Common Features of Electromechanical Switches

Switching systems

Switching elements lie at the heart of all electromechanical switching devices and must correspond to the respective application. Essentially there are two basic types of switching system that differ in terms of their mechanical design and consequently their scope of application:

- Slow-action contacts
- Snap-action contacts

Slow-action contacts

- On actuation, the normally-closed and normally-open contact functions corres pond to the movement of the impact pin
- The approach speed controls the contact opening (closing) time
- Large distance / actuating travel between normally-closed and normally-open contact function
- The switching points are identical in forward and reverse travel

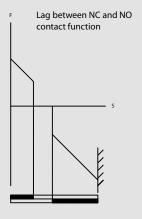


Fig. 1 shows the contact force during the switching cycle of a slow-action contact.

Overlap

 The switching principle of snap-action contacts makes overlapping of the NC / NO contact function possible. The term overlap refers to the area, in which both the normally-closed contact as well as the normally-open contact are closed in connection with a changeover switch with delay.

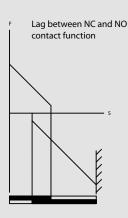


Fig. 2 shows the contact force during the switching cycle of a slow-action contact with overlap.

Snap-action contact

- On actuation, the normally-closed contact function is immediately followed by the normally-open contact function
- In this configuration there is no overlap of the NC/NO contacts. The switch provides a distinct OR-function.
- The changeover accuracy is not dependent on the approach speed
- Consistently effective suppression of DC arc
- Reliable contact-making also for extremely slow approach speeds
- The snap mechanism triggers the full opening width of the contact on reaching the changeover point
- Due to the force reversal in the mechanical system, a different switching point occurs in forward and reverse travel. The lag is referred to as hysteresis.

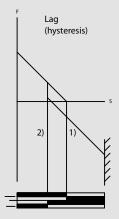


Fig. 3 shows the contact force during the switching cycle of a snap-action contact.

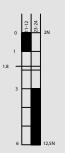
- 1) Changeover point in forward travel
- ²⁾ Changeover point in reverse travel

Switching diagram

The switching diagram describes the function of the switching device in detail.

It combines the mechanical input variables that act on the contact system via the actuator with the electrical output variables. The user can deduct the following information from the switching diagram:

- Mechanical input variables (force, travel, torque, angle)
- Electrical contact-making in forward and reverse travel
- Terminal designation
- Point at which positive opening is achieved
- Type of contact system





Slow-action contact

Snap-action contact

■ Contact closed□ Contact open



Contact designation

In accordance with DIN 50013 and DIN 50005 the terminal designations of the contact elements are always make up of two digits.

The contact rows are numbered consecutively with the allocating digit (1st digit) in actuation direction. Contacts of a switching element that belong together have the same allocating digit.

The second digit is the function digit that denotes the type of contact element.

- 1-2 Normally-closed contact
- 3-4 Normally-open contact
- 5–6 Normally-closed contact with delayed opening
- 7–8 Normally-open contact with delayed closing

Protection class

The protection class of an enclosed device denotes the degree of protection. The degree of protection includes the protection of persons against contactwith parts under voltage and the protection of equipment against the infiltration of foreign bodies and water. BERNSTEIN standard enclosures mainly correspond to protection classes IP65 and IP67. Higher protection ratings are also available for individual customer solutions. In accordance with DIN EN 60521 (IEC 529), the numerals used in the protection rating denote the following:

1st digit Degree of protection against contact and infiltration of foreign bodies

2nd digit Degree of protection against infiltration of water

Example IP 65:

- **6** = Complete protection against contact with components under voltage or with internal moving parts
 - Protection against dust infiltration
- 5 = A water jet directed from all directions at the device must not have damaging effects
 - Protection against hose water

Enclosures

Limit switches are supplied either in a plastic enclosure or a metal enclosure. Which material is to be selected for a specific application depends on the ambient conditions, the location as well as several other factors.

Plastic limit switches provide protective insulation and are resistant to many aggressive chemicals and liquids. The formation of condensation water in moist environments with extreme temperature fluctuations is significantly reduced on plastic enclosures.

In insulation-enclosed switches the switching elements are integrated directly in the plastic enclosure and are therefore not replaceable (complete switching devices).

Metal-enclosed limit switches are able to withstand high mechanical loads, they can also be used wherever hot metal chips and sparks occur and are resistant to many solvents and detergents. The switching elements in metal-enclosed switches are often integrated in the metal enclosure as modular built-in switches. The enclosure has a VDE-compliant connection for the PE conductor.

Safety switches

The scope of application for limit switches has changed over time. Whereas limit switches were previously used for the purpose of detecting end positions, today they are increasingly assuming functions designed to protect persons and products in machine, equipment and plant construction.

The BERNSTEIN range of safety switches offers the right solution for the most diverse applications in many branches of industry. Particularly when it comes to safety, users appreciate the fact that they are able to procure all required safety switches and receive professional advice from one source.

The decisive factors governing the selection of safety equipment include the ambient conditions, installation situation and risk analysis.

A switching device that can be used for safety functions is identified by the standardised symbol conforming to EN 60947-5-1 Addendum K. The switches can, of course, also be used for pure position monitoring purposes.

Safety switches are divided into two categories, Type 1 and Type 2. The difference is in the actuating elements which are completely integrated in the enclosure in Type 1 and separated from the switching element in Type 2.





Type 1

Type 2

Common Features of Electromechanical Switches

Designation

The designation of BERNSTEIN switching devices depends on:

- The enclosure designation of the switching device
- The switching function
- The type of actuator

Type code of position and safety switches

188	A2Z ¹⁾	AH	M12
Switch group	Switching system ²⁾	Actuator	Special features
● C2	● U1	See Pages 66 – 67	M12 connection
● Ti2	• SU1		 Actuator turned
● IF	• A2		90°, 180°, 270°
■ 188	• SA2		 Special switching
● Bi2	● E2		forces
• ENK	• SE2		 Special temperature ranges
● GC			Other special
● SN2			features on request
● ENM2			
• D			

¹⁾ The letter Z suffix to the designation of the switching function denotes the mechanical positive opening action of the normally-closed contacts. In technical data sheets, the positive opening point is identified by the international symbol ⊕.

