

# Float switch

## For industrial applications

### Model RLS-1000

WIKA data sheet LM 50.03



#### Applications

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

#### Special features

- Media compatibility: Oil, water, diesel, refrigerants and other liquids
- Permissible medium temperature range: -30 ... +150 °C [-22 ... +302 °F]
- Up to 4 switching outputs freely definable as normally open, normally closed or change-over contact
- Potential-free switching reed contacts

#### Description

The model RLS-1000 float switch has been developed for monitoring the level of liquids. The stainless steel used is suitable for a multitude of media, such as, for example, oil, water, 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.



**Fig. left: Angular connector, float from NBR**  
**Fig. right: Circular connector M12 x 1, float from stainless steel**

# Specifications

Float switch, model RLS-1000	
<b>Measuring principle</b>	Potential-free switching reed contacts are triggered by a magnet in the float.
<b>Guide tube length L</b>	60 ... 1,500 mm [2.5 ... 59 in], other lengths on request
<b>Output signal</b>	Up to 4 switch points, depending on the electrical connection: SP1, SP2, SP3, SP4
<b>Switching function</b>	Alternatively normally open (NO), normally closed (NC) or change-over (SPDT) contact - on rising level
<b>Switch position</b>	Specified in mm, starting from the upper sealing face (SP1 ... SP4) At the end of the guide tube $\approx$ 45 mm [ $\approx$ 1.8 in] cannot be used for switch positions.
<b>Distance between switch points <sup>1)</sup></b>	Minimum distance SP1 to the upper sealing face: 50 mm [2.0 in] Minimum distance between the switch points: 50 mm [2.0 in], for floats with outer $\varnothing$ = 44 mm [1.7 in], 52 mm [2.0 in] 30 mm [1.2 in], for floats with outer $\varnothing$ = 25 mm [1.0 in], 30 mm [1.2 in] Minimum distance with 3 switch points: 80 mm [3.1 in], either between SP1 and SP2 or SP2 and SP3 Minimum distance with 4 switch points: 80 mm [3.1 in], between SP2 and SP3
<b>Switching power</b>	<b>Floats with outer <math>\varnothing</math> = 44 mm [1.7 in], 52 mm [2.0 in]</b> Normally open, AC 230 V; 100 VA; 1 A; max. 100 Hz normally closed: DC 230 V; 50 W; 0.5 A Change-over contact: AC 230 V; 40 VA; 1 A; max. 100 Hz DC 230 V; 20 W; 0.5 A  <b>Floats with outer <math>\varnothing</math> = 25 mm [1.0 in], 30 mm [1.2 in]</b> Normally open, AC 100 V; 10 VA; 0.5 A; max. 100 Hz normally closed: DC 100 V; 10 W; 0.5 A Change-over contact: AC 100 V; 5 VA; 0.25 A; max. 100 Hz DC 100 V; 5 W; 0.25 A
<b>Accuracy</b>	$\pm$ 3 mm switch point accuracy incl. hysteresis, non-repeatability
<b>Mounting position</b>	Vertical $\pm$ 30°
<b>Process connection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ G 1, installation from outside</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> <li>■ G ½, installation from inside <sup>2) 3)</sup></li> <li>■ G ¼, installation from inside <sup>2) 3)</sup></li> <li>■ G ¾, installation from inside <sup>2)</sup></li> <li>■ G ½, installation from inside <sup>2)</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Material</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Wetted Process connection, guide tube: Stainless steel 316Ti Float: See table on page 3</li> <li>■ Non-wetted Case: Stainless steel 316Ti Electrical connection: See table on page 3</li> </ul>
<b>Permissible temperatures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Medium -30 ... +80 °C [-22 ... +176 °F] -30 ... +120 °C [-22 ... +248 °F] <sup>4) 6)</sup> -30 ... +150 °C [-22 ... +302 °F] <sup>5) 6)</sup></li> <li>■ Ambient -30 ... +80 °C [-22 ... +176 °F]</li> <li>■ Storage -30 ... +80 °C [-22 ... +176 °F]</li> </ul>

