## The ABCs of Low-Voltage Wiring and Components



The low-voltage system differs from conventional switch wiring by actuating relays through the use of momentary contact switches. This type of switching utilizes a transformer to provide safe lowvoltage current to control line voltage circuits. The wiring of lights and other electrical loads is installed in the conventional manner.

The above illustration simplifies a low-voltage circuit with its basic components:
A. Transformer - Converts line voltage to low-voltage. All lowvoltage components operate using 24 volts furnished by the step-down transformer. Secondary output is 3-12A.
B. Relay - The magnetic relay switches line voltage. A momentary 24 volt pulse energizes the "ON" or "OFF" coils to make or break line voltage contacts.
C. Switches - Switches are momentary contact type used to energize either the "ON" or "OFF" coils of a relay. Momentary contact switches are normally open, single pole, double throw.

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Electrical Accessories
Low-Voltage Switching Components

- Mount in standard 1/2" KO through noise suppressing nylon ring.
- Maximum ambient temp: $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.
- Insulated flame retardant nylon shell.
- Prestripped 5-1/2" ( 140 mm ) \#22 AWG leads for easy wiring.
- Split coil design energizes ON coil to close line contacts, and OFF coil to open contacts.
- Can be mounted in any position.
- Operates on momentary impulse.
- Draws . 520 mA .

| Catalog Number | Rating <br> A. V. | 3rd Party Compliance |  |
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|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { © } \\ & \text { csA Listed } \end{aligned}$ |
| Magnetic Latching Relay, 24V/24VDC Control |  |  |  |
| 1070-B | $\begin{array}{ll} 20 & 120 / 277 \mathrm{~V} \\ 20 & 347 \mathrm{~V} \end{array}$ | - | - |

CSA listed for 347V.

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## Features

- Available in Despard ${ }^{\circledR}$ interchangeable and
- Heavy-duty toggles recommended where heavy-duty toggle versions. low-voltage switches must match conventional
- Side wired screw terminals. switches.

| Catalog <br> Number | Color | Rating <br> A.$\quad$ V. | Description |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Momentary Contact Switches |  |  |  |  |
| 1091-I | Ivory | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Despard Interchangeable |
| 1091-W | White | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Despard Interchangeable |
| 1091 | Brown | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Despard Interchangeable |
| 1091-GRY | Gray | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Despard Interchangeable |
| 1091-KGRY | Gray | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Despard Interchangeable, Key-Locking |
| 1050-K |  |  | Key only for Despard Locking Switch |  |
| 1081-I | Ivory | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Heavy-duty Toggle |
| 1081-W | White | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Heavy-duty Toggle |
| 1081 | Brown | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Heavy-duty Toggle |
| 1081-GRY | Gray | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Heavy-duty Toggle |
| 1081-KGRY | Gray | 3 | 24 AC/DC | Heavy-duty Key-Locking |
| 500-K |  |  | Key only for Heavy-duty Locking Switch |  |

Note: When installing low-voltage control wiring, wires should not be bundled or run in parallel with line voltage wires.


Features

- 100\% HIPOT tested primary and secondary.
- Base fits 4 Screw box.
- Built-in overload protection.

| Catalog Number | VA Rating | Primary Volts | Secondary Volts | Secondary Output |
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| Transformers |  |  |  |  |
| 1038 | 75 VA | 120 V | 24 V | 3.12 A |
| 1039 | 75 VA | 277 V | 24 V | 3.12 A |

A 75VA transformer can drive a maximum of 7 relays simultaneously. However, the length of a wire run as well as the size of the wire itself have an effect on a transformer's output capability.

The following tables will be useful in selecting the proper wire size and length of wire runs.

## 75VA transformer

(1038 or 1039) switch leg-length of run in feet ( 2 wires):

| No. of Relays <br> in Parallel | \#12 Wire | \#14 Wire | \#16 Wire | \#18 Wire | \#20 Wire | \#22 Wire |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $3000^{\prime}$ | $2000^{\prime}$ | $1200^{\prime}$ | $750^{\prime}$ | $500^{\prime}$ | $300^{\prime}$ |
| 2 | $1500^{\prime}$ | $1000^{\prime}$ | $600^{\prime}$ | $375^{\prime}$ | $250^{\prime}$ | $150^{\prime}$ |
| 3 | $1000^{\prime}$ | $650^{\prime}$ | $400^{\prime}$ | $250^{\prime}$ | $160^{\prime}$ | $100^{\prime}$ |
| 4 | $750^{\prime}$ | $500^{\prime}$ | $300^{\prime}$ | $180^{\prime}$ | $125^{\prime}$ | $75^{\prime}$ |
| 5 | $600^{\prime}$ | $400^{\prime}$ | $240^{\prime}$ | $150^{\prime}$ | $100^{\prime}$ | $60^{\prime}$ |
| 6 | $500^{\prime}$ | $330^{\prime}$ | $200^{\prime}$ | $125^{\prime}$ | $80^{\prime}$ | $50^{\prime}$ |
| 7 | $420^{\prime}$ | $280^{\prime}$ | $170^{\prime}$ | $100^{\prime}$ | $70^{\prime}$ | $40^{\prime}$ |

## Notes:

Relays in Parallel - Relays so wired will all be activated by any switch in the circuit. If more than one transformer is used, the load should be divided between transformers.


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