

LSV: Vibrating Fork Level Limit Switch for Solids



Instruction Manual



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Operating Principle



Electronics of LSV excites the piezo-electric-crystals inside the tuning fork, which makes the fork tines vibrate at their natural resonance frequency in free air.



Amplitudes of vibration are above threshold when the tines are free to vibrate.



When material touches the fork tines, vibration stops as the resonance gets disturbed.



Amplitudes of vibration, as sensed by electronics falls below the threshold strength and material presence is thus detected.

Technical Specification

Features

- 1. Fast Switching Response 2 sec (0.8 sec and 1.5 sec available on demand)
- 2. 1" screw mountings available
- 3. High pressure 15 bar forks
- 4. High Tempreture up-to 250°C available
- Calibration-less operation 5.
- Remote electronics with std 10 meters cable length 6.
- 7. Tropicalized & potted electronics module Threaded & Flanged Mountings 8.
- 9. Electronic Inserts support all requirements
- 10. Ingress protection : IP 68/66 (as per IS-13947)
- 11. Ex-proof (Ex d T6 IP-66 IIC)
 - Flameproof as per IS/IEC 60079-1:2007
 - Weatherproof (IP-66) as per IS/IEC 60529:2001
 - Suitable for Gas Group : IIC
 - Suitable for Zone 1 & 2 atmospheres
- 12. Compact size
- 13. Low power consumption (0.5 to 0.7VA)

Applications

1. Free flowing powders and granules (size max. 10mm)

- 2. Suitable for side as well as top mounting
- Minimum and maximum failsafe field selectable 3.
- Process temperature max 250°C 4.
- 5. Process pressure max. 15 bar

Typical Mountings



Specifications					
EIUD / ERUD Supply & Output Relay Type and Rating	Integral / Remote Electronics Universal Power Supply, DPDT Relay Output 15 to 80 VDC and 15 to 260 VAC 50/60Hz Potential Free DPDT Relay Output 5 A each @ 24VDC or 220VAC				
EIDP / ERDP Supply & Output Output Limit	Integral / Remote Electronics for PNP Output 12 to 60 VDC, PNP 250mA max. Short Circuit Safe				
EIUSP / ERUSP Supply & Output	Integral / Remote Electronics SPDT + PNP Output Universal Supply for SPDT Output 15 to 80 VDC 15 to 260 VAC 50/60Hz DC Supply for PNP Output 15 to 60 VDC				
Relay Type and Rating PNP Output	5 A each @ 24VDC or 220VAC 250mA max. Short Circuit Safe				
EIAR Supply & Output	Integral Electronics AC series relay Two Wire 18 to 260 VAC, Series Relay not less than 4mA to release external relay maximum 150mA to magnetize relay				
Output Limit	Use relays/contactors will more than 4mA holding current				
EIDL Supply & Output	Integral Electronics 4-20mA Loop Powered Two Wire DC 8 / 16 mA 12 to 60 VDC				
Output Limit	8mA (±1mA max) / 16mA (±1mA max)				
Sensor Cable	Remote electronics require special cable from fork to controller. 10 meter standard length more available on demand				
Min. Density	15 gram/litre for D1 (Fork length 150mm) 75 gram/litre for D2 (Fork length 125mm) 500 gram/litre for D3 (Fork length 100mm)				
Ambient Temp.	-20°C 70°C (-4°F 158 °F)				
Process Temp.	-20°C 80°C (-4°F 176 °F)				
Extended Process Temperature	-30°C 200°C (-22°F 392 °F) {250°C available on request} (extensions & heat sinks required)				
Process Pressure	absolute / max. 15 bar				
Wetted Parts	SS 316 or SS 316L				
Mountings	NPT / BSP 1", 1¼", 1½", 2" etc Flanged : ANSI/JIS/DIN/ASA/custom				
Extensions Tube Material & Length	SS 304, SS 316, SS 316L 125mm to 3,000mm				

