

TW26 SERIES TRAILING WIRE FLOW SWITCHES

FEATURES

- UNIQUE TRAILING WIRE SENSOR
- 18 OR 100 BAR PRESSURE RATING
- POWERFUL 15A 500V SPDT SWITCH
- SUITS OPEN CHANNELS OR PIPEWORK
- CORROSION RESISTANT BODY
- WEATHERPROOF IP67 HOUSING

APPLICATIONS

- HIGH VELOCITY FLOW SENSING
- SEWERAGE PUMP CONTROL
- SLURRY PUMP FLOW MONITORING
- PUMP DRY RUN PROTECTION
- DATA LOGGING EFFLUENT FLOWS
- OPEN CHANNEL DATA ACQUISITION
- CONVEYOR BELT SOLIDS DETECTION

INTRODUCTION

The TW26-S and TW26-SS trailing wire flow switches are heavy duty flow sensors that use a flexible stainless wire rather than a conventional paddle to sense fluid flow. They are suitable for sensing flow in open discharge applications or in pipes of any diameter from 25mm upwards. The flexible stainless wire sensor offers major advantages over conventional paddles when used in situations where solids or semi-solids are present, such as in sewerage pumping applications. They are also suitable for use in slurry and mining applications and in many normal pumping situations where the flow velocity is high and conventional paddles are unsuitable.

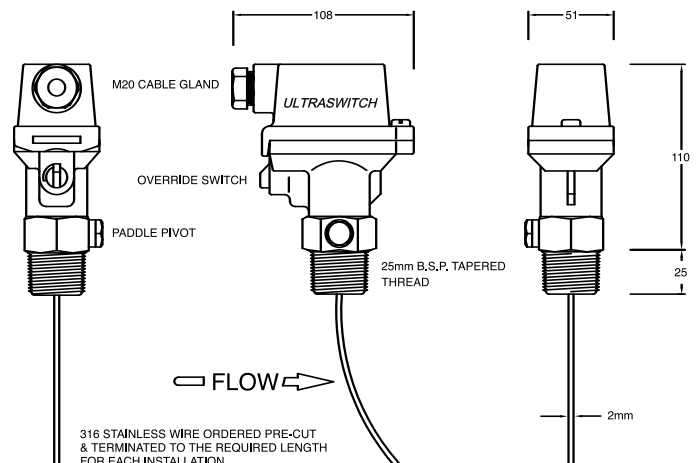
The TW26 trailing wire flow switch is available in two models, an all Polypropylene version, designated TW26-S and an Polypropylene / 316 stainless steel model TW26-SS. Both models are identical with the exception of the stainless body. The standard all Polypropylene switch is suitable for most applications where static or dynamic pressures are less than 18 Bars. The stainless version can safely tolerate pressures to 100 Bars. The TW26-SS has the advantage of higher mechanical strength and finds application in fire prone or vandal prone areas.

CONSTRUCTION

The TW26 series flow switches are made from premium grade polypropylene thermoplastic, and 316 stainless steel. The electrical action within the switch is achieved by the use of powerful rare earth magnets coupling the movement of the trailing wire to the high compliance switch. This mechanism avoids the use of bellows, seals or springs and ensures the switch operates with a very high degree of reliability.



DIMENSIONS



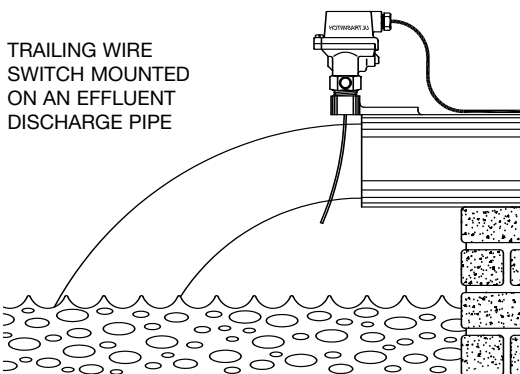
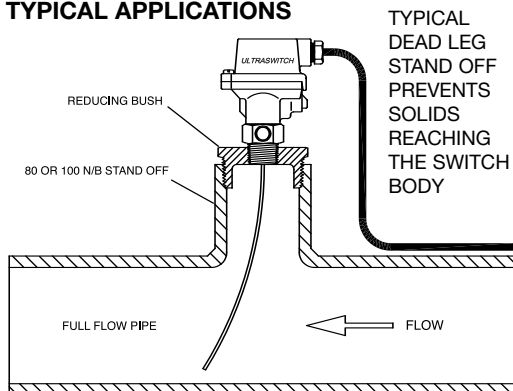
TECHNICAL DATA

APPLICATIONS

It is not possible to give definitive data on the actual flow rates required to actuate the TW26 flow switch. Every installation is unique and many factors interact to influence exactly how the sensor will respond. A minimum force acting on the flexible wire of 0.4N (40 grams) is required to actuate the switch. Depending very much on wire length and submergence, a minimum fluid velocity of around 0.2 to 0.4 Metres per second is generally required to reliably actuate the switch. In low flow situations the cross section of the channel or pipe can be reduced to increase the local velocity sufficient to actuate the TW26 switch. The degree of submergence of the trailing wire and the distance from the liquid surface to the switch, the viscosity and amount and nature of any entrained matter in the fluid stream will also affect the switch's action.

