



**AIR PRESSURE SENSING SWITCH WITH ADJUSTABLE SET POINT RANGE**

**APPLICATION**

**Model AFS-398 Air Pressure Sensing Switch** is a general purpose proving switch designed for HVAC and Energy Management applications. It may be used to sense positive, negative, or differential air pressure.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION & OPERATION**

The plated housing contains a diaphragm, a calibration spring and a snap-acting SPDT switch. The sample connections located on each side of the diaphragm accept  $\frac{1}{4}$ " OD metallic tubing via the integral compression ferrule and nut.

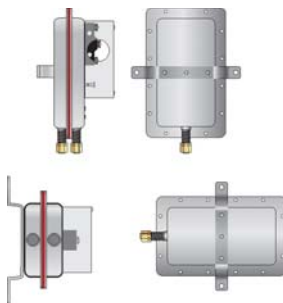
An enclosure cover guards against accidental contact with the live switch terminal screws and the set point adjusting screw. The enclosure cover will accept a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " conduit connection.



**MOUNTING (SEE FIGURE 1)**

Select a mounting location which is free from vibration. The **AFS-398** must be mounted with the diaphragm in any vertical plane in order to obtain the lowest specified operating set point. Avoid mounting with the sample line connections in the "up" position. Surface mount via the two  $\frac{3}{16}$ " diameter holes in the integral mounting bracket. The mounting holes are 3- $\frac{7}{8}$ " apart.

(Fig. 1)



**AIR SAMPLING CONNECTION (SEE FIGURE 2)**

The **AFS-398** is designed to accept firm-wall sample lines of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " OD tubing by means of ferrule and nut compression connections. For sample lines of up to 10 feet,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " OD tubing is acceptable. For lines up to 20 feet, use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " ID tubing. For lines up to 60 feet, use  $\frac{1}{2}$ " ID tubing. A  $\frac{1}{4}$ " OD adapter, suitable for slip-on flexible tubing is available: order part number 18311.

Locate the sampling probe a minimum of 1.5 duct diameters downstream from the air source. Install the sampling probe as close to the center of the airstream as possible. Refer to Figure 2 to identify the high pressure inlet (H) and the low pressure inlet (L). Select one of the following five application options, and connect the sample lines as recommended.

**POSITIVE PRESSURE ONLY:** Connect the sample line to inlet H; inlet L remains open to the atmosphere.

**NEGATIVE PRESSURE ONLY:** Connect the sample line to inlet L; inlet H remains open to the atmosphere.

**TWO NEGATIVE SAMPLES:** Connect the higher negative sample to inlet L. Connect the lower negative sample to inlet H.

**TWO POSITIVE SAMPLES:** Connect the higher positive sample to inlet H. Connect the lower positive sample to inlet L.

**ONE POSITIVE AND ONE NEGATIVE SAMPLE:** Connect the positive sample to inlet H. Connect the negative sample to inlet L.

## ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS (SEE FIGURE 3)

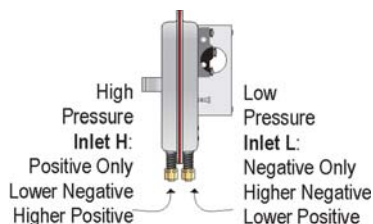
Before pressure is applied to the diaphragm, the switch contacts will be in the normally closed (NC) position. The snap switch has screw top terminals with cup washers. Wire alarm and control applications as shown in Figure 4.

## FIELD ADJUSTMENT

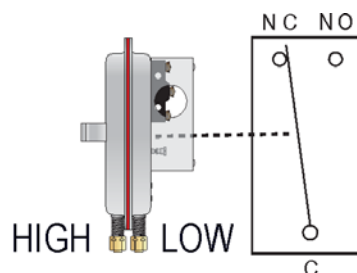
The adjustment range of an **AFS-398** Air Switch is  $0.03 \pm 0.02$ " w.c. to 2.0" w.c. To adjust the set point, turn the adjusting screw counterclockwise until motion has stopped. Next, turn the adjusting screw 4 complete turns in a clockwise direction to engage the spring. From this point, the next ten turns will be used for the actual calibration. **Each full turn represents approximately 0.2" w.c.**

**Please note:** To properly calibrate an air switch, a digital manometer or other measuring device should be used to confirm the actual set point.

