



Installation & Maintenance Manual

Auto Switch (Solid State)

Series D-F8N/D-F8P/D-F8B



Safety Instructions

This manual contains essential information for the protection of users and others from possible injury and property damage.

To ensure correct handling, please follow the instructions.

Please check that you fully understand the meaning of the following messages (signs) before going on to read the text, and always follow the instructions.

Please read the Installation & Maintenance Manual of related apparatus and understand it before operating the unit.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES	
Read this manual and follow its instructions. Titles such as DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION and NOTE, will be followed by important safety information which must be carefully followed.	
DANGER	In extreme conditions, there is a possible result of serious injury or loss of life.
WARNING	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which could result in death or serious injury if you do not follow instructions.
CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which if not avoided, may result in minor injury or moderate injury.

1.1 General recommendation

These safety instructions are intended to prevent a hazardous situation and/or equipment damage.

These instructions indicate the level of potential hazard by label of "Caution", "Warning" or "Danger".

To ensure safety of personnel and equipment the safety instructions in this manual and the product catalogue must be observed, along with other relevant safety practices.

WARNING

- 1.1.1. The compatibility of pneumatic equipment is the responsibility of the person who designs the pneumatic system or decides its specifications.

Since the products specified here are used in various operating conditions, their compatibility for the specific pneumatic system must be based on specifications or after analysis and/or tests to meet your specific requirements.

- 1.1.2. Only trained personnel should operate pneumatically operated machinery and equipment.

Compressed air can be dangerous if an operator is unfamiliar with it. Assembly, handling or repair of pneumatic systems should be performed by trained and experienced operators.

- 1.1.3. Do not service machinery/equipment or attempt to remove component until safety is confirmed.

- 1) Inspection and maintenance of machinery/equipment should only be performed after confirmation of safe locked-out control positions.
- 2) When equipment is to be removed, confirm the safety process as mentioned above. Switch off air and electrical supplies and exhaust all residual compressed air in the system.
- 3) Before machinery/equipment is re-started, ensure all safety measures to prevent sudden movement of actuators etc. (Supply air into the system gradually to create backpressure, i.e. incorporate a soft-start valve).

- 1.1.4. Contact SMC if the product is to be used in any of the following conditions:

- 1) Conditions and environments beyond the given specifications, or if product is used outdoors.

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WARNING

- 2) Installations in conjunction with atomic energy, railway, air navigation, vehicles, medical equipment, food and beverage, recreation equipment, emergency stop circuits, press applications, or safety equipment.
- 3) Equipment intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres. Applications which have the possibility of having negative effects on people, property or animals. Special safety analysis is required.

Design and selection

- 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 range of specifications for load current, voltage, temperature or impact.

- ② Take precautions when multiple actuators are used close together.
When multiple auto switch actuators are used in close proximity, magnetic field interference may cause the switches to malfunction. Maintain a minimum actuator separation of 40mm.

- ③ 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:

$$V \text{ [mm/s]} = \frac{\text{Autoswitch operating range [mm]}}{\text{Load operating time [ms]}} \times 1000$$

- ④ Keep wiring as short as possible
Although longer wiring does not affect the function, please keep it to 100m or shorter
- ⑤ Do not use a load that generates surge voltage.
Although a zener diode for surge protection is connected at the output side of a solid state auto switch, damage may still occur if the surge is applied repeatedly. When a load such as a relay or solenoid which generates surge is directly driven, use a type of switch with a built-in surge absorbing element.
- ⑥ 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.

- ⑦ Ensure sufficient clearance for maintenance activities.
When designing an application, be sure to allow sufficient clearance for maintenance and inspections.

