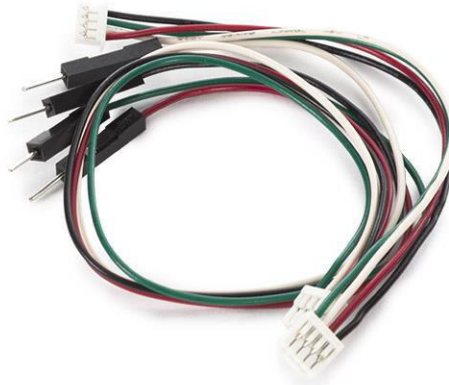


## VMA349

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# USER MANUAL

## 1. Introduction



### To all residents of the European Union

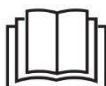
#### Important environmental information about this product

This symbol on the device or the package indicates that disposal of the device after its lifecycle could harm the environment. Do not dispose of the unit (or batteries) as unsorted municipal waste; it should be taken to a specialized company for recycling. This device should be returned to your distributor or to a local recycling service. Respect the local environmental rules.

**If in doubt, contact your local waste disposal authorities.**

Thank you for choosing Velleman! Please read the manual thoroughly before bringing this device into service. If the device was damaged in transit, do not install or use it and contact your dealer.

## 2. Safety Instructions



Read and understand this manual and all safety signs before using this appliance.



Indoor use only.

- This device can be used by children aged from 8 years and above, and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the device in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the device. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

## 3. General Guidelines

- Refer to the Velleman® Service and Quality Warranty on the last pages of this manual.
- All modifications of the device are forbidden for safety reasons. Damage caused by user modifications to the device is not covered by the warranty.
- Only use the device for its intended purpose. Using the device in an unauthorised way will void the warranty.
- Damage caused by disregard of certain guidelines in this manual is not covered by the warranty and the dealer will not accept responsibility for any ensuing defects or problems.
- Nor Velleman nv nor its dealers can be held responsible for any damage (extraordinary, incidental or indirect) – of any nature (financial, physical...) arising from the possession, use or failure of this product.
- Keep this manual for future reference.

## 4. What is Arduino®

Arduino® is an open-source prototyping platform based in easy-to-use hardware and software. Arduino® boards are able to read inputs – light-on sensor, a finger on a button or a Twitter message – and turn it into an output – activating of a motor, turning on an LED, publishing something online. You can tell your board what to do by sending a set of instructions to the microcontroller on the board. To do so, you use the Arduino programming language (based on Wiring) and the Arduino® software IDE (based on Processing).

Surf to [www.arduino.cc](http://www.arduino.cc) and [www.arduino.org](http://www.arduino.org) for more information.

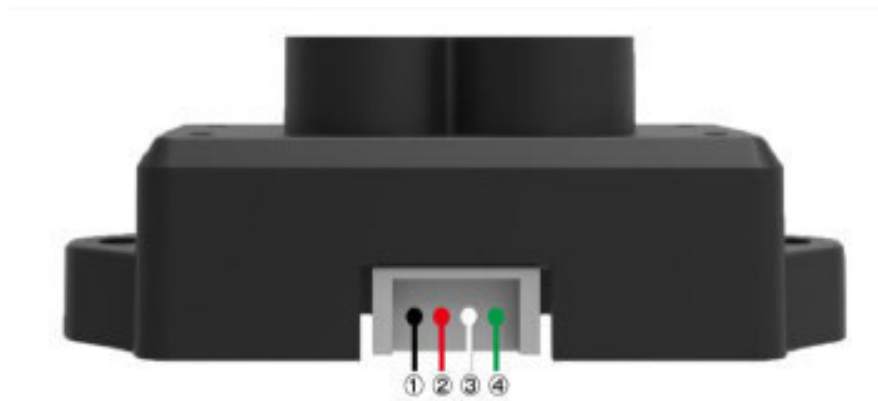
## 5. Overview

### General

This product is based on ToF (Time of Flight) principle and integrates unique optical and electrical designs, so as to achieve stable, precise, high sensitivity and high-speed distance detection.

