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Report description:

The global photoelectric sensor market attained a value of about USD 1.99 Billion in 2024. The market is further expected to grow at a CAGR of 7.60% during the forecast period of 2025-2034 to reach approximately USD 4.14 Billion by 2034.

Rising Deployment of Photoelectric Sensors Across Industry Verticals to Augment the Market Growth

The global market for photoelectric sensors is being driven by the emerging trends encouraging automation across various industry verticals. Photoelectric sensors are able to detect objects of different materials and sizes and are hence deployed in the industrial sector to achieve efficiency and accuracy. The food and beverage segment is one of the largest end use sectors of photoelectric sensors. This can be attributed to the growing focus towards automation by minimising human intervention in material handling and packaging.

Photoelectric sensors for bottle-cap alignment and orientation, counting packed objects in a conveyor belt, and eliminating the risk of contamination that may arise from the human touch are the various factors that are significantly boosting the food and beverage sector, thereby propelling the market growth of photoelectric sensor. In addition to this, the rising adoption of photoelectric sensors in logistics automation that rely on position and object-sensing for efficient and safe operations is further catalysing the market growth of photoelectric sensor.

Photoelectric Sensor: Market Segmentation

A photoelectric sensor refers to a device that detects a change in light intensity. These sensors are made up of a light source (LED), a receiver (phototransistor), a signal converter and an amplifier. The phototransistor, along with the LED, analyses incoming light and appropriately delivers an output.

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The market, based on technology, can be divided into:

- Thru-Beam
- Retro-Reflective
- Diffused

On the basis of type, the market can be segmented into:

- Laser Photoelectric Sensor
- Fibre Optics Photoelectric Sensor

The market, based on material, can be classified into:

- Metal
- Plastic

Based on spectrum, the market can be categorised into:

- Infrared
- Visible
- Ultraviolet

The market division based on output are:

- Analogue
- Digital

On the basis of range, the market can be segmented into:

- Less Than 100 mm
- 100 - 1,000 mm
- 1,000 - 10,000 mm
- More Than 10,000 mm

The market, based on application, can be divided into:

- Safety
- Edge Detection
- Film Thickness Detection
- Height and Level Measurement
- Position Detection
- Others

On the basis of industry vertical, the market can be categorised into:

- Consumer Electronics
- Aerospace and Defence

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- Automotive
- Food and Beverages
- Healthcare
- Others

The EMR report looks into the regional markets of photoelectric sensor like:

- North America
- Latin America
- Asia Pacific
- Europe
- Middle East and Africa

The Emergence of Self Driven Cars to Bolster the Market Growth of Photoelectronic Sensor

The growth in the market for photoelectric sensor is anticipated to be driven by the gradual shift towards automation in the automotive industry. The emergence of electric vehicles and self-driven cars are augmenting the demand for photoelectric sensors for the manufacturing of these vehicles, thereby propelling the market growth. During the assembly process, photoelectric sensors are used to monitor the transportation of individual components down the production line, which assists in diminishing the risk of human error.

Additionally, photoelectric sensors are used in automatic cars for measuring distance and evaluating the position of objects, such as pedestrians or traffic lights, by ensuring the safety of the driver as well as the objects outside the vehicle. Thus, the flourishing automotive industry with the development of new technologies is expected to be a key driving factor for the market growth of photoelectric sensor over the forecast period.

Key Industry Players in the Global Photoelectric Sensor Market

The report presents a detailed analysis of the following key players in the global photoelectric sensor market, looking into their capacity, market share, and latest developments like capacity expansions, plant turnabouts and mergers and acquisitions:

- OMRON Corporation
- Autonics Corporation
- Panasonic Corporation
- KEYENCE CORPORATION
- Rockwell Automation, Inc
- SICK AG
- Others

The comprehensive report looks at the micro and macro aspects of the industry. The EMR report gives an in-depth insight into the market by providing a SWOT analysis as well as an analysis of the Porter's Five Forces Model.

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