Flow Switch
Diaphragm Type Flow Switch
IFW5 Series

The flow switch, IFW series is used for detection and confirmation of the flow as a relaying device for the general water applications in some various equipment such as cooling water fixture in the industrial machinery.

- Low flow setting possible (1 L/min)
- Simple flow setting
  Without removing the cover, you can set with a screwdriver from the outside.

How to Order

IFW5 10 - N 03 - 1 1 -

- Diaphragm type flow switch
- Thread type
  Nil Rc N NPT F G
- Body size
  Model Body size Set flow rate
  10 10 L/min type 1 to 10 L/min
  20 20 L/min type 10 to 20 L/min
  50 50 L/min type 20 to 50 L/min
  Note) Operating pressure: 0.2 MPa or less

- Light
  0 None
  1 With neon light (110 VAC, Red)
  2 With neon light (110 VAC, Green)
  3 With neon light (220 VAC, Red)
  4 With neon light (220 VAC, Green)
  5 With LED light (24 VDC, Red)
  6 With LED light (24 VDC, Green)
  Note) LED light is available for 5, 6, 7, 8 (with terminal box for 24 VDC).

- Terminal box
  0 Without terminal box (Contact: 1ab)
  1 With terminal box (Contact: 1a)
  2 With terminal box (Contact: 1b)
  3 With terminal box (24 VDC, + COM, Contact: 1b)
  4 With terminal box (24 VDC, + COM, Contact: 1a)
  5 With terminal box (24 VDC, – COM, Contact: 1b)
  6 With terminal box (24 VDC, – COM, Contact: 1a)

Note) Terminal box for 24 VDC is available for 5, 6 (LED light).

Specifications

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<tr>
<th>Fluid</th>
<th>Water/Non-corrosive liquid *</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating pressure</td>
<td>0.1 to 0.6 MPa</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water resistance</td>
<td>1.2 MPa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating temperature range</td>
<td>–5 to 60°C (No freezing)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operation</td>
<td>Diaphragm type</td>
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<tr>
<td>Insulation resistance</td>
<td>100 MΩ or more (500 VDC measured via megohmmeter)</td>
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<td>Withstand voltage</td>
<td>1500 VAC for one min.</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Without terminal box: 1ab</td>
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<td></td>
<td>With terminal box: 1a or 1b</td>
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<tr>
<td>Port size</td>
<td>3/8, 1/2, 3/4</td>
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<td>Body material in contact with fluid material</td>
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<tr>
<td>Body</td>
<td>CAC408</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rod</td>
<td>C3604B</td>
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<td>Diaphragm</td>
<td>NBR</td>
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About the use of *, please confirm SMC.
Micro Switch Ratings

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<th>Inductive load (A)</th>
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<td>Load resistance</td>
<td>Light load</td>
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<td></td>
<td>N.C.</td>
<td>N.O.</td>
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<td>125 VAC</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>250 VAC</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>8 VDC</td>
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<td>14 VDC</td>
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Model

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Flow range (L/min)</th>
<th>Max. flow (L/min)</th>
<th>Hysteresis (L/min)</th>
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<tr>
<td>IFW510</td>
<td>1 to 10</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1 or less</td>
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<tr>
<td>IFW520</td>
<td>10 to 20</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>1.5 or less</td>
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<td>IFW550</td>
<td>20 to 50</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>3 or less</td>
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Note: Hysteresis is the flow rate that is necessary for moving the microswitch from the operation position (ON signal) to the return position (OFF signal).

Construction/Working Principle

Working Principle
Liquid flow creates a pressure differential nearby the orifice of the port of the body ①. One set of diaphragms monitors the pressure differential and operates the micro switch through the rod ② and operating lever ④.

The rod ② moves downward with increased flow, and upward with decreased flow. Moving the gear ⑤ upward or downward by the adjusting gear ③ manually offers an electric signal at various flow rates.