Specifications are subject to change without prior notice

Do's and Don'ts

Installation Precaution



- 1. Always connect the "Earth" to the external "Earthing" screw
- 2. Tighten the cable entries & glands properly
- 3. Secure the top aluminium cover at its place properly once the electrical connections and other settings are completed
- 4. Always tighten the process connection using proper wrench never try to tight by rotating the aluminium housing
- 5. Make sure process connection is same as that in hopper/tank
- 6. Vibrating fork tines:-
- 6.1 Should never be bent closer
- 6.2 Should never be bent apart
- 6.3 Should never be cut or machined in any way
- 6.4 Should never be extended by welding or machining

- 7. Cable entries must face downwards only
- 8. Nozzles should never be longer than the fork extension
- 9. If mounted directly under the material entry, always install a cannopy of suitable strength at proper height from the fork
- 10. Never climb either by gripping or stepping over either the fork tines or its aluminium housing
- 11. Obeserve other safety precautions as required at the place of application

Troubleshooting

Indication	Probable cause	Work-around	Solution
No switching output or	Power is not available	See if 'power' LED is ON	Sensor electronic insert is needed to be replaced.
sensor is permanently in alarm		If power LED is OFF check voltage on terminal 1 and 2	
Proper voltage is available but 'power' LED is still OFF	Power section of sensor electronic insert is failed		
Fork is not vibrating when fork tines are touched by hand	Sensor electronic insert fork oscillator failed		
Fork is vibrating but no switching output when fork tines are touched by hand	Sensor electronic insert evaluation section failure		
Abrupt switching	Material is agitated	Set time delay to 5 second in both dry and wet condition (turn switch 2, 3 ON)	Time delay solves switching issues in agitated materials.
Device shows no material after some time even when fork is inside the material	Material fluffy or fork rate-holes the material due to its own vibrations	Set device in sensitive mode (turn switch 1 ON)	Sensitive setting reduces vibrational strength and makes switching point at lower amplitude.
Fork settings are all OK but fork fails to switch to 'no material' at random times	Power supply carrying extra noise and fork amplifier picking the noise	Make necessary arrangements to filter the noise in power-line before being fed to the device Provide an exclusive earthing to terminal# 3, fork enclosure earthing screw and fork process connection (device mounting screw or flange)	Device contains sufficient filtering of power supply noise inside, but sometimes external earth is needed to make filters sink the extra power supply noise back to earth.
Device worked for few months / years but now fails to switch with respect to material while power conditions are all same	 Device senses fork frequency and amplitude to ascertain presence/absense of material. Possible reasons are 1. Fork frequency shift due to fork wear/ errosion by service material 2. Material deposition on fork leads 3. Over temperature of service material causing fork drive damage 	Select proper fork surface while ordering as per service material to mitigate fork errosion as well as deposition Order device of proper thermal grade for proper service life of device Clean up deposited materials on fork tines as a part of maintenance schedule	Care is needed to be taken while ordering. Scheduled cleaning of fork tines in sticky material application is recommended. In case of fork tine wear or temperature stress, fork sensor is needed to be replaced.

Maintenance and Spares



Introduction - LSV-UD-D1/D2/D3 (EIUD / ERUD)



configuration switches





Example of Switch in On and Off Positions

controls & indicators

- A Alarm Indicating LED
- B Configuration Switches
- C Power ON LED Indicator
- D Connecting Terminals
- E External Earthing Terminal

connection terminals

1

2

- + of DC or Live of AC Supply input
- of DC or Neutral of AC Supply input Supply:
 15 to 80VDC or 15 to 260VAC 50/60Hz
- 3 Earth terminal for safety
- 4 Normally connected terminal of contact 1
- 5 Common terminal of contact 1
- 6 Normally open terminal of contact 1
- 7 Normally connected terminal of contact 2
- 8 Common terminal of contact 2
- 9 Normally open terminal of contact 2
- sensitivity control sensitive setting for low density materials (turn-on for fluffy/low density powders etc) (keep turned-off for normal density materials)
- "dry" (or uncovered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork out of material confirmation)
- "wet" (or covered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork dipped in the material confirmation)
- minimum failsafe selectFailsafe means alarm is same as power failure.Turn on for underflow detection (min. failsafe)Keep turned off for overflow detection (max. failsafe)

Operation Matrix - LSV-UD-D1/D2/D3 (EIUD / ERUD)

Failsafe defines that the alarm and power failure / device failure conditions are same to the external system. Failsafe operation is best understood with the type of installation and following matrix.