(Figure 2)

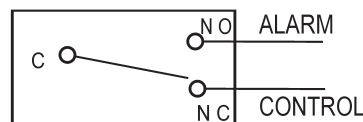


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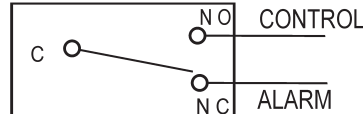


(Figure 4)

To prove excessive air flow or pressure:



To prove insufficient air flow or pressure:



## SPECIFICATIONS

### MODEL AFS-398 AIR PRESSURE SENSING SWITCH WITH ADJUSTABLE SET POINT RANGE

#### Mounting Position:

Mount with the diaphragm in any vertical plane.

#### Set Point Range:

$0.03 \pm 0.02$ " w.c. to 2.0" w.c.

#### Field Adjustable "Operate Range":

0.05" w.c. to 2.0" w.c.

#### Field Adjustable "Release Range":

0.02" w.c. to 1.9" w.c.

#### Approximate Switching Differential:

Progressive, increasing from  $0.02 \pm 0.01$ " w.c. at minimum set point to approximately 0.1" w.c. at maximum set point.

#### Measured Media:

Air, or combustion by-products that will not degrade silicone.

#### Maximum Pressure:

$\frac{1}{2}$  psi (0.03 bar).

#### Operating Temperature Range:

-40F to 180F (-40 to 82C).

#### Life:

100,000 cycles minimum at  $\frac{1}{2}$  psi maximum pressure each cycle and at maximum rated electrical load.

#### Electrical Rating:

300 VA pilot duty at 115 to 277 VAC, 15 amps noninductive to 277 VAC, 60Hz.

#### Contact Arrangement: SPDT.

#### Electrical Connections:

Screw-type terminals with cup washers.

#### Conduit Opening:

$\frac{7}{8}$ " diameter opening accepts  $\frac{1}{2}$ " conduit.

#### Sample Line Connectors:

Male, externally threaded  $\frac{7}{16}$ " -24 UNS 2A thread, complete with nuts and self-aligning ferrules.

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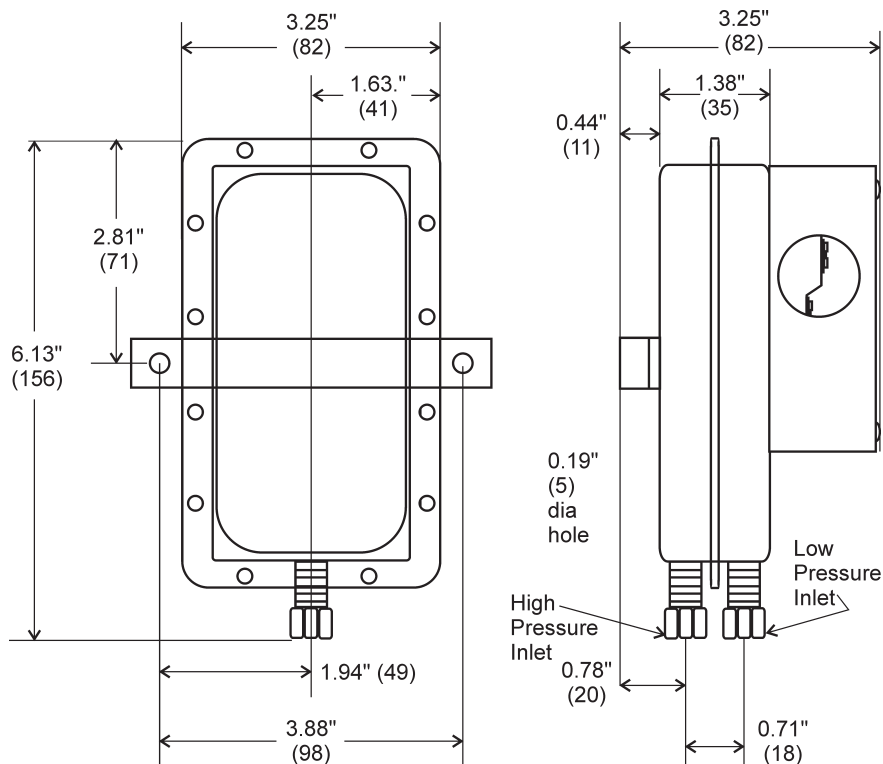
Connectors will accept  $\frac{1}{4}$ " OD rigid or semi-rigid tubing.

#### Approvals: UL, FM, CSA.

#### Shipping Weight: 1.2 lbs.

#### Accessories:

- P/N 18311 Slip-on  $\frac{1}{4}$ " OD Tubing Adapter, suitable for slipping on flexible plastic tubing.
- Sample line probes.
- Orifice plugs (pulsation dampers).



Nominal Dimensions in Inches (Millimeters)