

Description

CdS cells are little light sensors. As the squiggly face is exposed to more light, the resistance goes down. When its light, the resistance is about $5\text{-}10\text{K}\Omega$, when dark it goes up to $200\text{K}\Omega$.

To use, connect one side of the photo cell (either one, its symmetric) to power (for example 5V) and the other side to your microcontroller's analog input pin. Then connect a 10K pull-down resistor from that analog pin to ground. The voltage on the pin will be 2.5V or higher when its light out and near ground when its dark.

. Technical Details

Dimensions:

Length: 4.46mm/0.18in
Width: 5mm/0.20in
Height: 2.09mm/0.08in
Weight: 0.25g/0.01oz