

HELLA 6PW 011 178-891

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Model: 6PW 011 178-891

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The HELLA 6PW 011 178-891 Rain Sensor is a sophisticated automotive component designed to enhance driving safety and comfort. This sensor integrates multiple functions, including rain, light, sun, and humidity measurement, and automatically adjusts head-up display brightness based on ambient lighting conditions. Manufactured to high standards, this 3-pin wired sensor is suitable for various vehicle applications.

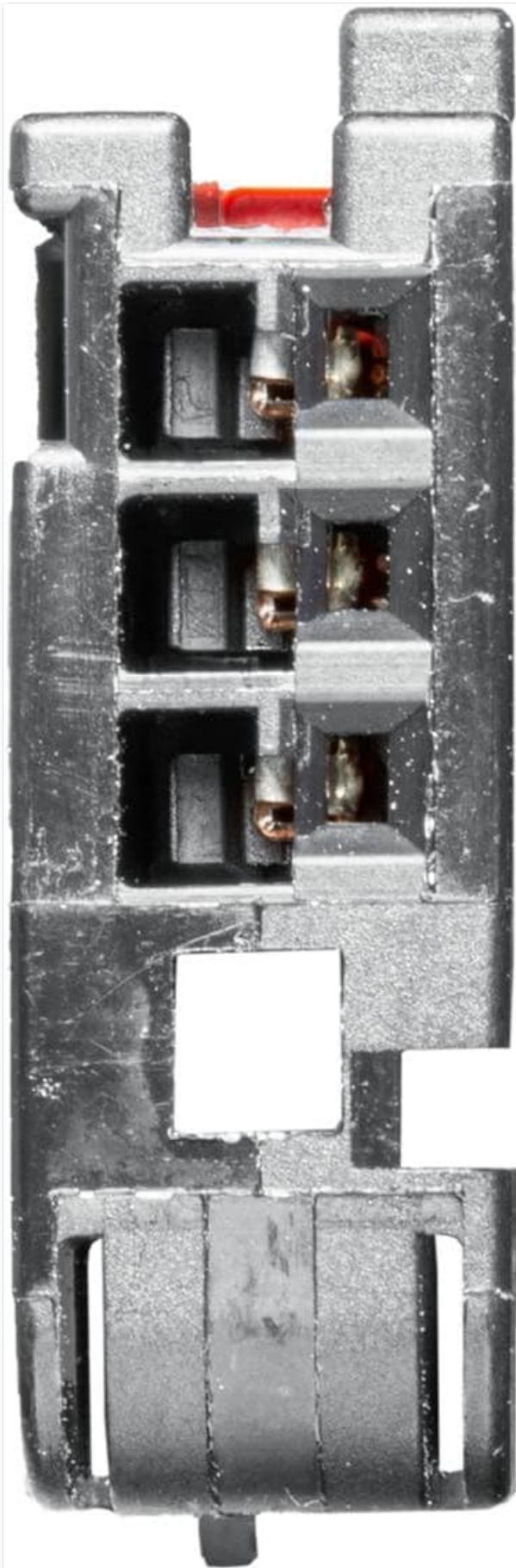


Figure 1: HELLA 6PW 011 178-891 Rain Sensor. This image shows the compact design of the 3-pin sensor unit.

Key Features:

- **Integrated Functions:** Measures rain, light, sun, and humidity.
- **Automatic Display Adjustment:** Regulates head-up display brightness based on lighting conditions.

- **Enhanced Safety and Comfort:** Contributes to a safer and more comfortable driving experience.
- **Modular and Compact Design:** Allows for flexible integration.
- **Easy Installation:** Designed for safe installation without additional specialized mounting tools.

2. COMPATIBLE VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

This sensor is compatible with specific vehicle models. Always verify compatibility with your vehicle's manufacturer specifications before installation.

- CHEVROLET MALIBU
- CHEVROLET (SGM) MALIBU XL (EG5)
- OPEL INSIGNIA B Grand Sport (Z18)
- OPEL INSIGNIA B Sports Tourer (Z18)
- VAUXHALL INSIGNIA Mk II (B) Hatchback (Z18)
- VAUXHALL INSIGNIA Mk II (B) Sports Tourer (Z18)
- CHEVROLET (SGM) MALIBU (EG3)
- VAUXHALL INSIGNIA Mk II (B) Country Tourer (Z18)
- OPEL INSIGNIA B Country Tourer (Z18)
- OPEL INSIGNIA B Sports Tourer Combi Van (Z18)

Note: This sensor is intended for vehicles **without** a lane departure warning system.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Installation of the HELLA 6PW 011 178-891 Rain Sensor should be performed by a qualified technician to ensure proper function and vehicle safety. Incorrect installation can lead to malfunctions or damage.

