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MEMBRANE SWITCHES



Welcome to TESLA Jihlava



COMPANY PROFILE

TESLA Jihlava, a.s. - a joint-stock company - is one of the largest Czech manufacturers of electromechanical components specialized in connector- and switch- business since 1958. The company is certified in compliance with ISO 9001 standard and VDA 6.1 directive for automotive industry, authorized to apply the UL Mark for DIN 41 612 connector series and KEMA approval for switching components.

TESLA Jihlava provides customers with comprehensive service including subcontracting of all primary production operations.

Electromechanical Components Product Range:

Connectors

- two-piece rectangular (PCB mount) DIN 41 612 F, C, H, F+H
- HYPCON (with hyperbolic geometry)
- insulation displacement connectors (IDC) for .050" flat ribbon cables
- coaxial

Switches

- membrane switches
- push-button switches

Customer Designed Products

- connectors
- switches
- assemblies

Services:

- special tools, metal stamping tools, injection moulds design and manufacture
- jigs & single-purpose machines development and manufacture
- tailor-made operations in subcontracting range of:
 - tool-making workshop
 - moulding workshop
 - metal stamping workshop
 - plating plant
 - precision machining workshop
 - automation
- · specialized assembly operations

Membrane switches

Membrane switches are cheap, reliable solution of a human / machine interface. They are easily accessible even for unique and/or low volume applications.

Field of applications spreads from industrial machines through automation and robotics, measurement devices to health and fitness devices, household appliances and consumer electronics, but also security systems and military industry.

Features of membrane switches:

- quick and easy application
- short delivery times
- resistance to harsh environment (humidity, water jets, dust etc.)

There is a broad variety of membrane switch designs.

Most of switches are tailor-made to meet specific customer requirements, such as:

- dimensions and shape of a membrane switch contour (square, oblong, circle etc.)
- artwork (colour style, lettering, marks, symbols, company logos)
- style of keys (flat, embossed, with embedded metal dome)
- shape and dimensions of embosses (rims, pillows squares, arrows and other symbols, e.g. blind blocking)
- type of switch encoding (X-Y matrix, common bus, or other)
- embedded SMD components (LED lamps, resistors and other elements)
- · arrangement and length of flex-tails, flex-tail termination
- connector termination pitch (2.54 mm, 1.27 mm and 1.00 mm)
- pockets for in-key or off-key legends



Self-adhesive faceplates

The faceplates are custom-made graphic overlays that are to be laminated on machine and device panels, thus finalizing the graphic design. Faceplates do not include any contacts. The graphics of the faceplate can be printed either on the reverse side of the film (to secure abrasion-resistance), or on the front side. The faceplate can be embossed and/or fitted with pockets for exchangeable legends.



Function and design of membrane switches

The membrane switch is a multilayered film sandwich consisting of static bottom circuitry, top circuitry with graphic overlay and spacers laminated by means of adhesive (see Fig. 1).

To make circuitry and contacts, silver loaded conductive ink is screened on top and bottom circuitry films. These films are separated by a spacer with holes that separate the contact points from each other or may contain metal domes for a tactile application. Figure 2 illustrates electrical connection after pushing the graphic overlay down.



A tail is a flexible extension of one or more circuit layers providing the means for electrical interconnection with the electronics. The tail can carry multiple circuit traces with a width and pitch determined by the application.

The flat flex-tail can either exit from the side of the membrane switch or from the back. Such membrane switch is "splash" proof (see Fig. 3).

To ensure abrasion resistance of the membrane switch the graphics are made on the reverse side of the graphic overlay. Outer side can only be coated with UV textures or clear inks.

In general, the membrane switches can be divided into two groups - switches with a tactile response (click feel) and without tactile response (non-tactile). A characteristic feature of non-tactile switches is linear course of the actuation force, while switches with a tactile response have typical nonlinear response with a sudden drop of the actuation force (see Fig. 4).

Tactile response is created either by dome embossing of the graphic overlay (polydome tactile) or by a metal dome that is embedded in a switch (metal dome tactile).

