# Standard Heavy Duty Limit Switches FD/FP/FL



Heavy duty limit switches with snap-action contacts and positive break according to BS/EN60947-5-1.

- Bifurcated contacts for low resistance and high reliability suitable for switching low-level electronic currents
- Double-break contacts with electrically separate NO and NC circuits in conformity with VDE 0660 part 206
- 10A 500VAC/600VDC rated
- Lever types can be user-set to switch by clockwise movement only, anti-clockwise only or both
- Turret head position rotatable in 90° increments
- Centre-position indicator arrow lever actuators
- Wide range of actuators
- Single and triple cable entry models
- Removable contact block for ease of wiring
- Metal or plastic housing options
- IP66 according to BS EN60947-1
- FD and FP dimensions in accordance with EN50041
- UL and CUL approved

## **Options and ordering codes**

|                                    | FD             | 5  |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----|
| Heavy duty metal housing           | FD             |    |
| Heavy duty plastic housing         | FP             |    |
| Triple-entry metal housing         | FL             |    |
|                                    |                |    |
| Snap-action contacts, 1NO + 1NC    |                | 5  |
| Slow-action, break before make 1N0 | ) + 1NC        | 6  |
| Slow-action, make before break 1N0 | ) + 1NC        | 7  |
| Slow-action contacts, 2NC          |                | 9  |
| Slow-action contacts, 2NO          |                | 10 |
| Snap-action contacts, 2NC          |                | 11 |
| Slow-action contacts, break before | make 2NC + 1NO | 20 |
| Slow-action contacts, 3NC          |                | 21 |
| Slow-action contacts, break before | make 1NC + 2NO | 22 |
| Snap-action contacts, 2NO + 2NC    |                | 2  |

## **Contact ratings**

#### BS/EN 60947-5-1

| -                                    |        |      |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------|
| AC15 – Control of AC electromagnetic | 230VAC | 6A   |
| loads>72VA sealed – replaces AC11    | 400VAC | 4A   |
|                                      | 500VAC | 1A   |
| DC13 – Control of DC electromagnetic | 24VDC  | 6A   |
| loads where the time taken to reach  | 125VDC | 1.1A |
| 95% of the rated current is equal to | 250VDC | 0.4A |
|                                      |        |      |

6 times the power of the load (where P≤ 50W) – replaces DC11



|    |  | Standard actuators - see following pages for type options |   |
|----|--|---|---|
| 3  | 38 Specify lever type for lift-style s |   | Specify lever type for lift-style switches          |
|    |  | VFL313  | Fixed position roller                               |
|    |  | VFL353  | Single adjustment roller                            |
|    |  | VFL354  | Dual adjustment roller                              |
|    |  | Standa  | rd actuators - see following pages for type options |
| 38 | 5                                      |   | Specify lever type for life-style switches          |
|    |  | VFL313  | Fixed position roller                               |
|    |  | VFL353  | Single adjustment roller                            |
|    |  | VFL354  | Dual adjustment roller                              |
|    |  |   |   |

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Please note: Positive break applies to the NC contacts of types 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 20, 21 and 22 only.

## **Terminal connections**

Terminal screws: M3.5 with rising cable clamps.

Standard contacts: (type 5) NO: 13-14 NC: 21-22

Note: The positive break of the type 5 contact block applies to the NC contacts only. Connections to safety circuits should NOT be made using the NO contacts.

To ensure positive breaking of the contacts, exceed the pre-travel by 1.5mm or 25° according to the model. Maximum screw tightening torque 0.8Nm (8Kgcm)



