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SENSOR noun

sen·sor 'sen-,sôr 'sen(t)-sər

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1 : a device that responds to a physical stimulus (such as heat, light, sound, pressure, magnetism, or a particular motion) and transmits a resulting impulse (as for measurement or operating a control)

2 : **SENSE ORGAN**





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environments. A cheap car alarm may be nothing but a shock sensor, in which a strong vibration will cause two metal surfaces to come together.

detector

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Image sensors are used in digital cameras.

Infrared sensors can track an object's movement.

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The report expects the new 50-megapixel ultrawide **sensor** to retain the dimensions of the 12-megapixel Galaxy S24 Ultra version, meaning each pixel will shrink from 1.4 μ m to 0.7 μ m in size.

— Paul Monckton, *Forbes*, 10 Sep. 2024

The area also has several large road cuts, where Couch could potentially be hiding and



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The **sensors** are concealed in the overhead console, reading lamps and cargo compartment.

– Mark Phelan, *Detroit Free Press*, 8 Sep. 2024

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: a device that detects a physical quantity (as a movement or a beam of light) and responds by transmitting a signal

sensor nounsen·sor 'sen-,sɒ(ə)r 'sen(t)-sər

: a device that responds to a physical stimulus (as heat, light, sound, pressure, magnetism, or a particular motion) and transmits a resulting impulse (as for measurement or operating a control)

also : **SENSE ORGAN**

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