

# K12 Series

## High Performance Key Switches

### Features/Benefits

- **Excellent tactile feel**
- **Wide choice of LED colors, travel and actuator forces**
- **High reliability / long life**
- **Sealed version available**
- **Designed for low-level switching**
- **Double stroke version available**
- **Detector version available**

### Typical Applications

- **Automotive**
- **Off-road transportation**
- **Industrial electronics**
- **Computers & network equipment**
- **Joysticks**



### Construction

FUNCTION: momentary  
DISTANCE BETWEEN BUTTON CENTERS:  
min. 11 (0.433) K12C = 13 (0.512)  
TERMINALS: PC pins, tinned  
MOUNTING: Locating pins; K12G and K12P additionally  
with snap-in housing

### Mechanical

TOTAL TRAVEL: 1 mm, 1.5 mm, 2 mm  
SWITCHING TRAVEL: 0.6 mm\*  
OPERATING FORCE: 1.5 N OD without snap-point as detector  
switch, 2.5 N, 3.5 N, 5 N, 3.5/7 N, 6/12 N. Additional  
operating force 7N, 9N and 20N, available on request.  
PROTECTION CLASS: K12C IP 67 (dust tight, protected against  
the effects of immersion in water; other versions IP 40)

\* Additional switching travel (with pre-travel) available by request.

### Packaging

Bulk in boxes of 250 pieces (version C or GO) or  
300 pieces (version A, AL, P or PL)

### Electrical

SWITCHING POWER MIN./MAX.: 0.02mW/3 W  
SWITCHING VOLTAGE MIN./MAX.: 2 V DC / 30 V DC  
SWITCHING CURRENT MIN./MAX.: 10 mA /100 mA  
DIELECTRIC STRENGTH (50 Hz, 1 min):  $\geq 500$  V  
OPERATING LIFE

For all K12 versions up to 6N with max. switching power:  $\geq 10^6$   
operations

For all K12/K12C versions from 7N to 20N with max. switching power:  
please consult factory

For K12G & K12GO with max. switching power:  $\geq 5 \times 10^4$  operations

CONTACT RESISTANCE: Initial  $\leq 50$  m $\Omega$

INSULATION RESISTANCE:  $\geq 10^{10}$   $\Omega$

BOUNCE TIME:  $\leq 1$  ms; Operating speed 100 mm/s (3.94/s)

### Environmental

OPERATING TEMPERATURE: -40°C to 85°C

STORAGE TEMPERATURE: -40°C to 95°C

### Process

SOLDERABILITY: Wave soldering, compatible with lead free soldering  
profile; Hand soldering, 350°C

### How To Order

Our easy build-a-switch concept allows you to mix and match options to create the switch you need. To order, select  
desired option from each category and place it in the appropriate box.

Note: Some of the configurations may not be available or could require some development.

| Series                                             | LED Color          | Standard LED Code   | Cap Color                               | Travel*                   | Operating Force***                      | Contact Arrangement                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>K12A</b> No snap-in pegs                        | <b>NONE</b> No LED | <b>NONE</b> No LED  | <b>NONE</b> version with LED, version C | <b>1</b> 1 mm (0.039)     | <b>1.5N OD</b> 1.5 N without snap-point | <b>NONE</b> SPST NO (STD)           |
| <b>K12AL</b> No snap-in pegs with central LED      | <b>GN</b> Green    | <b>LV306</b> Green  | <b>BK</b> Black cap – No LED            | <b>1.5</b> 1.5 mm (0.059) | <b>2.5N</b> 2.5 N                       | <b>1R</b> SPST NC (Special request) |
| <b>K12P</b> With snap-in pegs                      | <b>YE</b> Yellow   | <b>LV327</b> Yellow | <b>YE</b> Yellow cap - No LED           | <b>2</b> 2 mm (0.079)     | <b>3.5N</b> 3.5 N                       |                                     |
| <b>K12PL</b> With central LED                      | <b>OG</b> Orange   | <b>LV315</b> Orange | <b>RD</b> Red cap – No LED              |                           | <b>5N</b> 5 N                           |                                     |
| <b>K12C</b> Sealed contact with rubber cap (IP 67) | <b>RD</b> Red      | <b>LV352</b> Red    | <b>GY</b> Gray cap – No LED             |                           | <b>3.5/7N**</b> 3.5/7 N**               |                                     |
| <b>K12GO</b> Two-step switch                       | <b>WH</b> White    | <b>LV302</b> White  |                                         |                           | <b>6/12N</b> 6/12 N**                   |                                     |

