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Description: Limit switch for rotating levers

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Housing:

Metal housing, one threaded conduit entry,
IP67 with cable gland which has equal or higher protection degree.

General data:

Ambient temperature: from -25°C to +80°C
Max actuation frequency: 3600 operations cycles(1)/hour
Mechanical endurance: 20 million operations cycles(1)
(1) One operation cycle means two movements, one to close and one to open contacts, as foreseen by EN 60947-5-1 standard.

Contact block characteristics:

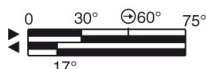
1NO+1NC snap action

Double breaking and double bridge,
finger-proof protection, captive screws.

Positive switch opening:

Device with positive opening
conforming to IEC 60947-5-1.

Travel diagrams:



- Closed contact
- Opened contact
- ⊕ Positive opening travel (IEC 60947-5-1)
- ⊖ Opening travel 2x2m (EN 81)
- R Reset device travel
- ▶ Pushing the switch
- ◀ Releasing the switch
- ⊙ Tripping mechanical point

Cross section of the conductors (flexible copper wire):

min. 1 x 0,5 mm² (1 x AWG 20)
max. 2 x 2,5 mm² (2 x AWG 14)

Device screw tightening torques:

Cover screws: 0,8 ... 1,2 Nm
Head screws: 0,8 ... 1,2 Nm
Lever screws: 0,8 ... 1,2 Nm
Contact blocks screws: 0,6 ... 0,8 Nm
Plugs: 1,2 ... 1,6 Nm (M20/PG13,5)
1 ... 1,4 Nm (M16/PG11)

In conformity with requirements requested by:

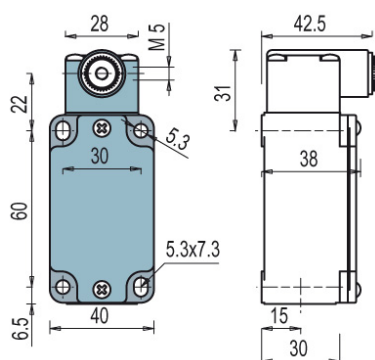
Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC
Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC
Electromagnetic Compatibility 2004/108/EC

In conformity with standards:

IEC 60947-5-1, EN 60947-5-1, EN 50041, IEC 60204-1, EN 60204-1,
EN 1088, EN ISO 12100-1, EN ISO 12100-2, IEC 529, EN 60529, NFC 63-140,
VDE 0660-200, VDE 0113

Activating forces:

Min.: 0,01 Nm
Positive opening: 0,25 Nm



Markings and quality marks:



Electrical data:

Thermal current (I_{th}): 10 A
Rated insulation voltage (U_i): 500 Vac 600 Vdc
Rated impulse withstand voltage (U_{imp}): 6 kV
Conditional short circuit current: 1000 A according to EN 60947-5-1
Protection against short circuits: fuse 10 A 500 V type aM
Pollution degree: 3

Utilization categories:

Alternate current: AC15 (50...60 Hz)
U_e (V) 250 400 500
I_e (A) 6 4 1
Direct current: DC13
U_e (V) 24 125 250
I_e (A) 6 1,1 0,4



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Data type approved by IMQ, CCC and ECU

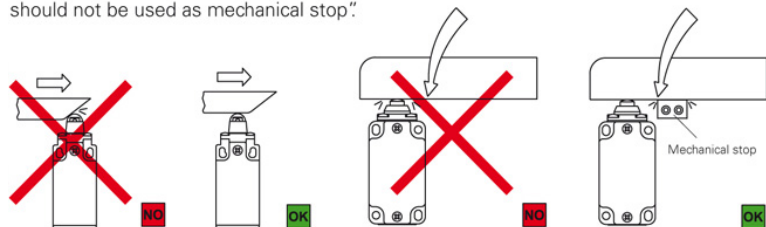
Rated insulation voltage (Ui): 500 Vac
400 Vac (for contact blocks 2, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 33, 34)
Thermal current (Ith): 10 A
Protection against short circuits: fuse 10 A 500 V type aM
Rated impulse withstand voltage (Uimp): 6 kV
4 kV (for contact blocks 20, 21, 22, 33, 34)
Protection degree: IP67
MV terminals (screw clamps)
Pollution degree 3
Utilization category: AC15
Operation voltage (Ue): 400 Vac (50 Hz)
Operation current (Ie): 3 A
Forms of the contact element: Za, Zb, Za+Za, Y+Y, X+X, Y+Y+X, Y+Y+Y, Y+X+X
Positive opening of contacts on contact block 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 33, 34
In conformity with standards: EN 60947-1, EN 60947-5-1+ A1:2009, fundamental requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/CE.

