

FOR LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS

NIVOSWITCH

VIBRATING FORK LEVEL SWITCHES



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LEVEL SWITCHES

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MAIN FEATURES

- Compact and mini compact type
- Rod extension up to 3 meters (10 feet)
- Plastic (PFA) coated version (option)
- Polished vibrating part
- Switching performance does not depend on the change of liquid conductivity, dielectric constant, viscosity, pressure and temperature
- Selectable sensitivity
- Relay or electronic output
- Hygienic versions with various process connections and 0.5 micron fine polishing (option)
- Medium temperature max. 130°C (266 °F)
- Output test with optional test magnet
- Ex version
- IP 67, 65/68 protection

APPLICATIONS

- For liquids: min. 0.7 kg/dm³ (700 oz/ft³) density and max. 10⁴ mm²/s (0.1 ft²/s) viscosity, for solids: min. 0.01 kg/dm³ (10 oz/ft³) density
- For liquids / free-flowing, powdered solids, granules
- Food & beverages, animal feed, chemical-, oil industry
- For normal or hazardous, aggressive (acids, solvents) liquids
- Covers a large variety of level detection applications such as high/low fail safe limit switch or dry run protection, pump controls



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

NIVOSWITCH vibrating fork level switches are suitable for level detection of liquids or granular, powdered solids. Units with parallel vibrating fork are suitable for liquids, units with non parallel vibrating fork are suitable for solids. Mounted on pipes, silos, tanks or hopper bins filling / emptying can be controlled using these devices just as well they can generate fail-safe alarms providing overfill- or dry run protection.

The operation principle is based on the electronic circuit exciting the fork probe making it vibrate. As the medium reaches and covers the fork its vibration changes, or stops. The fork will start vibrating again as the medium sets it free. The electronics senses the change of vibration and gives output signal after a selected delay.

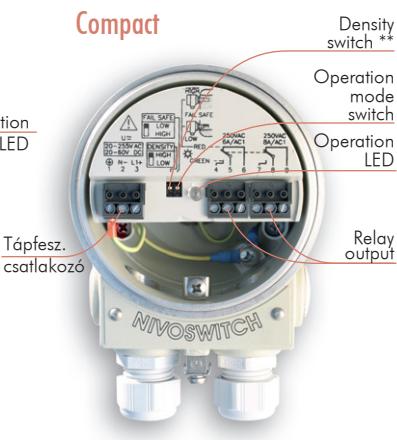
Plastic coated version is recommended in aggressive mediums, highly polished version is recommended for abrasive mediums. The PNP/NPN transistor output versions can be connected directly to PLC, or relay unit. The **NIVOSWITCH** vibrating forks are able to solve switching tasks of highcurrent loads with the help of **UNICONT PKK** switching amplifiers. The **UNICONT PKK-312-8 Ex** intrinsically safe switching unit is designed to serve Ex rated vibrating forks.

WIRING

Mini compact (connector version)



Compact



* Only for 3-wire DC versions

** Only for vibrating forks for solids

TYPE SELECTION

Type selection is aided by this table for choosing the proper version to a given level switching task. Most essential aspect is the consistency (liquid or solid) of the measurement medium.

Application	Liquids	Solids
Features	Mini compact Compact	Mini Compact
Steel housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plastic housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Extension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Highly polished version	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plastic coated fork	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1" process connection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1 1/2" process connection		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relay output		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic output	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electrical connection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> terminal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIN connector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M12 connector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Intrinsically safe version	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Dust Ex version		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Germanischer Lloyd		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Function setting (low-high level)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Function indication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Density selection		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Output test magnet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

