

LLE Series

Liquid level sensors



DESCRIPTION

The enhanced series of liquid level sensors incorporates a photo-transistor trigger which provides a digital output that denotes the presence or absence of liquid.

The mode of operation is derived from the principle of total internal reflection. An LED and photo-transistor are housed within a plastic dome at the head of the device. When no liquid is present, light from the LED is internally reflected from

the dome to the photo-transistor. When liquid covers the dome, the effective refractive index at the dome-liquid boundary changes, allowing some light from the LED to escape. Thus the amount of light received by the photo-transistor is reduced and the output switches, indicating the presence of liquid. This method of liquid level sensing is very fast, and almost instantaneous for water.

FEATURES

- Solid state technology
- Small size
- Digital output
- Pre-wired
- Electrically robust

BENEFITS

- Accurate, repeatable switching point
- Can be mounted in applications where space is limited
- Microprocessor compatible
- Easy to install, saving assembly time
- Reverse polarity, over voltage, short circuit and transient protection

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Home appliances
- Spa baths
- Vending machines
- Food and beverage
- Medical
- Compressors
- Machine tools
- Automotive

ORDER GUIDE

Catalogue Listing

Description		Standard temperature	High temperature
Screw In, M12 Thread, Plastic	(Type 1)	LLE101000	LLE101101
	(Type 2)	LLE102000	LLE102101
	(Type 3)	LLE103000	LLE103101
Push In, Plastic	(Type 5)	LLE105000	LLE105100
Screw In, 1/2 in, Metal	Nickel plated brass	LLE205000	LLE205100
	Stainless steel	LLE305000	LLE305100

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Specifications		
Operation mode	User defined single point on/off switch (Output is high in air)	
Repeatability (mm)	± 1	
Hysteresis (mm)	2 (dependent on liquid)	
Response time	Rising liquid level - 50 µs Falling liquid level - 1 s max (in ethanol) Response in other liquids dependent on viscosity	
Mechanical		
Mounting	Type 1 and 2 - mounted from outside; Type 3 and 5 - mounted from inside	
Termination	250 mm flying leads (180 mm for metal versions)	
	Blue	0 V
	Red	+5 V to +12 V supply
	Green	Output
Material [Note 1]	Polysulphone	
Dimensions	Plastic	Metal
	LLE101/102/103 Series	LLE205/305 Series
	Dome	
	3,5 mm radius (includes LLE105 Series)	
	Thread	M12x1
	Hex	19 mm
		½ in BSPT
		24 mm (See mounting drawings on page 3)
Environmental		
Standard temperature		
Operating temperature (°C)	-25 to 80 (-13 °F to 176 °F)	
Storage temperature (°C)	-30 to 85 (-22 °F to 185 °F)	
Thermal testing	As per BS EN60068-2-33	
Humidity	As per BS EN60068-2-30	
Vibration	As per BS EN60068-2-6 Part S3: 1996	
Mechanical shock	As per BS EN60068-2-27 Part 2 Ea: 1987	
Pressure range (bar)	0 to 5 (plastic housing) [Note 2]	
	0 to 25 (metal housing)	
Ambient IR light limit (@ 940 nm) [Note 3]	10 mW/cm ² in operation	
Electrical		
Standard temperature		
Supply voltage (Vcc)	+5 Vdc to +12 Vdc ± 5 %	
Supply current (mA)	15 mA nominal @ +5 Vdc	5 mA nominal @ +5 Vdc
Output sink current [Note 4] @ 5 Vdc supply	@ 25 °C 10 mA max.	@ 25 °C 40 mA max.
	@ 80 °C 3 mA max.	@ 125 °C 7 mA max.

Notes:

[Note 1] Material compatibility information available on request.

[Note 2] Threaded sensors only.

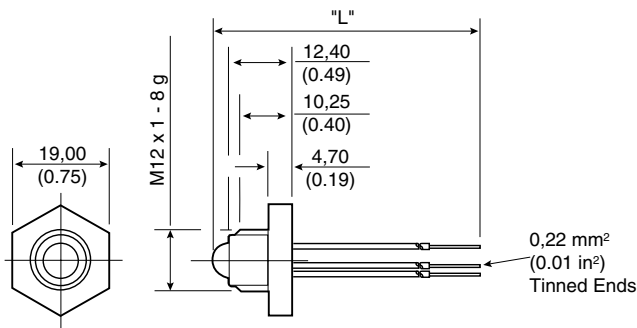
[Note 3] For other ambient light environments the user should test the sensor under application conditions to verify compatibility.