Mount / adjustment

- ① Do not drop or bump.
Do not drop, bump or apply excessive impacts (1000m/s² or more for solid state switches) while handling. Although the body of the switch may not be damaged, the inside of the switch could be damaged and cause a malfunction.
- ② Do not carry an actuator by the auto switch lead wires.
Never carry an actuator by its lead wires. This may not only cause broken lead wires, but it may cause internal elements of the switch to be damaged by the stress.
- ③ Mount switches using the proper tightening torque.
If a switch is tightened beyond the range of tightening torque, the mounting screws, mounting brackets or switch may be damaged. On the other hand, tightening below the range of tightening torque may allow the switch to slip out of position.
- ④ Mount a switch at the center of the operating range.
Adjust the mounting position of an auto switch so that the piston stops at the center of the operating range (the range in which a switch is ON). (The mounting position shown in the catalog indicates the optimum position at stroke end.) If mounted at the end of the operating range (around the borderline of ON and OFF), operation may be unstable.

Wiring

- ① Avoid repeatedly bending or stretching lead wires.
Broken lead wires can result from wiring patterns which repeatedly apply bending stress or stretching force to the lead wires.
- ② 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.
- ③ 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.
- ④ Do not allow short circuit of loads.
All models of switches do not have built-in short circuit protection circuits. Note that if a load is short circuited, the switch will be instantly damaged because of excess current flow into the switch.

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WARNING

- ⑤ Avoid incorrect wiring
If wiring is incorrect, the switches will be damaged.

Operating environment

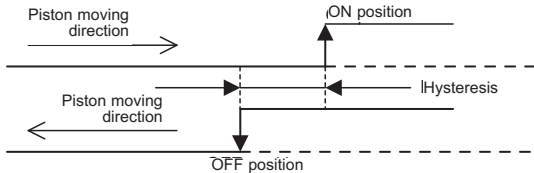
- ① Do not use in an area where a magnetic field is generated.
Auto switches can malfunction or magnets inside actuators can become demagnetized.
- ② Do not use in an environment where the auto switch will be continually exposed to water.
Although switches satisfy IEC standard IP67 construction (JIS C 0920: watertight construction), avoid using switches in applications with continual exposure to water splash or spray. Poor insulation or swelling of the potting resin inside switches may cause malfunction.
- ③ Do not use in an environment with oil or chemicals.
Consult SMC if auto switches are to 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.
Consult SMC if switches are used where there are temperature cycles other than normal air temperature changes, as there may be adverse effects inside the switches.
- ⑤ Do not use in an area where surges are generated.
When there are units (solenoid type lifter, high frequency induction furnace, motor, etc.) which generate a large amount of surge in the area around actuators with solid state auto switches, this may cause deterioration or damage to the switches. Avoid sources of surge generation and crossed lines.
- ⑥ Avoid accumulation of iron waste or close contact with magnetic substances.
When a large amount of iron waste such as machining chips or spatter has accumulated, or a magnetic substance (something attracted by a magnet) is brought into close proximity with an auto switch actuator, it may cause auto switches to malfunction due to a loss of the magnetic force inside the actuator.

Maintenance

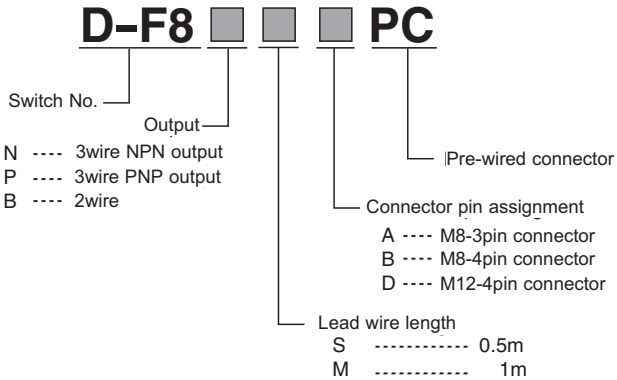
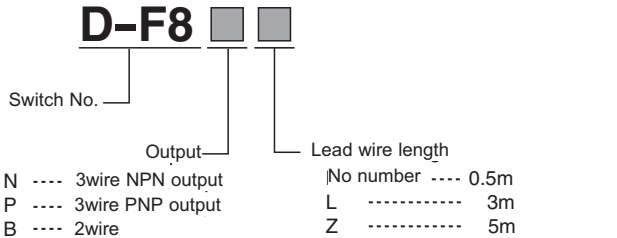
- ① Perform the following maintenance periodically in order to prevent possible danger due to unexpected auto switch malfunction.
 - 1) Securely tighten switch mounting screws.
If screws become loose or the mounting position is dislocated, retighten them after readjusting the mounting position.
 - 2) Confirm that there is no damage to lead wires.
To prevent faulty insulation, replace switches or repair lead wires, etc., if damage is discovered.

