



# Rocker Switches

Product Training Module



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# Introduction

## Purpose

- Introduce engineers, designers, and customers to E-Switch's wide range of electro-mechanical rocker switches, as well explain features and applications for various types of rocker switches.

## Objective

- Review and explain the major features of rocker switches such as;
  - IP rating
  - illumination categories
  - termination styles
  - power rating per agency approval
- Provide typical applications

## Content

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# Introduction to Rocker Switches

## What makes a rocker a rocker switch?

It is a switch where the actuation rocks, rather than trips, when pressed. One side of the switch is raised while the other side is depressed similar to a teeter-totter or rocking horse back and forth motion.

Rockers are commonly used to directly power a device. They are available in many shapes, sizes, colors, and feature standard or custom symbols on the actuator.





# Rocker Switch Features

**E-Switch offers a wide range of rocker switches, which vary in features. Features include:**

- IP Certified
- Illumination Categories and Options
- Termination options include:
  - SMT (Surface Mount)
  - PCB pins (PC Board Mount)
  - Solder lugs
  - Screw terminals
  - Quick connect tabs
- Power Rating per Agency Approval



# Rocker Switch Features

*(continued)*

## Rocker Switch Features

- Functionality
  - Single Pole
  - Double Pole
  - Three Pole
  - Four Pole
- 2 or 3 Position throws
- Lamp voltage options
- Marking type options
- Miniature and sub-miniature size



# IP Rated Rocker Switches



400A/IP67



400B/IP67



R7/IP67

Rated IP55 to IP67



RBW2/IP66



WB2/IP55

## Applications

### 400A / 400B / R7

- Industrial Equipment
- Marine Transportation
- Construction Equipment
- Agricultural Equipment
- Recreational Vehicles
- Lawn and Garden Equipment

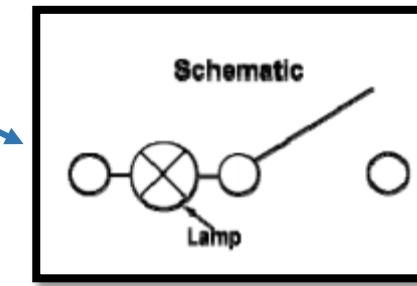
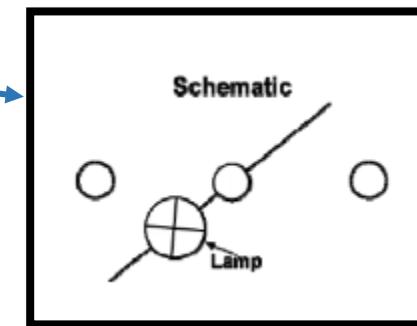
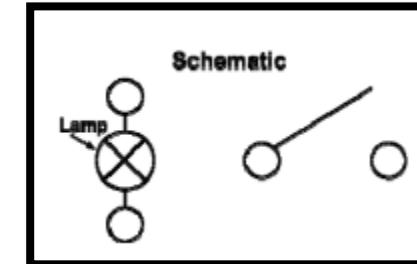
### RBW2 and WB2

- Commercial Appliances
- Electrical Housewares
- Floor Care Appliances
- Industrial Controls
- Medical Equipment
- Household Appliances/White Goods

# Illumination Categories

## Three Categories of Illumination

1. Independent
2. Dependent
3. Semi-independent

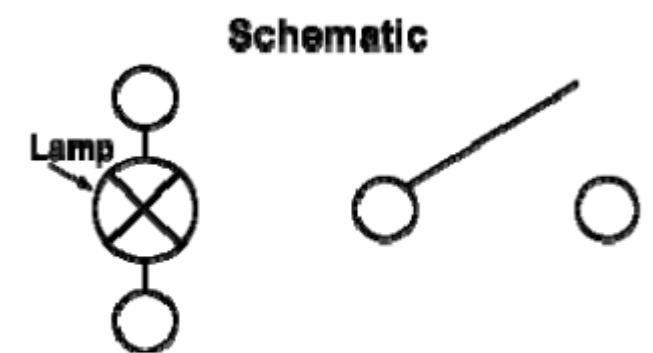




# Illumination Category – Independent

## Independent Illumination

The light is powered by a voltage source, not controlled by the switch action.

