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# Standard Guide for ASTM Standard Test Methods, Standard Practices, and Typical Values of a Membrane Switch<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

- 1.1 This guide contains a list of the current test methods and practices generated by Subcommittee F01.18 on Membrane Switches along with typical values for specifying certain performance characteristics of a membrane switch.
- 1.2 As a minimum, for any particular membrane switch, the values for the required characteristics should be specified.
- 1.3 Additional performance characteristics may be required and should be specified accordingly.

#### 2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:
- F 1570 Test Method for Determining the Tactile Ratio of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1578 Practice for Contact Closure Cycling of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1595 Practice for Visual Inspection of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1596 Practice for Exposure of Membrane Switches to Temperature and Relative Humidity<sup>2</sup>
- F 1597 Test Method for Determining the Actuation Force and Contact Force of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1598 Test Method to Determine the Effects of Chemical/ Solvent Exposure to a Membrane Switch/Graphic Overlay (Spot Test Method)<sup>2</sup>
- F 1661 Test Method for Determining the Contact Bounce Time of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1662 Test Method for Verifying the Specified Dielectric Withstand Voltage of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1663 Test Method for Determining the Capacitance of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1680 Test Method for Determining the Circuit Resistance of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1682 Test Method for Determining the Travel of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>

- Membrane Switch ESD Shielding<sup>2</sup> F 1843 Practice for Determining the Specular Gloss of Flexible Substrates, both Printed and Unprinted<sup>2</sup>

F 1683 Practice for Creasing and Bending a Membrane Switch, Membrane Switch Assembly or Membrane Switch

F 1689 Test Method for Determining the Insulation Resis-

F 1762 Practice for Determining the Effects of Variation in

F 1812 Test Method for Determining the Effectiveness of

Atmospheric Pressure on a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>

- F 1895 Practice for Submersion of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 1995 Test Method for Determining the Bond Strength of a Surface Mount Device (SMD) on a Membrane Switch by Applying a Shear Force<sup>2</sup>
- F 1996 Test Method for Silver Migration for Membrane Switch Circuitry<sup>2</sup>
- F 1997 Test Method for Determining the Sensitivity (Teasing) of a Tactile Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>
- F 2072 Practice for Hosedown of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>

# 3. Significance and Use

Component<sup>2</sup>

tance of a Membrane Switch<sup>2</sup>

- 3.1 In establishing guidelines for specifying a membrane switch, it is important to allow application design engineers to base their decisions on requirements using known reasonable, achievable performance levels.
- 3.2 Over-specification increases cost and complexity; under-specification risks not meeting performance criteria.

#### 4. Procedure

- 4.1 In specifying the performance levels of a membrane switch, select the characteristics you require from Table 1.
- 4.1.1 If the typical values do not meet your requirements, specify an alternative value.
- 4.1.2 Choose only those specifications relevant to your application.
- 4.1.3 Required characteristics are the minimum requirements to be specified for a membrane switch. Recommended characteristics are appropriate to most applications. Optional characteristics can be specified for more demanding applications.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 10.05.

## **TABLE 1 Typical Values**

Characteristic	ASTM Designation	Required or Optional	Typical Values
Operating Voltage <sup>A</sup>		Required	5 – 24 V DC
Operating Current <sup>A</sup>		Required	1mA – 150mA
Circuit Resistance <sup>A</sup>	F 1680	Required	5 Ohms - 1K Ohms
Contact Closure Cycles	F 1578	Required	100K - 1M Cycles
Temperature / Humidity	F 1596	Recommended	See F 1596 Level 1
Visual Inspection	F 1595	Recommended	To be Specified
Contact Bounce Time	F 1661	Recommended	≤10ms
Actuation Force and Contact Force	F 1597	Optional	2 oz – 32 oz
Chemical / Solvent	F 1598	Optional	To be Specified
Dielectric Withstand Voltage	F 1662	Optional	250 VDC - 1K VDC 1 min
Capacitance	F 1663	Optional	≤50 pf
Travel	F 1682	Optional	0.002 - 0.10 in.
Tactile Ratio	F 1570	Optional	0.40 to 0.60
Bend	F 1683	Optional	0.125 to 1.0 in. radius Mandrel 10 - 20 cycles
Crease	F 1683	Optional	1 – 5 cycles
Insulation Resistance	F 1689	Optional	>10M Ohms Voltage Range: 100 VDC -250 VDC Dwell Time: 1 min
Atmospheric Pressure	F 1762	Optional	8K ft to 40K ft at 1500 ft/min
ESD Contact Discharge	F 1812	Optional	2KV – 25KV
Gloss Preparation / Gloss Reading	F 1843 D 523	Optional	To be Specified
Submersion	F 1895	Optional	To be Specified
SMD Shear	F 1995	Optional	To be Specified
Silver Migration	F 1996	Optional	2× operating voltage, 38C – 50C at 95 % RH – 98 % RH, 48 – 96 h
Sensitivity (Teasing)	F 1997	Optional	To be Specified
Hosedown	F 2072	Optional	To be Specified

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Pertaining to silver conductive ink circuits.

4.2 Specifically note each of the values on the detailed drawing or specification for the membrane switch you are working on.

# 5. Keywords

5.1 actuation force; atmospheric pressure; bend; capacitance; circuit resistance; contact bounce time; contact closure

cycles; contact force; crease; dielectric withstand voltage; displacement; ESD; gloss; hosedown; humidity; insulation resistance; life; membrane switch; resistance; sensitivity; shear; short circuit; silver migration; SMD; solvent; submersion; tactile ratio; teasing; temperature; travel; visual inspection; voltage

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