

A-Series Miniature Watertight Pressure Switches

Ashcroft® A-Series miniature pressure switches are designed for tough applications where conventional pressure switch designs often don't measure up.

A rugged all 316 SS IP67 enclosure gives uncompromising protection over a wide temperature range for the most demanding applications.

FEATURES:

- Compact size
- 316 stainless steel construction
- Pressure ranges from vacuum to 7500 psi
- Field adjustable setpoint or factory set only
- Wide operating temperature range (-40°C to 100°C)
- Precision snap-acting micro switch element
- SPDT or DPDT switching
- UL, CSA listed models
- CRN models available
- CE and ROHS compliant



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Applications include:

Offshore oil rigs

-where stainless steel construction and small size is desirable.

Chemical and petrochemical plants

-where small size and corrosion resistance construction is important.

Pulp and paper mills

-where corrosion resistance and sealed contacts extend life.

Special equipment such as autoclaves and sterilizers

-where special connections are needed.

Rail and heavy vehicle hydraulic and pneumatic braking applications

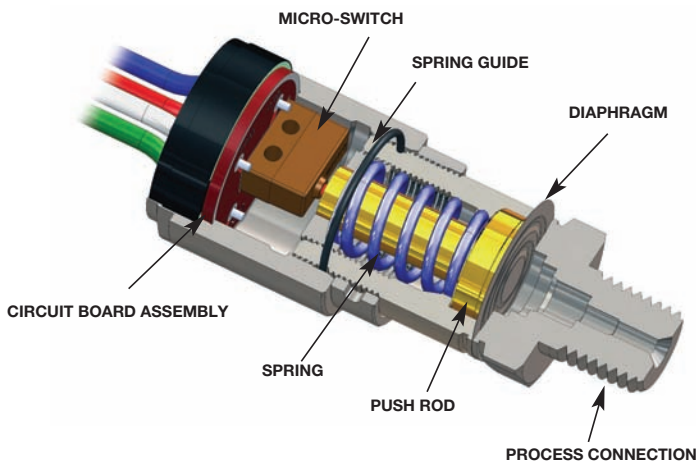
-where small size is an advantage and long life is required.

Other special machinery and equipment applications

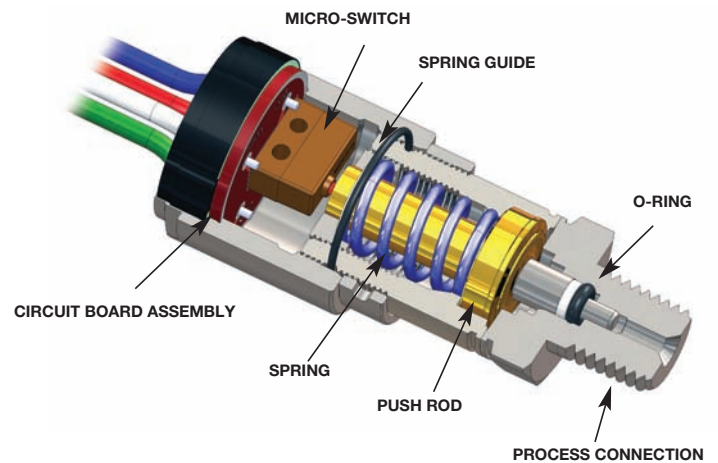
-where small size and high performance is a must.

A rugged 316 SS enclosure gives uncompromising protection. Materials of construction have been selected for long life. Precision snap acting micro switches are featured and fully encased to prevent moisture from corroding switch contacts.

The switch, depending on range, is either an all welded 316 stainless steel diaphragm sealed piston design or a direct acting piston design sealed with a Buna-N or Viton O-ring.



Cutaway view of switch assembly with welded SS diaphragm



Cutaway view of switch assembly with SS piston



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SELECTION GUIDE

Before selecting a switch model the following should be considered:

Actuator:

The actuator responds to changes in pressure and operates the micro switch element in response to these changes. The actuator is normally exposed to the process media and must be chemically compatible with it. There are three types of actuators available for the A-Series switches – all welded 316 SS diaphragm sealed piston; 316 SS piston with Viton O-ring seal; and 316 SS piston with Buna-N O-ring seal. The 316 SS diaphragm is available in ranges from -15/15 psi to 200 psi. The 316 SS piston is available in ranges from 100 psi to 7,500 psi. Switches offered in 100 psi and 200 psi can be ordered with either the piston or diaphragm design. The piston design will have a longer mechanical life, while the diaphragm design has a better operating temperature.

