

## ECHOTEL® CONTACT ULTRASOUND



## Contact Ultrasonic Level Sensing





Itrasound technology was developed during WWII under the acronym **SONAR** (SOund Navigation And Ranging). First applied to process control in the 1960s, ultrasonic level measurement continues to play a significant role in liquid level measurement to this day.

Ultrasonic instruments are made for both contact and non-contact (or through-air) level sensing. This brochure focuses on the Echotel<sup>®</sup> line of contact ultrasonic products that provide single and dual point liquid level measurement in virtually every process industry.

## Continuous-Wave and Pulsed-Signal Sensing

Ultrasonic contact level sensing is achieved by either continuouswave or pulsed-signal technology. Our **Model 910** continuous-wave switch uses two piezoelectric crystals positioned opposite each other across the transducer gap.



Challenging process conditions such as suspended solids or aeration are best managed with pulsed-signal technology. Models 961/962 switches further minimize the effects of mild turbulence or splashing with adjustable time delays.

the amplifier becomes as oscillator causing a relay circuit in the electronics to indicate a wet gap condition. When liquid vacates the gap, the amplifier returns to an idle state.

Pulsed-signal Models 940/941 and 961/962 feature

a digital electronic amplifier which produces a powerful pulse of ultrasonic energy five to ten times stronger than most continuous wave units. This pulsed-signal technology will provide more accurate measurement in conditions of aeration, suspended solids, turbulence, and highly viscous liquids.

The transmit crystal of pulsesignal units generates pulses of high-frequency ultrasonic energy only milliseconds in duration. In between each pulse the receive crystal "listens" for the transmission. If liquid is present in the gap the receive crystal detects the pulse and reports a

The transmit crystal generates an acoustical signal which the receive crystal converts into an electrical signal. When liquid is present in the transducer gap, wet gap condition to the electronics. When the gap is filled with air, the receive crystal cannot detect the pulse, and reports a dry gap condition.

Contact ultrasonic level switches use ceramic discs called piezoelectric crystals to transmit and receive ultrasonic energy. A transmit crystal (T) is positioned on one side of a transducer gap and a receive crystal (R) is positioned on the opposite side. Tipsensitive style gaps—the only style used on Echotel<sup>®</sup> switches can sense level to within ¼" from the end of the transducer.



25+ Years of Ultrasonic Measurement Solutions for Industrial Process

### Application Guidelines

Over 25 years of experience with ultrasonic gap switch technology has made the ECHOTEL brand a world leader in liquid level switches. Today's line offers three distinct product offerings:

· For applications where self-test isn't required, our economical Model 910 with continuous wave technology is a reliable switch with a tip-sensitive transducer.

• Though OEM priced, our compact Models 940/941 offer both advanced tip-sensitive transducers and pulsed signal technology.

• Single Point Model 961 and Dual Point Model 962 offer tip-sensitive transducers, pulsed signal technology, advanced self-test and a time 940/941 delay feature.

Models 961/962 represent the pinnacle of ultrasonic switch development at Magnetrol®. Their continuous self-testing of electronics, transducer, piezoelectric crystals, and testing for electromagnetic noise, alarms the user of a malfunction or the presence of EMI/RFI noise. An adjustable time delay of 0.5 to 45 seconds helps curtail nuisance alarms and relay chattering.

With extensive FM, CSA, and ATEX approvals the Models 961/962 are suitable for virtually any hazardous location. Their SFF\* value of over 90% makes them suitable for use in Safety Integrity Level (SIL) 2 loops. Having either relay output or mA current shift capability, Models 961/962 can be used for more process applications, making them the most universal liquid level switches available today.

#### Advantages and Limitations

The advantages of contact level sensing using ultrasonic technologies are:

- Low cost single and dual point sensing.
- Accurate and reliable in a wide variety of liquids.
- Unlike tuning forks, no density adjustments required.
- Easy installation and simple configuration.
- A broad range of available sensor materials.
- Transmits a stable signal despite liquid property changes in specific gravity, conductivity, pH, and dielectric or temperature shifts.
- Switches are 100% electronic and contain no moving parts which can degrade or require high maintenance.

Certain process conditions may interfere with the ultrasonic signal. These conditions include:

- · Slurries with a very high percentage of solids.
- Extreme aeration of the liquid.
- Liquids which generate crystallized coatings.
- Very aggressive turbulence and splashing.

## At a Glance: ECHOTEL Contact Ultrasonic Switches

Model	Ultrasonic Technology	Set Points	Output	Mounting	SIL Loop	3-A	Self-Test	Time Delay
910	Continuous Wave	Single	Relay	Integral	N.A.			
940	Pulsed Signal	Single	Relay	Integral	2			
941	Pulsed Signal	Single	Current Shift (CS)	Integral	1			
961	Pulsed Signal	Single	Relay or CS	Integral or Remote	2			
962	Pulsed Signal	Dual	Relay or CS	Integral or Remote	2			

\*In the language of Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS), Safe Failure Fraction (SFF) indicates all safe and dangerous detected failures. The Models 940 and 961/962 SFF values are over 90%, which allows them to be used in SIL 2 loops.



