Motion Detector

The motion detector module (only in SCP-03) contains an infrared detector, amplifier-filter circuit, and timing circuit. Its actual schematic is complex and looks like this:

![Schematic diagram of the motion detector module]

Its Snap Circuits connections are like this:

![Diagram showing Snap Circuits connections for the motion detector module]

All objects (including people and animals) produce infrared radiation due to the heat in them. Infrared radiation is similar to visible light but has a longer wavelength that our eyes cannot detect. The lens on top of the motion detector module filters and focuses the radiation, it is most sensitive to the radiation produced by our bodies.

Inside the motion detector module is an infrared detector with pyroelectric crystals, which create a tiny voltage when exposed to infrared radiation. A circuit amplifies and filters this voltage, but only responds to changes in the radiation level - so is only triggered by moving objects (motion). When motion is detected a timing circuit is used to control other snap circuits devices for a few seconds, such as an alarm.

This module is very sensitive and requires a very stable voltage from the batteries, so it should always be used with the 9V battery holder (B5). The Motion Detector kit SCP-03 shows how to connect this part and what it can do. Other projects with this motion detector will be available on our website.

9V Holder & SW

The 9V battery holder & switch module (only in SCP-03) contains a voltage regulation circuit and on/off switch. It provides a very stable 5V that is needed for modules like the motion detector. Its schematic is looks like this:

![Schematic diagram of the 9V holder & switch module]

Its Snap Circuits connections are like this:

![Diagram showing Snap Circuits connections for the 9V holder & switch module]

This module uses a 9V battery and has an output of 5V, until the battery gets very weak. The voltage from the battery may vary a little as the circuit current changes, but the 5V output from the module will not vary nearly as much. This module will not work properly if the circuit current is higher than 500mA.