

### FD11A



### Description

Thorlabs' FD11A photodiode is ideal for measuring both pulsed and CW fiber light sources by converting optical power into electrical current. The detector is housed in a TO-18 package with an anode and cathode connection. The photodiode anode produces a current, which is a function of the incident light power and the wavelength. The responsivity  $\mathfrak{R}(\lambda)$ , can be read from the plot on the following page to estimate the amount of photocurrent. This can be converted to a voltage by placing a load resistor ( $R_L$ ) from the photodiode anode to the circuit ground. Where  $P$  is the power, the output voltage is expressed by

$$V_o = P \times \mathfrak{R} \times R_L$$

The bandwidth,  $f_{BW}$ , and the rise time response,  $t_R$ , are determined from the diode capacitance,  $C_j$ , and the load resistance,  $R_L$ , as shown below. The diode capacitance can be lowered by placing a bias voltage from the photodiode cathode to the circuit ground.

$$f_{BW} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)R_L C_j}, t_R = \frac{0.35}{f_{BW}}$$

### Specifications

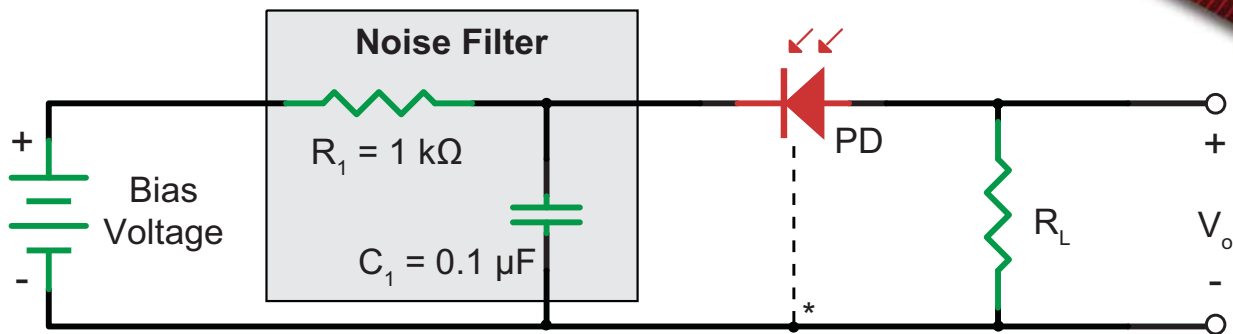
Specifications <sup>a</sup>		
Wavelength Range	$\lambda$	320 - 1100 nm
Peak Wavelength	$\lambda_p$	960 nm
Responsivity (960 nm)	$\mathfrak{R}(\lambda)$	0.60 A/W
Active Area		1.21 mm <sup>2</sup>
Rise Time (650 nm, $R_L=1$ k $\Omega$ , 0 V)	$t_r$	400 ns (Typ.)
NEP (960 nm, 0 V)	W/√Hz	$6.8 \times 10^{-16}$
Dark Current (10 mV)	$I_d$	2 pA (Max)
Capacitance (0 V)	$C_j$	140 pF (Typ.)
Package		TO-18
Sensor Material		Si

Maximum Rating	
Bias Voltage (Reverse)	30 V
Reverse Current	-
Operating Temperature	-40 to 100 °C
Storage Temperature	-55 to 125 °C

a. Unless otherwise noted, all measurements are performed at 25 °C ambient temperature.



## Recommended Circuit



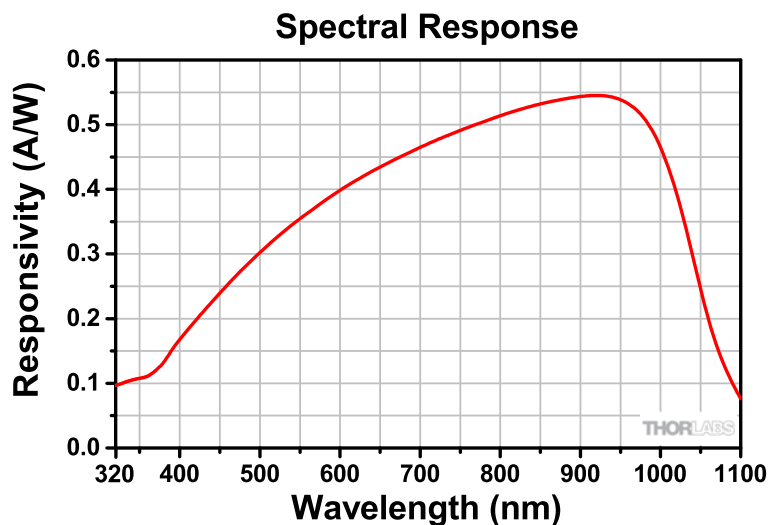
\* Case ground for PD with a third lead.