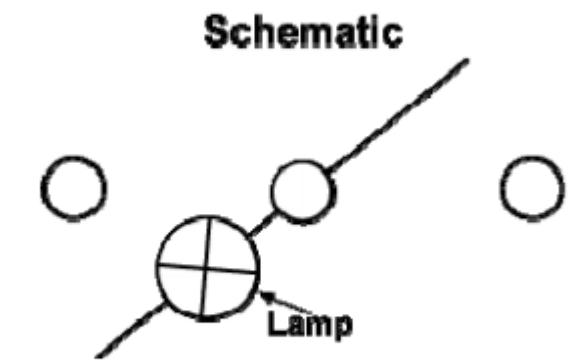




# Illumination Category - Independent

## Dependent Illumination

The light is powered by the same source that the switch is controlling.

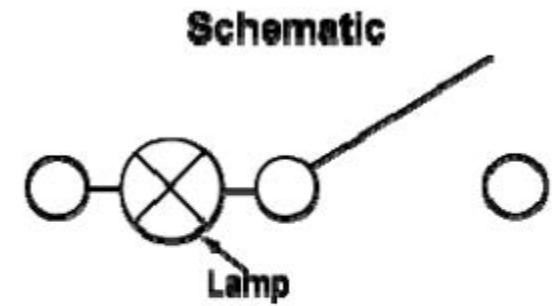




# Illumination Category - Semi-independent

## Semi-independent Illumination

The light and switch share a common electrical terminal; an independent light can turn on with the source power, while the dependent light turns on when the switch is activated.



# Illumination Options

## Illumination Options

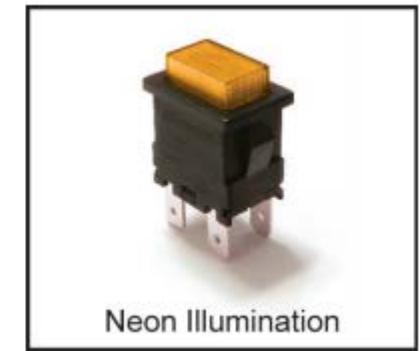
1. Incandescent
2. LED
3. Neon



Incandescent Illumination



LED Illumination



Neon Illumination



# Non-Illuminated Rockers

Nearly all of E-Switch's high power rockers, those rated 10 amps and up to 20 amps, offer illumination options.



Non-illumination

R6



RD1



RR3130



RR5



RRGA



RRG3

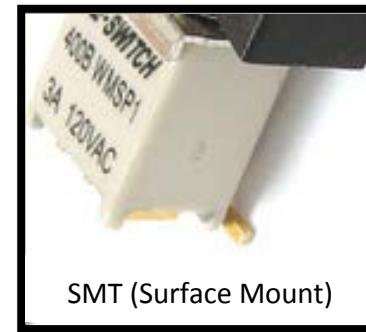




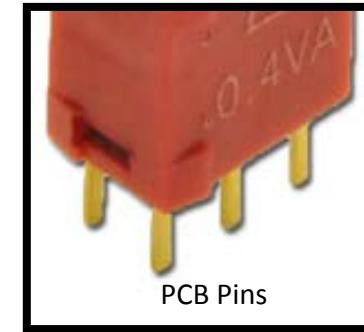
# Termination Options

## Terminations Options

1. SMT (Surface Mount)
2. PCB pins
3. Solder lugs
4. Screw terminals
5. Quick connect tabs



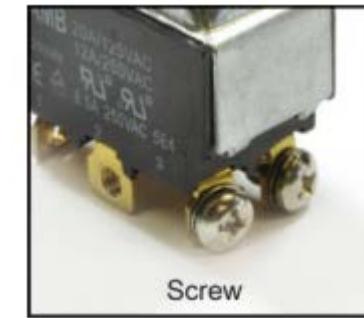
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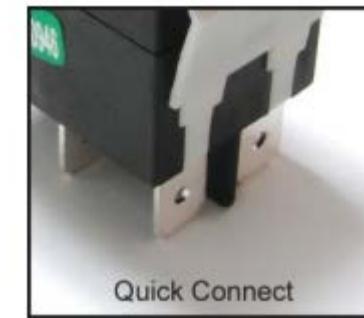
PCB Pins



Solder Lug



Screw



Quick Connect



# Agency Approvals

## Agency Approval for Electro-mechanical Switches

- Most countries have regulatory agencies that determine the safety and performance standards required for products used in that country.
- Typically required on switches above 48 volts
- Country specific, so make sure you have the right approval for the region that the final product will be sold in

North American Agency



Mexican Agency



European Agency



German Agency



Worldwide Agency



# Agency Approvals

## How do you know which agency each switch has been approved for?

E-Switch posts the agency approval symbol on the product page indicating that the particular switch has been tested to nationally recognized safety standards set by that agency.



