



# KARI Float Switch Operation Manual



## Start

Large amount of liquid.  
Discharging pump starts.



## Stop

Lower limit for discharging.  
Discharging pump stops.

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Image 2H shows the operation  
of the KARI Float Switch

## KARI Float Switch – compact and reliable

The KARI Float Switch is a control device for charging and discharging pumps and motor and magnetic valves. It is also an alarm device that alerts the user at specified surface levels. Thanks to its large float casing (Ø 170 mm), the KARI Float Switch has a buoyancy that guarantees smooth, trouble-free operation under all conditions. SGS FIMKO Oy (the Finnish Electrical Inspectorate) has performed testing in accordance with the Low Voltage Directive (LVD) and approved the KARI Float Switch for use in non-flammable liquids at 250 volts.

## FUNCTIONS

## DISCHARGING-PUMP CONTROL

2H	Pump control with one switching element.
2Y	Pump control with two switching elements. Optionally, two high level alarms.

## CHARGING-PUMP CONTROL

2L	Pump control with one switching element.
2A	Pump control with two switching elements. Optionally, two low level alarms.

## ALARM

**2HL** High and low level alarms.

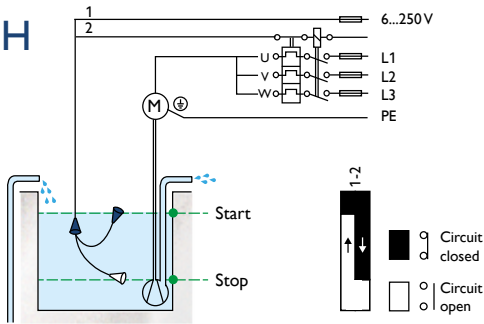
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The diagram illustrates the structure of a cable part number, breaking it down into its constituent parts and their meanings:

- 2H**: Circuit diagram (2H, 2L, 2Y, 2A, 2HL)
- K**: Cable types
  - Empty = PVC
  - A = rubber
  - N = TPU
  - S = silicone
  - T = teflon
  - U = UL/CSA PVC
  - K = heat-resistant
- N**: Heat-resistant cable types
  - N = TPU
  - S = silicone
  - T = teflon
  - U = UL/CSA PVC
- Au**: Gold-plated contacts (Au)
  - 1 mA ... 100 mA
- Vxx**: Special type ID
- Dxx**: Deviating surface levels (cm)
- \_KP**: Cable length (m)
- \_20**: 1st letter
  - Non-standard cable weight
  - K = 700 g
  - L = 1000 g
- 2nd letter**: P = pressure-resistant

# CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

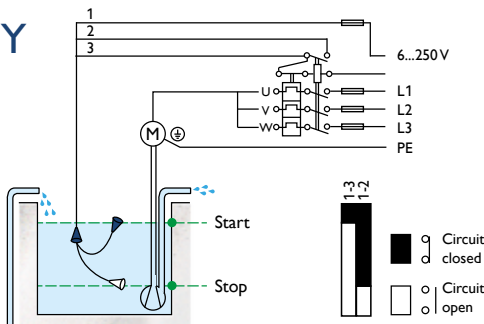
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## DISCHARGING-PUMP CONTROL

Pump control with one switching element.

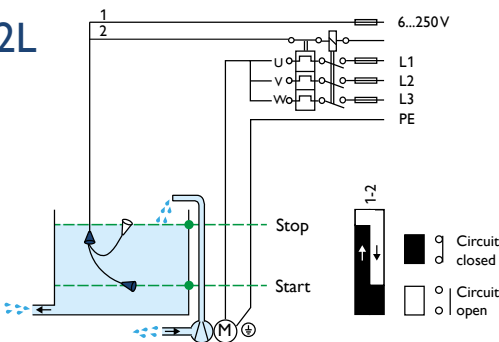
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## DISCHARGING-PUMP CONTROL

Pump control with two switching elements. Take note of the auxiliary contact of the contactor.

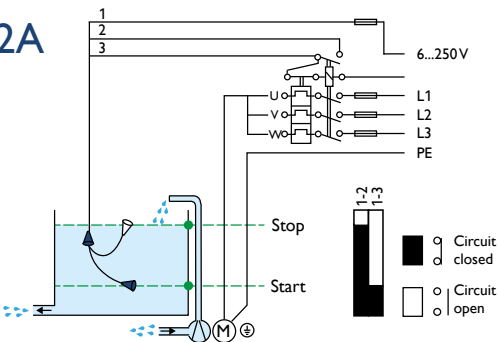
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## CHARGING-PUMP CONTROL

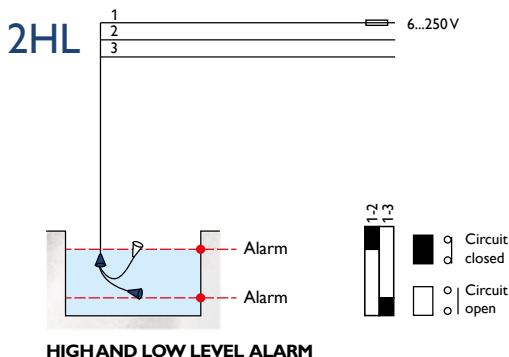
Pump control with one switching element.

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## CHARGING-PUMP CONTROL

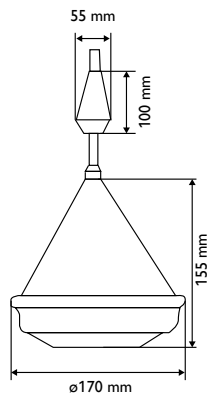
Pump control with two switching elements. Take note of the auxiliary contact of the contactor.



