

## MICRO SWITCH Key Actuated Safety Switches

GKE Series

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### DESCRIPTION

The Honeywell GKE Series key-operated safety interlocking limit switches are designed for machine guarding applications. The switches mount on the EN50047 mounting pattern of the 20 mm to 22mm mounting centers. The compact size is preferred where there is limited space on machinery. The double-insulated plastic housing and rugged stainless steel actuator key is a logical choice for demanding environments. The design of the switch allows the actuator key to be inserted from the top or side of the switch. As with the Honeywell safety limit switches, all normally closed contacts are positive opening ➡.

### FEATURES

- Red switch body for easy safety recognition
- 20 mm to 22 mm mounting centers per EN50047 which accept M4 or #8 mounting hardware
- Different contact options; 1NC (normally closed) and 1NO (normally open) or 2NC
- All NC contacts are positive opening ➡ to EN/IEC 60947-5-1-3 specification
- Actuator head can be indexed in any of four positions, in 90° increments
- Switch chamber sealed to IP66/IP67 and NEMA 1, 4X (indoor), 12, 13
- CE, CCC, and cULus certifications for global applications
- Different threaded conduit options
- Designed and agency evaluated, per SIRA, for safety functions up to and including a SIL3 level

### POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

- Safety interlock for guards or doors on equipment and machinery
- Designed for hinge or sliding guards or doors

### DIFFERENTIATION

- Switch design with dual entry (side or top) for actuator key
- Compact size of 31 mm L x 33 mm W x 96 mm H [1.2 in L x 1.3 in W x 3.8 in H]
- Rigid or flexible stainless steel actuator keys

### PORTFOLIO

In addition to the GKE Series safety interlocking limit switches, Honeywell offers other safety interlocking limit switches. These include the miniature plastic body GKM Series, the compact plastic body GKN Series, EN50041 metal body GKB Series, and metal body solenoid (trapped key) GKL/R Series. Non-interlocking safety limit switches include the metal body GSS Series, metal and plastic body non-contact FF Series, metal body 1CPS Series and 2CPS Series cable/rope pull safety limit switches.

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**Table 1. Performance Specifications**

Characteristic	Parameter
<b>Description</b>	Dual entry key-operated safety interlock switch
<b>Agency certifications</b>	CE, DOC A340 cULus, File E37138 CCC, Certificate # 2011010305489827 SIL, Reference SIRA FSP 09009/02
<b>Housing material</b>	Glass-filled thermoplastic polyester
<b>Actuator key material</b>	Stainless steel
<b>Electrical connection</b>	20 mm or 0.5-14 NPT conduit with each wiring point in switch a threaded terminal screw
<b>Contact/switch options<sup>1</sup></b>	1NC/1NO slow action BBM, 1NC/1NO snap action, 2NC slow action
<b>Contact design</b>	Double break, electrically separated (Zb)
<b>Contact material</b>	Silver alloy
<b>Electrical ratings</b>	See table 2
<b>Utilization category</b>	1NC/1NO: AC-15, A600; DC13-Q300 2NC: AC-15, A300; DC13-Q300
<b>Rated operational voltage (Ue)</b>	1NC/1NO: 120 Vac, 240 Vac, 600 Vac, 125 Vdc, 250 Vdc 2NC: 120 Vac, 240 Vac, 125 Vdc, 250 Vdc
<b>Rated operational current (Ie)</b>	1NC/1NO: 6 A, 3 A, 1.2A, 0.55, 0.27 2NC: 6 A, 3 A, 0.55 A, 0.27 A
<b>Thermal current (Ith)</b>	10 A
<b>Rated insulation (Ui)</b>	1NC/1NO: 600 V 2NC: 300 V
<b>Rated impulse withstand voltage (Uimp)</b>	2500 V
<b>Short circuit protection device (SCPD)</b>	Class J fuse, 10 A/600 V
<b>Pollution degree</b>	3
<b>Environmental sealing</b>	IP 66/67; NEMA 1, 4X (Indoor), 12, 13
<b>Operating temperature</b>	-25° C to 85° C [-13° F to 185° F]
<b>Shock</b>	50 g per IEC 60068-2-27
<b>Vibration</b>	10 g per IEC 60068-2-6
<b>MCTF (Mechanical life)</b>	15,930,000 cycles
<b>MCTF (Electrical life)</b>	>25,000 cycles with single-sided confidence limit of 75%
<b>SIL Capability<sup>2</sup></b>	SIL3 capable with HFT=1 with reference to IEC 61508-2:2010 functional safety
<b>Proof test interval</b>	1 year

<sup>1</sup>All normally closed contacts are positive opening 

<sup>2</sup>HFT (Hardware Fault Tolerance).

