INSTALLATION & OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

INSTALLING THE KELCO F SERIES FLOW SWITCH

FOR F-H MODELS · STANDARD MICROSWITCH

WARNING

Read these instructions fully before installing or servicing this flow switch. The F Series is a **mains voltage device** – incorrect installation can cause death or serious injury. All electrical work must be carried out by a licensed electrician.

1. CHECK THE MODEL NUMBER

Check the part number on the label inside the lid against the codes below – for example **F-H-25B-SS**.

F	–	H	–	25B	–	SS

SERIES

F Series flow switch

SWITCH

H Standard switch

PROCESS CONNECTION

20B ¾" BSP (stainless only)
20N ¾" NPT (stainless only)
25B 1" BSP thread
25N 1" NPT thread

WETTED MATERIALS

Blank All polypropylene wetted parts
SS High pressure 316 stainless steel process connection and polypropylene paddle

2. MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

1. Check the part number (label inside the lid) against the tables in this sheet for pressure, temperature and electrical load.
2. Trim the paddle with a hacksaw or tin snips so it clears the pipe wall by at least 4 mm all round. To find the paddle length, use the Paddle Trimming Calculator. As a guide:

LOW FLOW	Paddle just clears the bottom of the pipe
UNKNOWN FLOW	¾ of the way across the pipe
HIGH FLOW	¼ to ½ of the way across the pipe

Spare paddles are available if too much is cut off.

Paddle Trimming Calculator ›

Not sure how much to trim? Go to **www.kelco.com.au/en/tools/paddle-calculator** and use the calculator – enter your pipe inside diameter, flow rate and liquid to check the switch will operate reliably before you cut the paddle.

3. The switch can go in suction or delivery pipework, horizontal or vertical. In vertical pipe, flow must be upward. Do not mount on the underside of horizontal pipe.

   Where possible, mount the switch away from pumps, valves and bends. A fitting directly upstream makes the flow uneven and turbulent at the paddle, which can shift the switching point slightly or make the paddle flutter near the switching point. Downstream fittings have little effect. If the switch has to go close to a fitting, enter the upstream straight length in the Paddle Trimming Calculator and check operation on commissioning.
4. Mount in a pipe tee, tapping saddle or weld-on socket, square to the flow so liquid hits the flat face of the paddle. The arrow on the switch must point in the direction of flow.
5. Seal the thread with PTFE tape or thread sealant, leaving at least 4 mm of thread above the socket. Tighten with a spanner on the spanner flats only – never twist the switch body.
6. Switches are supplied at maximum sensitivity (adjuster wound fully in). To decrease sensitivity, remove the red dust cap and wind the adjusting screw out (anti-clockwise) with a wide flat screwdriver. The further out, the more flow is needed to operate the switch. Refit the dust cap.

TYPICAL MOUNTING

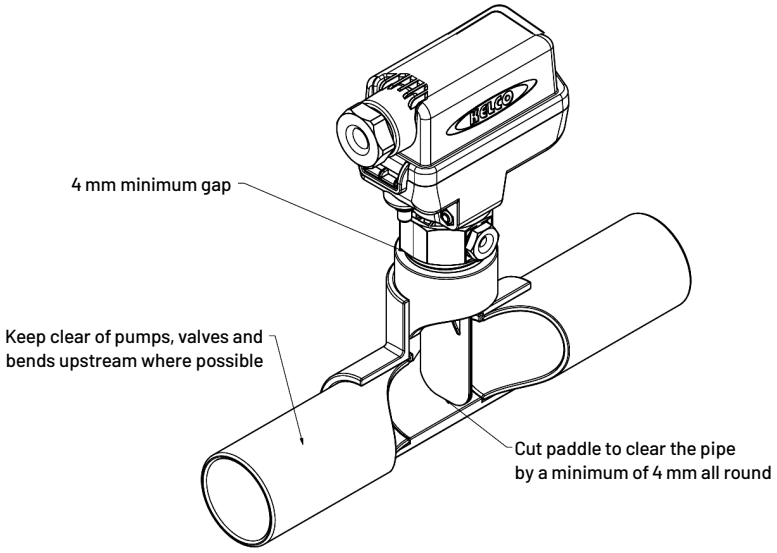


FIG. 1 F Series mounted in a standard pipe tee

3. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

1. This sheet covers the **F-H** models: a standard S.P.D.T. microswitch for control circuits from 5 to 500 VAC. Check the part number on the lid label before wiring – F-L models have their own installation sheet.
2. Confirm the load is within the electrical ratings on page 3.
3. The switch has terminals marked C (common), NO (normally open) and NC (normally closed). For a two-wire connection use C plus either NO or NC to suit the application.
4. Fully tighten the cable gland nut, check the lid gasket is in place and tighten the lid down.
5. Test: press the red manual override button under the cable gland. The switch changes state as if liquid were pushing the paddle.