Others

- ① For durability against water, elasticity, application at welding site, please consult us.
- ② If ON and OFF position (hysteresis) cause problems, please consult us.



Model Indication Method

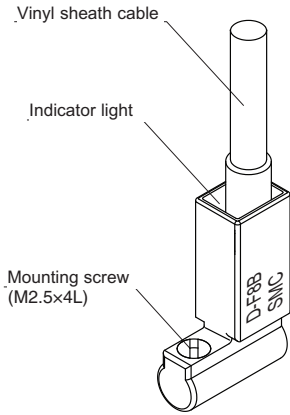


Specification

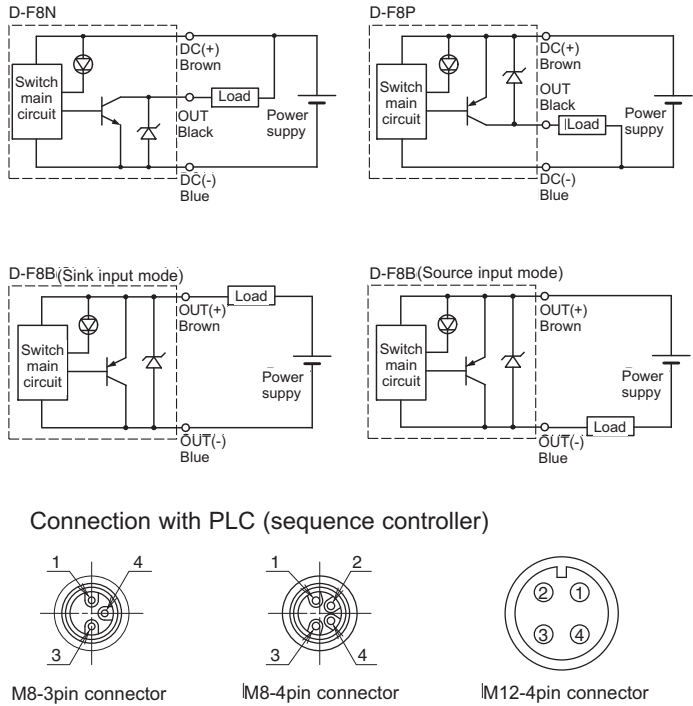
Switch model number	D-F8N	D-F8P	D-F8B
Wiring	3 wire		2 wire
Output	NPN	PNP	—
Application	IC circuit/Relay/PLC		24V DC Relay/PLC
Power voltage	5/12/24V DC (4.5 to 28V DC)		—
Current consumption	10mA or less		—
Load voltage	28V DC or less	—	24V DC(10 to 28V DC)
Load current	40mA or less	80mA or less	2.5 to 40mA
Internal voltage drop	1.5V or less	0.8V or less	4V or less
Current leakage	100 μ A or less at 24V DC		0.8mA or less
Operating time	1ms or less		
Indication light	ON: Red light emitting diode		
Electrical entry system	Grommet		
Lead wire	Oilproof heavy-duty vinyl cord ϕ 2.7, 0.18mm ² , 2 wire (D-F8B), ϕ 2.7, 0.15mm ² , 3 wire (D-F8N,D-F8P)		
Impact resistance	1000m/s ²		
Insulation resistance	50M Ω or more at 500V DC mega		
Withstand voltage	1000V AC for 1 minute (lead wire, between cases)		
Ambient temperature	-10 to 60 °C		
Protection structure	IP67 IEC60529, JISC0920		

