Miniature Guide Rod Cylinder

Series MGJ

Non-rotating accuracy: ±0.1°

- Mounting from 2 directions
- Two auto switches can be mounted even for 5 mm strokes
- Integral wiring/piping to one direction

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dimensions</th>
<th>Unit: mm</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Unit: g</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bore size</td>
<td>Overall length</td>
<td>Width</td>
<td>Height</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>23 + Stroke</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>14.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>25 + Stroke</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>17</td>
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Series Variations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Series</th>
<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>Guide rod size (mm)</th>
<th>Standard stroke (mm)</th>
<th>Cushion</th>
<th>Auto switch</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MGJ</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5 10 15 20</td>
<td>Rubber bumper (Both sides)</td>
<td>D-F8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
<td>6</td>
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**Ø6, Ø10**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>Standard stroke (mm)</th>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>5, 10, 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>5, 10, 15, 20</td>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>Applicable stroke (mm)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>1 to 15 (Spacer type)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>1 to 20 (Spacer type)</td>
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</table>

**Example**
- Model no.: MGJ6-9
- Installing a 1 mm width spacer for MGJ6-10
- External size: same as MGJ6-10

* Minimum stroke for auto switch mounting is 4 mm.

**Table c  Applicable auto switches**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Special function</th>
<th>Electrical entry</th>
<th>Indicator light</th>
<th>Wiring (output)</th>
<th>Load voltage</th>
<th>Auto switch part no.</th>
<th>Applicable load</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Solid state switch</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>Grommet (Perpendicular)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>3-wire (NPN)</td>
<td>5 V, 12 V</td>
<td>F8N</td>
<td>IC circuit</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3-wire (PNP)</td>
<td>24 V</td>
<td>F8P</td>
<td>Relay PLC</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>2-wire</td>
<td>12 V</td>
<td>F8B</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

* Lead wire length symbols: 0.5 m .............. Nil (Example) F8N
  3 m .............. L (Example) F8NL
  5 m .............. Z (Example) F8NZ

* Auto switches marked with *u* are produced upon receipt of order.
* When using non-applicable auto switches, please consult with SMC.

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Specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Fluid</th>
<th>Proof pressure</th>
<th>Maximum operating pressure</th>
<th>Minimum operating pressure</th>
<th>Ambient and fluid temperature</th>
<th>Cushion</th>
<th>Lubrication</th>
<th>Piston speed</th>
<th>Stroke length tolerance</th>
<th>Port size</th>
<th>Guide size</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bore size (mm)</td>
<td>Double acting</td>
<td>Air</td>
<td>1.05 MPa</td>
<td>0.7 MPa</td>
<td>0.15 MPa</td>
<td>0°C to 60°C (no freezing)</td>
<td>Rubber bumper at both ends</td>
<td>Non-lube</td>
<td>50 to 500 mm/s M3 x 0.5</td>
<td>±1.0 mm</td>
<td>ø5 ø6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plate Non-rotating Accuracy</td>
<td>±0.1°</td>
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Note) Within allowable kinetic energy use only

Theoretical Output

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>Rod size (mm)</th>
<th>Operating direction</th>
<th>Piston area (mm²)</th>
<th>Operating pressure (MPa)</th>
<th>Unit: N</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>OUT</td>
<td>28.3</td>
<td>0.15 0.3 0.5 0.7</td>
<td>24.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td>IN</td>
<td>21.2</td>
<td>0.15 0.3 0.5 0.7</td>
<td>19.81</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>OUT</td>
<td>78.5</td>
<td>0.15 0.3 0.5 0.7</td>
<td>45.95</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>IN</td>
<td>58.9</td>
<td>0.15 0.3 0.5 0.7</td>
<td>41.23</td>
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Weight

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<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>Standard stroke (mm)</th>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>5 10 15 20</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>27.3 33.0 38.4 –</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>40.6 48.0 55.6 63.2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

Allowable Rotational Torque of Plate

For the rotational torque (T) added to the plate (rod end), use a value no more than the values in the table. Operation outside of this range may cause excessive impact, which may result in the damage to the devices.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>Stroke (mm)</th>
<th>Unit: cN.m</th>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>5 10 15 20</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>0.92 0.73 0.61 –</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>4.75 3.96 3.36 2.87</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Plate Non-rotating Accuracy