ToF's operating principle is as follows: a modulated near-infrared light is sent from the sensor and reflected by an object; the distance to the object to be shot can be converted with the sensor by calculating the time difference or phase difference between the light sending and the light reflection, so as to produce the depth information.

## 6. Connection



### Warning! The RXD and TXD are using 3.3 VDC instead of 5 VDC!

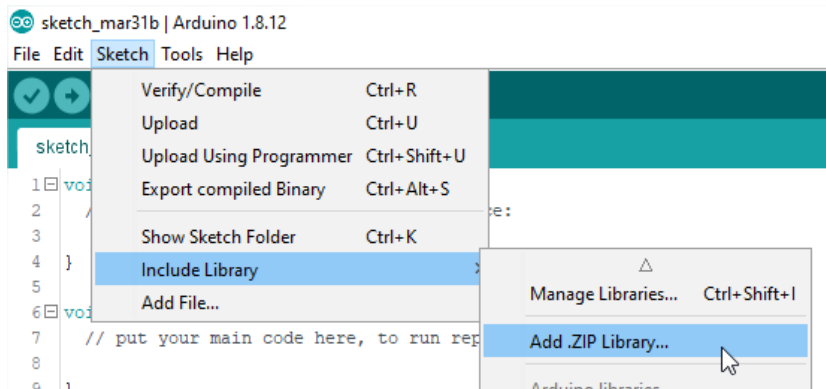
The connection of the VMA349 to the UNO VMA100 requires a level shifter (VMA410)!

Connection table if using a VMA410 and VMA100

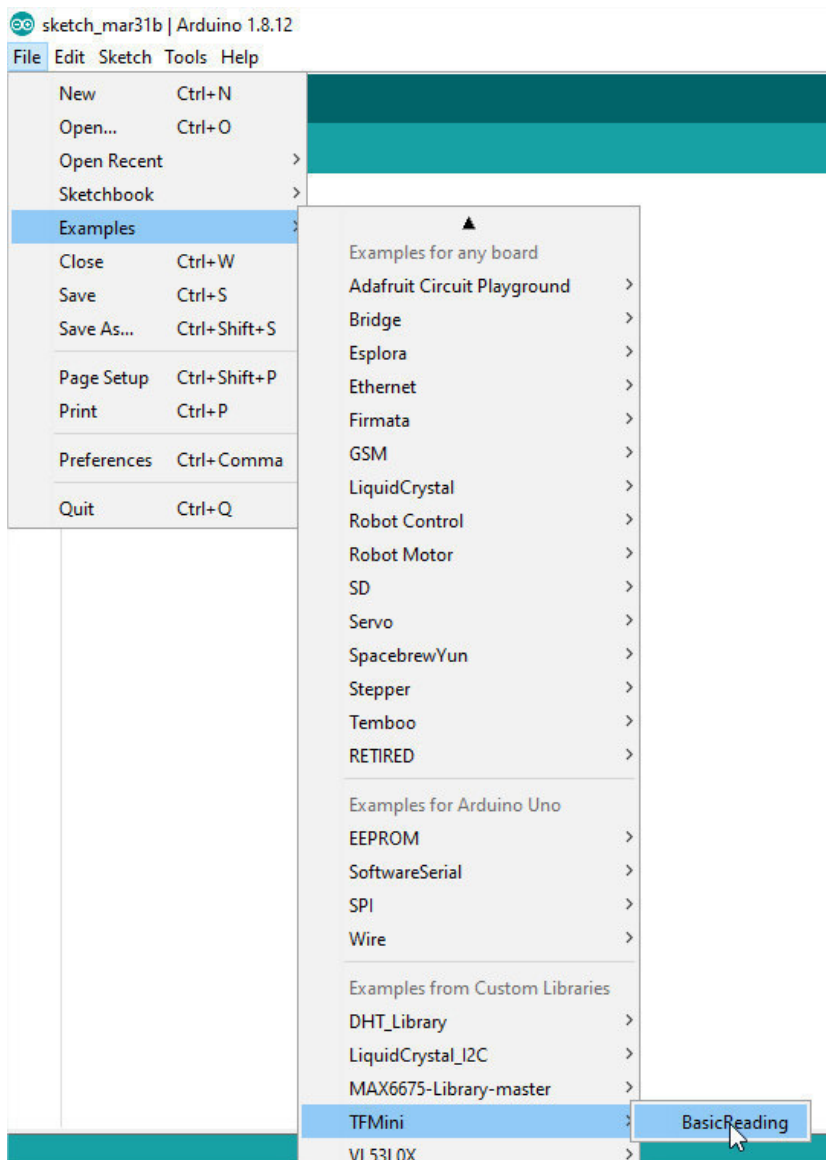
VMA349	VMA410	VMA100	Used VMA100 pins in example below
GND (black)	GND	GND	GND
+5V (red)	HV	5V	5V
RXD (white)	RX0		
TXD (green)	TXI		
	LV	3.3V	3.3V
	RXI	TX	D11 UNO TX (TFMini RX)
	TX0	RX	D10 UNO RX (TFMini TX)

