

# Basic Switches

## Operating Characteristics

### ELECTROMECHANICAL SWITCHES

Definitions below explain the meaning of operating characteristics. Characteristics shown in tables throughout catalog were chosen as most significant. They are taken at normal room temperature and humidity. These may vary as temperature and humidity conditions differ. Sketches show how characteristics are measured for in-line plunger actuation.

Linear dimensions for in-line actuation are from top of plunger to a reference line, usually the center of the mounting holes.

**Differential Travel (D.T.)**—Plunger or actuator travel from point where contacts “snap-over” to point where they “snap-back.”

**Free Position (F.P.)**—Position of switch plunger or actuator when no external force is applied (other than gravity).

**Full Overtravel Force**—Force required to attain full overtravel of actuator.

**Operating Position (O.P.)**—Position of switch plunger or actuator at which point contacts snap from normal to operated position. Note that in the case of flexible or adjustable actuators, the operating position is measured from the end of the lever or its maximum length. Location of operating position measurement shown on mounting dimension drawings.

**Operating Force (O.F.)**—Amount of force applied to switch plunger or actuator to cause contact “snap-over.” Note in the case of adjustable actuators, the force is measured from the maximum length position of the lever.

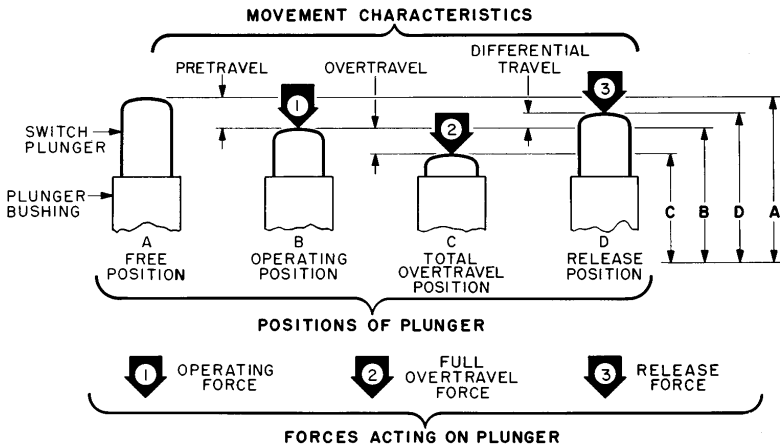
**Overtravel (O.T.)**—Plunger or actuator travel safely available beyond operating position.

**Pretravel (P.T.)**—Distance or angle traveled in moving plunger or actuator from free position to operating position.

**Release Force (R.F.)**—Amount of force still applied to switch plunger or actuator at moment contacts snap from operated position to unoperated position.

**Total Travel (T.T.)**—Distance from actuator free position to overtravel limit position.

### IN-LINE PLUNGER ACTUATION



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FULL LOAD AND LOCKED ROTOR CURRENTS FOR SINGLE PHASE AND DC MOTORS

HP	Alternating Current				Direct Current			
	115 Volts		230 Volts		115 Volts		230 Volts	
	Full Load	Locked Rotor	Full Load	Locked Rotor	Full Load	Locked Rotor	Full Load	Locked Rotor
2	24.0	144.0	12.0	72.0	17.0	170.0	8.5	85.0
1½	20.0	120.0	10.0	60.0	13.2	132.0	6.6	66.0
1	16.0	96.0	8.0	48.0	9.6	96.0	4.8	48.0
¾	13.8	82.8	6.9	41.4	7.4	74.0	3.7	37.0
½	9.8	58.8	4.9	29.4	5.4	54.0	2.7	27.0
⅓	7.2	43.2	3.6	21.6	3.8	38.0	1.9	19.0
¼	5.8	34.8	2.9	17.4	3.0	30.0	1.5	15.0
⅙	4.4	26.4	2.2	13.2	2.4	24.0	1.2	12.0
⅛	3.8	22.8	1.9	11.4	2.2	22.0	1.1	11.0
1/10	3.0	18.0	1.5	9.0	2.0	20.0	1.0	10.0
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