* When extending the cylinder (initial value), non-rotating accuracy θ, without loads and deflection of guide rods, it should be a value no more than the value in the table as a guide.
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### Allowable Kinetic Energy

When driving the cylinder with inertial load, keep kinetic energy no more than the allowable value. The area between bold lines in the below graphic shows the relation between load weight and maximum speed.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bore size (mm)</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Operating piston speed (m/s)</td>
<td>0.05 to 0.5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allowable kinetic energy (J)</td>
<td>0.012</td>
<td>0.035</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Plate Allowable Lateral Load

When the eccentric distance (L) generates from the plate (rod end), be sure to keep the load weight (W) no more than a value in the below graphic. Operation outside of this range may cause excessive impact, which may result in the damage to the devices.

### Construction

### Parts list

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>No.</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Note</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Body</td>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td>Hard anodized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Rod cover</td>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td>Chromated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Piston</td>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td>Chromated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Piston rod</td>
<td>Stainless steel</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Magnet retainer</td>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td>Chromated, in case of ø6</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Stainless steel</td>
<td>In case of ø10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Seal retainer</td>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td>Chromated, in case of ø6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Stainless steel</td>
<td>In case of ø10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Guide rod</td>
<td>Constructional steel</td>
<td>Hard chromium electroplated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Plate</td>
<td>Aluminum alloy</td>
<td>Hard anodized</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Torque socket head bolt</td>
<td>Constructional steel</td>
<td>Nickel plated, in case of ø6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Hexagon socket head cap screw</td>
<td>Constructional steel</td>
<td>Nickel plated, in case of ø10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Brazier head hexagon socket</td>
<td>Constructional steel</td>
<td>Nickel plated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Bumper</td>
<td>Resin</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Magnet</td>
<td>Magnet</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Bushing</td>
<td>Sintered oil-impregnated bearing</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Rod seal</td>
<td>NBR</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Piston seal</td>
<td>NBR</td>
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<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>O-ring</td>
<td>NBR</td>
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### Auto Switches/Proper Mounting Position for Stroke End Detection

#### Bore size

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bore size</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>Operating range</th>
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<tr>
<td>ø6</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>0.9</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ø10</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Auto Switch Mounting**

- Use a watchmakers screw driver with a handle about 5 to 6 mm in diameter when tightening the auto switch mounting screw.
- Tightening torque of auto switch mounting screw should be set 0.10 to 0.20 N·m.
# Series MGJ
## Auto Switch Common Specifications

### Auto Switch Common Specifications

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Solid state switch</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Operating time</td>
<td>1 ms or less</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Impact resistance</td>
<td>1000 m/s²</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insulation resistance</td>
<td>50 MΩ or more at 500 VDC M (between lead wire and case)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Withstand voltage</td>
<td>1000 VAC for 1 minute (between lead wire and case)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ambient temperature</td>
<td>−10 to 60°C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enclosure</td>
<td>IEC529 standard IP67, JISC0920 waterproof construction</td>
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### Lead Wire Length

**Lead wire length indication**

(Example)

<table>
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<th>Lead wire length</th>
<th>0.5 m</th>
<th>3 m</th>
<th>5 m</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z</td>
<td></td>
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### Lead Wire Color Change

Lead wire colors of SMC switches have been changed for production beginning September 1996 and thereafter. Please refer to the tables provided. Special care should be taken regarding wire polarity during the time that the old colors still coexist with the new colors.

#### 2-wire

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Output (+)</th>
<th>Output (-)</th>
<th>Power supply (+)</th>
<th>Power supply GND</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Old Red</td>
<td>New Brown</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>White</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Old Brown</td>
<td>New Red</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>Black</td>
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</table>

#### 3-wire

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<th>Power supply (+)</th>
<th>Power supply GND</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Old Red</td>
<td>Black Blue</td>
<td>White Black</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Old Brown</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>Black</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note 1) Lead wire length Z: 5 m applicable auto switch
Solid state switch: All types are produced upon receipt of order.
Note 2) For solid state with flexible wire specification, add +61 after the lead wire length.
Basic Wiring

Solid state 3-wire, NPN

Solid state 3-wire, PNP

2-wire

(Solid state)

Examples of Connection to PLC (Programable Logic Controller)

• Sink input specifications
  3-wire, NPN

• Source input specifications
  3-wire, PNP

Connect according to the applicable PLC input specifications, as the connection method will vary depending on the PLC input specifications.