\* K12C – 1mm MAX

K12 with LED – 1.5 mm MAX

\*\* K12G & K12GO version only

\*\*\* Additional operating force: 7N, 9N available on request

Dimensions are shown: mm

Specifications and dimensions subject to change

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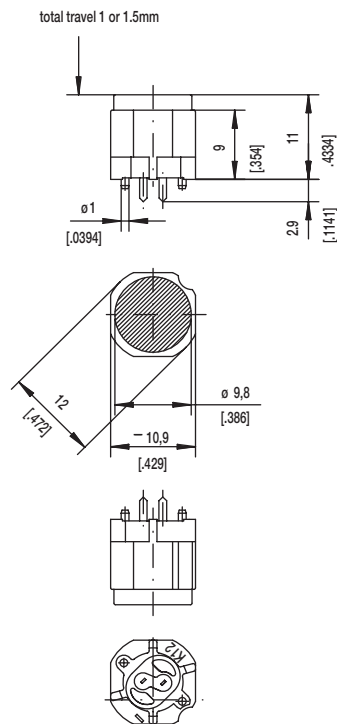
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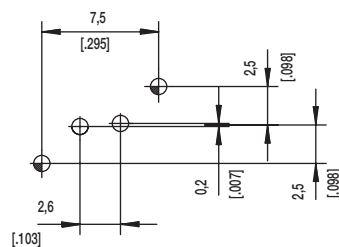
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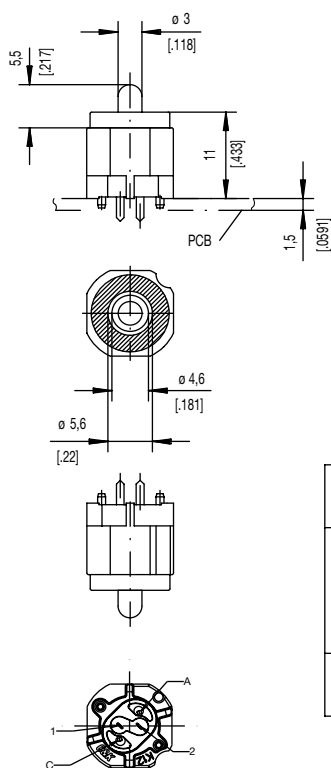
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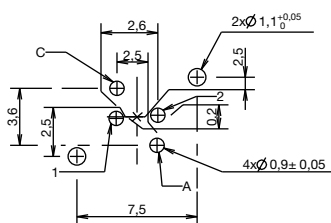
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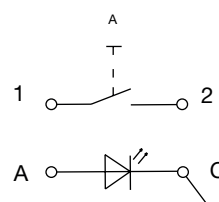
**K12AL**



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ELECTRICAL GRAPH



|      |                      |         |          |             |                     |         |
|------|----------------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------------------|---------|
|      | 1,1 <sup>+0,05</sup> | 2x      | 2x       | center hole |                     |         |
|      | 0,9 ±0,05            |         | 2x       | LED         | ø0,5 (.020)         | Sn      |
|      |                      | 2x      | 2x       | switch      | 0,7x0,2 (.028x.081) | Sn      |
| Hole | ø                    | Without | with LED | Description | Terminal Section    | Surface |

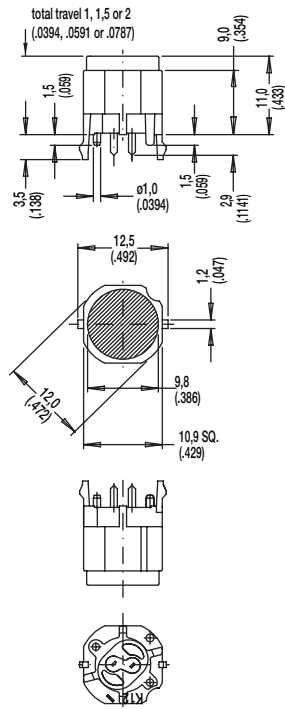


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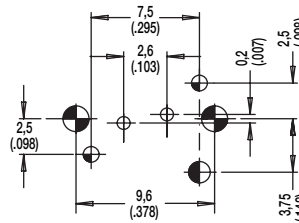
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## K12P with snap in



