



Auto Switches Precautions 1

Be sure to read this before handling.

Design / Selection

Warning

1. Confirm the specifications.

Read the specifications carefully and use this product appropriately. The product may be damaged or malfunction if it is used outside the specification range for current load, voltage, temperature or impact.

We do not guarantee against any damage if the product is used outside of the specification range.

2. Cautions for use in an interlock circuit

When an auto switch is used for an interlock signal requiring high reliability, devise a double interlock system to avoid trouble by providing a mechanical protection function, or by also using another switch (sensor) together with the auto switch. Also, perform periodic maintenance and confirm proper operation.

3. Do not make any modifications (including exchanging the printed circuit boards) to the product.

It may cause human injuries and accidents.

Caution

1. Pay attention to the length of time that a switch is ON at an intermediate stroke position.

When an auto switch is placed at an intermediate position of the stroke and a load is driven at the time the piston passes, the auto switch will operate, but if the speed is too great the operating time will be shortened and the load may not operate properly. The maximum detectable piston speed is:

$$V \text{ (mm/s)} = \frac{\text{Auto switch operating range (mm)}}{\text{Time load applied (ms)}} \times 1000$$

In cases of high piston speed, the use of an auto switch (D-F5NNTL, F7NNTL, G5NNTL, M5NNTL, M5PNTL) with a built-in OFF delay timer (≈ 200 ms) makes it possible to extend the load operating time.

The wide-range detection type D-G5NBL (operating range 35 to 50 mm) may also be useful, depending on the application. Please consult with SMC for other models.

Caution

2. Keep wiring as short as possible.

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As the length of the wiring to a load gets longer, the rush current at switching ON becomes greater, and this may shorten the product's life. (The switch will stay ON all the time.)

1) Use a contact protection box when the wire length is 5 m or longer.

2) Even if an auto switch has a built-in contact protection circuit, when the wiring is more than 30 m long, it is not able to adequately absorb the rush current and its life may be reduced. It is again necessary to connect a contact protection box in order to extend its life. Please consult with SMC in this case.

<Solid state>

3) Although wire length should not affect switch function, use a wire 100 m or shorter.

If the wiring is longer it will likely increase noise although the length is less than 100 m.

When the wire length is long, we recommend the ferrite core is attached to the both ends of the cable to prevent excess noise.

A contact protection box is not necessary for solid state switches due to the nature of this product construction.

3. Do not use a load that generates surge voltage. If a surge voltage is generated, the discharge occurs at the contact, possibly resulting in the shortening of product life.

If driving a load such as a relay that generates a surge voltage,

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Use an auto switch with built-in contact protection circuit or use a contact protection box.

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Use a built-in surge absorbing element type device.

4. Take precautions when multiple cylinders/actuators are used close together.

When multiple auto switch cylinders/actuators are used in close proximity, magnetic field interference may cause the auto switches to malfunction. Maintain a minimum cylinder separation of 40 mm. (When the allowable interval is specified for each cylinder series, use the indicated value.)

The auto switches may malfunction due to the interference from the magnetic fields.

Use of a magnetic screen plate (MU-S025) or commercially available magnetic screen tape can reduce the interference of magnetic force.



Auto Switches Precautions 2

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Design / Selection

⚠ Caution

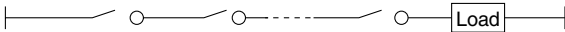
5. Pay attention to the internal voltage drop of the auto switch.

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1) Auto switch with an indicator light (Except D-A56, A76H, A96, A96V, C76, E76A, Z76)

- If auto switches are connected in series as shown below, take note that there will be a large voltage drop because of internal resistance in the light emitting diodes. (Refer to the internal voltage drop in the auto switch specifications.) [The voltage drop will be “n” times larger when “n” auto switches are connected.]

Even though an auto switch operates normally, the load may not operate.



- In the same way, when operating under a specified voltage, although an auto switch may operate normally, the load may not operate. Therefore, the formula below should be satisfied after confirming the minimum operating voltage of the load.

$$\text{Supply voltage} - \text{Internal voltage drop of auto switch} > \text{Minimum operating voltage of load}$$

2) If the internal resistance of a light emitting diode causes a problem, select an auto switch without an indicator light (D-A6□, A80, A80H, A90, A90V, C80, R80, 90, E80A, Z80).

<Solid state/2-wire type>

3) Generally, the internal voltage drop will be greater with a 2-wire solid state auto switch than with a reed auto switch. Take the same precautions as in 1). Also, take note that a 12 VDC relay is not applicable.

6. Pay attention to leakage current.

<Solid state/2-wire type>

Current (leakage current) flows to the load to operate the internal circuit even when in the OFF state.

$$\text{Operating current of load (OFF condition)} > \text{Leakage current}$$

If the criteria given in the above formula are not met, it will not reset correctly (stays ON). Use a 3-wire switch if this specification will not be satisfied.

