## Safety Interlock Switches

Often the need arises for a device to provide a signal indicating that a door has been closed or that a machine guard is in place before a machine can be turned on or a sequence of operations can begin.
While a standard limit switch would probably be able to do this function, the possibility exists that the unit could be false tripped or false actuated either accidently or deliberately, thereby posing a danger to the person operating the machine.

In response to this problem, many switch manufacturers offer what is known as a key interlock switch. These switches look and operate similar to standard limit switches except for the operating heads. Instead of a rotary or plunger operating head, there is a key slot.


Actuation of the interlock switch occurs only when the corresponding key is inserted into the key slot. The key is usually mounted on a door or machine guard in such a way that when the door or guard is closed, the key fits into the slot actuating the switch. The special design of the key makes the safety interlock switch extremely difficult to defeat. When inserted into the slot, the key performs three separate mechanical functions.

In addition to being difficult to override, the safety interlock is also designed to fail to a safe mode. If, by chance, the contacts were to become welded together, removal of the key will physically tear the contacts apart, resulting in a safe condition.
Cutler-Hammer Key Interlock Switches by Eaton's electrical business are available in both NEMA and DIN style housings. NEMA Style Key Interlock Switches feature durable metal housings, which removes power to the machine when the guard is opened.
DIN Style Key Interlock Switches feature a reduced size and economical plastic housings. They remove power to the machine when the guard is opened.
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The Cutler-Hammer ${ }^{\circledR}$ E48 DIN-Style Safety Key Interlock Limit Switch by Eaton's electrical business is designed to be used with movable guards or covers which must be closed for operational safety. The key portion of the switch is affixed to the movable door, cover or other such guard. The switch itself is mounted to a rigid portion of the machine. When the guard is opened, the key is removed from the switch, thereby positively breaking the normally closed contacts. This interrupts the control circuit, stopping machine operation.

## Ratings and Approvals

■ UL Listed
■ TUV
■ IEC 947-5-1
■ EN60947-5-1

- NEMA A600 (UL/CSA Pilot Duty)
- Direct Opening N.C. contacts per EN60947-5-1 $\Theta$
- Double insulation $\qquad$


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## Product Features

- Head mechanism is designed to be difficult to defeat with common tools
- Three actuating key styles for mounting flexibility

■ Choose from 1N.O.-1N.C. or 2N.C. DPDB contacts

- 1/2-14 NPT conduit entrance

■ Four unique head mounting positions

- Dual entry points for actuating key - top or side

■ Tough plastic construction

Model Selection - Key Interlock Switches


NOTE: N.O. and N.C. contacts are defined with the key fully engaged in the switch.
$\square$ Stocked product, typical order quantities guaranteed in stock.
Model Selection - Actuating Keys (must be ordered separately)

|  | Minimum Key Insertion Radius | Catalog Number |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Adjustable <br> (Self-Aligning) | 7.8 inches ( 200 mm ) | E48KL07 |  |
| Vertical | 7.8 inches ( 200 mm ) | E48KL08 |  |
| Horizontal |  | 7.8 inches ( 200 mm ) | E48KL09 |

$\square$ Stocked product, typical order quantities guaranteed in stock.
Specifications

| Description |  | Specification |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ambient Temperature |  | Operation and Storage: $-22^{\circ}$ to $158^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-30^{\circ}\right.$ to $\left.70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ minimum temperature is based upon absence of freezing water or moisture |  |  |  |  |
| Enclosure Ratings |  | NEMA 4, IP65 conforming to IEC 529. Care must be taken that contaminants do not enter the actuating key area as this may prevent the switch from performing to specifications |  |  |  |  |
| Ambient Humidity |  | 95\% maximum, non-condensing |  |  |  |  |
| Weight |  | 76 grams (0.17 lb) |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Material |  | Synthetic resin |  |  |  |  |
| Vibration Resistance |  | 10G in both vertical and horizontal axis (from 10 to 500 Hz ) conforming to IEC 68-2-27 |  |  |  |  |
| Shock Resistance |  | 30G in both vertical and horizontal axis conforming to IEC 68-2-27 |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanical Life |  | 1 million operations minimum |  |  |  |  |
| Electrical Life |  | 150,000 operations minimum |  |  |  |  |
| Short Circuit Protection |  | Recommended: 10A fuse (type gl or gG) (IEC 269) |  |  |  |  |
| Rated Insulation Voltage |  | 400V (EN 60947-5-1) |  |  |  |  |
| Electric Shock Protection |  | Insulation Class II (IEC 536) |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Force (extraction) |  | $14.7 \mathrm{~N}(3.30 \mathrm{lbf})$ |  |  |  |  |
| Release Force (insertion) |  | $29.4 \mathrm{~N}(6.60 \mathrm{lbf})$ |  |  |  |  |
| Total Travel |  | 1.10 inch minimum ( 28 mm ) |  |  |  |  |
| Pretravel |  | $0.24 \pm 0.10$ inches minimum ( $6 \pm 3 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) |  |  |  |  |
| Direct Opening Force |  | $58.8 \mathrm{~N}(13.2 \mathrm{lbf})$ minimum |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Speed |  | 0.04 to 20 inches/second (1 to $500 \mathrm{~mm} /$ second) |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Frequency |  | 30 operations/minute maximum |  |  |  |  |
| Rated Voltage | Current |  |  |  | Maximum VA |  |
|  | Thermal Continuous |  | Make | Break | Make | Break |
| 120 V AC | 10A |  | 60A | 6.0A | 7200 VA | 720 VA |
| 240 V AC | 10A |  | 30A | 3.0A | 7200 VA | 720 VA |
| 480 V AC | 10A |  | 15A | 1.5A | 7200 VA | 720 VA |
| 600 V AC | 10A |  | 12A | 1.2A | 7200 VA | 720 VA |

