

A8 Series — Miniature Switches and Pilot Devices: 8mm

Key features:

- 21/64" (8mm) round mounting hole
- Compact Design Saves Space
- Bright and Vivid Illumination
- Choice of Shapes and Functions
- Gold Clad Silver Contacts for reliable low level switching
- Snap action contacts
- IP40 (Dustproof) Construction



UL Listed
File No. E55996



CSA Certified
File No. LR21451

Specifications

LED Lamp Life	50,000 hours approximately (reduced to half of original intensity)
Contact Configuration	SPDT
Maximum Voltage	250V AC/DC
Thermal Current	3A
Contact Material	Gold-clad Silver
Terminal Style	Solder Tab Terminal
Operating Temperature	-25° to +55°C (no freezing)
Operating Humidity	45 to 85% RH
Contact Resistance	50mΩ maximum (initial value)
Insulation Resistance	100MΩ minimum (500V DC megger)
Vibration Resistance	5 to 55Hz, 0.75mm amplitude
Shock Resistance	Damage limits: 500m/sec ² (approx. 50G) Operating extremes: 200m/sec ² (approx. 20G)
Electrical Life	100,000 operations minimum
Mechanical Life	Maintained: 100,000 (1200 operations/hour) Momentary: 200,000 minimum
Degree of Protection	IP40 Enclosed/Dustproof
Soldering Temperature	20W/5 seconds or 260°C/3 seconds
Dielectric Strength	Switch Unit: 2,000V AC, 1 min. between live/dead part and terminals of different poles; 1,000V AC, 1 minute between terminals of the same pole; 1,500V AC, 1 minute between contact and lamp terminals. Illumination Unit: 2,000V AC, 1 min. between live part/ground

Contact Ratings

Operating Voltage		24V	120V	240V
AC 50/60Hz	Resistive	—	1.0A	0.5A
	Inductive	—	0.7A	0.5A
DC	Resistive	1.0A	0.2A	—
	Inductive	0.7A	0.1A	—



1. AC Inductive Load, PF = 0.6 – 0.7; DC Inductive Load, L/R = 7.
2. Minimum applicable load (reference value) is 5V AC/DC 3mA (applicable range is subject to the operating conditions and load).

AB8 Non-Illuminated Pushbuttons (Assembled)

Non-Illuminated Pushbuttons

Style		Contact	Part Numbers	
			Momentary	Maintained
Round		SPDT	AB8M-M1-①	AB8M-A1-①
Square		SPDT	AB8Q-M1-①	AB8Q-A1-①
Rectangular		SPDT	AB8H-M1-①	AB8H-A1-①

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1. In place of ①, specify button color code from the table below.

2. For accessories, see page 449.

3. For dimensions, see page 450.

① Button Color Codes

Color	Code
Black	B
Green	G
Red	R
Blue	S
White	W
Yellow	Y

AL8 Illuminated Pushbuttons & Pilot Lights (Assembled)

Illuminated Pushbuttons

Style	Contact	Part Numbers		Pilot Light Part Number
		Momentary	Maintained	
Round	SPDT	AL8M-M11-②	AL8M-A11-②	AL8M-P1-②
Square	SPDT	AL8Q-M11-②	AL8Q-A11-②	AL8Q-P1-②
Rectangular	SPDT	AL8H-M11-②	AL8H-A11-②	AL8H-P1-②

② LED/Lens Color Codes

Color	Code
Amber	A
Green	G
Red	R
White	W
Yellow	Y

- In place of ②, specify lens color code from table on the right.
- A replaceable LED lamp is included with the operator.
- Because the LED lamp does not contain an internal current limiting resistor, an external resistor must be added.
For recommended values, see table below.
- For accessories, see page 449.
- For dimensions, see page 450.

Replacement LEDs

Lens Color	LED Lamp	Part Number
Amber	Amber	LAD-SA
Green	Green	LAD-SG
Red	Red	LAD-SR
White	Yellow*	LAD-SY
Yellow	Yellow	LAD-SY

* White units use a white lens and a yellow LED.

LED Voltage and Recommended Current Limiting Resistor

Voltage	External Resistor
5V DC	150Ω, 1/2W
6V DC	200Ω, 1/2W
12V DC	510Ω, 3/4W
24V DC	1.1kΩ, 3/4W

LED Lamp Ratings: LED Specifications

LED Lamp	Forward Current I_f	Forward Voltage (Nominal) V_f	Reverse Voltage V_r	Operating Voltage & External Current Limiting Resistor (Recommended Value)
Amber	20mA	2.2V	4V	5V DC: 150Ω, 1/2w 6V DC: 200Ω, 1/2w 12V DC: 510Ω, 3/4w 24V DC: 1.1kΩ, 3/4w
Green	20mA	2.1V	4V	
Red	20mA	1.7V	4V	
Yellow	20mA	2.2V	4V	

When LED lamps are used at voltages other than those stated above, external resistor value, R, is determined by the following formula: $R = (\text{Operating Voltage} - V_f) / I_f$