## 7. Test Example

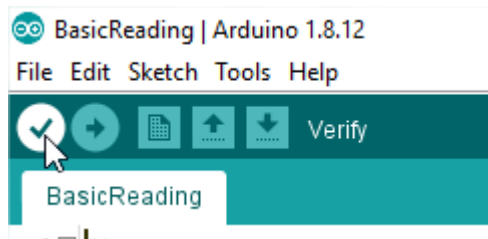
1. Connect the VMA349 to the VMA410 and VMA100 as in the table above.
2. Download the tfmini-master.zip file from our website.
3. Open the Arduino® IDE and load the tfmini-master.zip library.



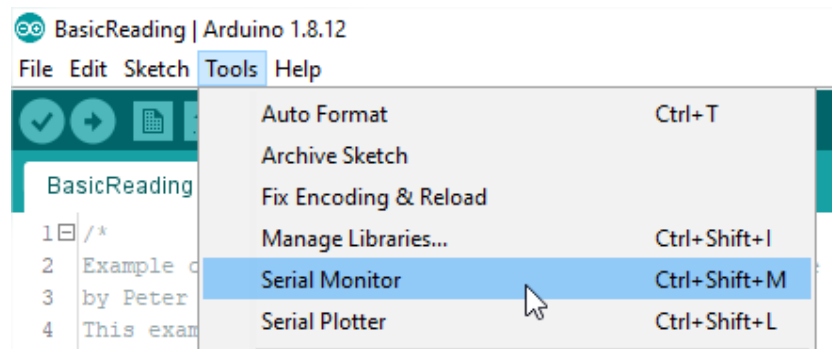
4. Once the library is loaded, open the BasicReading sketch which is included in the library.



5. Compile and upload the sketch to the VMA100/UNO.



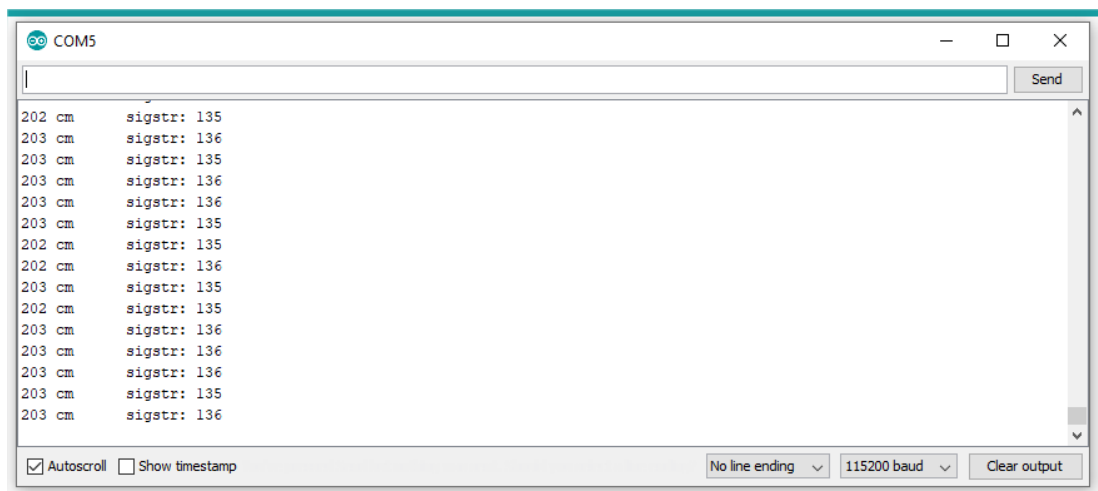
6. To see the result of the sketch, open the serial monitor.



