Interpreting Engineering Data

Through-beam Sensors and Retro-reflective Sensors



- Retro-reflective Sensors: Indicates the sensing position limit for the Retroreflector when the Sensor is at a fixed position.
- Sensitivity is set to the maximum value in both cases and the area between the top and bottom lines is the detectable area.
- An area 1.5 times the area shown in the diagram is required to prevent mutual interference with more than one Through-beam Sensor installed.

The rated sensing distance above is for a 15-m model. The graph shows that the excess gain ratio is approximately 6 at the rated sensing distance.

Diffuse-reflective Sensors



Note: These values are for the standard sensing object. The operating area and sensing distance will change for a different object.



Diffuse-reflective and Retro-reflective Sensors

Surface Color of Object, Gloss, and Operating Range



- Indicates that a black object with the lowest reflectance has the smallest operating (sensing) area.
- SUS and aluminum foil are glossy and will enable a longer sensing distance. The reflection of the light by the surface, however, will only be regular reflection, not diffuse reflection, and thus the operating area will be smaller than with white paper.