



# Flat type safety relays

# SF RELAYS



RoHS compliant

### FEATURES

- 1. Forced operation contacts**  
N.O. and N.C. side contacts are connected through a card so that one interacts with the other in movement. In case of a contact welding, the other keeps a min. 0.5mm .020inch contact gap.
- 2. Separated chamber structure**  
N.O. and N.C. side contacts are put in each own space surrounded with a card and a body-separator. That prevents short circuit between contacts, which is caused by their springs welding or damaged.
- 3. Contact arrangement of 3 Form A 1 Form B**  
Enables various forms of control circuit.
- 4. High breakdown voltage**  
High breakdown voltage 2,500 Vrms (between contact sets/ between contact and coil)

- 5. High sensitivity**  
Realizes thin shape and high sensitivity (500mW nominal operating power) by utilizing high-efficiency polarized magnetic circuit with 4-gap balanced armature.
- 6. Complies with safety standards**  
Standard products are UL, CSA, TÜV and SEV certified. Conform to European standards. TÜV certified. Complies with SUVA European standard.

### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Industrial equipment such as presses and machine tools
2. Elevators and other kinds of hoisting mechanisms, conveyor equipment.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

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Contact arrangement  
3: 3 Form A 1 Form B

Nominal coil voltage  
DC 5, 12, 24, 48, 60V

## TYPES

| Contact arrangement | Nominal coil voltage | Part No.  |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 3 Form A 1 Form B   | 5V DC                | SF3-DC5V  |
|                     | 12V DC               | SF3-DC12V |
|                     | 24V DC               | SF3-DC24V |
|                     | 48V DC               | SF3-DC48V |
|                     | 60V DC               | SF3-DC60V |

Standard packing: Carton: 20 pcs.; Case: 200 pcs.

## RATING

### 1. Coil data

| Contact arrangement | Nominal coil voltage | Pick-up voltage (at 20°C 68°F)            | Drop-out voltage (at 20°C 68°F)           | Nominal coil current [±10%] (at 20°C 68°F) | Coil resistance [±10%] (at 20°C 68°F) | Nominal operating power (at 20°C 68°F) | Max. applied voltage (at 20°C 68°F) |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 3 Form A 1 Form B   | 5V DC                | 80%V or less of nominal voltage (Initial) | 10%V or more of nominal voltage (Initial) | 100mA                                      | 50Ω                                   | 500mW                                  | 120%V of nominal voltage            |
|                     | 12V DC               |   |   | 41.7mA                                     | 288Ω                                  |  |                                     |
|                     | 24V DC               |   |   | 20.8mA                                     | 1,152Ω                                |  |                                     |
|                     | 48V DC               |   |   | 10.4mA                                     | 4,608Ω                                |  |                                     |
|                     | 60V DC               |   |   | 8.3mA                                      | 7,200Ω                                |  |                                     |

2. Specifications

| Characteristics                                    | Item  | Specifications  |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Contact  | Arrangement                                       | 3 Form A 1 Form B   |  |
|  | Contact resistance (Initial)                      | Max. 30 mΩ (By voltage drop 6 V DC 1A)  |  |
|  | Contact material                                  | Au-flashed AgSnO <sub>2</sub> type  |  |
| Rating   | Nominal switching capacity (resistive load)       | 6A 250V AC, 6A 30V DC   |  |
|  | Max. switching power (resistive load)             | 1,500VA 180W  |  |
|  | Max. switching voltage                            | 250V AC, 30V DC   |  |
|  | Max. switching current                            | 6A  |  |
|  | Nominal operating power                           | 500mW   |  |
|  | Min. switching capacity (Reference value)*1       | 100mA 5V DC   |  |
|  | Electrical characteristics                        | Insulation resistance (Initial)   | Min. 1,000MΩ (at 500V DC) Measurement at same location as "Breakdown voltage" section. |
| Breakdown voltage (Initial)                        |   | Between open contacts   | 2,500 Vrms for 1min. (Detection current: 10mA)   |
|  |   | Between contact sets  | 2,500 Vrms for 1min. (Detection current: 10mA)   |
|  |   | Between contact and coil  | 2,500 Vrms for 1min. (Detection current: 10mA)   |
| Temperature rise (coil)                            |   | Max. 45°C 113°F<br>(By resistive method, nominal voltage applied to the coil; contact carrying current: 6A)                     |  |
| Surge breakdown voltage (between contact and coil) |   | —   |  |
| Operate time                                       |   | Max. 30ms (Nominal voltage applied to the coil, excluding contact bounce time.)   |  |
| Release time                                       |   | Max. 15ms (Nominal voltage applied to the coil, excluding contact bounce time.)<br>(without diode)                              |  |
| Mechanical characteristics                         | Shock resistance                                  | Functional  | Min. 294 m/s <sup>2</sup> (Half-wave pulse of sine wave: 11 ms; detection time: 10μs)  |
|  |   | Destructive   | Min. 980 m/s <sup>2</sup> (Half-wave pulse of sine wave: 6 ms)                         |
|  | Vibration resistance                              | Functional  | 10 to 55 Hz at double amplitude of 2 mm (Detection time: 10μs)                         |
|  |   | Destructive   | 10 to 55 Hz at double amplitude of 2 mm  |
| Expected life                                      | Mechanical  | Min. 10 <sup>7</sup> : (at 180 times/min.)  |  |
|  | Electrical  | Min. 3×10 <sup>4</sup> : (at 20 times/min.)*2   |  |
| Conditions   | Conditions for operation, transport and storage*3 | Ambient temperature: -40°C to +70°C -40°F to +158°F<br>Humidity: 5 to 85% R.H. (Not freezing and condensing at low temperature) |  |
|  | Max. Operating speed                              | 180 times/min.  |  |
| Unit weight  |   | 38g 1.34oz  |  |

