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# **Appliance - Reed Sensor**

## **Electronic Stove Control Sensors Are More Efficient and Safe**



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#### Introduction

The new stove tops particularly those made of the flameless, burnerless ceran stoves use reed sensors to eliminate the need for knobs and use less power. Gas stoves and electric stoves with their exposed heating elements are always in need of cleaning. With gas stoves there is always the potential of fire as well.

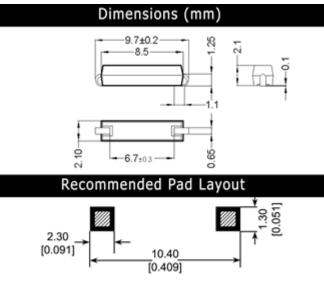


Figure 1. MK17-x-3 Sensor physical layout

#### **Features**

- Magnet and Reed Sensor are isolated and have no physical contact by typically having the magnet mounted to a sliding device that is independent of the stove top, and the Reed Sensors are mounted on the under side of the stove top strategically placed such that the magnetic field of magnet will be sensed when brought within their proximity.
- The reed switch used in the Reed Sensors is hermetically sealed and is therefore not sensitive to high temperature environments
- The magnet is not affected by its environment
- Tens of millions of reliable operations
- · Surface mounting and through hole mount-

ing

- Cylindrical hole and screw fastening mounting
- Contacts dynamically tested

#### **Applications**

- Ideal for sensing the heat settings for each stove burner replacing the need for costly knobs.
- Ideal for applications sensing remotely through any non-ferromagnetic material in a host of different configurations

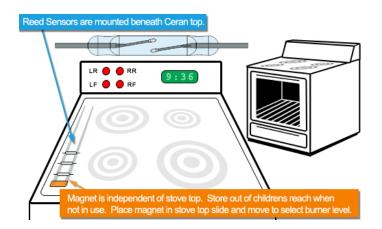


Figure 2. Magnet assembly is independent of stove and is used to control the burner level. The magnet can be stored out of reach of children when not in use.

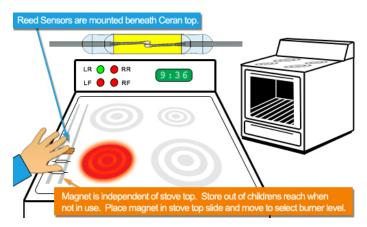


Figure 3. When magnet is inserted into stove top slide and moved over the sensors mounted beneath the Ceran top, the switches are actuated at each burner level.



#### Reed Sensors Allow Knob-less Operation of Stove Tops and Represents a Real 'Green Approach'

Appliance designers continue to improve stove tops by making them less dangerous, more energy efficient and more child proof by ceran heating elements and knob-less operation by using reed sensors. The ceran stove is also very easy to keep clean with its smooth surface over the entire top. This contrasts with gas

Surface Mount Sensor Series				
	Dimer	nstions	inches	Illuotratian
Series		mm	inches	Illustration
MK15	W	2.5	0.098	
	Н	2.5	0.098	
	L	19.50	0.768	
	W	2.3	0.091	
MK16	Н	2.3	0.091	
	L	15.60	0.614	
	W	2.1	0.083	
MK17	Н	2.1	0.083	
	L	9.61	0.378	
	W	2.7	1.060	
MK22	Н	2.3	0.091	
	L	15.60	0.614	-
	W	2.2	0.087	
MK23-35	Н	1.95	0.077	the second se
	L	15.75	0.620	
MK23-66	W	2.2	0.087	
	Н	2.7	1.060	1000 C
	L	19.60	0.772	
MK23-87	W	2.0	0.079	
	Н	2.1	0.083	Jetter Star
	L	15.60	0.614	
MK23-90	W	2.54	0.100	
	Н	3.05	0.120	- Comment
	L	24.9	0.980	

stoves that have open flames for heating with reports of several household fires each year. These coupled with the exposed electric elements of electric stoves are in constant need of cleaning.