## Responsivity Graph

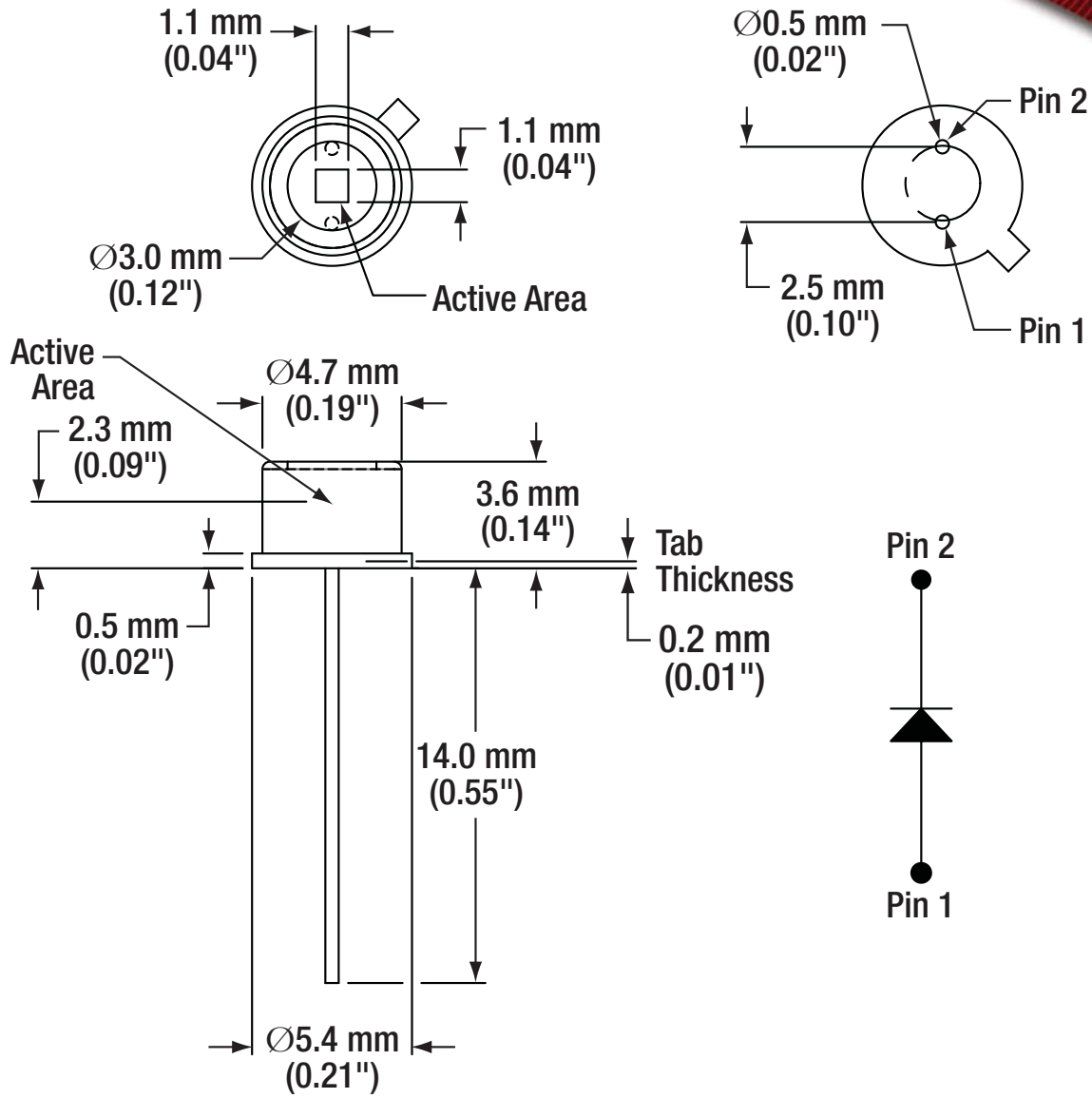
The responsivity of a photodiode is a measure of its sensitivity to light and is defined as the ratio of the photocurrent  $I_p$  to the incident light power  $P$  at a given wavelength:

$$R_\lambda = \frac{I_p}{P}$$

In other words, it is a measure of the effectiveness of the conversion of light power into electrical current. Responsivity constantly varies depending on the wavelength of the incident light, applied reverse bias, and temperature conditions.



## Drawing



## *Precautions and Warranty Information*

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