

# Float switch

## For industrial applications, intrinsic safety Ex i

### Model RLS-4000 (models with approval: EX-SR 10 .. EX-SR 21)

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#### Applications

- Combined level and temperature measurement of liquids in machine building
- Control and monitoring tasks for hydraulic power packs, compressors and cooling systems

#### Special features

- Media compatibility: Oil, diesel, refrigerants and other liquids
- Level: Up to 4 switching outputs, freely definable as normally open, normally closed or change-over contact
- Level and temperature: Up to 3 switching outputs, freely definable as normally open, normally closed or change-over contact and 1 bimetal temperature switch or Pt100/Pt1000, accuracy: Class B
- Potential-free switching reed contacts



Float switch, cable outlet, model RLS-4000

#### Description

The model RLS-4000 float switch with optional temperature output has been designed for the recording of level and temperature at hazardous measuring points. The stainless steel used is suitable for a multitude of media, such as, for example, oil, diesel and refrigerants.

#### Measuring principle

A permanent magnet built into the float triggers, with its magnetic field, the potential-free reed contacts built into the guide tube. The triggering of the reed contacts by the permanent magnet is contact-free and thus free from wear.

Depending on customer wishes, the switching functions of normally open, normally closed or change-over can be realised for the defined liquid level.

The optional temperature output enables the medium temperature to be monitored by means of a preconfigured bimetal temperature switch or a Pt100/Pt1000 resistance signal.

## Specifications

| Float switch, model RLS-4000  | Level   | Temperature (option)  |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Measuring principle</b>  | Potential-free switching reed contacts are triggered by a magnet in the float   | Bimetal switch or Pt100/Pt1000 measuring resistor in pipe end   |   |  |
| <b>Measuring range</b>  | Guide tube length L: 60 ... 1,500 mm (2.5 ... 59 in), other lengths on request  | Bimetal switch: 30 ... 150 °C (86 ... 302 °F)<br>Pt100/Pt1000   |   |  |
| <b>Output signal <sup>1)</sup></b>  | Up to 4 switch points, depending on the electrical connection: L-SP1, L-SP2, L-SP3, L-SP4 <sup>1)</sup>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bimetal switch</li> <li>■ Pt100, 2-wire</li> <li>■ Pt1000, 2-wire</li> </ul>   |   |  |
| <b>Switching function</b>   | Alternatively normally open (NO), normally closed (NC) or change-over (SPDT) contact <sup>1)</sup> - on rising level  | Alternatively normally open (NO) or normally closed (NC)  |   |  |
| <b>Switch position</b>  | Specified in mm, starting from the upper sealing face (L-SP1 ... L-SP4)<br>At the end of the guide tube ≈ 45 mm (≈ 1.8 in) cannot be used for switch positions.   |   |   |  |
| <b>Distance between switch points <sup>2)</sup></b>   | Minimum distance L-SP1 to the upper sealing face: 50 mm (2.0 in)<br>Minimum distance between the switch points:<br>50 mm (2.0 in), for floats with outer Ø D = 44 mm (1.7 in), 52 mm (2.0 in)<br>30 mm (1.2 in), for floats with outer Ø D = 25 mm (1.0 in), 30 mm (1.2 in)<br>Minimum distance with 3 switch points: 80 mm (3.1 in), either between L-SP1 and L-SP2 or L-SP2 and L-SP3<br>Minimum distance with 4 switch points: 80 mm (3.1 in), between SP2 and SP3 |   |   |  |
| <b>Safety-related maximum values</b>  | Only for connection to a certified intrinsically safe circuit with max.<br>U <sub>i</sub> = 30 V, I <sub>i</sub> = 100 mA, P <sub>i</sub> = 0.9 W, C <sub>i</sub> = 0 nF, L <sub>i</sub> = 0 µH   |   |   |  |
| <b>Accuracy</b>   | ±3 mm switch point accuracy incl. hysteresis, non-repeatability   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bimetal switch: ±5 °C switch point accuracy, ±20 °C hysteresis</li> <li>■ Pt100, Pt1000: Class B per DIN EN 60751</li> </ul>   |   |  |
| <b>Mounting position</b>  | Vertical ±30°   |   |   |  |
| <b>Process connection</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ G 1, installation from outside <sup>3)</sup></li> <li>■ G 1 ½, installation from outside</li> <li>■ G 2, installation from outside</li> <li>■ Flange DN 50, form B per EN 1092-1 (DIN 2527), PN 16, installation from outside</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ G ½, installation from inside <sup>3) 4) 5)</sup></li> <li>■ G ¼, installation from inside <sup>3) 4)</sup></li> <li>■ G ¾, installation from inside <sup>4)</sup></li> <li>■ G ½, installation from inside <sup>4)</sup></li> </ul> |   |  |
| <b>Material</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wetted</li> <li>■ Non-wetted</li> </ul> Process connection, guide tube: Stainless steel 316Ti<br>Case: Stainless steel 316Ti   | Float: See table on page 3<br>Electrical connection: See table on page 3  |   |  |
| <b>Permissible temperatures</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Medium</li> <li>■ Ambient</li> <li>■ Storage</li> </ul> -30 ... +80 °C (-22 ... +176 °F)    -30 ... +120 °C (-22 ... +248 °F) <sup>6)</sup> -30 ... +150 °C (-22 ... +302 °F) <sup>7)</sup>  |   |   |  |
| <b>Permissible temperatures (depending on the temperature class)</b>  | T3  | T4  | T5  | T6   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Surface temperature</li> <li>■ Process temperature</li> <li>■ Ambient temperature</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤ 150 °C (≤ 302 °F)</li> <li>≤ 150 °C (≤ 302 °F)</li> <li>≤ 60 °C (≤ 140 °F)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤ 135 °C (≤ 275 °F)</li> <li>≤ 130 °C (≤ 266 °F)</li> <li>≤ 60 °C (≤ 140 °F)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤ 100 °C (≤ 212 °F)</li> <li>≤ 95 °C (≤ 203 °F)</li> <li>≤ 60 °C (≤ 140 °F)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤ 85 °C (≤ 185 °F)</li> <li>≤ 80 °C (≤ 176 °F)</li> <li>≤ 60 °C (≤ 140 °F)</li> </ul> |