²⁾ Please refer to the following pages in the catalogue to establish which switching system can be used in the switch groups.



Switching function example

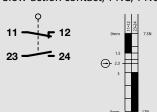
NC = Normally-closed contact

NO = Normally-open contact

V = Overlap

U1Z

Slow-action contact, 1 NC, 1 NO



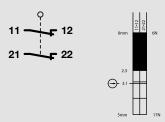
SU1Z

Snap-action contact, 1 NC, 1 NO



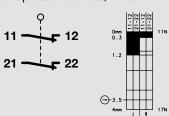
A2Z

Slow-action contact, 2 NC



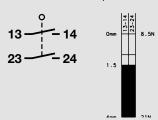
SA2Z

Snap-action contact, 2 NC



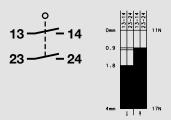
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Slow-action contact, 2 NO



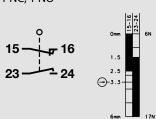
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Snap-action contact, 2 NO



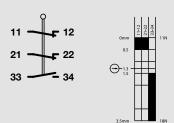
UV1Z

Slow-action contact, with overlapping contacts, 1 NC, 1 NO



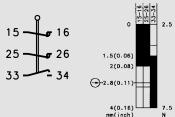
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Slow-action contact, 2 NC, 1 NO



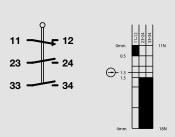
UV15Z

Slow-action contact, with overlapping contacts, 2 NC, 1 NO



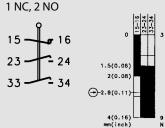
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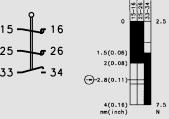
Slow-action contact, 1 NC, 2 NO



UV16Z

Slow-action contact, with overlapping contacts,





The actuating forces and travel distances are subject to tolerances. These tolerances are listed in Table 1. In Type 1 and Type 2 position switches, the tolerances are independent of the switching system and switching function.

Function	Tolerance
Switching travel	± 0.25 mm
Switching angle	± 3.5°
Switching force in N	± 10%
Actuating torque in	± 10%

Common Features of Electromechanical Switches

→ = Mechanical positive opening action

The term positive opening action refers to contact separation as the direct result of defined movement of the switch actuator by means of non-sprung parts. All parts involved in contact separation must be form-fit connected. The positive opening distance describes the minimum travel distance from the start of actuation of the operating element up to the point where positive opening action of the opening contacts is completed.

DIN EN 60947-5-1 defines two types of positive opening action contacts with 4 connections and double break.

Type Za

 Positively opening contacts not galvanically isolated

Type Zb

Positively opening contacts galvanically isolated

Galvanic isolation describes the isolation of electrically conducted parts by insulating material or by air gaps.

In switching devices with several contact elements, galvanically isolated contact elements make it possible to switch voltages with different potential (e.g. normally-closed contact in safety circuit, normally-open contact for indicator).

In accordance with applicable health and safety requirements, protective devices (guards) must be mounted on machines, devices and systems that perform hazardous movements. Safety switches in the form of electromechanical switching devices are predominantly used for this purpose as they offer the following advantages:

- High degree of safety
- Non-susceptibility to interference
- Safety status easily checked on site
- Rational solutions

Form-fit, mechanical drives or coupling elements in the form of levers, rods, gearwheels etc. are necessary to ensure optimum operation of these safety components.

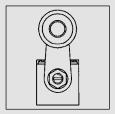
Switching devices that are used for safety functions must be identified with the symbol → internationally standardised in accordance with DIN EN 60947-5-1. In defining the class of switching devices, this symbol denotes two important properties that must be met for personal protection applications:

- Mechanical positive opening action
- Disruptive breakdown voltage > 2.5 kV

Disruptive breakdown voltage

In accordance with DIN EN 60947-5-1, the open contacts must be able to maintain a minimum surge voltage of 2.5 kV without disruptive breakdown.

Standard actuator DIN EN 50047







Form B

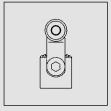


Form C



Form E

Standard actuator DIN EN 50041



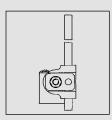
Form A



Form B



Form C

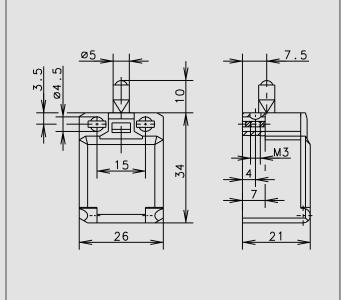


Form D



C2





Recommended use

Ideal for safety applications and position monitoring in confined spaces.

Product advantages

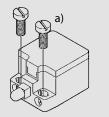
- Miniature switch for safety applications
- Two-channel safety monitoring possible
- With captive snap-on cover
- Small hysteresis in snap action system

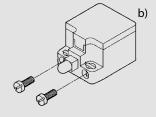
Design layout

- Slow-action and snap-action contacts
- Versions: 1 NC / 1NO, 2 NC, 2 NO
- All NC contacts with → in the circuit diagram are positively opening contacts
- Type: Zb (galvanically isolated changeover contact)

Mounting

Also suitable for front mounting (depending on type)