1) Smaller minimum distances on request

2) Only for versions with cable outlet

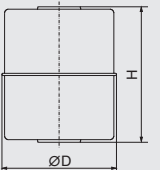
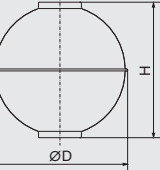
3) Not with 4 switch points

4) Not with cable material: PVC, PUR; max. 1 change-over contact or 2 normally closed/normally open contacts with float outer diameter  $\varnothing$  D = 30 mm [1.2 in]; not with connection housing 58 x 64 x 36 mm [2.3 x 2.5 x 1.4 in]

5) Only with cable material: Silicone or connection housing 75 x 80 x 57 mm [3.0 x 3.1 x 2.2 in]

6) Not for shipbuilding version

Electrical connections <sup>1)</sup>	Max. switch point definition	Ingress protection per IEC/EN 60529 <sup>2)</sup>	Protection class	Material	Cable length
<b>Angular connector</b> DIN EN 175301-803 A <sup>3)</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 2 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 1 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP65	I	PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 2 m [6.5 ft]</li> <li>■ 5 m [16.4 ft]</li> <li>■ other lengths on request</li> </ul>
<b>Circular connector M12 x 1 (4-pin) <sup>3)</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 3 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 1 NO/NC + 1 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP65	II	TPU, brass	
<b>Cable outlet <sup>3)</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP67	II	PVC	
<b>Cable outlet <sup>3)</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP67	II	PUR	
<b>Cable outlet <sup>3)</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 2 NO/NC + 1 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP67	II	Silicone	
<b>Cable outlet "shipbuilding"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP67	II	Polyolefin	
<b>Connection housing "standard"</b> Dimensions: 75 x 80 x 57 mm [3.0 x 3.1 x 2.2 in] For cable diameter: 5 ... 10 mm [0.2 ... 0.4 in]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 4 NO/NC</li> <li>■ 4 SPDT</li> </ul>	IP66	I	Aluminium, glands from polyamide, brass, stainless steel	-
<b>Connection housing "compact"</b> Dimensions: 58 x 64 x 36 mm [2.3 x 2.5 x 1.4 in] For cable diameter: 5 ... 10 mm [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>	IP66	I		

Float	Form	Outer diameter Ø D	Height H	Operating pressure	Medium temperature	Density	Material
	Cylinder <sup>4)7)</sup>	44 mm [1.7 in]	52 mm [2.0 in]	≤ 16 bar [≤ 232 psi]	≤ 150 °C [≤ 302 °F]	≥ 750 kg/m <sup>3</sup> [46.8 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ]	316Ti
	Cylinder <sup>5)</sup>	30 mm [1.2 in]	36 mm [1.4 in]	≤ 10 bar [≤ 145 psi]	≤ 120 °C [≤ 248 °F]	≥ 850 kg/m <sup>3</sup> [53.1 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ]	316Ti
	Cylinder <sup>5)3)</sup>	25 mm [1.0 in]	17 mm [0.7 in]	≤ 16 bar [≤ 232 psi]	≤ 80 °C [≤ 176 °F]	≥ 750 kg/m <sup>3</sup> [46.8 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ]	Buna / NBR
	Sphere <sup>6)7)</sup>	52 mm [2.0 in]	52 mm [2.0 in]	≤ 40 bar [≤ 580 psi]	≤ 150 °C [≤ 302 °F]	≥ 750 kg/m <sup>3</sup> [46.8 lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> ]	316Ti

1) Versions with protective conductor on request

2) The stated ingress protection (per IEC/EN 60529) only applies when plugged in using mating connectors that have the appropriate ingress protection.

