

# Kernel driver bh1770glc

Supported chips:

- ROHM BH1770GLC
- OSRAM SFH7770

Data sheet: Not freely available

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## Description

BH1770GLC and SFH7770 are combined ambient light and proximity sensors. ALS and proximity parts operates on their own, but they shares common I2C interface and interrupt logic. In principle they can run on their own, but ALS side results are used to estimate reliability of the proximity sensor.

ALS produces 16 bit lux values. The chip contains interrupt logic to produce low and high threshold interrupts.

Proximity part contains IR-led driver up to 3 IR leds. The chip measures amount of reflected IR light and produces proximity result. Resolution is 8 bit. Driver supports only one channel. Driver uses ALS results to estimate reliability of the proximity results. Thus ALS is always running while proximity detection is needed.

Driver uses threshold interrupts to avoid need for polling the values. Proximity low interrupt doesn't exists in the chip. This is simulated by using a delayed work. As long as there is proximity threshold above interrupts the delayed work is pushed forward. So, when proximity level goes below the threshold value, there is no interrupt and the delayed work will finally run. This is handled as no proximity indication.

Chip state is controlled via runtime pm framework when enabled in config.

Calibscale factor is used to hide differences between the chips. By default value set to neutral state meaning factor of 1.00. To get proper values, calibrated source of light is needed as a reference. Calibscale factor is set so that measurement produces about the expected lux value.

## SYSFS

chip\_id

RO - shows detected chip type and version

power\_state

RW - enable / disable chip

Uses counting logic

- 1 enables the chip
- 0 disables the chip

lux0\_input

RO - measured lux value

sysfs\_notify called when threshold interrupt occurs

lux0\_sensor\_range

RO - lux0\_input max value

lux0\_rate

RW - measurement rate in Hz

lux0\_rate\_avail

RO - supported measurement rates

lux0\_thresh\_above\_value

RW - HI level threshold value

All results above the value trigs an interrupt. 65535 (i.e. sensor\_range) disables the above interrupt.

lux0\_thresh\_below\_value

RW - LO level threshold value

All results below the value triggers an interrupt. 0 disables the below interrupt.

lux0\_calibscale

RW - calibration value

Set to neutral value by default. Output results are multiplied with calibscale / calibscale\_default value.

lux0\_calibscale\_default

RO - neutral calibration value

prox0\_raw

RO - measured proximity value

sysfs\_notify called when threshold interrupt occurs

prox0\_sensor\_range

RO - prox0\_raw max value

prox0\_raw\_en

RW - enable / disable proximity

Uses counting logic

- 1 enables the proximity
- 0 disables the proximity

prox0\_thresh\_above\_count

RW - number of proximity interrupts needed before triggering the event

prox0\_rate\_above

RW - Measurement rate (in Hz) when the level is above threshold i.e. when proximity on has been reported.

prox0\_rate\_below

RW - Measurement rate (in Hz) when the level is below threshold i.e. when proximity off has been reported.

prox0\_rate\_avail

RO - Supported proximity measurement rates in Hz

prox0\_thresh\_above0\_value

RW - threshold level which triggers proximity events.

Filtered by persistence filter (prox0\_thresh\_above\_count)

prox0\_thresh\_above1\_value

RW - threshold level which triggers event immediately