

# Echotel® Model 940/941

## Installation and Operating Manual

*Ultrasonic  
Level  
Switches*



Model 940/941  
with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT



Model 940/941  
with hygienic  
fitting



Model 940/941  
with ANSI flange

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## Read this Manual Before Installing

This manual provides information on the Echotel Models 940 and 941 Ultrasonic Liquid Level Switch. It is important that all instructions are read carefully and followed in sequence. Detailed instructions are included in the Installation section of this manual.

## Conventions Used in this Manual

Certain conventions are used in this manual to convey specific types of information. General technical material, support data, and safety information are presented in narrative form. The following styles are used for notes, cautions, and warnings.

### Notes

Notes contain information that augments or clarifies an operating step. Notes do not normally contain actions. They follow the procedural steps to which they refer.

### Cautions

Cautions alert the technician to special conditions that could injure personnel, damage equipment, or reduce a component's mechanical integrity. Cautions are also used to alert the technician to unsafe practices or the need for special protective equipment or specific materials. In this manual, a caution box indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

### Warnings

Warnings identify potentially dangerous situations or serious hazards. In this manual, a warning indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in serious injury or death.

## Safety Messages

Echotel Models 940 & 941 are designed for use in Category II, Pollution Degree 2 installations. Follow all standard industry procedures for servicing electrical and computer equipment when working with or around high voltage. Always shut off the power supply before touching any components.

Electrical components are sensitive to electrostatic discharge. To prevent equipment damage, observe safety procedures when working with electrostatic sensitive components.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

**WARNING!** Explosion hazard. Do not connect or disconnect equipment unless power has been switched off or the area is known to be non-hazardous.

## Low Voltage Directive

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## 1.0 Introduction

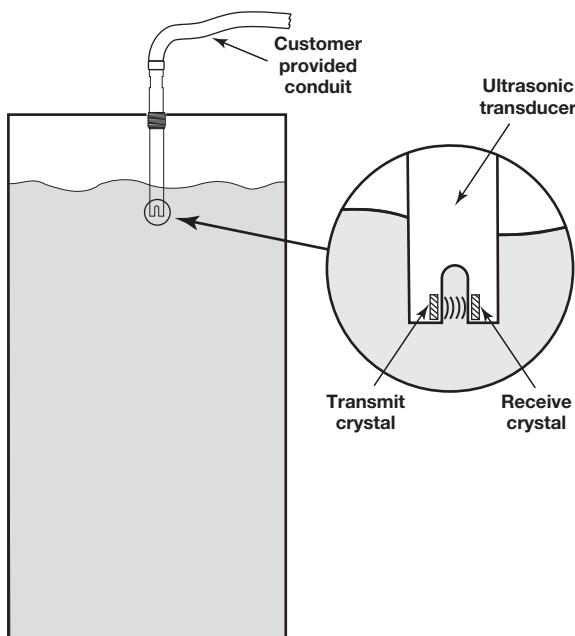
### 1.1 Description

Echotel Model 940 & 941 Ultrasonic Level Switches are compact integral units that utilize pulsed signal technology to perform high or low level measurement in a wide variety of liquid applications. These switches feature pulsed electronics that are encapsulated at the top of the process fitting and a 316 stainless steel tip-sensitive transducer. Model 940 features a 1 amp SPDT relay output while the 941 has a current shift output.

### 1.2 Principle of Operation

Echotel 940 & 941 level switches utilize ultrasonic energy to detect the presence or absence of liquid in a tip sensitive transducer gap. The principle of contact ultrasonic technology is that high frequency sound waves are easily transmitted across a transducer gap in the presence of liquid, but are attenuated when the gap is dry (see Figure 1). The Model 940 & 941 use this ultrasonic technology to perform liquid level measurement in a wide variety of process media and application conditions.

A pair of piezoelectric crystals are encapsulated in epoxy at the tip of the transducer. The crystals are made of a ceramic material that vibrates at a given frequency when subjected to an applied voltage. The transmit crystal converts the applied voltage from the electronics into an ultrasonic signal. When liquid is present in the gap, the receive crystal is able to sense the ultrasonic signal from the transmit crystal and convert it back to an electrical signal. This signal is sent to the electronics to indicate the presence of liquid in the transducer gap. When there is no liquid present, the ultrasonic signal is attenuated and is not detected by the receive crystal.



