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General Description

The OMEGA® FSW-50 Series Flow Switches feature a 15A SPDT switch and an internal screw adjustment which provides continuous switch point adjustment while in operation in-line. Multiple drag disks are supplied with each unit to provide incremental switch point adjustment. Their non-magnetic design makes them ideal for applications where rust is a problem. The FSW-50 comes standard in a plastic/316SS construction. The FSW-50 Series is also available in a special PPS® Hastelloy C and Viton construction.

The FSW-50 Series are for use in highly particle-contaminated liquids such as sewage, machine cutting oils and medium slurries. The standard models can be used in mildly corrosive liquids such as low to medium concentration acids and bases; sea water, sewage oils; rusty coolant water, etc. The special PPS® Hastelloy C and Viton construction models are for use in concentrated corrosive liquids such as sulfuric, nitric, hydrochloric and acetic acids; ferric chloride; aqueous ammonia; benzene; magnesium chloride, etc.

Particle contamination resistance is provided by a flexible filter boot which prevents crystallization, caking, heavy dirt concentration, slurries, scum, etc., from affecting the operation of the flow detector. The FSW-50 Series Switches respond to flow only, independent of line pressure, temperature and environment.

During emergency conditions these switches signal catastrophic system failures such as line breakage; pump failure; incorrect valve opening or closing; pipe, valve or filter clogging, etc.

Specifications

FLOW RANGE (water calibrated @ 70°F)

The maximum flow range flexibility is provided by three adjustment options:

1. Continuous adjustment while operating via a calibrated FORCE/BALANCE spring.
2. Step incremental adjustment via drag disk size change.
3. Continuous adjustment via moment arm change.

PPS® = polyphenylene sulfide plastic
Available Drag Disks

The FSW-50 Series Switches come with three different drag disks. The drag disks are sized as follows:

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<th>DRAG DISK</th>
<th>SIZE</th>
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<td>#1</td>
<td>.5” dia.</td>
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<td>#2</td>
<td>.83” dia.</td>
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<td>#3</td>
<td>1.0” dia.</td>
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The following table lists flow adjustment limits for various pipe sizes relative to Model No. and drag disk size. The moment arm (see Step 3 of FLOW RANGE) is held constant at the maximum value. Decreasing the moment arm, increases the adjustment range.

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<td>FSW-50 w/drag disk #2</td>
<td>8-13</td>
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<td>18-28</td>
<td>FSW-50 w/drag disk #1</td>
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<td>Shortest drag disk arm.</td>
<td>Mid. size drag disk</td>
<td>3.3-5.3 ft/sec</td>
<td>7.4-11.5 ft/sec</td>
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<td>FSW-51 w/drag disk #3</td>
<td>15-30</td>
<td>1/2</td>
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<td>FSW-51 w/drag disk #1</td>
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<td>Shortest drag disk arm.</td>
<td>Mid. size drag disk</td>
<td>25-50</td>
<td>50-105</td>
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<td>Largest drag disk arm.</td>
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<td>2.7-5.4 ft/sec</td>
<td>5.4-10.8 ft/sec</td>
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<td>FSW-52 w/drag disk #3</td>
<td>40-90</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>90-180</td>
<td>FSW-52 w/drag disk #1</td>
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<td>Longest drag disk arm.</td>
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<td>4.0-8.0 ft/sec</td>
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* Force/Balance spring relaxed.
** Force/Balance spring fully extended.
Relay Switch: SPDT 15A @ 125 or 250 Vac, 10,000,000 operations median

Nominal Sensitivity (% Flow Change to Activate Switch):
Approximately 10% @ upper end of range; approximately 30% @ lower end of range

Differential Pressure Drop Across Unit:
(Under normal operating conditions) 1”-3” pipe, less than 0.5 PSI; 4”-10” pipe, negligible

Working Line Pressure:
For standard construction model: 100 PSIG at 150˚F; for special PPS*, Hastelloy C and Viton construction model: 100 PSIG at 200˚F

Maximum Continuous Temperature:
Standard construction: 150˚F; special construction: 200˚F

Wetted Parts:
Standard construction PPS*, 316 SS, Viton PVC; Special construction: PPS*, Hastelloy C and Viton

Electrical Cable Fitting:
Water resistant for cable diameters .250” ±.025”

Weight:
0.25 lb.