Tesla Jihlava manufactures 5 basic styles of membrane switches (see Tab.1 - Membrane Switch Characterictics on page 6).

Ordering nomenclature:



Materials used for membrane switches and faceplates

To assure high quality of our switches and faceplates we use strictly tested high-quality materials. The customer can choose graphic overlay material according to the switch graphic design and environmental conditions.

Materials for membrane switches:

a) polyester:	1) transparent						
	2) anti-reflexive						
	3) matted						
	4) textured						
b) polycarbonate:	1) transparent						
	2) fine-textured						
	3) coarse-textured						

Polycarbonate films are not suitable for polydome tactiles.

Materials used for faceplates:

a) for reverse-side printing:

- materials are identical to membrane switches materials

b) for front-side printing:

- PVC film transparent
 - PVC film coloured
 - aluminium silver-coloured film

Membrane switch type styles:

A) Non-tactile switches

Type style TS 523 0 xxx (see Fig. 5)

Graphic overlay can be embossed to your wish:

- rim emboss (a circle, square)
- pillow emboss (a circle, square)

B) Switches with tactile response

1 - polydome tactile

Type style TS 523 3 xxx and TS 523 4 xxx (see Fig. 6)

2 - metal dome tactile

Type style TS 523 2 xxx and TS 523 6 xxx (see Fig. 7 and 8). Any emboss can be provided to your wish (a circle, square of minimum size 10 mm). The design according to Fig. 8 is preferred for high-density switches with matrix switch encoding.

For on the spot customization, a legend pocket can be included to allow either user exchangeable labeling or build time only labeling (see Fig. 9). Off-key legends can be included in all membrane switch types, in-key legends are applicable only at TS 523 0 xxx, TS 523 2 xxx and TS 523 6 xxx types (see Tab.1 - Membrane Switch Characterictics on page 6). For the legend material, we recommend plastic film or card of approx. 0.1 mm thickness. Side legends are to be slide into the membrane switch through a slot in one of the outside edges of the switch, rear legends through a slot in the rear.

Underneath the membrane switch or faceplate, either LED, LCD or LED display can be installed. Therefore, there are display windows in the graphic overlay, while there are openings in all layers beneath the window. When matted and / or textured material is used for graphic overlay, UV clear ink is applied on display windows to maximize clarity over displays. When using transparent materials for graphic overlay, selectively texturing is applied. This process leaves display windows without texture. On customer demand, display windows can be coloured on the reverse side with transparent ink (red, green, blue and others).

Membrane switches with embedded LED's

The SMD technology enables LED lamps to be embedded in the membrane switch. The LED's are adhered either to their own film with a flex-tail (see Fig.10), or directly on the bottom circuitry - in such case there must be embossed lenses on graphic overlay over the LED's (see Fig. 11). Standard colours of LED's are red, green, yellow and bicolour.

Membrane switch and faceplate assembly

Membrane switches and faceplates are coated on bottom side with pressure sensitive adhesive protected by a paper or foil. Customer can install the switch / faceplate on the spot or order the switch / faceplate mounted on a support panel provided by the customer or by the switch manufacturer.

Support panels are usually made of metal (aluminium alloys) of rigid plastics. Switch / faceplate manufacturer can supply the panel with clinch studs, nuts and standoffs. The studs, nuts and standoffs are self-clinched in the panel having sufficient push-out and torque-out forces.

Standard membrane switches

Standard membrane switches are versatile standardized switches designed for a broad range of standardized control panels. They are especially suitable for low volume applications, such as new product development. They are easily available in a very short time for reasonable prices. A wide variety of standard switches are produced in optional colour styles with full scale of flex-tail terminations.

Tab. 2 on page 17 shows survey of technical characteristics of standard membrane switches. Detailed technical specifications are on pages 8 to 16.