The piston design is more reliable than a diaphragm design when subjected to frequent large pressure excursions, pressure surges and spikes associated with typical hydraulic applications. Piston designs are typically used when the switch is used as low pressure alarm or cutoff where the normal working pressure is above the nominal range of the switch.

The Switching Function:

Most applications for alarm, shutdown and interlock are satisfied by the standard A-Series switches which feature single setpoint fixed deadband. For pump, compressor and other control applications, the dead-band becomes a very important consideration and may require increasing the range of the switch to increase the deadband. Please consult your Ashcroft representative for assistance with special applications.

The Micro Switch Element:

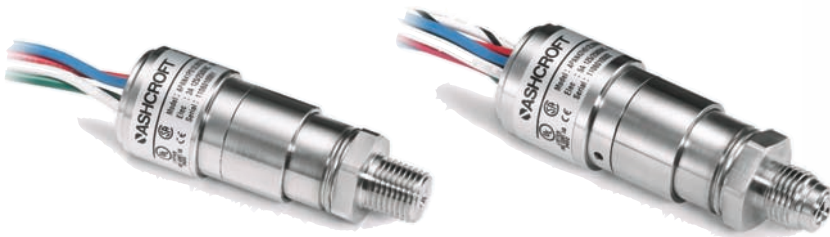
The micro switch element must be chosen to meet the electrical load requirement to be switched. The switches are offered as either SPDT (single pole double throw) or DPDT (double pole double pole). The DPDT switch is made up of two SPDT switches which are adjusted to work together by Ashcroft's patent pending Circuit Board Rotation Design. DPDT switching is not available on diaphragm designs below 100 psi, with Spade terminals or the Micro DIN connector.

Understanding Setpoints and Reset Points:

Pressure switches can be set to switch on either increasing (rising) or decreasing pressures. Since the switches have both Normally Open (NO) contacts and Normally Closed (NC) contacts you can wire the switch to have a switch open or closure for either an increasing or decreasing pressure. To be consistent in setting the switches Ashcroft defines the setpoints as follows. For an increasing setpoint, the pressure is increased from 0 psi to the set point and then decreased to the reset point. For a decreasing setpoint, the pressure is increased to full range and then decreased to the setpoint and then increased to the reset point.

Custom Applications:

The A-series switch is designed to allow custom process connections and electrical terminations. Please consult your Ashcroft representative for assistance with custom applications.



AVAILABLE PRESSURE CONNECTIONS

1/8 or 1/4 MALE NPT



1/8 or 1/4 FEMALE NPT



VCR or VCO



7/16"-20 SAE



3/4", 1.5" or 2.0" SANITARY



AVAILABLE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

18 AWG WIRE LEADS



1/2" NPT CONDUIT CONNECTOR WITH 18 AWG WIRE LEADS



SPADE TERMINAL 4-0.187 MALE TERMINALS



HIRSCHMANN MICRO-DIN CONNECTOR 43650 FORM C



DPDT 18 AWG LEADS



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SPECIFICATIONS:

Setpoint: Factory set or field adjustable

Setpoint repeatability: ±2% of range
(Additional setpoint shift of ±2% of range per 40°F from initial setpoint set at 70°F typical)

Vibration: Passed MIL-STD-202G

Shock: 75G's 10 milliseconds 3 axis

Piston: Stainless steel with Viton or Buna-N O-ring

Mechanical life piston design: >1,000,000 operations typical

Diaphragm: 316L SS

Mechanical life diaphragm design: >400,000 operations typical

Enclosure material: 316L SS

Enclosure rating: NEMA 6, IP 67

Pressure connection: ½ NPTF, ¼ NPTF, ¼ NPTM, ¼ NPTM, 7/16-20 SAE M, VCR, VCO, ¾" Tri-Clamp®, 1.5" Tri-Clover®, 2.0" Tri-Clover®

Electrical output: SPDT, or DPDT 5A or 3A 120VAC, 2A @ 30 VDC, gold contacts available

Electrical termination: Wire leads, spade terminals or custom cables, ½ NPT conduit connection with wire leads, Micro DIN with and without mating connector

