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# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

**MAGNETIC** sensors for instruments series 2000

# 1. INSTRUMENT DESCRIPTION

Magnetic switches are used to be fitted to the external sides of level indicators of the 2000 series and are equipped with a single exchange contact (SPDT). They provide a maximum and/or minimum level alarm signal on the level indicator.

They are connected to the indicator through stainless steel straps and can be adjusted to whatever position you desire.

Magnetic switches are designed to provide simple and lasting service.

They are unfed bistable switches and are mainly composed of a housing with an incorporated reed contact which is actuated by the magnetic field.

# 2. MODEL IDENTIFICATON

T25:	base sensor for temperatures within the-25°C/+150°C range	
	Protection class IP 65	
Т25НТ:	high temperature sensor $-65^{\circ}C/+380^{\circ}C$	
	Protection class IP 65	
T25xd:	sensor for temperatures within the -25°C/+150°C range	
	Protection class II G EExd IIC T6/3 IP65 ATEX 94/9/CE	
T25xd2:	sensor for temperatures within the -40°C/+150°C range	
	Protection class II G/D EExd IIC T6/3 IP65 ATEX 94/9/CE	

**Note:** Sensors T25 and T25HT are suitable to be used in environments with potentially explosive atmospheres featuring an intrinsic safety protection class. (EExi).

# **3. OPERATING PRINCIPLE**

Magnetic switches are used to provide a switching function at a preset level on level indicators or similar instruments and can be mounted, one or more, on each individual level indicator.

Magnetic switches of the T25xd and T25xd2 models comply with the ATEX certificate of suitability (see attacched) as a device that is suitable for use in the presence of a potentially explosive atmosphere.

The use of magnetic switches with inductive or capacitive loads may damage switches. This might cause the control to malfunction in the process and thus cause damages to the system.

With an inductive load, protect magnetic switches with an RC type module or with a shunt diode. The use of varistors as a protection is not advisable for the reed contact as it could be destroyed by the starting peaks.

With an inductive load, use cable longer than 50m, or serially connect a 22 Ohm protective resistor to the common connection to restrict the current peak.

If you want to connect the alarms in the "NAMUR DIN 19234" circuits, the adoption of 3 resistors is required as shown in the drawing below.



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# 4. INSTALLATION

# 4.1 MOUNTING

Before mounting the magnetic switch, make sure it suits the type of environment in which it is used (e.g. for use in an area featuring risks of explosion, please provide form T25xd or T25xd2).

Magnetic switches supplied along with level indicators are already pre-assembled and shall only be located at the desired switching height.

Check that the cable entrance is downward.

To guarantee a correct switching function, the magnetic switch shall stay close to the body tube of the level indicator so that it senses the magnetic field of the magnet located inside the float.

Magnetic switches only operate in the area between the connections of the level indicator with the process and, hence, cannot be located outside this area.

Do not operate them close to strong electromagnetic fields (minimum distance: 1m) and do not expose them to mechanical loads.

#### Notes for Environments featuring explosions risks (Ex)

Ensure the sensor suits the classification of the area, and the characteristics of flammable substances that can be found on the system.

Operate in such a manner as to absolutely avoid causing sparks, there where an air-gas burning mixture is found in the environment.

Working in this area is prohibited unless the person is not qualified.

Safety measures shall be taken to avoid harming individuals and damaging the structure.

#### 4.2 ELECTRICAL WIRING

The connection shall be made in accordance with the wiring diagram with at least 3 x  $0.75 \text{ mm}^2$  cables depending on the desired switching function. In selecting the cable, take care it suits the envisaged application field (see temperature, weather influences, aggressive atmosphere etc.). Magnetic switches shall be connected in accordance with the laws in force in the country of installation, and mind the power supply data.



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#### Notes for environments featuring explosion risks (Ex)

The connections shall be made through cable entrances or tube piping in compliance with the EN 60079-14 standard.

The cable entrance shall not affect the specific properties of the protection method as indicated in the EN 60079-1. When the cable inlet is made by using a cable gland, the latter shall be correctly chosen as a function of the system type and of the cable type. The cable gland shall be screwed tight to allow the sealing rings to exert the required pressure.

The ground connection must be connected to the general system ground with a conductor of suitable section (normally the same section as the mains connection).

# 5. SETTING AT WORK

Make sure that the instrument is not used beyond the allowed limits (e.g. temperatures) and that the electrical rating applied complies with the technical data.

Before operating them, locate the magnetic switches at the desired heights and make the float of the level indicator slide slowly inside the tube bottom up. After that, make it run down slowly. If this is not possible, carry out the operation by making them float beside the magnetic switch by complying with the indication "top" on the float. If no float is available, you may even use a permanent magnet with radial polarity.

