## 1500 Series Level Switches

The SOR ${ }^{\circledR}$ family of 1500 series mechanical level switches answer industry's call for less expensive alternatives to the traditional chambered level switch. The 1500s are suitable for most any point level application.

## Common Applications

- Separators
- Suction Scrubbers
- Dehydrators
- Refrigeration
- Re-injection
- Small Diameter Vessels
- High-Low Level Alarm
- Cooling Water Applications
- Wet Scrubbers
- Seal Pots
- Make-Up Water
- Vapor Recovery
- Overflow Protection
- Lube Oil Reservoirs
- Pump On - Pump Off
- Contaminated Water Applications


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- All Stainless Steel construction
- Standard product rating of 1500 psi @-40 to $400^{\circ}$ F (103 BAR @ -40 to $204^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
- Minimum working temperature rating of $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
- 5000 psi rating available with polypropylene float
- Complete isolation of the process from the switch - no o-rings or seals
- Horizontal switches may be oriented for high- or low-level action
- SOR products are certified to IEC 61508 for non-redundant use in SIL1 and SIL2 Safety Instrumented Systems for most models. For more details or values applicable to a specific product, see the Safety Integrity Level Quick Guide (Form 1528).
- 5-year warranty


## Application: Separators

Multiple separators are a common occurance in the natural gas industry. Even with raw gas wells, there is always condensate, water, or some other NGL that needs to be separated prior to transporting for processing.

There are a number of separation technologies and all of them require collection of these liquids after separation. Some are simple gravity separators, while some can be quite elaborate.
Regardless of the separation method, SOR 1500 Series Level Switches fit the application.

## Inlet separator

As raw gas enters large vessels in the plant called "inlet separators", condensate (natural gasoline) and water is removed from the main gas stream. An SOR 1510 level switch is mounted in a separator at, or about, the same elevation as the inlet pipe that brings in the raw oil and gas mixture. A shut-off valve is installed in the inlet piping that is usually kept open by air pressure and allows the fluid mixture to enter the inlet separator. When liquid level reaches the float on the 1510 the switch actuates.

Upon actuation, a signal is sent to (for example) a solenoid valve, sometimes via a PLC, which shuts off the air normally routed to the valve. With the air supply cut off, the valve closes and fluid flow to the separator comes to a halt.

When an SOR 1540 is used, the air supply reaches the shut-off valve via the pneumatic level switch. When actuated, the air is blocked and the shut-off valve closes because of a lack of air supply.

In both cases, a separate level controller works in conjunction with a dump valve that drains the liquid from the inlet separator.

## Blow case separator

Another specific separator application where 1500 series level switches excel is controlling a blowcase separator upstream from a compressor.
A blowcase separator is essentially two vessels connected vertically. Gas flows into the upper vessel (compressor) and gravity pulls liquids down into the lower vessel (blowcase). When the blowcase is full, a 1500 series switch actuates and closes a valve between the two tanks. A second valve opens and allows the compressed gas to move from the compressor back down into the blowcase. This forces the accumulated liquids out into the pipeline, downstream from the compressor.

A second 1500 series switch is often used as a low level to reset the system when the blowcase empties. Both the 1510 and 1540 may be used with equal effectiveness; the one you choose depends only on the application and your preference.

## Glycol dehydrator

Often, a glycol dehydrator is necessary for removal of tiny water droplets from natural gas if the water was not completely extracted with the initial separator. The process works by "dehydrating" the natural gas; glycol dehydration involves putting glycol in contact with a stream of natural gas that contains water. The glycol absorbs the water from the wet gas stream, becomes heavier and sinks to the bottom of the contactor where it is expelled. The natural gas is then easily routed out of the dehydrator and the glycol/water solution is sent to a special boiler that evaporates the water, allowing the glycol to be recycled and dehydrate the natural gas once again.
An SOR 1500 series mechanical level switch is installed on the contactor to monitor glycol/ water levels. When mounted below the wet gas inlet, it prevents the glycol/water level from rising above it. If the level reaches the switch, a signal is sent to a solenoid valve that works in conjunction with a dump valve and drains the liquid from the dehydrator.

The first step to creating your model string is to determine whether an electronic or pneumatic switch is needed, and whether a side or top mount switch is needed. Refer to the pages mentioned below for the different options for selecting the right technology for a specific application.