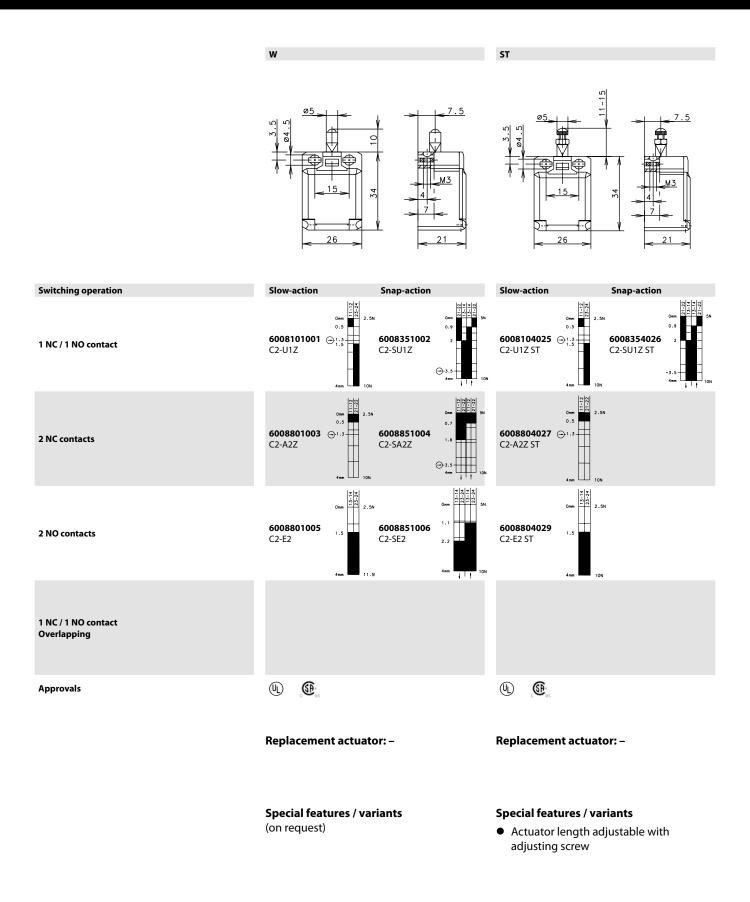
- a) 2 round holes for M4 screws
- b) 2 Integrated nuts for front mounting for M3 screws (depending on type)

Installation advantages

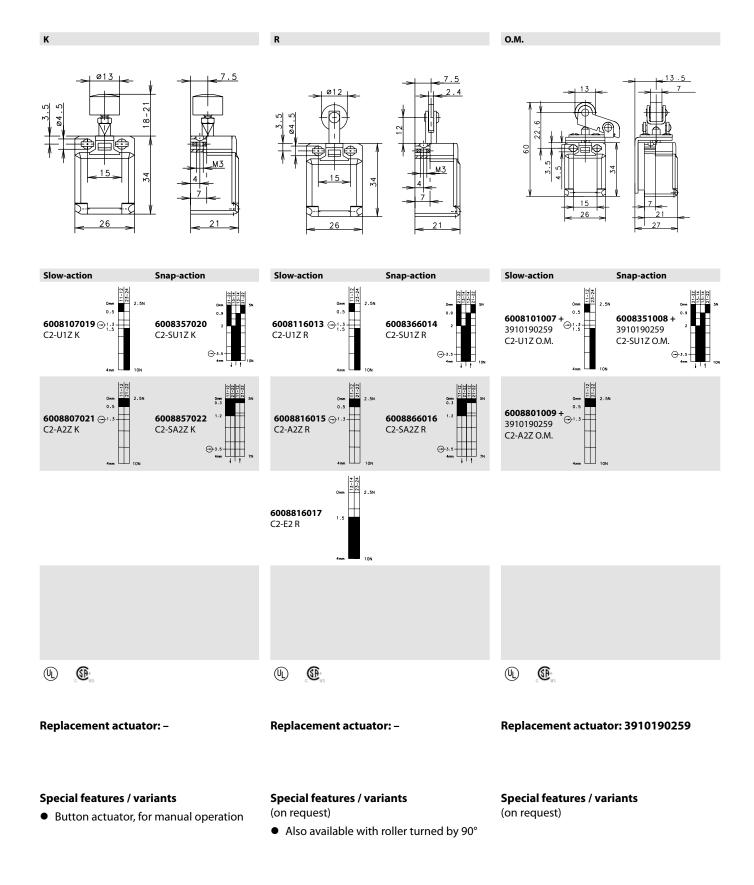
- Snap-on cover can be released with screwdriver
- Cover opening range 180° (cover can also be detached from hinge)
- Cover protects switching element during installation
- Screw connections with self-lifting clamping plates
- Cover transparent for adjustment and visual inspection
- Easy-action cover lock (close and press)

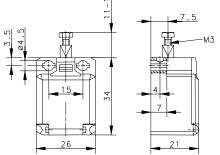
Technical data

Electrical data			
Rated insulation voltage	U _i max.	240 V AC	
Conventional thermal current	I_{the}	10 A	
Rated operating voltage	U _e max.	240 V	
Utilisation category	U_e/I_e	AC-15, U _e /I _e 240 V/3 A	
Short-circuit protection		Fuse 6 A gL/gG	
Protection class		II, Insulated	
Mechanical data			
Enclosure material	Thermopla	Thermoplastic, glass fibre-reinforced (UL 94-V0)	
Ambient temperature	−30 °C to +	−30 °C to +80 °C	
Mechanical service life	3 x 10 ⁶ swit	3 x 10 ⁶ switching cycles	
B10d	6 Mio.	6 Mio.	
Switching frequency	≤ 100/min	≤ 100/min	
Type of connection	Screw con	Screw connections	
Conductor cross sections		Single-wire 0.5 – 1.5 mm ² or Stranded wire with ferrule 0.5 – 1.5 mm ²	
Cable entry	Rectangle	Rectangle 8.5 x 3.5 mm	
Protection class	IP20 confor	IP20 conforming to EN 60529; DIN VDE 0470 T1	
Standards			
VDE 0660 T100, DIN EN 60947-1, IEC 60947-1 VDE 0660 T200, DIN EN 60947-5-1, IEC 60947-5-1			









Switching operation

Slow-action

Snap-action

1 NC / 1 NO contact

Slow-action

Snap-action

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2 NO contacts

2 NC contacts

1 NC / 1 NO contact Overlapping

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Replacement actuator: -

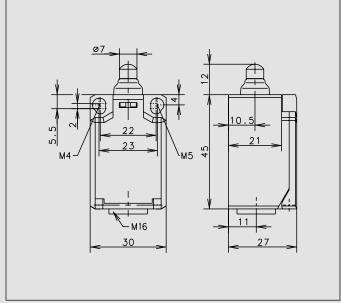
Special features / variants

- Bistable characteristics, actuator must be returned to initial position by external actuation (pulling)
- Actuator length adjustable with M3 adjusting screw



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Recommended use

Ideal for safety applications and position monitoring in confined spaces with high protection class IP 65.

