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Switch Replacement Instruction Manual



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## **Glossary of Terms**

Term	Definition		
Body	Cylindrical aluminum housing and air pressure chamber. An interface plate to the user's robot is usually attached here.		
Cam	A hardened steel ring mounted inside the cover on which the hardened steel balls mounted to the stem are nested.		
Collision	The accidental impact between the end-of-arm tooling and some obstruction in its path.		
Cover Plate	Disk-shaped aluminum cover for Protector™ Body.		
Crash	The result of a disturbance that displaces the Protector™ components from their standard working position.		
Interface Plate	Optional component used to adapt the Protector™ Body or Stem to the user's robot or tooling.		
Nano Connector	8mm electrical connector mounted in block attached to the side of the Body.		
Reset	The ability of the Protector™ to return to its working position when a disturbing force or displacement is removed.		
Stem	Round tapered post containing tapped holes and dowel pins. An interface plate to the user's tooling is usually attached here.		

## 1. General Maintenance Instructions

**CAUTION:** The customer should lock out and discharge all energy to the work cell prior to working on any Protector<sup>™</sup> system.

**CAUTION:** In all instances where the Protector<sup>™</sup> is to be examined, installed, or removed from service, insure that air pressure has been vented from the unit, that electrical current is not supplied to the Protector's<sup>™</sup> signal circuit, and that the robot is in a safe, locked-out condition, consistent with local and national safety standards.



Figure 1.1—Location of Set screws

**CAUTION:** Do not adjust or remove any of the three (3) set screws installed in the wall of the Body. Doing so may result in personal injury and/or damage to the unit.

## 2. Switch Replacement

#### 2.1 Removal of Connector Block Assembly and Switch Wiring

- 1. Remove the mounting screw and nylon washer using a 2.5mm hex key.
- 2. Pull the Connector Block Assembly away from the Protector<sup>™</sup> as shown in Figure 2.1 and cut the wires as shown in Figure 2.2.
- 3. Unplug the wires and connector from PCB Header and discard the connector and wires.
- 4. Remove and discard the wire channel gasket (see Figure 2.1).



Figure 2.1—Removal of Connector Block Assembly and Switch Wiring



Figure 2.2—Cutting the wires.

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### 2.2 Removal of Cover Plate, Stem, and Cover O-ring

- 1. Remove the four (4) socket head cap screws securing the Cover Plate assembly to the Body.
  - **Note:** During factory assembly, Loctite<sup>®</sup> is applied to the screws to prevent them from coming loose in operation. As a result, it may be necessary to use a hot air gun to individually heat the screws (and the immediate areas of the Body) in order to soften the Loctite<sup>®</sup> and allow the screws to be removed.

**CAUTION:** Do not attempt to pry or wedge the Cover Plate assembly and Body apart. Doing so can damage the mating surfaces and may render the parts unusable.



Figure 2.3—Removal of Cover Plate

- 2. Remove the Cover Plate assembly by carefully pulling it straight up and off of the Body. This may be difficult due to the close fit of the dowel pins used to align the parts. It may be necessary to hold the unit up by the Cover Plate and lightly tap on the Stem with a rubber or plastic mallet.
  - **Note:** The dowel pins are pressed into the Cover Plate and are a slip fit into the Body.
- 3. Remove the stem assembly and cover o-ring and set aside (see Figure 2.4).



**CAUTION:** The Cover Plate assemblies and Stem assemblies are factory assembled as matched parts. Do not allow either of these assemblies to be mixed with those from other units.

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Figure 2.4—Removal of Cover Plate, Stem Assembly, and O-ring

### 2.3 Removal of Switch Actuator Mechanism

1. Remove the Screws, Spring Plate, Spring, Actuation Plate, and Stand offs.



Figure 2.5—Removal of Switch Actuator Mechanism

## 3. Switch Removal

- 1. Remove the (2) Flat Head Screws using a 1.5mm hex key.
- 2. Remove the Spring Stop.
- 3. Remove the Switch Carrier Spring and the Switch Assembly.
- 4. Discard all of the parts removed in steps 1 through 3.

Switch Carrier Spring





### 3.1 New Switch Installation

1. Insert the wires of the new Switch Assembly through the body post. Slide the Switch Assembly into position. Twisting the Switch wires (as shown below) will simplify insertion of the wires into the Body Post.





Figure 3.2—Inserting New Switch

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2. Untwist the wires and feed them through the slot leading to the cavity on the side of the Body. Ensure that the wires will lie side-by-side in the channel once the assembly has been completed. To prevent damage to the wires, temporarily apply masking tape to the channel once the wires are correctly positioned.



Figure 3.3—Wire Routing

3. Insert the Wire Connectors into the Micro Header Socket with the Locking Tang of the Wire connectors facing the Locking Ribs on the Micro Header Socket. Grip each wire with needle-nose pliers just behind the Wire Connector and push it firmly into the Micro Header Socket. Check to be sure that the Wire Connectors are locked into place and will not pull out accidentally.