Tab. 1 - Membrane Switch Characteristics

		Membrane S	witches TS 52	23 x xxx								
	0 xxx	3 xxx	4 xxx	2 xxx	6 xxx							
Electrical characteristics												
Max. operating voltage	25 V DC											
Max. operating current	25 mA DC											
Contact resistance	Approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace											
Insulation resistance	$10^7 \Omega$ min.											
Mechanical characteristics												
Life cycle	> 10 ⁶	> 5 x 10 ⁵	> 5 x 10 ⁵	> 10 ⁶	> 10 ⁶							
Actuation force	1.6 ÷ 2 N	1.5 ÷ 2.5 N	1.5 ÷ 2.5 N	3 ÷ 4 N	3 ÷ 4 N							
Standard key pitch	14 mm	9 ÷ 12 mm	16 mm	13 mm	12.5 mm							
Tactile response	NONE	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Ħ	Ħ							
Min. key size	9 x 9 mm	Ø 12 mm;	i; 10 x 10 mm									
Storage temperature (°C)	-40 / +80	-40 / +65	-40 / +65	-40 / +80	-40 / +80							
Operating temperature (°C)	-25 / +80	-25 / +65	-25 / +65	-25 / +80	-25 / +80							
Degree of protection			IP 65									
Tolerances	up to 20	00 mm: +/- 0.2	2 mm; over 20	00mm: +/- 0.3	mm							
Options available												
Off-key pocket	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES							
In-key pocket	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES							
ESD/EMI shielding	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES							
Embedded LED's	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES							

Note: Technical characteristics above can be modified on request.

Legend:

- metal dome

- polydome

Switch encoding

Switch encoding can be designed using X-Y matrix, one common bus or combinatorial matrix. Switching positions of the individual switches are connected via bottom circuitry traces and a flat flex-tail with a terminal.

Options of the flex-tail termination:

- 1) pads for ZIF / LIF connectors
- 2) crimped male contacts (pitch 2.54 mm)
- 3) crimped female contacts with housing (pitch 2.54 mm)

Circuit traces on the flex-tail are insulated either by insulation ink or by dielectric protective film that covers the flex-tail up to the point of termination. On request, the flex-tail can be stiffened. Minimal bend radius is 4 mm.

Procedure recommended when ordering customer membrane switches and faceplates

When ordering, the customer should provide complete circuit, graphic and dimensional specifications. Information can be transferred on printed documents or in electronic files.

Colour specification should be done using PRÖLL, RAL or PANTONE palettes (Pantone Matching System).

Electronic data:

- compatible data formats: CorelDraw (5 -9), AutoCad LT (*.dxf, *,wmf)
- send files (in order of preference): via e-mail or on CD ROM or 3.5" diskette
- remember to include a dimension drawing including tolerances (if any)
- it is necessary to convert texts into curves or send font styles as well

Printed data:

- drawings must clearly dimension / mark:
- outer dimensions and corner radius
- display and LED windows location and size
- · location and shape of through-cut holes
- · location, size and shape of switch positions
- · width of lines and borders
- location and size of graphics: symbols, logotypes
 and characters
- location and length of flex-tails, bottom or side exit, style of termination

- pinout
- location, size and connection of LED's
- location and size of pockets for exchangeable legends
- other important dimensions

 logotypes and special symbols can be submitted opaque black in colour, scaled up, on opaque paper or directly on a film

Before ordering customer membrane switches and faceplates we recommend technical consultation with our specialists.

To order membrane switches or faceplates you can use Membrane Switch & Faceplate Specification form which is available on TESLA Jihlava's web sites in Company Products / Membrane Switches part.

Pricing of membrane switches and faceplates

System of pricing of customer membrane switches and faceplates including start-up costs and prices of standard membrane switches is described in a Price List of Membrane Switches.

