

8 contact functions •
2 pole • distinct tactile feel



DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

12.6 x 12.6 mm; h=15.7 mm

2 pole

Momentary, latching or quiet

8 contact functions

Up to 10,000,000 cycle lifetime



ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Sealing : IP54 according to IEC 60529
- Working temperature : -40°C/+160°C
- Storage temperature : -65°C/+160°C
- Soldering : IEC 60068-2-20



ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

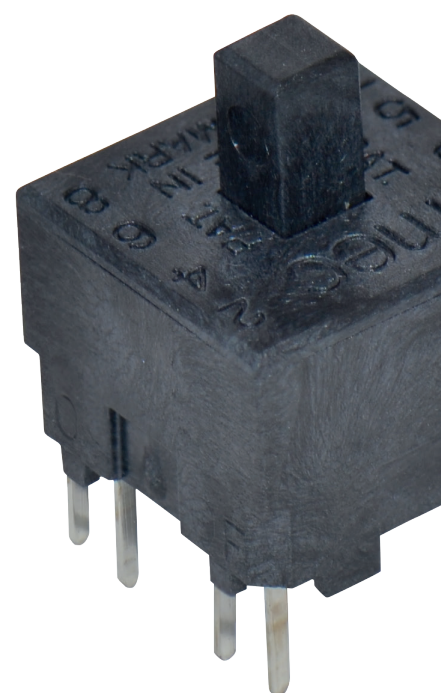
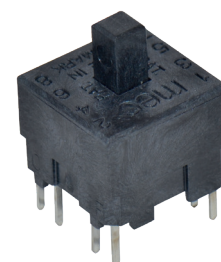
- Recommended load :
 - Gold contacts : min. 0.5µmA - max. 250mA - 120V - 9W AC - 6W DC
 - Silver contacts : min. 0.5mA - max. 250mA - 120V - 9W AC - 6W DC
- Contact resistance : max. 100mΩ (initially)
- Insulation resistance : >10MΩ
- Contact bounce : max. 10ms
- Dielectric strength between adjacent contacts : 1000 V for 2 min
- Insulation resistance between adjacent contacts : 5 X 10¹³Ω
- Capacitance between adjacent contacts : 0.5 pF



MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Standard actuation force : 2.5N
- Max. actuation force : 100N for 10 sec
- Travel : 1.8 mm
- Lifetime :
 - momentary : >10,000,000 cycles
 - latching : 5,000,000 cycles

The company reserves the right to change specifications without notice.



MATERIALS

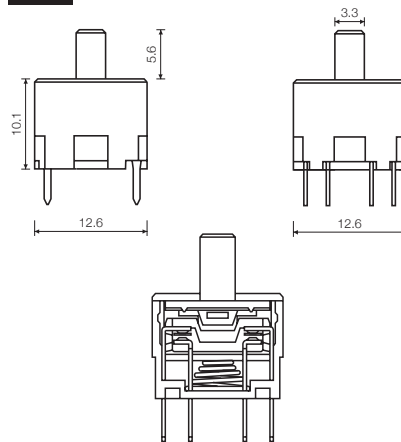
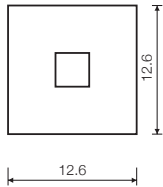
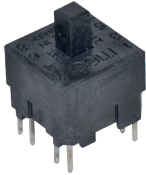
- Housing : LCP UL94V0
- Actuator : LCP UL94V0
- Switch spring : Stainless steel
- Key spring : Stainless steel
- Latch pin : Stainless steel
- Fixed contacts :
 - Silver : SnCu + 2µNI + 3µAg
 - Gold : SnCu + 2µNI + 3µAu
- Moving contacts :
 - Silver : Stainless steel + 3µAg
 - Gold : Stainless steel + 3µAg + 1µAu
- Terminals : SnCu + 2µNI + 3µSn100

All tolerance if not otherwise specified ±0.2mm.

Unimec™

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UNIMEC



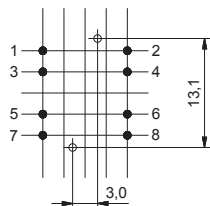
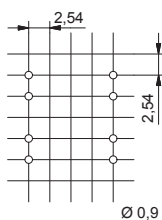
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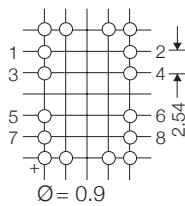


PCB LAYOUT

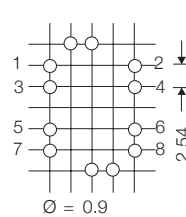
PCB MOUNTING HOLE DIMENSIONS



With 3mm LED
16923 and 16924

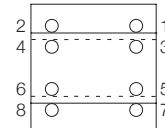


With round LED
16920 and 16921



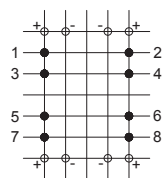
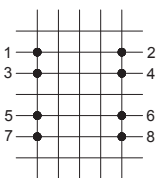
With square LED
16922

FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

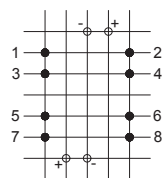


- up
-- down

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM



With round LED
16920 and 16921

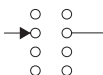


With rect LED
16922

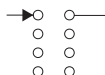


WIRING

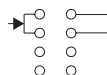
Select the contact function you require - and design your PC board accordingly



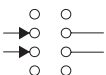
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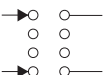
1 break contact