1) Version with 4 switching outputs for level is not available with temperature output

2) Smaller minimum distances on request

3) Up to 3 switching outputs for level

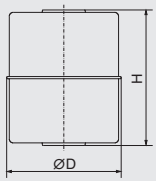
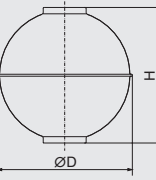
4) Only for versions with cable outlet

5) Only with float outer diameter Ø D = 30 mm (1.2 in)

6) Not with cable material: PVC, PUR; not with connection housing 58 x 64 x 36 mm

7) Only with cable material: Silicone or connection housing 75 x 80 x 57 mm

| Electrical connections   | Level<br>Max. switch point<br>definition  | Ingress protection<br>per IEC/EN 60529 | Protection<br>class | Material   | Cable<br>length  |
|--|---|--|---------------------|--|--|
| Cable outlet   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>                             | IP54                                   | II                  | PVC  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 2 m (6.5 ft)</li> <li>■ 5 m (16.4 ft)</li> </ul> other lengths on request |
| Cable outlet   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>                             | IP54                                   | II                  | PUR  |  |
| Cable outlet   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 2 NO/NC + 1 SPDT</li> </ul>                   | IP54                                   | II                  | Silicone   |  |
| <b>“Standard” connection housing</b><br>Dimensions: 75 x 80 x 57 mm<br>(2.9 x 3.1 x 2.2 in)<br>For cable diameter: 5 ... 10 mm<br>(0.2 ... 0.4 in) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>                             | IP54                                   | I                   | Aluminium, glands from polyamide, brass, stainless steel | -  |
| <b>“Compact” connection housing</b><br>Dimensions: 58 x 64 x 36 mm<br>(2.3 x 2.5 x 1.4 in)<br>For cable diameter: 5 ... 10 mm<br>(0.2 ... 0.4 in)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 2 NO/NC + 1 SPDT</li> <li>■ 2 SPDT</li> </ul> | IP54                                   | I                   |  |  |

