Kari (KA) Level Float Switch









Kari cable suspended float switches are capable of up to four switching levels in a single float, and offer 25 different configurations - including some with built in hysteresis. That means you can replace up to four single level float switches with one 4-point level switch. Kari offers high chemical compatibility and durable components built to outlast any other.

Features

- Up to 4 switching levels
- Optional built-in hysteresis
- 25 configurations
- Mercury and Lead free
- High chemical compatibility
- Proven reliability in operation
- Cost effective

Quick Specs

- Max Voltage: 250 VAC or DC
- Temperature: Up to 175°F
- Float Material: Polypropylene
- Cable Material: PVC (standard), Polypropylene, Rubber, Teflon®
- IP67, NEMA 6
- CE, CSA General Purpose



The World's Most Versatile & Reliable Float Switch

Patented One Float, Multi-Switch Design

Want to make it easier to work with float switches? Want to avoid tangled floats? Kari float switches have up to four switch points in a single float.

This simplifies installation, avoids maintenance, and enhances reliability.

Stop messing around with tangles of multiple floats and streamline with Kari and APG.

Unparalleled Reliability

Many report the typical lifespan of a competitor cable suspended float switch to be about four years. We still have Kari floats in the field from 20 years ago.

These workhorses just keep going, much longer than your run-of-the-mill float switch.

You get uninterrupted service and a much lower cost of ownership in an easy-to-use package.

Easy Switch Level Adjustment

The different activation levels within the float are easy to adjust by lengthening the cable and moving the weight. The closer the weight to the float, the tighter the switching differential - or the closer the switching levels are to each other.

High level alarm

A high level alarm is issued or valve discharging initiated when, for example, the pump is out of order.

Start

The liquid level is high. The switch turns on the pump.

Stop

The liquid level reaches the pre-determined lower limit. The pump is turned off.

Low level alarm

A low level alarm is issued or valve charging initiated when, for example, the pump is out of order.



An example of a discharge function, with the four-point 4H switch model.



Plug & Play

25 Configurations, Built-In Hysteresis

Kari float switches come purpose built for a variety of unique applications with 25 different configurations. The diagram below descibes the function and available size of each model.

Unlike any other float switch on the market, several models include built-in hysteresis. The float handles the logic all by itself - making them ideal for backup pump control applications and reducing the need for expensive controllers.

If you can wire a simple switch (and we can help you with that), then you can achieve complex pump control behavior with a single Kari float switch.



Kari Float Switch Models			Model		
Туре	Description	Hysteresis	M Ø 3 in	C Ø 3.9 in	S Ø 6.7 in
1H	High alarm or valve control		A		
1HE	Dual high alarm				
2H	Empty pump control				
2Y	Empty pump control				
3H	Empty pump control + high alarm				
3Y	Empty pump control + high alarm				
3HE	Empty pump control + isolated high alarm				
3YE	Empty pump control + isolated high alarm				
4H	Empty pump control + high and low alarm				
4H5E	Duplex empty pump control + isolated high alarm				▲ · ·
4Y	Empty pump control + high and low alarm				
4Y39	4 level empty pump control				
1L	Low alarm or valve control				
1LE	Dual low alarm or valve control				
2L	Fill pump control				
2A	Fill pump control				
3L	Fill pump control + low alarm				
ЗA	Fill pump control + low alarm				
3LE	Fill pump control + isolated low alarm				
3AE	Fill pump control + isolated low alarm				
4L	Fill pump control + low and high alarm				
4L5E	Duplex fill pump control + isolated low alarm				
4A	Fill pump control + low and high alarm				
1C	High or low alarm, change-over switch				
2HL	High and low alarm				



Model Selection Guide



Empty Control (Form A)

Popular Models (marked in blue above)

Model Number	Model Description
KA-1H/M1H	One switch, NO
KA-2H/M2H	Two switch, NO, hysteresis
KA-3HE	Three switch, NO, hysteresis, isolated alarm
KA-4H	Four switch, NO, hysteresis, hi/low alarms
KA-4HE	Four switch, NO, hystesis, duplex control, isolated alarm





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Other



The diagrams show the action of each Kari float switch model, organized by basic application type. Use the key to interpret each diagram. Contact Automation Products Group, Inc. for help selecting the right model.