**Figure 1**  
**Ultrasonic signal transmission**  
**across transducer gap**

### 1.3 Getting Started

Model 940 & 941 are extremely compact level switches with electronics completely potted in an extension piece directly above the stainless steel transducer. The 18" (457 mm) long 18 AWG flying lead wires are typically terminated either inside conduit or a customer supplied junction box. No special tools are required to perform installation.

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.1 Unpacking

Unpack the instrument carefully. Inspect all units for damage. Report any concealed damage to carrier within 24 hours. Check the contents of the packing slip and purchase order. Check and record the serial number for future reference when ordering parts.

serial number

### 2.2 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Handling Procedure

Magnetrol's electronic instruments are manufactured to the highest quality standards. These instruments use electronic components that may be damaged by static electricity present in most work environments.

Make sure that all electrical connections are completely made and none are partial or floating. Ground all equipment to a good, earth ground.

### 2.3 Mounting

Model 940 & 941 level switches may be mounted in a variety of positions as shown in Figures 2 through 5.

Proper orientation of the transducer gap will facilitate maximum performance in difficult applications. When the switch is mounted horizontally, the transducer gap must be turned vertical to allow proper drainage of liquid out of the gap. The wrench flats on the mounting nut are aligned with the transducer gap; therefore, proper transducer mounting can be achieved by aligning the mounting nut flats in a vertical orientation. See Figure 4.

When installed in a nozzle or pipe, the transducer gap must extend into the tank at least one inch beyond the inside tank wall. Refer to Figure 5.

Screw transducer into the opening using a wrench on the transducer mounting nut flats. If flanged, bolt unit to mating flange with proper gasket. Use thread tape or suitable pipe compound on the threads. Do not over-tighten.

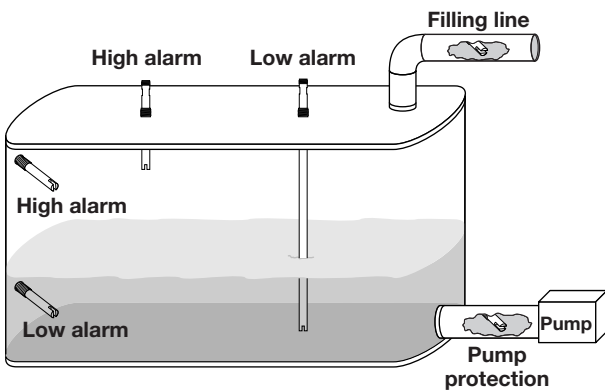
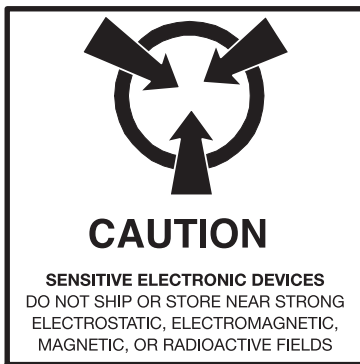
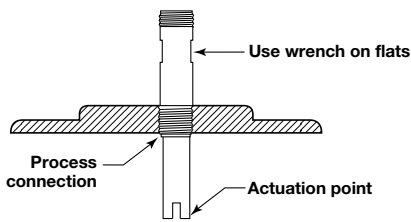
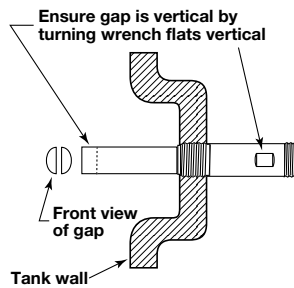


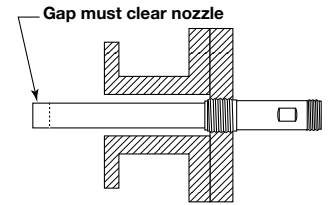
Figure 2  
Typical Mounting Orientations