## Key Interlock Switches NEMA Standard Models

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## Ratings and Approvals

■ UL Listed

- CSA Certified
- TUV
- IEC 947-5-1

■ EN60947-5-1

- NEMA A600 (UL/CSA Pilot Duty)
- Direct Opening N.C. contacts per EN60947-5-1 $\Theta$


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## Heavy-Duty Safety Interlock Switch for Reliable Machine Operator Protection



## Product Features

- Three simultaneous mechanical actions occur when the key is inserted into the operating head to make it difficult to defeat with common tools
■ Rugged cast aluminum body stands up to harsh industrial environments
■ Three actuating key styles for mounting flexibility including a self-aligning version
■ Choose from 1N.O.-1N.C. or 2N.C. DPDB contacts
■ Operating head and switch body interlock for strength and a sure fit
- Four unique head mounting positions
- 1/2-14 NPT conduit entrance
- All models meet UL, CSA, European and International requirements

${ }^{(1)}$ N.O. and N.C. contacts are defined with the key fully engaged in the switch.
$\square$ Stocked product, typical order quantities guaranteed in stock.
Model Selection - Actuating Keys (must be ordered separately)

|  | Minimum Key Insertion Radius | Catalog Number |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Horizontal | 47 inches $(1200 \mathrm{~mm})$ | E48KL01 |
| Vertical | 47 inches $(1200 \mathrm{~mm})$ | E48KL02 |
| Adjustable | 5.9 inches $(150 \mathrm{~mm})$ | E48KL03 |

[^1]| Specifications |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description |  | Specification |  |  |  |  |
| Ambient Temperature |  | Operation: $-40^{\circ}$ to $176^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-40^{\circ}\right.$ to $\left.80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ minimum temperature is based upon absence of freezing water or moisture |  |  |  |  |
| Enclosure Ratings |  | NEMA Type 3, 4, 4X, 6P, 13. IP67 conforming to IEC 529 <br> NOTE: Care must be taken that contaminants do not enter the actuating key area as this may prevent the switch from performing to specifications. |  |  |  |  |
| Ambient Humidity |  | 95\% maximum, non-condensing |  |  |  |  |
| Housing Material |  | Die-cast aluminum |  |  |  |  |
| Vibration Resistance |  | 10G in both vertical and horizontal axis (from 10 to 500 Hz ) conforming to IEC 68-2-27 |  |  |  |  |
| Shock Resistance |  | 30G in both vertical and horizontal axis conforming to IEC 68-2-27 |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanical Life |  | 1 million operations minimum |  |  |  |  |
| Electrical Life |  | 500,000 operations minimum (10A, 250V AC resistive load) |  |  |  |  |
| Short Circuit Protection |  | Recommended: 10A fuse (type gl) (IEC 269) |  |  |  |  |
| Rated Insulation Voltage |  | 600V AC (IEC 946-5-1) |  |  |  |  |
| Electric Shock Protection |  | Insulation Class I (IEC 536) |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Force (extraction) |  | 4.4 ft -lb minimum (19.6 N) |  |  |  |  |
| Release Force (insertion) |  | $4.41 \mathrm{ft-lb}$ minimum ( 19.6 N ) |  |  |  |  |
| Total Travel |  | 0.91 inch minimum ( 23 mm ) |  |  |  |  |
| Pretravel |  | $0.39 \pm 0.20$ inches minimum ( $10 \pm 5 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) |  |  |  |  |
| Direct Opening Force |  | 4.41 ft -lb minimum for safe operation ( 19.6 N ) |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Speed |  | $0.1 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{s}$ to $0.5 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Frequency |  | 30 operations/minute maximum |  |  |  |  |
| Rated Voltage | Current |  |  |  | Maximum VA |  |
|  | Thermal Continuous |  | Make | Break | Make | Break |
| 120 V AC | 10A |  | 60A | 6.0A | 7200 VA | 720 VA |
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