Moreover, leakage current flow to the load will be “n” times larger when “n” auto switches are connected in parallel.

7. Ensure sufficient clearance for maintenance activities.

When designing an application, be certain to allow sufficient clearance for maintenance.

8. When multiple auto switches are required.

“n” indicates the number of auto switches which can be physically mounted on the cylinders/actuators. Detection intervals depends on the auto switch mounting structure and set position, therefore some required interval and set positions may not be available.

9. Limitations of detectable positioning

When using certain mounting brackets, the surface and position where an auto switch can be mounted maybe restricted due to physical interference. For example, when using some bracket types the auto switch cannot be surface mounted at the bottom side of foot bracket, etc.

Select the set position of the auto switch so that it does not interfere with the mounting bracket of the cylinders/actuators (such as trunnion or reinforcement ring).

10. Use the cylinder and auto switch in proper combination.

The auto switch is pre-adjusted to activate properly for an auto-switch-capable SMC cylinder/actuator.

If the auto switch is mounted improperly, used for another brand of cylinders/actuators or used after the alternation of the machine installation, the auto switch may not activate properly.

Mounting / Adjustment

⚠ Caution

1. Do not drop or bump.

Do not drop, bump or apply excessive impacts (300 m/s² or more for reed auto switches and 1000 m/s² or more for solid state auto switches) while handling. Although the body of the auto switch may not be damaged, the inside of the auto switch could be damaged and cause malfunction.

2. Observe the proper tightening torque for mounting an auto switch.

When an auto switch is tightened beyond the range of tightening torque, auto switch mounting screws, auto switch mounting brackets or auto switch may be damaged.

On the other hand, tightening below the range of tightening torque may allow the auto switch to slip out of position.

3. Do not carry a cylinder by the auto switch lead wires.

Never carry a cylinder by its lead wires. This may not only cause broken lead wires, but it may cause internal elements of the auto switch to be damaged by the stress.

4. Fix the auto switch with appropriate screw installed on the switch body. If using other screws, auto switch may be damaged.

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Auto Switches Precautions 3

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Wiring

⚠ Caution

1. Confirm proper insulation of wiring.

Be certain that there is no faulty wiring insulation (contact with other circuits, ground fault, improper insulation between terminals, etc.). Damage may occur due to excess current flow into a switch.

2. Do not wire with power lines or high voltage lines.

Wire separately from power lines or high voltage lines, avoiding parallel wiring or wiring in the same conduit with these lines. Control circuits containing auto switches may malfunction due to noise from these other lines.

3. Avoid repeatedly bending or stretching lead wires.

Broken lead wires will result from repeatedly applying bending stress or stretching force to the lead wires. Stress and tensile force applied to the connection between the cable and auto switch increases the possibility of disconnection. Fix the cable in the middle so that it is not movable in the area where it connects with the auto switch.

4. Be certain to connect the load before power is applied.

<2-wire type>

If the power is turned ON when an auto switch is not connected to a load, the auto switch will be instantly damaged because of excess current (short circuit). It is the same as when the 2-wire brown lead wire (+, output) is directly connected to the (+) power supply terminal.

5. Do not allow short-circuit of loads.

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If the power is turned ON with a load in a short circuited condition, the auto switch will be instantly damaged because of excess current flow into the switch.

<Solid state>

All models of D-J51, G5NB and PNP output type auto switches do not have built-in short circuit protection circuits. If a load is short circuited, the auto switch will be instantly damaged as in the case of reed auto switches. Take special care to avoid reverse wiring with the brown power supply line and the black output line on 3-wire type auto switches.

6. Avoid incorrect wiring.

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A 24 VDC auto switch with indicator light has polarity. The brown lead wire or terminal No. 1 is (+), and the blue lead wire or terminal No. 2 is (-).

[For D-97, (+) is on the no-displayed side, (-) is on the black line side.]

1) If connections are reversed, an auto switch will operate, however, the light emitting diode will not light up. Also, take note that a current greater than that specified will damage a light emitting diode and it will no longer operate.

Applicable model:

D-A73, A73H, A73C, C73, C73C, E73A, Z73

D-R73, R73C, 97, 93A, A93, A93V

D-A33, A34, A33A, A34A, A44, A44A

D-A53, A54, B53, B54

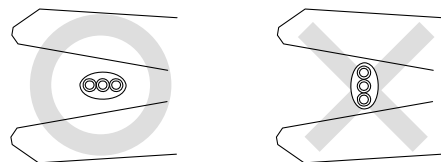
2) When using a 2-color indicator type auto switch (D-A79W, A59W and B59W), the auto switch will constantly remain ON if the connections are reversed.

