

# Product Document



## User Guide

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# TMD2621

## TMD2621 EVM

### Proximity Sensor Module for Behind OLED Applications

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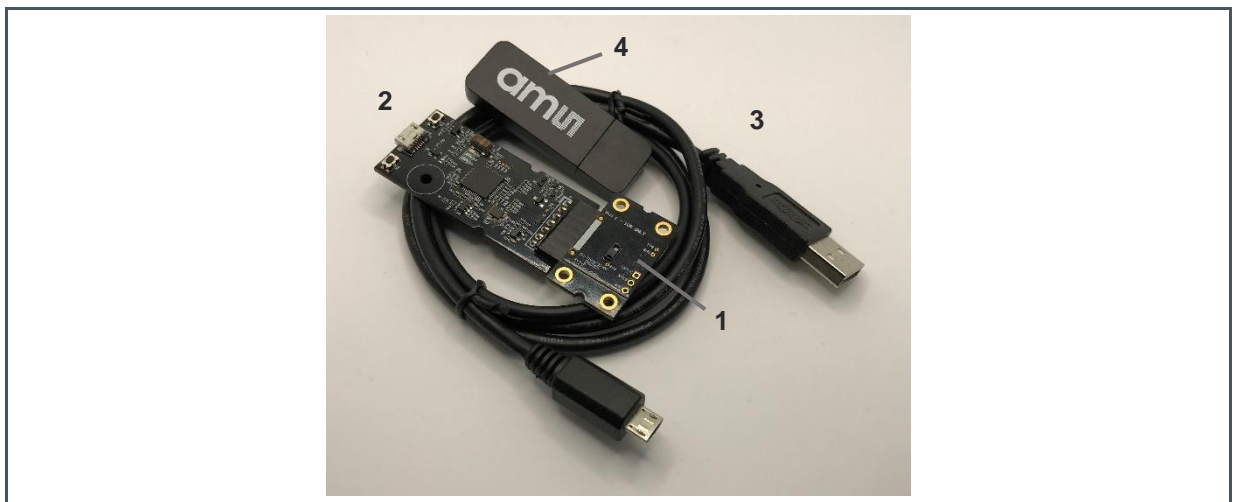
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# 1 Introduction

The TMD2621 features an advanced proximity measurement. The device integrates an IR VCSEL and an advanced VCSEL driver within a compact 4.65 mm × 1.86 mm × 1.3 mm OLGA package.

## 1.1 Kit Content

**Figure 1:**  
Evaluation Kit Contents



No.	Item	Description
1	TMD2621 Daughter Card	PCB with TMD2621 sensor installed
2	EVM Controller Board	Used to communicate USB to I2C
3	USB Cable (A to Micro-B)	Connects EVM controller to PC
4	Flash Drive	Include application installer and documents

## 1.2 Ordering Information

Ordering Code	Description
TMD2621 EVM	Evaluation Kit for TMD2621

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## 2 Getting Started

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The software should be installed prior to connecting any hardware to the computer. Follow the instructions found in the Quick Start Guide (QG001016). This loads the required driver for the USB interface and the device's graphical user interface (GUI).

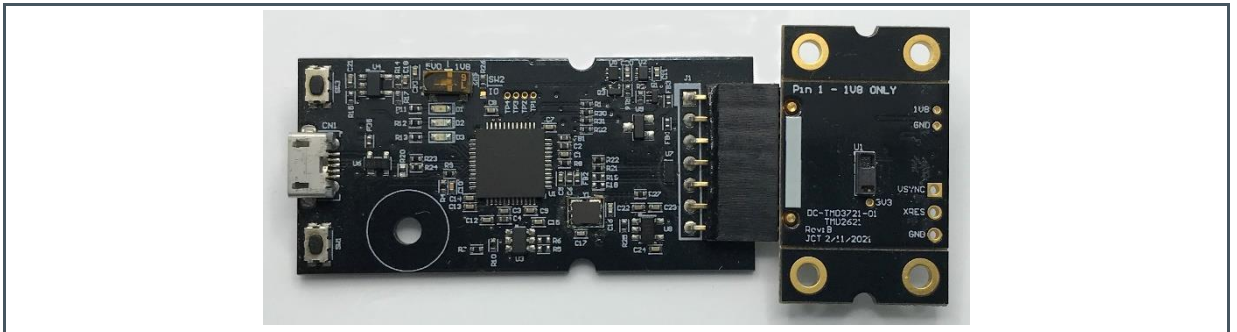
The balance of this document identifies and describes the controls available on the GUI. In combination with the TMD2621 datasheet, the QSG and application notes available on the website, [www.ams.com](http://www.ams.com), there should be enough information to allow evaluation of the TMD2621 device.