Notes: \*1. This value can change due to the switching frequency, environmental conditions and desired reliability level, therefore it is recommended to check this with the actual load.

\*2. More than 10<sup>5</sup> operations when applying the nominal switching capacity to one side of contact pairs of each Form A contact and Form B contact

\*3. The upper limit of the ambient temperature is the maximum temperature that can satisfy the coil temperature rise value. Refer to Usage, transport and storage conditions in NOTES.

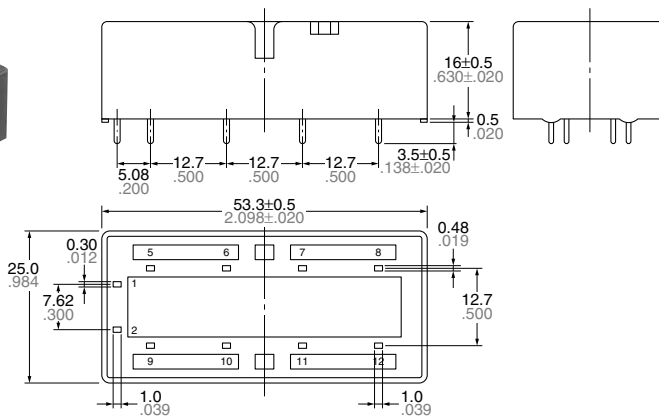
DIMENSIONS (mm inch)

The CAD data of the products with a **CAD Data** mark can be downloaded from: <http://industrial.panasonic.com/ac/e/>

CAD Data

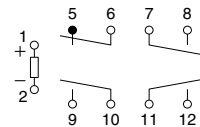


External dimensions

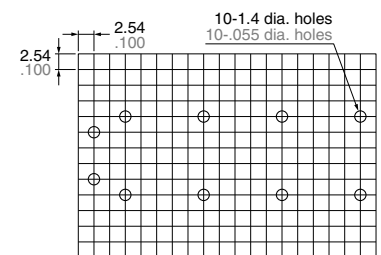


General tolerance: ±0.3 ±.012

Schematic (Bottom view)



PC board pattern (Bottom view)



Tolerance: ±0.1 ±.004

SAFETY STANDARDS

| UL/C-UL (Recognized) |                | TÜV (Certified)  |            | SEV      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| File No.             | Contact rating | File No.         | Rating     | File No. | Contact rating |
| E120782              | 6A 250V AC     | 968/EZ 312.01/09 | 6A 250V AC | 12.0193  | 6A 250V AC     |

\* CSA standard: certified by C-UL

# SAFETY STRUCTURE OF SF RELAYS

This SF relay design ensures that subsequent operations shut down and can automatically return to a safe state when the SF relay suffers overloading and other circuit abnormalities

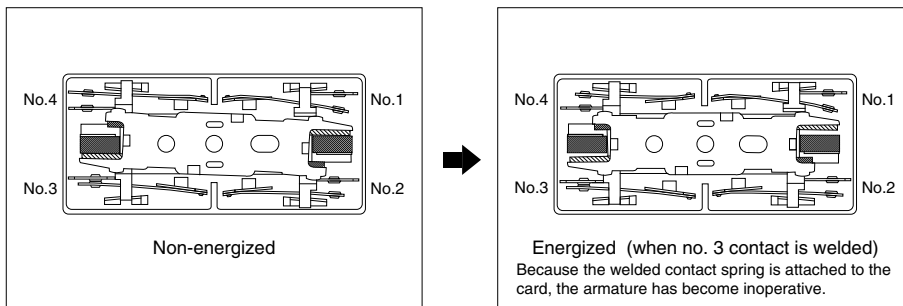
(unforeseen externally caused circuit or device breakdowns, end of life incidents, and noise, surge, and environmental influences) owing to contact welding, spring fusion or, in the worst-case

scenario, relay breakdown (coil rupture, faulty operation, faulty return, and fatigue and breakage of the operating spring and return spring), and even in the event of end of life.

