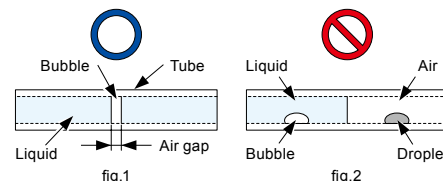


## SPECIFICATIONS

Item		Type	for ø2 mm ø0.078 in tube	for ø3 mm ø0.125 in tube	for ø4 mm ø0.156 in tube
		NPN output	BE-A201	BE-A301	BE-A401
		PNP output	BE-A201P	BE-A301P	BE-A401P
Detectable air gap (Note 2)			0.8 mm 0.032 in or more		
Sensing object			Liquid (Note 3)		
Applicable tube dia. (OD×ID)(Note 4)			ø2 mm × ø1 mm ø0.078 in × ø0.039 in	ø3 mm × ø2 mm ø1/8 in × ø1/16 in	ø4 mm × ø2.4 mm ø5/32 in × ø3/32 in
Applicable tube type (Note 4)			Transparent resin tube (equivalent to PFA)		
Supply voltage			5 to 24 V DC ±10 % Ripple P-P 10 % or less		
Current consumption			15 mA or less		
Output (Incorporated with 2 outputs)			<NPN output type> NPN open-collector transistor •Maximum sink current: 50 mA •Applied voltage: 30 V DC or less (between output and 0 V) •Residual voltage: 2 V or less (sink current at 50 mA) 1 V or less (sink current at 16 mA)		
			<PNP output type> PNP open-collector transistor •Maximum source current: 50 mA •Applied voltage: 30 V DC or less (between output and + V) •Residual voltage: 2 V or less (source current at 50 mA) 1 V or less (source current at 16 mA)		
Output operation			Switchable either Liquid-absent-ON or Liquid-present-ON		
Short-circuit protection			Incorporated		
Response time (Note 5)			30 µs or less	20 µs or less	
			80 µs or less		
When detecting bubble					
When detecting liquid					
Operation indicator			Orange LED (lights up with absent liquid)		
Protection circuits			Power supply reverse polarity protection , Output reverse polarity protection		
Protection			IP40 (IEC)		
Ambient temperature (Note 6)			-25 to +55 °C -13 to +131 °F (No dew condensation or icing allowed), Storage: -30 to +80 °C -22 to +176 °F		
Ambient humidity			35 to 85 % RH, Storage: 35 to 85 % RH		
Ambient illuminance			Fluorescent light: 1,000 lx at the light-receiving face		
Voltage withstandability			1,000 V AC for between one min. between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure		
Insulation resistance			20 MΩ, or more, with 250 V DC megger between all supply terminals connected together and enclosure		
Vibration resistance			10 to 150 Hz frequency, 0.75 mm 0.030 in double amplitude or maximum acceleration 49 m/s <sup>2</sup> , in X, Y and Z directions for two hours each		
Shock resistance			100 m/s <sup>2</sup> acceleration in X, Y, and Z directions three times each		
Emitter element			Infrared LED(Peak emission wavelength: 855 nm 0.034 mil, non-modulated)		
Material			Enclosure: PBT, Tube holder: Polyamide, Indicator: Polycarbonate		
Cable			0.09 mm <sup>2</sup> 4-core cabtyre cable 1 m 3.280 ft		
Cable extension (Note 7)			Extension up to total 100 m 328.084 ft is possible with 0.3 mm <sup>2</sup> , or more, cable.		
Clamping torque			0.5N•m or less		
Weight			Net weight: 15 g approx., Gross weight: 25 g approx.		
Compliant regulation			EMC Directive compliance, RoHS Directive compliance		

Notes: 1) Where measurement conditions have not been specified precisely, the conditions used were an ambient temperature of +23 °C +73.4 °F.

- 2) Sensing air gap refers to the width of an air bubble formed in the entire area of the inner diameter of the tube. Please note that this product cannot sense very small air bubbles or water drops. Refer to the figure 1 and 2.
- 3) Sensing is affected by dirt or residues adhered to the inner wall of the tube. Please maintain the tube regularly.
- 4) When using a tube out of specifications or it doesn't have a smooth surface, please test sensing on the actual machine before use.
- 5) Actual response time may differ from specification (typical example using applicable tube) due to dimension, light transmission or surface state of test tube in use.
- 6) Liquid being detected should also be kept within the rated ambient temperature range.
- 7) Confirm that the power supply voltage at the end of cable is more than 4.5 V when using an extension of over 20 m 65.167 ft.



## DIMENSIONS (Unit: mm in)

The CAD data can be downloaded from our website.