Ensure the instrument correctly performs the switching by varying the level inside the indicator a few times.



# 6.CALIBRATION

The functional test is meant to assess correct operation of the reed type contacts.

Disconnect the power supply connection before carrying out the test. To rate the switching, use a continuity tester or similar units.

Since magnetic switches are bistable, they demand a given initial condition before being operated, otherwise the switching function risks to become faulty and engages a false position of the contact in the process control.

# Notes for Environments featuring explosion risks (Ex)

The testing equipment for the functional test shall be appropriate or certified for use in dangerous areas. Only qualified persons can carry out this work. The competent technical staff shall connect and disconnect the electrical lines.

# **7.MAINTENANCE**

Magnetic sensors do not generally demand scheduled maintenance.

Periodically check, about once every six months, the contact for proper operation.

#### Notes for Environments featuring explosions risks (Ex)

Tests and maintenance over explosion proof sensors T25xd or T25xd2 shall be carried out according to the criteria set forth in the EN 60079-17 standard.

- Terminals and wiring well tightened to avoid overheating.
- All replacement parts shall be original spare parts.
- Repairs of broken parts are not allowed.

# 7.1 NOTICES

-DO NOT operate on the sensor without first being sure that voltage has been disconnected;

-NEVER use the sensor at a temperature that exceeds the rating;

-NEVER use the sensor with an electrical rating that exceeds the rating;

-In the case of an instrument used with high temperatures, take all the measures required to guarantee the protection to the service staff during maintenance stages.

# 7.2 REPLACEMENT and/or SETTING OF THE OPERATION POINT

Unscrew the fastening screw and move the magnetic switch to the level of the switching point or replace the magnetic switch in cases when it is broken. Once the positioning is over, tighten the screw and repeat the operations described in paragraphs 5 and 6.

# 8. DIMENSIONAL DRAWINGS OF THE BODY



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#### Model T25xd2



# 9. PROTECTIVE MODULES of the RC type

Use the RC protective modules according to the table below. The rating of switches and the reference voltage will define the type of module to adopt. Other types can destroy or damage the reed service life over time. **For 60 VA reed contacts** 

Capacity	Resistance	Voltage
0,33 μF	47 Ohm	24 V~
0,33 µF	100 Ohm	48 V~
0,33 µF	470 Ohm	115 V~
0,33 μF	1000 Ohm	230 V~



#### **10. SPARE PARTS**

Always mention the instrument serial number in your request for spare parts. This number is provided on the instrument rating plate that is fastened to the housing and is a five-digit number preceded by the letter "F"(e.g..:F45678).

# **11. FAULT FINDING**

Magnetic switches are not normally exposed to faults.

In cases when the level switch does not operate the switching, carry out the test indicated in paragraph The magnetic switch cannot be repaired and in case of breakage, it must be replaced.

# **12. DISPOSAL**

When the instruments have come to the end of their service life, they need to undergo disposal. Always comply with the applicable regulations in force.

During the disposal stages, specially mind the polymers, resins and rubbers used in the manufacture (PVC, PTFE, PP, PVDF, neoprene, viton, etc.).

All metal parts, after the removal of seals and gaskets, special protective coatings requested by the customer and all other plastic parts, can be recycled.



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# **13. GUARANTEE**

All the magnetic switches are guaranteed to be free from manufacturing faults over a period of 12 months from the date of shipment.

In the event of failures, implying return of goods within the limit specified above, OFFICINE OROBICHE will replace (shipment fees not included) all damaged parts free, provided that the failure does not ensue from incorrect use.

OFFICINE OROBICHE shall never be held responsible for any incorrect use of their products when these are used for purposes other than those mentioned in the specifications approved at the order stage.

In these cases, no complaints will ever be taken into consideration.

No damage and/or fee, whether direct or indirect, ensuing from an incorrect installation or use shall ever be debited to OFFICINE OROBICHE.

The instrument can be used for a maximum life period of 10 years dating from delivery.

When this period is over, there are two alternative options:

1) Replace it with a new instrument.

2) Have the old instrument overhauled by OFFICINE OROBICHE.

# INSTRUMENT RETURN PROCEDURE

The instrument returning to the factory shall bear, in attachment, the following data:

- 1) Buyer's name.
- 2) Description of the material.
- 3) Detected fault.
- 4) Process data.

The instrument shall be returned perfectly clean and free from dust or deposits. Otherwise, OFFICINE OROBICHE reserves the right not to carry out the servicing and return the instrument to the sender.

#### FINAL REMARKS

Each instrument is supplied fully assembled and equipped with all the needed accessories.

Some parts are sold separately under special circumstances only.

Therefore, we warn you to carefully inspect the supply and notify us at once if discrepancies are found.