Floatless Level Controller

Automatic Water Supply and Drainage Control

- Ideal for level control of any conductive liquid
- Both general-purpose and panel-use models available
- Incorporates an arrester for surge and induced lightning protection
- Wide range of models: Long-distance, high- and low-sensitivity, two-wire, etc.
- LED indicator for quick operation check
- Conforms to EMC/IEC standards (61F-GP-N/-N8/-GPN-V50)
- UL/CSA approved (61F-GP-N8/-GPN-V50)

Operating Principle

Unlike ordinary level switches that use a float for level detection, the 61F Floatless Level Controller uses electrodes to electrically detect the liquid level. The following figures illustrate this simple operating principle.



No current flows between E1 and E3

When electrode E1 is not in contact with the conductive liquid, the electrical circuit is open, and no current flows between electrodes E1 and E3.

Consequently, relay X does not operate. Relay X's NC contacts (normally closed, b in the figure) remain closed. However, when liquid is supplied to the tank, so that the liquid contacts or immerses E1, the circuit closes. Relay X operates, and electrical devices connected to the NO (normally open, a in the figure) contacts of the relay begin operation.





A pump is usually connected to a contactor, which in turn is connected to the Controller contact outputs. The Level Controller would automatically operate the pump, to control the liquid level in the tank.

However, in practice, with only two electrodes, ripples on the surface of the liquid cause the Controller to jump and start, shortening pump (and other equipment) life. This problem can be solved by adding another electrode to form a self-holding circuit. The additional electrode, E2, is connected in parallel with E1, as shown below.



As shown in the above figure, when the holding circuit relay is energized, contact a_2 , its NO contact, is closed. The electrical circuit made through the liquid and the electrodes is then retained by E2 and E3, even when the liquid level falls below E1, as long as contact a_2 is closed.

When the liquid level falls below E2, the circuit made through the electrode circuit opens, which de-energizes relay X, thus closing the NC contact of X.

Operating as simply as it does, possible applications of the Floatless Level Controller are virtually endless. Not only liquid level control is possible, but such applications as leakage detection, object size discrimination, and many other problems may be solved by one of the reliable 61F Floatless Level Controllers.

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Model Selection —

Basic Configuration of 61F Conductive Level Controller

To use a 61F Conductive Level Controller, the 61F itself, Electrode Holders, and Electrodes are required.



Typical Application Example



Ordering Information -

61F Controller Selection Guide by Installation Method

Standard Model



When there is sufficient mounting space.When monitoring operation through LEDs.

Plug-in Model Compact Plug-in Model





When using socket mounting

61F Controller Selection Guide by Application

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		Automatic water	supply and drainage control	Automatic water supply (idling prevention)	Automatic water supply (abnormal shortage alarm)	
Function	Automatic pump operation (constant water level)	Water supply Pump OFF Pump ON	Water drainage Pump ON Pump QFF	Water supply Water tank	Water supply. Water tank	
	Water level indication abnormal alarm			Water supply Source Pump OFF (ding pre- (ding pre- (short) age ⑧ 实:	Water tank 「」 『許 『 age	
Appearance		Standard Model	61F-GP-N (Pages 9–16 to 9–18, 9–25)	Standard Model	Plug-in Model	
		61F-G-AP* (Pages 9-6 to 9-15, 9-24) AP – Asia Pacific Type	61F-GP-N8	61F-G1-AP* (Pages 9-6 to 9-7, 9-9 to 9-10, 9-24) AP – Asia Pacific Type	61F-G1P	
	Item	Automatic wa (abnori	G2 ter supply and drainage control mal water increase alarm)	Automatic drainage filling/s	G3 water supply and control (abnormal hortage alarm)	
Function	Automatic pump operation (constant water level)		Water supply Pump OFF Pump ON Pump OFF Pump OFF Pump OFF Pump OFF Pump OFF	Water supply Pump OFF Pump ON	Water drainage Pump ON Pump OFF ■ P	
	Water level indication abnormal alarm			8.读 Fi 	Short-	
Appearance		Standard Model	Plug-in Model	Standa	rd Model	

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61F-G2 (Pages 9–6 to 9–7, 9–11, 9–24)

61F-G3 (Pages 9–6 to 9–7, 9–12, 9–25)



Accessories Electrode Holders

Applications	General applications such as water supply lines	Applications where only a small space is available	Liquid with low specific resistance	Applications where high mounting strength is required	Applications where high temperature/ high pressure conditions are severe	Applications where high corrosion resistance is required	Applications where distance to the water surface is long
Models	PS-3S/-4S/-5S (Two-wire models are also available.)	PS-31	BF-1	BF-3/-4/-5	BS-1	BS-1T	PH-1/-2
Appearance			A CONTRACTOR		ARRIVATION POR	SUS	PH-2 PH-1

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Electrodes

Sets of Electrodes, connecting nuts, lock nuts, and spring washers are available. When ordering individual parts, refer to page 9–19.