General Installation Guidelines:

1. **Safety First:** Disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning any electrical work.
2. **Locate Mounting Position:** Identify the designated mounting area for the rain sensor, typically on the windshield behind the rearview mirror.
3. **Prepare Surface:** Ensure the mounting surface is clean, dry, and free of any residues. Use appropriate cleaning agents as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.
4. **Mount Sensor:** Securely attach the sensor to the prepared surface. The design allows for surface mounting.
5. **Connect Wiring:** Connect the 3-pin connector of the sensor to the vehicle's wiring harness. Ensure connections are firm and correctly oriented.
6. **Re-connect Battery:** Once all connections are secure, re-connect the vehicle's battery.
7. **System Calibration:** After installation, the vehicle's electronic system may require calibration or adaptation to recognize the new sensor. Refer to your vehicle's service manual or consult a professional for this step.

This sensor is designed for easy and safe installation without additional specialized mounting tools. However, professional installation is highly recommended.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The HELLA Rain Sensor operates automatically once correctly installed and calibrated. Its primary function is to detect precipitation and ambient light conditions to control related vehicle systems.

Automatic Functions:

- **Rain Detection:** When rain is detected on the windshield, the sensor signals the vehicle's wiper system to activate automatically. The wiper speed adjusts based on the intensity of the rain.
- **Light Detection:** The sensor monitors ambient light levels. In low light conditions (e.g., tunnels, dusk, night), it can automatically activate the vehicle's headlights.
- **Sun and Humidity Measurement:** These measurements contribute to the overall environmental assessment, influencing other integrated vehicle systems for optimal performance and comfort.
- **Head-Up Display Brightness:** The sensor automatically adjusts the brightness of the head-up display to ensure optimal visibility in varying lighting conditions.

Consult your vehicle's owner's manual for specific instructions on how to enable or disable automatic functions controlled by the rain sensor, if applicable.

5. MAINTENANCE

The HELLA Rain Sensor is designed for durability and requires minimal maintenance. Proper care of the windshield area where the sensor is mounted is crucial for its optimal performance.

Maintenance Tips:

- **Keep Windshield Clean:** Regularly clean the exterior of the windshield, especially the area directly in front of the sensor. Dirt, grime, or residues can interfere with rain and light detection.
- **Avoid Obstructions:** Ensure no stickers, tinting, or other obstructions are placed on the windshield over the sensor area.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Periodically check the sensor and its wiring for any visible signs of damage, such as cracks, loose connections, or corrosion.
- **Professional Inspection:** If you suspect a malfunction or damage, have the sensor inspected by a qualified automotive technician.

Do not attempt to disassemble or repair the sensor yourself, as this may void any applicable warranty and could cause further damage.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your HELLA Rain Sensor, consider the following common troubleshooting steps.

Common Issues and Solutions:

- **Wipers not activating automatically:**
 - Ensure the automatic wiper function is enabled in your vehicle's settings.
 - Clean the windshield area over the sensor thoroughly.
 - Check for any obstructions on the windshield.
- **Headlights not activating automatically:**
 - Verify that the automatic headlight function is enabled.
 - Ensure the sensor area on the windshield is clean and unobstructed.

- **Erratic sensor behavior:**

- This could indicate a dirty sensor area, a loose connection, or a need for system recalibration.
- If cleaning does not resolve the issue, professional diagnosis is recommended.

For persistent issues or complex problems, it is advisable to seek assistance from a certified automotive service center or a HELLA authorized technician.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Detail
Brand	HELLA
Model Number	6PW 011 178-891
Part Number	011178891
Product Type Name	Rain Sensor
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	9.2 x 7.5 x 7.5 cm
Material	Plastic
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Number of Products	1
Specific Product Applications	Driving in rain or fog, for use in vehicles with models listed in the product description. For vehicles without lane departure warning system.
Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)	04082300783223
ASIN	B099BMXWVR

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information:

According to the product specifications, there is **no stated warranty** ("Keine") for this product. Please check with your retailer or HELLA directly for any implied warranties or consumer rights that may apply in your region.

Customer Support:

For technical assistance, installation queries, or further product information, please contact HELLA customer support or visit the official HELLA website.

- **HELLA Official Website:** www.hella.com (Please note: This is a generic link; specific regional support details may vary.)
- **Professional Assistance:** Always consult a certified automotive technician for installation and complex troubleshooting.

