

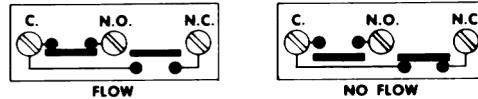
Flow Switches

Liquid Flow Switches

The flow of liquids in pipelines plays an important role in industry and commerce. Under most circumstances it is essential to know whether or not there is a flow in a pipeline, and to act upon that knowledge. That is the reason for, and the function of, McDonnell & Miller Flow Switches.

A complete line of Liquid Flow Switches has been developed for a wide range of applications and literally hundreds of uses, including:

- Air Conditioning
- Hot Water Space Heating Systems
- Hot Water Supply Systems
- Pump Systems
- Water Cooled Equipment
- Blending or Additive Systems
- Liquid Transfer Systems
- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Water Treatment Systems
- Swimming Pool Chlorination
- Industrial Laser Coolant System



In the tables of flow rates included in this catalog the word "Flow" means that switch will close one circuit and open the other, when flow rate is increased to the rate shown.

The words "No-Flow" mean the switch will reverse position—open first circuit and close the second—when flow rate is decreased to the rate shown.

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Flow Switches	NEMA Enclosure
All Models	Type 1—General purpose indoor
FS-254, FS1W, FS6W, FS7-4W, FS8W	Type 4X—Watertight, Dust tight and Corrosion resistant
FS7-4E	Type 7—Hazardous Location (Class 1—Group C or D) Type 9—Hazardous Location (Class 2—Group E, F or G)

Models FS74E, FS74SE Flow Switches are Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Listed for use in these hazardous locations:

Class I, Division I, Group C – Atmospheres containing ethylether vapors, ethylene or cyclopropane.

Class I, Division I, Group D – Atmospheres containing gasoline, petroleum, naphtha, benzene, butane, propane, alcohols, acetone, benzol, lacquer solvent vapors or natural gas.

Class II, Division I, Group E – Atmospheres containing dust of aluminum, magnesium or their commercial alloys.

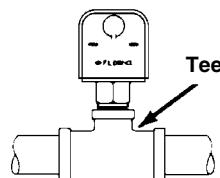
Class II, Division I, Group F – Atmospheres containing carbon black, coal or coke dust.

Class II, Division I, Group G – Atmospheres containing flour, starch or grain dusts.

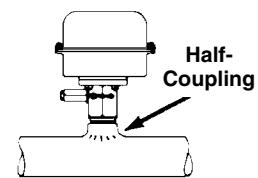
Note: For other listings contact the factory.

Mounting Methods

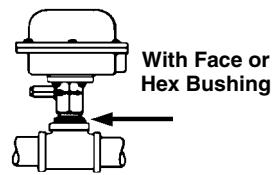
With Tee



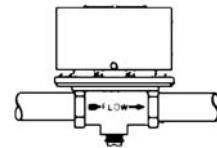
With Welded Half-Coupling



Hex or Face Bushing
FS7-4W



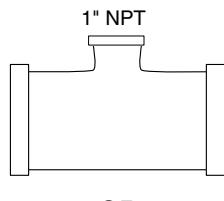
With Body Tapped for
Direct Installation
(Series FS1, FS5 and FS6)
FS6



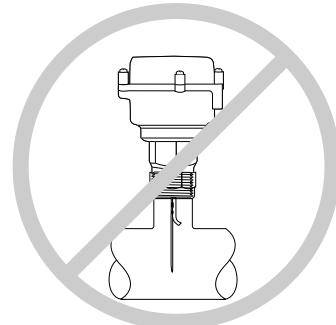
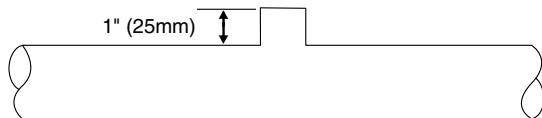
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Flow Switch Installation

For best operation, the paddle type flow switches should be installed in a horizontal pipe in the upright position. They should be installed in a threaded pipe tee on 2" or smaller pipe or a welded half coupling when installing on larger welded pipe.