[Note 4] The output is intended as a TTL compatible output signal, for interfacing to logic systems. For interfacing with other types of circuitry an appropriate buffer circuit must be used.

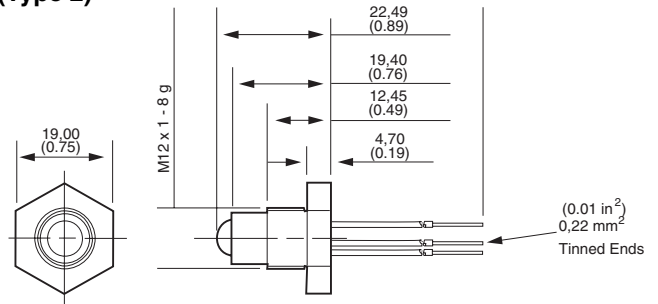
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MOUNTING DRAWING (IN MM AND INCHES)

LLE101000/LLE101101 (Type 1)



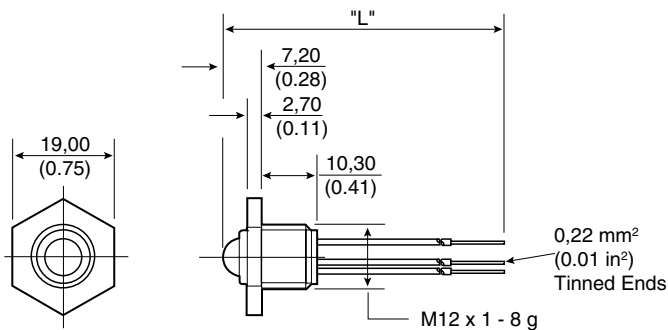
LLE102000/LLE102101 (Type 2)



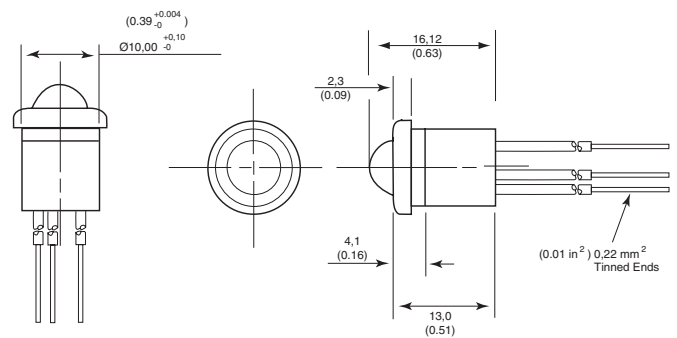
Notes

- 1 Recommended panel hole size \varnothing 12,5 ± 0.3 mm (0.49 ± 0.01 in)
- 2 'O' ring seal supplied Unassembled

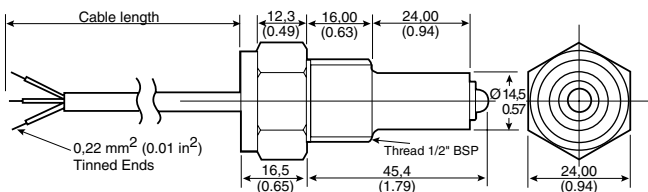
LLE103000/LLE103101 (Type 3)



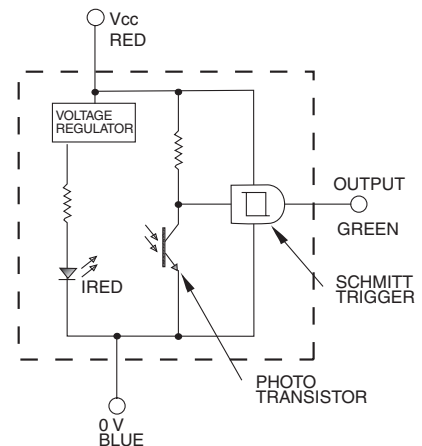
LLE105000/LLE105100 (Type 5)



LLE205000/LLE205100 LLE305000/LLE305100



ELECTRICAL DIAGRAM



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