### 3 Hardware Description

The hardware consists of the EVM Controller, the TMD2621 EVM daughter card, and a USB interface cable. The EVM controller board provides power and I<sup>2</sup>C communication to the daughter card through a seven-pin connector. When the EVM controller is connected to the PC through USB, a green LED lights to indicate the system is receiving power. The LED will be turned off when the GUI program is started.

For schematics, layout and BOM information please see the documents located in the TMD2621 EVM folder (All Programs → ams-OSRAM → TMD2621 EVM → Documents).

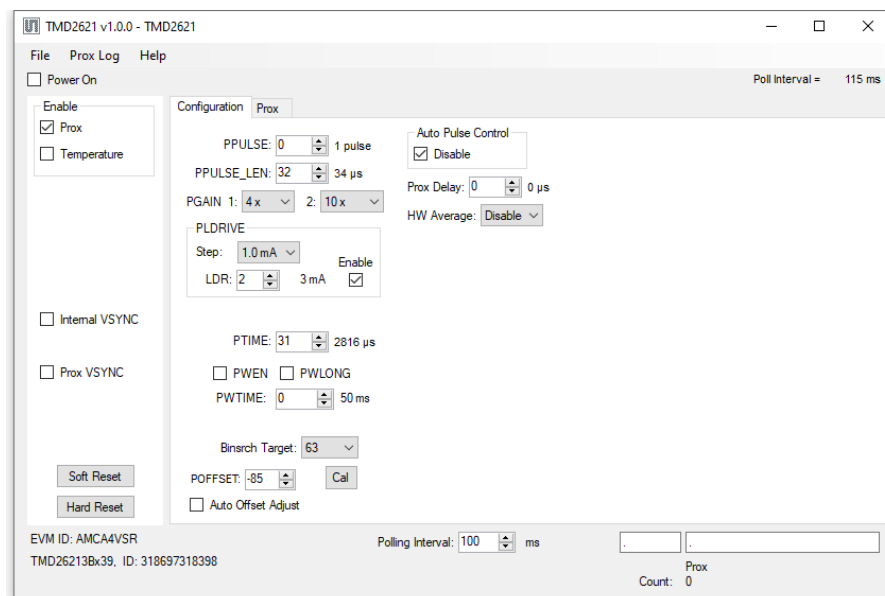
**Figure 2:**  
Evaluation Kit Hardware



## 4 Software Description

The main window (Figure 3) contains the system menus, system level controls, device information and logging status. The box on the left side of the window controls various system-wide parameters and functions. The Configuration tab contains controls to setup Proximity detection parameters. Configuration changes are disabled when the device is running (Power On box checked). The Prox tab displays proximity data and contains a plot area in which the proximity data is drawn. The application polls the raw proximity data, at a user-defined rate, and displays the result.

**Figure 3:**  
GUI Main Window



### 4.1 Connect Software to Hardware

On startup, the software automatically connects to the hardware. On successful initialization, the software displays a main window, containing controls pertinent to the connected device. If the software detects an error, an error window appears. If “Device not found or is unsupported” appears, verify the correct daughterboard is properly connected to the EVM controller board. If “Cannot connect to EVM board” appears, verify the USB cable is connected. When the EVM controller board is connected to the USB, a green LED lights to indicate the USB cable is connected and providing power to the system. The LED will remain lit until the any software application opens the controller. The light will then be switched off so that it will not interfere with any light measurements.

If the EVM board disconnects from the USB bus while the program is running, it displays an error message and then terminates. Reconnect the EVM board and restart the program.

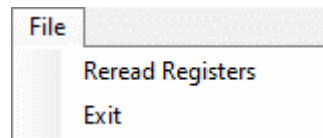
## 4.2 System Menus

At the top of the window there are pull-down menus labeled File, Prox Log, and Help. The **File** menu provides basic application-level control. The **Log** menu controls the logging of Prox data, and the **Help** menu provides version and copyright information for the application.

