

# Standard Heavy Duty Limit Switches FD/FP/FL

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Heavy duty limit switches with snap-action contacts and positive break according to BS/EN60947-5-1.

- Bifurcated contacts for low resistance and high reliability – suitable for switching low-level electronic currents
- Double-break contacts with electrically separate NO and NC circuits in conformity with VDE 0660 part 206
- 10A 500VAC/600VDC rated
- Lever types can be user-set to switch by clockwise movement only, anti-clockwise only or both
- Turret head position rotatable in 90° increments
- Centre-position indicator arrow – lever actuators
- Wide range of actuators
- Single and triple cable entry models
- Removable contact block for ease of wiring
- Metal or plastic housing options
- IP66 according to BS EN60947-1
- FD and FP dimensions in accordance with EN50041
- UL and CUL approved



## Options and ordering codes

	FD	5	01
Heavy duty metal housing	FD		
Heavy duty plastic housing	FP		
Triple-entry metal housing	FL		
Snap-action contacts, 1NO + 1NC		5	-
Slow-action, break before make 1NO + 1NC		6	38
Slow-action, make before break 1NO + 1NC		7	
Slow-action contacts, 2NC		9	VFL313
Slow-action contacts, 2NO		10	VFL353
Snap-action contacts, 2NC		11	VFL354
Slow-action contacts, break before make 2NC + 1NO		20	-
Slow-action contacts, 3NC		21	385
Slow-action contacts, break before make 1NC + 2NO		22	
Snap-action contacts, 2NO + 2NC		2	
			Standard actuators - see following pages for type options
			Specify lever type for lift-style switches
			Fixed position roller
			Single adjustment roller
			Dual adjustment roller
			Standard actuators - see following pages for type options
			Specify lever type for life-style switches
			Fixed position roller
			Single adjustment roller
			Dual adjustment roller

Please note:  
Positive break applies to the NC contacts of types 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 20, 21 and 22 only.

## Contact ratings

BS/EN 60947-5-1

AC15 – Control of AC electromagnetic loads > 72VA sealed – replaces AC11	230VAC	6A
	400VAC	4A
	500VAC	1A
DC13 – Control of DC electromagnetic loads where the time taken to reach 95% of the rated current is equal to 6 times the power of the load (where P ≤ 50W) – replaces DC11	24VDC	6A
	125VDC	1.1A
	250VDC	0.4A

## Terminal connections

Terminal screws: M3.5 with rising cable clamps.

Standard contacts: (type 5) NO: 13–14 NC: 21–22

Note: The positive break of the type 5 contact block applies to the NC contacts only. Connections to safety circuits should NOT be made using the NO contacts.

To ensure positive breaking of the contacts, exceed the pre-travel by 1.5mm or 25° according to the model. Maximum screw tightening torque 0.8Nm (8Kgcm)

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## Specification

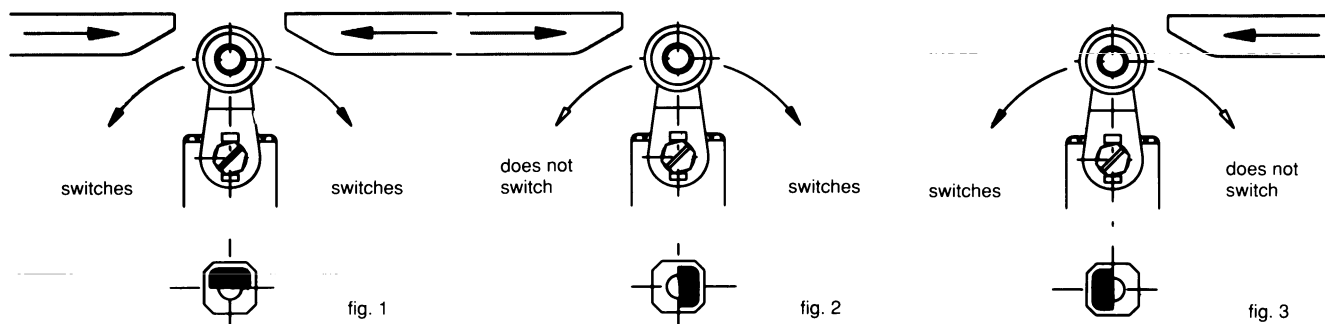
Rated thermal current Ith	10A
Rated working voltage	500VAC/600VDC
Maximum operating frequency	6000/hour
Mechanical life	>20 million operations
Contact form	1NO + 1NC
Initial contact resistance	<25 mOhms
Contact gap	>2.5mm (2 x 1.25mm conforming to VDE 0660 part 206)
Contact material	silver
Dielectric strength	2000VAC, 50/60Hz for 1 minute between open contacts 2000VAC, 50/60Hz for 1 minute between current-carrying parts and ground
Protection rating	IP65
Ambient operating temperature	-25 to +80 deg. C
Ambient humidity	95% R.H.
Maximum wire size	2 x 1.5mm <sup>2</sup> flexible, 2 x 2.5mm <sup>2</sup> solid
Housing material	FD/FL die-cast metal alloy, FP: self-extinguishing, glass-reinforced, thermoplastic resin
Conduit entry	PG 13.5