## **Specification**

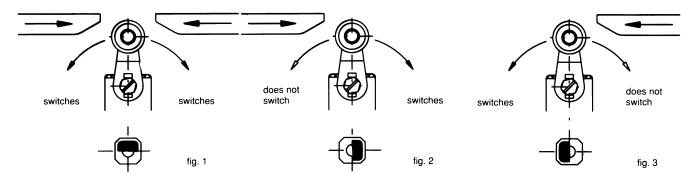
| Rated thermal current Ith             | 10A  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Rated working voltage                 | 500VAC/600VDC  |
| Maximum operating frequency 6000/hour |  |
| Mechanical life                       | >20 million operations   |
| Contact form                          | 1NO + 1NC  |
| Initial contact resistance            | <25 mOhms  |
| Contact gap                           | >2.5mm (2 x 1.25mm conforming to VDE 0660 part 206)  |
| Contact material                      | silver   |
| Dielectric strength                   | 2000VAC, 50/60Hz for 1 minute between open contacts<br>2000VAC, 50/60Hz for 1 minute between current-carrying parts and ground |
| Protection rating                     | IP65   |
| Ambient operating temperature         | -25 to +80 deg. C  |
| Ambient humidity                      | 95% R.H.   |
| Maximum wire size                     | 2 x 1.5mm <sup>2</sup> flexible, 2 x 2.5mm <sup>2</sup> solid  |
| Housing material                      | FD/FL die-cast metal alloy, FP: self-extinguishing, glass-reinforced, thermoplastic resin                                      |
| Conduit entry                         | PG 13.5  |

## **Programmable head – lever operation models**

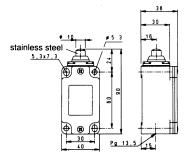
All limit switches with lever operation in the FD/FP/FL ranges can be user-set to switch by clockwise rotation only, anti-clockwise only or both. To change the operation, which is factory set to switch in both directions, the four screws securing the turret head should be loosened, the head removed and the internal piston rotated through 90°. The head should then be replaced.

The models to which this applies are: 531; 532; 533; 535; 536; 538; 551; 552; 553.

Figure 1 shows the piston position for switching in both directions, figure 2 for clockwise only and figure 3 for anti-clockwise only.

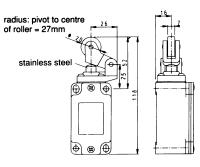


## Standard actuator options - FD and FP series



#### Actuator type 01

| Piston plunger        |    |        |
|-----------------------|----|--------|
| Operating force min.  | OF | 820g   |
| Pre-travel            | PT | 2mm    |
| Over-travel           | 0T | 4mm    |
| Movement differential | MD | 1mm    |
| Operating point       | 0P | 22mm   |
| Operating speed max.  | OS | 0.5m/s |
|                       |    |        |

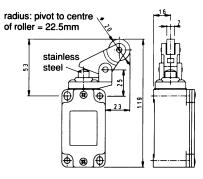


#### Actuator type 02 One-way roller - top actuated 0

| OIIC-   | way ronci – top actuated                             |
|---------|--|
| OF      | 615g   |
| PT      | 2.9mm  |
| 0T      | 5.6mm  |
| MD      | 1.6mm  |
| 0P      | 49.1mm   |
| 0S      | 0.5m/s using a 30° cam                               |
| Note: ( | ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller |
| actuat  | or part no.: 021                                     |
|         |  |



## Standard actuator options - FD and FP series continued

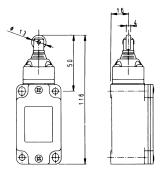


#### Actuator type 05

#### One-way roller-side actuated

- 615g 2.9mm 0F
- ΡT 0T 5.6mm
- MD 1.6mm
- 0P

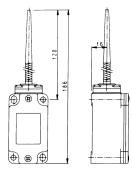
OS 0.5m/s using a 30° cam Note: ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 051



### Actuator type 15

| Sealed | roller piston plunger            |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| OF     | 1125g                            |
| PT     | 2mm                              |
| 0T     | 4mm                              |
| MD     | 1mm                              |
| 0P     | 48mm                             |
| 05     | $0.5m/s$ using a $30^{\circ}$ ca |

cam .5m/s using a 30 Note: ø13mm metal roller only



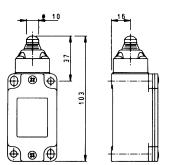
#### Actuator type 20

Sealed coil spring with flexible rod 0F 125g at 2/3 the length of the actuator PT 14