Applications	Purified city water, industrial water, sewage	Purified city water, industrial water, sewage, dilute alkaline solution	Sodium hydroxide, acetic acid, dilute sulfuric acid, dilute hydrochloric acid	Sea water, ammonia water, nitric acid	Acetic acid, dilute sulfuric acid, sea water
Models	F03-60-SUS201	F03-60-SUS316	F03-60 HAS B	F03-60 HAS C	F03-60 Titanium

Others

Item	Model
Protective Cover (for PS or BF electrode holders)	F03-11
Spring Clamp (for PS electrode holders)	F03-12
Electrode Separators (for preventing long electrodes from contacting with each other)	F03-14 1P (for 1 pole) F03-14 3P (for 3 poles) F03-14 5P (for 5 poles)

Note: For more complete range of products, please contact nearest OMRON office.



Specifications

Standard Models

Specifications

Items	General-purpose Controller	High-tempera- ture Controller	Long-distance Control- lers	High-sensitivity Controllers	Low-sensitivity Controller	
	61F-⊡ (TDL) (see note 1 and 2)	61F-⊡T (see note 1)	61F-□L 2KM (for 2 km) 61F-□L 4KM (for 4 km) (see note 1)	61F-⊟H (see note 1)	61F-⊡D (see note 1)	
Controlling materials and operating conditions	For control of or- dinary purified water or sewage water	For control of ordi- nary purified wa- ter or sewage wa- ter in cases where the ambient tem- perature is high.	For control of ordinary pu- rified water in cases where the distance between sew- age pumps and water tanks or between receiver tanks and supply tanks is long or where remote con- trol is required.	For control of liq- uids with high specific resistance such as distilled water	For control of liq- uids with low spe- cific resistance such as salt wa- ter, sewage water, acid chemicals, alkali chemicals	
Supply voltage	100, 110, 120, 200,	220, 230 or 240 VAC	C; 50/60 Hz			
Operating voltage range	85% to 110% of rate	ed voltage				
Interelectrode voltage	8 VAC			24 VAC	8 VAC	
Interelectrode current	Approx. 1 mA AC max.					
Power consumption	Approx. 3.2 VA max	k. (One unit)				
Interelectrode operate resistance	0 to approx. 4 kΩ	0 to approx. 4 k Ω 0 to approx. 5 k Ω 0 to approx. 1.8 k Ω (for 2 km) 0 to approx. 0.7 k Ω (for 4 km)			0 to approx. 1.8 kΩ	
Interelectrode release resistance	Approx. 15 k to $\infty \Omega$	Approx. 15 k to $\infty \Omega$	4 k to $\infty \Omega$ (for 2 km) 2.5 k to $\infty \Omega$ (for 4 km)	Approx. 300 k to $\infty \Omega$	Approx. 5 k to $\infty \Omega$	
Cable length (see note 3)	1 km max.	600 m max.	2 km max. 4 km max.	50 m max.	1 km max.	
Control output	2 A, 220 VAC (Indu 5 A, 220 VAC (Resi	ctive load: cos	4)			
Ambient temperature	Operating: -10°C	to 55°C (–10°C to 70	°C for 61F-□T)			
Ambient humidity	Operating: 45% to	85% RH				
Insulation resistance (see note 4)	100 MΩ min. (at 500 VDC)					
Dielectric strength (see note 4)	2000 VAC, 50/60 H	z for 1 min.				
Life expectancy	Electrical: 500,00 Mechanical:5,000,0	0 operations min. 000 operations min.				

Note: 1. The \Box in the model name represents G, G1, G2, G3, G4, and I.

2. The suffix "TDL" attached to the model name represents models designed for tropical regions (storage humidity of 45 to 90% RH).

 The length when using completely-insulated, 600-V, 3-conductor (0.75 mm²) cabtire cables. Usable cable lengths will become shorter as the cable diameter or number of conductors becomes larger.

4. The insulation resistance and dielectric strength indicate values between power terminals and Electrode terminals, between power terminals and contact terminals, and between Electrode terminals and contact terminals.

5. Possible to use with 15 kΩ or less, however, this may cause reset failure≥

Internal Circuit Diagrams

The schematic diagrams shown below typify the internal connections of the various 61F models. The designations Ta, Tb, and Tc (sometimes referred to collectively as "U") may occur more than once in a product, however, the "a" terminal is always an NO contact, a "b" terminal is an NC contact, and the "c" terminal is the common terminal.

61F-G-AP



61F-GH (See note.)





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61F-11 Relay Units



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Tb₂ Ta₂

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Connections 61F-G-AP

Automatic Water Supply and Drainage Control



1. Water Supply



- Connect electromagnetic switch coil terminal A to Tb.
- The pump stops (indicator ON) when the water level reaches E1 and starts (indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E2.

2. Drainage



- Connect the electromagnetic switch coil terminal A to Ta.
- The pump starts (indicator ON) when the water level reaches E1 and stops (indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E2.



Note: 1. The diagram shows the connections for the water supply. When draining, change the connection from terminal Tb to terminal Ta.2. Be sure to ground terminal E3.

61F-G1–AP



Application 1: Automatic Water Supply Control with Pump Idling Prevention



Note: Be sure to ground terminal E3.

61F-G1-AP

Application 2: Automatic Water Supply Control with Abnormal Water Shortage Alarm



- The pump stops (U2 indicator ON) when the water level reaches E1 and starts (U2 indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E2.
- If the water level drops below E4 for any reason, the pump stops (U1 indicator OFF) and the alarm sounds.
- Insert a pushbutton switch (NO contact) between E3 and E4. When starting the pump or after recovering from a power failure, if the water level has not yet reached E4, press the pushbutton switch to start the pump by short-circuiting E3 and E4. If the pump stops upon releasing the pushbutton switch, keep pressing the pushbutton switch.