### 4.2.1 File Menu

The File menu contains the following functions:

**Figure 4:**  
**File Menu**



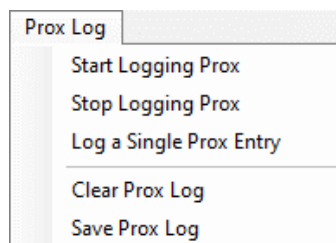
The **Reread Registers** function forces the program to re-read all of the control registers from the device and display them on the screen. This does not read the output data, because the program reads those registers continually while it is running.

Click on the **Exit** command to close the main window and terminate the application. Any unsaved log data is cleared from memory. The application can also be closed by clicking the red "X" in the upper right hand corner.

### 4.2.2 Prox Log Menu

The Prox Log menu controls the logging of Proximity data and saves the log data to a file. Log data accumulates in memory until discarded or written to a data file.

**Figure 5:**  
**Prox Log Menu**



Click **Start Logging Prox** to start the logging function. Each time the program polls the output information from the device, it creates a new log entry showing the raw data values, the values of



various control registers, and the values entered by the user into the text fields near the bottom right corner of the window.

Click **Stop Logging Prox** to stop the logging function. Once logging stops, the user may store the data in a file, or continue collecting additional data by clicking **Start Logging** again.

The **Log a Single Prox Entry** command causes logging to start, collect one single entry, and immediately stop again. This function is not available when logging is already running.

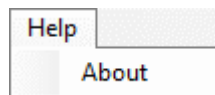
Click **Clear Prox Log** to discard any previously collected data. If there is data in memory, which has not been saved to disk, this function displays a prompt asking to verify it is OK to discard the data. If the log is active when this function executes, the log continues running after the existing data is discarded.

Click **Save Prox Log** to save the collected log data to a csv file. This stops the logging function, if it is active, and displays a file dialog box to specify where to store the logged data. The Log Status and Control Information section below describes the default file name, but you may change the file name if desired.

### 4.2.3 Help Menu

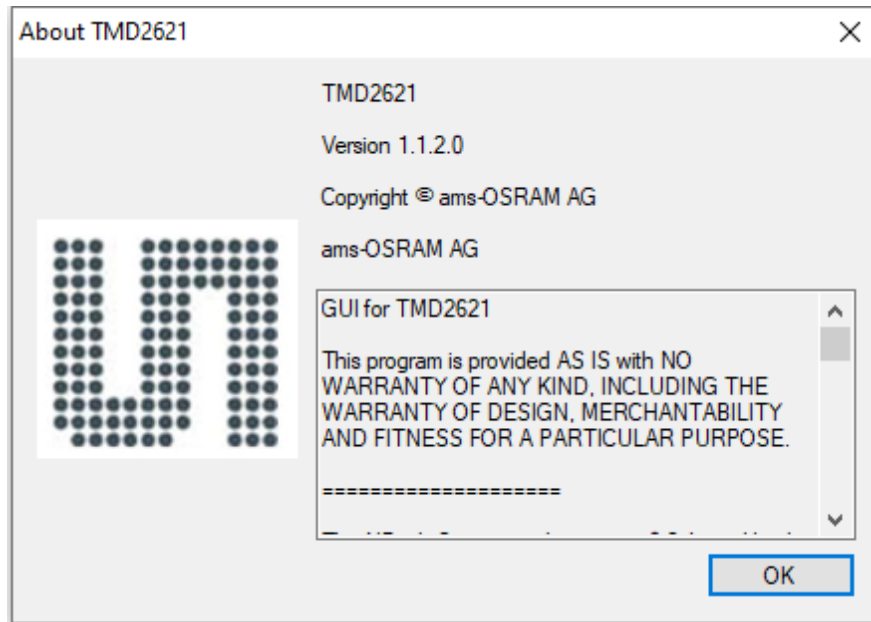
The Help menu contains a single function: About.

**Figure 6:**  
Help Menu



The **About** function displays a dialog box (Figure 7) showing version and copyright information for the application and library. Click the **OK** button to close this window and continue.

Figure 7:  
About Window



## 4.3 System Level Controls

Immediately below the top menu bar there are checkboxes used to control the system level functions of the TMD2621 device.

The **Power On** checkbox controls the PON function of the TMD2621. When this box is checked, the oscillator is on and the device is running measurements according to the settings in the System Level Controls and the Configuration tab. When the device is running, the Configuration tab and System Controls are disabled to prevent changing the settings while the measurement is ongoing. When this box is unchecked, the oscillator is off and the device does not operate. The Configuration tab and System Controls are then enabled and you can change the controls to setup the parameters for next run.