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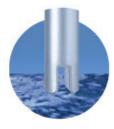




A reliable switch featuring a 10 amp DPDT gold flash relay field-selectable for high or low level failsafe. Worldwide safety approvals, 2-year warranty.

## **Proximity Sensing**

The **Model 910** features a tip-sensitive transducer which measures liquid level to within 0.25" (6 mm) from the end of its transducer. When used as a low level switch, it can measure level further down into a tank or vessel.



## **Omni-Directional Mounting**

Model 910 may be mounted horizontally or vertically. Mounting options include NPT and BSP threaded, flanges and sanitary connections.

## Worldwide Safety Approvals

With FM, CSA and ATEX approvals on one agency nameplate, this is the perfect switch for OEM applications with global customer destinations.



#### **Model 910 Electrical Specifications**

Power Supply:	120 VAC (+10%/-15%), 50/60 Hz		
	240 VAC (+10%/-15%), 50/60 Hz		
	24 VDC (±10%)		
Power Consumption:	2.5 VA nominal		
Relay Output:			
Gold Flash:	DPDT, 10 amps @ 120 VAC,		
	240 VAC, or 24 VDC		
Hermetically-Sealed:	DPDT, 5 amps @ 120 VAC,		
	240 VAC, 24 VDC		
Repeatability:	0.078" (2 mm)		
Fail-Safe:	Field selectable high or low		
Ambient Temperature:			
Electronics:	-40° to +160° F (-40° to +71° C)		
Process Temperature:			
Transducer:	-40° to +250° F (-40° to +121° C)		
Operating Pressure:	800 psig (55 bar) maximum		





#### **PROCESS MEDIA:**

- Clean liquids
- Low viscosity liquids
- Liquids with low % solids
- Corrosive liquids

#### **OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO:**

- Water and Wastewater Treatment
- Foods, Beverages, Pharmaceuticals
- Oil and Gas Industries
- OEM and Skid Manufacturers

## ECHOTEL 940/94 Level Switches



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Economical, very compact switches with pulsed signal technology and tip-sensitive transducers. High cost-benefit ratio for OEM switch users.

## High-Performance Ultrasound

Pulsed signal technology excels in difficult conditions that may cause other ultrasonic switches to falter. This technology also provides excellent immunity from electrical noise that is common in many industrial applications.



## **Choice of Electronics**

**Model 940 Relay Version** offers a 1 amp SPDT relay output.

Model 941 Current-Shift Version offers a mA current shift output.

## Suitable for SIL Loops

Safety Integrity Level (SIL) data is available for the 940/941 switches in the form of a Failure Modes, Effects and Diagnostic Analysis (FMEDA) report. The Model 940 is suitable for use in SIL 2 loops, and the Model 941 is suitable for use in SIL 1 loops.





#### Model 940/941 Specifications

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Power Supply:	12 to 35 VDC			
Power Consumption:	Less than 1 Watt			
Signal Output (940):	SPDT relay, 1 amp @ 30 VDC, 0.5			
	amp@125 VDC, 0.5 amp @150 VAC			
Signal Output (941):	8 mA (±1 amp) Dry Gap			
	16 mA (±1 amp) Wet Gap			
Cabling:	12" (305 mm) flying leads of			
	18 AWG wires			
Repeatability:	0.078'' (2 mm)			
Response Time:	0.5 second typical			
Ambient Temperature:	-40° to +185° F (-40° to +85° C)			
Process Temperature:	-40° to +185° F (-40° to +85 °C)			
Maximum Pressure:	2000 psig (138 bar); 1500 psig (103			
	bar) for transducers over 2" (5 cm)			
Ingress Protection:	NEMA 4X (IP66)			
Shock:	ANSI/ISA-S71.03 Class SA1			
Vibration:	ANSI/ISA-S71.03 Class VC2			

#### Liquid Level Applications



#### **CONTROL FUNCTIONS:**

- Pump protection
- Fill line monitoring
- Interstitial space leak detection
- High or low level alarm

#### **OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO:**

- **OEM Applications**
- Pharmaceutical Plants
- Food Processors



# **96**/**962** Level Switches

Nodel 961

Liquid Level Applications



#### **CONTROL FUNCTIONS:**

- High or Low level alarm
- Pump and Overfill protection
- Single-point 3-A sanitary
- Seal Pot level

#### **OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO:**

- Chemical, Petrochemical
- Water and Wastewater
- Food and Pharmaceutical
- Pulp and Paper
- Power Generation

When you add-up the features, these all new single and dual point switches are superior to any ultrasonic or tuning fork level switch on the market.