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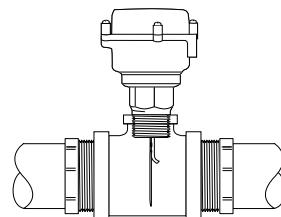


A. Incorrect Installation

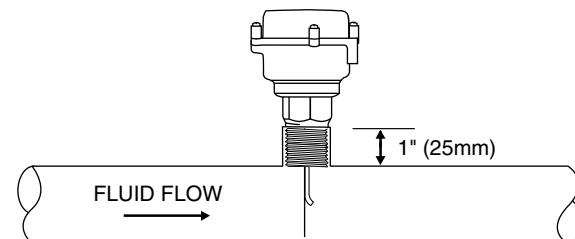
Installation in copper pipe requires special attention. The use of thread to sweat adapters to install the flow switch can cause the paddle arm to be out of the flow of water. It is critical that the paddle and paddle arm be in the run of the pipe for proper operation.

We have found that a paddle type flow switch may not work properly when installed using a thread to sweat adapter. The width of the paddle needs to be reduced in order to fit through the adapter. The additional height locates the paddle arm and a portion of the paddle above the flow of the water (**A**). This changes the fulcrum point of the mechanism and can result in the paddle hitting the wall of the adapter before it proves. Because the flow switch does not work when first installed, the adjustment screw is turned one way or the other to get it to trip. The combination of trimmed paddle, paddle arm out of flow and attempted adjustment will keep the flow switch from operating properly.

If the flow switch is installed in 2" or smaller copper pipe, the use of a threaded reducing tee and thread to sweat adapters on the main run tee connections would be best (**B**). Larger pipe may require cutting down the 1" thread to sweat adapter to just below the threads and brazing this piece to a hole in the larger pipe (**C**). The intention is to maintain the 1" or less distance from the wall of the pipe to the top of the thread adapter. Keeping this distance to less than 1" ensures the paddle arm and paddles are in the flow of water.



B. Suggested Installation



C. Suggested Installation

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Flow Switches

How To Select Liquid Flow Switches

1. What function will the flow switch perform?

McDonnell & Miller Flow Switches are equipped with either one or two SPDT switches except for Model FS7-4A (Pneumatic). They can make or break an electrical circuit when flow starts or when flow stops, and can be used to:

- Actuate a signal when flow stops
- Start a motor with flow
- Shut off an alarm when flow is adequate
- Stop a motor with no flow

2. Size of pipe

McDonnell & Miller Flow Switches may be used on pipe sizes 1/2" - 36" NPT.

3. How much flow is present?

The flow rate at which the flow switch is to respond should be determined next. McDonnell & Miller Flow Switches are actuated (make or break) with an increase in flow. The term "Flow" represents the actual movement (velocity) of liquid within a pipe sufficient to actuate the switch. The term "No-Flow" represents a decrease in velocity, or total flow stoppage, which will permit the switch to return to its original position.

IMPORTANT: In operation, the switch must be actuated by "Flow" before it can be reversed again by "No-Flow". All McDonnell & Miller Flow Switches can easily be adjusted in the field to require a higher actuating "Flow" or "No-Flow".

4. Maximum liquid pressure in pipe

The maximum pipeline pressure should be considered when selecting a particular model. Different flow switch models can accommodate a range of pipeline pressures up to 1000 psi (70kg/cm²).

