S285 Coolant Level Switch – Capacitance Type

The S285 is an active device designed to give an alarm signal if liquid falls below, or rises above, a preset level. It can be specified with a delay to eliminate false alarms due to turbulence. Containing a factory programmable microprocessor, the switch offers sink to ground or source voltage output. Its small footprint with limited intrusion into the tank means a reduced risk of damage and a wide range of customer specifiable options make it suitable for most applications. The switch is designed to operate in both earthed metal and isolated plastic tanks. For high accuracy the S285 is ideally mounted horizontally at the point where an alarm or control signal is required. However, the switch can be mounted vertically – contact Fozmula with your application requirements.

**SPECIFICATION**

**Liquid types:** Water based liquids, such as coolant or washer fluid, compatible with brass, PTFE, EPDM and FVMQ.

**Electrical rating**
- **Supply voltage:** 9-36 VDC.
- **Supply current:** 7 mA + source output.
- **Max. load current:** 1.0 A (sink) or 20 mA (source).
- **Alarm delay time:** 0 to 25 s rising or falling (factory set).
- **Connection:** 4 way Delphi Packard Metri-Pack 150 series connector.
- **Power up delay:** 0 to 10 s (factory set).
- **Power up state:** ‘In Liquid’ or ‘Out of Liquid’ (factory set).
- **Output type:** Sink (open collector) and/or Source (supply voltage).
- **Output pin:** Pin D (sink) or Pin A (source).
- **Output state:** Sink Open / Closed in liquid (factory set).

**Connections:** See diagram below.

**Construction**
- **Body:** Brass.
- **Probe:** PTFE.
- **Terminals:** Brass, Tin Plated.
- **Seals:** EPDM & FVMQ.
- **Connector:** PA66 30% Glass Filled Nylon.
- **Thread sealant:** Vibra-Seal 516 (taper thread variants only).

**Environmental Ratings**
- **Ingress:** IP67 (with mating connector fitted).
- **Max. pressure:** 5.0 Bar (72 psi)
- **Temp. range:** -40 °C to +125 °C
- **Weight:** 70 g typical (dependent on thread size)
- **EMC:** ISO13766:2006

**Vibration (15.3 Grms)**
3 orthogonal planes for 3 hours per plane

**Testing performed in accordance with BSEN 60068-2-64:1993**

**Drop:** 1 m to concrete surface.

**Optional accessories**
- **C/K1:** Packard Metri-Pack 150 series mating connector kit to suit harness wire cross sectional area of 0.8 to 1.0 mm² and sleeve Ø1.60 to 2.15 mm.

**Recommended Installation Tightening Torques:**
- ¼" NPTF: 9 Nm
- ⅜" NPTF: 11 Nm
- ½" NPTF: 20 Nm
- ⅜" BSPP: 15 Nm
- ⅜" BSPT: 20 Nm

**Diagram:**

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