#### **Innovative Transducer Design**

The tip-sensitive transducers have a pressure rating (up to 2000 psig, 138 bar) higher than any other ultrasonic gap or tuning fork level switch. The dual gap transducer has a unique flow-through upper gap that allows over 100" (254 cm) between upper and lower gaps. Combine these features with powerful pulsed signal technology for superior performance in difficult process conditions and you have the most capable ultrasonic level switch available today.

## Advanced Self-Test Technology

New self-test technology not only tests the electronics, transducer, and piezoelectric crystals, but also checks for the presence of electromagnetic noise interference. Should the diagnostic data indicate a problem with the unit, an alarm signal alerts the user to the malfunction.

## Adjustable Time Delay

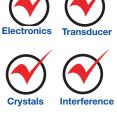
Turbulence and splashing can cause many switches with fixed time response to produce false level alarms. Model 961/962 switches overcome this nuisance with an adjustable time delay. A potentiometer sets a ½ to 45 second delay to disregard waves or splashes so the unit reliably detects true liquid level.

### **Engineered Smart**

Designed for wiring and configuration ease, the ergonomic housing contains electronics, relays, time delay potentiometer, pushbuttons for level and for malfunction alarm testing, high/low level DIP switch, and independent/joint DIP switch (*line-powered Model 961 shown*).









## 961/962 Electronics Specifications

With Current Shift Output				
Supply Voltage:		11 to 35 VDC		
Output: Normal:		8 mA		
Alarm Condition:		16 mA		
Ma	lfunction:	3.6 mA or 22 mA selectable		
Loop Resistance	:	104 ohms with 11 VDC input,		
		1100 ohms with 35 VDC input		
Fail-Safe:		Field selectable, high or low level		
Power Consump	tion:	Less than 1 watt		
Ambient Temper	ature:	-40° to +160° F (-40° to +71° C)		
With Relay Outp	out			
Supply Voltage:		102 to 265 VAC, or 18 to 32 VDC		
Relay Outputs:	961:	One DPDT level relay and one		
		SPDT malfunction relay		
	962:	Two DPDT level relays and one		
		SPDT malfunction relay		
Relay Ratings:	DPDT:	5 amps @ 120 VAC, 250 VAC, and		
		30 VDC, 0.15 amp @ 125 VDC		
	SPDT:	5 amps @ 120 VAC, 250 VAC, and		
		30 VDC, 0.15 amp @ 125 VDC		
Fail-Safe:		Field selectable, high or low level		
Power Consump	tion:	Less than 3 watts		
Ambient Tempera	ature:	-40° to +160° F (-40° to +71° C)		
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Suitable for SIL 2 Loops Worldwide Safety Approvals

3-A Authorized (Model 961)

## 961/962 Performance Specifications

Repeatability:	+/- 0.078" (2 mm)		
Response Time:	0.5 second typical		
Time Delay:	Variable 0.5 to 45 seconds		
	on rising and falling levels		
Self-Test:			
Automatic:	Continuously verifies		
	operation of electronics,		
	transducer, piezoelectric		
	crystals, and electrical noise		
Manual:	Push button verifies		
	operation of electronics,		
	transducer, and piezoelectric		
	crystals		
Shock Class:	ANSI/ISA-S71.03 Class SA1		
Vibration Class:	ANSI/ISA-S71.03 Class VC2		
Humidity:	0 – 99%, non-condensing		
Compatibility:	Meets CE Electromagnetic		
	requirements EN 61326		

## 951 Single Point Transducer Specifications

Transducer Material	Operating Temperature Range	Maximum Pressure	Actuation Length
316 Stainless Steel:	-40° to +325° F (-40° to +163° C)	2000 psig (138 bar)	1" and 2" (3 and 5 cm)
316 Stainless Steel:	-40° to +325° F (-40° to +163° C)	1500 psig (103 bar)	3" to 130" (6 to 330 cm)
Hastelloy® C-276®:	-40° to +325° F (-40° to +163° C)	2000 psig (138 bar)	1" and 2" (3 and 5 cm)
Hastelloy C-276:	-40° to +325° F (-40° to +163° C)	1500 psig (103 bar)	3" to 130" (6 to 330 cm)
Monel <sup>®</sup> :	-40° to +325° F (-40° to +163° C)	1200 psig (83 bar)	1" to 130" (3 to 330 cm)
Kynar <sup>®</sup> (NPT rating):	-40° to +250° F (-40° to +121° C)	200 psig (14 bar)	2" to 130" (5 to 330 cm)
CPVC (NPT rating):	-40° to +180° F (-40° to +82° C)	200 psig (14 bar)	2" to 130" (5 to 330 cm)

## 962 Dual Point Transducer Specifications

Transducer Material	<b>Operating Temperature Range</b>	Maximum Pressure	Actuation Length
316 Stainless Steel:	-40° to +325° F (-40° to +163° C)	1500 psig (103 bar)	5" to 130" (13 to 330 cm)
CPVC (NPT rating):	-40° to +180° F (-40° to +82° C)	200 psig (14 bar)	5" to 130" (13 to 330 cm)



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