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TS 523 0003

Membrane switch:

Switch encoding:

4/a 4/b 4/c 4/d
3/a 3/b 3/c 3/d
1/a 1/b 1/c 1/d
2/a 2/b 2/c 2/d
abcd1234

Specification:

Number of switch positions	
Key pitch	
Embossing	
Overall dimensions	
Flex-tail length	
Number of flex-tail traces	
Flex-tail termination	
Number of colours	

Mechanical characteristics:

Tactile response Actuation force Life cycle Storage temperature Operating temperature Degree of protection

Electrical characteristics:

Max. operating voltage Max. operating current Contact resistance Insulation resistance

none 1.6 - 2 N > 10⁶ cycles -40 / +80 °C -25 / +80 °C IP 65

16

3

19 mm none

96 x 96 mm 75 mm 8

pins (standard)

25 V DC 25 mA DC approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace $10^7 \Omega$ min.

Options of termination: pins (standard)

female contacts

Colours: black (ground) blue (keys) white (characters, rims)

Note:

Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be modified for extra charge.

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4/a

3/a

1/a

2/a

Specification:

Overall dimensions

Flex-tail termination

Number of colours

Tactile response

Storage temperature

Degree of protection

Operating temperature

Max. operating voltage

Max. operating current

 $10^7 \Omega$ min.

Contact resistance

Insulation resistance

Actuation force

Life cycle

Key pitch

Embossing

Flex-tail length

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TS 523 2000 **Options:** Membrane switch: 8 9 Α STOP POKR MÊŘ START Α 7 5 6 B 1 ČAS В 3 2 С Ŧ ZRUŠ 0 D + → 🛛 * F D F Switch encoding: 7 8 9 SIGN 1 MAL ZAI ona. 4/b **4/c** 4/d VE VYF 4 5 6 т→м 3/b 3/c **3/d** 1 2 3 STAI 0 START STOP ESE 2 3 STO 1 1/b 1/c 1/d 2/c 2/d 2/b 7 8 9 X 7 8 9 A 6 В 4 5 6 t 4 5 Number of switch positions 16 2 3 1 2 3 С 1 19 mm 0 D F Ε 0 Ø 12 mm 96 x 96 mm 75 mm Number of flex-tail traces 8 pins (standard) З **Mechanical characteristics:** metal dome **Options of termination:** pins (standard) 3 - 4 N female contacts > 10⁶ cycles -40 / +80 °C -25 / +80 °C **Colours:** black (ground) IP 65 blue (keys) white (characters, rims) **Electrical characteristics:** 25 V DC Note: 25 mA DC approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be

modified for extra charge.

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TS 523 3042

Membrane switch:

Switch encoding:

1/d	2/d	3/d
1/c	2/c	3/c
1/b	2/b	3/b
1/a	2/a	3/a

12

7

2

13/10.5 mm

51 x 52.8 mm

pins (standard)

Ø7mm

91 mm

Specification:

Number of switch positions Key pitch h/v Embossing Overall dimensions Flex-tail length Number of flex-tail traces Flex-tail termination Number of colours

Mechanical characteristics:

Tactile response Actuation force Life cycle Storage temperature Operating temperature Degree of protection polydome 1.5 - 2 N > 5 x 10⁵ cycles -40 / +65 °C -25 / +65 °C IP 65

Electrical characteristics:

Max. operating voltage Max. operating current Contact resistance Insulation resistance 25 V DC 25 mA DC approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace 10⁷ Ω min.

Options:

RCLpHRCLmVRCL TCALpHSETpHSET TBATSLOPEENTRY	pH	mV	RELmV
	1	2	3
CALpHSETpHSET TBATSLOPEENTRY	RCLpH	RCLmV	RCL T
	4	5	6
BAT SLOPE	CALpH	SETpH	SET T
0 ENTRY	7	8	9
	BAT	SLOPE 0	ENTRY

Options o	of termination:	pins (standard) female contacts
Colours:	light grey (keys) black (character	s, ground)
Note:		

Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be modified for extra charge.