Material &		Material	Failsafe	Status	DPDT Relay Contacts		
]	Installation	Status	Setting	LED	Power ON	Power OFF	
erflow detection		No material at high level.	N N 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is off, failsafe high/maximum	O Off Indicating normal or healthy status.	Image: Control of the second systemImage: Control o	A 5 6 7 8 9 Relay OFF alarm contacts. (due to power failure)	
High level / ove		Material is above the high level or fork is covered with material.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is off, failsafe high/maximum	Indicating alarm status.	Image: Constraint of the second system Image: Constrain	Image: Constraint of the second sec	
Low level / underflow detection		No material at low level.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is on, failsafe low/minimum	Indicating alarm status.	Image: Constraint of the second sec	Image: Constraint of the second sec	
		Material is above the low level or fork is covered with material.	N N 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is on, failsafe low/minimum	O Off Indicating normal or healthy status.	Image: Control of the second systemImage: Control o	Image: Constraint of the second sec	

Electrical Connections - LSV-UD-D1/D2/D3 (EIUD / ERUD)

electrical connections (AC)

electrical connections (DC)



Introduction - LSV-DP-D1/D2/D3 (EIDP / ERDP)

LSV-DP-D1 LSV-DP-D2 LSV-DP-D3 B LSV-DP E turn-on to set ét delav failsafe (alarm=float) 12 to 60V DC ⊕ ⊖ ⊕ Đ Ď ×

controls & indicators

- A Alarm Indicating LED
- B Configuration Switches
- C Power ON LED Indicator
- D Connecting Terminals
- E External Earthing Terminal

connection terminals

2

- 1 + of DC Supply input
 - of DC Supply input
 Supply:
 12 to 60VDC
- 3 Earth terminal for safety
- 4 PNP output is supplied with voltage 12 to 60VDC

configuration switches

Example of Switch in On and Off Positions

sensitivity control
sensitive setting for low density materials
(turn-on for fluffy/ low density powders etc)
(keep turned-off for normal density materials)

- "dry" (or uncovered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork out of material confirmation)
- "wet" (or covered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork dipped in the material confirmation)
- minimum failsafe select

Failsafe means alarm is same as power failure. Turn on for underflow detection (min. failsafe) Keep turned off for overflow detection (max. failsafe)

Operation Matrix - LSV-DP-D1/D2/D3 (EIDP / ERDP)

Vibrating fork is a single element tuned mechanical element type level sensing device. Failsafe defines that the alarm and power failure / device failure conditions are same to the external system. Failsafe operation is best understood with the type of installation and following matrix.

Material & Installation		Material	Failsafe	Status	PNP Output		
		Status	Setting	LED	Power ON	Power OFF	
erflow detection		No material at high level.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is off, failsafe high/maximum.	O Off Indicating normal or healthy status.	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	
High level / ov		Material is above the high level or fork is covered with material.	N ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is off, failsafe high/maximum.	Indicating alarm status.	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	
Low level / underflow detection		No material at low level.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is on, failsafe low/minimum.	Indicating alarm status.	$\boxed{\bigcirc \oslash \oslash \oslash}_{I_{leak}}$ $I_{leak} \leq 0.1 m A$ Alarm output.	$\boxed{\bigcirc \oslash \oslash \oslash}_{I_{leak}}$ $I_{leak} \leq 0.1 \text{mA}$ Alarm output. (as it is)	
		Material is above the low level or fork is covered with material.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is on, failsafe low/minimum.	O Off Indicating normal or healthy status.	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	$\boxed{\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc}_{I_{leak}} $ $I_{leak} \le 0.1 \text{mA}$ Alarm output. (due to power failure)	