Connection Examples for AND (Series) and OR (Parallel)

3-wire

AND connection for NPN output (using relays)

OR connection for NPN output

When two switches are connected in parallel, malfunction may occur because the load voltage will increase when in the OFF state.

2-wire with 2-switch AND connection

When two switches are connected in series, a load may malfunction because the load voltage will decline when in the ON state. The indicator lights will light up if both of the switches are in the ON state.

2-wire with 2-switch OR connection

Load voltage at ON = Power supply – Internal voltage – Voltage drop x 2 pcs.

= 24 V - 4 V x 2 pcs.

= 16 V

Example: Power supply is 24 VDC. Internal voltage drop in switch is 4 V.

Load voltage at OFF = Leakage current x 2 pcs. x Load impedance

= 1 mA x 2 pcs. x 3 kΩ

= 6 V

Example: Load impedance is 3 kΩ. Leakage current from switch is 1 mA.
Solid State Switches: Direct Mounting Type
D-F8N/D-F8P/D-F8B

Auto Switch Specifications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Auto switch part No.</th>
<th>D-F8N</th>
<th>D-F8P</th>
<th>D-F8B</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Electrical entry direction</td>
<td>Perpendicular</td>
<td>Perpendicular</td>
<td>Perpendicular</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wiring type</td>
<td>3-wire</td>
<td>2-wire</td>
<td>2-wire</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output type</td>
<td>NPN</td>
<td>PNP</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Applicable load</td>
<td>IC circuit, 24 VDC relay, PLC</td>
<td>24 VDC relay, PLC</td>
<td>24 VDC relay, PLC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power supply voltage</td>
<td>5, 12, 24 VDC (4.5 to 28 VDC)</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current consumption</td>
<td>10 mA or less</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Load voltage</td>
<td>28 VDC or less</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>24 VDC (10 to 28 VDC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Load current</td>
<td>40 mA or less</td>
<td>80 mA or less</td>
<td>2.5 to 40 mA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internal voltage drop</td>
<td>1.5 V or less (0.8 V or less at 10 mA load current)</td>
<td>0.8 V or less</td>
<td>4 V or less</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leakage current</td>
<td>100 µA or less at 24 VDC</td>
<td>0.8 mA or less at 24 VDC</td>
<td>0.8 mA or less at 24 VDC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indicator light</td>
<td>Red LED lights when ON</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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Note 1) Refer to page 6 for auto switch common specifications.
Note 2) Refer to page 6 for lead wire lengths.

Weight

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Auto switch part No.</th>
<th>D-F8N</th>
<th>D-F8P</th>
<th>D-F8B</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lead wire length (m)</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>52</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Dimensions

D-F8N, D-F8P, D-F8B

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Operating precautions

Fix the switch with appropriate screw installed on the switch body. If using other screws, switch may be damaged.

Auto switch internal circuit

D-F8N

- Switch main circuit
- DC (+) Brown
- OUT Black
- DC (-) Blue

D-F8P

- Switch main circuit
- DC (+) Brown
- OUT Black
- DC (-) Blue

D-F8B

- Switch main circuit
- OUT (+) Brown
- OUT (-) Blue

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Caution

Lead wires

- Oilproof vinyl heavy insulation cable, ø2.7
- D-F8N, D-F8P: 0.15 mm² x 3-cores (Brown, Black, Blue [Red, White, Black]), 0.5 m
- D-F8B: 0.16mm² x 2-cores (Brown, Blue [Red, Black]), 0.5 m

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Refer to www.smcworld.com for details of products compatible with overseas standards.
Safety Instructions
Series MGJ

These safety instructions are intended to prevent a hazardous situation and/or equipment damage. These instructions indicate the level of potential hazard by a label of “Caution”, “Warning” or “Danger”. To ensure safety, be sure to observe ISO 4414 Note 1), JIS B 8370 Note 2 and other safety practices.

⚠️ Caution : Operator error could result in injury or equipment damage.
⚠️ Warning : Operator error could result in serious injury or loss of life.
⚠️ Danger : In extreme conditions, there is a possible result of serious injury or loss of life.