Product advantages

- Compact IP 65 switch for safety applications
- Optimised size while retaining tried-and-tested connection system
- Two-channel safety monitoring possible
- With captive snap-on cover
- 2 mm contact opening width of slow-action system conforming to EN 81-1 for lift construction
- Mall hysteresis in snap action system
- Actuator can be repositioned by 4 x 90°

Options

- Available with M12 connector
- AS interface variants available
- Preassembled with customer-specific cables and connectors on request

Design layout

- Slow-action and snap-action contacts
- Versions: 1 NC / 1NO, 2 NC, 2 NO
- All NC contacts with → in the circuit diagram are positively opening contacts
- Type: Zb (galvanically isolated change-over contact)

Mounting

- Mounting dimensions conforming to DIN EN 50047
- 2 slots for adjustment with M4 screws (distance between centres 22 mm)

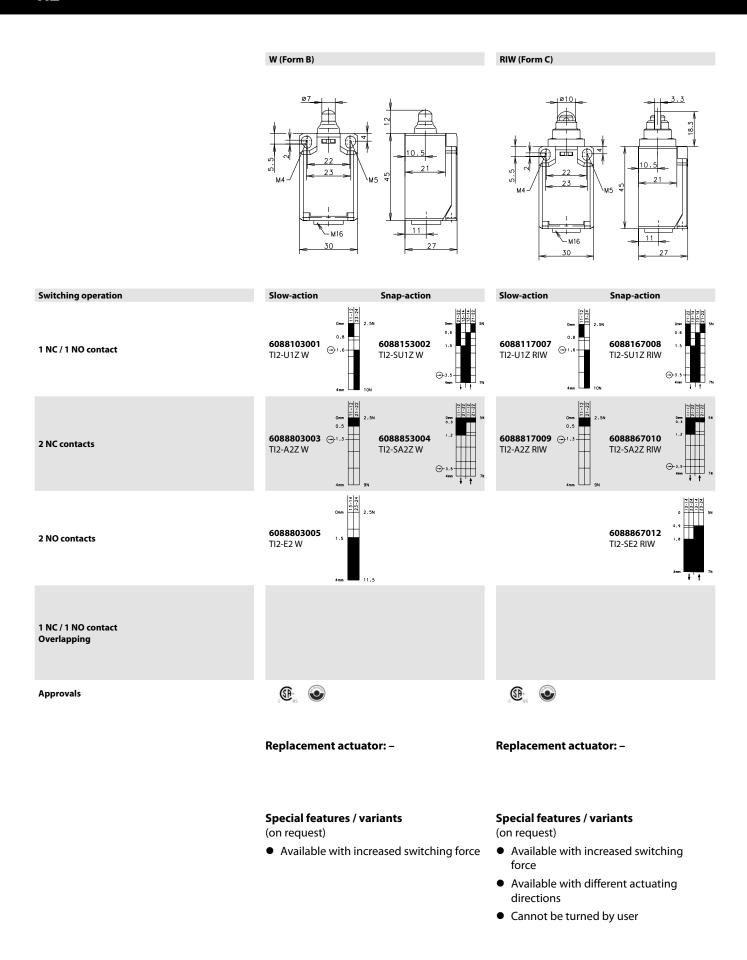
 Fixed positioning for safety applications with two M5 screws (distance between centres 23 mm)

Installation advantages

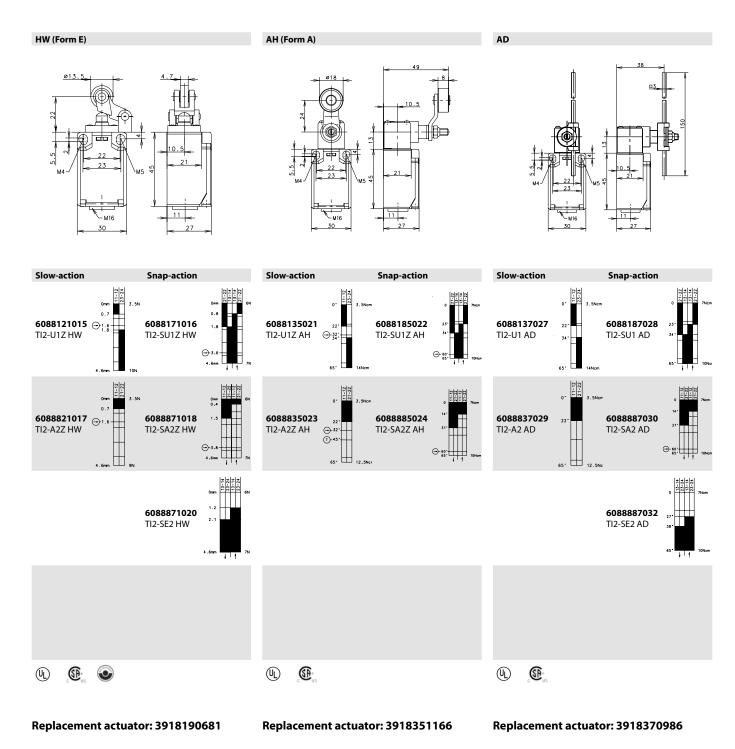
- Snap-on cover can be released with screwdriver
- Cover protects switching element during installation
- Screw connections with self-lifting clamping plates
- Cover transparent for adjustment and visual inspection
- Easy-action cover lock (close and press)

Technical data

Electrical data			
Rated insulation voltage	U _i max.	240 V AC	
Conventional thermal current	I_{the}	10 A	
Rated operating voltage	U_e max.	240 V	
Utilisation category	U_e/I_e	AC-15, U_e/I_e 240 V/3 A; DC-13, U_e/I_e 240 V/0,27 A	
Short-circuit protection		Fuse 6 A gL/gG	
Protection class		II, Insulated	
Mechanical data			
Enclosure material	Thermopla	Thermoplastic, glass fibre-reinforced (UL 94-V0)	
Ambient temperature	−30 °C to +	−30 °C to +80 °C	
Mechanical service life	3 x 10 ⁶ swit	3 x 10 ⁶ switching cycles	
B10d	6 Mio.		
Switching frequency	≤ 100/min	≤ 100/min.	
Type of connection	Screw coni	Screw connections	
Conductor cross sections		Single-wire 0.5 – 1.5 mm ² or Stranded wire with ferrule 0.5 – 1.5 mm ²	
Cable entry	1 x M16 x 1	1 x M16 x 1,5	
Protection class	IP65 confo	IP65 conforming to EN 60529; DIN VDE 0470 T1	
Standards			
VDE 0660 T100, DIN EN 60947-1, IEC 0660 T200, DIN EN 60947-5-1, IEC 60			