TECHNICAL DATA

Type	Mini compact		Compact	
	For liquids	For solids	For liquids	For solids
Insertion length	69-3000 mm (2.7 inch - 10 feet)	137-3000 mm (5.4 inch - 10 feet)	69-3000 mm (2.7 inch - 10 feet)	137-3000 mm (5.4 inch - 10 feet)
Material of wetted parts	DIN 1.4571 (316 Ti) PFA coating	DIN 1.4571 (316 Ti)	DIN 1.4571 (316 Ti) PFA coating	DIN 1.4571 (316 Ti)
Process connection	As per order codes			
Medium temperature	-40°C ... +130°C (-40°F ... +266°F) (see: temperature diagrams)			
Ambient temperature	-40°C ... +70°C (-40°F ... +158°F) (see: temperature diagrams)		-30°C ... +70°C (-22°F ... +158°F)	-40°C ... +70°C (-40°F ... +158°F)
Medium pressure	max. 4 MPa (40 bar g / 580 psi g) (see: pressure diagrams)			
Medium density	> 0.7 kg/dm³ (700 oz/ft³)	≥ 0.01 kg/dm³ (10 oz/ft³)	> 0.7 kg/dm³ (700 oz/ft³)	≥ 0.01 kg/dm³ (10 oz/ft³)
Medium viscosity	≤ 10000 mm²/s (cSt) (0.1 ft²/s)	-	≤ 10000 mm²/s (cSt) (0.1 ft²/s)	-
Power supply	2-wire DC: 15-29 V DC 2-wire AC: 20-255 V AC; 3-wire DC: 12-55 V DC	2-wire DC: 15-27 V DC	20-255V AC or 20-60V DC	
Power consumption	AC: depending on load; DC: < 0.6 W		AC: 1.2-17 VA; DC: < 3 W	
Housing material	DIN 1.4571 (316 Ti)		Paint coated aluminium or plastic (PBT)	
Electrical connection	Connector, or 3 m (10 ft) cable ⁽¹⁾ 2x0.5mm² (AWG20) / 4x0.75mm² (AWG18) / 5x0.5mm² (AWG20)		2xM20x1.5 cable gland, for Ø 6-12 mm (0.25 ... 0.5 inch) cable, terminal, for 0.5 – 1.5 mm² (AWG20 ... AWG15) wire cross section	
Electrical protection	AC version: Class I.; DC version: Class III.		Class I.	
Ingress protection	DIN connector type: IP65; M12 con. type: IP67, cable type: IP68		IP67	
Mass	≈ 0.5 kg + 1.2 kg/m (1.1 lb + 0.8 lb/ft) extension		≈ 1.3 kg + 1.2 kg/m (2.85 lb + 0.8 lb/ft) extension	

(1) available cable length: max. 30 m

SPECIAL DATA FOR EX CERTIFIED MODELS

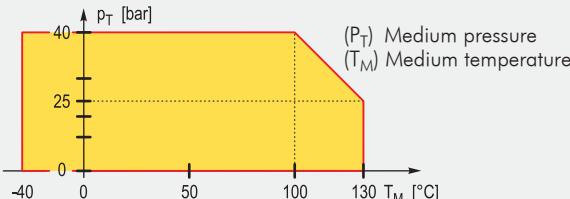
Type	Stainless steel vibrating part	PFA coated vibrating part
Mini compact vibrating forks for liquids (2-wire DC version)		
Ex marking	Ex II 1 G Ex ia IIC T6...T4 Ga	Ex II 1 G Ex ia IIB T6...T4 Ga
Intrinsically safe data ⁽²⁾	Ui=29 V, Li=100 mA, Pi=1.4W; Ci=7 nF, Li=0 mH	
Mini compact and compact vibrating forks for solids	Connector version (IP 65) ⁽³⁾	Cable version (IP 68) ⁽³⁾
Ex marking		Ex II 1/2 D IP 6x T160°C

(2) intrinsically safe vibrating forks should be powered by Ex ia certified and approved devices

(3) only for 2-wire AC, or 3-wire DC version (4) only with aluminium housing

TEMPERATURE DATA

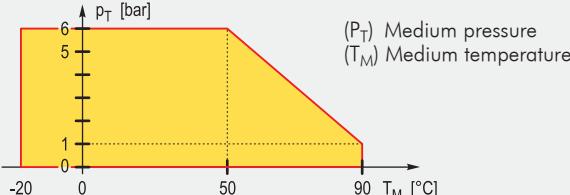
Medium pressure – Medium temperature



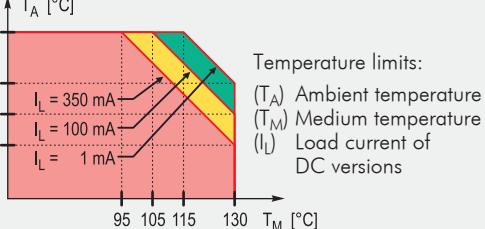
Mini compact Ex types for liquids

Temperature classes	T6	T5	T4
Max. ambient temperature	+70°C	+60°C	+60°C
Min. ambient temperature	DIN con. M12 con.	-40°C -25°C	
Max. medium temperature	+70°C	+75°C	+95°C

