# Adjustable Vacuum Interlock Switch VS16K

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Declaration of Conformity

We, Edwards
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declare under our sole responsibility that the product(s)

Adjustable Vacuum Switch
VS16K

D059-15-000
to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standard(s) or other normative document(s)


following the provisions of

2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive.

L.G. Marini, Technical Manager

19-FEB-2009 East End

Mr L Marini, Technical Manager

Date and Place

This product has been manufactured under a quality system registered to ISO9001
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope and definitions

This manual provides installation, operation and maintenance instructions for the Edwards VS16K Adjustable Vacuum Switch. Read this manual before attempting to install and operate the VS16K.

This manual contains essential safety information which supplements the safety features of the VS16K. Safety procedures are highlighted as WARNING and CAUTION instructions. You must obey these instructions. The use of WARNINGS and CAUTIONS is defined below.

**WARNING**

Warnings are given where failure to observe the instruction could result in injury or death to people.

**CAUTION**

Cautions are given where failure to observe the instruction could result in damage to the equipment, associated equipment and process.

1.2 Description

The Edwards VS16K adjustable vacuum switch contains a pressure sensitive diaphragm which operates a non latching snap action microswitch. The switch can be used to operate an electrical circuit when the system pressure rises or falls through an operator-determined pressure set point between 30 and 1000 mbar.

The diaphragm is enclosed within the vacuum switch housing which is surrounded by atmospheric pressure and is coupled to the vacuum system by a NW16 Flange. The absolute switch point pressure will therefore vary by the same amount as the atmospheric pressure. This must be allowed for when setting the switch point close to the low pressure end of the range.

The vacuum switch is factory set to operate at about 30 mbar on falling pressure.

**WARNING**

This switch should not be used for safety critical applications. For many interlock applications the Edwards IS16K may be more suitable.
2 TECHNICAL DATA

2.1 Operating conditions

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<td>NW16 Flange</td>
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3 INSTALLATION

3.1 Unpacking and inspection

Remove all packing materials and protective covers and check the VS16K for damage. If the VS16K is damaged, notify your supplier and the carrier in writing within three days; state the Item Number of the VS16K together with your order number and your supplier’s invoice number. Retain all packing materials for inspection. Do not use the VS16K.

3.2 General

The vacuum switch should be mounted as close as possible to the point at which the pressure is to be measured. Use a short branch tube with an internal diameter no less than that of the switch vacuum connection. Long, narrow and angled connections can cause significant errors.

This equipment is not protected from dripping water from above, unless mounted with the vacuum flange pointing downwards.

3.3 Connection to the Vacuum System

**WARNING**

Do not allow the internal pressure to be higher than 1 bar gauge (2 bar absolute). If the pressure in your system can be higher than 1 bar gauge, you must fit a suitable pressure relief valve. Overpressure of the switch could cause injury to persons.

The vacuum switch may be mounted in any orientation but mounting with the vacuum switch vertical will prevent the possibility of debris falling into the vacuum port and affecting the performance of the switch.

3.4 Connection to the Electrical Circuit

**WARNING**

Ensure that the electrical installation of the Vacuum Switch conforms with your local and national safety requirements. It must be connected to a suitably fused and protected electrical supply and a suitable earth point.

**CAUTION**

Ensure that the circuit connected to the vacuum switch is suitably fused to prevent the switch contact rating being exceeded. The fuse rating must not exceed 10 amps.
Connect the vacuum switch to the equipment using the four pole mPm connector supplied. The contacts on this connector are internally wired as follows:

**Figure 1 - Vacuum switch plug connections**

![Vacuum switch plug connections diagram]

- **Com** Earth Connection.
- **Common.**
- **Lo** Contact made when system pressure is lower than set point.
- **Hi** Contact made when system pressure is higher than set point.

**CAUTION**

To ensure that the socket cable gland strain relief is effective a cable with a minimum diameter of 6 mm must be used.

Select a three or four core cable of a rating suitable for the power supply to be switched. One core should be coloured green/yellow for the earth connection.

Thread the cable through the cable gland on the mPm socket cover and connect to the appropriate terminals as shown on the diagram.

Tighten the cable gland and connect the socket to the switch using the sealing gasket and locking screw provided.
4 OPERATION

4.1 Adjustment

The pressure at which the switch operates is controlled by the adjusting screw located under the removable plug located on the top of the vacuum switch cover.

Turning the screw clockwise reduces the switch point pressure.

The following procedure can be used to set, change or measure the switch point at any time:-

1. Externally disconnect the electrical supply from the vacuum switch.
2. Set and maintain the system pressure, measured by a vacuum gauge, to the desired switch point pressure.
3. Unscrew and remove the mPm socket. Remove the plug covering the adjusting screw.
4. Connect an electrical continuity meter between the pin marked ‘com’ and The pin marked ‘Hi’ or ‘Lo’ as appropriate to the application.
5. Turn the adjusting screw until the switch just operates.
6. Change the system pressure and check the operation of the vacuum switch.

Note: The switching differential (between rising and falling pressure) is about 30 mbar.

7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 as necessary.
8. Replace the plastic plug and reconnect the mPm socket.
9. Reconnect the electrical supply.
5 MAINTENANCE

WARNING

Ensure that maintenance is done by a suitably trained and supervised technician. Obey your local and national safety requirements.

1. To ensure correct operation this vacuum switch should be tested once per year or every 10 000 cycles whichever is sooner. This may be done by carrying out steps 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 in Section 4.1.

2. The outer surfaces of the switch may be cleaned by wiping with a dry cloth. Avoid the use of solvents that may attack the moulded cover.