## 1510 Side Mounted Level Switch

is a horizontally mounted, float-operated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where open or closed contacts are required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float extension arm moves a magnet which actuates (deactuates) a hermetically sealed reed switch. Actuation (deactuation) can be reversed by rotating the unit 180 degrees.

## 1530 Side Mounted Pneumatic Level Switch 7


is a horizontally mounted, float-operated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where pneumatic valve operation is required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float extension arm moves a magnet which actuates (deactuates) a pilot valve to operate a pneumatic amplifier. Actuation (deactuation) can be reversed by rotating the unit 180 degrees.

## 1540 Side Mounted Pneumatic Level Switch


is a horizontally mounted, float-operated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where pneumatic valve operation is required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float arm moves a magnet which in turn moves a shuttle that either blocks or allows pilot pressure to pass and operate ancillary equipment. Actuation (deactuation) can be reversed by rotating the unit 180 degrees or switching inlet connections. The supply media must be filtered
 and oil free. Air is the usual media; however, any dry, filtered gas can be used.

## 1550 Top Mounted Level Switch

is a vertically mounted, float-operated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where open or closed contacts are required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float stem moves a magnet that actuates (deactuates) a hermetically sealed reed switch.

## Popular Add-Ons

- Manual Check
- Extended Float
- Interface Detection
- Chambers


## 1500 Series <br> Level Switches

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## Product Specifications

| Mounting |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Orientation | Horizontal mount only |
| Connection Size | $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ through 6" |
| Connection Type | NPT(M) or Flanged |

Maximum Process Pressure* up to 5000 psi ( 345 bar )
Process Temperature Range* -40 to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ( -40 to $204^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
Electrical
Switch Type Hermetically sealed reed switch
Housing
Relay Housing
Connection Size $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ NPT(F)
Minimum Specific Gravity 0.45
Design Code ANSI B31.3
Weight Approximately 6 lbs ( 3 kg )
Agency Listing* CSA Certified (US \& Canada) and ANSI/ISA 12.27.01, ATEX and IEC or INMETRO approved (optional). See page 2. GOST R and Rostechnadzor (RTN) Certified (Standard). Certifications available upon request.
Safety Certified to IEC 61508 (SIL)
SOR products are certified to IEC 61508 for non-redundant use in SIL1 and SIL2 Safety Instrumented Systems for most models. For more details or values applicable to a specific product, see the Safety Integrity Level Quick Guide (Form 1528).
*Agency certifications may affect ratings. See Accessories for details.

## Dimensions

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Below is the SOR quick select model number tree that provides you with all the options to configure and order a product for your application. You must select a designator for each component.


## Test Certificates



## Replacement Parts

| Description | Part Number |
| :---: | :---: |
| W9-SPST Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | 3130-106 |
| W1-SPDT Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | 3130-245 |
| W1 - SPDT Switch/Conduit Connection Assembly (CK option only) | 3130-259 |
| L9 - SPST Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | 3130-107 |
| L1 - SPDT Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | 3130-244 |
| L1 - SPDT Switch/Conduit Connection Assembly (CK option only) | 3130-260 |
| 316SS Float Assembly | 3130-052 |
| 20' Remote Cable with two cable crimps* | 3130-040 |
| Manual Check Accessory (MC) (2" NPT only)* | 9227-024 |
| Manual Check Accessory with 20' remote cable (MD) (2" NPT only)* | 9227-025 |
| Manual Check Accessory (MC) (11/2" NPT only)* | 9227-028 |
| Manual Check Accessory with 20' remote cable (MD) (11/2" NPT only)* | 9227-029 |

*Unit must have originally been supplied with MC or MD option.

## Limited Warranty

SOR agrees to repair or replace any switch found to be defective in material or workmanship within five years from date of shipment. The limited warranty is valid only if the switch was installed in accordance with published factory installation instructions, operated within the design limitations stated on the nameplate, and returned to the factory for inspection, freight prepaid, within the warranty period. Contact the factory for return authorization. No claim for labor or consequential damages will be allowed.

## 1530 Side Mounted Pneumatic Level Switch

The 1530 is a horizontally mounted, float-operated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where pneumatic valve operation is required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float extension arm moves a magnet which actuates (deactuates) a pilot valve to operate a pneumatic amplifier. Actuation (deactuation) can be reversed by rotating the unit 180 degrees.



