## Pressure Switches

## for centralized lubrication, hydraulic and compressed air systems



Pressure switches are responsible for monitoring the pressure a system needs in order to function..

The pressure switch is an important monitoring element in centralized lubrication systems.
It is used to keep an eye on the following:

- the functions of the pump unit (pressure buildup and relief)
- the functioning of the directional control valve in the case of zoned centralized lubrication systems
- filter functions (clogging)
- the tubing (leaks, seals).

The amount of time elapsing between the point at which the pump unit or directional control valve is actuated in order to fill the

centralized lubrication system and the point at which the pressure switch responds is an important indicator of whether the centralized lubrication system is working faultlessly. In the opposite case, the time elapsing between the point at which the unit is switched off and the point at which minimal pressure is reached is an important indicator of the system's pressure relief. So, preferentially, the pressure switch should be located at the end of a total-loss centralized lubrication system.

The electrical signal from the pressure switch is evaluated by the centralized lubrication system's control unit or the machine's control system and can, for example, be used for maintenance-related jobs or to shut down the machine.


A number of pressure switches are available for this task. They are listed in the overview (page 2).

Important criteria for the selection are:

- the hydraulic characteristics of the pressure switch
- the electrical data
- the fluid
- demands made on switching frequency and service life.


## Pressure Switches

## Overview

| Group | Type | Switching pressure range | Switching pressure | Electrical limit values | Type of contact or signal output | Fig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DS-EP-40-D-4 with 4 place digital display for pressure and switching point | Membrane of FKM (FPM) | max. 100 | adjustable | $9-35 V D C$ | PNP- <br> transistor stages | 1 |
| 176-...-.. | Membrane of NBR | $0.2 \ldots .45$ | nonadjustable | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{max.~}_{3} 42 \mathrm{~V} \\ & 30 \mathrm{VA} \end{aligned}$ | mechanical <br> snap-action <br> contact NO or NC type | 2, 4 |
|  |  | 1 ... 50 | adjustable | $\begin{aligned} & 5-24 \mathrm{VDC} \\ & \text { gold contact } 1 \mathrm{~W} \end{aligned}$ | changeover contact | 3 |
| DS-W | Membrane of FKM (FPM) | 1 ... 30 | nonadjustable | 30-250 V AC | micro switch changeover contact | 5 |

## Singleline centralized lubrication system with piston distributors



Piston distributor system for a 3-axis machining center


See important product usage information on the back cover.

## Practical example:

The piston distributors for the individual axes are connectedby hoses (cf. example).

It is advisable to install a pressure switch at the end of each branch line in order to have any hose defect signaled at an early point in time.

## Electronic pressure switch, Group DS-EP-40-D-4




## Electrical connection



| Pin | Function | Core color *) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | $(+)$ | brown (BN) |
| 2 | output 2 | white (WH) |
| 3 | $(-)$ | blue (BU) |
| 4 | output 1 | black (BK) |

*) When a cable harness with cable socket is used (see accessories).

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Pressure switch, group 176-...-...


1) Protective cap, order No. 898-420-001, has to be ordered separately

Fig. 3

Connector for flat tab
receptacles
DIN 46247-6.3 2.5


Fig. 4
Connector for flat tab receptacles
DIN 46247-6,3 x 0,8


## Pressure switch, group 176-...-...



| Technical data |
| :---: |
| Circuit closer / Circuit opener (NO type / NC type) |
| Contact load . . . . . . . . . . . . . 30 VA <br> Switching voltage, max. . . . . . . . 42 V <br> Switching current, max. . . . . . . . 2.5 A <br> Min. switching current with 12 V DC 50 mA |
| Permissible operating pressure . . . 50 bars <br> with type 176-114-500 <br> and 176-124-500 . . . . . . . . . 80 bars <br> Rated switching pressure . . . . . . . cf. table |
| Type of contact . . . . . . . . . . . NO or NC Switching frequency . . . . . . . . . $60 / \mathrm{min}$ Switching frequency . . . . . . . . . $10^{6}$ switching operations |
| Type of enclosure . . . . . . . . . . . IP 65 , IP 00 terminalsOperating temperature, max. . . . . . <br> Fluids <br> mineral oils andmiled compressed air <br> oinnting position . . . . . . . . . . any |
| Remark: |
| Changeover |
| Switching capacity . . . . . . . . . . gold contact 1 W <br> Switching voltage, min. / max. . . . . 5 V DC / 24 V DC <br> Switching current, min. / max. . . . . $5 \mathrm{~mA} / 50 \mathrm{~mA}$ |
| Rated switching pressure . . . . . . . cf. table Release difference . . . . . . . . . . $20 \%$ Permissible operating pressure at 176-170-400 . . . . . . . . . . 100 bars at 176-175-000 . . . . . . . . . . 300 bars |
| Type of contact . . . . . . . . . . . changeover Switching frequency . . . . . . . . . 200/min Mechanical service life . . . . . . . . $10^{6}$ switching operations |
| Type of enclosure . . . . . . . . . . IP 65, IP 00 terminals Operating temperature, max. . . . $+80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Fluids . . . . . . . . . . . . mineral oils and Mounting position . . . . . . . . . . any compressed air |