Flow Rate Characteristics

Component Parts

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Body</td>
<td>CAC40B</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Rod</td>
<td>C3604B</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Gear</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Operating lever</td>
<td>SPCC</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Adjusting gear</td>
<td>POM</td>
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**IFW5 Series**

**Dimensions**

**IFW5□0-□□-00 to 04**  
(Without terminal box)

![Diagram of IFW5 Series with dimensions](image)

**IFW5□0-□□-10 to 24**  
(With terminal box)

![Diagram of IFW5 Series with dimensions and neon light](image)
Dimensions

IFW5 □-□-□-55 to 86
(With light, Terminal box for 24 VDC)
### Precautions

Be sure to read this before handling the products. Refer to back page 50 for Safety Instructions and pages 202 and 203 for Flow Switch Precautions.

### Mounting & Wiring

**Caution**

1. Mount a switch, so that the liquid flow is in the same direction as that of the arrow on the body.
2. Be sure to fill the passage with the fluid.
3. The flow switch can be installed either horizontally or vertically.
4. Provide a straight pipe portion that corresponds to approximately 5 times the bore of the pipe before and after the area of the pipe on which the product is installed, thus keeping the product as far away as possible from the elements that disturb the flow, such as elbows or valves.
5. For wiring, refer to the internal wiring diagram.
6. If a terminal box is not available, wire by selecting the contact at 1a or 1b. At that time, insulate the lead wires that will not be used.
7. Because this is an open type, it cannot be used where water or oil splashes.
8. It cannot be used if a water hammer or pulsation pressure is applied to the fluid.
9. In order to prevent a malfunction or diaphragm damage caused by debris or cutting chips in the fluid, install a filter with approximately 100 mesh on the inlet side of a flow switch.

### Adjusting

**Caution**

1. To adjust flow, remove grommet of the upper cover and rotate flow adjusting gear using a flat head screwdriver. Turning clockwise can increase the set flow and turning counterclockwise can decrease the set flow.
2. The flow rate setting point is set at the ON flow rate. Therefore, in the case of the 1a contact, the ON signal is output if fluid with a higher flow rate than the set flow rate has occurred. In the case of the 1b contact, the ON signal is output when the flow rate has decreased from the set flow rate for the amount that corresponds to the hysteresis.
3. To prevent the chattering that is associated with the fluctuation of the operating flow rate, set the difference between the set flow rate and the operating flow rate so that it is as large as possible.
4. Use at or below the maximum operating pressure and maximum flow rate.
5. The indicator on the window name plate (Fig. 1) is only a guideline. For precise setting, mount a flow meter on the downstream side of the flow switch, and set the level.
6. When setting levels with a low flow rate at pressures of 0.2 MPa or more, there may be interference between the indicator needle and the scale plate. In such cases, detach the indicator needle and scale plate before setting. After setting, the indicator needle and scale plate can be reattached in positions of your choice.

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**Internal Wiring Diagram**

**IFW5-□-□-00/10/20**

- **Symbol**: C (COM), A (NO), B (NC)
- **Contact**: Normally Open, Normally Closed
- **Color of lead wire**: Black, White, Red

**IFW5-□-□-01 to 04/11 to 14/21 to 24**

- **Symbol**: C (COM), A (NO)
- **Contact**: Normally Open
- **Color of lead wire**: Black, White, Red

**IFW5-□-□-55/56**

- **Symbol**: C (COM), A (NO), B (NC)
- **Contact**: Normally Open, Normally Closed
- **Color of lead wire**: Black, White, Red

**IFW5-□-□-65/66**

- **Symbol**: C (COM), A (NO), B (NC)
- **Contact**: Normally Open, Normally Closed
- **Color of lead wire**: Black, White, Red

**IFW5-□-□-75/76**

- **Symbol**: C (COM), A (NO), B (NC)
- **Contact**: Normally Open, Normally Closed
- **Color of lead wire**: Black, White, Red

**IFW5-□-□-85/86**

- **Symbol**: C (COM), A (NO), B (NC)
- **Contact**: Normally Open, Normally Closed
- **Color of lead wire**: Black, White, Red

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**Internal Wiring Diagram**

**IFW5 Series**

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**Fig. 1 Window name plate**

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