Model 3AE

4 Conductors

Fill Control Isolated

Low Alarm

1-3

N.C

1-2 4-5







1-2

N.C



Popular Models (marked in blue above)

Model Number	Model Description
KA-1L/M1L	One switch, NC
KA-2L/M2L	Two switch, NC, hysteresis
KA-4L	Four switch, NC, hysteresis, hi/low alarms





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Specifications



Performance

- Switching Differential: Standard: Min: 10 in. - Max: 50 in. Optional: Min. 2.5 in - 75 in. (60 in. M series)
- Maximum Pressure: 28 psi (2 bar)

Connectivity

• Cable: Up to 5 wires



🔀 Environmental

- Max. Liquid Temperature: Standard: 130°F (54°C) Optional: 175°F (80°C)
- Protection Rating: IP67 NEMA 6

Certification

- CSA General Purpose
- CE

🛛 🖬 Electrical

- Maximum Voltage: 250 VAC or DC
- Maximum AC Current (Resistive): 6 A
- Maximum AC Current (Inductive): 3 A
- Maximum DC Power: 75 VA (0.3 A @ 250 V)

👆 Physical

- Minimum Fluid Specific Gravity: 0.7 for Standard float 0.95 for Mini float
- Standard Cable Lengths: 5m (16 ft) 15m (49 ft)
- Weight: 1.3 4 lbs (varies on type)
- Float Polypropylene
- Cable
 - Standard: PVC Optional: Rubber PTFE (Teflon®) TPU (Oil resistant)



Model Configuration Options

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____ _____ C ___ D

Model Number: KA - _____

A. Model and Function

Null-Large, C-Medium, M-Mini

Ex. 1H (Large), C1H (Medium), M1H (Mini)

- □ _1L Low Alarm □ _1H High Alarm □ _1C High / Low Alarm
- □ _**1LE** Dual Low Alarm*
- □ **_1HE** Dual High Alarm*

Note: A cable weight does not come with single level floats.

Null-Large, C-Medium, M-Mini

- Ex. 2H (Large), C2H (Medium), M2H (Mini)
- □ _2L Hysteresis Fill Control (pump Up)
- □ **_2H** Hysteresis Empty Control (Pump Down)
- □ **_2Y** Empty Control (Pump Down)*
- □ **__2A** Fill Control (Pump Up)*

*Function not available with M-Series model.

Null- Large, Ex. 3H (Larg	C- Medium e), C3H (Medium)
□ _2HL	High and Low Alarm
□ _3L	Hysteresis Fill + Low Alarm
□ _3H	Hysteresis Empty + High Alarm
□ _3Y	Empty Control + High Alarm
□ _3LE	Hysteresis Fill + Isolated Low Alarm
□ _3HE	Hysteresis Empty + Isolated High Alarm

Note: Use the **M**-Mini option if no suspended solids are present, the specific gravity of the liquid is greater than 0.95 and no more than two switch points are needed.

Null-Large

Ex. 3Y (Large), only available in large size

□ 3A	Fill Control + Low Alarm
□ 3AE	Fill Control + Isolated Low Alarm
□ 3YE	Empty Control + Isolated High Alarm
□ 4A	Fill + High and Low Alarm (5 conductor)
□ 4L	Hysteresis Fill + High and Low Alarm (4 conductor)
□ 4 Y	Empty + High and Low Alarm (5 conductor)
□ 4H	Hysteresis Empty + High and low Alarm (4 conductor)
□ 4L5E	Duplex Pump Fill + Isolated Low Alarm
□ 4H5E	Duplex Pump Empty + Isolated High Alarm
□ 4 ¥39	Lead/Lag Pump Control + High and Low Alarm

B. High Temperature Option

- □ (Null) Standard 130°F (55°C)
- □ **K** High Temperature 175°F (80°C)

C. Cable Option

🗆 (Null)	PVC
□ A	Rubber
□ T	PTFE (Teflon®)
□ N	TPU (Oil Resistant)

D. Cable Length

- □ (Null) 16 ft. (5 m) cable standard
- □_L (specify in meters)

Kari Accessories

Please order separately, by part number.

Description	Part Number
Kari A weight - PP covered 3/4lb (400g) - 4.3 in X 2.2 in	122039
Kari B weight - PP covered 1 1/2lb (700g) - 5.2 in X 3 in	122040
Kari C weight - PP covered 2 1/4lb (1Kg) - 5.2 in X 3 in	122042



APG & Kari-Finn

In the 1960's, Kari-Finn Oy developed a method to install four switches in a single float. They patented the product and changed the world of simple level control forever.

At APG, we fell in love with the Kari-Finn and their innovative float switch. It fits perfectly with our passion for making high quality sensors for reliable level and pressure measurement and control.

We have long had a relationship of trust based on mutual values. We're the exclusive distributor of Kari float switches in North America.

Lift Stations

While the Kari float switch can be used in a myriad applications, it's extremely well suited for lift stations. A single float can control a duplex pumping station with built-in hysteresis.

Backup Pump Control

The KA-2H and KA-2L models are ideal for backup pump control. They have built-in hysteresis (no need for a controller to provide this logic) and can be wired directly to the motor starter.

These floats are perfect for any backup pump control application in almost any tank or vessel.

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For questions about Kari or APG, contact us using the information below. We also have live chat on our website.

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