Note 1) ISO 4414: Pneumatic fluid power – General rules relating to systems
Note 2) JIS B 8370: Pneumatic System Axiom

⚠️ Warning

1. The compatibility of pneumatic equipment is the responsibility of the person who designs the pneumatic system or decides its specifications.
   Since the products specified here are used in various operating conditions, their compatibility with the specific pneumatic system must be based on specifications or after analysis and/or tests to meet your specific requirements. The expected performance and safety assurance will be the responsibility of the person who has determined the compatibility of the system. This person should continuously review the suitability of all items specified, referring to the latest catalog information with a view to giving due consideration to any possibility of equipment failure when configuring a system.

2. Only trained personnel should operate pneumatically operated machinery and equipment.
   Compressed air can be dangerous if handled incorrectly. Assembly, handling, or maintenance of pneumatic systems should be performed by trained and experienced operators.

3. Do not service machinery/equipment or attempt to remove components until safety is confirmed.
   1. Inspection and maintenance of machinery/equipment should only be performed once measures to prevent falling or runaway of the driven object have been confirmed.
   2. When equipment is to be removed, confirm the safety process as mentioned above. Cut the supply pressure for this equipment and exhaust all residual compressed air in the system.
   3. Before machinery/equipment is restarted, take measures to prevent shooting-out of cylinder piston rod, etc.

3. Contact SMC if the product is to be used in any of the following conditions:
   1. Conditions and environments beyond the given specifications, or if product is used outdoors.
   2. Installation on equipment in conjunction with atomic energy, railway, air navigation, vehicles, medical equipment, food and beverages, recreation equipment, emergency stop circuits, clutch and brake circuits in press applications, or safety equipment.
   3. An application which has the possibility of having negative effects on people, property, or animals, requiring special safety analysis.
Series MGJ
Actuator Precautions 1
Be sure to read before handling.

**Warning**

1. There is a possibility of dangerous sudden action by air cylinders if sliding parts of machinery are twisted due to external forces, etc. In such cases, human injury may occur; e.g., by catching hands or feet in the machinery, or damage to the machinery itself may occur. Therefore, the machine should be adjusted to operate smoothly and designed to avoid such dangers.

2. A protective cover is recommended to minimize the risk of personal injury. If a stationary object and moving parts of a cylinder are in close proximity, personal injury may occur. Design the structure to avoid contact with the human body.

3. Securely tighten all stationary parts and connected parts so that they will not become loose. Especially when a cylinder operates with high frequency or is installed where there is a lot of vibration, ensure that all parts remain secure.

4. A deceleration circuit or shock absorber may be required. When a driven object is operated at high speed or the load is heavy, a cylinder’s cushion will not be sufficient to absorb the impact. Install a deceleration circuit to reduce the speed before cushioning, or install an external shock absorber to relieve the impact. In this case, the rigidity of the machinery should also be examined.

5. Consider a possible drop in circuit pressure due to a power outage, etc. When a cylinder is used in a clamping mechanism, there is a danger of work pieces dropping if there is a decrease in clamping force due to a drop in circuit pressure caused by a power outage, etc. Therefore, safety equipment should be installed to prevent damage to machinery and human injury. Suspension mechanisms and lifting devices also require consideration for drop prevention.

6. Consider a possible loss of power source. Measures should be taken to protect against bodily injury and equipment damage in the event that there is a loss of power to equipment controlled by pneumatics, electricity, or hydraulics.

7. Design circuitry to prevent sudden lurching of driven objects. When a cylinder is driven by an exhaust center type directional control valve or when starting up after residual pressure is exhausted from the circuit, etc., the piston and its driven object will lurch at high speed if pressure is applied to one side of the cylinder because of the absence of air pressure inside the cylinder. Therefore, equipment should be selected and circuits designed to prevent sudden lurching, because there is a danger of human injury and/or damage to equipment when this occurs.

8. Consider emergency stops. Design so that human injury and/or damage to machinery and equipment will not be caused when machinery is stopped by a safety device under abnormal conditions, a power outage or a manual emergency stop.

9. Consider the action when operation is restarted after an emergency stop or abnormal stop. Design the machinery so that human injury or equipment damage will not occur upon restart of operation. When the cylinder has to be reset at the starting position, install safe manual control equipment.

**Warning**

1. Check the specifications. The products featured in this catalog are designed for use in industrial compressed air systems. If the products are used in conditions where pressure and/or temperature are outside the range of specifications, damage and/or malfunctions may occur. Do not use in these conditions. (Refer to specifications.) Consult with SMC if you use a fluid other than compressed air.

