

# EV3 TECHNOLOGY

## EV3 Sensors

### Color Sensor

The Color Sensor is a digital sensor that can detect the color or intensity of light that enters the small window on the face of the sensor. This sensor can be used in three different modes: Color Mode, Reflected Light Intensity Mode, and Ambient Light Intensity Mode.

In **Color Mode**, the Color Sensor recognizes seven colors—black, blue, green, yellow, red, white, and brown—plus No Color. This ability to differentiate between colors means your robot might be programmed to sort colored balls or blocks, speak the names of colors as they are detected, or stop action when it sees red.

In **Reflected Light Intensity Mode**, the Color Sensor measures the intensity of light reflected back from a red light-emitting lamp. The sensor uses a scale of 0 (very dark) to 100 (very light). This means your robot might be programmed to move around on a white surface until a black line is detected, or to interpret a color-coded identification card.

In **Ambient Light Intensity Mode**, the Color Sensor measures the strength of light that enters the window from its environment, such as sunlight or the beam of a flashlight. The sensor uses a scale of 0 (very dark) to 100 (very light). This means your robot might be programmed to set off an alarm when the sun rises in the morning, or stop action if the lights go out.

The sample rate of the Color Sensor is 1 kHz.

For the best accuracy, when in Color Mode or Reflected Light Intensity Mode, the sensor must be held at a right angle, close to—but not touching—the surface it is examining.

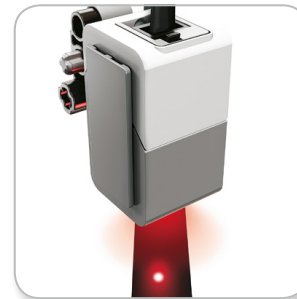
For more information, see **Using the Color Sensor** in the EV3 Software Help.



Color Sensor



Color Mode



Reflected Light Intensity Mode



Ambient Light Intensity Mode