The **Enable** box contains checkboxes to enable the **Prox** and **Temperature** functions. Check a box to enable the function and uncheck it to disable the function. Note that, even though it may be enabled independently, the Temperature function does not operate unless the Prox function is also enabled. If Temperature is enabled but Prox is not, a red error indicator will be displayed beside the Temperature checkbox.

The **Internal VSYNC** checkbox enables the VSYNC signal to be generated internally when an external VSYNC signal is not received at the expected time.

Setting the **Prox VSYNC** checkbox allows Prox processing to be synchronized with the VSYNC signal.

Clicking on the **Soft Reset** or **Hard Reset** buttons will perform the soft or hard reset operations as described in the datasheet.

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## 4.4 Auto Polling

The application automatically polls the TMD2621 raw Prox data. The **Poll Interval** at the upper right corner of the form displays the actual time between reads of the device. At the bottom center of the screen is a control, **Polling Interval**, which specifies the time to wait between each poll of the hardware. This control may be set from 15 ms to 10000 ms (10 seconds).

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## 4.5 Device ID Information

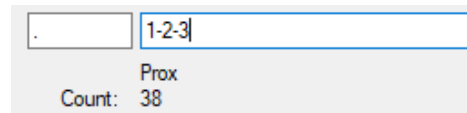
The lower left corner of the window displays the ID number of the EVM Controller board, identifies the device being used. It also specifies the part number and I<sup>2</sup>C address of the device and a unique identifier which is stored with any logged data so that you may associate it back to this device.

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## 4.6 Log Status and Control Information

The lower right corner of the window contains status information and controls for the logging function:

**Figure 8:**  
**Logging Status**



This section contains text boxes that are stored in the log file data and used to build the file name for the log file. If the data in these fields are changed, the new values are stored with any new data logged. The default file name is based on the value in the right-hand textbox, at the time the log file is written. If nothing is entered in the boxes they default to a period (“.”).

**Sample default file name:**

TMD2621\_1-2-3\_Log\_HH\_MM\_SS.csv

■ From Application

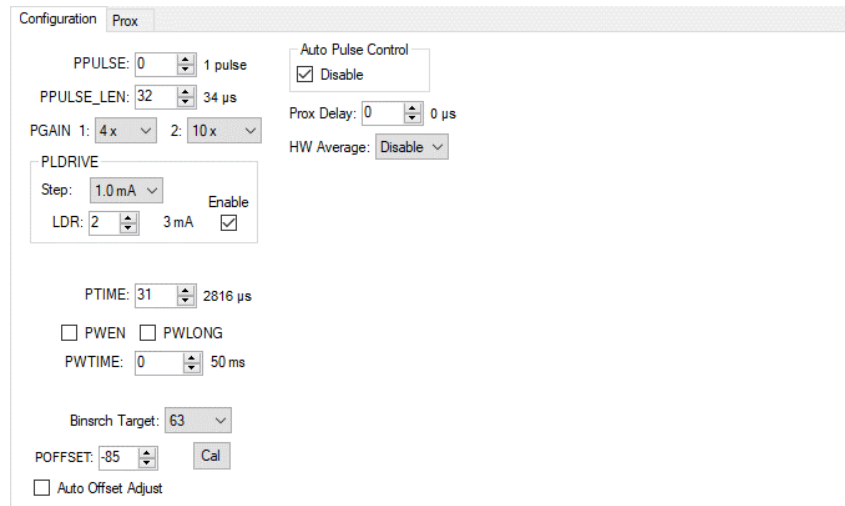
■ From User Input

The **Count** value displayed is a count of the number of samples currently in the Prox log buffer.

## 4.7 “Configuration” Tab

The main portion of the screen contains a tab labeled Configuration.

**Figure 9:**  
Configuration Tab



### 4.7.1 Configuration Controls

The Configuration Tab contains controls that affect operation of the Prox function.

The **PPULSE** control controls the number of pulses that are used for each prox integration. The actual number of pulses is one more than the value of this control and is displayed to the right of the control. The valid settings for this control are from 0 – 63 which corresponds to 1 – 64 pulses.

The **PPULSE\_LEN** control sets the length in microseconds of each prox pulse. The length of the actual pulse is two more than the value of this control and is displayed to the right of the control. The valid settings for this control are from 0 – 1023, corresponding to 2 μs – 1025 μs.