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TS 523 3015

TS 523 2196

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Membrane switch:

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F1 F2 F3 F6 F F H F G H K L M P Q R U V W Z F000 # 5 - 4 5 - 4 5 - 1 2	F4 F5 D E F9 F10 N O S T X Y Fg0p : 9 . 6 STATT Fg0n SHIFT
ESC DEL 0	

Switch encoding:

abcdefgh12345678
4/d 4/e 4/f 4/g 4/h 2/f 3/f 5/f 8/f 6/f 2/g 3/g 5/g 8/g 6/g 2/h 3/h 5/h 8/h 6/h 2/e 3/e 5/e 8/e 6/e 2/d 3/d 5/d 8/d 6/d
2/c) 3/c) 5/c) 8/c) 7/a 2/b) 3/b) 5/b) 8/b) 6/b 1/b) 1/c) 1/d) 1/h) 1/e

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 * 0 # ST M R/P

Membrane switch:

Switch encoding:

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	1/8	1/7	1/6									
	2/8	2/7	2/6									
	3/8	3/7	3/6									
	4/8	4/7	4/6									
	1/5	2/5	4/5									

Specification:

Number of switch positions 45 Key pitch 13.2 mm Embossing rim embossing **Overall dimensions** 84.5 x 135.4 mm Flex-tail length 100 mm Number of flex-tail traces 16 Flex-tail termination pins (standard) Number of colours 5 **Mechanical characteristics:** Tactile response metal dome Actuation force 3 - 4 N

Life cycle Storage temperature Operating temperature Degree of protection **Electrical characteristics:**

Max. operating voltage Max. operating current Contact resistance Insulation resistance 25 V DC 25 mA DC approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace 10⁷ Ω min.

Options of termination:

pins (standard) female contacts

 $> 10^6$ cycles

-40 / +80 °C

-25 / +80 °C

IP 65

Colours: light grey (ground, keys) dark grey (numeric keys) green (START key) red (SHIFT, upper-case characters) black (lower-case characters, rims)

Note:

Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be modified for extra charge.

Specification:

Number of switch positions Key pitch h/v Embossing Overall dimensions Flex-tail length Number of flex-tail traces Flex-tail termination Number of colours

Mechanical characteristics:

Tactile response Actuation force Life cycle Storage temperature Operating temperature Degree of protection

Electrical characteristics:

Max. operating voltage Max. operating current Contact resistance Insulation resistance

Options of termination:

15 15/12 mm Ø 7 mm 51 x 70.5 mm 45 mm 8 pins (standard) 2

polydome 1.5 - 2 N > 5 x 10⁵ cycles -40 / +65 °C -25 / +65 °C side exit of flex-tail -IP 64 is not guaranteed

25 V DC 25 mA DC approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace 10⁷ Ω min.

pins (standard) female contacts ZIF/LIF connectors (pitch: 2.54, 1.27, 1.00 mm)

Colours: silvery (ground) black (characters, rims)

Note:

Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be modified for extra charge.

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TS 523 3020

TS 523 6061

Switch encoding:
a b c d e f g h 1 3 5 2 4 6 7 8
4/d 4/e 4/f 4/g 4/h
2/f 3/f 5/f 8/f 6/f
2/g 3/g 5/g 8/g 6/g
2/h 3/h 5/h 8/h 6/h
2/e 3/e 5/e 8/e 6/e
2/d 3/d 5/d 8/d 8/d
2/c 3/c 5/c 8/c 7/a
2/b 3/b 5/b 8/b 6/b
1/b 1/c 1/d 1/h 1/e

Membrane switch:

9 10 11 12 2/8 1/84/9 1/102/10 3/10 3/11 2/11 1/11 1/12 2/12 3/12 1/7 2/7 3/7 2/6 3/6 1/6 1/5 2/5 3/5

21

12

5

22/16 mm

110 mm

rim embossing

pins (standard)

metal dome

 $> 10^6$ cycles

-40 / +80 °C

-25 / +80 °C

3 - 4 N

IP 65

25 V DC

25 mA DC

 $10^7 \Omega$ min.