Special features / variants (on request)

- Available with different actuating directions
- With steel roller
- Various roller diameters

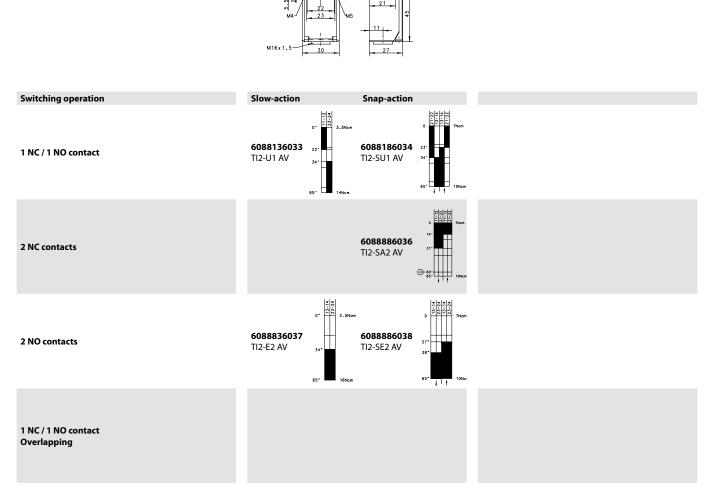
Special features / variants

(on request)

- Available with different actuating directions
- With steel roller
- Various roller diameters
- Cranked or straight lever
- Various lever lengths
- With roller over switch

Special features / variants

- Available with different actuating directions
- With various actuator lengths
- Available with increased switching force



Replacement actuator: 3918360984

Special features / variants

(on request)

AV

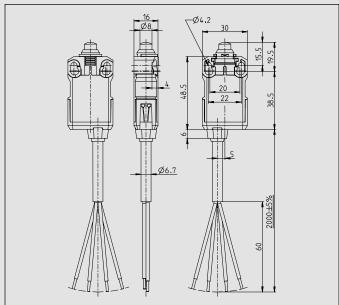
- Available with different actuating directions
- Various roller diameters
- Various lever lengths
- With roller over switch

Approvals



IF





Recommended use

Most limit switches soon come up against their limits in applications involving confined spaces and wherever high protection classes are required, not with the IF switch from BERNSTEIN. With its slim design and full IP 67 protection they are simply ideal for position monitoring and end position shutdown in safety applications.

Product advantages

- Slim line design
- With 2 m fixed cable or AMP4 connector
- High quality plastic enclosure
- Metal actuator and mounting clip
- Small hysteresis in snap action system
- Actuator can be repositioned by 4 x 90°
- Compact IP 67 switch for safety applications
- Two-channel safety monitoring possible

Options

- Various cable lengths available on request
- Can be preassembled with customised connectors on request
- Other cable lengths available on request

Design layout

- Slow-action and snap-action contacts
- Versions: 1 NC / 1NO, 2 NC, 2 NO
- All NC contacts with → in the circuit diagram are positively opening contacts
- Type: Zb (galvanically isolated changeover contact)

Mounting

- Two M4 screws for adjustment with slots
- Two M5 screws for safety applications; front mounting depending on type

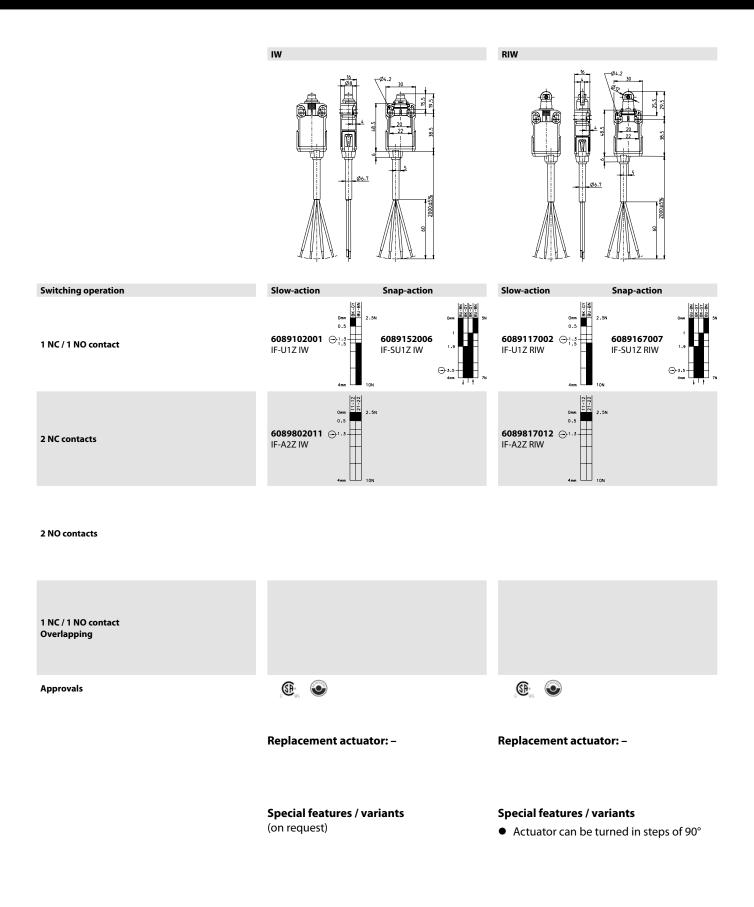
Installation advantages

Flexibility is key in practical applications: And it is precisely here that IF switches from BERNSTEIN are a real asset. They have a modular design that makes them extremely flexible in installation and use Minimum stockkeeping: The approach direction can be quickly and easily changed by installation technician.