Note: Be sure to ground terminal E3.

61F-G2



Automatic Drainage Control and Water Supply with Abnormal Water Increase Alarm 2. Water Supply

1. Drainage



- Connect the electromagnetic switch terminal (T phase) to Ta1
- The pump starts (U2 indicator ON) when the water level reaches E1 and stops (U2 indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E2
- If the water level reaches E4 for any reason, the alarm sounds (U1 indicator ON).



- Connect the electromagnetic switch terminal (T phase) to Tb1.
- The pump starts (U2 indicator OFF) when the water level reaches E2 and stops (U2 indicator ON) when the water level rises to E1.
- ٠ If the water level reaches E4 for any reason, the alarm sounds (U1 indicator ON).



Note: 1. The diagram shows the connections for the water supply. When draining, change the connection from terminal Tb1 to terminal Ta1.

61F-G3



Automatic Water Supply and Drainage Control with Abnormal Water Shortage Alarm and Water Tank Repletion

1. Water Supply



- Connect electromagnetic switch coil terminal A with Tb.
- The pump stops (U2 indicator ON) when the water level reaches E2 and starts (U2 indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E3.
- If the water level rises to E1 for any reason, the upper-limit indicator turns ON and the alarm sounds (U1 indicator ON).
- If the water level drops below E4 for any reason, the lower-limit indicator turns ON and the alarm sounds (U3 indicator OFF).

2. Drainage



- Connect the electromagnetic switch coil terminals A with Ta.
- The pump starts (U2 indicator ON) when the water level reaches E2 and stops (U2 indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E3.
- If the water level rises to E1 for any reason, the upper-limit indicator turns ON and the alarm sounds (U1 indicator ON).
- If the water level drops below E4 for any reason, the lower-limit indicator turns ON and the alarm sounds (U3 indicator OFF).



Note: 1. The diagram shows the connections for the water supply. When draining, change the connection from terminal Tb to terminal Ta.2. Be sure to ground terminal E5.

61F-G4



Water Source Level Indication, Prevention of Pump Idling Due to Water Shortage, Automatic Water Supply Control, and Indication of Water Level in Tank

- Insert four Electrodes in the water supply source and five Electrodes in the elevated water tank.
- The lower-limit indicator for the water supply source remains ON while the water source level is below E3 (U2 indicator OFF).
- When the water level rises to E2, the lower-limit indicator turns OFF (U2 indicator ON) and the pump is ready for operation.
- When the water level reaches E1, the upper-limit indicator turns ON (U3 indicator ON).
- The water-shortage indicator for the elevated tank remains ON while the water level in the elevated tank is below E7. The indicator turns OFF (U1 indicator ON) when the water level rises to E7.
- The pump stops (U5 indicator ON) when the water level reaches E5 and starts (U5 indicator OFF) when the water level drops below E6.
- If the water level reaches E4 for any reason, the tank repletion indicator for the elevated tank turns ON (U4 indicator ON).
- Insert a pushbutton switch (NO contact) between E2 and E8 as shown by the dotted line. When starting the pump and after recovering from a power failure, if the water source level has not yet reached E2 (U2 indicator OFF), press the pushbutton switch to start the pump by momentarily short-circuiting E2 and E8. When the pump stops during normal operation subsequent to an alarm issued for low water level (i.e., the water level has not reached E3), do not press the pushbutton switch.



Note: 1. Be sure to ground terminal E8.

■ Connection with Three-phase Four-line Circuit

When supplying power from N-phase to the Controller in three-phase four-line circuit, refer to the following diagrams. Line voltage (R-S, S-T, or R-T): 380 or 415 VAC Phase voltage (N-R, N-S, or N-T): 220 or 240 VAC

61F-G , 220 or 240 VAC

Water Supply







Liquid Level Indication and Alarm



Note: Be sure to ground terminal E3.

■ Compact Plug-in Models (11-pin Type)

