Sensors

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Sensors: Considerations

- Analog or Digital
- RS232, RS485, I2C, SPI, CAN, USB
- Accuracy typically varies with price
- Some need warm-up, others need calibration
- Power requirements vary widely
- Wrong data can be worse than no data at all!



Accelerometer







Air Quality Sensor







Alcohol Sensor





Barometric Pressure







Camera







Collision Sensor







Colour Sensor







Compass: Digital







Formaldehyde Sensor







Galvanic Skin Response







Gas Sensor







Global Positioning System







Electrical Current Sensor







Flow Sensor







Flow Switch







Force Sensitive Resistor







Gyroscope







Hall Sensor







Humidity Sensor







Infrared Reflection







Infrared Sensor: Passive







Light Sensor







Load Sensor







Loudness Sensor







Microphone







Moisture Sensor







Moisture Sensor Chip (Cornell)







Optical Dust Sensor







Photo Interruptor







Pressure Sensor (MEMS)







Real Time Clock







Reed Switch







Solar Radiation Sensor







Temperature Sensor







Thermistor







Touch Sensor: Capacitive







Vibration Sensor







Ultrasonic Range Finder







Ultraviolet Radiation Sensor







Actuators





Actuators: Considerations

- Power Use: Voltage and Amperage
- Interface
- Accuracy (and Cost!)
- Availability
- Documentation, Support & Community Involvement



Buzzer







Light Emitting Diodes







Transistor





Relay







Servo







Solenoid