Figure 3.4—Inserting Wire Connectors

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- 4. Place the Switch Carrier Spring into the Body Post on top of the Switch Assembly.
- 5. Apply 222MS Loctite to the two (2) M2.5 x 6mm Flat Head Screws and fasten the Spring Stop to the Body Post. Tighten the screws to 64 in-ozs.



Figure 3.5—Reinstallation of Switch

### 3.2 Reassembly of Switch Actuator Mechanism



Figure 3.6—Reassembly of Switch Actuator Mechanism

- 1. Insert the Stand offs into the counterbores in the Body Post.
- 2. Place the Actuation Plate over the Stand offs. Must be oriented per Figure 3.7.



Figure 3.7—Orientation of Actuator Plate

- 3. Place the Actuation Spring into the Actuation Plate.
- 4. Place the Spring Plate on top of the Stand offs while lining up the screw holes. Apply Loctite 222MS to the threads of the Screws. Slide the Screws through the Spring Plate and Stand offs and screw into the Body Post. Tighten per the following chart:

Model	Screw Size / Type	Recommended Torque
SR-131	M3 x 20 SHCS	12 in-lbs
SR-176	M3 x 25 SHCS	12 in-lbs
SR-221	M4 x 30 SHCS	25 in-lbs

### **3.3 Reattaching the Connector Block**

1. Plug the Micro Header Socket into the PCB Header in the Connector Block.



Figure 3.8—Reattaching the Connector Block

2. Place the Nylon Washer on M3. Apply Loctite 222MS to the Connector Block's M3 mounting screw and thread it into the Body and torque to 64 in-ozs. To avoid bunching of the wires in the channel, work any slack in the wires into the slot leading to the cavity on the side of the Body.



Figure 3.9—Reattaching the Connector Block

3. To avoid bunching of the wires in the channel, work any slack in the wires into the Body cavity indicated above.

### 3.4 Reassembly of Stem, Cover Plate, and Cover O-ring

1. Apply Magnalube to the o-ring Cover Seal and insert into the groove in the Cover Plate.



Figure 3.10—O-ring in Cover

2. With the Stem assembly upright, set the Cover Plate assembly onto it. Make certain that the alignment grooves are properly aligned.



Figure 3.11—Orientation of Stem in Cover

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- 3. Place the Stem and Cover Plate together onto the Body. Make certain that the dowel pins in the Cover Plate are aligned with the holes in the Body and that the alignment grooves in the Cover Plate and the Stem are still aligned.
- 4. Press the Cover Plate down onto the Body. Apply Loctite 222MS to the four (4) screws and thread them into the Body.
  - **Note:** On units with the Spring Assist Option it is necessary to use two opposing screws to evenly pull the Cover Plate down against the Body. Tighten the screws per the following table:

Model	Screw Size / Type	Recommended Torque
SR-131	M6 X 25 SFHCS	70 in-Ibs
SR-176	M8 x 40 SFHCS	175 in-Ibs
SR-221	M10 x 30 SHCS	420 in-lbs

### 3.5 Switch Adjustment

- 1. Provide 20 psi to the air supply port (not required if equipped with preload springs) and insure that the Protector<sup>™</sup> returns to its Reset or Working position with the stem fully extended and the alignment mark on the stem in line with the alignment mark on the cover plate.
- 2. Set a volt-ohm meter to ohms or continuity and connect it between the black and brown wires of the cord (see wiring diagrams below) connected to the Nano connector on the switch housing.



Figure 3.12—Protector™ Wiring

- 3. Attach an Interface Plate to the stem of the Protector<sup>™</sup>.
- 4. Center the Protector<sup>™</sup> under the Press Ram of an Arbor Press (see Figure 3.13).

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Figure 3.13—Checking Switch Height Adjustment

- 5. Set a Dial Indicator in contact with the Interface Plate and adjust it so that the probe is vertical. Set the Dial Indicator height so that it can read at least 0.10" stroke. Set the dial ring to zero. Factory default setting is 0.020".
- 6. Push on the press handle until the switch circuit opens and check the distance traveled on the Dial Indicator.
- 7. If the distance traveled before the switch turns off is greater than desired, turn the Adjusting Screw clockwise. If the distance traveled is less, turn the Adjusting Screw counterclockwise. (Use a 1.5mm hex key.)



Figure 3.14— Location of Adjusting Screw

### 3.6 Wire Channel Gasket

Remove the masking tape covering the Wire Channel. Peel the paper backing off of the Wire Channel Gasket and apply the gasket to the shallow recess straddling the wire channel. Be sure that the wires are laying side-by-side in the channel before smoothing the gasket into place. Also, be sure that the Gasket resides completely within the shallow recess and that the wires are not twisted or bunched up under the Gasket.

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Figure 3.15—Applying Wire Channel Gasket

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## 4. Drawings



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