## Pressure switch, group DS-W



1) Ports tapped for solderless tube connection for tube diam. 6 mm
2) Cable sockets for pressure switches with plugs conforming to DIN EN 175301-803 (DS-W..-4) have to be ordered separately:

Cable socket, order No. 179-990-034
Cable socket with indicatior light for 220 V AC, order No. 179-990-110 Cable socket with indicatior light for 24 V DC, order No. 179-990-111
(further plug-and-socket connectors see leaflet 1-1730-EN)

The pressure switches comprising this Group are designed to be mounted on a wall. The switching element (changeover contact) is build into an air-tight, distortion-resistant plastic housing (conforming to UL specifications). When the switching pressure is reached it is actuated by a pin connected to a spring-loaded membrane. The switching pressure is set at the factory and is nonadjustable.

The pressure switch is available in three different plug versions. When inductive loads are switched off it is possible for protective circuits (RC elements or varistors) to limit voltage spikes and thus increase the life of the contacts (spark quenching).

## Please note!

An incorrectly dimensioned interference suppression circuit can cause greater wear than none at all. The following guideline value applies to the dimensioning:
$1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ per ampere of switching current for the capacitor C and resistor R , roughly equal to the DC resistance of the switched coil. However, it is always absolutely necessary to test the interference suppression circuit with measurements.

The DIN 43235 standards sheet provides information on the exact calculations to be performed for overvoltage limitation elements in DC networks.

When the pressure switch signal is evaluated by external control systems (PLC or the like), pay attention to the limit values indicated for the switching contact. If the switch is to be operated outside its limit values, please indicate the same when ordering.

## Attention!

When installing the pressure switch and connecting the tubing make sure no strain is placed on the assembly.

## Pressure switch, group DS-W

Technical data
Rated switching pressure . . . . . . . . . . . . . cf. table
Permissible operating pressure 1 . . . . . . . . . 45 bars
Contact load, max. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 125 VA
Switching voltage, max. . . . . . . . . . . . . . $250 \mathrm{~V} \mathrm{AC} \mathrm{/} 30 \mathrm{~V}$ DC
Switching current . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 mA min. / 300 mA max.
Operating temperature, max. . . . . . . . . . . $+60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

## Connector plug to

| DIN EN 175301-803 <br> (cube plug) | DIN EN 175201-804 <br> (6 pole machine plug) | ISO 60947-5-2 <br> (4 pole sensor plug) | Rated switching <br> pressure <br> nonadjustable <br> (bars] |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Order No. | Order No. | Order No. | $1+0.3$ |
| DS-W1-4 | DS-W1-4-S9 | DS-W1-5 | $2+0.5$ |
| DS-W2-4 | DS-W2-4-S9 | DS-W3-5 | $3-0.5$ |
| DS-W3-4 | DS-W3-4-S9 | DS-W5-5 | $5 \pm 0.5$ |
| DS-W5-4 | DS-W5-4-S9 | DS-W8-5 | 8 |
| DS-W8-4 | DS-W12-5 | $12-1,5$ |  |
| DS-W12-4 | DS-W8-4-S9 | 20 |  |
| DS-W20-4 | DS-W12-4-S9 | DS-W2-5 | 20 |
| DS-W25-4 | DS-W20-4-S9 | DS-W30-5 | 25 |
| DS-W30-4 | DS-W25-4-S9 |  | 30 |

## Order No. 1-1701-EN

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## Important product usage information

All products from SKF may be used only for their intended purpose as described in this brochure and in any instructions. If operating instructions are supplied with the products, they must be read and followed.
Not all lubricants are suitable for use in centralized lubrication systems.
SKF does offer an inspection service to test customer supplied lubricant to determine if it can be used in a centralized system. SKF lubrication systems or their components are not approved for use with gases, liquefied gases, pressurized gases in solution and fluids with a vapor pressure exceeding normal atmospheric pressure ( 1013 mbars) by more than 0.5 bar at their maximum permissible temperature.
Hazardous materials of any kind, especially the materials classified as hazardous by European Community Directive EC 67/548/EEC, Article 2, Par. 2, may only be used to fill SKF centralized lubrication systems and components and delivered and/or distributed with the same after consulting with and receiving written approval from SKF.

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