5. Maximum temperature

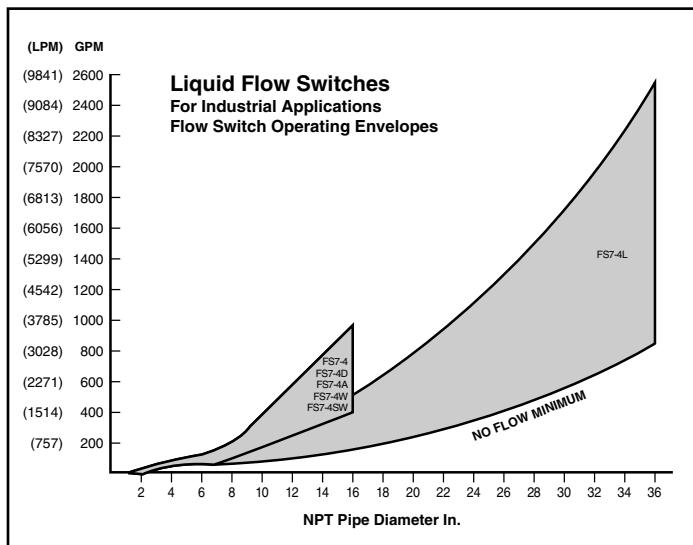
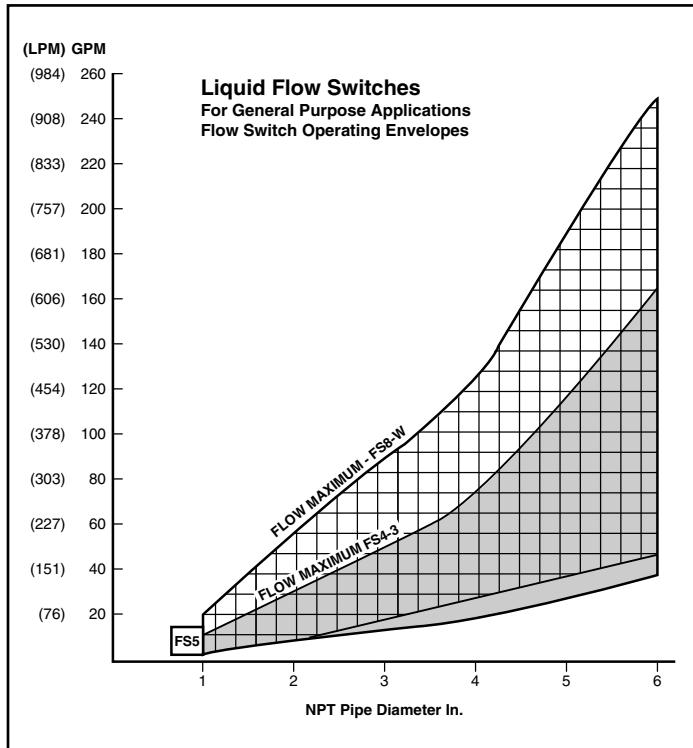
Determine the liquid and ambient atmospheric temperature when selecting the flow switch model. Various McDonnell & Miller Flow Switches can be used at ambient temperatures from 32°F (0°C) and liquid temperatures up to 300°F (149°C). If ambient temperatures are lower than 32°F (0°C) use the FS7-4W.

6. Type of liquid

McDonnell & Miller Flow Switch models have wetted parts of brass, monel or stainless steel. Depending on the particular model they may be used with water, certain light viscous fluids, some oils, various caustic solutions and other fluids.

7. Atmosphere surrounding flow switch

It should be determined if the location will be subject to high humidity, weather conditions or explosive atmospheres. Standard, water tight and hazardous duty flow switch models are available.



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Flow Switches

Flow Switches – Liquid

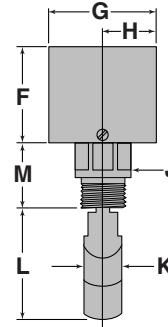
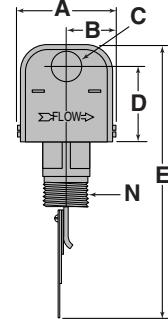
Series FS4-3 General Purpose Liquid Flow Switches



- Universal design serves the widest variety of applications
- For starting or stopping electrically operated equipment such as signal lights, alarms, motors, automatic burners, metering devices and others
- Replacement for common flow switches from Johnson/Penn, Potter/Taco, Watts, Hydrolevel and other manufacturers
- 1" NPT
- Two electrical knock-outs allows connection from either end
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Hardened stainless steel bearings minimize friction
- Sealed Monel bellows
- Four stainless steel paddles included - 1", 2", 3" & 6" (25, 50, 80, & 150mm)
- Optional features
 - Two SPDT switches to make or break two separate circuits
 - Materials of construction suitable for corrosive liquids
 - BSPT threads
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) 32°F (0°C)
- Maximum temperature 300°F (149°C)
- Maximum pressure 160 psi (11.3 kg/cm²)



Series FS4-3



Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
3 (76)	1½ (38)	7/8 (22)	2 7/32 (56)	8 7/16 (211)	2 15/16 (75)	3 3/8 (86)

H	J	K	L	M	N NPT
1 11/16 (43)	1 7/16 (37)	1 1/8 (29)	3 7/16 (87)	2 1/16 (52)	1

Flow Switches

 McDonnell & Miller
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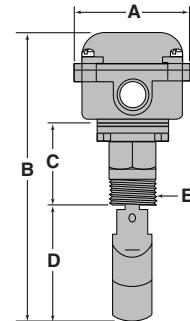
Flow Switches – Liquid