**Figure 3**  
**Vertical Mounting**



**Figure 4**  
**Horizontal Mounting**



**Figure 5**  
**Nozzle Mounting**

## 2.4 Wiring

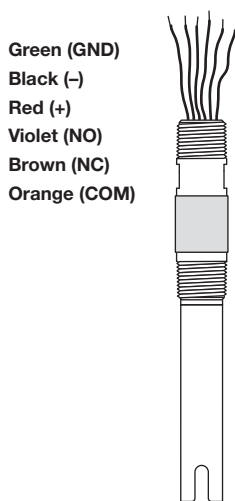
### 2.4.1 Model 940 (Relay Output)

Wiring terminations for the Model 940 are shown in Figure 6. The six wires coming out of the switch are 18 AWG. These wires should be connected to field wiring that is 14 to 22 AWG.

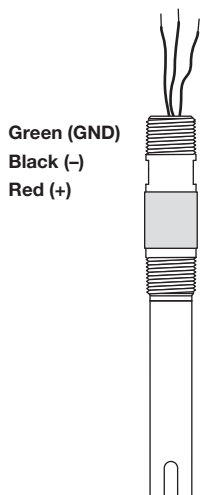
**Caution:** Conduit should be installed onto the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT connection on the back of the unit. An approved seal drain fitting should be used to prevent moisture from entering the switch. All wiring, conduit, and electrical fittings must conform to local electrical codes for the location selected.

Field wiring should be connected as follows:

1. Connect power wiring via the red (+) and black (-) wires.
2. Green wire should be connected to earth ground.
3. The SPDT relay is connected:
  - Violet wire is NO
  - Brown wire is NC
  - Orange wire is COM



**Figure 6**  
**Model 940**



**Figure 7**  
**Model 941**

### 2.4.2 Model 941 (Current Shift Output)

Wiring terminations for the Model 941 are shown in Figure 7. The three wires coming out of the switch are 18 AWG. These wires should be connected to field wiring that is 14 to 22 AWG.

**Caution:** Conduit should be installed onto the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " NPT connection on the back of the unit. An approved seal drain fitting should be used to prevent moisture from entering the switch. All wiring, conduit, and electrical fittings must conform to local electrical codes for the location selected.

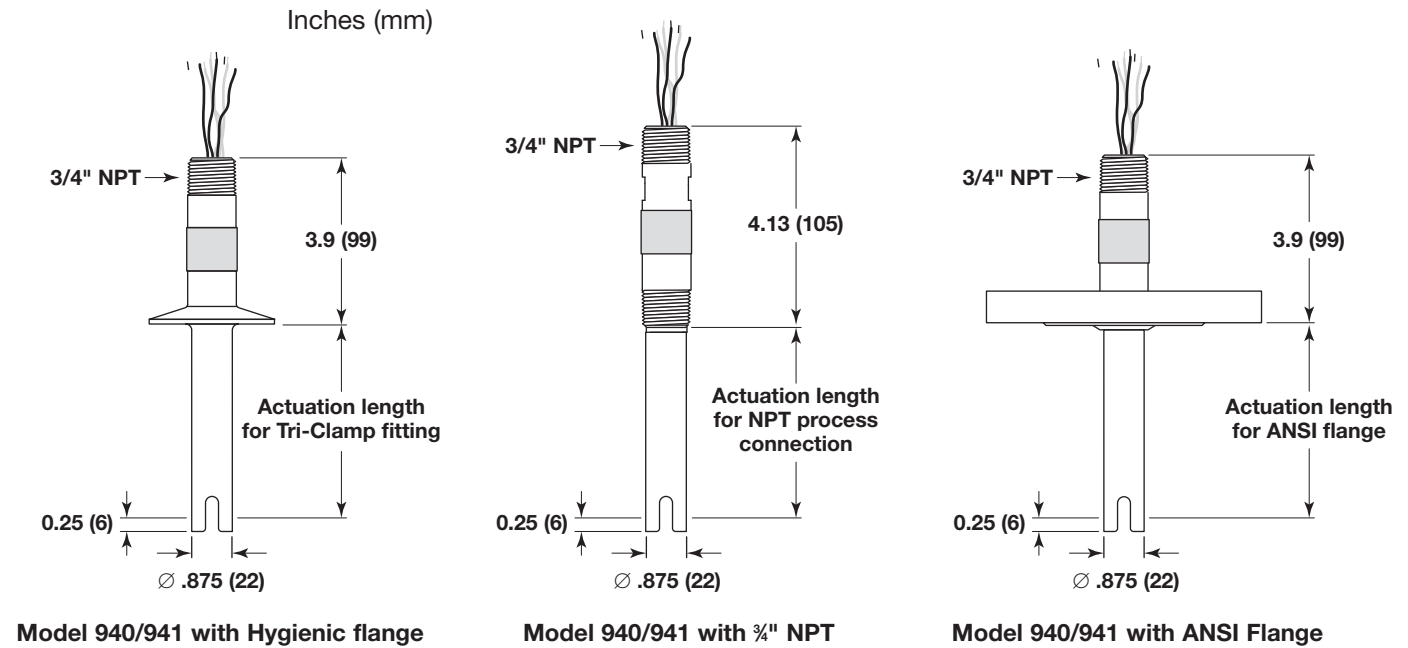
Field wiring should be connected as follows:

