

F7 Series LIQUID LEVEL FLOAT SWITCH

INSTALLATION AND OPERATIONS MANUAL

Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Float Switch



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Single-Point, Vertical Mount

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1.0 INSTALLATION

This section provides detailed procedures on properly installing the F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Float Switch.

 **CAUTION!** IF THE EQUIPMENT IS USED IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER, PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE EQUIPMENT MAY BE IMPAIRED.

1.1 UNPACKING

Unpack the instrument, carefully. Make sure that all components have been removed from the packing material. Inspect all components for damage. Report any concealed damage to the carrier within 24 hours of receiving. Compare the contents with the packing slip and report any discrepancies to the factory immediately. Record the sales order number and/or serial number for future reference when ordering parts.

Before Proceeding to Installation, Complete the Following:

- Inspect all components for damage. Report any damage to the carrier within 24 hours of receiving.
- Record the model and serial numbers for future reference when ordering parts.

Model Number _____

Serial Number _____

1.2 BEFORE YOU BEGIN

 **CAUTION!** DURING THE INSTALLATION OF THE SINGLE-POINT, VERTICALLY-MOUNTED LIQUID LEVEL SWITCH, THE FLOAT AREA MUST BE KEPT FREE OF METALLIC PARTICLES THAT MIGHT BE ATTRACTED TO THE FLOAT'S INTERNAL MAGNET.

1.2.1 Site Preparation

Ensure that the length and the inside diameter of the mounting is sized correctly to accommodate the F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Float Switch.

1.2.2 Equipment and Tools

No special equipment or tools are required to install the F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Float Switch.

The Following Are Recommended:

- Wrenches, thread sealant, gaskets and/or bolting as required for the process connection.

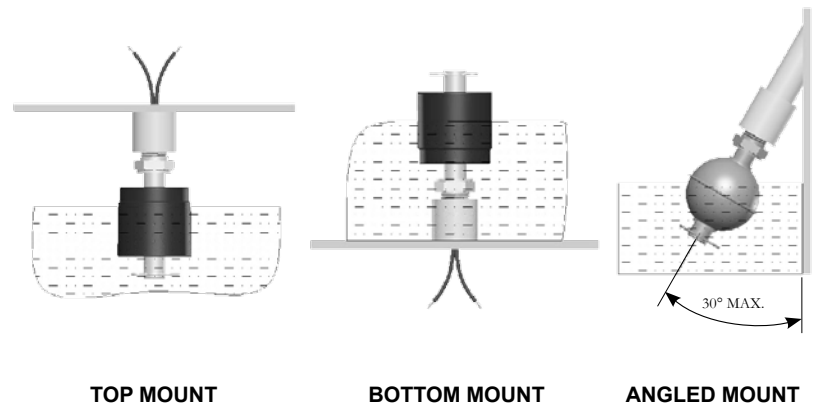
1.3 MOUNTING

The F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Float Switch is available in a variety of threaded mountings. These devices can be installed from the bottom or top of the tank. The switches should be mounted in an area clear of turbulence or direct streams.

1.3.1 Threaded Mounting

How to Install an F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Switch:

- 1 Apply either Teflon[®] tape or an appropriate thread sealant to the mounting threads to prevent galling.
- 2 Engage the thread by hand to avoid unnecessary damage.
- 3 Using a wrench, rotate the unit clockwise until it is tight within the mounting.

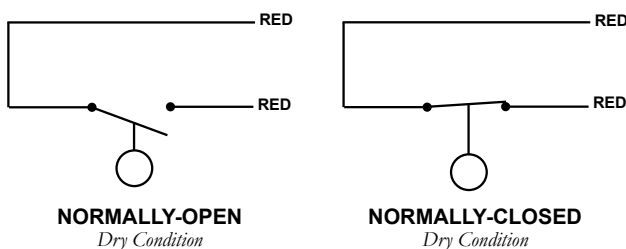


1.4 WIRING

CAUTION! OBSERVE ALL APPLICABLE ELECTRICAL CODES AND PROPER WIRING PROCEDURES.

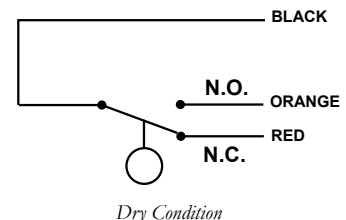
SPST Reed Switch:

- 1 Connect the wiring to the red switch leads or terminals, as illustrated below.



SPDT Reed Switch:

- 1 Connect the wiring to the proper switch leads or terminals, as illustrated below.



Contact Protection:

In order to maintain the life and reliability of the internal reed switch, it is essential to provide protection when switching inductive loads. When the current breaks, the energy stored in the load generates a high frequency voltage across the switch contacts. If the voltage is large enough, it can initiate arcing and cause the contacts to weld together. Damage can ultimately be prevented by suppressing the voltage. Through the use of a diode for DC circuits and a resistor-capacitor network for AC circuits, contact protection will ensure reliable performance from the reed switch.

2.0 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Periodic inspections are necessary to maintain the proper functionality of the F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Switch. The switch is a safety device that protects the equipment it serves. A systematic program of preventative maintenance should be implemented at the time of installation. If the following instructions are completed routinely, the switch will provide continuous, reliable protection.

2.1 MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

2.1.1 Inspect Unit Periodically

Verify that there are no cracks or chipped surfaces on the float or stem. Should the unit become damaged, obtain a replacement immediately.

2.1.2 Inspect Connections Monthly

F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Switches may be vulnerable to excessive heat and moisture. Under these conditions, the electrical wire insulation can periodically break or peel away. As a result, the bare wires may become exposed to the elements and cause damages.

- Inspect all wiring, carefully and replace any wires exhibiting signs of brittle insulation.
- Inspect all electrical connections to ensure tightness.
- Repair or replace any wiring, if necessary.