Approvals: CSA, CRN, UL, CE, ROHS

A SERIES SWITCH PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

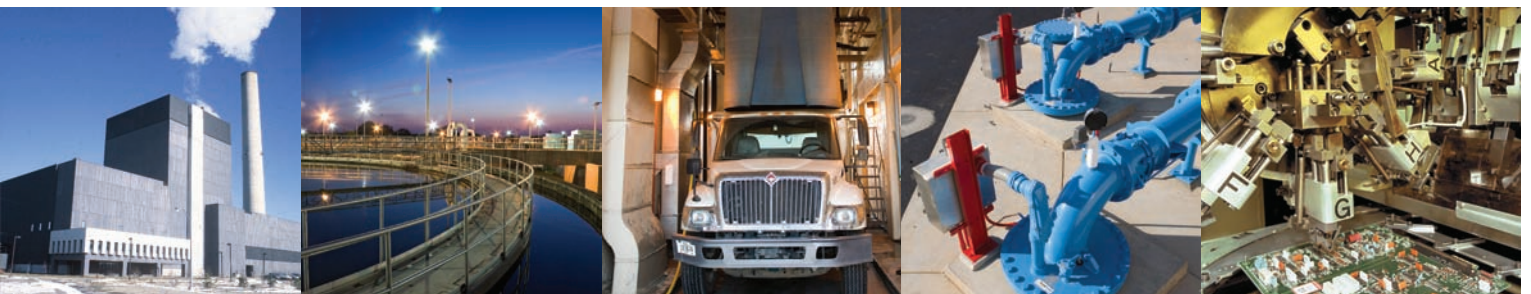
	RANGE			SETPPOINT REPEATABILITY			SETPPOINT ADJUSTABILITY			DEADBAND (DB)		
	psi	bar kg/cm ²	kPa	psi	bar, kg/cm ²	kPa	psi	bar, kg/cm ²	kpa	psi	bar, kg/cm ²	kPa
DIAPHRAGM	-15/15	-1/1	-100/100	±0.6	±.04	±4	-15/15	-1/1	-100/100	1-5	.07-.35	7-35
	30	2	200	±0.6	±.04	±4	6-30	4-2	4-200	1-5	.07-.35	7-35
	60	4	400	±1.2	±.08	±8	8-60	.6-4	60-400	2-10	.14-.70	14-70
	100	7	700	±2	±.14	±14	10-100	.7-7	70-700	3-15	.2-1.0	20-100
	200	14	1400	±4	±.28	±28	20-200	1.4-1.4	140-1400	3-20	.2-1.4	20-140
PISTON	100	7	700	±2	±.14	±14	20-100	1.4-7	140-700	3-15	.2-1.0	20-100
	200	14	1400	±4	±.28	±28	40-200	2.8-1.4	280-1400	3-20	.2-1.4	20-140
	500	35	3500	±10	±.70	±70	50-500	3.5-35	350-3500	20-100	1.4-7.0	140-700
	1000	70	7000	±20	±1.40	±140	100-1000	7-70	700-7000	25-125	1.7-8.5	170-850
	2000	140	14000	±40	±2.8	±280	200-2000	14-140	1400-1400	50-250	3.5-17	350-1700
	5000	350	35000	±100	±7.0	±700	500-5000	35-350	3500-35000	100-500	7-35	700-3500
	7500	500	50000	±150	±10	±1000	750-7500	50-500	5000-50000	150-750	10-50	100-5000

ELECTRIC		MATERIAL & TEMPERATURE			PROOF PRESSURE			
Switch Code	Electric on Label	Actuator Seal	Material	Temperature Range	Ranges (Material) listed in psi	psi	bar kg/cm ²	kPa
1P, 2P	3A 125/250Vac; 2A, 30Vdc	S	SS	-40-100C	up to 200(S)	1000	70	7000
1H, 2H	5A 125/250Vac; 5A, 28Vdc	B (Ranges 100#, 200#)	SS, BUNA	-28-100C	100-200 (B, V)	2000	140	1400
1G, 2G	0.1A 125Vac; 0.1A 30Vdc	B (Ranges 500# to 7500#)	SS, BUNA	-40-100C	500-2000 (B, V)	10000	700	70000
1L, 2L	1A 125Vac; 1A 28Vdc	V	SS, BUNA	-20-100C	5000-7500 (B, V)	15000	1000	100000

BURST PRESSURE

Ranges (Material) listed in psi	psi	Bar, kg/cm ²	kPa
Up to 200 (S)	>9500	>655	>65,500
100-200 (B,V)	>10,000	>700	>70,000
500-2000 (B,V)	>30,000	>2100	>210,000
5000-7500 (B,V)	>50,000	>3500	>350,000

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Tri-Clamp is a registered trademark of Ladish Co.