## Programmable head – lever operation models

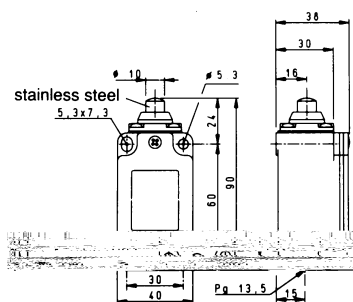
All limit switches with lever operation in the FD/FP/FL ranges can be user-set to switch by clockwise rotation only, anti-clockwise only or both. To change the operation, which is factory set to switch in both directions, the four screws securing the turret head should be loosened, the head removed and the internal piston rotated through 90°. The head should then be replaced.

The models to which this applies are: 531; 532; 533; 535; 536; 538; 551; 552; 553.

Figure 1 shows the piston position for switching in both directions, figure 2 for clockwise only and figure 3 for anti-clockwise only.



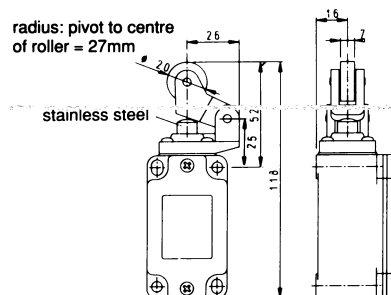
## Standard actuator options – FD and FP series



### Actuator type 01

#### Piston plunger

Operating force min.	OF	820g
Pre-travel	PT	2mm
Over-travel	OT	4mm
Movement differential	MD	1mm
Operating point	OP	22mm
Operating speed max.	OS	0.5m/s



### Actuator type 02

#### One-way roller - top actuated

Operating force min.	OF	615g
Pre-travel	PT	2.9mm
Over-travel	OT	5.6mm
Movement differential	MD	1.6mm
Operating point	OP	49.1mm
Operating speed max.	OS	0.5m/s using a 30° cam

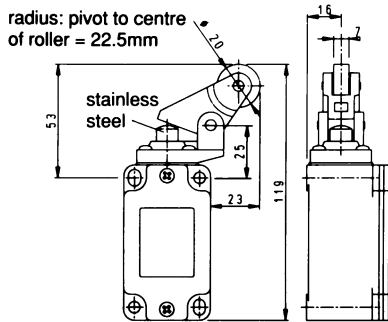
Note: ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 021

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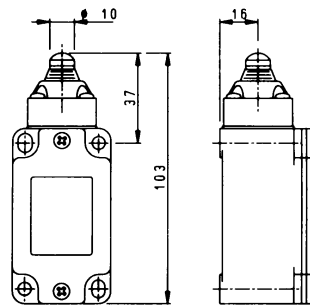
### Standard actuator options – FD and FP series continued



#### Actuator type 05

##### One-way roller-side actuated

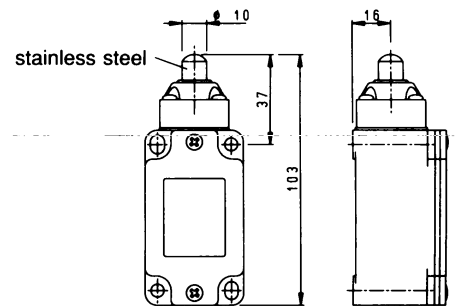
OF 615g  
PT 2.9mm  
OT 5.6mm  
MD 1.6mm  
OP –  
OS 0.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Note: ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 051