## Product Specifications

| Mounting |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Orientation Horizo | Horizontal mount only |
| Connection Size 2" NPT | 2" NPT(M) Standard |
| Flange Options Available |  |
| Maximum Process Pressure |  |
| Float Material |  |
| 316SS | 1500 psi (103 bar) |
| Monel | 900 psi (62 bar) |
| Polypropylene | 5000 psi (345 bar) |
| Process Temperature Range |  |
| Float Material |  |
| 316SS -40 to | -40 to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-40\right.$ to $204^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |
| Monel -40 to | -40 to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ( -40 to $204^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |
| Polypropylene -40 to | -40 to $190^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(-40\right.$ to $88^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) |
| Supply Pressure Range 20 to | 20 to 60 psi (1.4 to 4.1 bar) |
| Supply Pressure Connection Size | tion Size 1/8" NPT(F) |
| Minimum Specific Gravity 0.60 |  |
| Design Code | ANSI B31.3 |
| Weight Approx | Approximately 6 lbs ( 3 kg ) |

If supply pressure medium is natural gas, a filter/ regulator is suggested on the supply line, and the valve vent port should be piped to a safe area.

## Dimensions

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## 1530 Side Mounted Pneumatic Level Switch

Below is the SOR quick select model number tree that provides you with all the options to configure and order a product for your application. You must select a designator for each component.


## Certificates

|  | Certificates | C1 | C3 | C4 | C7 | B7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Calibration | $\bullet$ |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |
|  | Inspection Report |  | $\bullet$ |  |  | $\bullet$ |
|  | Compliance / Conformance |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ |
|  | QA Test Report |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |

## Replacement Parts

|  | Description | Part Number |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Pneumatic Relay Assembly | $3130-114$ |  |
| 316SS Float Assembly | $3130-052$ |  |

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## 1540 Side Mounted Pneumatic Level Switch

1540 is a horizontally mounted, floatoperated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where pneumatic valve operation is required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float arm moves a magnet which in turn moves a shuttle that either blocks or allows pilot pressure to pass and operate ancillary equipment. Actuation (deactuation) can be reversed by rotating the unit 180 degrees or switching inlet connections (see below).

The supply media must be filtered and oil free. Air is the usual media; however, any dry, filtered gas can be used.



## Product Specifications

| Orientation | Horizontal mount only |
| :--- | ---: |
| Body Material | 316 Stainless Steel |
| Connection Size | $2 " \mathrm{NPT}(\mathrm{M})$ |
| I/O Connection | $1 / 4^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{NPT}(\mathrm{F})$ |
| Pilot (Supply) Pressure | $0-30$ psi $(0-2$ BAR) |
|  | or 0-80 psi (0-5.5 BAR) |

Flow Rate @ Max Pilot Pressure 60 SCFH (1.7 CMH)
Maximum Process Pressure 1500 psi (103 BAR)
Process Temperature Range -40 to $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
( -40 to $204^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
Minimum Specific Gravity 0.65

Weight
3.5 lbs ( 2 kg )

Rostechnadzor (RTN) Standard
Certificate available upon request
SCFH - Standard cubic feet per hour
CMH - Cubic meter per hour

## Dimensions

The drawings \& illustrations below show the manual check (MC or MD) option.


## 1540 Side Mounted Pneumatic Level Switch

Here is the SOR quick select model number tree that provides you with all the options to configure and order a product for your application. You must select a designator for each component.


Test Certificates

|  | Certificates | C1 | C3 | C4 | C7 | B7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Calibration |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Inspection Report |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |  |
|  | Compliance / Conformance |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
|  | QA Test Report |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |

## Replacement Parts

| Description | Part Number |
| :--- | :---: |
| 20' Remote Cable with two cable crimps** | $3130-040$ |
| Float | $3100-152$ |
| Float \& Arm Assembly | $9227-012$ |
| Manual Check Accessory (MC)** | $9227-024$ |
| Manual Check Accessory with remote 20' cable (MD)** | $9227-025$ |
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1550 is a vertically mounted, float-operated level switch suitable for plant and OEM applications where open or closed contacts are required to signal presence or absence of liquid at a discrete level. The float stem moves a magnet that actuates (deactuates) a hermetically sealed reed switch.


