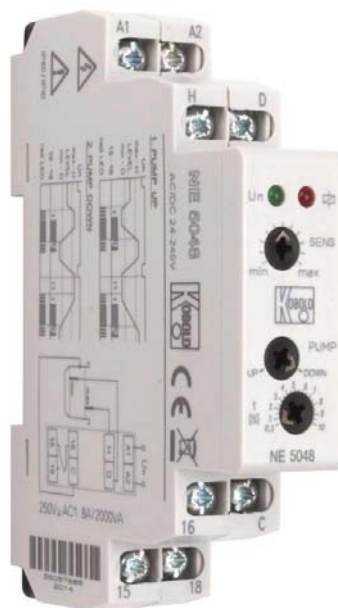


Operating Instructions
for
Electrode Relays for
Conductive Limit Switches

Model: NE-5048
(without WHG-certification)



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2. Note

Please read these operating instructions before unpacking and putting the unit into operation. Follow the instructions precisely as described herein.

The instruction manuals on our website www.kobold.com are always for currently manufactured version of our products. Due to technical changes, the instruction manuals available online may not always correspond to the product version you have purchased. If you need an instruction manual that corresponds to the purchased product version, you can request it from us free of charge by email (info.de@kobold.com) in PDF format, specifying the relevant invoice number and serial number. If you wish, the operating instructions can also be sent to you by post in paper form against an applicable postage fee.

Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via www.kobold.com

The devices are only to be used, maintained and serviced by persons familiar with these operating instructions and in accordance with local regulations applying to Health & Safety and prevention of accidents.

When used in machines, the NE-unit should be used only when the machines fulfil the EC-machine guidelines.

3. Instrument Inspection

The instruments are inspected before shipping and sent out in perfect condition. Should damage to the instrument be visible, we recommend close inspection of the delivery package. In cases of damage, please immediately inform the forwarder as he is liable for any damage in transit.

Scope of delivery

- Conductive Electrode Relay model: NE-5048

4. Regulation Use

The Conductive Limit Switch has been designed for use in level monitoring applications and for pump control for low to highly conductive liquids. The switch has no moving parts—thus, it is particularly suited for monitoring critical media with low solid contents, low density, or high viscosity.

It comprises conductive electrodes and an electrode relay.

The medium conductivity must be min. 10 μ S/cm.

Electrode relay

The model NE-5048 electrode relay controls the conductive electrodes and switches throughput, when the conductivity changes.

Type 5048: For one switching point with one electrode and one earth electrode. The relay can be operated in interval mode with two electrodes and one earth electrode.

Electrodes

Two types of conductive probes are available: solid rod or flexible pendant electrodes; they are vertically mounted in the tank to be monitored. The electrode length corresponds to the switching point.

5. Operating Principle

The KOBOLD electrode relays type NE-5048 are used in conjunction with the conductive limit switches NES, NEH and LNK (option without electronic module) for level monitoring and level control of conductive liquids with a conductivity of more than 10 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

Probes are immersed in the tank to detect the level. These probes (and the tank wall, if conductive) serve as contacts of a circuit. The probes can be single-rod or multi-rod probes (see also NES and NEH).

The NE-5048 relay provides a limit value signal for connecting one control and one earth electrode.

It also includes a bistable interval relay with latching and is thus suitable for interval switching - e.g. for pump control (min./max. control).

6. Mechanical Connection

The electrodes can be screwed into the tank cover via a pipe thread and sealed, for example. The electrode length corresponds to the desired switching points, and rod electrode lengths may be shortened. The electrode tip must be free of insulating materials. The electrodes must be installed so that the electrode rods or the pendant electrodes are not short-circuited with the side of the tank, or with each other. Please ensure that the rods cannot buckle, or that the pendant electrodes cannot become knotted.

The reference or earth electrode must be at least as long as the longest switching electrode. If the side of the tank is adequately conductive and is not coated with insulating material, it can be used as an earth electrode. The clearance between the switching electrode and the side of the tank should be as small as possible, so that the conductivity of the measuring distance does not fall below 10 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.

7. Electrical Connection



Attention! Make sure that the voltage values of your system correspond with the voltage values of the measuring unit. Make sure that the supply wires are de-energised.



Attention! The unit has a basic isolation between power terminals A1, A2 and measurement terminals D, H, C, which is dimensioned according to overvoltage category II. In this sense, the input measuring circuit is electrically isolated from the power supply terminals.



Maximum cable length: 300 m, minimum cross-section 0,5 mm². A screened, low capacity cable is to be used at a cable length of approx. 15 m and near EMC-critical installation environment. The cable needs to be connected to an adequate shield ground.