#### Actuator type 10

##### Sealed piston plunger

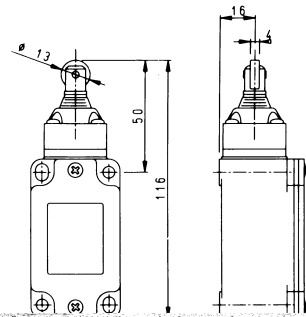
OF 1125g  
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OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 35mm  
OS 0.5m/s



#### Actuator type 11

##### Long piston plunger

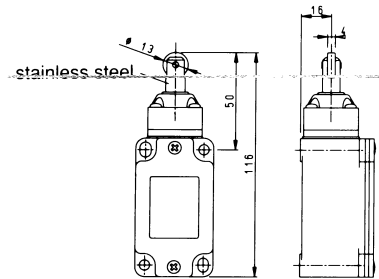
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PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 35mm  
OS 0.5m/s



#### Actuator type 15

##### Sealed roller piston plunger

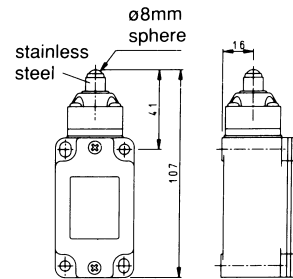
OF 1125g  
PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 48mm  
OS 0.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Note: ø13mm metal roller only



#### Actuator type 16

##### Roller piston plunger

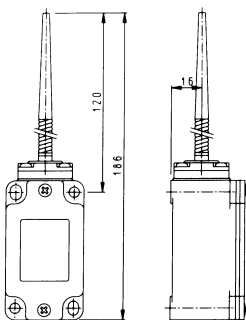
OF 820g  
PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 48mm  
OS 0.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Note: ø13mm metal roller only



#### Actuator type 18

##### Rolling ball piston plunger

OF 820g  
PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 39mm  
OS 0.5m/s

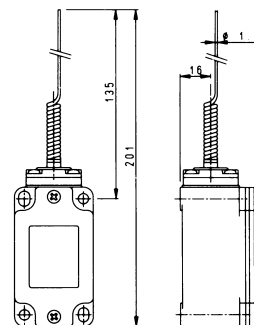


#### Actuator type 20

##### Sealed coil spring with flexible rod

OF 125g at 2/3 the length of the actuator  
PT 14°  
OT –  
MD 7°  
OP –  
OS 1m/s

Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits  
Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



#### Actuator type 21

##### Sealed coil spring with cat's whisker

OF 92g at 2/3 the length of the actuator  
PT 14°  
OT –  
MD 7°  
OP –  
OS 1m/s

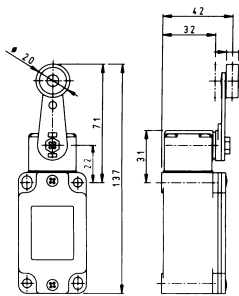
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## Standard actuator options – FD and FP series continued

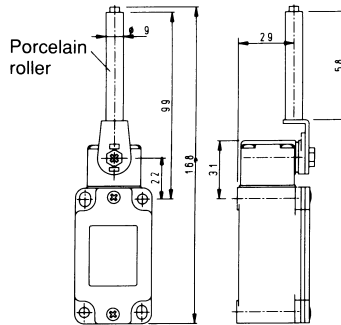


**Actuator type 52**

**Roller lever without offset**

OF	920gcm
PT	30°
OT	45°
MD	14°
OP	—
OS	1.5m/s

Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:521; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:522; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:523.  
2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



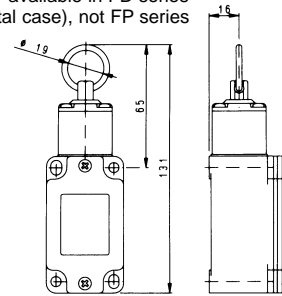
**Actuator type 53**

**Porcelain roller lever**

OF	615gcm
PT	30°
OT	45°
MD	14°
OP	—
OS	—

Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

Only available in FD series (metal case), not FP series



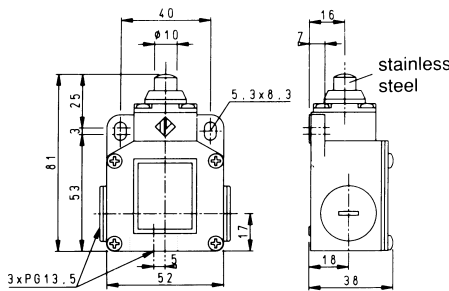
**Actuator type 76**

**Rope**

OF	2450g
PT	1.8mm
OT	6.4mm
MD	1mm
OP	66.8mm
OS	—

Note: Not suitable for safety circuits. For rope operated safety switches, see Safety Limit Switches data sheet on page 297