2. Intermediate stops When intermediate stopping of a cylinder piston is performed with a 3-position closed center type directional control valve, it is difficult to achieve stopping positions as accurately and precisely as with hydraulic pressure due to the compressibility of air. Furthermore, since valves and cylinders are not guaranteed for zero air leakage, it may not be possible to hold a stopped position for an extended period of time. Contact SMC in case it is necessary to hold a stopped position for an extended period.

**Caution**

1. Operate the piston in such a way that collision damage will not occur at the stroke end. The operation range should prevent damage from occurring when a piston, having inertial force, stops by striking the cover at the stroke end. Refer to the cylinder model selection procedure for the maximum usable stroke.

2. Use a speed controller to adjust the cylinder drive speed, gradually increasing from a low speed to the desired speed setting.

**Caution**

1. Be sure to connect so that the rod axis is aligned with the load and movement direction. If they are not aligned, stress could be applied to the rod and tube, causing the inner surface of the tube, the bushing, the rod surface, and the seals to wear and to become damaged.

2. When using an external guide, connect the rod end and the load in such a way that there is no interference at any positions within the stroke.

3. Do not scratch or gouge the sliding parts of the cylinder tube or piston rod by striking or grasping them with other objects. Cylinder bores are manufactured to precise tolerances, so that even a slight deformation may cause malfunction. Also, scratches or gouges in the piston rod may lead to damaged seals and cause air leakage. Scratches or dent on the sliding parts of guide rods may lead to damaged bearing and can cause decreased non-rotating accuracy and malfunction.

4. Do not use until you can verify that equipment can operate properly. After mounting, repairs, or modification, etc., connect the air supply and electric power, and then confirm proper mounting by means of appropriate function and leak tests.

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### Piping

**Caution**

1. **Preparation before piping**
   Before piping is connected, it should be thoroughly blown out with air (flushing) or washed to remove chips, cutting oil and other debris from inside the pipe.

2. **Wrapping of sealant tape**
   When screwing together pipes and fittings, be certain that chips from the pipe threads and sealing material do not get inside the piping.
   Also, when sealant tape is used, leave 1.5 to 2 thread ridges exposed at the end of the pipe.

### Air Supply

**Caution**

1. **Install air filters**
   Install air filters at the upstream side of valves. The filtration degree should be 5 µm or finer.

2. **Install an after cooler, air dryer, or water separator (Drain Catch)**
   Air that includes much drainage can cause malfunction of valves and other pneumatic equipment. To prevent this, install an aftercooler, air dryer or water separator, etc.

3. **Use the product within the specified range of fluid and ambient temperature**
   Take measures to prevent freezing when below 5°C, since moisture in circuits can freeze and cause damage to seals and lead to malfunctions.
   Refer to SMC’s “Best Pneumatics vol. 4” catalog for further details on compressed air quality.

### Lubrication

**Caution**

1. **Lubrication of non-lube type cylinder**
   The cylinder is lubricated for life at the factory and can be used without any further lubrication. However, in the event that additional cylinder lubrication is required, be sure to use polyalphaolefin oil or equivalent oil.
   Stopping lubrication later may lead to malfunctions because the new lubricant will cancel out the original lubricant. Therefore, lubrication must be continued once it has been started.

### Operating Environment

**Warning**

1. **Do not use in environments where there is a danger of corrosion.**
   Refer to the construction regarding cylinder materials.

2. **In dusty locations or where water or oil, splash on the equipment, take suitable measures to protect the rod.**

3. **When using auto switches, do not operate in an environment with strong magnetic fields.**

### Maintenance

**Warning**

1. **Perform maintenance inspection and service according to the procedures indicated in the instruction manual.**
   If handled improperly, malfunction and damage of machinery or equipment may occur.

2. **Removal of components, and supply/exhaust of compressed air**
   Before any machinery or equipment is removed, first ensure that the appropriate measures are in place to prevent the fall or erratic movement of driven objects and equipment, then cut off the electric power and reduce the pressure in the system to zero. Only then should you proceed with the removal of any machinery and equipment.
   When machinery is restarted, proceed with caution after confirming that appropriate measures are in place to prevent cylinders from sudden movement.

**Caution**

1. **Drain flushing**
   Remove drainage from air filters regularly.

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**Series MGJ**

Actuator Precautions 1

Be sure to read before handling.
Auto Switch Precautions 1

Be sure to read before handling.