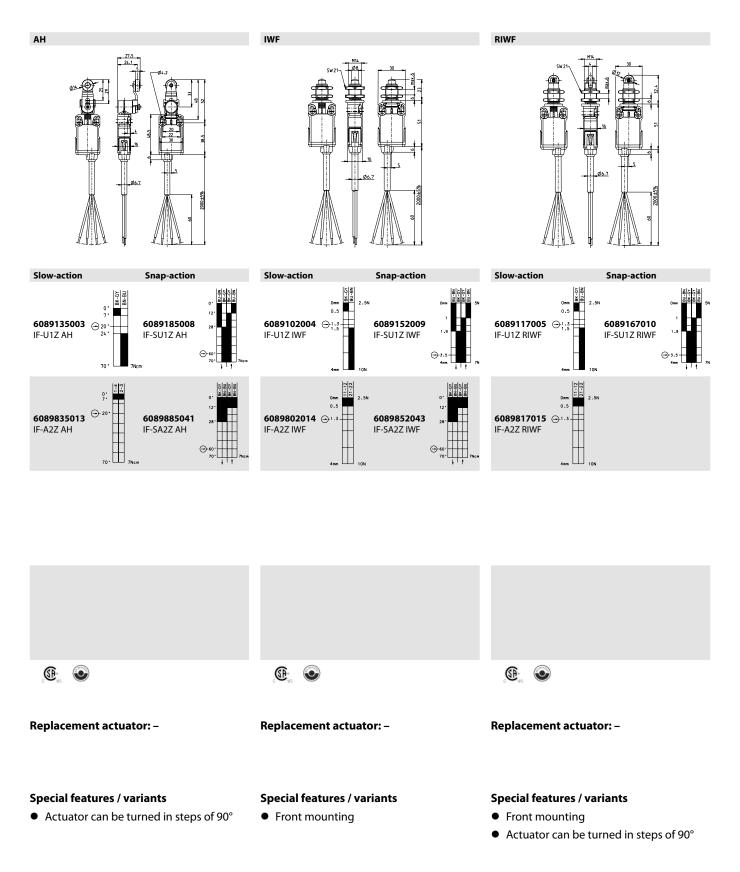


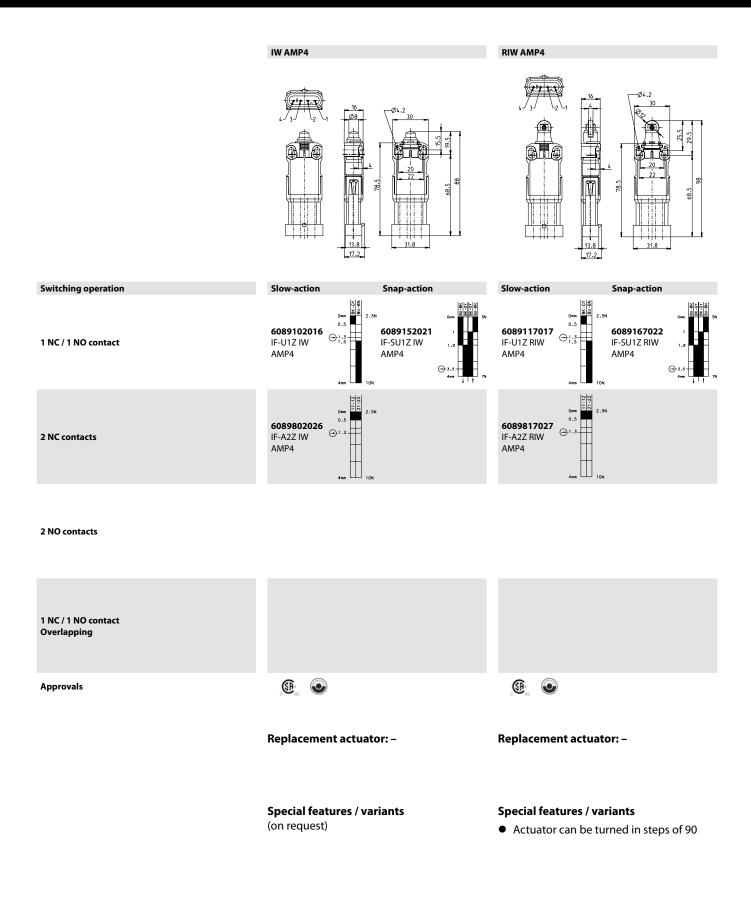
Technical data

Electrical data			
Rated insulation voltage	U _i max.	240 V AC	
Conventional thermal current	I_{the}	10 A	
Rated operating voltage	U _e max.	240 V	
Utilisation category		$AC-15$, U_e/I_e 240 V/3 A	
Short-circuit protection		Fuse 6 A gL/gG	
Protection class		II, Insulated	
Mechanical data			
Enclosure material	PA6 (glass fibre-reinforced)		
Ambient temperature	-25 °C to $+70$ °C (Connection cable installed)		
Mechanical service life	3 x 10 ⁶ switching cycles		
B10d	6 Mio.		
Switching frequency	≤ 30/min.		
Type of connection	Cable 4 x 0.75 mm ²		
Protection class	IP67 conform	ing to EN 60529; DIN VDE 0470 T1	
Standards			
VDE 0660 T100, DIN EN 60947-1, IEC 60947-1 VDE 0660 T200, DIN EN 60947-5-1, IEC 60947-5-1			