## Product Specifications



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Customer to specify insertion depth $L$ for each switch. See drawing on page 1 . Stem guides are not installed on units with insertion depth $L$ less than $7^{\prime \prime}(177.8 \mathrm{~mm})$. The 1550 Series level switch has a $3.5^{\prime \prime}(90 \mathrm{~mm})$ diameter float. It will not fit through many process connections. Be sure there is access to attach the float from inside the vessel after instrument installation if necessary.

Test Certificates

| 1550 Level Switch | Certificate Designator | C1 | C3 | C4 | C5 | C6 | C7 | B5 | B6 | B7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Calibration | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | - |
|  | Inspection Report |  | - |  |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | - | - |
|  | Compliance / Conformance |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  | - |
|  | Dielectric Test |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
|  | Insulation Resistance |  |  |  |  | - |  | $\checkmark$ | - |  |
|  | QA Test Report |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |

Replacement Parts

| Designator | Part Number |
| :--- | :---: |
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| W1 - SPDT Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | $3130-245$ |
| W1 - SPDT Switch/Conduit Connection Assembly (CK option only) | $3130-259$ |
| L9 - SPST Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | $3130-107$ |
| L1 - SPDT Hermetically Sealed Switch Capsule | $3130-244$ |
| L1 - SPDT Switch/Conduit Connection Assembly (CK option only) | $3130-260$ |
| 316SS Float. (Consult the factory for other materials.) | $3101-122$ |
| Actuator Replacement Kit | $3130-396$ |

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## Manual Check

The original model 1500 was born from customer input and SOR continues the tradition by offering a manual check option for the 1500 series level switches. The optional manual check allows the user to verify switch integrity without removing it from the vessel or increasing or decreasing liquid levels. This is particularly useful for systems testing in safety applications, such as a manual override, where the switch is not called upon very often. It may also be used as a method to manually trigger a valve or activate the normal function of the switch.

Many customers are mandated by regulatory authorities to include this type of self-test function. Others just prefer the added functionality and peace of mind the manual check provides.

The manual check option is activated by simply pushing the self returning plunger. The manual check can also be activated by purchasing the MD option that provides a 20 ' remote cable.

Whatever your application, the manual check option provides added functionality to the 1500 series without compromising pressure or temperature ratings.

## Extended Float

On occasion, we have customers inquire about an extended float option for horizontally mounted 1500 series. These float extensions are available in a variety of lengths and materials based on the conditions and specifications that the application and customer demand.
This option extends the pivot arm, placing the float further into the process vessel. It is particularly helpful in applications where the nozzle diameter is too small, or where process build-up can limit the full travel of the float. In either case, the unit does not have suitable clearance to fully actuate/ deactuate; positioning the float past the obstruction allows it to travel the full range of motion.
There are times when extending the float can have adverse effects on the unit's ability to handle lower specific gravities. That's why SOR has several options available and is prepared to design a solution specifically for you if necessary.

* Adding a float extension will increase the unit's minimum specific gravity. Please consult factory to determine if a float extension is possible (Extension Length, SG, Pressure \& Temperature required).
** Extended float option only available for the 1510 \& 1530.


## Chambers

Customers often ask SOR to use its machining and welding expertise to make small chambers that go with the 1500 series they purchase. Thanks to a major expansion of the SOR manufacturing facilities, we now offer competitively priced, ANSI quality chambers for use with the 1500 series products.

Flexible processes make it possible for us to offer chambers for both $1-1 / 2$ and 2 -inch body 1500 series products, as well as a wide range of available process connections. Whether you require the standard 1 -inch NPT or even flanged connections, SOR can make it happen. Just give us your requirements and we're off and running.

With chambers from SOR, you can consolidate vendors and buy from a name you have trusted for many years.

## Interface Detection



Liquid interface application can be commonly found across a wide range of industries.
The interface detection option changes the float's minimum specific gravity, allowing it to measure the lower liquid level while ignoring the upper (less dense) liquid. A specific gravity differential of approximately 0.25 between the upper \& lower liquid is required for interface detection*.

* Please consult factory to determine if interface detection is possible (minimum and maximum interface specific gravities required).
** Interface detection option only available for the 1510 and 1530 with either 316SS(C) or Monel(M) float material.


## All 1500 series mechanical level switches come with a 5 -year warranty

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