Specifications

Item	General- purpose Controller	High-tempera- ture Controller	Long-distance Controllers 61F-GP-NL 2KM (for 2 km)	High-sensitivity Controller	Low-sensitivity Controller		
	61F-GP-N	61F-GP-NT	61F-GP-NL 4KM (for 4 km)	61F-GP-NH (see note 1)	61F-GP-ND		
Controlling materials and operating conditions	For control of ordinary puri- fied water or sewage water	For control of ordi- nary purified water or sewage where operating ambient temperature is high.	For control of ordinary puri- fied water in cases where the distance between sewage pumps and water tanks or between receiver tanks and supply tanks is long or where remote control is required.	For control of liq- uids with high specific resistance such as distilled water	For control of liq- uids with low spe- cific resistance such as salt wa- ter, sewage water, acid chemicals, alkali chemicals		
Supply voltage	24, 100, 110, 12	0, 200, 220, 230 or 24	40 VAC; 50/60 Hz				
Operating voltage range	85% to 110% of	rated voltage					
Interelectrode voltage	8 VAC	8 VAC					
Interelectrode current	Approx. 1 mA A	C max.		Approx. 0.12 mA AC max.	Approx. 1 mA AC max.		
Power consumption	Approx. 3.2 VA r	nax.					
Interelectrode operate resistance	0 to approx. 4 kΩ	0 to approx. 4 kΩ	0 to approx. 1.3 k Ω (for 2 km) 0 to approx. 0.5 k Ω (for 4 km)	Approx. 10 k Ω to approx. 40 k Ω (see note 4)	0 to approx. 1.3 kΩ		
Interelectrode release resistance	Approx. 15 k to $\square \Omega$	Approx. 15 k to $\square \Omega$	4 k to [] Ω (for 2 km) 0.5 k to [] Ω (for 4 km)	Approx. 100 k to $\Box \Omega$	Approx. 4 k to		
Response time	Operate: 80 n Release: 160	ns max. ms max.					
Cable length (see note 2)	1 km max.	600 m max.	2 km max. 4 km max.	50 m max.	1 km max.		
Control output	1 A, 250 VAC (Inductive load: cosφ = 0.4) 3 A, 250 VAC (Resistive load)						
Ambient temperature	Operating: -10°	°C to 55°C (-10°C to	70°C for high-temperature contr	roller)			
Ambient humidity	Operating: 45%	to 85% RH					
Insulation resistance (see note 3)	100 MΩ min. (at	100 MΩ min. (at 500 VDC)					
Dielectric strength (see note 3)	2000 VAC, 50/60) Hz for 1 min.					
Life expectancy	Electrical: 100, Mechanical:5,00	000 operations min. 0,000 operations min	ı.				

Note: 1. The relay in the 61F-GP-NH de-energizes when there is water present across the Electrodes, whereas the relay in the 61F-GP-N8HY energizes when there is water present across the Electrodes.

2. The length when using completely-insulated, 600-V, 3-conductor (0.75 mm²) cabtire cables. Usable cable lengths will become shorter as the cable diameter or number of conductors becomes larger.

3. The insulation resistance and dielectric strength indicate values between power terminals and Electrode terminals, between power terminals and contact terminals, and between Electrode terminals and contact terminals.

4. Possible to use with 10 k Ω or less, however, this may cause reset failure.

Internal Circuit Diagrams 61F-GP-N/-NT/-NL/-ND



Note: When applying a self-holding circuit, short between terminals 5 and 6 and use terminal 7 as E₂.

Connections 61F-GP-N



Automatic Water Supply and Drainage Control

1. Water Supply



- Connect electromagnetic switch coil terminal A to terminal 1.
- The pump stops when the water level reaches E1 (indicator ON) and starts when the water level drops below E2 (indicator OFF).

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2. Drainage

Note: 1. The diagram shows the connections for the water supply. When draining, change the connection from terminal 1 to terminal 11. 2. Be sure to ground terminal 4.

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When supplying power from N-phase to the Controller in three-phase four-line circuit, refer to the following diagrams. Line voltage (R-S, S-T, or R-T): 380 or 415 VAC Phase voltage (N-R, N-S, or N-T): 220 or 240 VAC



Accessories (Order Separately)

Electrode Holders

Applications		For city water and other General-use Electrodes. Easy-to-replace separate versions facilitate maintenance of Electrodes.	When mounting space is limited. Special 3-pole holder of small size and light weight. Ideal for soft drink vendors, etc., where only limited space is available.	For low specific liquids. Used for sewage, sea water, etc., having a low specific resistance. In sewage use, Electrode Holders must be installed 10 to 20 cm apart from one another. For acids, alkalis and sea water, Electrode Holders may be as much as 1 meter apart to operate properly.	When secure installation is required. For sewage, city water and other general use. 3-, 4-, and 5-pole models are available. In outdoor or dusty locations, or locations subject to water splashes, adherence of water, dust, dirt, or other foreign matter to the Electrode insulator may cause Controller malfunctioning due to leakage. Be sure to use the Protective Cover.
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Insulator mate	riai			1E0%C may (without water	1E0%C may
Max. temperat	ure	70 C max.		drips or vapor on the surface of the Electrode Holder)	ISU C Max.
Appearance		PS-3S(R) PS-4S(R) PS-5S(R)	PS-31	BF-1	BF-3(R) BF-4(R) BF-5(R
No. of	1			BF-1	
Electrodes 3		PS-3S(-3SR) (see note 1)	PS-31		BF-3(-3R) (see note 2)
	4	PS-4S(-4SR) (see note 1)			BF-4(-4R) (see note 2)
	5	PS-5S(-5SR) (see note 1)			BF-5(-5R) (see note 2)
Note: 1. Thos 2. The I	e witl Electr	h the suffix R in their model n ode material for PS-31 is SU	ame are for 2-wire circuits. S304. (Length: 300 mm)		
Applications		When resistance to high pressure is required. Ideal for use in tanks where temperature or pressure inside the tank is high, e.g. 250°C, 1.96 MPa {20 kg/cm ² }	When corrosion resistance is required. Since Teflon is used as the main part, the Electrode is free from rust and corrosion. Ideal for liquid level control in food processing, level control of strong alkaline liquids, etc. Withstand pressure: 981 kPa {10 kg/cm ² }	When Electrode positions are distant from water surface. For deep well, especially sewage. Several Electrodes are used in combination. Cable length: 100 m max. Single-core cord of 0.75 mm ² (30/0.18) provided.	When Electrode positions are distant from water surface. For deep well and underwater pump. 2 sets of special Electrodes attached to cabtire cables for upper- and lower-limit control are to be suspended in water. Cable length: 100 m max. Two-core cord of 0.75 mm ² (30/0.18) provided.
Mounting style	e	Screw			
Insulator mate	rial	Teflon			
Max. temperature		250°C max. (without water drips or vapor on the surface of the Electrode Holder)	150°C max.	With vinyl cord: -10°C to 60°C With chloroprene cord: -30°C to 70°C (without frost formation)	
Appearance		Maximum tightening torque at the terminal: 14 kge·cm (137.2 N) Material at tightening sec- tion: iron (standard), SUS304, SUS316	SUS		
No. of	1	BS-1	BS-1T	PH-1	
Electrodes	2				PH-2