PPS* = polyphenylene sulfide plastic

Installation Dimensions

INSTALLATION WARNING
THE 1 1/2” X 1 1/4” PVC BUSHING (WHITE OR GRAY) SUPPLIED WITH THE FSW-50 SERIES CAN BE CRACKED IF THE CENTER BODY IS FIRST TIGHTENED INTO THE BUSHING. CRACKING PROBABILITY IS REDUCED IF THE BUSHING IS FIRST TIGHTENED INTO THE PIPE OR TANK FITTING AND THEN THE CENTER BODY TIGHTENED INTO THE BUSHING. THUS:

STEP 1: THREAD AND TIGHTEN THE PVC BUSHING INTO THE PIPE OR TANK FITTING.
STEP 2: THREAD AND TIGHTEN THE CENTER BODY INTO THE PVC BUSHING.
**ASSEMBLY WARNING**

THE FSW-50 SERIES SWITCHES EMPLOY AN EXTERNAL SEAL SHAFT (A) A FLEXIBLE ELASTOMER DIAPHRAGM SEAL (B) AND AN INTERNAL FEED THRU SHAFT OR SWITCH ACTUATING ARM (D). ALL THREE ELEMENTS ARE ASSEMBLED AND LOCKED IN PLACE WITH LOCTITE ADHESIVE. TO PREVENT RUPTURE OF SEAL AND LEAKAGE INTO SWITCH AREA, IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT TORQUE NOT BE APPLIED TO SEAL SHAFT (A), FLOAT SHAFT (E) OR DRAG DISK ARM (E) DURING CHANGE OF FLOAT OR DRAG DISK.

IF FLOAT SHAFT OR DRAG DISK ARM (E) REQUIRE REPLACEMENT IT IS NECESSARY TO REMOVE FILTER BOOT (F). SEAL SHAFT (A) MUST THEN BE HELD FIRMLY IN A VISE OR WITH PLIERS WHILE (E) IS UNTHEREDED AND A NEW SHAFT IS ASSEMBLED.

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**Installation**

The FSW-50 Series Fluid Flow Switch is supplied with a 1⅛” x 1” PVC TT bushing (standard construction model) or 1⅛” x 1” PPS* bushing (special PPS* Hastelloy C and Viton construction model) threaded in place with 2 to 3 wraps of Teflon tape, which must be intact or renewed if bushing and switch are separated before assembly in tank. Care must be exercised when threading the bushing into plastic or metal fittings.

Apply a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 3 wraps of Teflon tape to threads of bushing – this is especially important if unit is to be used in metal fittings where coarse metal threads could gall plastic if not lubricated.

The plastic bushing CAN BE CRACKED if the main body of the flow switch is tightened into it FIRST. Cracking will not occur if the bushing is FIRST tightened into the pipe or tank fitting and THEN the body is tightened into the bushing.

PPS* = polyphenylene sulfide plastic
1. Teflon tape thread and tighten the plastic bushing into the pipe or tank fitting.

2. Teflon tape thread and tighten the switch into the PLASTIC bushing by applying a wrench to the hexagon section. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the ARROW on the body points in the DIRECTION OF FLOW and threads are leak tight.

**NOTE**

Thus:

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2. Teflon tape thread and tighten the switch into the PLASTIC bushing by applying a wrench to the hexagon section. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the ARROW on the body points in the DIRECTION OF FLOW and threads are leak tight.

**Electrical Wiring**

1. Remove gland nut, grommet and switch cover.

2. Strip outer jacket of electrical cord back approximately 1 1/4 inches.

3. Slip on terminals are supplied with each switch. Remove from switch terminals and crimp on or solder to electrical leads.