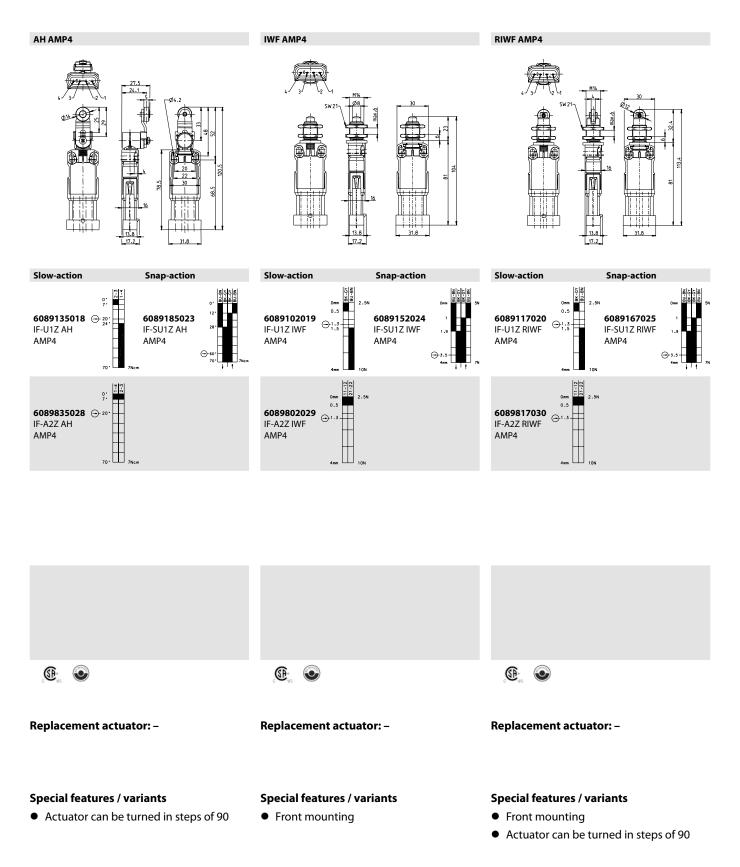




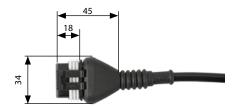








AMP Connection cable





Switching operation

1 NC / 1 NO contact

Cable length 3.5 m: 3251204309 AN-KAB.IF 3.5M AMP4

Cable length 5 m: 3251204281 AN-KAB.IF 5M AMP4

2 NC contacts

Cable

UL-CSA-S03VV2-F4x0.75 black n. UL2517, CSA C22.2/210.2 and n. VDE 0281 part 12 n. HAR 21.12 S1

2 NO contacts

Pin assignment

1-GY, 2-BU, 3-BN, 4-BK

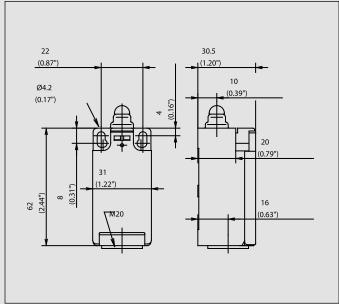
1 NC / 1 NO contact Overlapping

Approvals



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Recommended use

Thanks to its standard dimensions as well as its wide range of contacts and actuators, this switch can be used on safety facilities and for position monitoring in virtually any industrial application.

Product advantages

- Standard switch conforming to DIN EN 50047
- Standard actuator conforming to DIN EN 50047 (see page 16)
- Protection class IP 65 to VDE 0470 T1
- Enclosure and cover PA 6, self-extinguishing (UL-94-V0)
- Actuator can be repositioned by 4 x 90°
- Cable entry M20 x 1.5
- Connection designation conforming to DIN EN 50013

Options

- Available with M12 connector
- AS interface variants available
- Cable entry M16 x 1.5

Design layout

- Slow-action and snap-action contacts
- Versions: 1 NC / 1NO, 2 NC, 2 NO, overlapping contacts
- All NC contacts with \bigcirc in the circuit diagram are positively opening contacts
- Type: Zb (galvanically isolated changeover contact)
- Latching function on request

Mounting

- Two M4 screws (distance between centres 22 mm), adjustment with slots
- Two M5 screws for safety applications without additional fixing element (Fig. 1)
- Additionally secured by guide plate for lateral approach forces (Fig. 2 and page 69)
- Front mounting (depending on type, Fig. 3)

Installation advantages

- Snap-on cover can be released with screwdriver
- Cover opening range 135° (cover can also be detached from hinge)
- Cover protects switching element during installation
- Screw connections with self-lifting clamping plates
- Easy-action cover lock (close and press)
- Cover additionally secured with screw







Fig. 3

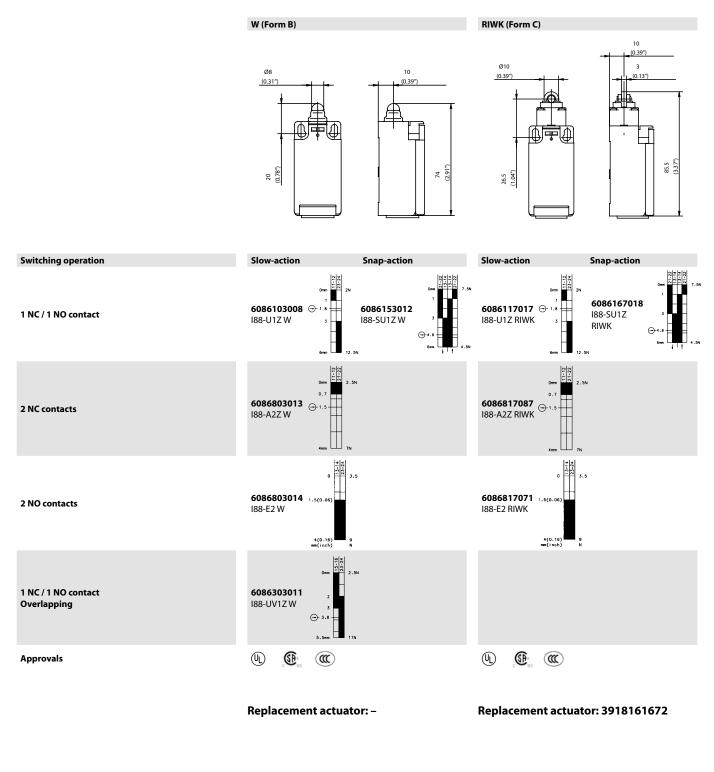
Technical data

Electrical data		
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Conventional thermal current (up to) 10	I _{the}	10 A
Rated operating voltage	U_e max.	240 V
Utilisation category (up to) ^①		AC-15, U _e /I _e 240 V/3 A
Short-circuit protection (up to) ^①		Fuse 10 A gL/gG
Protection class		II, Insulated
Mechanical data		
Enclosure material	Thermoplastic, glass fibre-reinforced (UL 94-V0)	
Ambient temperature	−30 °C to +80 °C	
Mechanical service life (up to) 10	10 x 10 ⁶ switching cycles	
B10d (up to) ^①	20 Mio.	
Switching frequency	≤ 100/min.	
Type of connection	Screw connections	
Conductor cross sections	Single-wire 0.5 – 1.5 mm ² or Stranded wire with ferrule 0.5 – 1.5 mm ²	
Cable entry	1 x M20 x 1,5	
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Standards

VDE 0660 T100, DIN EN 60947-1, IEC 60947-1 VDE 0660 T200, DIN EN 60947-5-1, IEC 60947-5-1

① Depending on switching system. See Table on Pages 70 – 73.