Note: 1. The BS-1 and BS-1T are pressure-proof models. The rest of models are not pressure-proof.

The BS-1 that uses SUS304 for clamping sections and screws of PT1/2 specifications is called BS-1S1.
 The BS-1 that uses SUS304 for clamping sections is called BS-1S and one that uses SUS316 is called BS-1S2.

When using the BS-1T in liquids with low specific resistance, provide a large clearance between Electrodes. This clearance must be varied depending on the specific resistance, for example, approximately 1 m for acid or alkali liquids.

Applicable	Material	Material Electrode		Models for individual Electrode assembly components						
liquids		assembly	Electrode	(1 m long)	Connec	ting nut	Lock nut		Spring washer	
		Model	Model	Indication mark	Model	Inscrip- tion	Model	Inscrip- tion	Model	
Purified city water, industrial water, sewage	Equivalent to SUS 304 (AISI-304)	F03-60 SUS201	F03-01 SUS201	1 line	F03-02 SUS201		F03-03 SUS201		F03-04 SUS201	
Purified city water, industrial water, sewage, dilute alkaline solution	SUS316 (AISI-316)	F03-60 SUS316	F03-01 SUS316	2 lines	F03-02 SUS316	6	F03-03 SUS316	316	F03-04 SUS316	
Sodium hydroxide, acetic acid, dilute sulfuric acid, dilute hydrochloric acid	Hastelloy B	F03-60 HASB	F03-01 HASB	3 lines	F03-02 HASB	В	F03-03 HASB	В		
Sea water, ammonia water, nitric acid	Hastelloy C	F03-60 HASC	F03-01 HASC	4 lines	F03-02 HASC	C	F03-03 HASC	C		
Acetic acid, dilute sulfuric acid, sea	Titanium	F03-60 CHITAN	F03-01 CHITAN	5 lines	F03-02 CHITAN	Т	F03-03 CHITAN	Т		

Electrodes, Connecting Nuts, and Lock Nuts

Note: 1. An Electrode assembly consists of the following parts:

One Electrode (1 m) One connecting nut Two lock nuts Two spring washers

The material indication mark(s) are inscribed near the screw threads, and represent the material composition of the Electrode.
 Standard Electrodes are made of stainless steel and usable in purified water, sea water, sewage, acid (except acetic acid, sulfuric

acid, etc.) and alkaline liquids. They may corrode depending upon the temperature and working conditions.

4. Corrosion-resisting Electrodes made of SUS316 (AISI-316) and acid-resisting Electrodes made of titanium or hastelloy are also available.



5. When long Electrodes are required, connect them with connecting nuts and lock nuts (2 pieces) every 1 m.

Electrode Separators

No. of Electrodes	Model
1	F03-14 1P
3	F03-14 3P
5	F03-14 5P



When the required length of Electrode is more than 1 m, use a Separator at each joint of two Electrodes so as to prevent the Electrodes from contacting one another.

Use a one-pole type for BF Electrodes. The five-pole type can be used for PS-5S and PS-4S Electrodes.

Material: Ceramic

Electrode Band

F03-05 3P, 4P, and 5P



Sheath: Vinyl chloride

Core: 0.3 dia. x 21, straight wire, SUS304 Length: 50 m max. (When ordering, specify the length by meters.)

The Electrodes come in three types: 3P, 4P, and 5P. Each of them require the following accessories that are separately sold.

Accessories	Weight		Electrode	
	(per 1)	3P	4P	5P
Connecting nut	Approx. 20 g	3	4	5
Weight	Approx. 50 g	3 to 4	4 to 6	5 to 8
End cap	Approx. 1 g	3	4	5
Insulation Cap	Approx. 10 g	2	3	4
Adhesive	Approx. 5 g	1	1	1
Electrode Band weight (1m)		Approx. 110 g	Approx. 140 g	Approx. 180 g

Other Accessories

- The Electrode Band consists of polyvinyl-chloride-covered (PVC) stainless-steel wires SUS304 (AISI-304) which are free from mutual contact. As the Electrode Band can be cut, mounted, and removed with ease, it is most suitable for deep wells.
- Applicable Electrode Holders: PS-3S, PS-4S, PS-5S, BF-3, BF-4, BF-5
- Ambient operating temperature: -10°C to 60°C (with no icing)
- The Electrode Band cannot be used in flowing water, liquids over 60°C, or liquids which corrode PVC or stainless steel.