Medium pressure – Medium temperature PP flange version

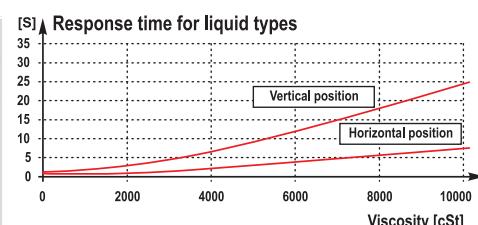


Mini – Compact version



OUTPUT DATA

Compact type		
Output	For liquids	For solids
Relay	1 or 2 pcs (SPDT) relays 250VAC, 8A, AC1/250 V AC, 6A, AC1	
Response time	when immersed when free	≤ 0.5 sec ≤ 1 sec* ≤ 1 sec – H density 3 sec – L density



Mini compact type				
Type	Output	For liquids	For solids	
2-wire DC	DC current change			when immersed: $14 \text{ mA} \pm 1 \text{ mA}$ when free: $9 \text{ mA} \pm 1 \text{ mA}$
	AC output for serial connection			Voltage drop (in switched-on state): $< 10.5 \text{ V}$ Residual current (in switched-off state): $< 6 \text{ mA}$
2-wire AC	Current load	max. continuous	350 mA, AC 13	350 mA, AC 13; Ex version: 140 mA
		min. continuous	$10 \text{ mA} / 255\text{V}; 25 \text{ mA} / 24\text{V}$	
		max. impulse	$1.5 \text{ A} / 40\text{msec}$	
	Transistor switch	Connector version: Field selectable NPN- and PNP Cable version: galvanically isolated PNP/NPN		
3-wire DC	Voltage drop (in switched-on state)	$< 4.5 \text{ V}$		$< 1.8 \text{ V}$
	Current load (max. continuous)	350 mA / Umax=55V		350 mA / Umax=55V; Ex version: 200mA
	Residual current (in switched-off state)	$< 100\mu\text{A}$		$< 10\mu\text{A}$
	Response time	when immersed when free	0.5 sec $< 1\text{sec}^*$	≤ 1 sec – H density < 3 sec – L density

* see viscosity diagram

OPERATION

Compact and Mini compact type						
Power supply	Switching	Fail-Safe switch**	Status LED	Output		Diagram
				Relay	Electronic	
ON	High level					
	Low level					
OFF	–	–	High or Low			

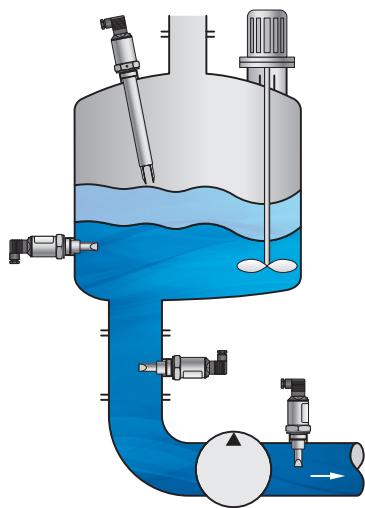
2-wire DC version			
Power supply	Switching	Status LED	Output
ON			$14 \pm 1 \text{ mA}$
			$9 \pm 1 \text{ mA}$
OFF	Fork immersed, or fork is free		–

OPERATION MODE SWITCHES

Compact	Compact
Fail-Safe	Density
	Fail-safe alarm is indicated with de-energised relay or open state of the output
	Medium density $\geq 0.5 \text{ kg/dm}^3$

** Mini compact type: With appropriate wiring or with Fail-Safe switch on the connector

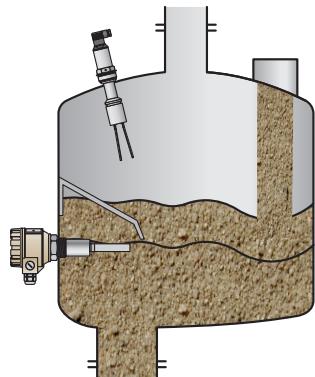
INSTALLATION



DIMENSIONS

Vibrating forks for liquids

Mini compact	Compact



Vibrating forks for solids

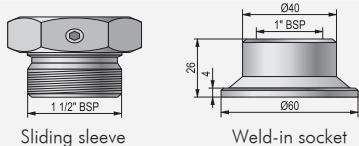
Mini compact	Compact



Flanges

- DIN, ANSI and JIS flanges Stainless steel, PP or plastic (PFA) coated stainless steel
- DN 40 and DN 50 pipe-coupling process connections (DIN 11851)
- 1 1/2" and 2" Triclamp process connections (ISO 2852)
- other hygienic (food-industry) process connections