Series FS8-W General Purpose Liquid Flow Switches

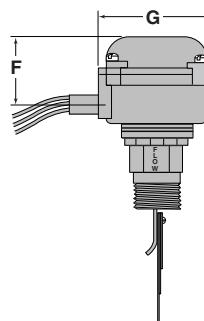
- For general purpose applications with environmental exposure, or those requiring a water-tight, dust tight, or a NEMA 4X rated flow switch
- 1" NPT
- Sealed Monel bellows
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Four stainless steel paddles included - 1", 2", 3" and 6" (25, 50, 80 and 150mm)
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Optional features
 - BSPT threads
 - Gold plated contacts
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) 32°F (0°C)
- Maximum temperature 225°F (107°C)
- Maximum operating pressure 160 psi (11.3 kg/cm²)
- Replacement for NEMA 4X-style flow switches from Potter/Taco, Watts, Penn and other manufacturers



Series FS8-W



Model FS8-WG-SL



Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C	D	E NPT	F	G
3 $\frac{1}{4}$ (83)	8 $\frac{3}{8}$ (213)	2 $\frac{5}{16}$ (59)	3 $\frac{7}{16}$ (87)	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ (45)	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ (83)

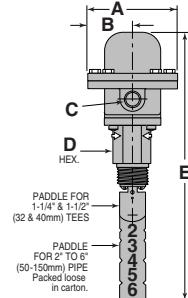
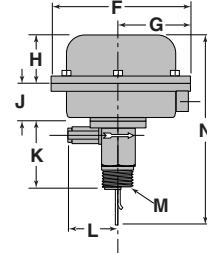
Flow Switches – Liquid

Series FS7-4E Industrial Liquid Flow Switches

- For hazardous environment applications requiring a **NEMA 7 (Class I, Group C or D) or NEMA 9 Class II, Group E, F, or G** rated flow switch
- 1 1/4" NPT
- Brass with sealed tube construction
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Magnetic switching mechanism
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Paddles can be trimmed to suit application needs
- Optional features
 - Extended paddle arm
 - Stainless steel body and paddles
 - BSPT threads
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) 32°F (0°C)
- Maximum temperature 300°F (149°C)
- Maximum operating pressure
300 psi (21 kg/cm²)
1000 psi (70 kg/cm²) – Stainless Steel models



Series FS7-4E



Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C NPT	D	E	F	G
4 5/8 (117)	2 5/16 (59)	1/2	1 3/4 (45)	13 3/4 (350)	7 1/4 (184)	3 25/32 (96)
H	J	K	L	M NPT	N	
2 7/16 (62)	1 15/16 (50)	3 7/16 (87)	2 5/8 (67)	1 1/4	9 11/16 (246.6)	

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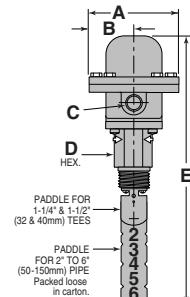
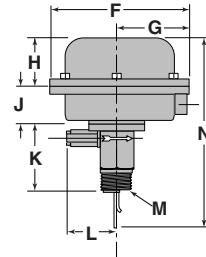
Flow Switches – Liquid

Series FS7-4W Industrial Liquid Flow Switches

- For applications requiring a water-tight, dust-tight or a NEMA 4X rated flow switch
- 1 1/4" NPT
- Brass with sealed tube construction
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Magnetic switching mechanism eliminates need for bellows
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Paddles can be trimmed to suit application needs
- Optional features
 - Extended paddle arm
 - Stainless steel body and paddles
 - BSPT threads
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) -65°F (-54°C)
- Maximum temperature 300°F (149°C)
- Maximum operating pressure 300 psi (21 kg/cm²)
1000 psi (70 kg/cm²) – Stainless Steel models



Series FS7-4W



Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C NPT	D	E	F	G
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H	J	K	L	M NPT	N	
2 7/16 (62)	1 5/16 (50)	3 7/16 (87)	2 5/8 (67)	1 1/4	9 11/16 (246.6)	

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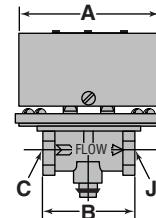
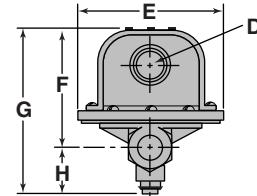
Flow Switches – Liquid