Application Example



F03-11 Protective Cover	F03-12 Spring Clamp	F03-13 Mounting Frame for installing in concrete
Use this Cover for PS-series Electrode Holders with Mounting Frames (upper one in the following illustration), This Cover can also be used when installing the BF-series Electrode Holders outdoors. Since this Cover is not water-proof, water or dust may enter through the wire hole (lower one below). Applicable Electrode Holders: BF-3, BF-4, BF-5, PS-3S(R), PS-4S(R), PS-5S(R) Weight: approx. 65g Operating temp.: -10°C	Used to clamp an Electrode Holder with ease, as shown in the illustrations, when the Electrode Holder is applied to a tank without a coupling. Squeeze the mounting frame into the Holder as shown below. Applicable Electrode Holders: PS-3S(R), PS-4S(R), PS-5S	Useful frame for burying in concrete. Cut as required based on the concrete depth.
Two, M5 x 25 mounting screws		Mounting Frame em- bedded into concrete Electrode Commonly used with Mounting Frame

Mounting

PS-3S Electrode Holders

1. Mounting Electrode Holder	2. Attaching Electrode(s) to Electrode section	3. Inserting Electrode section into Electrode Holder
• Screw the Electrode Holder into the coupling secured at the installation location.	 Insert each Electrode into the connecting nut, secure the Electrode with the clamp screws, and then tighten the lock nut. 	• Fit the Electrode section into the Electrode Holder and secure it with the two screws.
	• Connect the leads, inserted through the hole of the rubber bushing, into the respective terminals.	 Check the Electrode section for proper wiring, fit the rubber bushing in position, and then cover the Electrode Holder with the drip-proof cover.
Twin clockwise	Electrode section housing Rubber bushing Electrode	Drip-proof cover Electrode Bectrode Holder

Note: 1. OMRON does not sell couplings.

2. Screw in the Electrode until it reaches the bottom of the nut. Insufficient insertion will cause a faulty connection.



■ PH-1/PH-2 Electrodes



- Note: 1. When the distance between E1 and E3 exceeds 1 m for supplying purified city water, for example, locate a second E3 within 200 mm of E1.
 - 2. Even when the distance is less than 1 m, the product may not operate due to the water quality.

Electrode Holder and Electrodes

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Electrode Bands



Mounting the Protective Cover on the PS-series Electrode Holder

Attach the F03-12 Mounting Frame to the bottom of the PS-series Electrode Holder as shown below. Next, place the F03-11 Protective Cover on top of the Electrode Holder and press on it until a clicking sound is heard. For mounting purposes, the cap screw attached to the Protective Cover is not required.

Secure with the cover claw of the cover Cross-section of the tank

Mounting the Protective Cover on the BF-series Electrode Holder (BF-3/4/5)

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Remove the two mounting screws (M5 x 25) of the BF-series Electrode Holder and attach the two cap screws (M5 x 25) supplied with the F03-11 Protective Cover.

Next, put the Protective Cover over the top of the BF-series Electrode Holder, and then tighten the supplied two screws (M3 x 20 with washers). Refer to the following illustration.



Dimensions

Note: All units are in millimeters unless otherwise indicated.



135

Four, 6-dia holes

73

0.5

Note: AP: Asia Pacific Type

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Mounting Screw Holes



Note: The PS-3SR, PS-4SR, and PS-5SR have built-in resistor of 6.8 k Ω and used for the two-wire 61F models.

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Note: Cable is supplied in lengths of 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 100 meters.

Electrode Separators

F03-14 1P for one pole	F03-14 3P for three poles	F03-14 5P for five poles
6.5 dia.	Three, 7 dia.	Five, 7 dia.
Weight: Approx. 15 g	Weight: Approx. 30 g	Weight: Approx. 30 g

F03-05 3P, 4P, 5P





F03-06 Electrode Band Connecting Nut (SUS304)



F03-07 U-shaped Electrode Band Weight (SUS304)



F03-08 End Cap (Neoprene Rubber)



Application Examples

- Level control in tanks, reservoirs, sewage plants, underground wells, mixing plants etc.
- Level control for element protection in pipes, channels, and irrigation systems.
- Flow detection in pipes, channels, and irrigation systems.
- Ice bank control in cold drink dispensers, ice makers, water chillers, bulk milk tanks, etc.

61F Selection Guidelines

- The limit of specific resistivity of a fluid controlled by the general-purpose model at an immersion depth not exceeding 30 mm is 30 Ω -cm, using PS-3S Electrode Holders. Use the high-sensitivity models (H type) for liquids with higher resistivity (see note 1). Refer to the resistivity values listed for water and other liquids in Table 1 and Table 3 when selecting the unit specification. The resistivity range detectable by the 61F is shown in Table 2. Refer to the information on the units and the fluid to be controlled when selecting the appropriate model.
- **Note:** 1. The high-sensitivity models may suffer from resetting problems when used with certain types of water. In some cases it cannot substitute for the general-purpose models or low-sensitivity models. Be sure to select the model appropriate for the application.
 - 2. The circuit configuration of the 61F- H high-sensitivity model is designed so that the relay de-energizes when there is water present across the Electrodes. When power supply voltage is applied, the internal relay turns to the NO contact and, when the electrode between E1 and E3 becomes conductive, the relay is reset to the NC contact. This contact operation is reverse for models other than the high-sensitivity models. Although the internal relay operates (and operation indicator turns ON) simply when the power supply voltage is applied, this

- Dispensing of liquids by volume
- Indication of liquid buildup due to filter blockages
- Pollution/foul water detection for rivers, drains, etc.
- Alarm control warning of abnormal or dangerously high or low levels.

operation is not abnormal. (The relay in the 61F-□NH energizes when there is water present across the Electrodes.)

