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# AdafruitTSL2591 Library Documentation

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CircuitPython module for the TSL2591 high precision light sensor.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Dependencies

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This driver depends on:

- [Adafruit CircuitPython](#)
- [Bus Device](#)

Please ensure all dependencies are available on the CircuitPython filesystem. This is easily achieved by downloading the [Adafruit library and driver bundle](#).





## CHAPTER 2

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### Installing from PyPI

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On supported GNU/Linux systems like the Raspberry Pi, you can install the driver locally [from PyPI](#). To install for current user:

```
pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-tsl2591
```

To install system-wide (this may be required in some cases):

```
sudo pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-tsl2591
```

To install in a virtual environment in your current project:

```
mkdir project-name && cd project-name
python3 -m venv .env
source .env/bin/activate
pip3 install adafruit-circuitpython-tsl2591
```



## CHAPTER 3

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### Usage Example

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See `examples/tsl2591_simpletest.py` for a demo of the usage.



## CHAPTER 4

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### Contributing

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Contributions are welcome! Please read our [Code of Conduct](#) before contributing to help this project stay welcoming.



## CHAPTER 5

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### Documentation

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For information on building library documentation, please check out [this guide](#).





## 6.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/tsl2591\_simpletest.py

```
1  # Simple demo of the TSL2591 sensor. Will print the detected light value
2  # every second.
3  import time
4
5  import board
6  import busio
7
8  import adafruit_tsl2591
9
10 # Initialize the I2C bus.
11 i2c = busio.I2C(board.SCL, board.SDA)
12
13 # Initialize the sensor.
14 sensor = adafruit_tsl2591.TSL2591(i2c)
15
16 # You can optionally change the gain and integration time:
17 # sensor.gain = adafruit_tsl2591.GAIN_LOW (1x gain)
18 # sensor.gain = adafruit_tsl2591.GAIN_MED (25x gain, the default)
19 # sensor.gain = adafruit_tsl2591.GAIN_HIGH (428x gain)
20 # sensor.gain = adafruit_tsl2591.GAIN_MAX (9876x gain)
21 # sensor.integration_time = adafruit_tsl2591.INTEGRATIONTIME_100MS (100ms, default)
22 # sensor.integration_time = adafruit_tsl2591.INTEGRATIONTIME_200MS (200ms)
23 # sensor.integration_time = adafruit_tsl2591.INTEGRATIONTIME_300MS (300ms)
24 # sensor.integration_time = adafruit_tsl2591.INTEGRATIONTIME_400MS (400ms)
25 # sensor.integration_time = adafruit_tsl2591.INTEGRATIONTIME_500MS (500ms)
26 # sensor.integration_time = adafruit_tsl2591.INTEGRATIONTIME_600MS (600ms)
27
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28 # Read the total lux, IR, and visible light levels and print it every second.
29 while True:
30     # Read and calculate the light level in lux.
31     lux = sensor.lux
32     print("Total light: {0}lux".format(lux))
33     # You can also read the raw infrared and visible light levels.
34     # These are unsigned, the higher the number the more light of that type.
35     # There are no units like lux.
36     # Infrared levels range from 0-65535 (16-bit)
37     infrared = sensor.infrared
38     print("Infrared light: {0}".format(infrared))
39     # Visible-only levels range from 0-2147483647 (32-bit)
40     visible = sensor.visible
41     print("Visible light: {0}".format(visible))
42     # Full spectrum (visible + IR) also range from 0-2147483647 (32-bit)
43     full_spectrum = sensor.full_spectrum
44     print("Full spectrum (IR + visible) light: {0}".format(full_spectrum))
45     time.sleep(1.0)

```

## 6.2 adafruit\_ts12591

CircuitPython module for the TSL2591 precision light sensor. See examples/simpletest.py for a demo of the usage.

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### 6.2.1 Implementation Notes

#### Hardware:

- Adafruit TSL2591 High Dynamic Range Digital Light Sensor (Product ID: 1980)

#### Software and Dependencies:

- Adafruit CircuitPython firmware for the ESP8622 and M0-based boards: <https://github.com/adafruit/circuitpython/releases>
- Adafruit's Bus Device library: [https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit\\_CircuitPython\\_BusDevice](https://github.com/adafruit/Adafruit_CircuitPython_BusDevice)

adafruit\_ts12591.**GAIN\_HIGH** = 32  
High gain (428x)

adafruit\_ts12591.**GAIN\_LOW** = 0  
Low gain (1x)

adafruit\_ts12591.**GAIN\_MAX** = 48  
Max gain (9876x)

adafruit\_ts12591.**GAIN\_MED** = 16  
Medium gain (25x)

adafruit\_ts12591.**INTEGRATIONTIME\_100MS** = 0  
100 millis

adafruit\_ts12591.**INTEGRATIONTIME\_200MS** = 1  
200 millis

adafruit\_tsl2591.**INTEGRATIONTIME\_300MS** = 2  
300 millis

adafruit\_tsl2591.**INTEGRATIONTIME\_400MS** = 3  
400 millis

adafruit\_tsl2591.**INTEGRATIONTIME\_500MS** = 4  
500 millis

adafruit\_tsl2591.**INTEGRATIONTIME\_600MS** = 5  
600 millis

**class** adafruit\_tsl2591.**TSL2591** (*i2c, address=41*)

TSL2591 high precision light sensor. :param busio.I2C i2c: The I2C bus connected to the sensor :param int address: The I2C address of the sensor. If not specified the sensor default will be used.

**disable** ()

Disable the device and go into low power mode.

**enable** ()

Put the device in a fully powered enabled mode.

**full\_spectrum**

Read the full spectrum (IR + visible) light and return its value as a 32-bit unsigned number.

**gain**

Get and set the gain of the sensor. Can be a value of:

- GAIN\_LOW (1x)
- GAIN\_MED (25x)
- GAIN\_HIGH (428x)
- GAIN\_MAX (9876x)

**infrared**

Read the infrared light and return its value as a 16-bit unsigned number.

**integration\_time**

Get and set the integration time of the sensor. Can be a value of:

- INTEGRATIONTIME\_100MS (100 millis)
- INTEGRATIONTIME\_200MS (200 millis)
- INTEGRATIONTIME\_300MS (300 millis)
- INTEGRATIONTIME\_400MS (400 millis)
- INTEGRATIONTIME\_500MS (500 millis)
- INTEGRATIONTIME\_600MS (600 millis)

**lux**

Read the sensor and calculate a lux value from both its infrared and visible light channels.

**raw\_luminosity**

Read the raw luminosity from the sensor (both IR + visible and IR only channels) and return a 2-tuple of those values. The first value is IR + visible luminosity (channel 0) and the second is the IR only (channel 1). Both values are 16-bit unsigned numbers (0-65535).

**visible**

Read the visible light and return its value as a 32-bit unsigned number.



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