- 0T
- -7° MD
- 0P
- 0S 1m/s

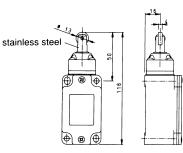
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Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



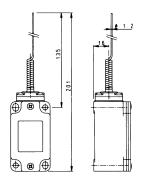
#### Actuator type 10 Sealed piston plunger

- 0F 1125g
- 2mm PT
- 0T 4mm MD 1mm
- 0P 35mm
- 05 0.5m/s



#### Actuator type 16 Roller piston plunger

- 0F . 820g
- РТ 2mm
- OT 4mm
- MD 1mm
- 0P 48mm 0S 0.5m/s using a 30° cam Note: ø13mm metal roller only



#### Actuator type 21 Sealed coil spring with cat's whisker

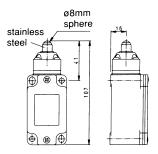
- 92g at 2/3 the length of the actuator 14
- -7° MD
- 0P
- 0S 1m/s

Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits

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#### Actuator type 11

- Long piston plunger 820g 0F
- PT 2mm
- 0T 4mm
- MD 1mm
- 0P 35mm 05
- 0.5m/s



#### Actuator type 18

#### Rolling ball piston plunger

- 0F 820g PT
- 2mm OT 4mm
- MD 1mm
- 0P 39mm

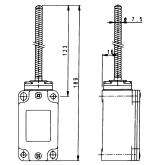
#### 0S 0.5m/s

- 0F PT
  - 0T

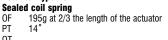
Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



## Standard actuator options - FD and FP series continued



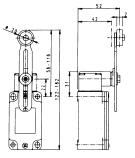
#### Actuator type 25



- OT MD 7°
- 0P
- 0S 1m/s

Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits

Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



#### Actuator type 35 oller lever

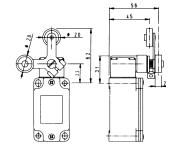
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|-------|---------------|
| OF    | 1530gcm       |
| PT    | 30°           |
| 0T    | 45°           |

| MD | 14° |
|----|-----|

0P

0S 1.5m/s using a 30° cam

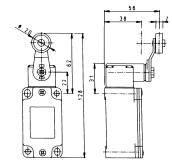
Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:351; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:352; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:353. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



#### Actuator type 40



Specify lever type: Double track (shown above) VFL42 Single track (not shown) VFL41 Steel rod lever VFL43



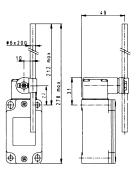
#### Actuator type 31 Roller-lever with small offset

1530gcm

- OF PT 30
- 0T 45°
- MD 14°

0P 0S 1.5m/s using a 30° cam

Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:311; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:312; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:313. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

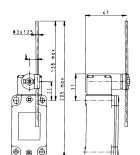


#### Actuator type 36

#### Adjustable glass-fibre rod lever

- 0F 1530gcm PT
- 30° 45° 14° 0T MD
- 0P
- 0S 1.5m/s
- Notes: 1. Not suitable for safety circuits.

2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

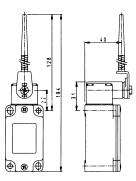


#### Actuator type 32 Adjustable round steel rod lever

Actuator type 33 Adjustable square steel rod lever (rod 3x3x125) 0F 1530gcm

- PT 30°
- 0T 45°
- 14° MD 0P
- 05 1 5m/s

Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



#### Actuator type 38+VFL34

Coiled spring lever with flexible rod 1530gcm 0F

- ΡT 30
- 45° 14° 0T
- MD
- OP

0S 1.5m/s

Notes: 1. Not suitable for safety circuits. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

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#### Actuator type 51 **Roller-lever with large offset** 0F

- 920gcm PT
  - 30°
- 0T 45°
- 14° MD 0P

0S 1.5m/s using a 30  $^\circ$  cam Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal

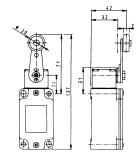
roller actuator part no.:511.