**Table 2. Electrical Ratings**

Designation and Utilization Category		Rated Operational Current Ie (A) at Rated Operational Voltage Ue (V)						
		24 V	120 V	240 V	380 V	480 V	500 V	600 V
<b>AC-15</b>	<b>A300</b>	–	6 A	3 A	–	–	–	–
<b>AC-15</b>	<b>A600</b>	–	6 A	3 A	1.9 A	1.5 A	1.4 A	1.2 A
<b>DC-13</b>	<b>Q300</b>	2.8 A	0.55 A	0.27 A	–	–	–	–

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Figure 1. Product Nomenclature

GKE	A	03	L
Switch Type	Conduit	Circuitry	Head Actuation Code <sup>1</sup>
<b>GKE Series</b> Key-operated safety limit switch	<b>A</b> 0.5-14 NPT	<b>01</b> 1NC/1NO, snap action	<b>L</b> Opening to front and top
	<b>C</b> 20 mm	<b>03</b> 1NC/1NO slow action, BBM	<b>M</b> Opening to right and top
		<b>06</b> 2NC slow action	<b>N</b> Opening to back and top
			<b>P</b> Opening to left and top

**Keys<sup>2</sup> Listing**

GKZ51M  
GKZ52M  
GKZ53M  
GKZ54M  
GKZ55M

**Key style**

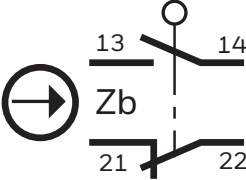
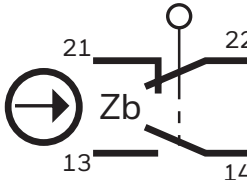
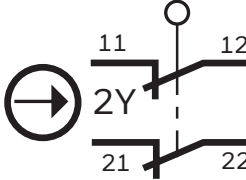
Straight  
90°  
Side/side adjustable  
Up/down adjustable  
Multi-directional

<sup>1</sup> Actuator head can be field adjusted in increments of 90°.  
Order GKZT15 bit Torx tamper-resistant bit.

<sup>2</sup> A key actuator (ordered separately) is required for each switch.


NOTE: For other switch options, please contact your Honeywell provider/representative for assistance.

Table 3. Circuitry Diagrams<sup>3</sup>

Circuitry Type: 01 • Snap-action contacts	Circuitry Type: 03 • Slow-action contacts	Circuitry Type: 06 • 2NC slow-action contacts (normally closed)
		

<sup>3</sup> Refer to circuitry in product nomenclature (Figure 1).

Table 4. Order Guide

	Catalog Listing <sup>1</sup>	Contacts	Electrical Connection/Conduit
	GKEA01L	1NC/1NO snap-action	0.5-14 NPT
	GKEC01L	1NC/1NO snap-action	20 mm
	GKEA03L	1NC/1NO slow action, BBM	0.5-14 NPT
	GKEC03L	1NC/1NO slow action, BBM	20 mm
	GKEA06L	2NC slow action	0.5-14 NPT
	GKEC06L	2NC slow action	20 mm

<sup>1</sup> An actuator key (ordered separately) is required for each switch. Select actuator key by reviewing product nomenclature tree and dimensional diagrams on pages 3 and 5.

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Figure 3. Product Dimensions mm [in]

