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**Micro-limit pushbutton switches** are used in many applications including microwave ovens, vending machines, copy and fax machines, medical and security equipment, computer peripherals and many others. They are characterized by close tolerance precision switching positions and long service life. APEM micro-limit switches are 100% electronic tested prior to shipment to insure proper operation and conformance with specifications.

#### **DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**

#### Free position

Position of the switch actuator when no force is applied.

#### **Operating position**

The position of the actuator when the contact snaps.

#### **Overtravel** position

The final position of the actuator.

#### **Release position**

The position of the actuator when the contact snaps back from the operating position to original position.

#### **Contact opening gap**

The distance between the open contact pair.

#### **Pretravel**

The distance between free and operating positions.

#### <u>Overtravel</u>

The distance the actuator travels after the contact actuates.

#### **Movement differential**

The distance from the operating to release position of the actuator.

#### Free travel

The distance between the release and free positions.

#### **Back travel**

The distance between the overtravel and release positions.

#### **Total travel**

The sum of pretravel and overtravel.

#### **Operating force**

The force required to cause snap action of contact.

#### **End operating force**

The force to be applied to keep the actuator in the allowed final position.

#### **Release force**

The force applied to the actuator at the moment the contact snaps back from the operating position.

#### **Differential force**

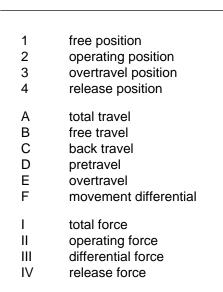
The difference between the operating force and the release force.

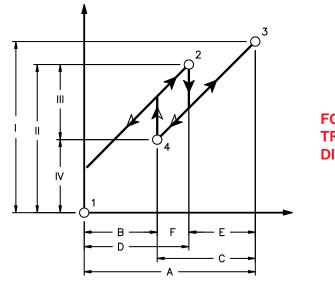
#### **Mechanical life**

The minimum number of actuations with no load on the switch.

#### **Electrical life**

The minimum number of actuations at rated voltage, rated current and resistive load at 20°C ambient temperature.





FORCE vs. TRAVEL DIAGRAM

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#### **FEATURES**

SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

- Ratings: 10 Amps 250 VAC (resistive load). 1.5 Amps 250 VAC (motor load).
- Single pole CO (change-over or alternate action), NC (normally closed momentary) and NO (normally open momentary) configurations.
- Close tolerance switching action with long life (10,000,000 mechanical cycles min.).
- Pin plunger, hinge lever or roller lever actuator options.

#### **MATERIALS**

Contacts: Stationary: Nickel silver Shorting: Beryllium copper

Actuator: POM (UL94HB)
Case & cover: PBT (UL94V-O)

**Terminals:** Silver plated copper/zinc

#### **AGENCY RECOGNITION**









#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Operating force: - 10 oz. (274 grams) approx.

Pretravel:

Overtravel:

Movement differential:

Free position:

- .039" (1mm)

- .024" (0.6mm)

- .005" (0.13mm)

- .366" (9.3mm)

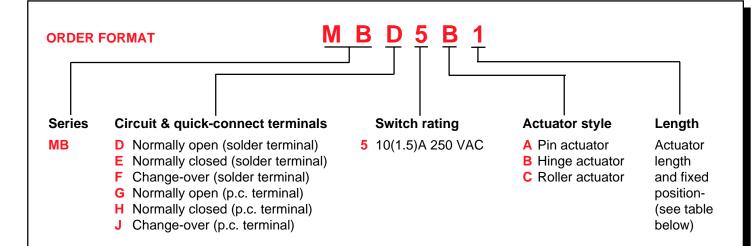
Operating position:  $.331" \pm .012" (8.4mm \pm (0.3mm))$ 

Operating temperature: -40°C to +85°C Contact gap: < .118" (3mm)

Tracking resistance: >PTI 175

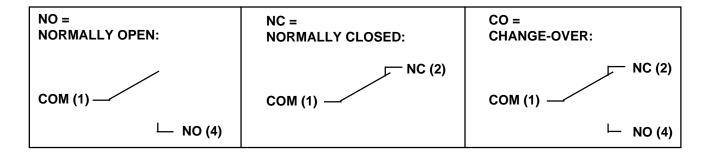
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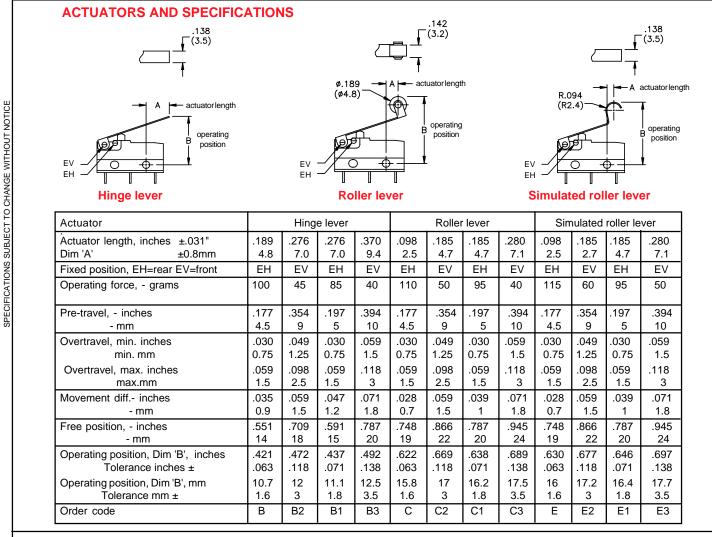


#### **STANDARD MODELS**

Circuit			Normally open		Normally closed		Change-over	
Terminals			Solder	P.C.	Solder	P.C.	Solder	P.C
Pin plunger with radius Pin plunger, spherical form			MBD5A MBD5D	MBG5A MBG5D	MBE5A MBE5D	MBH5A MBH5D	MBF5A MBF5D	MBJ5A MBJ5D
Lever type	Fix	Act. length						
Hinge lever  Roller lever	EH EV EH EV EH EV	.189" (4.8mm) .276" (7.0mm) .276" (7.0mm) .370" (9.4mm) .098" (2.5mm) .185" (4.7mm) .185" (4.7mm) .280" (7.1mm)	MBD5B MBD5B2 MBD5B1 MBD5B3 MBD5C MBD5C2 MBD5C1 MBD5C3	MBG5B MBG5B1 MBG5B3 MBG5C MBG5C2 MBG5C1 MBG5C3	MBE5B MBE5B1 MBE5B3 MBE5C MBE5C2 MBE5C1 MBE5C3	MBH5B MBH5B1 MBH5B3 MBH5C MBH5C2 MBH5C1 MBH5C3	MBF5B MBF5B1 MBF5B3 MBF5C MBF5C2 MBF5C1 MBF5C3	MBJ5B MBJ5B2 MBJ5B1 MBJ5B3 MBJ5C MBJ5C2 MBJ5C1 MBJ5C3
Simulated roller lever	EH EV EH EV	.098" (2.5mm) .185" (4.7mm) .185" (4.7mm) .280" (7.1mm)	MBD5E MBD5E2 MBD5E1 MBD5E3	MBG5E MBG5E2 MBG5E1 MBG5E3	MBE5E MBE5E2 MBE5E1 MBE5E3	MBH5E MBH5E2 MBH5E1 MBH5E3	MBF5E MBF5E2 MBF5E1 MBF5E3	MBJ5E MBJ5E2 MBJ5E1 MBJ5E3



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#### **MECHANICAL OUTLINES**

