# **Color 3 click**

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**Color 3 click** is a mikroBUS<sup>TM</sup> add-on board with a TCS3771 color sensor (also known as a light-todigital converter) and a narrow beam Infrared LED. The circuit can also function as a proximity sensor.

### **Features and usage notes**



TCS3771 is a RGBC sensor (red, green, blue and clear). It consists of an array of 4x4 photodiodes and integrated amplifiers, 16-bit ADCs, accumulators, clocks, buffers, comparators and state machines.

The IC performs well under a variety of lighting conditions and can be covered with different attenuation materials.

Paired with an onboard IR LED, the TCS3771 device works a proximity sensor (the emitted IR LED is reflected back to the photodiodes). Since the sensor has a large dynamic range of operation, Color 3 click can take both short distance measurements behind dark glass; or it can be configured for longer distance measurement, for example, human presence

detection in front of monitors or laptops.

For power-saving, TCS3771 has an internal state machine that can put the device into a low power mode between successive RGBC and proximity measurements.

TCS3771 is also fast enough to give off proximity information at a high rate of repetition. This makes it useful for proximity detection in portable devices (such as a phone coming near to a speaker's ear).

Color 3 click communicates with the target MCU through the mikroBUS<sup>™</sup> I2C interface, with additional functionality provided by an INT pin. Designed to use a 3.3 power supply only.

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# Programming

The following code snippet shows how to send temperature readings from Color 3 click to a TFT display.

Code examples that demonstrate the usage of Color 3 click with MikroElektronika hardware, written for mikroC for ARM, AVR, dsPIC, FT90x, PIC and PIC32 are available on Libstock (http://libstock.mikroe.com/projects/view/1925/color-3-click).

## Resources

- Vendor's data sheet (http://ams.com/eng/Products/Light-Sensors/Color-Sensors-Proximity-Detection/TCS37717)
- Color 3 click Libstock example (http://libstock.mikroe.com/projects/view/1925/color-3-click)
- mikroBUS<sup>TM</sup> standard specification (http://download.mikroe.com/documents/standards/mikrobus/mikrobus-standard-specification-v200.pdf)

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