## Standard actuator options – FL series

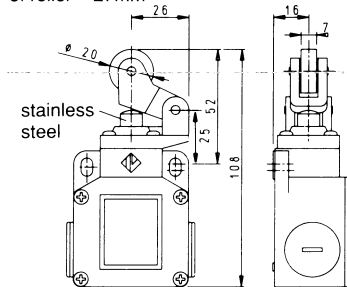


**Actuator type 01**

**Piston plunger**

OF	820g
PT	2mm
OT	4mm
MD	1mm
OP	23mm
OS	0.5m/s

radius: pivot to centre of roller = 27mm

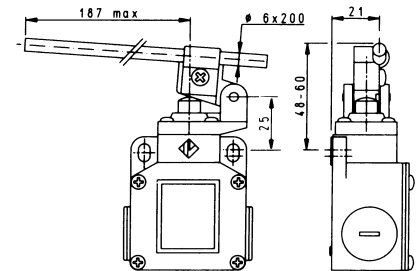


**Actuator type 02**

**One-way roller - top actuated**

OF	615g
PT	2.9mm
OT	5.6mm
MD	1.6mm
OP	49.1mm
OS	0.5m/s using a 30° cam

Note: ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:021

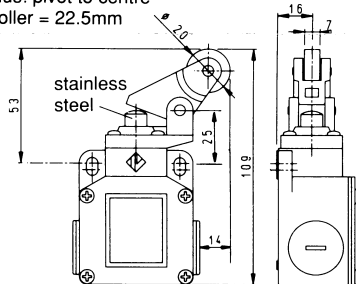


**Actuator type 04**

**Piston plunger with adjustable glass-fibre rod lever**

OF	Variable – dependent on glass-fibre rod position
PT	
OT	
MD	
OP	
OS	—

radius: pivot to centre of roller = 22.5mm

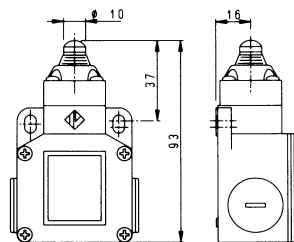


**Actuator type 05**

**One-way roller - side actuated**

OF	615g
PT	2.9mm
OT	5.6mm
MD	1.6mm
OP	—
OS	0.5m/s using a 30° cam

Note: ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:051



**Actuator type 10**

**Sealed piston plunger**

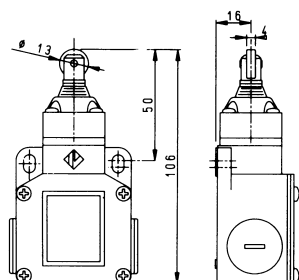
OF	1125g
PT	2mm
OT	4mm
MD	1mm
OP	35mm
OS	0.5m/s

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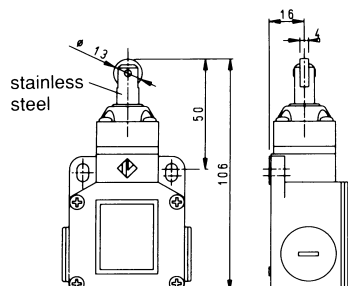
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### Standard actuator options – FL series continued



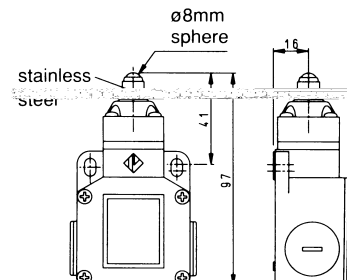
**Actuator type 15**  
Sealed roller piston plunger

OF 1125g  
PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 48mm  
OS 0.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Note: ø13mm metal roller only