Names and Functions of Individual Parts

D-F8N / F8P / F8B

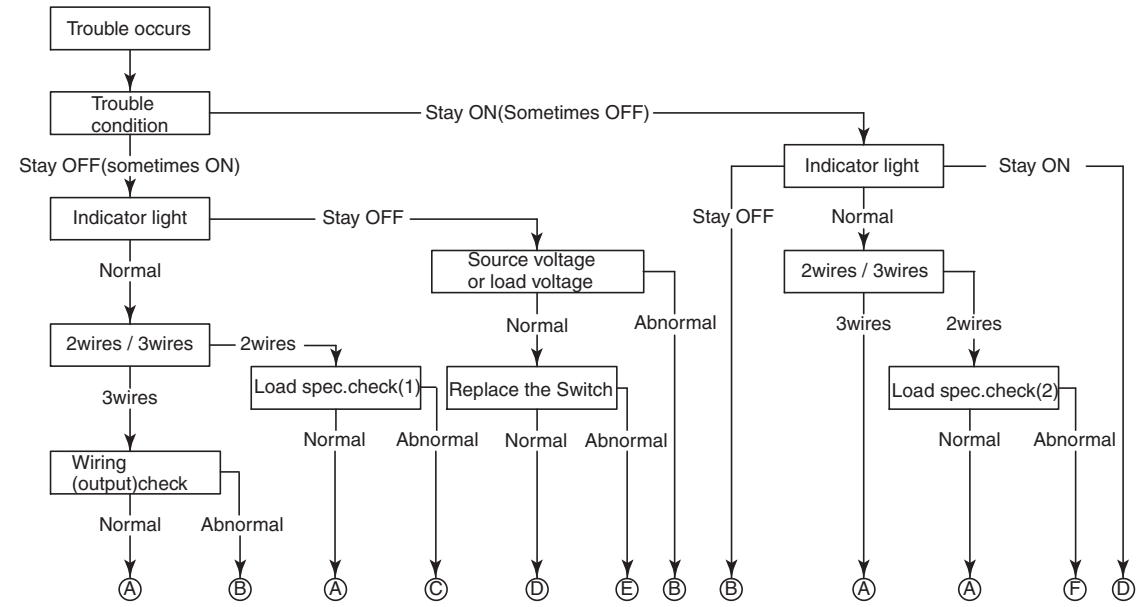


Internal Circuit and Wiring



Other Functions

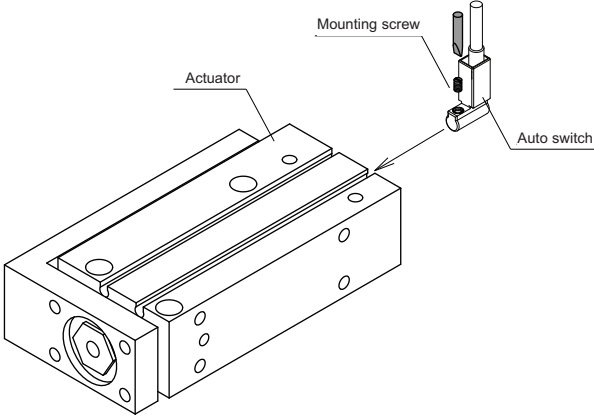
When detection failure occur(stay ON/OFF), please check based on the next flow.



- Load spec. check(1) ----- ON voltage > Load voltage-Internal voltage drop
- Load spec. check(2) ----- OFF current > Leak current
- (A) --- Switch output parts failure(replace)
- (B) --- Check wiring and correct fault
- (C) --- Replace switch 2 wires --> 3 wires
- (D) --- Switch failure
- (E) --- Replace cylinder. Detectable magnet field in adequate (No magnet)
- (F) --- Replace PLC input board or replace switch 2 wires --> 3 wires