4. Feed electrical cable through gland nut, grommet and switch cover as shown.

5. Apply slip on terminals to appropriate contacts of microswitch.

6. Slide the cover down the cable and fasten to the body of the switch with 4 screws provided.

7. Slide the grommet down the cable until the outer jacket is level with the small end of the grommet.

8. Push the grommet into the tapered end of the cover. Hold the cable jacket to prevent rotation and thread the gland nut firmly on to the cover.

**Figure 1:** Wiring Schematic for power applied to the load when the flow level is less than set point (power to load interrupted when flow increases to above set point).
All FSW-50 Series switches are factory set at the lower end of the flow range, i.e., the adjusting screw is set at the low flow COUNTERCLOCKWISE position.

**Figure 2: Wiring Schematic for power applied to load when the flow is greater than set point (power to load interrupted when flow decreases to below set point).**

**Switch Point Adjustment**

1. Thread the unit into line while observing the following precautions:
   a) Use appropriate adapters to keep the body of the switch from projecting into the flow stream.
   b) Inspect to make sure that the drag disk does not touch the opposite wall of a small diameter pipe.
   c) Use Teflon tape to seal the threads and lubricate to allow the arrow on the body to be aligned with the flow.

2. After aligning the arrow with flow, adjust the flow in the system to the desired rate without regard to the FSW-50 Series switch point setting.

3. The Switch Point Adjusting Mechanism consists of a leadscrew, a leadscrew nut and a helical spring.
   CLOCKWISE rotation of the adjusting screw changes the microswitch actuation point toward HIGHER flow rates. COUNTERCLOCKWISE rotation changes the microswitch actuation point toward LOWER flow rates.

The leadscrew nut locks the adjusting screw in position, maintaining the flow set point under all environmental conditions.

4. Turn the adjusting screw in a clockwise direction until the microswitch is actuated while maintaining the desired fluid flow rate in the system. Turn the adjusting screw two additional turns in the clockwise direction and then slowly back off in a counterclockwise direction until microswitch is again actuated. The FSW-50 Flow Switch is now set for maximum sensitivity for detecting small flow changes.

5. Microswitch actuation point may be monitored during the adjustment procedure detailed in Step 4 above by an audible click or with an OHM meter before connecting line power or by monitoring the voltage supplied to the load through the microswitch.

6. If the system flow rate is changed, the FSW-50 can be adjusted to monitor the new flow rate by turning the adjusting screw in a counterclockwise direction to the minimum flow position and then proceeding as in Step 4 above.

7. In the event that the system flow is at the desired rate and the adjustment mechanism runs out of travel, i.e., the leadscrew nut is at either end of the support bracket before the microswitch is actuated, then the drag disk must be changed to shift the flow range so that it straddles the system flow rate.

**EXAMPLE:** If the FSW-50 is fitted with a No. 1 drag disk and the procedure in Step 4 has been followed, the adjusting screw has been turned counterclockwise until the leadscrew nut is at the extreme end of the support bracket (spring fully relaxed) and the microswitch still has not been actuated, then the flow is too low and a larger drag disk will have to be substituted for the drag disk #1 and the procedure in Step 4 repeated. If the No. 2 disk will not allow switch actuation via the procedure in Step 4, substitute disk No. 3.

The opposite procedure is used if the flow is so high that full extension of the spring cannot counterbalance the fluid forces on the drag disk and the switch remains actuated. Proceed by using a smaller drag disk, e.g., replace No. 3 with a No. 2, or a No. 2 with a No. 1 until the procedure in Step 4 can be accomplished.

Adjusting the moment arm can be employed after adjustment by the spring and changing drag disk sizes have been tried to no avail. Adjusting the moment arm consists of moving the drag disk along the arm thereby changing the force-balance moment arm. Moving a drag disk to the far end of the arm lowers the flow rate required to activate the switch. Moving a drag disk towards the filter boot increases the flow rate required to activate the switch.

**NOTE**

It is necessary throughout all installation and adjustment procedures to check to ensure that the drag disk is perpendicular to the flow and does not touch any interior surface throughout its complete fore and aft travel.