2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments





## Standard actuator options - FD and FP series continued



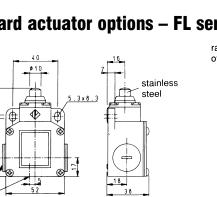
#### Actuator type 52

#### Roller lever without offset 920gcm 0F

- PT 30
- 0T 45
- MD 14° 0P
- 0S 1.5m/s

Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:521: ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:522; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:523. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

## Standard actuator options – FL series



#### Actuator type 01

| Piston | plunger |
|--------|---------|
| OF     | 820g    |
| PT     | 2mm     |
| 0T     | 4mm     |
| MD     | 1mm     |
| 0P     | 23mm    |

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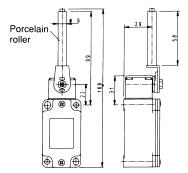


radius: pivot to centre of roller = 22.5mm stainless steel Ф

#### Actuator type 05

- One-way roller side actuated 0F
- 615g 2.9mm PT
- 0T 5.6mm
- MD 1.6mm
- 0P
- 0S 0.5m/s using a 30  $^\circ$  cam

Note: ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:051



#### Actuator type 53

- Porcelain roller lever 0F 615gcm
- PT 30
- 0T 45°
- MD 14°
- 0P
- 0S

Actuator type 02

615g

2.9mm

5.6mm

1.6mm

49.1mm

roller actuator part no.:021

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0F

PT

0T

MD 0P

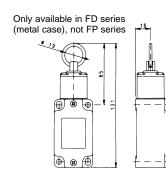
0S

One-way roller - top actuated

0.5m/s using a 30° cam

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Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

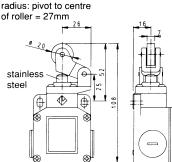


#### Actuator type 76

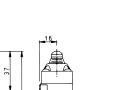
- Rope
- 2450g 0F PT
- 1.8mm 6.4mm 0T
- MD 1mm
- 0P 66.8mm
- 0S

Note: Not suitable for safety circuits. For rope operated safety switches, see Safety Limit Switches data sheet on page 297

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Piston plunger with adjustable glass-fibre rod lever 0F

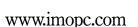


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#### Actuator type 10

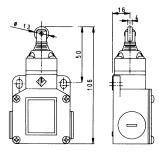
- Sealed piston plunger
- OF 1125g PT
- 2mm
- 0T 4mm
- MD 1mm 0P 35mm
- 0S 0.5m/s







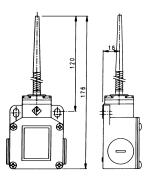
## Standard actuator options - FL series continued



#### Actuator type 15

- Sealed roller piston plunger OF 1125g ΡT
- 2mm 0T 4mm
- MD 1mm
- OP 48mm

0.5m/s using a 30° cam 0S Note: ø13mm metal roller only



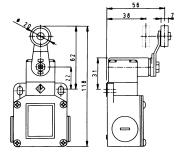
#### Actuator type 20

Sealed coil spring with flexible rod 0F 125g at 2/3 the length of the actuator 14

- PT OT MD OP -7°

0S 1 m/s

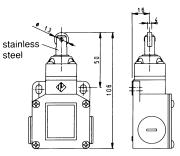
Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



#### Actuator type 31 Roller lever with with small offset

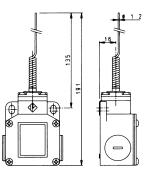
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| OF    | 1530  | gcm  |
| PT    | 30°   | -    |
| 0T    | 45°   |      |
| MD    | 14°   |      |
| 0P    | _     |      |

OS 1.5m/s using a 30° cam Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:311; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:312; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:313. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



#### Actuator type 16 **Roller piston plunger**

- 0F . 820g PT 2mm
- 0T 4mm
- MD 1mm
- 0P 48mm
- 0.5m/s using a 30° cam 0S
- Note: ø13mm metal roller only



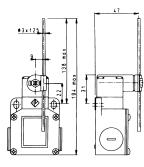
Actuator type 21 Sealed coil spring with cat's whisker

