

---

Subject: Gantry distance sensor`

Posted by [BobSmith](#) on Mon, 13 Apr 2020 03:56:11 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Build a distance sensor for use on t-slot channel.

Put a tape measure along the slot in a t-slot channel. Use a linear image sensor to look at the lines on the edge of the tape measure. A 3D printed carriage could keep the sensor aligned on the t-slot channel. The 3D printed carriage could be generic or custom designed for each application.

The Toshiba TCD1304 sensor might work. There are about 3000 pixels per inch, so a movement of 0.001 inch would move the image 3 pixels.

Later, a custom tape could be built that uses Gray codes to embed the absolute location onto the tape itself.

---

#### File Attachments

- 1) [ruler\\_image.jpg](#), downloaded 1601 times
  - 2) [tslot\\_ruler.jpg](#), downloaded 1546 times
-