

THINSWITCH®

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Installation and Operating Instructions

General

The Thinswitch Limit Switch verifies ejector plate return when tied into the machine control. Placed next to the rest buttons in a mold, the switch protects the mold from premature closure after part ejection.

The Thinswitch can also be used with a bolt or pin actuator with a minimum diameter of 3/8" (9.5mm). Care should be taken to avoid crushing the housing with the actuator.

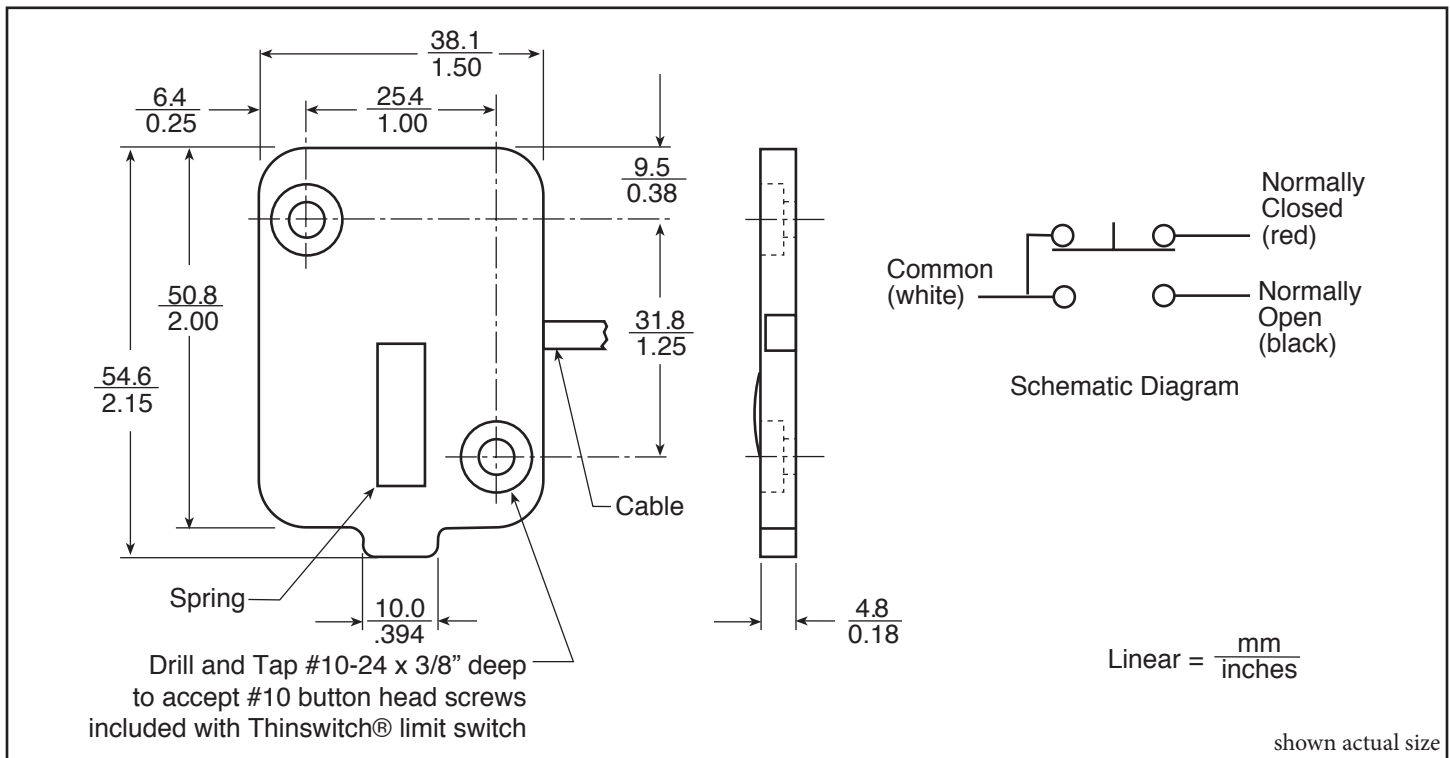
This switch is not for use in wet locations.