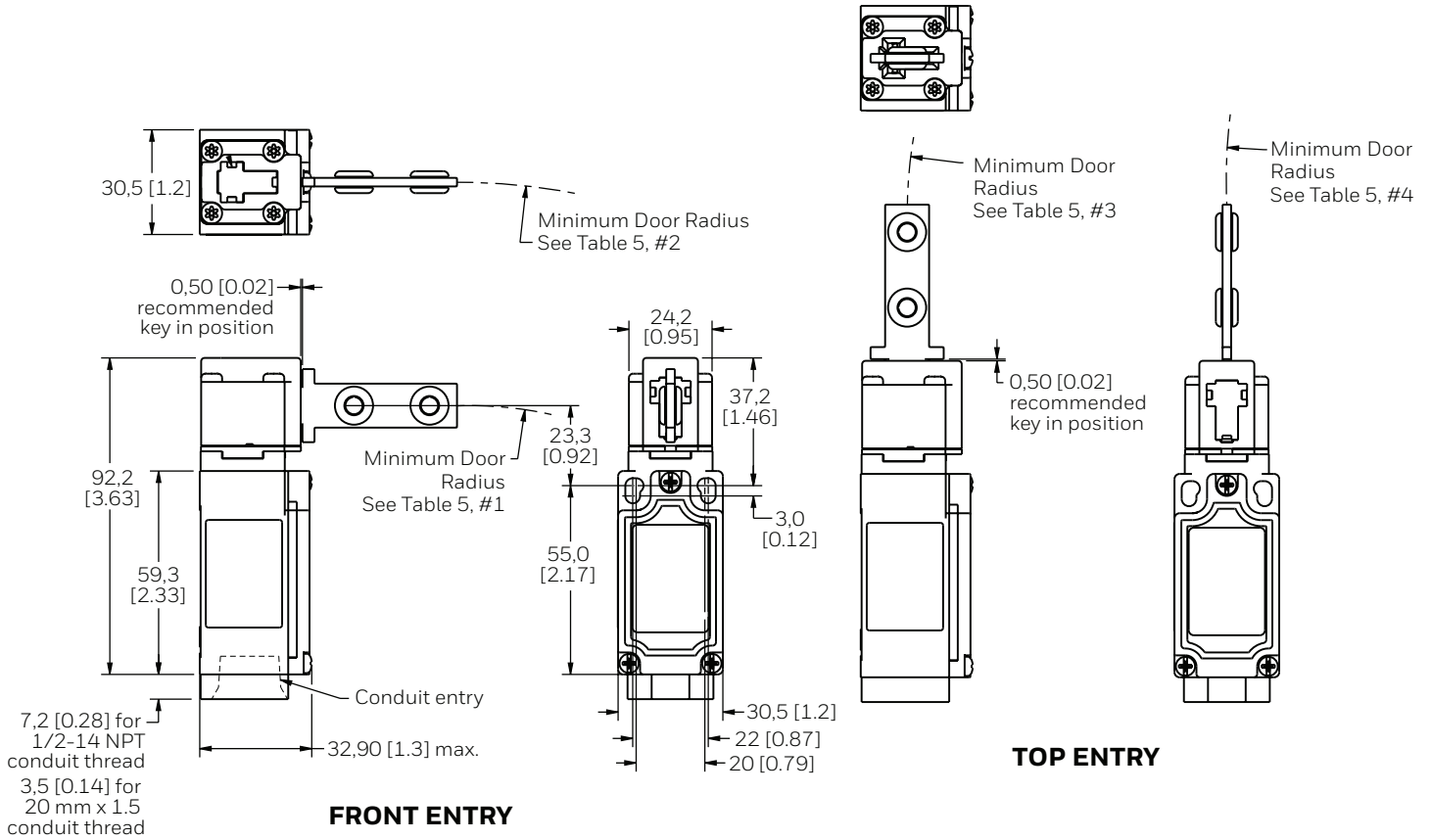
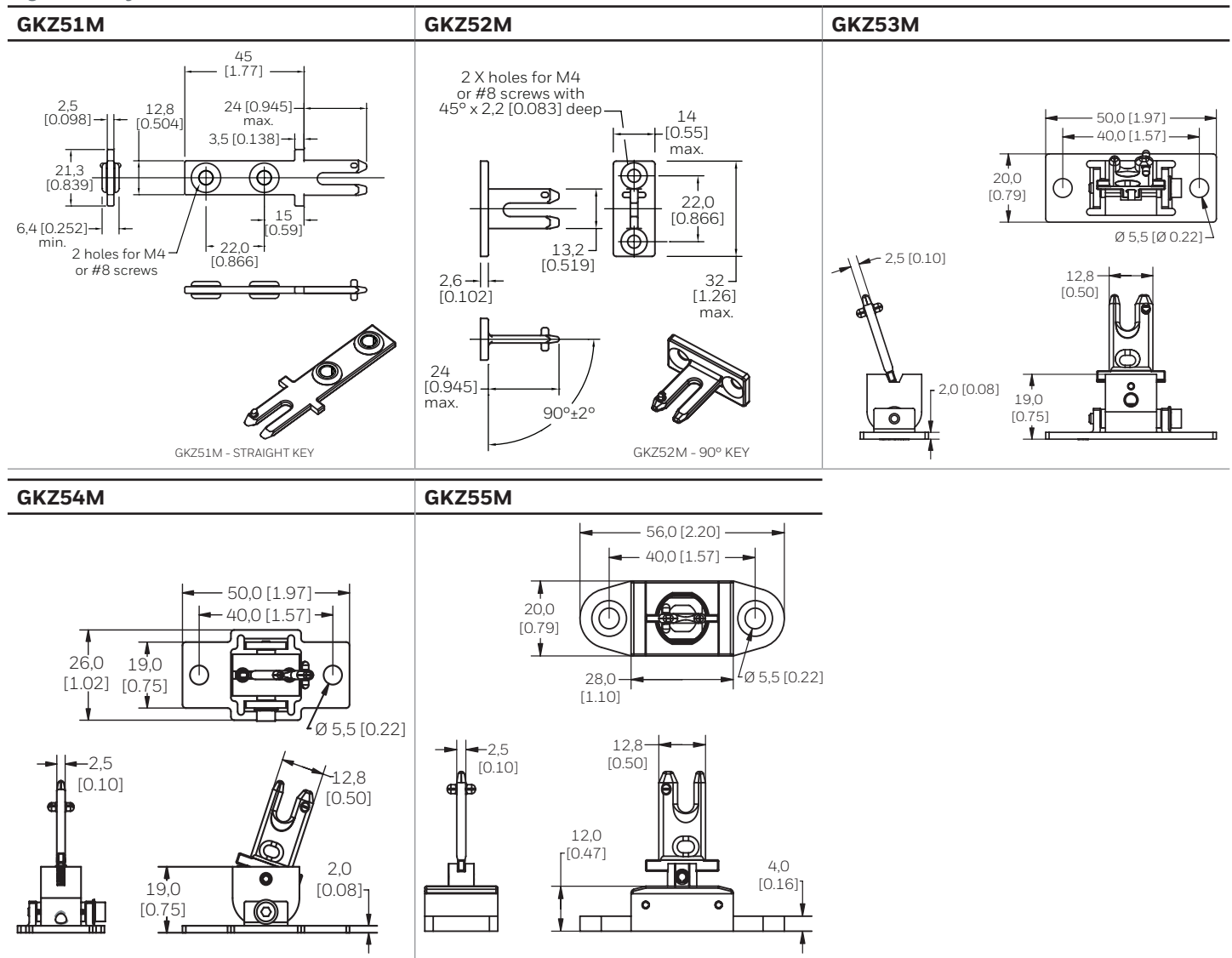


