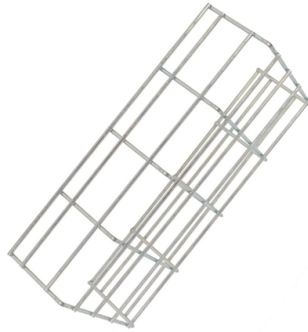


How to test industrial switches



Article Overview

Industrial switches are tested using a combination of visual inspections, mechanical and electrical tests, type and routine tests, and specialized functional checks to ensure safety, reliability, and compliance with standards.

Visual and Physical Inspection

Before any electrical testing, industrial switches undergo a visual inspection to check for physical damage, corrosion, loose connections, or misalignment. Inspectors verify the integrity of wiring, contact points, insulation, and mechanical components, ensuring proper installation and compliance with manufacturer specifications and safety standards. Environmental factors such as dust, coolant ingress, or metal debris are also assessed, particularly for proximity and industrial automation switches.

Mechanical Testing

Mechanical tests evaluate the actuation force, travel distance, and durability of switches. Universal testing machines, such as the inspekt blue 5 kN, measure the force required to operate the switch and the response of the contacts during actuation and release. These tests ensure that switches meet design specifications and can withstand repeated operation without failure.

Electrical Testing

Electrical tests confirm the functionality and safety of switches. Common procedures include:

- Continuity and insulation tests using multimeters or specialized testers to verify proper electrical connections and insulation resistance.

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