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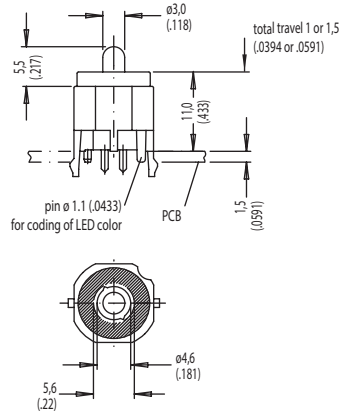


center of actuation area (notice LED)

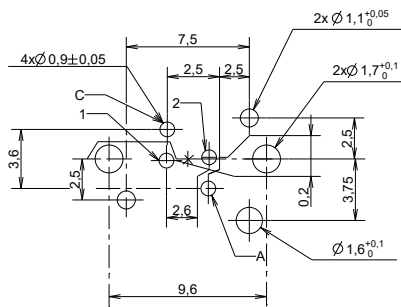


| Hole | Ø          | Without LED | Description         | Terminal Section        | Surface |
|------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|
|      | 1,7 (.069) | 2x          | snap-in             |                         |         |
|      | 1,6 (.062) | 1x          | coding hole (L,M,N) |                         |         |
|      | 1,1 (.043) | 2x          | center hole         |                         | Sn      |
|      | 0,9 (.035) | 2x          | switch              | 0.7 x 0.2 (.028 x .081) | Sn      |

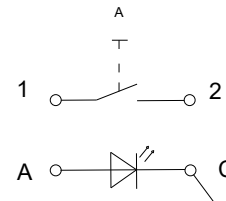
## K12PL



### PCB LAYOUT, MOUNTING SIDE



### ELECTRICAL GRAPH



| Hole | Ø          | Without LED | Description         | Terminal Section        | Surface |
|------|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------|
|      | 1,7 (.069) | 2x          | snap-in             |                         |         |
|      | 1,6 (.062) | 1x          | coding hole (L,M,N) |                         |         |
|      | 1,1 (.043) | 2x          | center hole         |                         | Sn      |
|      | 0,9 (.035) | 2x          | LED                 | m0.5 (.020)             | Sn      |
|      |            | 2x          | switch              | 0.7 x 0.2 (.028 x .081) |         |



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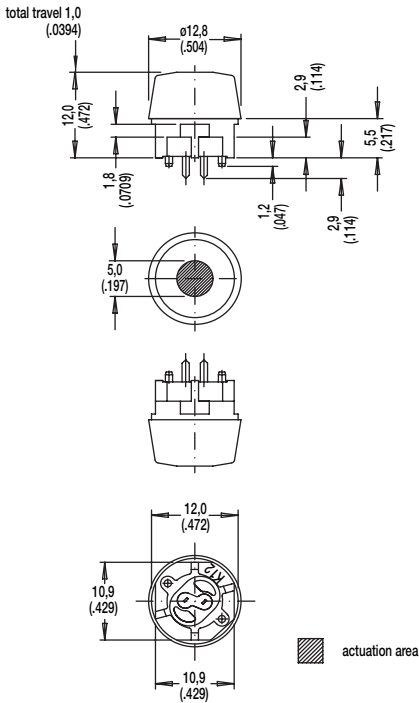
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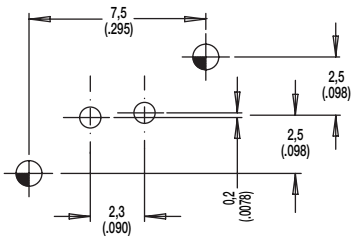
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**K12C** SEALED CONTACT WITH RUBBER CAP (IP 67)



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| SCHEMATIC |   |
|-----------|---|
| A         | R |
|           |   |

| Hole | Ø          | Without LED | Description | Terminal Section         | Surface |
|------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------|
|      | 1,1 (.043) | 2x          | center hole |                          |         |
|      | 0,9 (.035) | 2x          | switch      | 0.7 x 0.2(.0275 x .0787) | Sn      |