Table 5. Minimum Actuating Radius

Catalog Listing, Description	Front Entry Key opening of switch min. radius		Top Entry Key opening of switch min. radius	
	Side view #1	Top View #2	Side View #3	Front View #4
<b>GKZ51M, Straight key</b>	160 mm [6.3 in]	225 mm [8.9 in]	160 mm [6.3 in]	225 mm [8.9 in]
<b>GKZ52M, 90° key (right angle)</b>	160 mm [6.3 in]	225 mm [8.9 in]	160 mm [6.3 in]	225 mm [8.9 in]
<b>GKZ53M, Adjustable key (side-side)</b>	160 mm [6.3 in]	32 mm [1.26 in]	160 mm [6.3 in]	32 mm [1.26 in]
<b>GKZ54M, Adjustable key (up-down)</b>	45 mm [1.77 in]	225 mm [8.9 in]	45 mm [1.77 in]	225 mm [8.9 in]
<b>GKZ55M, Multi-directional key</b>	18° max. all directions	18° max. all directions	18° max. all directions	18° max. all directions

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Figure 4. Key Dimensions, continued



## ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

The following associated literature is available on the Honeywell web site at [sensing.honeywell.com](http://sensing.honeywell.com):

- Product installation instructions
- Product range guide

### **WARNING** **IMPROPER INSTALLATION**

- Consult with local safety agencies and their requirements when designing a machine-control link, interface and all control elements that affect safety.
- Strictly adhere to all installation instructions.

**Failure to comply with these instructions could result in death or serious injury.**

### **WARNING** **MISUSE OF DOCUMENTATION**

- The information presented in this product sheet is for reference only. Do not use this document as a product installation guide.
- Complete installation, operation, and maintenance information is provided in the instructions supplied with each product.

**Failure to comply with these instructions could result in death or serious injury.**

### **Warranty/Remedy**

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