The **PGAIN1** and **PGAIN2** controls set the value of the Prox Gain stages. The stage 1 gain can be set to 1x, 2x, 4x, 8x, or 16x. The stage 2 gain can be set to 2.5x, 5x, or 10x. The PGAIN2 control includes a setting labeled “Unused”. This value should not be selected and will produce indeterminate results.

The **PLDRIVE** box contains a group of controls which set the drive current for the VCSEL.

- **Step** specifies the step size in milliamps for the VCSEL driver. You may select 0.5 mA, 1.0 mA, 1.5 mA, or 2.0 mA.
- **LDR** control sets the drive current based on the step size. The selected step size is multiplied by (LDR + 1) to determine the resulting current. The current is displayed to the right of this control. The LDR control has a range of 0 – 15, providing a current ranging from 0.5 mA to 32 mA based on the setting of the Step control

- The LDR control also has an associated **Enable** checkbox. When this box is checked, the driver is active and will be used during prox measurements. If the box is not checked, the driver will be disabled during prox measurements.

The **PTIME** control sets the rate at which each prox cycle begins when hardware averaging is enabled. The actual time is  $(PTIME + 1) \times 88 \mu s$ , and is displayed to the right of this control. If PTIME is set to be less than the actual prox time (determined by PPULSE and PPULSE\_LEN), the prox time will override this value. The PTIME control can be adjusted from 0 to 255 which provides times ranging from 88  $\mu s$  to 22.528 ms.

The **PWEN** control enables the insertion of a wait time between normal prox integration cycles.

The **PWTIME** and **PWLONG** controls determine the length of the optional prox wait time. If PWLONG is unchecked, the prox wait time is defined as  $(PWTIME + 1) \times 2.779 \text{ ms}$ . If PWLONG is checked, the wait time is multiplied by 12. PWTIME can be set from 0 to 255, providing a range from 2.779 ms to 711.424 ms. If PWLONG is enabled, this time extends from 33.348 ms to 8.537 s.

The **Binsrch Target** control selects the target PDATA value that the calibration function will attempt to reach when calibrating the prox response.

The **POFFSET** control sets the offset value which is applied to the PDATA value to remove the effects of electrical and system crosstalk. POFFSET is set by the device, during the calibration function, or may be manually set to any value within a range of  $\pm 255$ .

Clicking on the **Cal** button will cause the device to perform a calibration. The device will use a binary search method to adjust the POFFSET value so that it produces a PDATA result that is as close as possible to the selected Binsrch Target value.

Checking the **Auto Offset Adjust** checkbox, will cause the device to examine every PDATA value generated. If a PDATA value of 0 is detected, the current POFFSET value will be reduced by 1. When Auto Offset Adjust is selected, the POFFSET control will be disabled and will be read from the device and displayed each time it polls for the normal Prox data results.

The **Auto Pulse Control** (APC) function can be turned off by checking the **Disable** checkbox. The APC function should normally be disabled in high crosstalk configurations.

The **Prox Delay** control is used along with the Prox VSYNC control to set a time delay between the VSYNC signal and the beginning of the Prox cycle. The delay time is  $\text{Prox Delay} \times 1.357 \mu s$ . The value can be set from 0 to 65535 meaning the delay can be up to 88.931 ms.

The **HW Average** control causes the device to average multiple prox integrations for each PDATA output. Using this pull-down menu, you can select to average 2, 4, 8, or 16 values, or disable the hardware averaging function. If enabled, the hardware will use the PTIME value to control how fast the selected number of cycles is collected and will then set PDATA to the average of the collected data.

## 4.8 “Prox” Tab

The main portion of the screen contains a tab labeled Prox. The controls in this tab are divided into two sections, each performing a separate function.

**Figure 10:**  
Prox Tab



### 4.8.1 Prox Output Data

The left side of the Prox Tab displays output and status data. This data is polled from the device at the user-specified interval. The actual polling interval is shown in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