Series FS1 High Sensitivity Liquid Flow Switches

- For general purpose applications where high sensitivity is required and moderate or low flow rates are encountered such as air conditioning, heating and hydronic systems, water, fuel oil, some viscous liquids and oils in process work
- In-line configuration eliminates need for a pipe tee
- High flow capacity
- ½" NPT
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Switch compartment is completely sealed to protect it from the liquid
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Optional features
 - BSPT threads
 - Gold plated contacts
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) 32°F (0°C)
- Maximum temperature 225°F (107°C)
- Maximum operating pressure 100 psi (7 kg/cm²)



Series FS1



Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C NPT	D	E	F	G	H	J NPT
3¾ (95)	2⅝ (67)	½	7/8 (22)	3⅓/16 (97)	3⅓/16 (81)	4⅗/16 (113)	1¼ (32)	½

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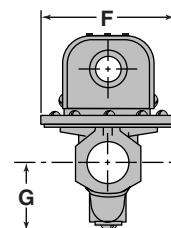
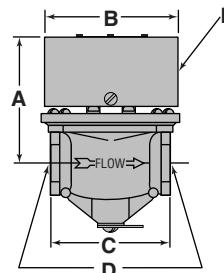
Flow Switches – Liquid

Series FS6 High Sensitivity Liquid Flow Switches

- For heavy duty applications where high sensitivity is required, such as water treatment systems, cooling systems for electronic circuits, compressors, booster pumps, and bearings, and other applications that need instant switching
- In-line configuration eliminates need for a pipe tee
- Very high flow capacity
- Actuates at extremely low flow rate
- Sizes available
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT
 - 1" NPT
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Switch compartment is completely sealed to protect it from the liquid
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Optional feature
 - BSPT threads
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) 32°F (0°C)
- Maximum temperature 225°F (107°C)
- Maximum operating pressure 100 psi (7 kg/cm²)



Series FS6



Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C	D NPT	E	F	G
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (89)	3 $\frac{23}{32}$ (94.4)	3 $\frac{3}{8}$ (86)	$\frac{3}{4}$ or 1	$\frac{7}{8}$ (22)	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ (95)	2 (51)

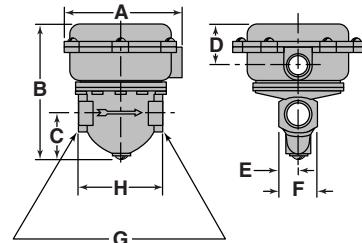
Model FS6-W

High Sensitivity Liquid Flow Switches

- For applications requiring a water-tight, dust-tight, or a NEMA 4X rated flow switch



Model FS6-W



Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G NPT	H
5 (127)	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ (146)	2 (51)	1 $\frac{5}{8}$ (41)	$\frac{29}{32}$ (23)	1 $\frac{13}{16}$ (46)	$\frac{3}{4}$ or 1	3 $\frac{3}{8}$ (86)

Flow Switches

Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Flow Rates

Pipe Size NPT in.	Settings	Mode of Operation		Max. Flow Rate gpm (lpm)
		Flow gpm (lpm)	No Flow gpm (lpm)	
3/4 or 1	Factory or Minimum	.12 (.45)	.06 (.23)	70 (265)
	Maximum	2.5 (9.46)	1.5 (5.68)	

Values are ± 10%

Ordering Information

Model Number	Part Number	Description	Weight lbs. (kg)	
FS6-3/4	115400	High sensitivity flow switch 3/4" NPT body	4.5	(2)
FS6-J-3/4	115550	FS6-3/4 w/BSPT pipe threads	4.5	(2)
FS6-1	115600	High sensitivity flow switch 1" NPT body	4.5	(2)
FS6-J-1	115650	FS6-1 w/BSPT pipe threads	4.5	(2)
FS6-W-3/4	115651	FS6-3/4 w/NEMA 4X enclosure	4.5	(2)
FS6-WJ-3/4	115653	FS6-W-3/4 w/BSPT connections	4.5	(2)
FS6-W-1	115652	FS6-1 w/NEMA 4X enclosure	4.5	(2)
FS6-WJ-1	115654	FS6-W-1 w/BSPT connections	4.5	(2)
FS6-J-3/4-E	115551	FS6-J-3/4 - CE conformance rated	4.5	(2)
FS6-J-1-E	115655	FS6-J-1 - CE conformance rated	4.5	(2)
FS6-WJ-3/4-E	115656	FS6-WJ-3/4 - CE conformance rated	4.5	(2)
FS6-WJ-1-E	115657	FS6-WJ-1 CE conformance rated	4.5	(2)