3) Not for shipbuilding version

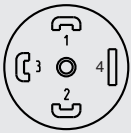
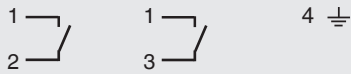

4) Not with process connection G 1, guide tube length L ≥ 100 mm [L ≥ 3.94 in]


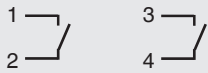
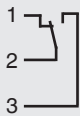
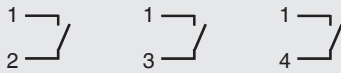
5) Guide tube length L ≤ 1,000 mm [L ≤ 39.37 in], switch points max. 3 NO/NC or 2 SPDT definable

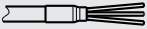
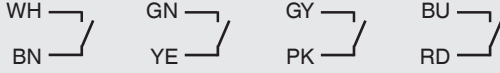
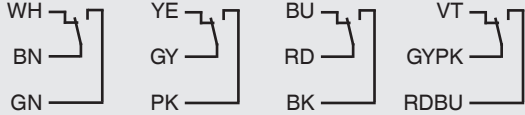
6) Not with process connection G 1, G 1 ½, guide tube length L ≥ 100 mm [L ≥ 3.94 in]

7) Not with process connection G ½

## Connection diagram

Angular connector DIN EN 175301-803 A		
	Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)	Change-over contact (SPDT)
	2 switch points SP1          SP2 	1 switch point SP1 

Circular connector M12 x 1 (4-pin)		
	Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)	Change-over contact (SPDT)
	2 switch points SP1          SP2 	1 switch point SP1 
	3 switch points SP1          SP2          SP3 	

Cable outlet <sup>1)</sup>		
	Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)	Change-over contact (SPDT)
	4 switch points SP1          SP2          SP3          SP4 	4 switch points SP1          SP2          SP3          SP4 

1) For combinations of different switching output functions the PIN assignment is marked on the product label.

Aluminium case		
"Standard"	Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)	Change-over contact (SPDT)
	4 switch points SP1      SP2      SP3      SP4 	4 switch points SP1      SP2      SP3      SP4 
"Compact" 1)	Normally open/normally closed (NO/NC)	Change-over contact (SPDT)
	2 switch points SP1      SP2  3 switch points SP1      SP2      SP3  4 switch points SP1      SP2      SP3      SP4 	2 switch points SP1      SP2 