1 – FUNCTION	
APS – Pressure switch, single setpoint, fixed dead-band, factory set, not field adjustable	
APA – Pressure switch, single setpoint, fixed dead-band, field adjustable	
2 – ENCLOSURE (BODY)	
N4 – Watertight 316 SS body	
3 – MICRO SWITCH, FIRST CHARACTER	
Code	
1	Single Switch – SPDT
2	Dual Switch – DPDT (not available with “S” actuator with <100 psi range)
3 – MICRO SWITCH, SECOND CHARACTER	
Code	
G	Gold Contact – 0.1 A @ 125 Vac, 0.1 A @ 30 Vdc
H	Higher Current – 5A @ 125/250 Vac, 5A @ 28 Vdc resistive, 3A @ 28 Vdc inductive
L	Higher Current Gold Contacts – 1A @ 125 Vac, 1A @ 28 Vdc resistive, 0.5A @ 28 Vdc Inductive
P	General Purpose – 3A @ 125/250 Vac, 2A @ 30 Vdc
4 – ELECTRICAL CONNECTION	
Code	
012C	½ NPT male conduit connection with 3-18 AWG wires 12” length
000H	Micro DIN Connector – Watertight DIN 43650 FORM C cable socket without mating connector Not available with DPDT switching
00MH	Micro DIN Connector – Watertight DIN 43650 FORM C cable socket with mating connector Not available with DPDT switching
012L	Wire leads, 3-18 AWG PVC insulated wires 12” length
000N	Nonstandard, customer specified see # variation
000T	Spade terminals, 4 - 0.187” male spade Not available with DPDT switching
5 – ACTUATOR SEAL	
Code	
B	316 SS piston & Buna O-ring, ranges ≥100 psi
V	316 SS piston & Viton O-ring, ranges ≥100 psi
S	316 SS welded Diaphragm, ranges ≤200 psi

6 – PRESSURE CONNECTION	
Code	Description
01	½ NPT Male
02	¼ NPT Male
03	½ NPT Female*
25	¼ NPT Female*
05	7/16-20 SAE Male
06	VCR Fixed*
07	VCO Fixed*
75	0.75” Tri-Clamp® connection (includes 3A Approval)†
15	1.5” Tri-Clover® connection (includes 3A Approval)†
20	2.0” Tri-Clover® connection (includes 3A Approval)†

7 – PRESSURE RANGE				
Actuator	psi	Bar	kPa	Kg/cm²
S	-15/15#	-1/1BR	-100/100KP	-1/1KSC
S	30#	2BR	200KP	2KSC
S	60#	4BR	400KP	4KSC
B, S, V	100#	7BR	700KP	7KSC
B, S, V	200#	14BR	1400KP	14KSC
B, V	500#	35BR	3500KP	35KSC
B, V	1000#	70BR	7000KP	70KSC
B, V	2000#	140BR	14000KP	140KSC
B, V	5000#	350BR	35000KP	350KSC
B, V	7500#	500BR	50000KP	500KSC

8 – SETPOINT	
5 characters maximum representing setpoint of the switch in the same units as the range of the switch. For setpoints in Vacuum specify as “-” pressure.	

9 – SETPOINT DIRECTION	
Code	
R	Rising Pressure (Increasing Pressure)
D	Decreasing Pressure

10 – OPTIONS	
Code	Description
XC4	Individual certified calibration chart
XBP	Mounting Bracket (Not yet available)
XFP	Fungus proofing
XMQ	Positive Material Identification (75, 15 & 20 process conn. only)
XNC	2 wire leads - wired for normally closed operation
XNO	2 wire leads - wired for normally open operation
XNH	Stainless Steel Tag
XNN	Paper Tag
X6B	Cleaned for Oxygen service

HOW TO ORDER:

A-Series Part Number: **APS** **N4** **1H** **012C** **S** **02** **30# - 15 R - X6B**

1. Function: _____

2. Enclosure: _____

3. Micro Switch: _____

4. Electrical Connection: _____

5. Actuator Seal: _____

6. Pressure Connection: _____

7. Pressure Range: _____

8. Setpoint: _____

9. Setpoint Direction: _____

10. Options: _____

PRESSURE CONNECTION NOTES

*Available with “S” activator only.