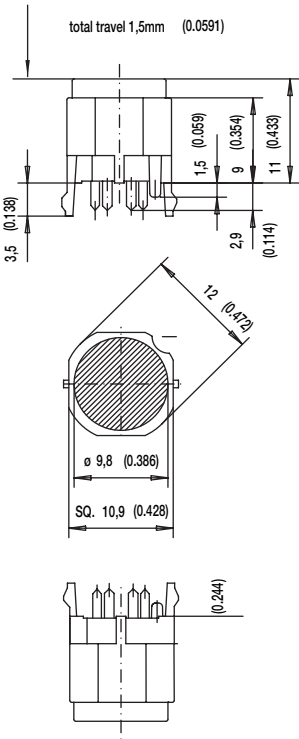
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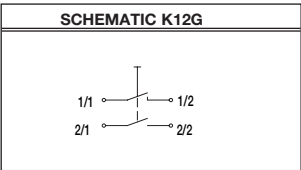
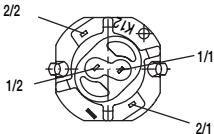
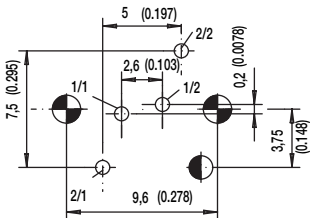
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## K12GO



PCB LAYOUT, MOUNTING SIDE



| Hole                                                                                | Ø             | Without LED | Description | Terminal Section        | Surface |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|
|  | 1,7<br>(.069) | 2x          | snap-in     |                         |         |
|  | 1,6<br>(.062) | 1x          | code        |                         |         |
|  | 0,9<br>(.035) |             | LED         | m0.5 (.020)             | Sn      |
|                                                                                     |               | 2x          | switch 2    | 0.7 x 0.3 (.028 x .012) | Sn      |
|                                                                                     |               | 2x          | switch 1    | 0.7 x 0.2 (.028 x .081) | Sn      |



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| OPTION CODE | COLOR            |
|-------------|------------------|
| <b>NONE</b> | Version with LED |
| <b>BK</b>   | Black - no LED   |
| <b>YE</b>   | Yellow - no LED  |
| <b>RD</b>   | Red - no LED     |
| <b>GY</b>   | Gray - no LED    |

The diagram shows a horizontal sequence of nodes connected by arrows. The nodes are represented as rectangles, some of which are divided into smaller sections. The sequence starts with a node divided into two sections, followed by a single-section node, then a two-section node, a single-section node, another two-section node, and finally a four-section node. Arrows connect each node to the next one in the sequence.

| OPTION CODE | COLOR              |
|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>NONE</b> | Models without LED |
| <b>GN</b>   | Green              |
| <b>YE</b>   | Yellow             |
| <b>OG</b>   | Orange             |
| <b>RD</b>   | Red                |
| <b>WH</b>   | White              |

| STANDARD LED CODE | COLOR              |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>NONE</b>       | Models without LED |
| <b>LV306</b>      | Green              |
| <b>LV327</b>      | Yellow             |
| <b>LV315</b>      | Orange             |
| <b>LV352</b>      | Red                |
| <b>LV302</b>      | White              |

**1** 1 mm  
**1.5** 1.5 mm  
**2** 2 mm



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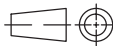
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graph LR
    Node1[Data | Pointer] --> Node2[Data | Pointer]
    Node2 --> Node3[Data | Pointer]
    Node3 --> Node4[Data | Pointer]
    Node4 --> Null[Null]
  
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| OPTION CODE    | OPERATING FORCE                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1.5N OD</b> | 1.5 N, 150g without snap-point |
| <b>2.5N</b>    | 2.5 N, 250g                    |
| <b>3.5N</b>    | 3.5 N, 350g                    |
| <b>5N</b>      | 5 N, 500g                      |
| <b>3.5/7N</b>  | 3.5/7 N, 350/700g              |
| <b>6/12N</b>   | 6/12 N, 600-1200g              |

## CONTACT ARRANGEMENT OPTION

**1R** SPST NC (SPECIAL REQUEST FOR NORMALLY CLOSED OPTION)



### First Angle Projection

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