3. This product contains no user serviceable parts.

Figure 2 - Dimensions of VS16K vacuum switch
6 STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

6.1 Storage

Store in a cool dry place. Do not exceed the limits specified in Section 2.

6.2 Disposal

Dispose of the switch in accordance with any local or national safety requirements.
Particular care must be taken if the switch has been used in a hazardous environment.
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INTRODUCTION
Before returning your equipment, you must warn Edwards if substances you used (and produced) in the equipment can be hazardous. This information is fundamental to the safety of our Service Centre employees and will determine the procedures employed to service your equipment.

Complete the Declaration (HS2) and send it to Edwards before you dispatch the equipment. It is important to note that this declaration is for Edwards internal use only, and has no relationship to local, national or international transportation safety or environmental requirements. As the person offering the equipment for shipment, it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable laws.

GUIDELINES
• Equipment is 'uncontaminated' if it has not been used, or if it has only been used with substances that are not hazardous. Your equipment is 'contaminated' if it has been used with any substances classified as hazardous under EU Directive 67/548/EEC (as amended) or OSHA Occupational Safety (29 CFR 1910).
• If your equipment has been used with radioactive substances, biological or infectious agents, mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB’s), dioxins or sodium azide, you must decontaminate it before you return it to Edwards. You must send independent proof of decontamination (for example a certificate of analysis) to Edwards with the Declaration (HS2). Phone Edwards for advice.
• If your equipment is contaminated, you must either:
  • Remove all traces of contamination (to the satisfaction of laws governing the transportation of dangerous/hazardous substances).
  • Or, properly classify the hazard, mark, manifest and ship the equipment in accordance with applicable laws governing the shipment of hazardous materials.

Note: Some contaminated equipment may not be suitable for airfreight.

PROCEDURE
1. Contact Edwards and obtain a Return Authorisation Number for your equipment.
2. Complete the Return of Edwards Equipment - Declaration (HS2).
3. If the equipment is contaminated, you must contact your transporter to ensure that you properly classify the hazard, mark, manifest and ship the equipment, in accordance with applicable laws governing the shipment of contaminated/hazardous materials. As the person offering the equipment for shipment, it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable law. Note: Equipment contaminated with some hazardous materials, such as semiconductor by-products, may not be suitable for airfreight - contact your transporter for advice.
4. Remove all traces of hazardous gases: pass an inert gas through the equipment and any accessories that will be returned to Edwards. Where possible, drain all fluids and lubricants from the equipment and its accessories.
5. Seal up all of the equipment's inlets and outlets (including those where accessories were attached) with blanking flanges or, for uncontaminated product, with heavy gauge tape.
6. Seal equipment in a thick polythene/polyethylene bag or sheet.
7. If the equipment is large, strap the equipment and its accessories to a wooden pallet. If the equipment is too small to be strapped to a pallet, pack it in a suitable strong box.
8. E-mail via scan, fax or post a copy of the original with signature of the Declaration (HS2) to Edwards. The Declaration must arrive before the equipment.
9. Give a copy of the Declaration (HS2) to the transporter. You must tell your transporter if the equipment is contaminated.
10. Seal the original Declaration in a suitable envelope: attach the envelope securely to the outside of the equipment package, in a clear weatherproof bag.

WRITE YOUR RETURN AUTHORISATION NUMBER CLEARLY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE OR ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE EQUIPMENT PACKAGE.
Return of Edwards Equipment - Declaration

You must:
- Know about all of the substances which have been used and produced in the equipment before you complete this Declaration
- Read the Return of Edwards Equipment - Procedure (HS1) before you complete this Declaration
- Contact Edwards to obtain a Return Authorisation Number and to obtain advice if you have any questions
- Send this form to Edwards before you return your equipment as per the procedure in HS1

SECTION 1: EQUIPMENT

Manufacturer's Product Name ________________________
Manufacturer's Part Number _________________________
Manufacturer's Serial Number ________________________
Has the equipment been used, tested or operated? YES ☐ Go to Section 2 NO ☐ Go to Section 4

IF APPLICABLE:
Tool Reference Number _____________________________
Process _________________________________________
Failure Date _________________________________
Serial Number of Replacement Equipment ___________

SECTION 2: SUBSTANCES IN CONTACT WITH THE EQUIPMENT

Are any substances used or produced in the equipment:

- Radioactive, biological or infectious agents, mercury, poly chlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins or sodium azide? (if YES, see Note 1) YES ☐ NO ☐
- Hazardous to human health and safety? YES ☐ NO ☐

Note 1: Edwards will not accept delivery of any equipment that is contaminated with radioactive substances, biological/infectious agents, mercury, PCB’s, dioxins or sodium azide, unless you:
- Decontaminate the equipment
- Provide proof of decontamination

YOU MUST CONTACT EDWARDS FOR ADVICE BEFORE YOU RETURN SUCH EQUIPMENT

SECTION 3: LIST OF SUBSTANCES IN CONTACT WITH THE EQUIPMENT

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SECTION 4: RETURN INFORMATION

Reason for return and symptoms of malfunction: ____________________________________________________________
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______________________________________________
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If you have a warranty claim:
- who did you buy the equipment from? ______________________________
- give the supplier’s invoice number ______________________________

SECTION 5: DECLARATION

Print your name: ____________________________ Print your job title: ____________________________
Print your organisation: ____________________________________________________________________________
Print your address: _______________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone number: __________________________ Date of equipment delivery: ____________________________
I have made reasonable enquiry and I have supplied accurate information in this Declaration. I have not withheld any information, and I have followed the Return of Edwards Equipment - Procedure (HS1).
Signed: __________________________________ Date: __________________

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