Hard-wearing and hygiene-compliant
Joystick switches RK / NK
RK/NK

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■ Multifunctional:
  – Spring-return joystick switch, reset by spring force
  – Maintained joystick switch, reset by touch and spring force
  – Maintained/spring-return joystick switch, combination of maintaining and relocating the lever's position, i.e. acting as maintained joystick switch in one direction and as spring-return joystick switch in the other

■ Trendsetting:
  – Up to four actuating directions

■ Unique:
  – Easy to install with central nut AF41
  – Non-contact contact system with reed contacts
  – Fast connection with M12 connector
  – With two connector plugs also for ASi applications
  – Designed for extreme environmental demands

■ Individually:
  – Same installation depth with one or two reed contacts depending on switch direction
  – 5-pin or 8-pin M12 connection
  – Selection of different sealing concepts
joystick switches

- **Environmental compatibility:**
  - High protection class IP69 before front panel
  - High protection class IP67 for contact chamber
  - Easy to clean with high resistance to chemicals even if aggressive cleaning agents are used

- **Large range of applications:**
  - Can be deployed in outside areas to hygiene-sensitive areas with extreme environmental requirements
  - Extreme ambient temperatures from $-40 \, ^\circ\mathrm{C}$ to $+80 \, ^\circ\mathrm{C}$

- **High availability:**
  - No ingress of harmful fluid even if sealing boot is defective
  - Low wear switching thanks to non-contact switch system
RK – Joystick switches for rough ambient conditions

Robust

The RK series is ideally suited for use in outside areas thanks to the special sealing boot and the new sealing concept. The silicon sealing boot is very capable even with high UV radiation.

Easy to install

The joystick switches of the RK/NK series are distinguished in particular by fast installation with central nut attachment and fast connection with M12 connector. The M12 connector is not just fast to install but it also prevents devices from being connected incorrectly.

High availability

The RK series joystick switch is also well equipped to deal with arduous environmental conditions. Should the sealing boot become damaged, any fluid that might find its way inside will have no effect on the encapsulated reed contacts. This gives the system operator enough time to renew the damaged boot assembly.
NK – Joystick switches for hygiene applications

Hygienic design

Tried and tested concept without edges and corners, based on the principles of hygienic design.

Clean and tidy

Use of food-safe materials, which are largely resistant to chemicals, to ensure that daily cleaning with aggressive cleaners will have little effect on the devices.

High availability

The new sealing concept prevents the ingress of fluid even if the sealing boot should become damaged. This provides enough time to renew the defective boot assembly without causing any damage to the machine during cleaning from the ingress of fluid.
### Preferred types

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### Dimensions

**Top View**

- Ø 25
- Ø 80
- 85
- 39

**Side View**

- 24.5
- 19.5
- 6

**Bottom View**

- Ø 80
- M12x1
- 19.5
- 19.5
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Technical data

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<td>Central nut</td>
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Operating principle

- **Maintained joystick switch**
  - Maintained switching positions (latched position)
  - Reset by touch and spring force

- **Spring-return joystick switch**
  - Spring-return switching position (touch position)
  - Reset by spring force

- **Maintained/spring-return joystick switch**
  - Maintained and spring-return switching positions
  - Reset by touch and spring force
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