Other process connection



ACCESSORIES TO ORDER

Name	For vibrating forks	
	for liquids	for liquids with plastic coating
Weld-in socket	1" BSP	RPG - 101
Sliding sleeve for extended versions	1 1/2" BSP	RPH - 112
	1 1/2" NPT	RPN - 112
		RPN - 122

RPS-101 test magnet for mini compact versions

ORDER CODES (NOT ALL CODE VARIATION AVAILABLE)

NIVOSWITCH vibrating fork level switches for liquids

NIVOSWITCH R [] - [] - [] - [] - []⁽¹⁾

Type	Code	Process conn.	Code	Insertion length	Code	Output / Ex	Code	
Mini compact	PFA coated fork	A	1" BSP	M	69 mm	0 0	2 wire AC	1
	1.4571 fork	C	1" NPT	P	125 mm	0 1	3 wire DC	3
	1.4571 fork, highly polished	G	1 1/2" TRICLAMP	T	200 mm	0 2	2 wire DC	6
	PFA coated fork	D	2" TRICLAMP	R	•	• •	2 wire DC/Ex	8
	1.4571 fork	F	DN40 pipe-coupling, DIN 11851	D	•	• •	2 wire DC	K
	1.4571 fork, highly polished	J	DN50 pipe-coupling, DIN 11851	E	900 mm	0 9	2 wire DC/Ex	L
Compact ⁽⁶⁾			DN 50 PN40, 1.4571	G ^(2,3)	1 m	1 0	3 wire DC	M
			2" ANSI RF600, 1.4571	B ^(2,3)	•	• •	2 wire AC	2 ⁽⁵⁾
			JIS40K50A, 1.4571	K ^(2,3)	•	• •	3 wire DC	4 ⁽⁵⁾
			DN50 PN40, PP	F ⁽⁴⁾	•	• •	2 wire DC	7 ⁽⁵⁾
			2"ANSI RF150, PP	A ⁽⁴⁾	3 m	3 0	2 wire DC/Ex	9 ⁽⁵⁾
			JIS10K50A, PP	J ⁽⁴⁾			1 relay	0
Housing							2 relay	A
	Steel	4						
	Plastic	5						

(1) The order code of an Ex version should end in „Ex”

(2) Special versions with weld-in process connection are available to order.
Flanges of the flanged models meet the requirements of DIN2501, DIN2526 Form C; ANSI B16.5 standards

(3) PFA coated forks have PFA coated flanges

(4) Max. 6 bar, -20°C ... +90°C

(5) Maximal cable length: 30 m

(6) Not available in Ex version

NIVOSWITCH vibrating fork level switches for solids

NIVOSWITCH R [] - [] - [] - [] - []⁽¹⁾

Type	Code	Process conn.	Code	Insertion length	Code	Output / Ex	Code	
Mini compact	L	1 1/2" BSP	H	137 mm	0 1	2 wire AC	1	
	R	1 1/2" NPT	N	175 mm	0 2	3 wire DC	3	
		DN50 PN40, 1.4571	G ⁽²⁾	300 mm	0 3	2 wire DC	6	
		2" ANSI RF600, 1.4571	B ⁽²⁾	•	• •	2 wire AC/Ex	C	
		JIS40K50A, 1.4571	K ⁽²⁾	•	• •	3 wire DC/Ex	E	
		DN50 PN16, PP	F ⁽⁴⁾	900 mm	0 9	2 wire AC	2 ⁽⁵⁾	
Housing		2 ⁽⁶⁾	2"ANSI RF150, PP	A ⁽⁴⁾	1 m	1 0	3 wire DC	4 ⁽⁵⁾
	Plastic		JIS10K50A, PP	J ⁽⁴⁾	•	• •	2 wire DC	7 ⁽⁵⁾
	Steel	3			•	• •	2 wire DC/Ex	D ⁽⁵⁾
					3 m	3 0	3 wire DC/Ex	F ⁽⁵⁾
							1 relay	0
							2 relay	A

ACCESSORIES TO ORDER

DIN rail mountable switching amplifiers unit recommended for NIVOSWITCH vibrating forks

UNICONT PKK-312- []⁽¹⁾

Power Supply	Code	Power Supply / Ex	Code
230 V AC	1	24 V AC/DC	4
110 V AC	2	24 V AC/DC / Ex	8
24 V AC	3		



UNICONT PKK-312-8 Ex

Intrinsically safe remote switching unit dedicated to the Ex ia versions of the NIVOSWITCH vibrating forks.