1. Check the specifications.
Read the specifications carefully and use this product appropriately. The product may be damaged or malfunction if it is used outside the range of specifications of current current, voltage, temperature or impact.

2. Take precautions when multiple cylinders are used close together.
When two or more auto switch cylinders are lined up in close proximity to each other, magnetic field interference may cause the switches to malfunction. Maintain a minimum cylinder separation of 40 mm. (When the allowable interval is specified for each cylinder series, use the indicated value.)

3. Pay attention to the length of time that a switch is ON at an intermediate stroke position.
When an auto switch is placed at an intermediate position of the stroke and a load is driven at the time the piston passes, the auto switch will operate, but if the speed is too great, the operating time will be shortened and the load may not operate properly. The maximum detectable piston speed is:

\[
V (\text{mm/s}) = \frac{\text{Auto switch operating range (mm)}}{\text{Load operating time (ms)}} \times 1000
\]

4. Keep wiring as short as possible.
<Solid state switches>
1) Although wire length should not affect switch function, use a wire that is 100 m or shorter.

5. Take precautions for the internal voltage drop of the switch.
<Solid state switches>
1) Generally, the internal voltage drop will be greater with a 2-wire solid state auto switch than with a reed switch.
   • If auto switches are connected in series as shown below, take note that there will be a large voltage drop because of internal resistance in the light emitting diodes. (Refer to internal voltage drop in the auto switch specifications.) [The voltage drop will be \( n \) times larger when \( n \) auto switches are connected.]
   Even though an auto switch operates normally, the load may not operate.

   ![Diagram]

   • Similarly, when operating below a specified voltage, it is possible that the load may be ineffective even though the auto switch function is normal. Therefore, the formula below should be satisfied after confirming the minimum operating voltage of the load.

   \[
   \text{Supply voltage} \quad \text{Internal voltage drop of switch} \quad \text{Minimum operating voltage of load}
   \]

   Also, note that a 12 VDC relay is not applicable.

6. Pay attention to leakage current.
<Solid state switches>
With a 2-wire solid state auto switch, current (leakage current) flows to the load to operate the internal circuit even when in the OFF state.

\[
\frac{\text{Current to operate load}}{\text{(OFF condition)}} > \frac{\text{Leakage current}}{}
\]

If the condition given in the above formula is not met, it will not reset correctly (stays on). Use a 3-wire switch if this specification cannot be satisfied. Moreover, leakage current flow to the load will be \( n \) times larger when \( n \) auto switches are connected in parallel.

7. Do not use a load that generates surge voltage.
<Solid state switches>
Although a zener diode for surge protection is connected at the output side of a solid state auto switch, damage may still occur if the surge is applied repeatedly. When a load, such as a relay or solenoid, which generates surge is directly driven, use a type of switch with a built-in surge absorbing element.

8. Cautions for use in an interlock circuit
When an auto switch is used for an interlock signal requiring high reliability, devise a double interlock system to avoid trouble by providing a mechanical protection function, or by also using another switch (sensor) together with the auto switch. Also perform periodic maintenance inspections and confirm proper operation.

9. Ensure sufficient clearance for maintenance activities.
When designing an application, be sure to allow sufficient clearance for maintenance and inspections.
Series MGJ
Auto Switch Precautions 2
Be sure to read before handling.

**Mounting and Adjustment**

**Warning**

1. **Do not drop or bump.**
   Do not drop, bump or apply excessive impacts (1000 m/s² or more for solid state switches) while handling. Although the body of the switch may not be damaged, the inside of the switch could be damaged and cause a malfunction.

2. **Do not carry a cylinder by the auto switch lead wires.**
   Never carry a cylinder by its lead wires. This may not only cause broken lead wires, but it may cause internal elements of the switch to be damaged by the stress.

3. **Mount switches using the proper tightening torque.**
   When a switch is tightened beyond the range of fastening torque, the mounting screws or switch may be damaged. On the other hand, tightening below torque range may allow the switch to slip out of position. (Refer to page 5 for switch mounting, movement and tightening torque, etc.)

**Wiring**

**Warning**

5. **Do not allow short circuiting of loads.**
   <Solid state switches>
   All models of PNP output type switches do not have built-in short circuit protection circuits. If loads are short circuited, the switches will be instantly damaged, as in the case of reed switches. Take special care to avoid reverse wiring with the brown [red] power supply line and the black [white] output line on 3-wire type switches.