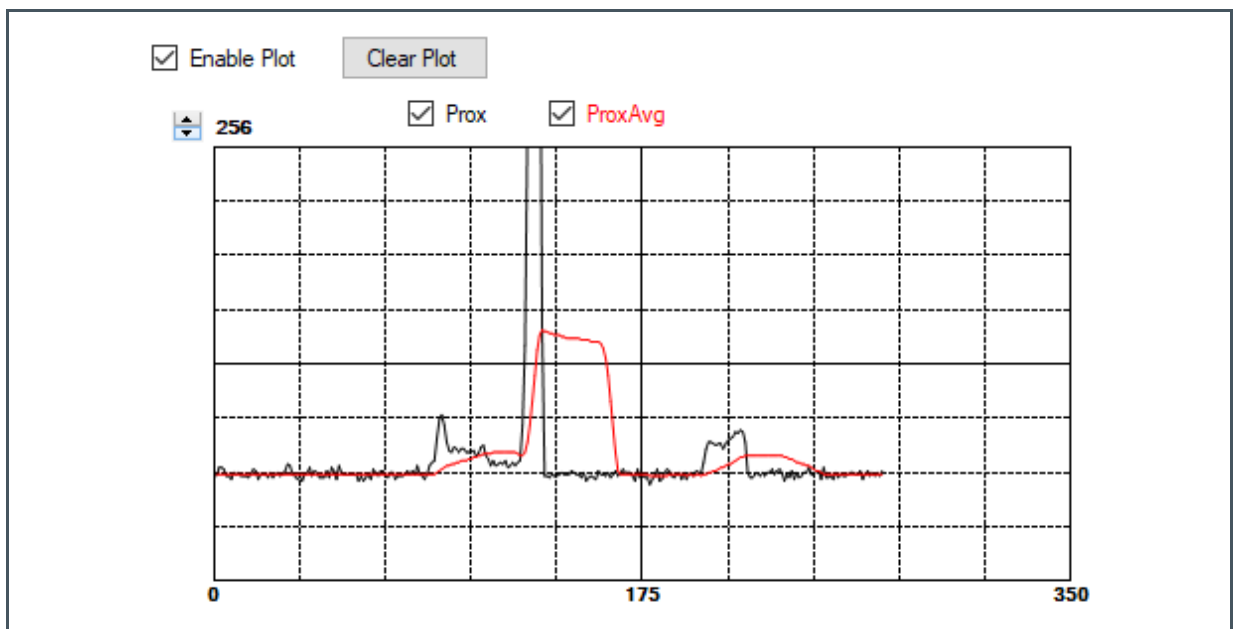
- **PDATA** displays the latest polled Proximity channel count. Note that the TMD2621 can be configured to run much faster than this program can run, so this field will not display every PDATA value from the device.
- **SW Avg** is an average of the most recent 32 values polled from the device.
- **StDev** is the standard deviation of the last 32 values polled from the device.
- **Temp** is the current temperature reading from the device. This value is only valid if *both* prox and Temperature are enabled.
- **VSYNC** indicates the most recent VSYNC period detected. This value is only valid if a VSYNC signal is present.
- **VSYNC Lost** will be marked when the device detects a missing VSYNC signal
- **VSYNC LOST Int** will be marked when the VSYNC LOST Interrupt is active.

- **Saturation** is marked to indicate that some saturation condition has occurred in the prox processing. The **Stage 2, Amb Lvl Comp, Stage 1 Amb,** and **Stage 1 Pulse** indicators provide further information regarding the saturation condition. See the Datasheet for an explanation of the meaning of each of these status bits.

## 4.8.2 Prox Data Plot

The remaining portion of the Prox tab is used to display a running plot of the collected PDATA values. The last 350 values are collected and plotted on the graph. As additional values are added, the old values will be deleted from the left side of the graph. To start the plotting function, check the **Enable Plot** checkbox.

Figure 11:  
Prox Data Plot



The scale of the Y-axis of the plot can be adjusted by clicking on the small up and down arrows at the top left corner of the plot. The scale can be set to any power of 2 from 16 to 16384.

The **Prox** and **ProxAvg** checkboxes control which data is displayed on the plot.

Click the Clear Plot button to discard the current data and continue plotting the new data. Note if the Clear Plot button is clicked while the plot is disabled, the data is discarded, but the actual plot will not be updated until the plot function is re-enabled.

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## 5 Resources

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For additional information regarding the TMD2621, please refer to the datasheet. For information regarding the installation of the TMD2621 EVM host application software please refer to the TMD2621 EVM Quick Start Guide.

Designer's Notebooks dealing with various aspects of optical measurement and optical measurement applications are available. All content is available on the website [www.ams.com](http://www.ams.com).



**For further information, please refer to the following documents:**

- TMD2621 Datasheet
  - TMD2621 EVM Quick Start Guide (QG001016)
  - TMD2621 EVM User's Guide (this document)
  - TMD2621 EVM Schematic Layout
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