Special features / variants

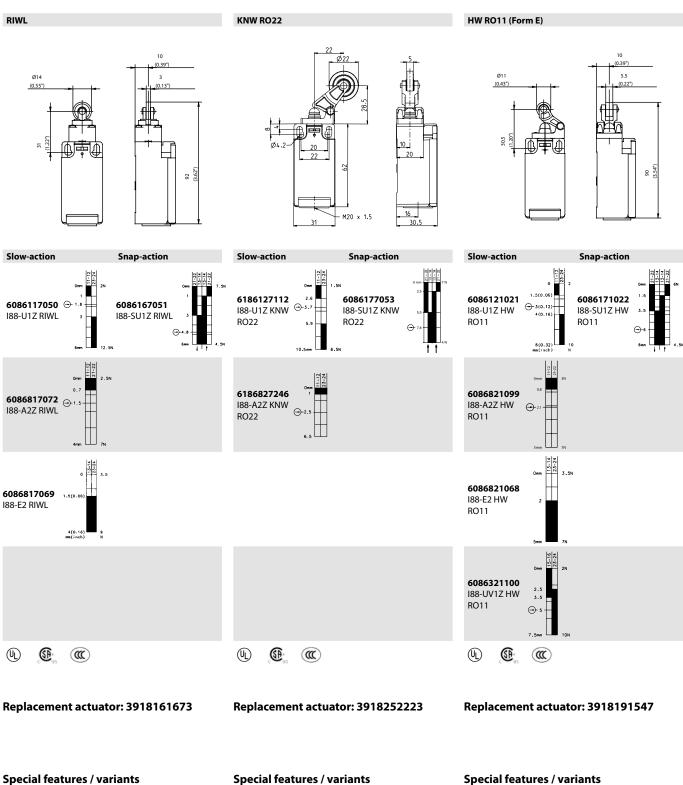
(on request)

- Available with black enclosure
- With latching function and following contacts:
 - 2 NC / 1 NO contact 1 NC / 2 NO contact
- Both with and without overlap

Special features / variants

- Available with black enclosure
- With latching function
- With steel roller and following contacts:
 - 2 NC / 1 NO contact 1 NC / 2 NO contact
- Both with overlap





(on request)

- Available with black enclosure
- With latching function
- Available with different actuating directions
- With steel roller

(on request)

- Available with black enclosure
- With steel roller
- Various roller diameters

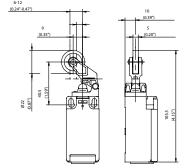
AH (Form A) ΑV 8 (0.31") 108 **Snap-action** Snap-action **Switching operation** Slow-action Slow-action 6086136037 6086186038 6086135033 6086185034 1 NC / 1 NO contact **⊙**−30 · 188-U1Z AH I88-SU1Z AH 188-U1 AV I88-SU1 AV 6086835059 6086836131 2 NC contacts 188-A2Z AH 188-A2 AV 2 NO contacts 1 NC / 1 NO contact 6186335628 Overlapping I88-UV1Z AH (U_L) 10 (W) $(U_{\underline{L}})$ **(1)** (W) **Approvals** Replacement actuator: 3918351166 Replacement actuator: 3918360984 Special features / variants Special features / variants (on request) (on request) Available with black enclosure Available with black enclosure Available with different actuating Various actuating directions directions Various roller diameters With steel roller Cranked or straight lever Various roller diameters Various lever lengths Cranked or straight lever

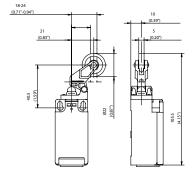
Various lever lengths

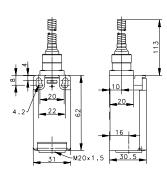
• With roller over switch

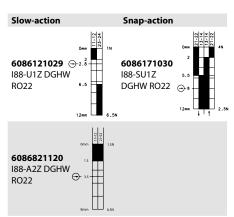


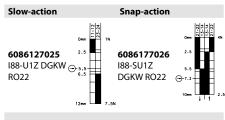


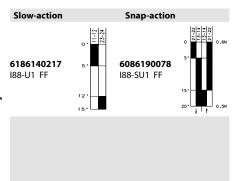


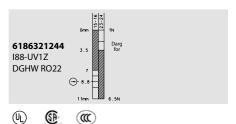
















Replacement actuator: 3918211529

Replacement actuator: 3918271528

Replacement actuator: 3918401031

Special features / variants (on request)

- Available with black enclosure
- Available with different actuating directions
- Various roller diameters

Special features / variants (on request)

With latching function

 Various roller diameters and with following contacts: 2 NC / 1 NO contact

1 NC / 2 NO contact Both with overlap

Special features / variants

- Available with black enclosure
- Various spring lengths
- Different spring versions or spring rod

KS **W RAST** -M20 x 1.5 30.5 Switching operation Slow-action **Snap-action** Slow-action 0.7(0.03)
6186103005 (0.7(0.08)
2(0.08) 6116819140 1 NC / 1 NO contact 188-U1Z W 188-U1Z KS RAST 5(0.24) l mm(inch) 6186803155 **⊕**-1.5 2 NC contacts 188-A2Z W RAST 2 NO contacts 1 NC / 1 NO contact Overlapping $(U_{\underline{L}})$ **(1)** (U_L) **(1)** Approvals Replacement actuator: -Replacement actuator: -Special features / variants Special features / variants (on request) (on request)