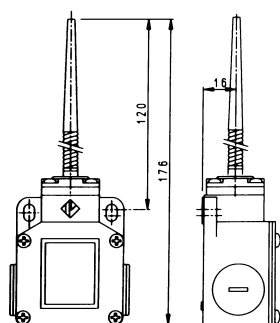
**Actuator type 16**  
Roller piston plunger

OF 820g  
PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 48mm  
OS 0.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Note: ø13mm metal roller only



**Actuator type 18**  
Rolling ball piston plunger

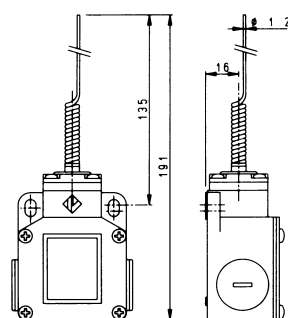
OF 820g  
PT 2mm  
OT 4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 39mm  
OS 0.5m/s



**Actuator type 20**  
Sealed coil spring with flexible rod

OF 125g at 2/3 the length of the actuator  
PT 14°  
OT –  
MD 7°  
OP –  
OS 1m/s

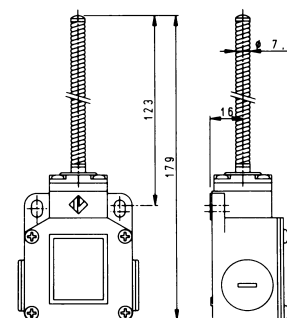
Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits  
Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



**Actuator type 21**  
Sealed coil spring with cat's whisker

OF 92g at 2/3 the length of the actuator  
PT 14°  
OT –  
MD 7°  
OP –  
OS 1m/s

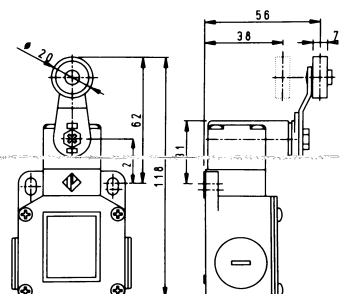
Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits  
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**Actuator type 25**  
Sealed coil spring

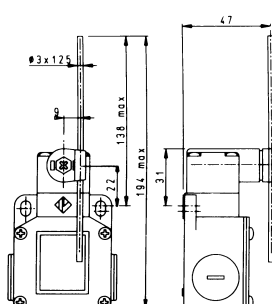
OF 195g at 2/3 the length of the actuator  
PT 14°  
OT –  
MD 7°  
OP –  
OS 1m/s

Notes: Not suitable for safety circuits  
Not suitable for use with contact blocks 20, 21 or 22



**Actuator type 31**  
Roller lever with small offset

OF 1530gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:311; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:312; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:313. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



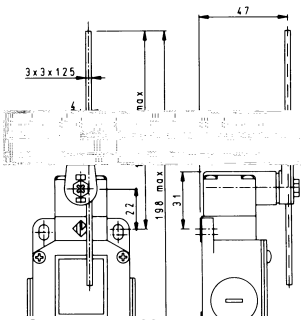
**Actuator type 32**  
Adjustable round steel rod lever

OF 1530gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s  
Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

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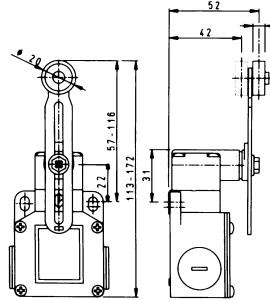


## Standard actuator options – FL series continued



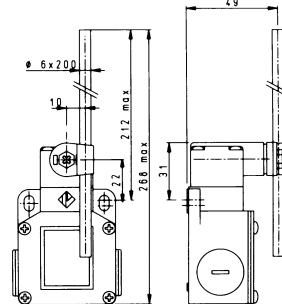
**Actuator type 33**  
Adjustable square steel rod lever

OF 1530gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s  
Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



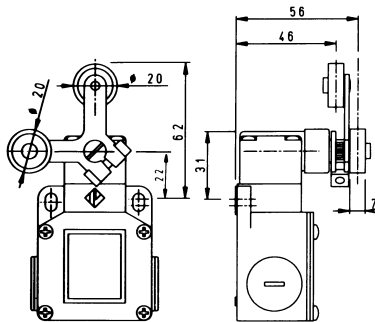
**Actuator type 35**  
Adjustable roller lever