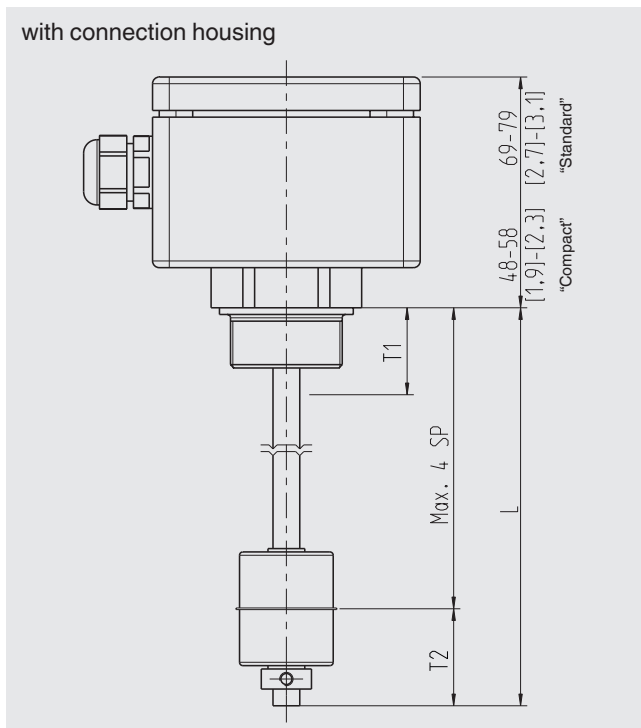
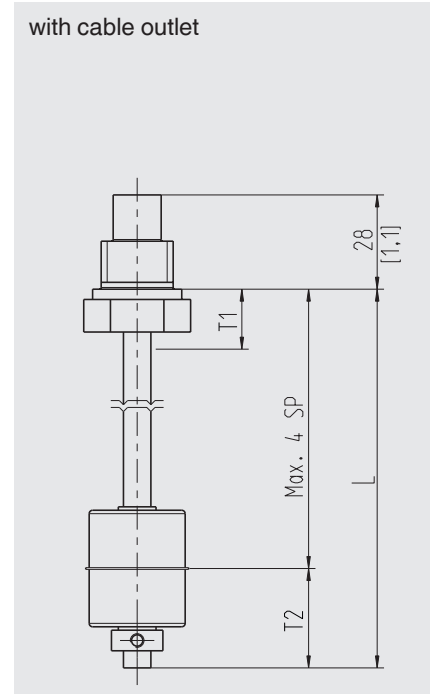
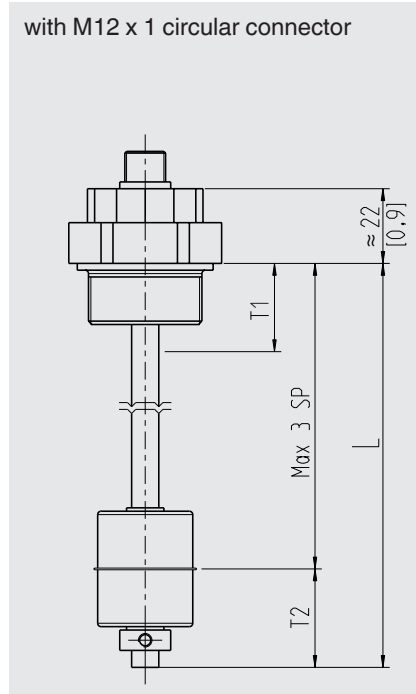
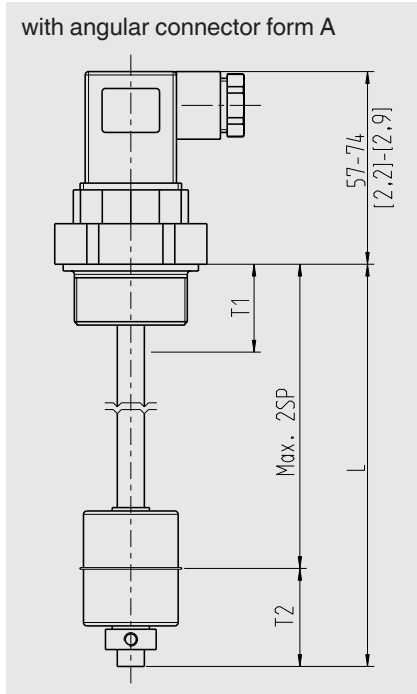
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#### Legend

SP1 - SP4	Switch points
WH	White
BN	Brown
GN	Green
YE	Yellow
GY	Grey
PK	Pink
BU	Blue
RD	Red
BK	Black
VT	Violet
GYPK	Grey/Pink
RDBU	Red/Blue

Electrical safety	
Insulation voltage	DC 2,120 V

## Dimensions in mm [in]



### Legend

- L Guide tube length
- T1 Dead band (from sealing edge)
- T2 Dead band (pipe end)

**Float stop**

- Adjusting collar, for medium temperature  $\leq 80\text{ °C}$  [ $\leq 176\text{ °F}$ ]
- Pipe clamp, for medium temperature  $> 80\text{ °C}$  [ $> 176\text{ °F}$ ]  
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**Dead band T1 float switch in mm [in] (from sealing edge)**

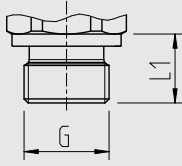
Process connection	Outer diameter float $\varnothing D$			
	$\varnothing 30\text{ mm}$ [1.2 in]	$\varnothing 44\text{ mm}$ [1.7 in]	$\varnothing 52\text{ mm}$ [2.0 in]	$\varnothing 25\text{ mm}$ [1.0 in]
<b>G 1 (von außen)</b>	35 mm [1.4 in]	-	-	25
<b>G 1 ½ (from outside)</b>	35 mm [1.4 in]	45 mm [1.8 in]	-	25 mm [1.0 in]
<b>G 2 (from outside)</b>	40 mm [1.6 in]	50 mm [2.0 in]	50 mm [2.0 in]	25 mm [1.0 in]
<b>Flange (from outside)</b>	20 mm [0.8 in]	30 mm [1.2 in]	30 mm [1.2 in]	5 mm [0.2 in]
<b>G ⅙ B (from inside)</b>	30 mm [1.2 in]	-	-	15 mm [0.6 in]
<b>G ¼ B (from inside)</b>	35 mm [1.4 in]	40 mm [1.6 in]	40 mm [1.6 in]	20 mm [0.8 in]
<b>G ⅓ B (from inside)</b>	35 mm [1.4 in]	40 mm [1.6 in]	40 mm [1.6 in]	20 mm [0.8 in]
<b>G ½ B (from inside)</b>	35 mm [1.4 in]	45 mm [1.8 in]	45 mm [1.8 in]	20 mm [0.8 in]