† Ranges ≤ 500 psi.

SETPOINT NOTES

If no setpoint is required on an APA switch use either “NSR” or “NSD”. If direction is not known use “NSR” as the default.

OPTIONS NOTES

The X character will only appear before the first option, additional options will just be the two characters. Example: XC4NC6B

If the switch is mounted to a diaphragm seal other than (75, 15, 20 connection) the seal fill fluid is also listed as an X option.

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ADDITIONAL SWITCH TERMINOLOGY

Accuracy – (See repeatability) Accuracy normally refers to conformity of an indicated value to an accepted standard value. There is no indication in switch products; thus, instead, the term repeatability is used as the key performance measure. Ashcroft A-Series switch accuracy is 2% of nominal range.

Automatic Reset Switch – Switch which returns to normal state when actuating variable Pressure is reduced.

Adjustable or Operating Range – That part of the nominal range over which the switch setpoint may be adjusted. Normally about 10% to 100% of the nominal range for A-Series pressure switches.

Burst Pressure – The maximum pressure that may be applied to a pressure switch without causing leakage or rupture. This is approximately 16X of nominal range for A-Series switches. Diaphragm switches subjected to pressures above the nominal range can be permanently damaged.

Deadband – The difference between the setpoint and the resetpoint, normally expressed in units of the actuating variable. Sometimes referred to as differential.

Fixed Deadband – The difference between the setpoint and the resetpoint of a pressure switch. It further signifies that this deadband is a fixed function of the pressure switch and not adjustable.

National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) – This group has defined several categories of enclosures, usually referred to as “types.” Further, they designate certain features and capabilities each type must include.

NEMA 6 – Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against access to hazardous parts; to provide a degree of protection of the equipment inside the enclosure against ingress of solid foreign objects (falling dirt); to provide a degree of protection with respect to harmful effects on the equipment due to the ingress of water (hose directed water and the entry of water during occasional temporary submersion at a limited depth); and that will be undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure.

Normal Switch Position – Contact position before actuating pressure (or variable) is applied.

Normally closed contacts open when the switch is actuated. Normally open contacts close when the switch is actuated.

Normally Closed – Refers to switch contacts that are closed in the normal switch state or position (unactuated). A pressure change opens the contacts.

Normally Open Switch – Refers to the contacts that are open in the normal switch state or position (unactuated). A pressure change closes the contacts.

Overpressure Rating(s) – A nonspecific term that could refer to either burst or proof pressure, or both.

Proof Pressure – The maximum pressure which may be applied without causing damage. This is determined under strict laboratory conditions including controlled rate of change and temperature: This value is for reference only. Consult factory for applications where switch must operate at pressures above nominal range or reference temperature (70°F).

Repeatability (Accuracy) – The closeness of agreement among a number of consecutive measurements of the output setpoint for the same value of the input under the same operating conditions, approaching from the same direction, for full-range traverses. Ashcroft A-series switch repeatability is 2% of nominal range.

Note: It is usually measured as non-repeatability and expressed as repeatability in percent of span or nominal range. It does not include hysteresis or deadband.

Resetpoint – The resetpoint is the Pressure value where the electrical switch contacts will return to their original or normal position after the switch has activated.

Setpoint – The setpoint is the Pressure value at which the electrical circuit of a switch will change state or actuate. It should be specified either on increase or decrease of that variable.

Single Pole Double Throw (SPDT) Switching Element – A SPDT switching element has one normally open, one normally closed, and one common terminal. The switch can be wired with the circuit either normally open (N/O) or normally closed (N/C). SPDT is standard with A-series switches.

Double Pole Double Throw (DPDT) Switching Element – Two SPDT switching elements both set to actuate or de-actuate at the same set or resetpoint. Each switch one has one normally open, one normally closed, and one common terminal. The switches are independent of each other and can be wired to two independent circuits. The two circuits can either normally open (N/O) or normally closed (N/C).