Electrical Connections - LSV-DP-D1/D2/D3 (EIDP / ERDP)

electrical connections (DC)

Introduction - LSV-U(S+P)-D1/D2/D3 (EIUSP / ERUSP)

LSV-U(S+P)-D1 LSV-U(S+P)-D2 LSV-U(S+P)-D3

controls & indicators

- A Alarm Indicating LED
- B Configuration Switches
- C Power ON LED Indicator
- D Connecting Terminals
- E External Earthing Terminal

connection terminals

- 1 (+) of DC or Live of AC Supply input
- 2 (-) of DC or Neutral of AC Supply input Supply:
 - 15 to 80VDC or 15 to 260VAC 50/60Hz
- 3 Earth terminal for safety
- 4 Normally connected terminal of SPDT contact
- 5 Common terminal of SPDT contact
- 6 Normally open terminal of SPDT contact
- 7 (-) of DC for PNP output
- 8 (+) of DC for PNP output
- 9 DC PNP output with respect to -ve of DC
- ▲ Supply should be within 15 to 60VDC for PNP output

configuration switches

Example of Switch in On and Off Positions

sensitivity control sensitive setting for low density materials (turn-on for fluffy/low density materials) (keep turned-off for normal materials)

- "dry" (or uncovered) delay (5 second delay) (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork out of material confirmation)
- "wet" (or covered) delay (5 second delay) (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork dipped in the material confirmation)
 - minimum failsafe select Failsafe means alarm is same as power failure. Turn on for underflow detection (min. failsafe) Keep turned off for overflow detection (max. failsafe)

Operation Matrix - LSV-U(S+P)-D1/D2/D3 (EIUSP / ERUSP)

Failsafe defines that the alarm and power failure / device failure conditions are same to the external system. Failsafe operation is best understood with the type of installation and following matrix.

Material &		Material	Failsafe	Status	Relay Contacts & PNP Output		
	Installation	Status	Setting	LED	Power ON	Power OFF	
ow detection		No material at high level.	N N 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is off, failsafe high/maximum	O Off Indicating normal or healthy status.	$ \begin{array}{c c} \hline & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline$	4 5 6 Relay OFF alarm contacts. (due to power failure)	
verfl					$I_{L(max)} = 250 \text{mA}$	$I_{leak} \le 0.1 \text{mA}$	
High level / ov		Material is above the high level or fork is covered with material.	Switch no. 4 is off, failsafe high/maximum	Indicating alarm status.	$\begin{array}{c c} & & & & \\ \hline \\ \hline$	$\begin{array}{c c} & & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \\$	
Low level / underflow detection		No material at low level.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe Switch no. 4 is on, failsafe low/minimum	Indicating alarm status.	$\begin{array}{c c} & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & &$	$\begin{array}{c c} & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \\ \hline$	
		Material is above the low level or fork is covered with material.	Switch no. 4 is on, failsafe low/minimum	O Off Indicating normal or healthy status.	$ \begin{array}{c c} \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline \hline \hline \hline \\ \hline \hline$	$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ &$	

Electrical Connections - LSV-U(S+P)-D1/D2/D3 (EIUSP / ERUSP)

electrical connections (AC)

electrical connections (DC)

Introduction - LSV-AR-D1/D2/D3 (EIAR)

controls & indicators

- A Alarm Indicating LED
- B Configuration Switches
- C Normal LED Indicator
- D Connecting Terminals
- E External Earthing Terminal

connection terminals

- 1 Live of AC Supply through fuse
- 2 Neutral of AC Supply input through specified series relay 18 to 260VAC 50/60 Hz series
- 3 Earth terminal for safety

4,5,6,7,8,9 Not used

configuration switches

Example of Switch in On and Off Positions

- Not used
 - "dry" (or uncovered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork out of material confirmation)
 - "wet" (or covered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork dipped in the material confirmation)
 - minimum failsafe select Failsafe means alarm is same as power failure. Turn on for underflow detection (min. failsafe) Keep turned off for overflow detection (max. failsafe)

Operation Matrix - LSV-AR-D1/D2/D3 (EIAR)

Series relay will be energized in normal or healthy condition. Series relay will be deenergized in alarm condition. Failsafe defines that the alarm and power failure / device failure conditions are same to the external system. Failsafe operation is best understood with the type of installation and following matrix.

