

NIVOSWITCH

VIBRATING FORK LEVEL SWITCHES
FOR SOLIDS



dTSL[®]Level

NIVELCO

3 YEARS WARRANTY

NIVOSWITCH R-200/300 vibrating fork level switches with diverging vibrating fork are suitable for detecting the level of granular or powdered solids. Mounted on silos, bins it can control filling/emptying, also can generate fail-safe alarms providing overflow protection. The operation principle is based on that the electronic circuit excites a vibration in the fork probe. When the medium reaches and covers the fork, its vibration changes or stops. The fork will start vibrating freely again as the medium sets it free. The electronics senses the change of vibration and gives output signal after a selected delay.

The PNP/NPN transistor output versions can be connected directly to PLC, or relay unit. Certain types of **NIVOSWITCH** vibrating forks are able to solve switching tasks of high-current loads with the help of **UNICONT PCK** switching amplifiers.

FEATURES

- Compact and mini compact version
- Rod length up to 3 m (9.85 ft)
- Selectable sensitivity
- Relay or electronic output
- Switching performance does not depend on the change of liquid conductivity, dielectric constant, pressure and temperature
- Process temperature max. +130 °C (+266 °F)
- Output can be toggled by test magnet (optional)
- Ex variants
- IP67, IP65 / IP68

APPLICATIONS

- For solids: min. 0.01 kg/dm³ density (S.G.)
- Level switching for powders, granules
- Chemical industry, food & beverages, paper mill and plastic industry
- For free-flowing, powdered solids, granules
- Covers a large variety of level detection, applications such as high/low fail-safe limit switch, overflow protection

CERTIFICATES

- ATEX (Ex ta/tb D)

VARIANTS

This table helps choose the proper version for a given level switching task. Most essential aspect is the consistency of the measurement medium.

| Features | | Solids | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Mini compact (RC□/RL□-300) | Compact (RF□/RR□-200/300) |
| Metal housing | | ■ | ■ |
| Plastic housing | | - | ■ |
| Extension | | ■ | ■ |
| 1", 1½" process connection | | ■ | ■ |
| Relay output | | - | ■ |
| Electronic output | | ■ | |
| Electrical connection | Terminal | - | ■ |
| | DIN connector | ■ | - |
| | Cable | ■ | - |
| Dust Ex version | | - | ■ |
| Function setting (low-high level) | | ■ ⁽¹⁾ | ■ |
| Function indication | | ■ | ■ |
| Density selection | | ■ | ■ |
| Output test magnet | | ■ | - |

⁽¹⁾ Only for 3-wire DC versions



RPS-101-0
test magnet



RLH-302



RCM-301



RRH-301

TECHNICAL DATA

| | Mini compact (RC□ / RL□-300) | Compact (RF□-200/300 / RR□-200/300) |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Insertion length | 137...3000 mm (5.4"...9.85 ft) | |
| Material of wetted parts | 1.4571 stainless steel | |
| Process connection | As per order code | |
| Process temperature | -40...+130 °C (-40...+266 °F) (see temperature diagrams) | |
| Ambient temperature | -40...+70 °C (-40...+158 °F) (see temperature diagrams) | |
| Medium pressure | Up to 40 bar (580 psi) (see: pressure diagrams) | |
| Medium density | ≥ 0.01 kg/dm ³ (0.01 S.G.) | |
| Supply voltage | 2-wire DC: 15...27 V DC | 20...255 V AC / 20...60 V DC |
| | 2-wire AC: 20...255 V AC; 3-wire DC: 12...55 V DC | |
| Power consumption | AC: depending on load; DC: < 0.6 W | < 3 W |
| Housing material | 1.4571 stainless steel | Painted aluminum or plastic (PBT) |
| Electrical connection | DIN or M12 connector, or 3 m (9.84 ft) integrated cable ⁽¹⁾ 2× 0.5 mm ² / 4× 0.75 mm ² / 5× 0.5 mm ² (2× AWG20 / 4× AWG19 / 5× AWG20) | 2× M20×1.5 plastic cable glands for Ø6...Ø12 mm (0.236"...0.472") cable, 2× terminal blocks for max. 2.5 mm ² (AWG14) wire cross section, 2× internally threaded ½" NPT connection for protective pipes |
| Electrical protection | AC version: Class I, DC version: Class III | Class I |
| Ingress protection | DIN connector: IP65; M12 connector: IP67; cable: IP68 | IP67 |
| Weight | ~0.5 kg (~1.1 lb) + 1.2 kg/m (1 lb/ft) extension | ~1.3 kg (~2.85 lb) + 1.2 kg/m (1 lb/ft) extension |

