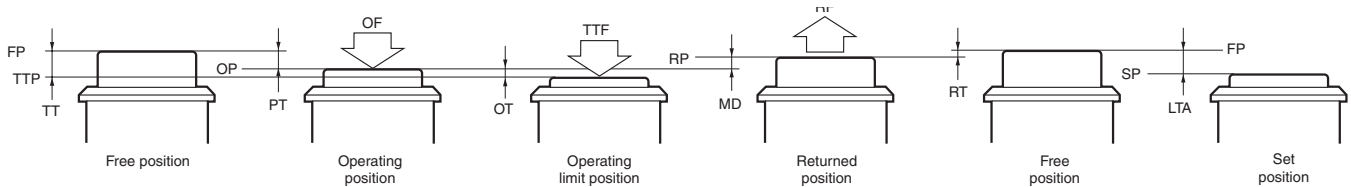


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Terms for Pushbutton Switches

Terms Related to Operating Characteristics

Classification	Term	Abbreviation	Unit	Definition
Force (torque)	Operating Force (torque)	OF	N, N·m	The force (or torque) that must be applied to the pushbutton to move it from the free position to the operating position.
	Releasing Force (torque)	RF	N, N·m	The force (or torque) that must be applied to the pushbutton to move it from the operating limit position back to the returned position.
	Total Travel Force (torque)	TTF	N, N·m	The force (or torque) on the pushbutton when it reaches the stopper.
Position	Free Position	FP	mm, (°)	The position (or angle) of the pushbutton when there is no external force applied to it.
	Operating Position	OP	mm, (°)	The position (or angle) of the pushbutton when the movable contact changes from the free position state to the operating position state due to an external force.
	Release Position	RP	mm, (°)	The position (or angle) of the pushbutton when the movable contact changes from the operating position state to the free position state due to the reduction of external force.
	Total Travel Position	TTP	mm, (°)	The position (or angle) of the pushbutton when it reaches the stopper.
	Set Position	SP	mm, (°)	The position of an alternate operation pushbutton when it is in the self-holding state, or the position (or angle) of a selector switch when it is in the self-holding state.
Travel	Pretravel	PT	mm, (°)	The distance (or angle) through which the pushbutton moves in going from the free position to the operating position.
	Overtravel	OT	mm, (°)	The distance (or angle) through which the pushbutton moves in going from the operating position to the operating limit position.
	Movement Differential	MD	mm, (°)	The distance (or angle) through which the pushbutton moves in going from the operating position back to the returned position.
	Total Travel	TT	mm, (°)	The distance (or angle) through which the pushbutton moves in going from the free position to the operating limit position.
	Releasing Travel	RT	mm, (°)	The distance (or angle) through which the pushbutton moves in going from the returned position to the free position.
	Lock Travel Alternate	LTA	mm, (°)	The distance (or angle) through which the pushbutton moves in going from the free position to the set position.



Terminal Symbols

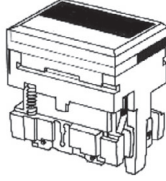
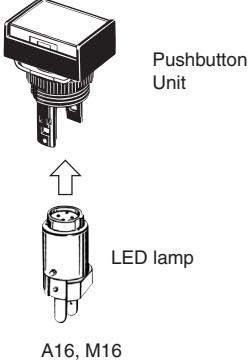
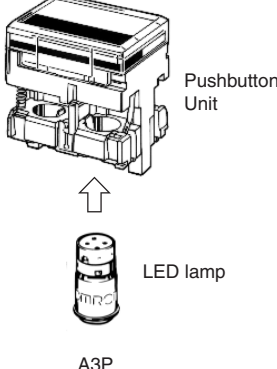
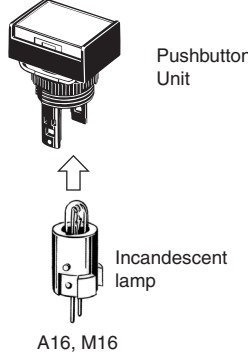
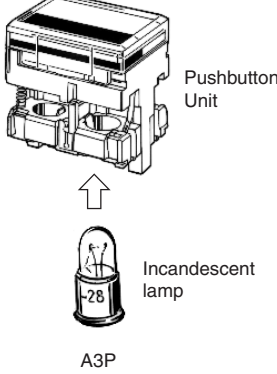
Symbol	Meaning
COM	Common terminal
NC	Normally closed terminal
NO	Normally open terminal

Contact Form

Name	Contact form
Double-throw	
Normally closed	
Normally opened	
Double-break	

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General Terms

Term	Explanation	
Chameleon lighting	Full-screen lighting in one of 3 colors: red, green, or orange. (Orange is produced by simultaneous illumination of red and green.)	
Simultaneity	This term is used for switches that have more than one contact circuit. It indicates the difference in time or position between the contacts when all the contacts of the switch are opened or closed in one operation.	
LED lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED-lighted models are lit with an LED installed in the base of the Pushbutton Unit. The LED is mounted internally; it cannot be removed. 	
LED-lamp lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED lamp-lighted models use the same light source as incandescent lamp-lighted models, with an LED instead of a filament. The Lamp (i.e., the LED lamp) and the Pushbutton Unit can be separated. 	 
Incandescent lamp lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incandescent lamp-lighted models are lit with an incandescent lamp. The Lamp (i.e., the incandescent lamp) and the Pushbutton Unit can be separated. 	 
Voltage Reduction Unit	For 16-dia. A16 (M16) models and 22-dia. A22 (M22) models	The Voltage Reduction Unit has a smoothing circuit and resistor, and lights the 24-VAC/VDC LED lamp by applying 110 (or 220) VAC/VDC directly to the Lamp terminals.
Matrix mounting	Mounting several Switches in vertical and/or horizontal lines.	
Locking Switches	Switches that have the functionality to self-hold when the pushbutton is operated.	
Horizontal side-by-side mounting	Mounting Switches side-by-side with the long side of the Switch (rectangular models) horizontal.	
Vertical side-by-side mounting	Mounting Switches side-by-side with the long side of the Switch (rectangular models) vertical.	

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Terms Related to IEC947 and IEC950 Explanation

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1	Rated operating voltage (U _e)	VAC: 120, 240, 380, 480, 500, 600 VDC: 125, 250, 440, 500, 600																																			
2	Rated operating current (I _e)	Specified by the manufacturer on consideration of rated operating voltage (U _e), rated frequency, rated energizing time, area of application, and type of enclosure protection.																																			
3	Rated insulation voltage (U _i)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Determined by creepage distance and the dielectric strength. · The maximum U_e value must not exceed the maximum U_i value. · If there is no U_i value specified, the maximum U_e value is taken as the U_i value. 																																			
4	Pollution degree	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Either no pollutants are present, or only dried, non-conductive pollutants are present (e.g., clean rooms). 2. Basically, only non-conductive pollutants are present, or only transient conductivity occurs due to condensation (indoor locations, such as offices). 3. Conductive pollutants are present, or non-conductive pollutants are present in locations where condensation is expected (e.g., factories). 4. Conductivity due to impurities is a constant possibility, or conductivity is caused by conductive dust, rain, or snow (e.g., outdoor locations). 																																			
5	Electric shock protection class	<p>Class I: These devices require grounding. Electric shock is prevented by basic insulation and charged parts that would be subject to dangerously high voltages if the insulation was damaged, are grounded.</p> <p>Class II: Electric shocks are prevented by double insulation or enforced insulation.</p> <p>Class III: No countermeasures against electric shocks are required because the electric circuits in use operate in a low-enough voltage range.</p>																																			
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