The Thinswitch Limit Switch is designed for use in very low power mold protection control circuits. It is not intended to switch heavy loads in power applications.

Installation

Install the Thinswitch as follows:

1. Check height of rest buttons. If button height is less than .1875" (4.76mm), machine a pocket to accept the switch to match rest button height. The actuation spring should extend above the rest button.
2. If there is any risk of water spray, position the switch so the arrow on the switch body points up when the mold is in operation. The switch should be mounted with the decal against the ejector housing.
3. Verify that any rest buttons on the ejector plate will not interfere with the switch, wire clips or wire routing.
4. Drill and tap two mounting holes 10-24 x 3/8" (9.5mm) deep per drawing.
5. Verify the switch contact operation before placing mold in service.
6. Wire switch in accordance with prevailing electrical standards. Wire switch directly to the injection molding machine controls or to an approved locking male plug.



Operation

- The operating point of the switch is adjusted by turning the set screw shown below.
- Minimum actuation height is .188" (4.7mm), Maximum recommended actuation height is .250" (6.4mm).
- Each 1/4 turn of the adjusting screw changes actuation height .012" (0.3mm).
- Adjust the actuation height to .010" - .015" (.25mm - .38mm) above minimum actuation height.

Before shipment, all switches are calibrated to optimum actuation position.

Premature spring and switch failure may result by adjusting the operating point more than .020" (.5mm) above minimum actuation height.



Specifications

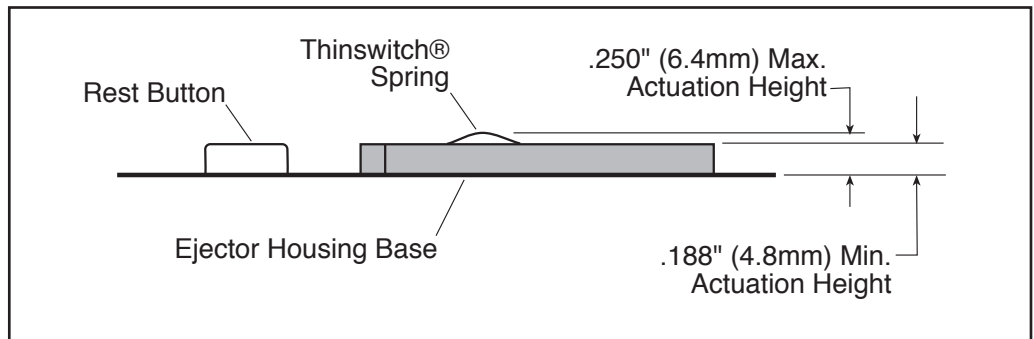
Rated current is dependent upon operating temperature. A lower operating temperature allows more current safely through the Thinswitch cable. See the table below for details.

Rated Current (Resistive) vs. Operating Temperature					
T-222			HT-291		
Amps	°F	°C	Amps	°F	°C
5.0	85	29.4	5.0	100	37.7
4.0	120	49.0	4.5	155	68.3
3.0	155	68.3	4.0	210	98.8
2.0	175	79.4	3.5	250	121.1

Above rated current is resistive. Maximum inductive current is 4A.
 Switching Element Contacts Form C - SPDT
 Utilization Categories AC-12, DC-12
 Insulation Voltage U_i = 250V
 Impulse Withstand Voltage U_{imp} = 2.5kV
 Pollution Degree 3
 Relative Humidity should not exceed 50% at max. temp +40°C. Higher relative humidity is acceptable at lower temperature e.g. 90% at +20°C
 Maximum Rated Altitude..... 3,000m
 Operating and storage/transport
 T-222 -53.9°C to +79.4°C
 HT-291 -53.9°C to +121°C

Component Materials

Body Fiberglass-Reinforced Nylon
 Spring Stainless Steel
 Back Cover..... Polyester Film
 Wire Leads..... 22 ga. stranded 3 conductor, shielded cable, 6ft. (1.8m) long, ends stripped and tinned



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