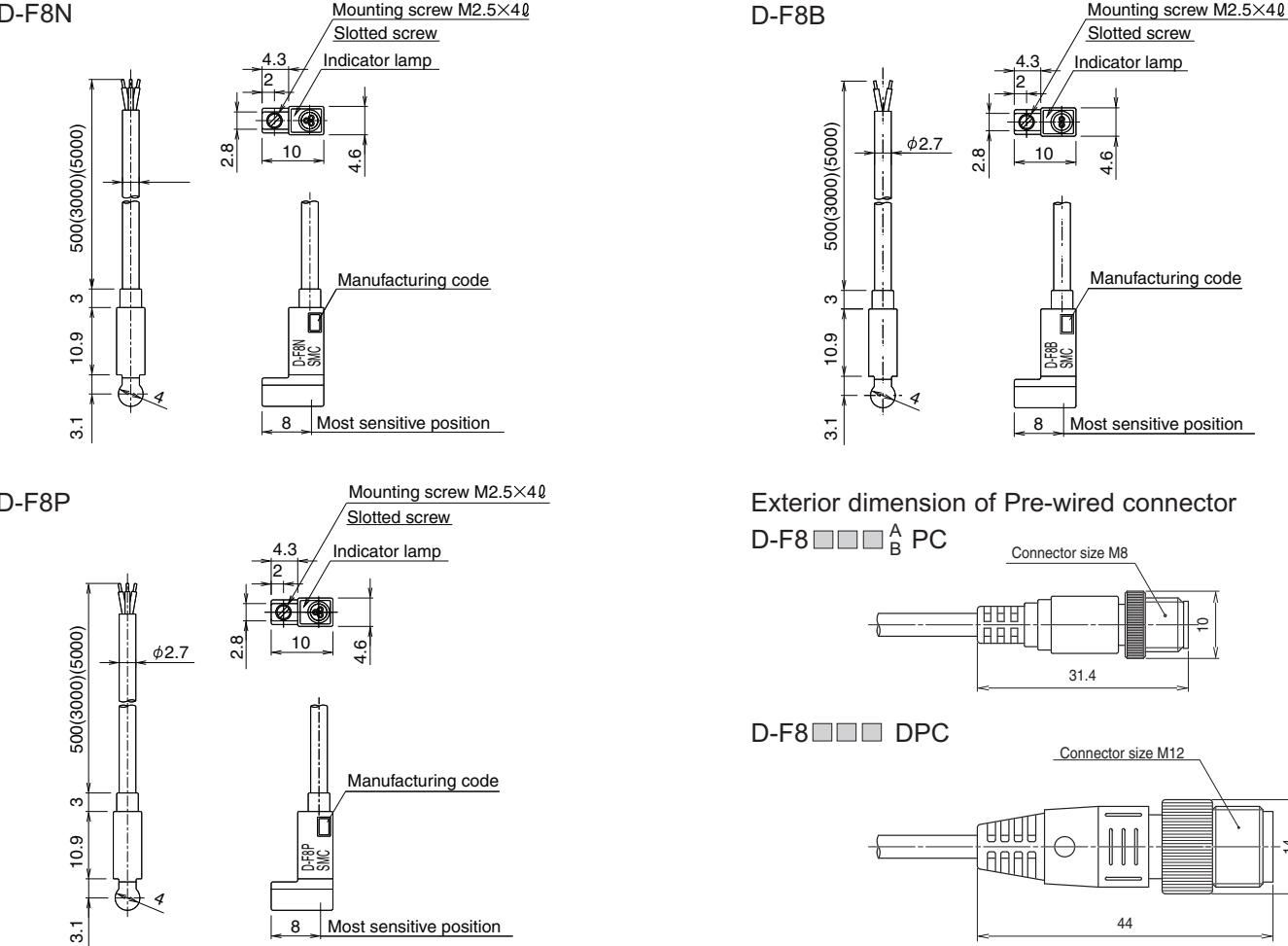
Installation

6.How to mount / Mounting bracket
Each actuator has a specified mounting bracket when mounted to the autoswitch.
“How to mount/Mount bracket” depends on actuator type and tube I.D. Please refer to the actuator catalogue.
When an auto switch is mounted for the first time, please ensure the actuator is a magnet built-in type, then ensure brackets correspond to the actuator.



M2.5 mount screw tightening torque shall be 0.1 to 0.2N•m
•Setting the detecting position
Set the actuator at the stroke end. Set the switch in the area to where the auto switch red lamp lights. (Detecting actuator end)
Based on A and B dimensions in the actuator catalogue, set the switch.

Outline with Dimensions (in mm)



Manufacture's batch marking

Year		Month	
Mark	Year	Mark	Month
K	2006	O	January
L	2007	P	February
M	2008	Q	March
N	2009	R	April
O	2010	S	May
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