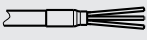
| Float   | Form                   | Outer diameter Ø D | Height H       | Operating pressure      | Medium temperature     | Density  | Material |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|----------|
|   | Cylinder <sup>1)</sup> | 44 mm (1.7 in)     | 52 mm (2.0 in) | ≤ 16 bar<br>(≤ 232 psi) | ≤ 150 °C<br>(≤ 302 °F) | ≥ 750 kg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(46.8 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ) | 316Ti    |
|   | Cylinder <sup>2)</sup> | 30 mm (1.2 in)     | 36 mm (1.4 in) | ≤ 10 bar<br>(≤ 145 psi) | ≤ 80 °C<br>(≤ 176 °F)  | ≥ 850 kg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(53.1 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ) | 316Ti    |
|  | Sphere <sup>3)</sup>   | 52 mm (2.0 in)     | 52 mm (2.0 in) | ≤ 40 bar<br>(≤ 580 psi) | ≤ 150 °C<br>(≤ 302 °F) | ≥ 750 kg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(46.8 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ) | 316Ti    |

1) Not with process connection G 1, guide tube length L ≤ 100 mm (≤ 3.94 in)

2) Guide tube length ≤ 1,000 mm (≤ 39.4 in), switch points max. 3 NO/NC or 2 SPDT without bimetal switch, when a Pt100/Pt1000 is selected - max. 3 NO/NC or 1 SPDT

3) Not with process connection G 1, G 1 ½, guide tube length L ≤ 100 mm (≤ 3.94 in)

## Connection diagram

| Cable outlet <sup>4)</sup>  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
|   | Level  |  | Temperature (option)                     |
|   | Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)  |  | Bimetal switch                           |
|  | 4 switch points<br>L-SP1    L-SP2    L-SP3    L-SP4<br>WH ——— GN ——— GY ——— BU ———<br>BN ——— YE ——— PK ——— RD ———                                    |  | Switch point<br>T-SP<br>WH ———<br>BN ——— |
|   |  |  | Platinum measuring resistor              |
|   |  |  | Pt100/Pt1000                             |
|   |  |  | WH +<br>BN -                             |
|   | Change-over contact (SPDT)   |  | Bimetal switch                           |
|   | Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)  |  | Platinum measuring resistor              |
|   | 4 switch points<br>L-SP1    L-SP2    L-SP3    L-SP4<br>WH ——— YE ——— BU ——— VT ———<br>BN ——— GY ——— RD ——— GYPK ———<br>GN ——— PK ——— BK ——— RDBU ——— |  | Switch point<br>T-SP<br>WH ———<br>BN ——— |
|   |  |  | Platinum measuring resistor              |
|   |  |  | Pt100/Pt1000                             |
|   |  |  | WH +<br>BN -                             |

4) When choosing a temperature output signal, the PIN assignment of the level switch points deviates (see product label).

| Aluminium case |   |                           |                                |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| "Standard"     | Level   | Temperature (option)      |                                |
|                | Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)   | Bimetal switch            | Platinum measuring resistor    |
|                | 4 switch points<br>L-SP1   L-SP2   L-SP3   L-SP4<br>                                      | Switch point<br>T-SP1<br> | Pt100/Pt1000<br>W10 +<br>W11 - |
|                | <b>Change-over contact (SPDT)</b><br>4 switch points<br>L-SP1   L-SP2   L-SP3   L-SP4<br> | Switch point<br>T-SP1<br> | Pt100/Pt1000<br>W10 +<br>W11 - |
| "Compact"      | Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)   | Bimetal switch            | Platinum measuring resistor    |
|                | 2 switch points<br>L-SP1   L-SP2<br>  | Switch point<br>T-SP1<br> | Pt100/Pt1000<br>W4 +<br>W5 -   |
|                | 3 switch points<br>L-SP1   L-SP2   L-SP3<br>  |                           |                                |
|                | 4 switch points<br>L-SP1   L-SP2   L-SP3   L-SP4<br>                                      |                           |                                |
|                | <b>Change-over contact (SPDT)</b><br>2 switch points<br>L-SP1   L-SP2<br>                 |                           |                                |
|                |   | Switch point<br>T-SP1<br> | Pt100/Pt1000<br>W4 +<br>W5 -   |

