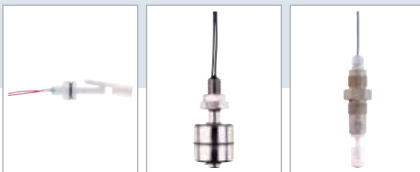




Level float switch

- Switch for neutral and aggressive liquids
- NO/NC
- Reed contact
- Vertical or horizontal mounting
- Molded lying leads or cable



Product variants described in the data sheet may differ from the product presentation and description.

Can be combined with

Type description

The device Type 8181 is a float switch that is insensitive to dirt particles in the liquid and is used to monitor the level in neutral or aggressive liquids in containers.

The device consists of a fixed part, which contains the hermetically sealed reed contacts, and a float (moving part), which contains the magnets. This float actuates the reed contact, which can be either normally open or normally closed, depending on fluctuations in the liquid level.

The device is available in different variants depending on the material (PP or stainless steel), installation position (horizontal or vertical), process connection (thread G 1/8 G 1/4, G 3/4...) and electrical connection (leads or cable).

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1. General technical data

Product properties

Material

Make sure the device materials are compatible with the fluid you are using.
Further information can be found in chapter "3.1. Bürkert resistApp" on page 4.

Non-wetted parts

Cable gland For cable variant: PA

Wetted parts

Stem, float PP or stainless steel 1.4301/304 (1.4435/316L on request)
Retaining ring Only for vertical variant: PP or stainless steel 1.4301/304 (1.4435/316L on request)
Dimensions Further information can be found in chapter "4. Dimensions" on page 5.
Switching point At tilt of $7^\circ \pm 3^\circ$ (8.5 mm $\pm$ 3 mm)
Switching function Normally closed/open
Float density Approx. 0.7

Electrical data

Output type Reed contact
Switching voltage Max. 48 V AC/DC
Switching current Max. 0.5 A
Breaking power

- Only for vertical PP variant: 66 VA AC/DC
- For other variants: 50 VA AC/DC

Contact resistance

- Only for horizontal stainless steel variant: max. 200 m Ω
- For other variants: max. 150 m Ω

Breakdown voltage

- Only for vertical PP variant: min. 310 V AC
- For other variants: 600 V DC

Insulating resistance Min. 10 M Ω
Voltage supply cable

- For variant with leads: 0.25 mm² min. cross section
- For variant with cable: PVC covering cable, 0.25 mm² min. cross section, 2 wires + shielding

Medium data

Process temperature

- For PP variant: - 10...+ 80 °C (+ 14...+ 176 °F)
- For stainless steel variant: - 40...+ 120 °C (- 40...+ 248 °F)

Process pressure

- For PP variant: max. 1 bar (vertical or horizontal mounting position)
- For stainless steel variant:
 - max. 10 bar (vertical mounting position)
 - max. 5 bar (horizontal mounting position)

Product connections

Process connection

- Only for horizontal PP variant: thread G $\frac{1}{4}$
- For variant with leads: thread G $\frac{1}{8}$
- For variant with cable: thread G $\frac{3}{4}$

Electrical connection Leads 300 mm or cable 5 m

Approvals and conformities

Directives

CE directive Further information on the CE Directive can be found in chapter "2.2. Standards" on page 4.

Environment and installation

Ambient temperature Operation and storage: - 10...+ 80 °C (+ 14...+ 176 °F)
Degree of protection IP65
Vibrations and shocks For stainless steel variant: 20G

2. Approvals and conformities

2.1. Conformity

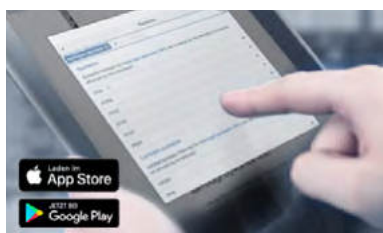
In accordance with the Declaration of Conformity, the product is compliant with the EU Directives.

2.2. Standards

The applied standards which are used to demonstrate compliance with the EU Directives are listed in the EU-Type Examination Certificate and/or the EU Declaration of Conformity.