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Markets include Audio/Visual, Consumer Electronics and Test/Instrumentation.

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Other power rated switches  
Other right angle switches

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Most Common Parts R1966ABLKBLKGR



# Power Switch Rating Definition

## Definition:

*A switch with voltage ranging between 48 and 277 volts.*

## Three Power Levels

Low Power – less than 2 amps at rated voltage

Medium Power – above 2 amps and less than 10 amps rated voltage

High Power – above 10 amps at rated voltage

## Medium Power

RR3402 Series  
Paddle Switch  
Rocker –  
3A@250VAC  
6A@125VAC



## High Power

R5 Series  
Illuminated  
Rocker -  
10A@250VAC  
15A@125VAC





# High Power Rated Rockers

**Up to 10A**

R6 Series    RR3130 Series



**Up to 15A**

RRA Series    R1966 Series



**Up to 16A**

RA1 Series    RA2 Series    RA4 Series    RA8 Series



**Up to 16A**

RB4 Series    RBW2 Series    RD1 Series    RE1 Series    RR1 Series    RR3112 Series    RR8 Series    RRG3 Series    RRGA Series





# High Power Rated Rockers

Up to 20A

R4 Series



R5 Series



R7 Series



RB1 Series



RB2 Series



RR5 Series



RSC Series



RVW Series



WB2 Series



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- Pushbutton
- Rocker**
- Rotary
- Rotary DIP

**Rocker**

Rocker switches are commonly used to directly power a device. They are available in many shapes, sizes and colors, with both standard and custom symbols available on the actuator. Rocker switch illumination may be controlled on a separate circuit, or be dependent on the switch position or the circuit chosen. Available termination options include standard wire terminals or quick connect tabs.

**300 Series Miniature Rocker**

- Up to 5A 120VAC or 2A 240VAC
- Panel or PC board mounting
- Up to 4 poles momentary

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**R1966 Series Illuminated Rocker Switch**

- 15A 125VAC rating
- 13mm x 19.2mm panel cutout
- Full LED illumination options

**R1973 Series Illuminated Rocker Switch**

- 9A 125VAC rating
- 13mm x 19.2mm panel cutout
- Full illumination options
- 1 or 2 pole maintained functions

**R4 Series Illuminated Rocker Switches**

- 20A 125VAC rating
- 11mm x 30mm panel cutout
- Full illumination options

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**Additional Options**

Series	Circuit	Housing Color	Actuator Color	Marking	Termination/LED Color
R1966	A SPST On-Off	BLK Black	BLK Black	A	None
	B	WHT White	WHT White	F Faston Quick Connect 0.167 x 0.032	RED Red
	C	WHT White	WHT White	B	RED Red

**Most Common Parts**

- R1966ABLKBLK3R
- R1966ABLKBKESORN
- R1966ABLKBKFF
- R1966FBKBLKKEF
- R1966ABLKBKRS

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## 3D Models



## Switch Samples





## Summary

- In summary, a rocker is a switch where the actuation rocks, rather than trips when pressed.
- Rockers offers a wide range of features, such as IP rated, non-illumination and illumination options, termination options, power rating per agency approval, functionality regarding single pole, double pole options, 2 or 3 position throws, lamp voltage options, marking type options and E-Switch offers miniature and sub-miniature size rocker switches.
- E-Switch provides rockers that are rated from IP55 to IP67.
- Illumination categories include independent, dependent and semi-independent.
- Incandescent, LED and Neon are available illumination options.
- Termination options are surface mount, PCB pins, solder lugs, screw terminals, and quick connect tabs.
- Agency approvals set the safety standards for electro-mechanical switches.
- E-Switch offers a wide selection of rocker switches which are categorized as high power ranging from 10 amps up to 20 amps.
- For more specific details on Rocker switches from E-Switch, visit [www.e-switch.com](http://www.e-switch.com).