∠!\ Caution

In case of the 61F-HSL ultra high-sensitivity variable model, malfunction due to electric corrosion may occur in the DC electrode circuit. Be careful not to use the product in such a way where current constantly flows between electrodes.

Table 1 Water Resistivity Values (Japanese Reference Values)

Water type	Resistivity
City water	5 to 10 kΩ • cm
Well water	2 to 5 kΩ • cm
River water	5 to 15 kΩ • cm
Rain water	15 to 25 kΩ • cm
Sea water	0.03 k Ω • cm
Sewage	0.5 to 2 kΩ • cm
Distilled water	250 to 300 kΩ • cm min.

Table 2 Detectable Resistivity Ranges

Model	Resistivity (recommended values)
Long-distance models (4 km)	5 k Ω • cm max.
Long-distance models (2 km)	10 kΩ • cm max.
Low-sensitivity models	10 kΩ • cm max.
2-wire models	10 kΩ • cm max.
General-purpose models	10 to 30 kΩ • cm
High-temperature models	10 to 30 kΩ • cm
High-sensitivity models (compact plug-in models)	30 to 200 kΩ • cm
High-sensitivity models (standard models)	30 to 300 kΩ • cm
Ultra High-sensitivity models	100 to 10 kΩ • cm

Note: The specific resistivity ranges of fluids to be controlled are given for the PS-3S at an immersion depth not exceeding 30 mm.

Precautions

Never touch any of the terminals. Doing so may result in electric shock.

Never attempt to disassemble the 61F or touch the inside of the 61F while the power is being supplied. Doing so may result in electric shock.

Correct Use

Use a Power Supply with Minimal Voltage Fluctuation

Avoid connection to a power supply with a voltage fluctuation greater than or equal to +10% or -15%.

Consider the Ambient Temperature

Do not install the 61F where it may be exposed to a temperature of 55°C or more and a humidity of 85% or more. In particular, install the 61F away from heat-generating equipment incorporating coils or windings. Also avoid locations subject to high humidity or corrosive gases.

Avoid Vibration and Shocks

Do not subject the 61F to vibration or shocks which can cause chattering problems. Do not install the 61F near contactors that generate severe shocks while the contactors are in operation.

Do Not Test with a Megaohmmeter

During insulation resistance measurements, never apply the megaohmmeter across the Electrode terminals.

Use Self-holding Electrodes

Use Self-holding (E2) Electrodes when contactor open/close control is carried out. If E_1 Electrodes are used, ripples on the liquid surface can cause incorrect contactor operation and damage to the contacts.

Be sure to turn OFF the power supply before replacing the plug-in models.

Short Wiring in Electrode Circuit

Keep the wires connecting the 61F to Electrode Holders as short as possible. If long leads are used, the floating capacity of the leads, and abnormal surges or noise in the Electrode circuit can cause malfunctions.

The thicker the cables, the shorter the permitted wiring length. The length of the cable connecting the 61F and Electrode described in the 61F datasheet will be available if a 600-V VCT0.75-mm², 3-core cablire cable is used. Test results indicate that the actual wiring length using VCT 3.5-mm², 3-core cable laid over the ground is 50%

Table 1A Conductance Values of Water

Water type	Conductance
City water	100 to 200 µS/cm
Well water	200 to 500 µS/cm
River water	67 to 200 μS/cm
Rain water	40 to 67 μS/cm
Sea water	33,300 μS/cm
Sewage	500 to 2,000 μS/cm
Distilled water	3.3 to 4 µS/cm max.

of the indicated length for general-purpose applications and 80% of the indicated length for long-distance applications. When selecting the cable specification, remember that the wiring length is further decreased for underground cables and larger diameter cables because of the increased floating capacity with the ground.

Keep Power Cables Separate from the Electrode Circuit

Do not pass the leads for the Electrode circuit through the same duct, or near to, high-tension cables or power cables. This can cause noise which leads to malfunctions.

Ground Correctly

Ground the common Electrode terminal to reduce the effects of noise.

Use a Surge Suppressor

Connect a 61F-03B(-04B) Surge Suppressor with the 61F Electrode terminals to protect the circuit from surges. This is particularly important in lightning-prone areas. To further improve protection, install a commercial surge suppressor in the power supply to eliminate surges in the power system.

Consider the Response Times

The 61F requires a response time not exceeding 80 ms for operation or 160 ms for reset. Take these response times into account in cases where precise sequence control is required.

Consider the Liquids to Be Controlled

The 61F cannot be used for any liquid that has almost no conductivity such as sewage containing oil.

The 61F cannot be used for any flammable liquid such as gasoline, kerosene, or heavy oil.

Do Not Share Electrodes

Do not connect a single Electrode to more than one 61F. If the phases of the 8-VAC Electrode-circuit power supplies are opposite to each other, as shown in Fig. 1, an internal close circuit (return circuit) is created (indicated by the arrows). The 61F may malfunction regardless of the liquid level when the 61F power is turned ON. This problem can be overcome by matching the power supply phases, as shown in Fig. 2, but in this configuration the internal impedance of the 61F calculated from the Electrode will be approximately half as large as the internal impedance of a single 61F. The same phenomenon can occur if multiple (not shared) Electrodes, connected to separate 61F units, are installed close together inside a single tank. Maintain sufficient clearance between Electrodes connected to separate 61F units so that they do not interfere with each other. Common leads, however, can be connected to the ground Electrode.