3. Materials

3.1. Bürkert resistApp



Bürkert resistApp – Chemical resistance chart

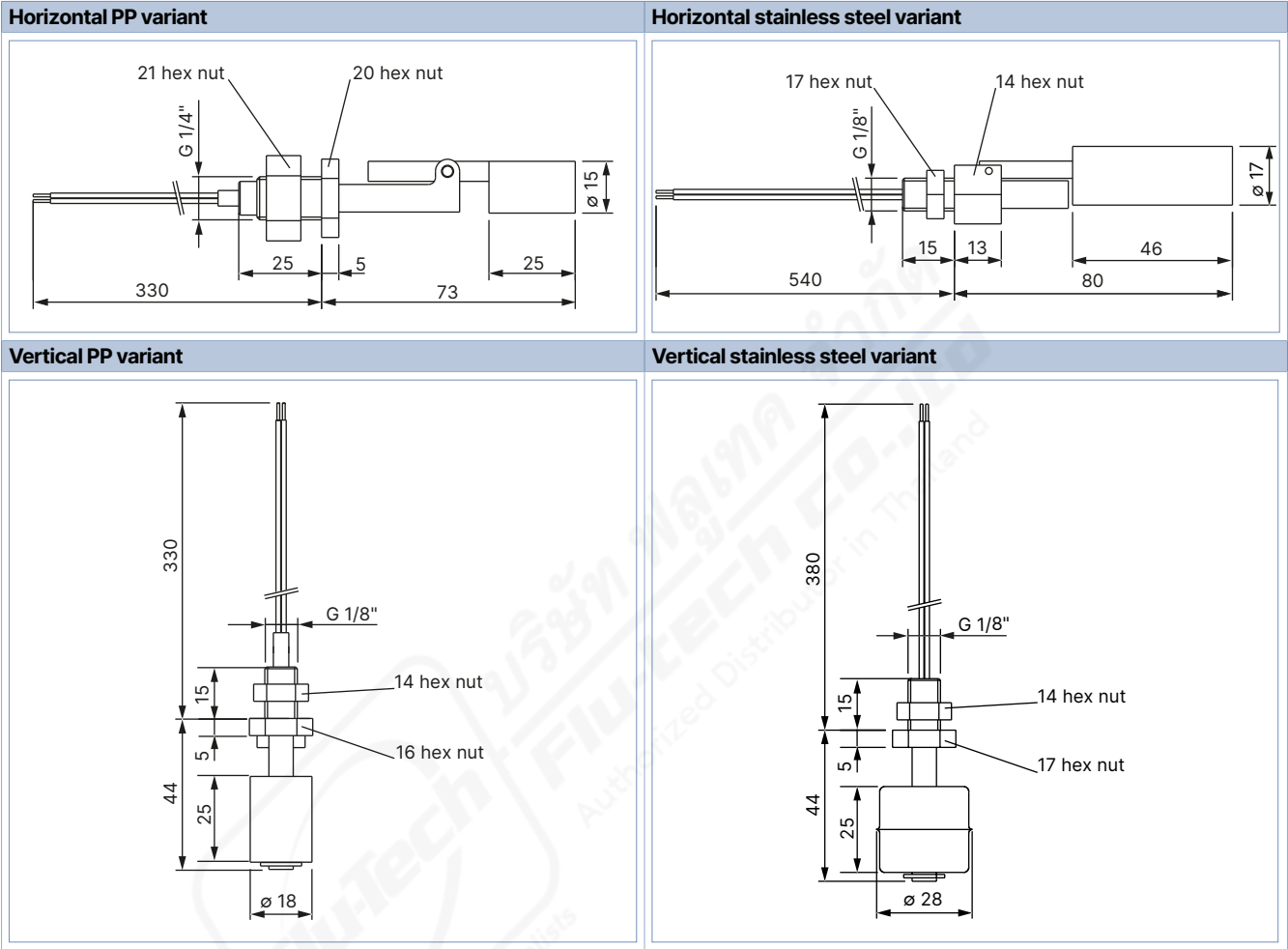
You want to ensure the reliability and durability of the materials in your individual application case? Verify your combination of media and materials on our website or in our resistApp.

[Start chemical resistance check](#)