2.1.3 Keep Unit Clean

Periodic cleanings of the float, stem and magnet assembly will ensure the continual, uninterrupted movement of the mechanism. Always keep the open area between the enclosures clean and free of any potential interferences. Objects and debris may cause systematic interruptions and a loss in equipment functionality.

2.2 WHAT TO AVOID



NEVER LEAVE THE SWITCH WIRING EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS.



NEVER PLACE A JUMPER WIRE ACROSS THE TERMINALS TO “CUT-OUT” THE CONTROL. *If a jumper is necessary for testing purposes, ensure that it is removed prior to placing the control into service.*



NEVER USE IN SYSTEMS CONTAINING IRON PARTICLES. *The magnet within the float assembly can attract the particles and become jammed.*

3.0 REFERENCE INFORMATION

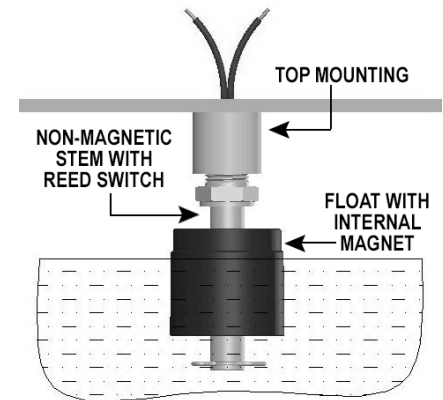
This section illustrates an overview of the F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Switch, as well as information on troubleshooting common problems, agency approval listings, and detailed physical, functional and performance specifications.

3.1 DESCRIPTION

The F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Switch is a float-actuated device designed to be vertically mounted within a tank or process vessel through threaded connections. The low-cost switch is ideal for OEM applications where a single-point high or low level alarm is desired.

3.2 THEORY OF OPERATION

The switching action is achieved through the use of an internal magnet within the float assembly and its interaction with the switch mechanism. As the liquid level fluctuates inside the tank, the float follows. Its magnetic field actuates the switch inside the stem and closes an electrical circuit.



FLOAT SWITCH DIAGRAM

3.3 TROUBLESHOOTING

The F7-Series Single-Point, Vertically-Mounted Liquid Level Switch is designed and engineered for trouble-free operation over a wide range of operating conditions. Common problems are discussed in terms of their symptoms and recommended corrective actions.

3.3.1 External Causes

An initial indication of improper operation is the failure of the controlled equipment to function (pumps will not start or stop, signal lamps fail to light, etc). If these symptoms occur, whether at the time of installation or during routine service thereafter, check for potential external causes first:

- Blown Fuses
- Tripped Reset Button(s)
- Open Power Switch
- Faulty Equipment Controlled By the Level Switch
- Defective Wiring to the Level Switch

3.3.2 Unit Causes

If a thorough inspection of any external causes fails to locate the problem, proceed to an inspection of the unit, itself. **DISCONNECT POWER TO THE LEVEL SWITCH BEFORE PROCEEDING.**

SYMPTOM	PROBLEM	SOLUTION
THE UNIT IS UNRESPONSIVE.	ELECTRICAL FAILURE.	USE AN ELECTRICAL CONTINUITY CHECKER TO DETERMINE IF THE SWITCH IS FUNCTIONAL. IF THE SWITCH DOES NOT OPERATE PROPERLY WHEN ACTIVATED, THE ENTIRE LEVEL SWITCH MUST BE REPLACED.
THE UNIT DOES NOT ACTIVATE WHEN THE FLOAT CHANGES POSITION.	THE UNIT IS JAMMED.	REMOVE THE LEVEL SWITCH FROM SERVICE. CHECK THE FLOAT ASSEMBLY FOR OBSTRUCTIONS OR ACCUMULATION OF PARTICLES WHICH MAY CAUSE BINDING. IF BINDING IS PRESENT IN THE FLOAT ASSEMBLY AND CANNOT BE CLEARED BY NORMAL CLEANING PROCEDURES, THE ENTIRE CONTROL MUST BE REPLACED.
THE UNIT ONLY FUNCTIONS WHEN IT IS NOT IN SERVICE.	LIQUID IS NOT ENTERING THE VESSEL.	CHECK TO ENSURE THAT LIQUID IS ENTERING THE TANK OR VESSEL. A CLOSED VALVE OR CLOGGED PIPELINE MAY PREVENT MOVEMENT OF THE LIQUID IN THE VESSEL.
THE UNIT ONLY FUNCTIONS WHEN IT IS NOT IN SERVICE.	THE TANK LEVEL IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH TO HAVE THE FLOAT FUNCTION.	CHECK THE FLOAT TO MAKE SURE IT IS BUOYANT IN THE LIQUID. THE TANK OR VESSEL MUST HAVE AN ADEQUATE LIQUID LEVEL.
THE FLOAT IS NOT BUOYANT.	THE FLOAT IS COLLAPSED AND/OR FILLED WITH LIQUID.	CHECK THE FLOAT FOR RUPTURES, DEFORMATION, AND ANY LIQUID TRAPPED INSIDE THE ASSEMBLY. IF THE FLOAT IS FILLED WITH LIQUID OR HAS COLLAPSED, THE ENTIRE LEVEL SWITCH MUST BE REPLACED. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR THE FLOAT.
ALL COMPONENTS WITHIN THE LEVEL SWITCH ARE IN WORKING ORDER, BUT THE UNIT STILL DOES NOT FUNCTION.	AN EXTERNAL PROBLEM.	REPEAT AN INSPECTION OF THE EXTERNAL CONDITIONS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3.3.1.

 *If you are still in doubt about the condition or performance of your control, consult the factory for further instructions.*