

Abstract

Slide Switch

A slide switch comprises an electrically insulating housing (10) defining therein an interior space (10a), and having an upper wall (10c) in which is formed an opening (10g) communicating into the interior space (10a). An electrically insulating slide body (12) having an interior cavity (12b) therein is slidably mounted in the housing, an electrically conductive contact (16) having a protruding surface (16a) being located within said cavity (12b), said contact (16) having an opposed pair of upturned side portions (16b) which resiliently engage the defining walls of the cavity (12b) frictionally to retain the contact (16) within the cavity (12b). The housing (10) includes at least one pair of fixed, spaced, parallel electrical conductors (18) extending transversely of the direction of movement of the slide body (12), the slide body (12) being movable between at least first and second positions within the housing (10) in at least one of which positions the protruding surface (16a) of the contact (16) engages both said electrical conductors.

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