4. Dimensions

4.1. Switch with leads

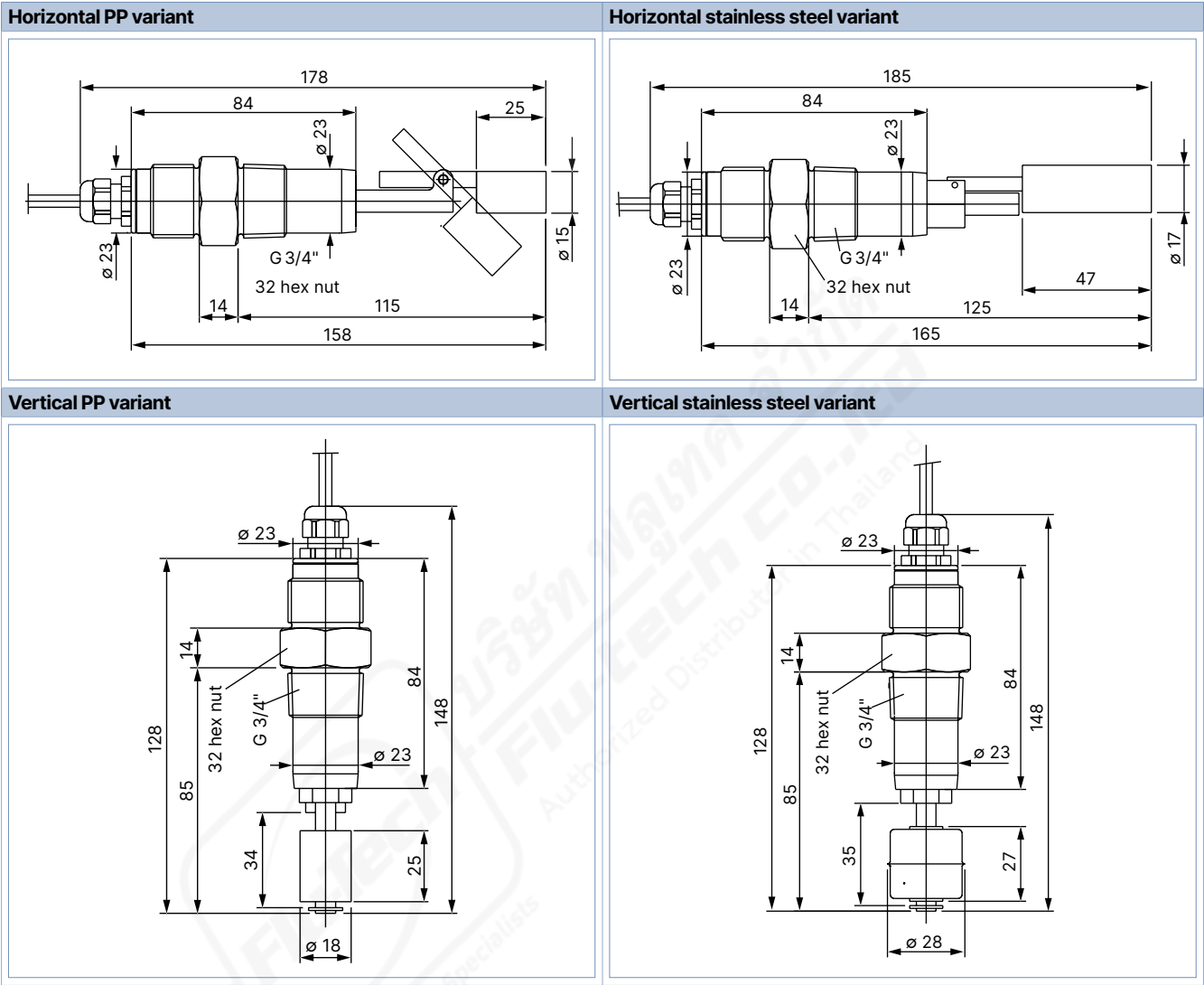
Note:
Dimensions in mm, unless otherwise stated



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4.2. Switch with 5 m cable

Note:
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5. Ordering information

5.1. Bürkert eShop

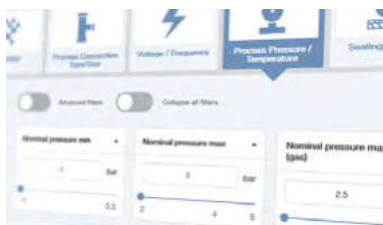


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5.3. Ordering chart

Switching voltage	Switching current	Switching function	Mounting position	Process connection	Material	Electrical connection	Article no.
Max. 48 V AC/DC	0.5 A	Normally closed/open ^{1.)}	Vertical	G 1⁄8	PP	300 mm leads	438132 
			Horizontal		Stainless steel		438150 
			Vertical				438159 
			Horizontal	G 1⁄4	PP		438141 
			Horizontal	G 3⁄4	PP	5 m cable	438496 
			Vertical				438502 
			Horizontal		Stainless steel		438499 
			Vertical				438505 

1.) Depending on the mounting orientation of the float

	Process connection • NPT 3/4, NPT 1/2 • Rc 3/4, Rc 1/2		Electrical connection 2 m cable
	Additional Variant with reed contact implemented as alternator or normally open/closed, made of PP, with an Rc 1/2 threaded process connection and 3 m cable as electrical connection for horizontal mounting (see data sheet Type TCL001 ► for further information).		