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Fig. 1 Internal Closed Circuit



Fig. 2 Match Phases



Be sure to disconnect the 61F before conducting a insulation test on the Electrode circuit for inspection purposes

When cutting an Electrode, be sure to chamfer cut surfaces of the electrode

Maintain a Clearance Between Electrodes

Maintain sufficient clearance (normally 1 m) between Electrodes in sea water or contaminated water. Use the 61F-DD (or -DND) lowsensitivity models if this clearance is difficult to maintain.



Long Ground Electrode

The Electrodes are mounted in sets of three. Connect the shortest Electrode to E1, the medium Electrode to E2 and the longest Electrode to E₃. The longest Electrode, E₃, must be at least 50 mm longer than the other Electrodes.



Consider the Operating Level

Due to the liquid type and fluctuations in the power supply voltage, the operating level may fluctuate to a small degree from the level at which the liquid surface makes contact with the Electrode tip.

Use Separators

If the Electrode length reaches 1 m min., insert Separators at the joint positions to prevent the Electrodes touching each other in the liquid.



Take Care When Taping the Electrodes

When applying vinyl tape to the Electrodes to prevent them touching each other in the liquid, leave at least 100 mm at the end of the rod untaped. Do not tape to the very tip.



Mount Electrodes Vertically

Install the Electrodes vertically to avoid the accumulation of slime which can form an insulating layer on the Electrode surface.

Keep Electrodes Clean

Lift the Electrodes and remove the surface film with fine sandpaper about 6 months after installation. Subsequently, repeat this cleaning once or twice per year.

Cleaning is particularly important for Electrodes used in a liquid containing large amounts of dirt or slime, which can build up into an insulating film on the Electrode surface and cause malfunctions. Clean the surface insulating film from Electrodes used in this environment once every three months. Use a pipe, as shown in the diagram below in situations where the water contains large amounts of dirt.

Use a pipe as shown to keep dirt and oil films from the Electrode in situations where the liquid is highly contaminated with dirt and oil, such as sewage holding tanks.



Use a pipe at least 4 inches in diameter.

Cut off the end of the pipe at an angle to clear the estimated amount of contaminants accumulating at the bottom of the tank.

Drill an approximately 10-dia. vent hole at the top of the pipe Using an Anti-ripple Pipe:

Use an anti-ripple pipe as shown below in cases where large ripples are produced by a rapid fluid flow rate.



Use a pipe at least 4 inches in diameter.

To improve liquid circulation inside the pipe, drill at least four 6 to 10-dia. holes as opposing pairs at the tip position of each Electrode. Drill an approximately 10-dia. vent hole at the top of the pipe.

Follow the information above with regard to using Electrodes.

Cautions on Electrode Holders

Do not mount horizontally or a malfunction may occur.

BS and BF Electrode Holders

When installing the Electrodes, first tighten the connection nut with a wrench before tightening the Electrodes and lock nut. Tightening the terminals or other parts can lead to damage of the insulating parts due to tightening torque.

When mounting a BS-1 Electrode Holder to a boiler, wrap Teflon tape 2 or 3 times around the mounting position and use the gasket supplied.

Always apply the F03-11 Protective Cover if the BF-3 (-4 or -5) is used outside or in a position subject to water splashes or where dust or dirt can settle. Foreign matter on the Electrode insulation can cause electrical leakage and malfunctions.

Inspecting the Electrode Circuits

In cases where the Electrodes cannot be withdrawn to test the Electrode circuit, a tester can be used to measure the resistance between the Electrode and ground, as shown in the diagram below. The measured resistance value indicates the length, contact condition, and mounting condition of the Electrode. For example, the sequence of Electrodes ordered from low measured resistance to high is E_3 (long), E_2 (medium), and E_1 (short).

Follow the guidelines below to use this test method.

- 1. Detach the leads from the 61F.
- 2. Measure the conducting status with the tank full. (The water level must be at E_1 minimum.)
- 3. Measure the insulating status with the tank empty. (The water level must be at E_3 maximum.)

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Measuring the Resistance Between Electrodes

Measure the resistance between the Electrodes if the wiring is correct but the 61F does not operate. Measure with a voltmeter using the voltage drop method, as shown below.



An ammeter able to read approximately 1 mA with as low an impedance as possible.
 A voltmeter able to read a value of several volts with as high an impedance as possible.

The resistance between Electrodes (resistance of liquid between E_1 and E_3) is given by the following equation.

R = V/I

Where,

R: resistance of liquid between Electrodes (Ω) V: voltmeter indicated voltage (V)

I: ammeter indicated current (mA)

Select the 61F model according to the R (resistance) value.

Inspecting the 61F-11N Relay Unit

Apply the specified power supply voltage with the Relay Units connected to the 61F. Refer to the connection diagrams (internal wiring diagrams) and short the 61F ground terminal to the operating terminal of each Relay Unit. Check the operation of the relay output contacts with a tester. With the 61F-11 models, the indicator will be lit when the Relay Unit operates.

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