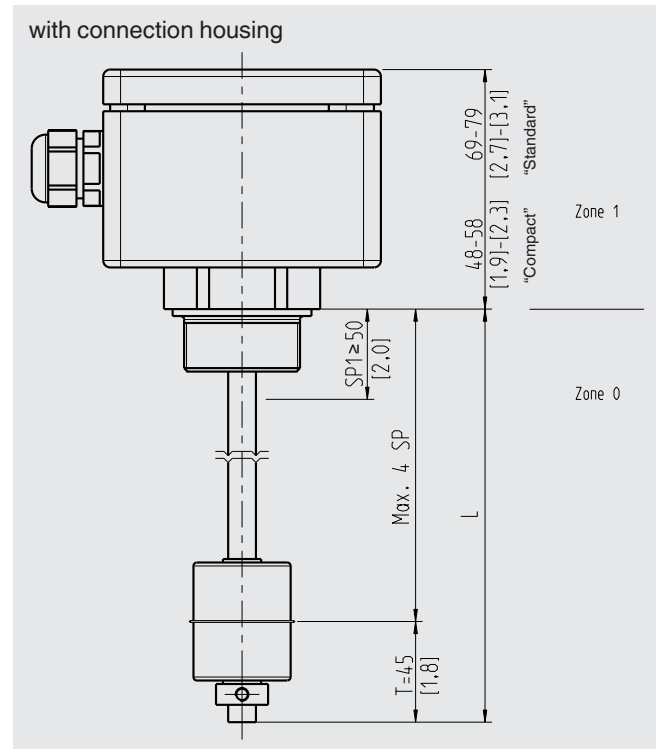
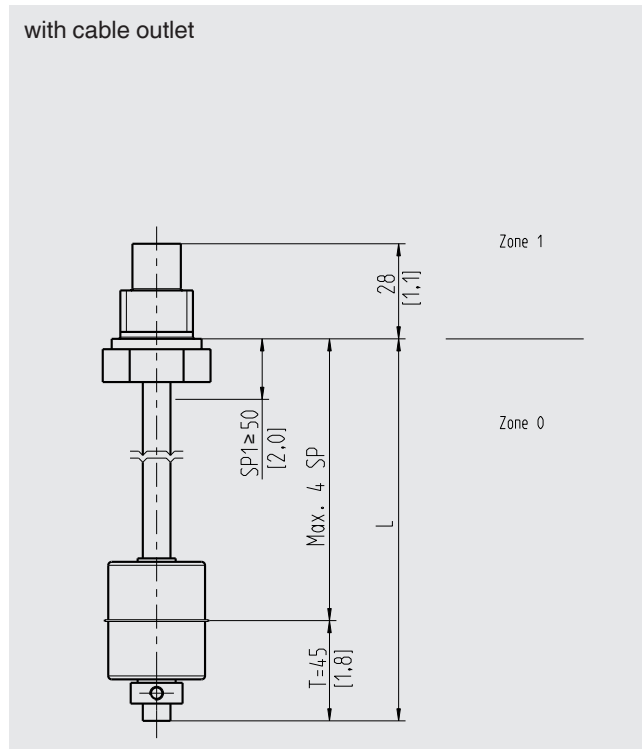
Legend

|           |               |    |      |      |           |
|-----------|---------------|----|------|------|-----------|
| SP1 - SP3 | Switch points | GY | Grey | BK   | Black     |
| WH        | White         | PK | Pink | VT   | Violet    |
| BN        | Brown         | BU | Blue | GYPK | Grey/Pink |
| GN        | Green         | RD | Red  | RDBU | Red/Blue  |
| YE        | Yellow        |    |      |      |           |