<Solid state>

1) If connections are reversed on a 2-wire type auto switch, the auto switch will not be damaged if protected by a protection circuit, but the auto switch will always stay in an ON state. However, it is still necessary to avoid reversed connections, since the auto switch could be damaged by a load short circuit in this condition.

2) If connections are reversed (power supply line + and power supply line -) on a 3-wire type auto switch, the auto switch will be protected by a protection circuit. However, if the power supply line (+) is connected to the blue wire and the power supply line (-) is connected to the black wire, the auto switch will be damaged.

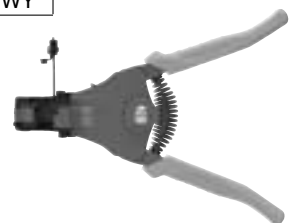
7. When the cable sheath is stripped, confirm the stripping direction. The insulator may be split or damaged depending on the direction. (D-M9□ only)



Recommended Tool

| Description | Model |
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| Wire stripper | D-M9N-SWY |

* Stripper for a round cable (ø2.0) can be used for a 2-wire type cable.





Auto Switches Precautions 4

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Operating Environment

⚠ Warning

1. Never use in an atmosphere of explosive gases.

The structure of auto switches is not intended to prevent explosion. Never use in an atmosphere with an explosive gas since this may cause a serious explosion. Please contact SMC concerning ATEX compliant products.

⚠ Caution

1. Do not use in an area where a magnetic field is generated.

Auto switches will malfunction or magnets inside cylinders/actuators will become demagnetized. (Please consult with SMC if a magnetic field resistant auto switch can be used.)

2. Do not use in an environment where the auto switch will be continually exposed to water.

Although auto switches satisfy IEC standard IP67 construction (JIS C 0920: waterproof construction) except some models (D-A3□, A44□, G39□, K39□, RNK, RPK) do not use auto switches in applications where continually exposed to water splash or spray. Poor insulation or swelling of the potting resin inside auto switches may cause malfunction.

3. Do not use in an environment with oil or chemicals.

Please consult with SMC if auto switches will be used in an environment with coolant, cleaning solvent, various oils or chemicals. If auto switches are used under these conditions for even a short time, they may be adversely affected by improper insulation, malfunction due to swelling of the potting resin, or hardening of the lead wires.

4. Do not use in an environment with temperature cycles.

Please consult with SMC if auto switches are used where there are temperature cycles other than normal temperature changes, as there may be adverse effects inside the auto switches.

5. Do not use in an environment where there is excessive impact shock.

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When excessive impact (300 m/s² or more) is applied to a reed auto switch during operation, the contact point will malfunction and generate or cut off a signal momentarily (1 ms or less). Please consult with SMC if a solid state auto switch can be used according to the environment.

6. Do not use in an area where surges are generated.

<Solid state>

When there are units (solenoid type lifter, high frequency induction furnace, motor, radio equipment etc.) which generate a large amount of surge in the area around cylinders/actuators with solid state auto switches, this may cause deterioration or damage to the auto switch's internal circuit elements. Avoid sources of surge generation and disorganized lines.

⚠ Caution

7. Avoid accumulation of iron waste or close contact with magnetic substances.

When a large amount of iron waste such as machining chips or spatter is accumulated, or a magnetic substance (something attracted by a magnet) is brought into close proximity with a cylinder with auto switches, or an actuator, it may cause the auto switch to malfunction due to a loss of the magnetic force inside the cylinder/actuator.

8. Please contact SMC concerning water resistance, elasticity of lead wires, usage at welding sites, etc.

9. Do not use in direct sunlight.

10. Do not mount the product in locations where it is exposed to radiant heat.

Maintenance

⚠ Warning

1. Removal of equipment, and supply/exhaust of compressed air

Before any machinery or equipment is removed, first ensure that the appropriate measures are in place to prevent the fall or erratic movement of driven objects and equipment, then cut off the electric power and reduce the pressure in the system to zero. Only then should you proceed with the removal of any machinery and equipment.

When machinery is restarted, proceed with caution after confirming that appropriate measures are in place to prevent actuators from moving suddenly.

⚠ Caution

1. Perform the following maintenance periodically in order to prevent possible danger due to unexpected auto switch malfunction.

- 1) Secure and tighten auto switch mounting screws.
If screws become loose or the mounting position is dislocated, retighten them after readjusting the mounting position.
- 2) Confirm that there is no damage to lead wires.
To prevent faulty insulation, replace auto switches or repair lead wires, etc., if damage is discovered.
- 3) Confirm the lighting of the green light on the 2-color indicator type auto switch.
Confirm that the green LED is on when stopped at the established position. If the red LED is on, the mounting position is not appropriate. Readjust the mounting position until the green LED lights up.

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