92g at 2/3 the length of the actuator

- 0F ΡT 14
- 0T
- -7° MD OP
- 0S 1 m/s

Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits

Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



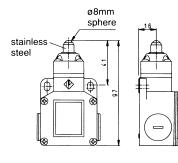
Actuator type 32 Adjustable round steel rod lever 0

| F | 1530gcm |
|---|---------|
| Т | 30° -   |

- P 0T 45°
- MD 14°
- 0P 1.5m/s

**0**S Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10°

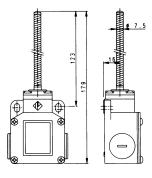
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### Actuator type 18

Rolling ball piston plunger 820g 0F

- PT 2mm
- 0T 4mm
- MD 1mm 0P 39mm
- 05 0.5m/s



#### Actuator type 25

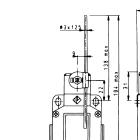
Sealed coil spring 0F 195g at 2/3 the length of the actuator ΡT 14

- OT MD OP
- 7°

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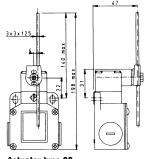
1 m/sNotes: Not suitable for safety circuits

Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22





## Standard actuator options - FL series continued

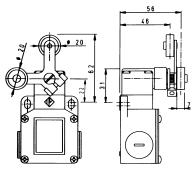


#### Actuator type 33 Adjustable square steel rod lever

- 0F 1530gcm 30
- PT OT MD OP 45° 14°

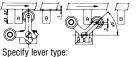
0S 1.5m/s

Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

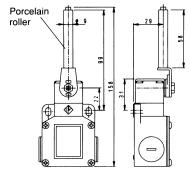


#### Actuator type 40

Dual roller lever with two stable free positions



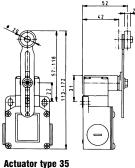
Double track (shown above) VFL42 Single track (not shown) VFL41 Steel rod lever VFL43



#### Actuator type 53

- **Porcelain roller lever** 615gcm 30° 0F
- PT
- 0T 45
- MD 14
- 0P
- 0S

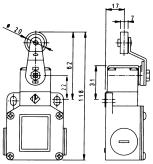
Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



#### Adjustable roller lever 0F 1530gcm PT 30° 45° 14°

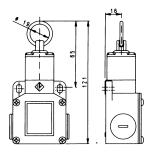
- OT MD
- OP
- 0S 1.5m/s using a 30° cam

Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:351; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:352; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:353. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



- PT 30
- OT 45° 14°
- MD
- 0P

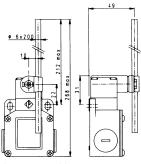
1.5m/s using a 30° cam **0**S Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 511. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



#### Actuator type 76 Rope

- 2450g 0F
- PT 1.8mm
- 0T 6.4mm
- MD 1mm
- 0P 66.8mm 0S

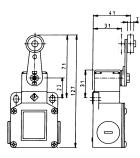
Note: Not suitable for safety circuits. For rope operated safety switches, see Safety Limit Switches data sheet on page ????



#### Actuator type 36 Adjustable glass-fibre rod lever

- 0F 1530gcm
- PT 30 45° 14° 0T
- MD
- OP
- 0S 1.5m/s
- Notes: 1. Not suitable for safety circuits.

2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

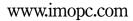


#### Actuator type 52

Roller lever without offset

- 0F 920gcm PT
- 30 45° 14° 0T
- MD
- 0P
- 0S 1.5m/s using a 30° cam

Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 521; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.: 522; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:523. 2. Lever position adjustable over  $360^{\circ}$  in  $10^{\circ}$  increments







## Glossary

The following is a glossary of terms in specifying actuator characteristics:

#### **Operating force (OF)**

The force applied to the actuator required to operate the switch contacts.

#### Releasing force (RF)

The value to which the force on the actuator must be reduced to allow the contacts to return to the normal position.

#### Total force (TF)

The force applied to the actuator required to reach the stopper from the free position.

#### Free position (FP)

The initial position of the actuator when there is no external force applied.