The TW26 flow switches are principally intended to be mounted above and clear of the surface of the liquid to be monitored. The only part of the switch in contact with the liquid should be the trailing wire. There are a number of variations of this principle that can be used to advantage. For example the switch can be bracketed in front of an open discharge pipe with the trailing wire displaced only when fluid flows. Equally the switch can be screwed through an inspection cover, with the flexible wire trailing into a partly filled pipe.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS



OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Maximum operating pressure (static or dynamic) at ambient temperature.	20 Bars (290 PSI) polypropylene model 100 Bars (1450 PSI) 316 Stainless model
Minimum burst pressure at ambient temperature.	80 Bars (1160 PSI) polypropylene model 400 Bars (5800 PSI) 316 Stainless model
Maximum operating temperature (Liquid)	80 Degrees C at a pressure 1 bar absolute, see note below
Minimum operating temperature (Liquid)	-30°C
Process liquid Ph range	6.8 to 14
Ingress protection rating (Housing)	IP67

Note: Temperature for the maximum operating pressure shown in the above operating environment table is 15°C. In the interest of safety, when using the polypropylene version of the TW26 series, maximum operating pressure must be de-rated linearly in direct proportion to temperature increase, to a maximum pressure of 1 bar absolute at 80 degrees Centigrade. In other words only use this switch at elevated temperatures in non pressurised systems that are totally open to atmosphere in all circumstances and under all conditions.

SPECIFYING SWITCHES

Our factory can supply switches configured to specific requirements. The trailing wire is normally supplied cut to the required length. The free end of the flexible wire is TIG welded to prevent fraying. Wire lengths range from 25mm to 500mm. When ordering TW26 flow switches, please nominate the required wire length or the size of the pipe in which the switch is to be installed. For example the following part number would define the basic all Polypropylene switch with a flexible wire length of 100mm. TW26-S-100. A 100 Bar pressure rated switch with an Polypropylene / 316 stainless body suitable for mounting in a 200mm diameter pipe would be defined as TW26-SS-200.

MANUAL OVERRIDE

The TW26 trailing wire flow switch has a built in manual override, located under the cable gland on the end face of the switch. The rotary toggle switch is marked AUTO and ON. In the AUTO position the flow switch responds solely to flow, and the toggle switch has no effect. In the ON position the flow switch is actuated regardless of the state of the actual flow, that is, the switch is turned on. The override feature is handy for testing new installations, commissioning systems and for manually priming pumps or starting diesel pump sets etc.

ELECTRICAL DATA

All electrical work associated with this flow switch must be carried out by qualified persons only and must be in accordance with the relevant local codes.

The TW26 flow switch houses a magnetically coupled high current high voltage single pole double throw microswitch. The standard TW26 flow switch is fitted with a 15Amp 500Volt switch suitable for most general control circuit applications. The accompanying table gives the electrical rating of the switch.

The TW26-S and the TW26-SS models are suitable for general control circuit applications.

Rated Voltage	NON INDUCTIVE LOADS				INDUCTIVE LOADS			
	Resistive load		Lamp Load		Inductive Load		Motor Load	
	NC	NO	NC	NO	NC	NO	NC	NO
125 VAC	15A	3 A	1.5 A	15A	5A	2.5A		
250 VAC	15A	2.5A	1.25A	15A	3A	1.5A		
500 VAC	10A	1.5A	0.75A	6A	1.5A	0.75A		
8 VDC	15A	3 A	1.5 A	15A	5A	2.5A		
14 VDC	15A	3 A	1.5 A	10A	5A	2.5A		
30 VDC	6A	3 A	1.5 A	5A	5A	2.5A		
125 VDC	0.5A	0.5 A	0.5 A	0.05A	0.05A	0.05A		
250 VDC	0.25A	0.25 A	0.25 A	0.03A	0.03A	0.03A		

Please Note: All of the component parts of the TW26 series trailing wire flow switch are available as spare parts. Spare flexible wire sensor arms should be specified by quoting the required wire length.

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