**Dead band T2 in mm [in] (pipe end)**

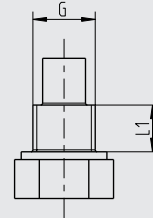
Dead band	Outer diameter float $\varnothing D$			
	$\varnothing 30\text{ mm}$ [1.2 in]	$\varnothing 44\text{ mm}$ [1.7 in]	$\varnothing 52\text{ mm}$ [2.0 in]	$\varnothing 25\text{ mm}$ [1.0 in]
<b>T2</b>	35 mm [1.4 in]	45 mm [1.8 in]	45 mm [1.8 in]	30 mm [1.2 in]

## Process connection

Installation from outside



Installation from inside

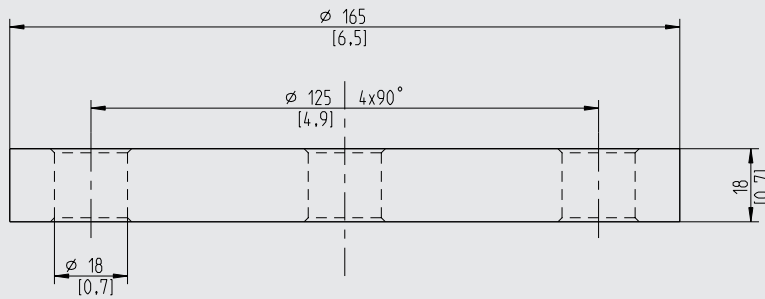


G	L <sub>1</sub>	Spanner width
G 1	16 mm [0.63 in]	41 mm [1.6 in]
G 1 ½	18 mm [0.71 in]	30 mm [1.2 in]
G 2	20 mm [0.79 in]	36 mm [1.4 in]

G	L <sub>1</sub>	Spanner width
G ¼ B	12 mm [0.47 in]	14 mm [0.5 in]
G ¼ B	12 mm [0.47 in]	19 mm [0.7 in]
G ⅜ B	12 mm [0.47 in]	22 mm [0.9 in]
G ½ B	14 mm [0.55 in]	27 mm [1.1 in]

### Flange

DN 50, form B per EN 1092-1 (DIN 2527), PN 16



## Accessories

### Circular connector M12 x 1 with moulded cable

	Description	Temperature range	Cable diameter	Cable length	Order number
	Straight version, cut to length, 4-pin, PUR cable, UL listed, IP67	-20 ... +80 °C [-4 ... +176 °F]	4.5 mm [0.18 in]	2 m [6.6 ft]	14086880
				5 m [16.4 ft]	14086883
				10 m [32.8 ft]	14086884
	Angled version, cut to length, 4-pin, PUR cable, UL listed, IP67	-20 ... +80 °C [-4 ... +176 °F]	4.5 mm [0.18 in]	2 m [6.6 ft]	14086889
				5 m [16.4 ft]	14086891
				10 m [32.8 ft]	14086892



## Approvals

Logo	Description	Country
	<b>EU declaration of conformity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Low voltage directive</li><li>■ RoHS directive</li></ul>	European Union
	<b>DNV GL (option) <sup>1)</sup></b> Ships, shipbuilding (e.g. offshore)	International

1) Only for shipbuilding version

## Manufacturer's information and certificates

Logo	Description
-	<b>China RoHS directive</b>

Approvals and certificates, see website

## Ordering information

Model / Output signal / Switching function / Switch point position / Electrical connection / Process connection / Guide tube length L / Medium temperature / Float

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