6. **Avoid incorrect wiring.**
   <Solid state switches>
   1) Even if connections are reversed on a 2-wire type switch, the switch will not be damaged because it is protected by a protection circuit, but it will remain in a normally ON state. But reverse wiring in a load short circuit condition should be avoided to protect the switch from being damaged.
   2) Even if power supply line (+) and power supply line (–) power supply line connections are reversed on a 3-wire type switch, the switch will be protected by a protection circuit. However, if the power supply line (+) is connected to the blue [black] wire and the power supply line (–) is connected to the black [white] wire, the switch will be damaged.

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### Lead wire color changes

Lead wire colors of SMC switches have been changed in order to meet NECA Standard 0402 for production beginning September, 1996 and thereafter. Please refer to the tables provided. Special care should be taken regarding wire polarity during the time that the old colors still coexist with the new colors.

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**Solid state with diagnostic output**

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### Operating Environment

#### Warning

1. **Never use in the presence of explosive gases.**
   The construction of our auto switches does not make them explosion-proof. Never use them in the presence of an explosive gas, as this may cause a serious explosion.

2. **Do not use in an area where a magnetic field is generated.**
   Auto switches will malfunction or magnets inside cylinders will become demagnetized. (Consult with SMC regarding the availability of a magnetic field resistant auto switch.)

3. **Do not use in an environment where the auto switch will be continually exposed to water.**
   Switches satisfy IEC standard IP67 construction (JIS C0920: watertight construction). Nevertheless, they should not be used in applications where they are continually exposed to water splash or spray. This may cause deterioration of the insulation or swelling of the potting resin inside switches and may lead to a malfunction.

4. **Do not use in an environment with oil or chemicals.**
   Consult with SMC if auto switches will be used in an environment with coolants, cleaning solvents, various oils or chemicals. If auto switches are used under these conditions for even a short time, they may be adversely affected by improper insulation, a malfunction due to swelling of the potting resin, or hardening of the lead wires.

5. **Do not use in an environment with temperature cycles**
   Consult with SMC if switches are to be used where there are temperature cycles other than normal temperature changes, as they may be adversely affected internally.

6. **Do not use in an area where surges are generated.**
   **<Solid state switches>**
   When there are units (solenoid type lifters, high frequency induction furnaces, motors, etc.) which generate a large amount of surge in the area around cylinders with solid state auto switches, this may cause deterioration or damage to the switches. Avoid sources of surge generation and crossed lines.

7. **Avoid accumulation of iron debris or close contact with magnetic substances.**
   When a large amount of ferrous waste such as machining chips or welding spatter is accumulated, or a magnetic substance (something attracted by a magnet) is brought into close proximity with an auto switch cylinder, it may cause the auto switch to malfunction due to a loss of the magnetic force inside the cylinder.

#### Maintenance

#### Warning

1. **Perform the following maintenance periodically in order to prevent possible danger due to unexpected auto switch malfunction.**
   1) Securely tighten switch mounting screws. If screws become loose or the mounting position is dislocated, retighten screws securely after readjusting the mounting position.
   2) Confirm that there is no damage to lead wires.

   To prevent faulty insulation, replace switches or repair lead wires if damage is discovered.

#### Other

#### Warning

1. **Consult SMC concerning water resistance, elasticity of lead wires, and use at welding sites, etc.**
Series MGJ
Specific Product Precautions
Be sure to read before handling.

⚠️ Warning
1. Do not put hands or fingers, etc. between the plate and body.
   Care should be taken that hands or fingers do not get caught in between the cylinder body and the plate when air pressure is applied.

⚠️ Caution
2. Do not scratch or dent the sliding parts of the piston rod and guide rods.
   Damage to seals can cause air leakage or malfunction, etc.
3. When mounting the Miniature Guide Rod Cylinder, be sure to use proper tightening torque for tightening screws.

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4. Flatness of mounting surface should be less than 0.02 mm.
   When mounting Miniature Guide Rod Cylinder, or mounting plate to work piece, sideling mounting surface may cause malfunction.

5. Be sure that the piston rod is extended before mounting loads.
   If loads are mounted to the plate when the piston rods are retracted, it can lead to distortion of the guides resulting in malfunction.

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Others

⚠️ Caution
1. This product should not be used as a stopper.

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