|   | Structure  | Operation  |
|---|--|--|
| 1. Forced operation method<br>(3 Form A 1 Form B types) | <p>The two contacts "a" and "b" are coupled with the same card. The operation of each contact is regulated by the movement of the other contact.</p> | <p>Even when one contact is welded closed, the other maintains a gap of greater than 0.5 mm .020 inch.</p> <p>In the diagram on the left, the lower contact "b" have welded but the upper contact "a" maintain a gap of greater than 0.5 mm .020 inch. Subsequent contact movement is suspended and the weld can be detected</p> |
| 2. Separate chamber method<br>(3 Form A 1 Form B types) | <p>In independent chambers, the contacts "a" and "b" are kept apart by a body/ case separator or by the card itself.</p>                             | <p>Prevents shorting and fusing of springs and spring failure owing to short-circuit current.</p> <p>As shown on the diagram on the left, even if the operating springs numbered 1 and 2 there is no shorting between "a" and "b" contacts.</p>  |
| 3. 3 Form A 1 Form B contact                            | Structure with independent COM contact of (3 Form A 1 Form B), contacts.   | Independent COM enables differing pole circuit configurations. This makes it possible to design various kinds of control circuits and safety circuits.   |

### Form "b" Contact Weld

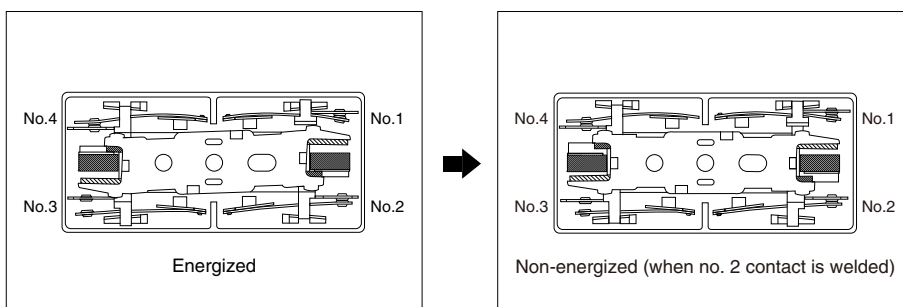
If the form "b" contact (No. 3) welds, the armature becomes non-operational, the contact gaps at the three form "a" contacts are maintained at greater than 0.5 mm .020 inch. Reliable isolation is thus ensured.



**If the No. 3 contact welds.**  
Each of the three form "a" contacts (No. 1, 2, and 4) maintain a gap of greater than 0.5 mm .020 inch.

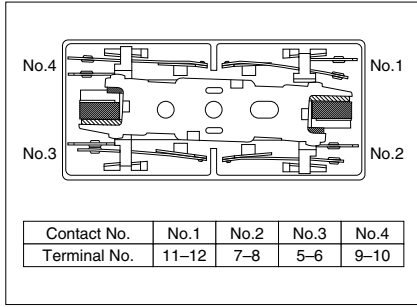
### Form "a" Contact Weld

When the form "a" contacts (No. 1, 2, or 4) weld, the armature remains in a non-returned state and the contact gap at the single form "b" contact is maintained at greater than 0.5 mm .020 inch. Reliable isolation is thus ensured.



**If the No. 2 contact welds.**  
The single form "b" contact (No. 3) maintains a gap of greater than 0.5 mm .020 inch.

Contact Operation Table



The table below shows the state of the other contacts when the current through the welded form "a" contact is 0 V and the rated voltage is applied through the form "b" contact.

|                     |   | State of other contacts |      |      |      |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|------|------|------|
|                     |   | 1                       | 2    | 3    | 4    |
| Welded terminal No. | 1 |                         |      | >0.5 |      |
|                     | 2 |                         |      | >0.5 |      |
|                     | 3 | >0.5                    | >0.5 |      | >0.5 |
|                     | 4 |                         |      | >0.5 |      |

>0.5: contact gap is kept at min. 0.5 mm .020 inch  
Empty cells: either closed or open

\* Contact gaps are shown at the initial state.  
If the contacts change state owing to loading/breaking it is necessary to check the actual loading.

## NOTES

1. For cautions for use, please read "General Application Guidelines".