

## Application Note

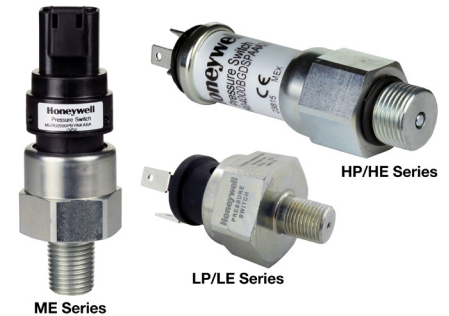
Honeywell Pressure Switches  
 High Pressure: HP Series, HE Series  
 Medium Pressure: ME Series  
 Low Pressure: LP Series, LE Series



Mud pump line pressure measurement

## Background

Due to the demanding conditions found within industrial and transportation industries, pressure switches are often designed into equipment and vehicle applications to make or break an electrical connection in response to a system pressure change. These switches are frequently exposed to chemical splashes, dirt, grime, and harsh media, as well as performance spikes. They must provide reliable and consistent performance and have a high life cycle rating.



## Potential Applications

### Transportation

Agricultural machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic and braking systems</li> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>
Heavy duty construction machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic and braking systems</li> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>
Heavy duty trucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>
Lawn and garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>
Marine vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>
Material handling machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic and braking systems</li> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>
Railway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engine/transmission oil pressure</li> <li>Filtration systems</li> </ul>

### Industrial

CNC machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cutting fluid</li> </ul>
Compressors, boilers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line pressure</li> </ul>
Food and beverage equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line pressure</li> </ul>
Fracking equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line pressure</li> </ul>
Generators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil pressure</li> </ul>
HVAC/R equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air pressure</li> </ul>
Mud pumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line pressure</li> </ul>
Pneumatic equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air pressure</li> </ul>
Presses and punches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic pressure</li> </ul>
Pressure washers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water pressure</li> </ul>
Trash compactors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic oil pressure</li> </ul>
Water jet cutting machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water pressure</li> </ul>
Water pumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lift pressure</li> </ul>

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Hydraulic and braking systems

### Solution

Honeywell Pressure Switches are durable, reliable electromechanical gauge pressure on/off switches that are available with either single pole single throw (SPST) normally open or normally closed circuitry, or single pole double throw (SPDT) circuitry. Their IP67 environmental sealing and high proof pressure and burst pressure ratings allow for use in many rugged applications that require the making or breaking of an electrical connection in response to a pressure change of the system media.

The media (gas or liquid) pressure is applied via the port of the switch to a diaphragm or sealed piston. A pre-tensioned spring on the other side of the sealed piston or diaphragm controls the set-point pressure. If the force resulting from the pressure is greater than the tension on the spring, the electrical contacts within the switch will change state. If the contacts are normally open when no pressure is applied, they close on increasing pressure when the set point is reached. On decreasing pressure, the contacts will open again at a pressure somewhat less than the set switching point. The difference between the activation point on increasing pressure and the deactivation point on decreasing pressure is called hysteresis. The set point pressure for the switch can be configured such that the switch will actuate on increasing or decreasing system pressure.

### Features




- Pressure switching set point range: varies by Series; see [datasheet](#)
- Proof pressure: varies by Series; see [datasheet](#)
- Burst pressure: varies by Series; see [datasheet](#)
- Life cycle rating up to 2 million
- IP67 sealing rating (HP, HE, LP, LE, ME Series)
- Operating temperature range -40 °C to 120 °C [-40 °F to 248 °F]
- Hysteresis option (HP, HE, LP Series)
- Variety of pressure ports and electrical terminations
- Switching point accuracy up to  $\pm 2\%$

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### Selection Guide

Honeywell offers five Series from which to choose:

	High Pressure: HP Series, HE Series	Medium Pressure: ME Series	Low Pressure: LP Series, LE Series
			
Life cycle rating	2 million (Base Style A) 1 million (Base Style B)	1 million	up to 2 million
Pressure switching set point range	HP Series: 100 psi to 4500 psi HE Series: 150 psi to 4500 psi	25 psi to 350 psi	3.5 psi to 150 psi
Burst pressure	20,000 psi (Base Style A) 9,000 psi (Base Style B)	8000 psi	1250 psi
Proof pressure	10,000 psi (Base Style A) 6,500 psi (Base Style B)	4,000 psi	500 psi
Operating temperature range	HP Series: -40 °C to 120 °C [-40 °F to 248 °F] HE Series: -40 °C to 85 °C [-40 °F to 185 °F]	-40 °C to 120 °C [-40 °F to 248 °F]	-40 °C to 120 °C [-40 °F to 248 °F]
Contact ratings	HP Series: 5 A at 250 Vac 5 A at 24 Vdc HE Series: 5 A at 250 Vac 3 A at 24 Vdc	7.5 mA to 5 A, 24 Vdc and 250 Vac	7.5 mA to 5 A, 24 Vdc and 250 Vac

For more information about Honeywell Pressure Switches, including nomenclature and dimensional drawings, see our [Datasheet](#).

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