Accessories

Appearance	Description	Used With		Part Number
Locking Ring Wrench 	Made of metal. Used for tightening plastic locking ring during installation. Tightening torque should not exceed 3kgf-cm	All units		MT-004
Lens Removal Tool 	Made of metal. Used for removing lens or button from the housing	Illuminated pushbuttons and pilot lights		MT-101
Lamp Holder Tool 	Made of rubber. Used for removing and replacing LED lamps in illuminated units	Illuminated pushbuttons and pilot lights		OR-66
Switch Guard 	Used to avoid operating the pushbutton inadvertently. Cover flips open 90°. Provides IP40 protection	Round & square units		AL-K8
		Rectangular units		AL-KH8
Terminal Cover 	Made of translucent nylon. Fits over and shields the terminals	All units		AL-V8
Adaptor Socket  AL-C8 AL-C8V shown attached	Plug-on adaptor with solder terminals, allows easy control unit replacement.	All units		AL-C8
	Plug-on adaptor with PCB terminals, allows easy control unit replacement.			AL-C8V
Mounting Hole Plug 	Made of rubber. Fills unused mounting holes to provide IP65 protection	Extra panel cutouts		AL-B8
Replacements LEDs 	LED lamp is included in every illuminated control unit. Replacement lamp is ordered separately. External current limiting resistor required.	Illuminated units and pilot lights		LAD-SR (red)
				LAD-SG (green)
				LAD-SA (amber)
				LAD-SY (yellow)
Replacement Engraving Inserts 		Illuminated pushbuttons and pilot lights	Round	AL8M-W
			Square	AL8Q-W
			Rectangular	AL8H-W
Replacement Lenses 		Illuminated pushbuttons and pilot lights	Round	AL8M-LK1-②
			Square	AL8Q-LK1-②
			Rectangular	AL8H-LK1-②
Replacement Buttons 		Non-Illuminated buttons	Round	AB8M-BK1-①
			Square	AB8Q-BK1-①
			Rectangular	AB8H-BK1-①



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2. In place of ②, specify Lens Color Code from table.

① Button Color Codes

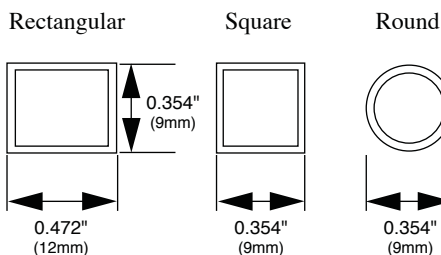
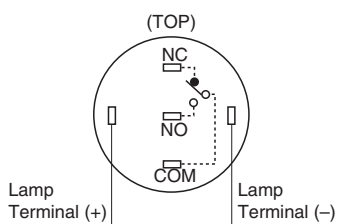
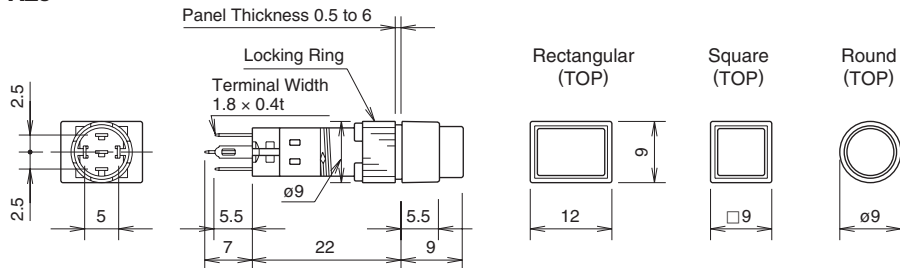
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② LED/Lens Color Codes

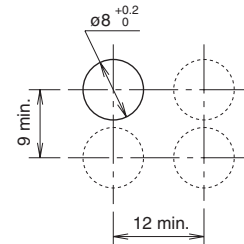
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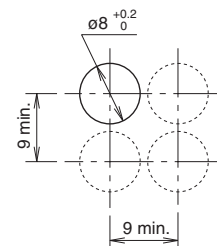
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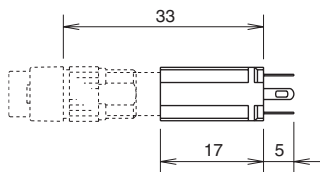
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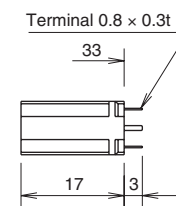
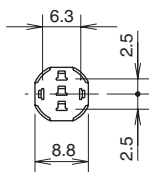
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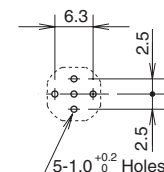
Terminal Sockets



Solder Terminal
(AL-C8)

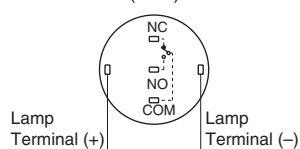


PC Board Terminal
(AL-C8V)



(PC Board Terminal
Mounting Hole Layout)

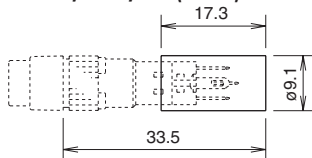
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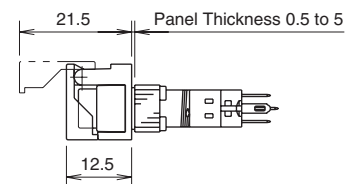
(Bottom View)

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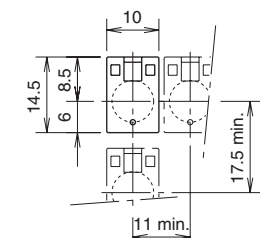
AL-V8, Ø 21/64" (8mm)



Switch Guard, Ø 21/64" (8mm)



For Round/Square Units (AL-K8)



For Rectangular Units (AL-KH8)