1. Connect power wiring via the red (+) and black (-) wires.
2. Green wire should be connected to earth ground.

## 3.0 Reference Information

### 3.1 Specifications

#### 3.1.1 Physical



#### 3.1.2 Electrical

Power Supply:	12–35 VDC
Power Consumption:	Less than 1 Watt
Signal Output:	Model 940: SPDT relay, 1 amp @ 30 VDC, 0.5 amp @ 125 VDC, 0.5 amp @ 150 VAC Model 941: Dry Gap: 8 mA ( $\pm 1$ mA) Wet Gap: 16 mA ( $\pm 1$ mA)
Cabling:	18" (457 mm) flying leads of 18 AWG wires
Repeatability:	0.078" (2 millimeters)
Response Time:	1/2 second typical

#### 3.1.3 Environmental

Ambient Temperature:	-40° to +185° F (-40° to +85° C)
Process Temperature:	-40° to +185° F (-40° to +85° C)
Maximum Pressure:	2000 psig (138 bar) for 1" (3 cm) and 2" (5 cm) transducers 1500 psig (103 bar) for transducers longer than 2" (5 cm)
Ingress Protection:	Type 4X (IP66)
Shock	ANSI/ISA-S71.03 Class SA1
Vibration	ANSI/ISA-S71.03 Class VC2

### 3.2 Replacement Parts

Model 940 and 941 units have no replacement parts. A new unit must be ordered. Consult factory.



### Service Policy

Owners of Magnetrol may request the return of a control or any part of a control for complete rebuilding or replacement. They will be rebuilt or replaced promptly. Controls returned under our service policy must be returned by Prepaid transportation. Magnetrol will repair or replace the control at no cost to the purchaser (or owner) other than transportation if:

1. Returned within the warranty period; and
2. The factory inspection finds the cause of the claim to be covered under the warranty.

If the trouble is the result of conditions beyond our control; or, is NOT covered by the warranty, there will be charges for labor and the parts required to rebuild or replace the equipment.

In some cases it may be expedient to ship replacement parts; or, in extreme cases a complete new control, to replace the original equipment before it is returned. If this is desired, notify the factory of both the model and serial numbers of the control to be replaced. In such cases, credit for the materials returned will be determined on the basis of the applicability of our warranty.

No claims for misapplication, labor, direct or consequential damage will be allowed.

### Return Material Procedure

So that we may efficiently process any materials that are returned, it is essential that a "Return Material Authorization" (RMA) number be obtained from the factory, prior to the material's return. This is available through Magnetrol's local representative or by contacting the factory. Please supply the following information:

1. Company Name
2. Description of Material
3. Serial Number
4. Reason for Return
5. Application

Any unit that was used in a process must be properly cleaned in accordance with OSHA standards, before it is returned to the factory.

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) must accompany material that was used in any media.

All shipments returned to the factory must be by prepaid transportation.

All replacements will be shipped F.O.B. factory.

NOTE: See Electrostatic Discharge Handling Procedure on page 4.