#### **Operating position (OP)**

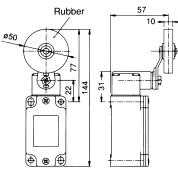
The position of the actuator at which the contacts snap to the operated contact position measured with respect to the centres of the mounting holes.

#### **Releasing position (RP)**

The position of the actuator at which the contacts snap from the operated contact position to their normal position.

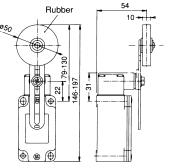
## Lift-style switches

### **EXAMPLES**



FD538 or FD5385 or FD938 + VFL313 FP538 or FP938 + VFL313 Turret type 38 Lever type VFL313 (fixed position roller)

- Three lever options.
- FL model also available with a choice of lever.
- Age-resistant and oil-resistant rubber rollers.
- Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments.
- Head rotatable in 90° increments.



FD538 or FD5385 or FD938 + VFL353 FP538 or FP938 + VFL353 Turret type 38

Lever type VFL353 (single adjustment roller)

FD538 or FD5385 or FD938 + VFL354 FP538 or FP938 + VFL354 Turret type 38 Lever type VFL354 (dual adjustment roller)

- User-selectable to switch by clockwise movement only, anti-clockwise only, or both.
- Glass-reinforced thermoplastic resin model (FP) double insulated for electrical safety.
- Die-cast metal alloy models (FD and FL) include earth terminal.

Types VFL353 and have a location slot at the end to lock the levers at full extension if required.

#### Total travel position (TTP)

The position of the actuator when it reaches the limit of travel  $- \mbox{ must}$  not be exceeded.

#### Pretravel (PT)

The distance or angle through which the actuator moves from the free position to the operating position.

#### Overtravel (OT)

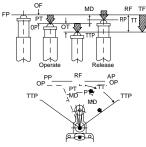
The distance or angle of the actuator movement beyond the operating position.

#### **Movement differential (MD)**

The distance or angle from the operating position to the releasing position.

#### Total travel (TT)

The sum of the pretravel and overtravel expressed by distance or angle.



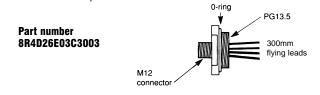


## **Replacement contact blocks**

| B5         | 1NO+1NC<br>13 21<br>1 - 7<br>14 22                     | Positive break<br>Snap action<br>standard contact block  |
|------------|--|--|
| B6         | 1NO+1NC<br>13 21<br>14 22                              | Positive break<br>Slow action<br>break before make   |
| B7         | 1NO+1NC<br>13 21<br>14 22                              | Positive break<br>Slow action<br>make before break   |
| B9<br>B14  | 2NC<br>11 21<br>7 - 7<br>12 22                         | Positive break<br><i>Slow action,</i> contacts<br>11-12, 21-22 open at the<br>same time<br>Positive break<br><i>Slow action,</i> contacts 11-12 open first, further<br>actuator travel causes contacts 21-22 to open |
| B10<br>B15 | 2NO<br>13 23<br>\                                      | <i>Slow action,</i> contacts<br>13-14, 23-24 close at the<br>same time<br><i>Slow action,</i> contacts 13-14 close first, further<br>actuator travel causes contacts 23-24 to close                                  |
| <b>B2</b>  | 2NO + 2NC $3 21 + 43 31 + 43 + 43 + 43 + 43 + 43 + 43$ | Snap action, double pole   |

## Plug and socket limit switches

All FR/FM/FZ/FX series limit switches can be converted to a plug-in style by the addition of an adaptor.



The adaptor is screwed into the limit switch and the four flying leads connected to the four terminals of the contact block.

Suitable 4-wire plug leads are available.

Ratings 250VAC/300VDC 3A

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## **Cable glands**

Cable glands are available to enable standard multi-core cables to be connected without the use of conduit.

Two sizes are possible:

Part number VFPG13.5 Cable size ø9-12mm Part number VFPG13.5/6 Cable size ø6-9mm

| ETT - | 21mm A/F |
|-------|----------|
|       | 24mm A/F |
| L     |          |
|       | PG 13.5  |

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