7.1. Electrode relay NE-5048

The NE-5048 electrode relay is the standard relay for all conductive limit electrodes. The relay is supplied in closed-circuit current version.

The function can be adapted to your application according to the following explanations.

The red LED signal lamp lights up when the relay is energised.

The green LED lights up when the supply voltage is applied.

NE-5048

The relay is intended for monitoring the level in conductive liquids, with the following functions to choose from: pump up or pump down (PUMP UP or PUMP DOWN).

To prevent polarisation or undesirable oxidation of the sensors, the measuring circuit is supplied with alternating current.

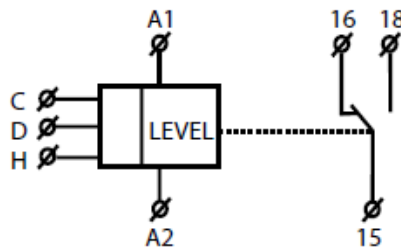
There are 3 probes for the measurement: H - upper probe, D - lower probe and C - common probe.

If a container made of conductive material is used for the measurement, the container wall can also be used as sensor C. If you want to monitor only 1 level, the inputs dog D must be connected and connected to 1 sensor. In this case the input resistance is reduced by half (2.5...50 K Ω instead of 5-100 K Ω). Sensor C can also be connected to a protective earth conductor of the supply system (PE). To avoid unwanted switching (due to sensor contamination caused by sediments, humidity...), the sensitivity of the device can be set in the range of 5 to 100 K Ω depending on the conductivity of the monitored liquid (resistance of the liquid).

To avoid unwanted switching of the output contacts due to an unstable surface of the liquid or wave movements in the tank, you can set a delay in the output of 0.5-10 s.