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Flow Switches – Liquid

Series FS4-3T General Purpose Liquid Flow Switches

- For starting or stopping electrically operated equipment such as signal lights, alarms, motors, automatic burners, metering devices and others
- In-line configuration eliminates need for a pipe tee
- Sizes available
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT
 - 1" NPT
- Paddles available for low, medium or high flow
- Two electrical knock-outs allows connection from either end
- Sensitivity adjusting screw makes flow adjustment easy
- Single pole, double throw snap switch
- Hardened stainless steel bearings minimize friction
- Sealed Monel bellows
- Minimum temperature (fluid or ambient) 32°F (0°C)
- Maximum temperature 300°F (149°C)
- Maximum pressure 160 psi (11.3 kg/cm²)

Ordering Information

Model Number	Part Number	Description	Weight lbs. (kg)
FS4-3T1- $\frac{3}{4}$	114800	$\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT body - high flow rate	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T2- $\frac{3}{4}$	114900	$\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT body - medium flow rate	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T3- $\frac{3}{4}$	115000	$\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT body - low flow rate	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T1-1	115100	1" NPT body - high flow rate	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T2-1	115200	1" NPT body - medium flow rate	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T3-1	115300	1" NPT body - low flow rate	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T3- $\frac{3}{4}$ -E	115001	FS4-3T3- $\frac{3}{4}$ -CE conformance rated	3 (1.4)
FS4-3T3-1-E	115301	FS4-3T3-1-CE conformance rated	3 (1.4)

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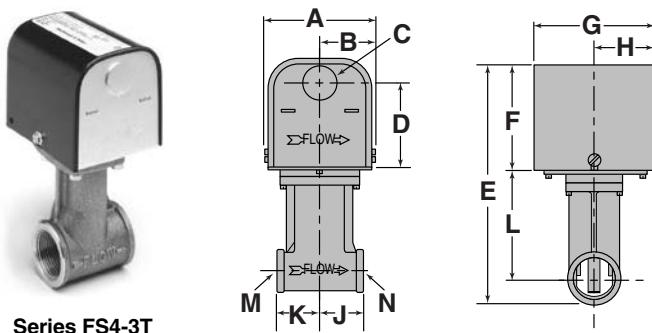
Electrical Ratings

Voltage	Motor Switch Rating (Amperes)		Pilot Duty
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	
120 VAC	7.4	44.4	125 VA at 120 or 240 VAC 50 or 60 cycles
240 VAC	3.7	22.2	

Dimensions, in. (mm)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
3 (76)	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (38)	7/8 (22)	2 $\frac{7}{32}$ (56)	6 $\frac{7}{8}$ (175)	2 $\frac{15}{16}$ (75)	3 $\frac{3}{8}$ (86)

H	J	K	L	M	N
				NPT	NPT
1 $\frac{11}{16}$ (43)	1 $\frac{5}{16}$ (33)	1 $\frac{1}{8}$ (29)	3 $\frac{1}{16}$ (78)	3/4 or 1	3/4 or 1



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Flow Rates

Pipe Model Number	Size NPT in.	Settings	Mode of Operation		Max. Flow Rate gpm (lpm) w/o Paddle Damage
			Flow gpm (lpm)	No Flow gpm (lpm)	
FS4-3T1- $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	Factory or Minimum	4.4 (16.7)	2.6 (9.8)	16.62 (62.9)
		Maximum	10.5 (39.7)	9.8 (37.1)	
FS4-3T2- $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	Factory or Minimum	3.7 (14)	2.2 (8.3)	27 (102.2)
		Maximum	8.9 (33.7)	8.3 (31.4)	
FS4-3T3- $\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	Factory or Minimum	2 (7.6)	1.2 (4.5)	
		Maximum	4.5 (17)	4.1 (15.5)	
FS4-3T1-1	1	Factory or Minimum	5 (18.9)	3.2 (12.1)	
		Maximum	11.5 (43.5)	11 (41.6)	
FS4-3T2-1	1	Factory or Minimum	4.8 (18.1)	2.9 (11)	
		Maximum	10.1 (38.2)	9.4 (35.6)	
FS4-3T3-1	1	Factory or Minimum	2 (7.6)	1.2 (4.5)	
		Maximum	4.5 (17)	4.1 (15.5)	

Values are $\pm 10\%$