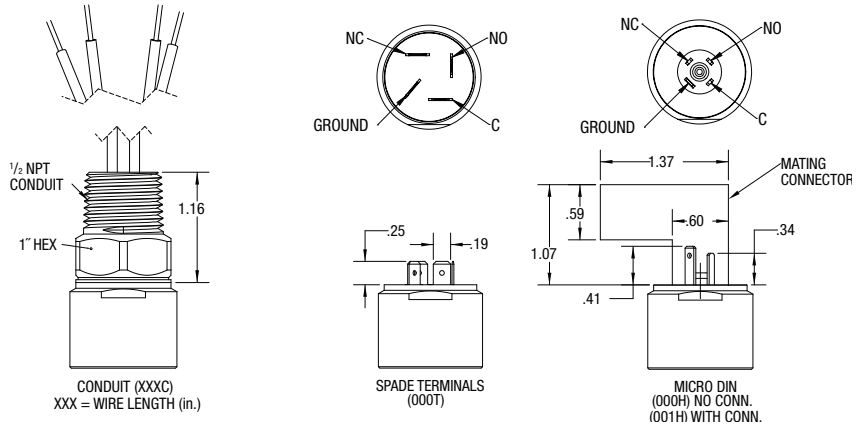
Snap Action – In switch terminology, snap action generally refers to the action of contacts in the switch element. These contacts open and close quickly and snap closed with sufficient pressure to firmly establish an electrical circuit. The term distinguishes products from mercury bottle types that were subject to vibration problems



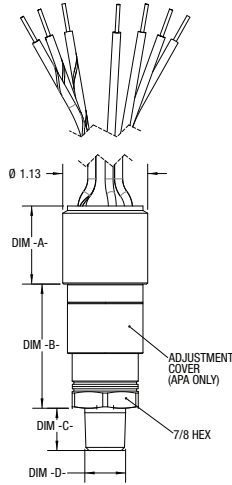
FUNCTION CODE			
Description		Dim. A	
APS (Factory Set)		1.06	
APA (Field Adjustable)		1.64	
MICRO SWITCH			
Description		Dim. B	
1H, 2H, 1L, 2L		1.03	
1P, 2P, 1G, 2G		0.90	
PRESSURE CONNECTION GENERAL DIMENSION			
Code	Description	Dim. C	Dim. D
01	1/8 NPT Male	0.45	0.41
02	1/4 NPT Male	0.56	0.54
03	1/8 NPT Female	0.75	0.65
04	1/4 NPT Female	0.92	0.75
05	7/16-20SAE	0.56	0.44
06	VCR Fixed Male	0.58	0.56
07	VCO Fixed Male	0.47	0.56
15	1.5" Tri-Clamp Seal	1.23	1.99
20	2.0" Tri-Clamp Seal	1.23	2.49
75	3/4" Fractional Seal	1.10	0.96



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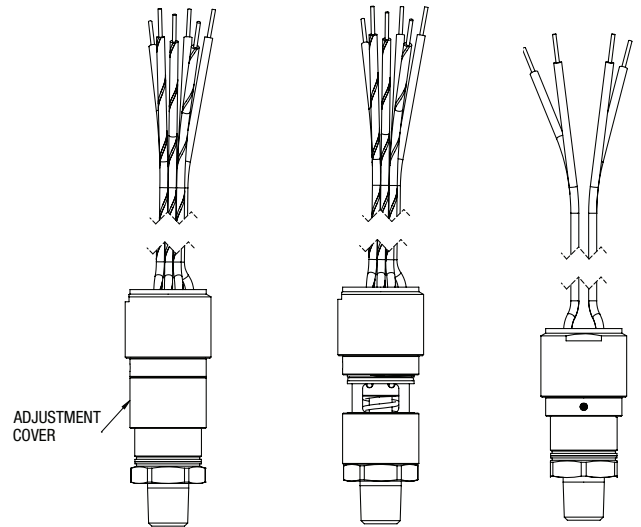


WIRE LEAD (XXXL) CONNECTION WITH DUAL SWITCH SHOWN XXX = WIRE LENGTH (in.)



FIELD ADJUSTABLE

FACTORY SET



SLIDE COVER DOWN TO ACCESS SETPOINT ADJUSTMENT. SLIDE COVER UP TO CLOSE AND SEAL ADJUSTMENT

ROTATE LEFT ← TO INCREASE SET POINT
 ROTATE RIGHT → TO DECREASE SET POINT
 Ø .095 OR SMALLER TOOL REQUIRED TO ROTATE NUT