OF 1530gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.:351; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.:352; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:353.  
2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments

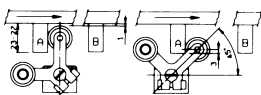


**Actuator type 36**  
Adjustable glass-fibre rod lever

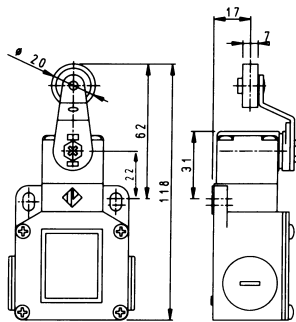
OF 1530gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s  
Notes: 1. Not suitable for safety circuits.  
2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



**Actuator type 40**  
Dual roller lever with two stable free positions

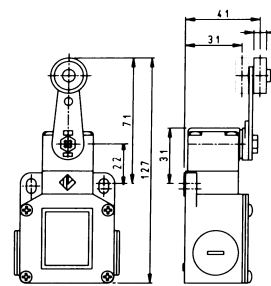


Specify lever type:  
Double track (shown above) VFL42  
Single track (not shown) VFL41  
Steel rod lever VFL43



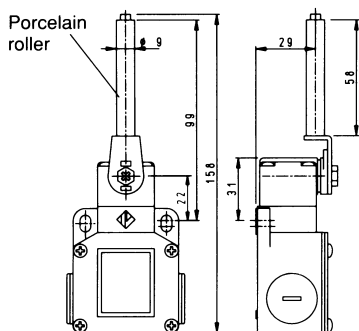
**Actuator type 51**  
Roller lever with large offset

OF 920gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 511. 2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



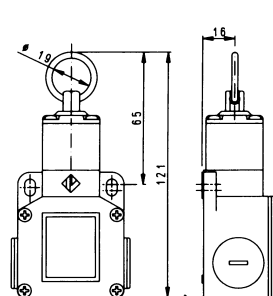
**Actuator type 52**  
Roller lever without offset

OF 920gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS 1.5m/s using a 30° cam  
Notes: 1. ø20mm plastic roller as standard, ø20mm metal roller actuator part no.: 521; ø35mm plastic roller actuator part no.: 522; ø50mm rubber roller actuator part no.:523.  
2. Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



**Actuator type 53**  
Porcelain roller lever

OF 615gcm  
PT 30°  
OT 45°  
MD 14°  
OP –  
OS –  
Note: Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments



**Actuator type 76**  
Rope

OF 2450g  
PT 1.8mm  
OT 6.4mm  
MD 1mm  
OP 66.8mm  
OS –  
Note: Not suitable for safety circuits. For rope operated safety switches, see Safety Limit Switches data sheet on page ????

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## Glossary

The following is a glossary of terms in specifying actuator characteristics:

### Operating force (OF)

The force applied to the actuator required to operate the switch contacts.

### Releasing force (RF)

The value to which the force on the actuator must be reduced to allow the contacts to return to the normal position.

### Total force (TF)

The force applied to the actuator required to reach the stopper from the free position.

### Free position (FP)

The initial position of the actuator when there is no external force applied.

### Operating position (OP)

The position of the actuator at which the contacts snap to the operated contact position measured with respect to the centres of the mounting holes.

### Releasing position (RP)

The position of the actuator at which the contacts snap from the operated contact position to their normal position.

### Total travel position (TTP)

The position of the actuator when it reaches the limit of travel – must not be exceeded.

### Pretravel (PT)

The distance or angle through which the actuator moves from the free position to the operating position.

### Overtravel (OT)

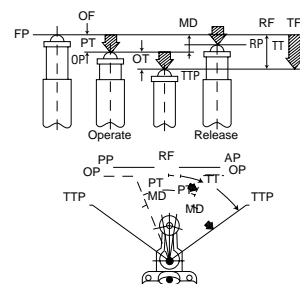
The distance or angle of the actuator movement beyond the operating position.

### Movement differential (MD)

The distance or angle from the operating position to the releasing position.