1 change
over contact



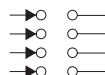
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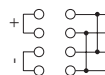
2 break contact



2 change
over contact



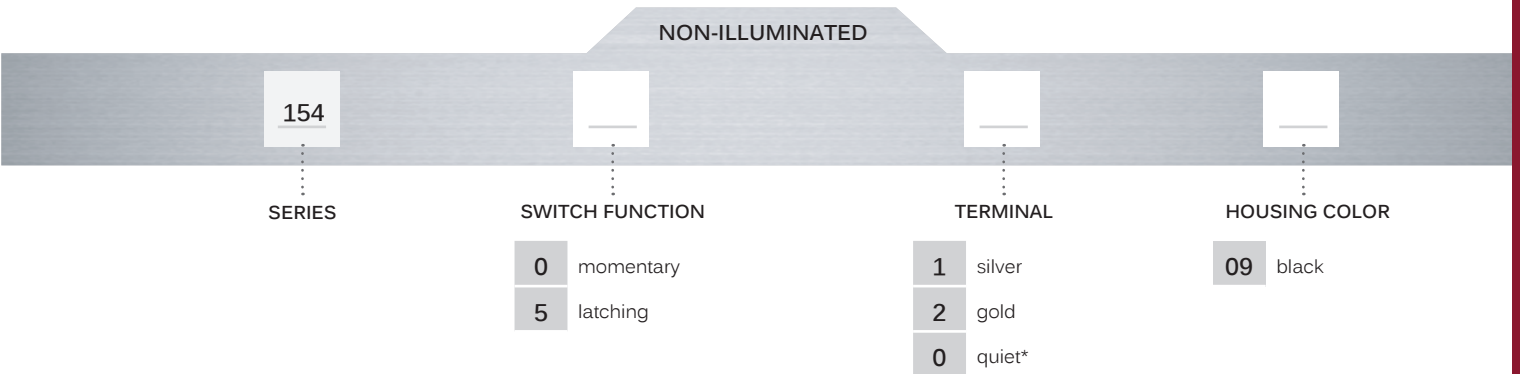
2 make
& 2 break



reverse polarity



BUILD YOUR PART NUMBER



*quiet function has silver terminals, in case of gold terminals the part number is 15420



ABOUT THIS SERIES



Notice : please note that not all combinations of above numbers are available.
Refer to www.apem.com for further information.



Laser marking on the switch for identification : 15400 A; 15420 H; 15401 E; 15402 F; 15451 I; 15452 J



Accessories : See pages 379 - 384 or cap and bezel options



USAGE GUIDELINES

HOW TO GET THE BEST RESULTS WITH MEC SWITCHES ?

These guidelines are offered to users of MEC Switches as an aid to ensure successful and reliable switch operation. Please see the technical specifications for details on operating and storage temperatures and soldering guidelines to make sure you select the best switch for your application. When wave soldering is taking place, MEC strongly recommend that the temperature profile is analyzed and compared with the temperature rating of the switch. It is also important to monitor the accumulated heat buildup from both the pre-heat zones and the solder zone.

All standard accessories for unimec™ switches are made from ABS plastic with a maximum operating temperature of 65°C. It is strongly recommended that accessories are mounted after soldering of the switch.

LEDs have their own temperature specifications. When fitted in a switch the LED will determine the max. operating temperature, i.e. 16923 has an upper temperature limit of 85°C!

MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING

If switches are to be mounted in rows it is essential that the recommendations regarding spacing are followed. PC board thickness should be 1.4±0.2 mm and terminal hole diameter should be 0.9 mm.

All unimec™ caps and bezels are easily snapped onto the switch modules and can be changed at a later time with the exception of the unimec 16.700 cap. Once this cap is installed it is not designed to be removed. To do so may cause damage to the switch and the PC board if not done very carefully.

If the 16.300 or 16.700 cap must be removed from a unimec™ latching switch, make sure that the switch actuator is in the released, upper position before attempting to remove the cap. This will prevent possible damage to the internal latching pin.

SOLDERING AND CLEANING UNIMEC™ SERIES

Most assembly and field problems experienced by users of unsealed switches are caused by the contamination of the contacts during soldering and cleaning.

Contact contamination may be recognized by an increase in contact resistance and possible intermittent operation of the switch, especially in low power applications. Care must be taken not to submerge the switch in cleaning agents or

spray the switch during cleaning. The switch must be protected at all times to prevent contamination by flux or cleaning liquids.

For unimec™ latching versions we recommend to leave the actuator in the released upper position during soldering. This makes the switch more resistant to overheating.

SOLDERING - THROUGH HOLE VERSIONS

Hand soldering: Max. 350°C for max. 3 sec., this applies for both low temperature and high temperature versions.

Wave soldering: Heat built up in the switch during pre-heating and soldering must not exceed the maximum operating temperature of the switch. If, for some reason, a high pre-heating temperature is required, MEC recommend the high temperature switches. In any case peak temperature must not exceed 260°C, and soldering time is max 10 sec. (IEC-68-2-20)

ROHS COMPLIANCE

As of 1 July 2006 MEC has completed the conversion to RoHS compliance. For more info please see our homepage www.apem.com

TEMPERATURE LIMITS:

Switch	160 °C
LEDs	85/100 °C
Accessories	65 °C

PACKAGING

Unimec™ switches are packed in rigid tubes of 50 pieces each.

A box contains 1.000 pcs.