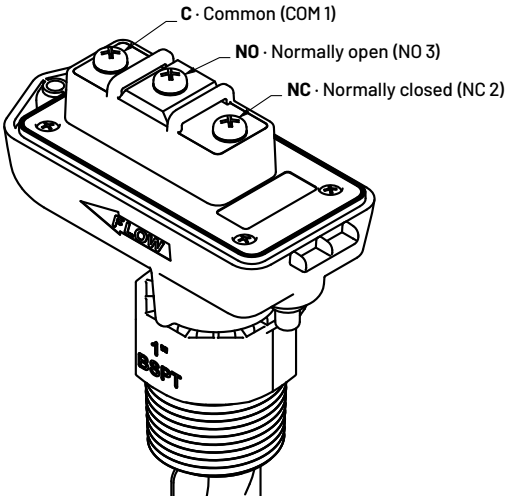


FIG. 2 Switch terminals

WARNING

Always refit the lid and fully tighten the lid screw and cable gland after installing or servicing. Without its lid the switch is not water, weather or insect proof and presents a **shock hazard that may cause death or serious injury**. Never splash water into the open housing or leave the lid off for extended periods.

'H' SWITCH ELECTRICAL DATA

The 'F-H' models use an S.P.D.T. (single pole, double throw) microswitch for general control circuits up to 500 VAC – ideal for pump starters, relay logic, contactors and timers.

IMPORTANT

Use at any voltage from 5 to 500 VAC (minimum load 160 mA at 5 VDC). Directly switches pump motors up to ¼ HP (approx. 185 W) at 240 VAC – use a contactor or relay for larger motors.

RATED VOLTAGE	NON-INDUCTIVE LOADS (A)			INDUCTIVE LOADS (A)		
	RESISTIVE	LAMP		INDUCTIVE	MOTOR	
	NC / NO	NC	NO	NC / NO	NC	NO
125 VAC	15	3	1.5	15	5	2.5
250 VAC	15	2.5	1.25	15	3	1.5
500 VAC	10	1.5	0.75	6	1.5	0.75
8 VDC	15	3	1.5	15	5	2.5
14 VDC	15	3	1.5	10	5	2.5
30 VDC	6	3	1.5	5	5	2.5
125 VDC	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05	0.05	0.05
250 VDC	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.03	0.03	0.03

NOTE Absolute limits: 500 VAC maximum; 15 A maximum (10 A at 500 VAC); 5 VDC and 160 mA minimum. Maximum voltage and maximum current cannot be applied together – use the table for the limit at each voltage and load type.

HAZARDOUS AREAS

The F-H is not certified for use in hazardous areas and must not be installed in any area classified as hazardous under AS/NZS 60079.10 (Zone 0, 1, 2, 20, 21 or 22). It contains a silver-contact microswitch rated for mains voltage, has no recognised Ex protection concept, and is not suitable as simple apparatus in an intrinsically safe circuit because its contacts require a minimum load of 160 mA at 5 VDC.

MAINTENANCE

The F Series is low maintenance and should give years of service when correctly installed. Its life is shortened by pressures, temperatures or electrical loads beyond its ratings.

Spare parts, including paddles, are available from your supplier.

ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITATIONS

PARAMETER	F (POLYPROPYLENE)	F-SS (316 STAINLESS)
Maximum operating pressure *	**18 bar** 261 psi	**400 bar** 5800 psi
Minimum burst pressure *	**45 bar** 652 psi	**500 bar** 7215 psi
Maximum operating temperature	**60 °C** 140 °F	**80 °C** 176 °F
Minimum operating temperature	**–20 °C** –4 °F	**–20 °C** –4 °F
Ingress protection	**IP67**	**IP67**

*** NOTE** Pressures are at ambient temperature, static or dynamic. The all-polypropylene model must be de-rated linearly with temperature, down to a maximum of 1 bar (15 psi) absolute at 60 °C (140 °F).

Check that the switch materials suit the liquid being monitored:

Chemical Compatibility Checker ›

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