Electrical safety

Insulation voltage      DC 2,120 V

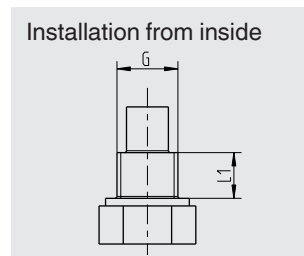
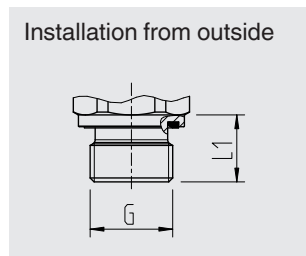
## Dimensions in mm (in)



### Legend

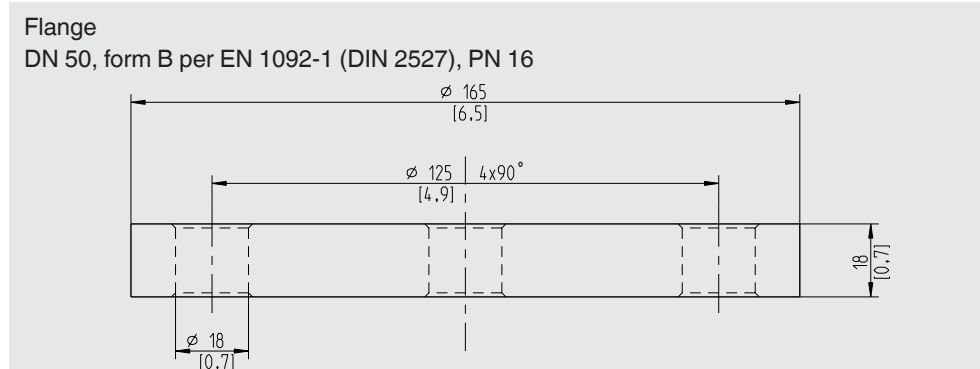
- L Guide tube length
- T Non-usable range for switch positions

## Process connection




| G     | L <sub>1</sub>  |
|-------|-----------------|
| G 1   | 16 mm (0.63 in) |
| G 1 ½ | 18 mm (0.71 in) |
| G 2   | 20 mm (0.79 in) |





| G     | L <sub>1</sub>  |
|-------|-----------------|
| G ⅛ B | 12 mm (0.47 in) |
| G ¼ B | 12 mm (0.47 in) |
| G ⅜ B | 12 mm (0.47 in) |
| G ½ B | 14 mm (0.55 in) |



## Accessories

| Description  | Order number |
|--|--------------|
|  <p><b>Intrinsically safe repeater power supply, model IS Barrier</b><br/>           Input 0/4 ... 20 mA, supplying and non-supplying<br/>           Bidirectional HART® signal transmission</p> <p>For details see data sheet AC 80.14</p> | 14117118     |

## Approvals

| Logo  | Description  | Country        |
|---|--|----------------|
| <br>  | <p><b>EU declaration of conformity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Low voltage directive</li> <li>■ RoHS directive</li> <li>■ ATEX directive</li> </ul> <p>Hazardous areas<br/>           II 1/2G Ex ia IIC T3...T6 Ga/Gb<br/>           II 2D Ex ib IIIC T85°C...T150°C Db</p> | European Union |
| <br> | <p><b>IECEX</b></p> <p>Hazardous areas<br/>           Ex ia IIC T3...T6 Ga/Gb<br/>           Ex ib IIIC T85°C...T150°C Db</p>  | International  |

## Manufacturer's information and certificates

| Logo | Description          |
|------|----------------------|
| -    | China RoHS directive |

Approvals and certificates, see website

### Ordering information

Model / Level and temperature (option) output signals / Switching function / Electrical connection / Process connection / Guide tube length L / Medium temperature

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