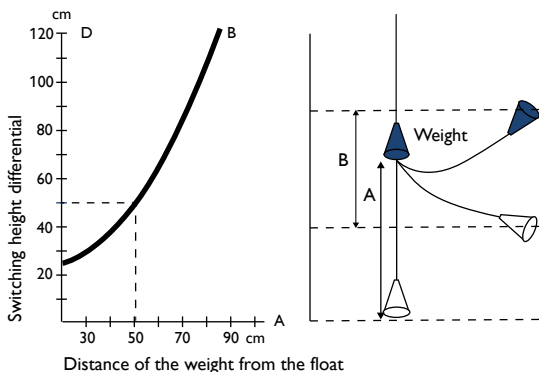
## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Switching element	Microswitch
Voltage	6 ... 250V AC
Max. rated current	6A res., 3A ind.
Rated current with gold-plated contacts	1 mA ... 100 mA
Maximum DC power	75 VA (=0,3A, 250V)
Pressure rating for special types	200 kPa
Max. operating temperature	+55 °C (+75 °C supplied to order)
Range of adjustment for standard product (start to stop)	200 mm ... 1200 mm
Cable length	5 m (other lengths supplied to order)
Weight of 5 m cable	1,55 kg... 1,6 kg
Largest diameter	170 mm
Length of float casing	155 mm
Buoyancy in water	6 N
Float material	Polypropylene (PP)
Cable insulation (standard)	PVC
Other cable options	Rubber, TPU, teflon, silicone
Water-tightness	IP 67

## DIMENSIONS



## OPERATING CURVE



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The dimensions in the drawings are for illustrative purposes only.

The switching height differential is adjusted to the required level by means of the cable weight. Curve B shows the start- and stop-height differential of the KARI Float Switch in relation to the distance of the weight from the float.

Our quality control is based on the ISO 9001 quality management system. Each product is subject to a full operation test. The KARI Float Switch is also available in versions which fulfills the U.S. and Canadian national safety standards.

# INSTALLATION AND ADJUSTMENT

The KARI Float Switch is mounted to hang from its own cable. The float switch floats on the surface of the liquid and follows the movement of the liquid's surface. Functions are controlled in the various tilt angles of the float. The switching distance differential is adjusted by moving the weight along the cable.

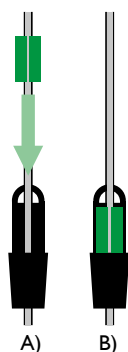


Image 1. Cable weights and the hanging loop are fixed to the cable with a clamp wedge (A–B).

## Installation considerations

- The height at which the float hangs and the distance of the cable weight from the float can be adjusted. The differential between the start and stop levels is at its lowest when the cable weight is about 10 cm from the tip of the float's strain-relief (see page 4).
- If the viscosity of the liquid is high or floating to the sides needs to be restricted, we recommend a heavier weight of cable, which we supply as required. The weights are fixed to the cable with a clamp wedge (see Image 1).
- It is important to keep the junction box in a dry environment. If this is not possible, the ends of float switch cables must be covered with, for example, protective grease (see Images 2 and 3). An IP68 junction box is also available.
- The float switch needs a cable weight or other anchor point to operate.
- The installation site must be selected such that the float cannot become caught under or stay on top of any surface or get entangled in other structures (see Image 4).
- When the float switch is tested without being floated, its correct orientation must be considered: the 'UP' mark on the side of the bottom portion must face upward. For example, when placed on the floor on its side, the float switch settles into this position because of its internal keel weight (see Image 5).
- Tying the float switch from its cable near the float to, for example, the ascension pipe of the pump decreases the useful life of the cable; the float switch should hang freely from its cable (as shown in Image 6).

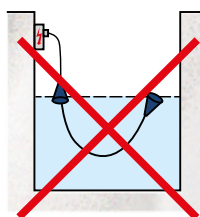


Image 2. Avoid extending or connecting the cable in humid conditions.

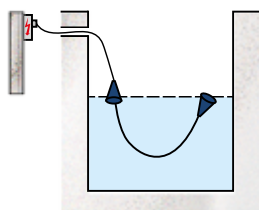


Image 3.

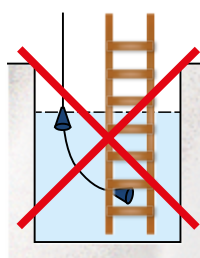


Image 4. Take care to ensure the free movement of the float.

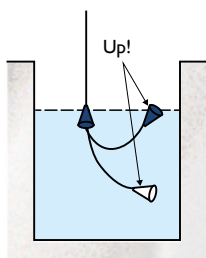


Image 5. Note the correct orientation of the float.



Image 6. Avoid fixing the float such that a sharp corner can cause kinks or wear to the cable.



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## Over 50 years of experience in product development

Kari-Finn Oy developed its first float switch back in 1965. Since then, we have designed, tested, and manufactured millions of float switches, for a wide variety of operating environments. Thanks to our research work and feedback from customers, we have been very successful in developing our product line.

## International success in innovation and export since 1977

It was several decades ago, in 1977, when the KARI Float Switch was awarded a gold medal at the Brussels International Exhibition of Invention and a medal of the City of Brussels for an extensively exported product. At that time, exports covered all countries in Europe, the United States, South Africa, and Japan. Later on, exports reached every continent.