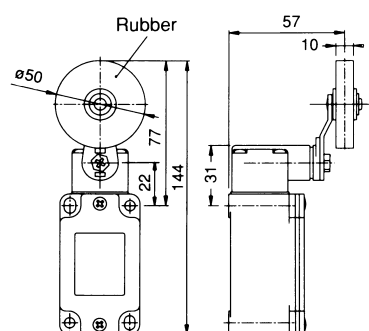
### Total travel (TT)

The sum of the pretravel and overtravel expressed by distance or angle.



## Lift-style switches

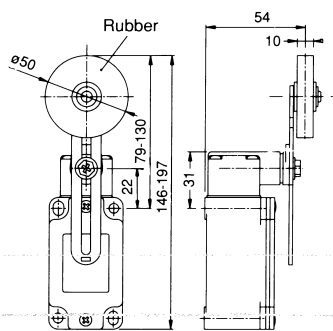
### EXAMPLES



FD538 or FD5385 or FD938 + VFL313  
FP538 or FP938 + VFL313

Turret type 38

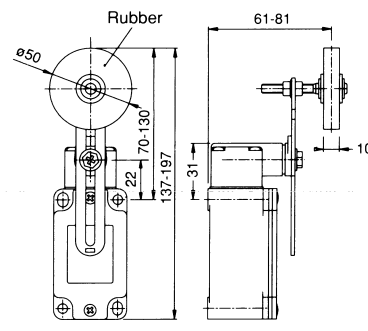
Lever type VFL313 (fixed position roller)



FD538 or FD5385 or FD938 + VFL353  
FP538 or FP938 + VFL353

Turret type 38

Lever type VFL353 (single adjustment roller)



FD538 or FD5385 or FD938 + VFL354  
FP538 or FP938 + VFL354

Turret type 38

Lever type VFL354 (dual adjustment roller)

- Three lever options.
- FL model also available with a choice of lever.
- Age-resistant and oil-resistant rubber rollers.
- Lever position adjustable over 360° in 10° increments.
- Head rotatable in 90° increments.

- User-selectable to switch by clockwise movement only, anti-clockwise only, or both.
- Glass-reinforced thermoplastic resin model (FP) double insulated for electrical safety.
- Die-cast metal alloy models (FD and FL) include earth terminal.

Types VFL353 and have a location slot at the end to lock the levers at full extension if required.










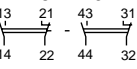


# Standard Heavy Duty Limit Switches

## FD/FP/FL continued



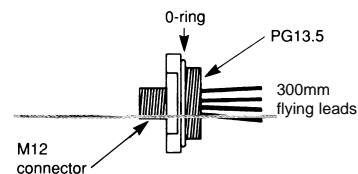
### Replacement contact blocks

<b>B5</b>	1NO + 1NC 13 21 14 22	Positive break <i>Snap action</i> standard contact block		Zb
				
<b>B6</b>	1NO + 1NC 13 21 14 22	Positive break <i>Slow action</i> break before make		Zb
				
<b>B7</b>	1NO + 1NC 13 21 14 22	Positive break <i>Slow action</i> make before break		Zb
				
<b>B9</b>	2NC 11 21 12 22	Positive break <i>Slow action</i> , contacts 11-12, 21-22 open at the same time		Zb
				
<b>B14</b>		Positive break <i>Slow action</i> , contacts 11-12 open first, further actuator travel causes contacts 21-22 to open		
<b>B10</b>	2NO 13 23 14 24	<i>Slow action</i> , contacts 13-14, 23-24 close at the same time		
				
<b>B15</b>		<i>Slow action</i> , contacts 13-14 close first, further actuator travel causes contacts 23-24 to close		
<b>B2</b>	2NO + 2NC 13 21 43 31 14 22 44 32	<i>Snap action</i> , double pole		
				

### Plug and socket limit switches

All FR/FM/FZ/FX series limit switches can be converted to a plug-in style by the addition of an adaptor.

Part number  
**8R4D26E03C3003**



The adaptor is screwed into the limit switch and the four flying leads connected to the four terminals of the contact block.

Suitable 4-wire plug leads are available.

Ratings 250VAC/300VDC

3A

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### Cable glands

Cable glands are available to enable standard multi-core cables to be connected without the use of conduit.

Two sizes are possible:

Part number **VFPG13.5** Cable size  $\varnothing$ 9-12mm

Part number **VFPG13.5/6** Cable size  $\varnothing$ 6-9mm