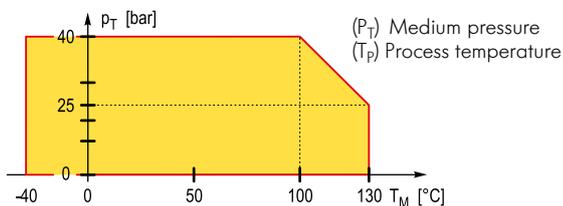
⁽¹⁾ Available cable length: max. 30 m

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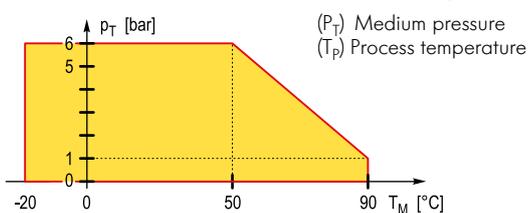
| | | Compact version, metal housing (RF□/RR□-300-B Ex) |
|-----------------------|------|--|
| Explosion protection | | Dust-ex |
| Ex marking | ATEX | ⊕ II 1/2 D Ex ta/tb IIIC T140 °C Da/Db |
| Supply voltage | | 20...250 V AC / 20...50 V DC |
| Electrical connection | | 2× M20×1.5 cable glands for Ø7...Ø12 (0.236"...0.472") mm cable |
| | | Ex ta IIIC protection 2× terminal blocks for max. 1.5 mm ² (AWG16) wire cross section, 2× ½" NPT internal threads for cable protective pipes. |

THERMAL PROPERTIES

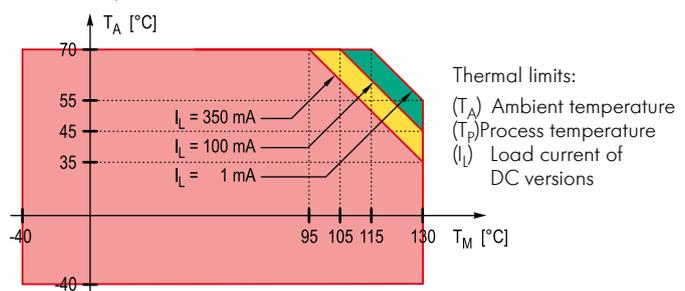
Medium pressure – Process temperature



Medium pressure – Process temperature PP flange version



Mini compact version



OUTPUT PROPERTIES

| Output | | Compact version: R□-200/300 / RR□-200/300 | |
|---------------|---------------|--|-------------------|
| Relay | | 1 or 2 (SPDT) relays 250 V AC, 8 A, AC1 / 250 V AC, 6 A, AC1 | |
| Response time | when immersed | ≤ 0.5 s | |
| | when free | ≤ 1 s – "H" density | 3 s – "L" density |

| | | Mini compact version | | |
|--------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|
| | | RC□-300 / RL□-300 | | |
| 2-wire DC | DC current change | When immersed: 14 mA ±1 mA | | |
| | | When free: 9 mA ±1 mA | | |
| 2-wire AC | AC output for serial connection | Voltage drop (in switched-on state): < 10.5 V | | |
| | | Residual current (in switched-off state): < 6 mA | | |
| | | Current load | max. continuous | 350 mA, AC 13 |
| | | | min. continuous | 10 mA / 255 V; 25 mA / 24 V |
| max. impulse | 1.5 A / 40 ms | | | |
| 3-wire DC | Transistor switch | | NPN or PNP output can be realized with appropriate wiring | |
| | Voltage drop (in switched-on state) | | < 1.8 V | |
| | Current load (max. continuous) | | 350 mA / U _{max} = 55 V | |
| | Residual current (in switched-off state) | | < 10 µA | |
| | Response time | when immersed | 0.5 s | |
| when free | | ≤ 1 s – "H" density | < 3 s – "L" density | |