The result should be like this, distance from VMA439 to object: 203 cm, signal strength 136.

Be sure the baud rate is at 115200 baud! As this baud rate is quite high, try to use short RX/TX wires, otherwise glitches can appear and cause wrong readings.

TIP: use the VMA349 in combination with the VMA434 laser module. It makes it easier to find the location where the VMA349 takes the distance.



## 8. Sample Sketch

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Example code for Benewake TFMini time-of-flight distance sensor.

by Peter Jansen (December 11/2017)

This example code is in the public domain.

This example communicates to the TFMini using a SoftwareSerial port at 115200, while communicating the distance results through the default Arduino hardware serial debug port.

SoftwareSerial for some boards can be unreliable at high speeds (such as 115200). The driver includes some limited error detection and automatic retries, that means it can generally work with SoftwareSerial on (for example) an UNO without the end-user noticing many communications glitches, as long as a constant refresh rate is not required.

The (UNO) circuit:

\* Uno RX is digital pin 10 (connect to TX of TF Mini)

\* Uno TX is digital pin 11 (connect to RX of TF Mini)

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```
#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
```

```
#include "TFMini.h"
```

```
// Setup software serial port
```

```
SoftwareSerial mySerial(10, 11); // Uno RX (TFMINI TX), Uno TX (TFMINI RX)
```

```
TFMini tfmini;
```

```
void setup() {
```

```
  // Step 1: Initialize hardware serial port (serial debug port)
```

```
  Serial.begin(115200);
```

```
  // wait for serial port to connect. Needed for native USB port only
```

```
  while (!Serial);
```

```
  Serial.println ("Initializing...");
```

```
  // Step 2: Initialize the data rate for the SoftwareSerial port
```

```
  mySerial.begin(TFMINI_BAUDRATE);
```

```

// Step 3: Initialize the TF Mini sensor
tfmini.begin(&mySerial);
}

void loop() {
// Take one TF Mini distance measurement
uint16_t dist = tfmini.getDistance();
uint16_t strength = tfmini.getRecentSignalStrength();

// Display the measurement
Serial.print(dist);
Serial.print(" cm   sigstr: ");
Serial.println(strength);

// Wait some short time before taking the next measurement
delay(25);
}

```

## 9. Technical Specifications

operating range.....	0.3-12 m
maximum operating range at 10% reflectivity .....	5 m
average power consumption.....	0.6 W
applicable voltage range .....	5 V
minimum resolution ratio.....	1 cm
frequency .....	100 Hz
accuracy.....	1 % (< 6 m), 2 % (6-12 m)
distance detection unit .....	cm
wavelength .....	850 nm
communication interface.....	UART 115200
LED peak current.....	800 mA
serial port TTL voltage level .....	3.3 V
dimensions .....	42 × 15 × 16 mm (1.65 × 0.6 × 0.62")
operating temperature .....	-20 to +60 °C
weight.....	4.7 g

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- Hint: In order to save on cost and time, please reread the manual and check if the flaw is caused by obvious causes prior to presenting the article for repair. Note that returning a non-defective article can also involve handling costs.
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