Material &		Switching	Failsafe	Status	Alarm/	Series Relay Status	
	Installation	Operation	Setting	LED	Normal	Power ON	Power OFF
High level / overflow detection		When switch no. 4 is off (failsafe high / maximum). output status shows normal when there is no material at high switch point or fork is out of the material.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	Red O Off Green	Normal or healthy	Control Contro	Ø Ø 1 2 ↓ L N Series relay off (due to power failure)
		When switch no. 4 is off (failsafe high / maximum). output status shows alarm if fork is dipped in material at high switch point.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	Red O V O N O O O Off	Alarm	O 1 2 1 2 L N Series relay off	<pre></pre>
nderflow detection		When switch no. 4 is on (failsafe low / minimum). output status shows alarm when there is no material at low switch point or fork is out of the material.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	Red O O O O O O O ff	Alarm	Series relay	Series relay off (as it is)
Low level / un		When switch no. 4 is on (failsafe low / minimum). output status shows normal if fork is dipped in material at low switch point.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	Red O Off Green	Normal or healthy	O L N Series relay on	ØØ 1 2 ↓ L N Series relay off (due to power failure)

Electrical Connections - LSV-AR-D1/D2/D3 (EIAR)

electrical connections (AC)

Use AC relay / contactor having maximum 150mA to magnetize and holding current should not be less than 4mA. Voltage rating of AC relay should be as per input supply voltage.

Introduction - LSV-DL-D1/D2/D3 (EIDL)

8/16 mA Output

LSV-DL-D1 LSV-DL-D2 LSV-DL-D3

controls & indicators

- A Alarm Indicating LED
- B Configuration Switches
- C Power ON LED Indicator
- D Connecting Terminals
- E External Earthing Terminal

connection terminals

- (+) of DC Supply input
 (-) of DC Supply input
 - (-) of DC Supply input DC Supply: 12 to 60VDC
- 3 Earth terminal for safety

4,5,6,7,8,9 Not used

configuration switches

Example of Switch in On and Off Positions

sensitivity control sensitive setting for low density materials (turn-on for fluffy / low density materials etc.) (keep turned-off for normal density materials)

- "dry" (or uncovered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork out of material confirmation)
- "wet" (or covered) delay (5 second delay) setting (turn-on when 5 second more time is needed for fork dipped in the material confirmation)
- minimum failsafe select

Failsafe means alarm is same as power failure. Turn on for underflow detection (min. failsafe) Keep turned off for overflow detection (max. failsafe)

Operation Matrix - LSV-DL-D1/D2/D3 (EIDL)

Miliampere output 16 is supplied in normal or healthy condition. Miliampere output 8 is supplied in alarm condition. Failsafe defines that the alarm and power failure / device failure conditions are same to the external system. Failsafe operation is best understood with the type of installation and following matrix.

Material & Installation		Switching Operation	Failsafe Setting	Status LED	Miliampere Output Status
overflow detection		When switch no. 4 is off (failsafe high / maximum). output status shows normal when there is no material at high switch point or fork is out of the material.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	O Off Normal	$I_{L} = 16mA$
High level / o		When switch no. 4 is off (failsafe high / maximum). output status shows alarm if fork is dipped in material at high switch point.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	or Service On Alarm	$I_{L} = 8mA$
inderflow detection		When switch no. 4 is on (failsafe low / minimum). output status shows alarm when there is no material at low switch point or fork is out of the material.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	orightary of the second secon	$I_{L} = 8mA$
Low level / u		When switch no. 4 is on (failsafe low / minimum). output status shows normal if fork is dipped in material at low switch point.	ON 1 2 3 4 min failsafe	O Off Normal	$I_{L} = 16mA$

Electrical Connections - LSV-DL-D1/D2/D3 (EIDL)

electrical connections (DC)