74.8 x 131.4 mm (r3)

Switch encoding:

Specification:

Tactile response

Actuation force

Life cycle

Number of switch positions 45 Key pitch 13 mm Embossing Ø7mm **Overall dimensions** 74.8 x 131.4 mm (r3) Flex-tail length 123 mm Number of flex-tail traces 16 Flex-tail termination pins (standard) Number of colours 5 **Mechanical characteristics:**

polydome 1.5 - 2 N > 5 x 10^5 cycles Storage temperature -40 / +65 °C Operating temperature -25 / +65 °C Degree of protection IP 65

Electrical characteristics:

Max. operating voltage Max operating current Contact resistance Insulation resistance

25 V DC 25 mA DC approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace $10^7 \Omega$ min.

Options of termination:

pins (standard) female contacts

Colours: light grey (ground, keys) dark grey (numeric keys) green (START key) red (SHIFT, upper-case characters) black (lower-case characters, rims)

Note:

Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be modified for extra charge.

Specification:

Number of switch positions Key pitch h/v Embossing Overall dimensions Flex-tail length Number of flex-tail traces Flex-tail termination Number of colours

Mechanical characteristics:

Tactile response Actuation force Life cycle Storage temperature Operating temperature Degree of protection

Electrical characteristics:

Max. operating voltage Max. operating current Contact resistance Insulation resistance

Options of termination:

pins (standard) female contacts **ZIF/LIF** connectors (pitch: 2.54, 1.27, 1.00 mm)

approx. 1 Ω /cm of trace

Colours: light grey (ground, keys) dark grey (numeric keys) green (START key) red (SHIFT, upper-case characters) black (lower-case characters, rims)

Note:

Characters, colours, flex-tail legth and termination can be modified for extra charge.

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Tab. 2 - Characteristics of Standard Membrane Switches

TS 523 6159	9	14.5/12.4		34.6x56.5	100	7		4		Ħ											
TS 523 6158	9	14.5/12.4		41.6x74	100	7		5		Ħ											
TS 523 6157	12	14.5/12		55.5x68	100	2		4		Ħ											
TS 523 6156	21	22/16		84.5x135.4	100	12		5		Ħ	3+4	>10 ⁶	-40/+80	-25/+80	IP 65						
TS 523 6155	21	18/13.5		69.5x119.4	100	12	(uc	ъ		Ħ											
TS 523 6154	16	15.5		69.5x101.9	100	8	nplementatic	4		Ħ									of trace		
TS 523 6061	21	22/16		74.8x131.4	110	12	s (standard in	5 2		Ħ							25 V DC	25 mADC	ox 1 Ω/cm c	10 ⁷ Ω min.	
TS 523 3042	12	13/10.5	Ø 7	51×52.8	91	2	Pin	2		¢									Appr		
TS 523 3020	45	13	07	74.8x131.4	123	16		5		¢	1.5+2	>5x10 ⁵	-40/+65	-25/+65							
TS 523 3015	15	15/12	Ø7	51×70.5	45	8		2		¢					*						
TS 523 2196	45	13.2		84.5x135.4	100	16		5		Ħ											
TS 523 2041	5	19	Ø 12	122×30	40	2		2		Ħ	3+4	06	/+80	/+80	65						
TS 523 2000	16	19	Ø 12	96×96	75	8		ო		Ħ			-40	-25	Д						
TS 523 0003	16	19	NONE	96×96	52	8		e		NONE	1.6÷2										
	Number of switch positions	Key pitch h/v (mm)	Embossing (mm)	Overall dimensions (mm)	Flex-tail length (mm)	Number of flex-tail traces	Flex-tail termination	Number of colours	Mechanical characteristics	Tactile response	Actuation force (N)	Life cycle	Storage temperature (°C)	Operating temperature (°C)	Degree of protection	Electrical characteristics	Max. operating voltage	Max. operating current	Contact resistance	Insulation resistance	

- Legend: h
- > 🗌 🕱
- horizontal
 vertical
 rim embossing
 metal dome
- polydome
 side exit of flex-tail IP 64 is not guaranteed (*

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