OPERATION

| Compact and Mini compact version | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------|---------------------------|--|
| Power supply | Switching | Fail-Safe setting ⁽²⁾ | Status LED | Output | | |
| | | | | Relay | Electronic ⁽³⁾ | |
| ON | High level | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Low level | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| OFF | – | High / Low | | | | |

| 2-wire DC version | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Power supply | Switching | Status LED | Output |
| ON | | | 14 ±1 mA |
| | | | 9 ±1 mA |
| OFF | Fork immersed, or fork is free | | – |

OPERATING MODE SWITCHES

| Compact | | Compact | |
|-----------|--|---------|---|
| Fail-safe | | Density | |
| | Fail-safe alarm is indicated with de-energized relay or open state of the output | | Medium density ≥ 0.5 kg/dm ³ |
| | | | Medium density < 0.5 kg/dm ³ |

⁽²⁾ In the case of the mini-compact version with integrated cable, it is determined by the appropriate wiring. ⁽³⁾ Only for 2-wire AC version.

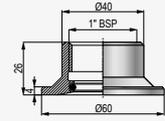
Other process connections

- DIN, ANSI and JIS flanges stainless steel, PP or plastic (PFA) coated stainless steel
- DN40 and DN50 pipe-coupling process connections (DIN 11851)
- 1½" and 2" TriClamp process connections (ISO 2852)
- Other hygienic (food-industry) process connections

Accessories



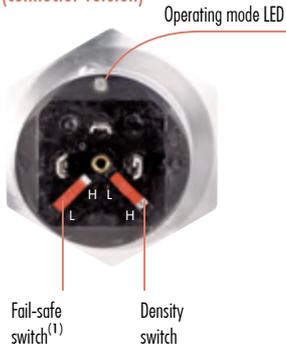
Sliding sleeve
RPH-112 / -122



Weld-in socket
RPG-101

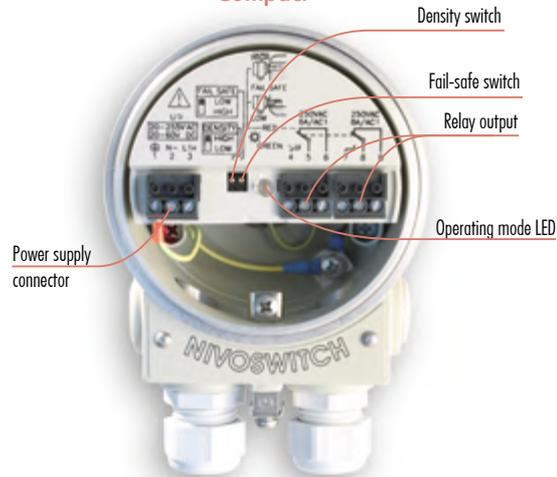
WIRING

Mini compact (connector version)

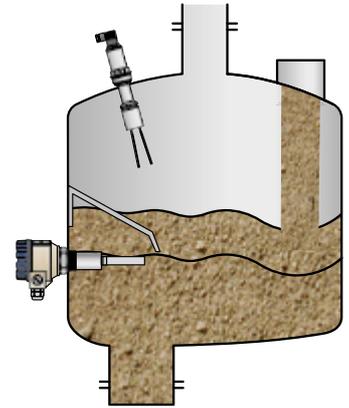


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Compact



INSTALLATION



APPLICATIONS