The new ceran stoves use a magnet mounted in a plastic housing that is independent of the stove top. Reed sensors are typically mounted on circuit boards on the underside of the stove top.

Specifications (@ 20°C) MK15 & MK06 Series					
	Min	Max	Units		
Operate Specifications					
Must close distance	5	25	mm		
Must open distance	5	25	mm		
Hysteresis	Туріса	al 50%			
Load characteristics					
Switching voltage		200	V		
Switching current		0.5	Amps		
Carry current		1.5	Amps		
Contact rating		10	Watts		
Static contact resistance		150	mΩ		
Dynamic contact resistance	sistance 200		mΩ		
Breakdown voltage	320		V		
Operate time		0.5	msec		
Release time		0.1	msec		
Operate temp MK06	-20	85	С°		
Storage temp MK06	-20	85	C°		
Operate temp MK15	-20	130	C°		
Storage temp MK15	-20	130	°C		

### Dimensions (mm)

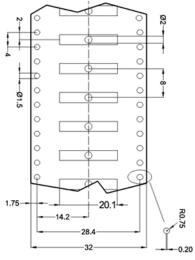


Figure 4. MK15 Tape & Reel



When the magnet assembly is brought in the vicinity of the reed sensors, the contacts close and a signal is sent to the electronics which turns on the burner to the selected level. Moving the magnet further will select a higher burner level, lower burner level, or turn off the burner when its use is complete.

Reed sensors represent the most energy efficient approach instead of using hall effect sensors that draw power all the time whether its in the sensing mode or not. The reed sensors while sitting idle draw zero power, and since that is the case 99.9% of the time much energy is saved. Also, children who cannot turn off their inquisitive minds are always intrigued with stove knobs. Usually they will find a way to reach them and turn the knobs. In the past this has led to fires and some badly burned children. With this new approach, this cannot happen, because there are no knobs and the plastic sliding assembly enclosing the magnet can be simply picked up and stored in a convenient location, away from any inquisitive minds.

Because Standex-Meder's sensors use hermetically sealed reed switches that are further packaged in strong high strength plastic, they can be subject to high temperature environments without any loss of reliability.

The reed sensor is an excellent choice because it can operate reliably over a wide temperature range, and represents an economical way to carry out the sensing function. Standex-Meder's sensors are packaged for surface mounting as well as through hole mounting. Also, Standex-Meder has cylinder packages as well as screw fastening packages having lead wires for remote attachment to the electronics. Consult with our engineers for specific details for your exact application.

Consider some of the below options in surface mount and through hole versions for meter reading or similar applications.

	Cylindrical Panel Mount Sensor Series			
	Dimer	nstions		
		mm	inches	Illustration
Series				
	D	5.25	0.207	
MK03	L	25.5	1.004	
	D	4	0.157	~
MK14	L	25.5	1.004	
	D	5	0.197	
MK18	L	17	0.669	
	D	2.72	0.107	
MK20/1	L	10	0.394	

	Rectangular Panel Mount Sensor Series			
	Dimen	stions		
		mm	inches	Illustration
Series				
	W	13.9	0.547	_
MK04	Н	5.9	0.232	to all
	L	23.0	0.906	
	W	19.6	0.772	
MK05	Н	6.1	0.240	
	L	23.2	0.913	
	W	14.9	0.587	
MK12	Н	6.9	0.272	ADDONE
	L	32.0	1.260	the second second



Through Hole Sensor Series				
	Dimer	nstions		
Ostiss		mm	inches	Illustration
Series				
MK06-4	W	3.3	0.130	L
	Н	3.3	0.130	
	L	12.06	0.475	
MK06-5	W	2.8	0.110	6
	Н	3.2	0.126	
	L	14.30	0.563	
MK06-6	W	3.3	0.130	T
	Н	4.2	0.165	
	L	17.24	0.679	
MK06-7	W	3.3	0.130	
	Н	4.2	0.165	
	L	19.78	0.779	

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