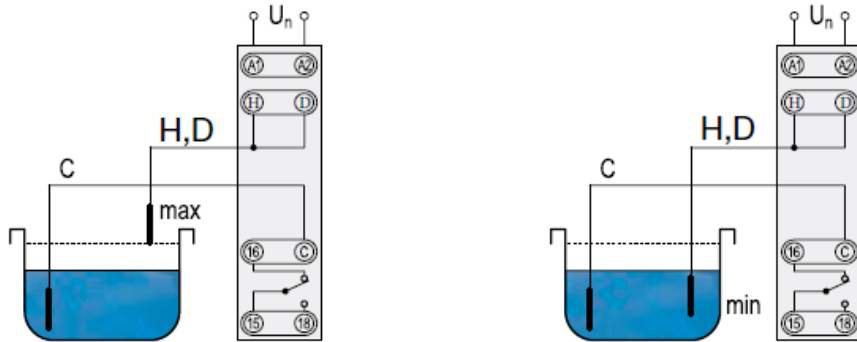
Power supply connection

The mains voltage is connected to terminals A1 and A2

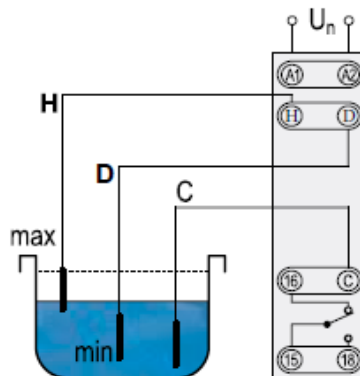


7.2. Process Applications NE-5048

1 Level Monitoring



2 Level Monitoring



NE Switch

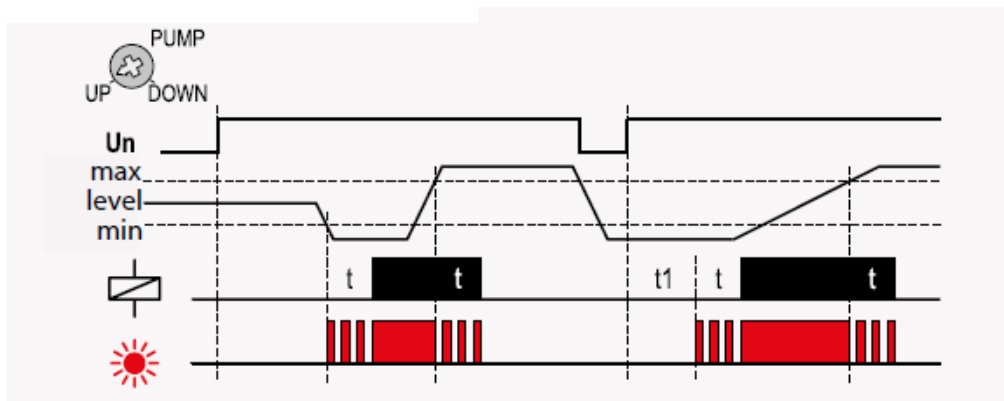
A1, A2: Power supply

C: Reference electrode

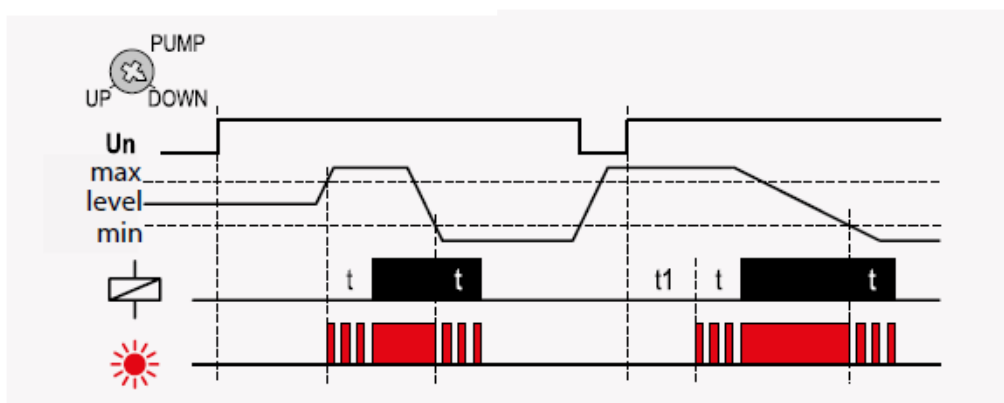
H: MAX maximal level electrode

D: MIN minimal level electrode

Filling function



Emptying function



8. Locating and Remedying Faults

The relay does not operate:

- Check whether the mains voltage is applied to terminals A1 and A2 (green LED lights up).
- If the LED lights up
Disconnect electrodes from terminals C, H, D and short-circuit terminals C and H, D with a wire jumper. The relay must now react according to the function of the presetting. If there is no reaction, there is a fault in the relay.
- If the relay switches, remove the short-circuiting link and connect the electrodes according to the connecting instructions. Short-circuit the electrodes at the tips with a wire jumper. If the relay does not change over now, there is a cable interruption, or the electrode tips are insulated by deposits.
- If the relay with the wire jumper at the electrode tips changes over, remove the wire jumper, adjust the maximum sensitivity on the relay, and immerse the electrodes in the medium. If the relay still does not switch, the conductivity of the medium may be too low.

9. Maintenance

The conductive limit switch requires absolutely no maintenance. The electrode tips should be occasionally inspected for deposits or corrosion, and should be cleaned. Insulating deposits can cause a malfunction.

10. Technical Information

Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via www.kobold.com

11. Order Codes

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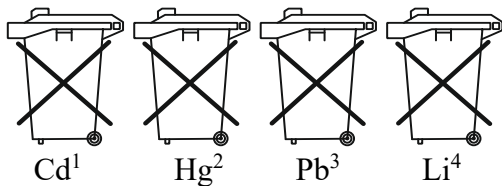
13. Disposal

Note!

- Avoid environmental damage caused by media-contaminated parts
- Dispose of the device and packaging in an environmentally friendly manner
- Comply with applicable national and international disposal regulations and environmental regulations.

Batteries

Batteries containing pollutants are marked with a sign consisting of a crossed-out garbage can and the chemical symbol (Cd, Hg, Li or Pb) of the heavy metal that is decisive for the classification as containing pollutants:



1. „Cd" stands for cadmium
2. „Hg" stands for mercury
3. „Pb" stands for lead
4. „Li" stands for lithium

Electrical and electronic equipment



14. EU Declaration of Conformance

We, KOBOLD Messring GmbH, Nordring 22-24, 65719 Hofheim, Germany, declare under our sole responsibility that the product:

Electrode Relays for Conductive Limit Switches Model: NE-4048

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following EU directives stated below:

2014/35/EU	Low Voltage Directive
2014/30/EU	EMC Directive
2011/65/EU	RoHS (category 9)
2015/863/EU	Delegated Directive (RoHS III)

Also, the following standards are fulfilled:

EN 60669-1:1999+A1:2001+A2:2008

Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations - Part 1: General requirements

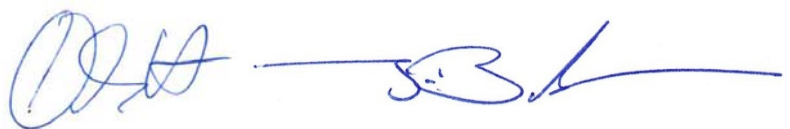
EN 60669-2-1:2004+A1:2009+A12:2010+AC:2007

Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations - Part 2-1: Particular requirements - Electronic switches

EN 50581:2012

Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances

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