Data type approved by UL

Utilization categories Q300 (69 VA, 125-250 Vdc)
A600 (720 VA, 120-600 Vac)
Data of the housing type 1, 4X "indoor use only", 12, 13
For all contact blocks except 2 and 3 use 60 or 75 °C copper (Cu) conductor and wire size No. 12-14 AWG.
Terminal tightening torque of 7,1 lb in (0.8 Nm).
For contact blocks 2 and 3 use 60 or 75 °C copper (Cu) conductor and wire size No. 14 AWG.
Terminal tightening torque of 12 lb in (1.4 Nm).
In conformity with standard: UL 508

Mechanical stop

In accordance with the EN 1088 standard, paragraph 5.2.2., "the position sensors should not be used as mechanical stop".



The actuator must not exceed the max. travel as indicated in the

The guard should not make a mechanical stop on the switch head.

Actuation modality



Recommended application	Application to avoid	Forbidden application



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Installation of single switches for safety applications

- Use only switches with the symbol  (see figure on the side).
- Connect the safety circuit to **the NC normally closed contacts (11-12, 21-22 or 31-32)**.
- **The NO normally open contacts (13-14, 23-24, 33-34) should be used only for signalling**; these contacts are not to be connected with the safety circuit. However, if in the same protection two or more switches are used, it is possible to connect the contact NO to safety circuit. In this case at least one of the two switches must feature positive opening and a NC normally closed contacts (11-12, 21-22 or 31-32) must be connected to the safety circuit.
- **The switch must be actuated with the minimum positive opening travel** indicated in the travel diagrams with symbol .
- **The switch must be actuated with the minimum positive opening force.**

When the machine guard has been open and during the whole opening travel, **the switch must be triggered directly** (fig. 1) **or through a rigid connection** (fig. 2).

Only in this way the positive opening of the NC normally closed contacts (11-12, 21-22, 31-32) is guaranteed.

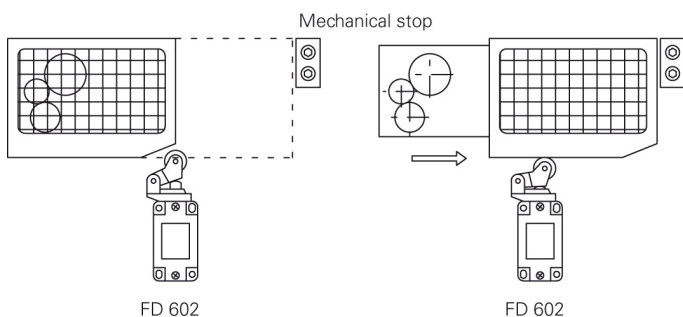


Fig.1

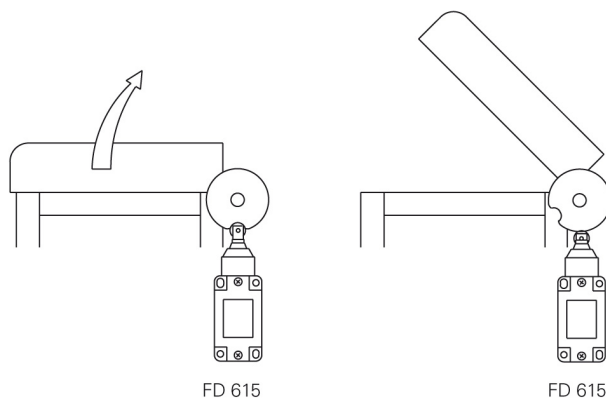


Fig.2

In the safety application with only one switch for each guard, the switches **should not be applied to activate by release** (fig. 3 and 4) **or through a non rigid connection** (i.e. by a spring).

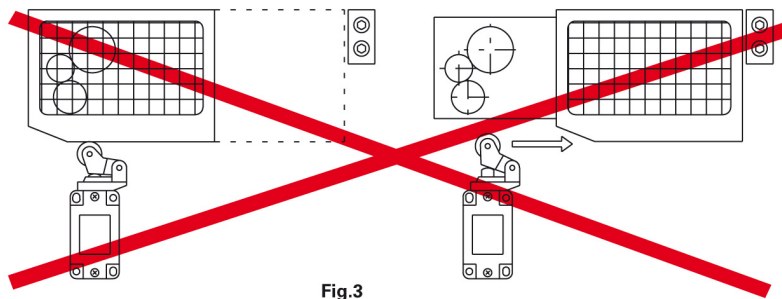


Fig.3

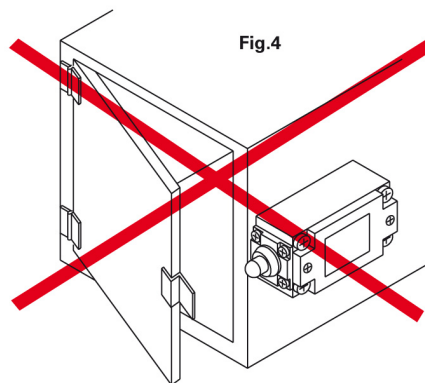


Fig.4