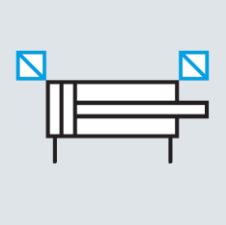
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1 General

1.1 Objectives of this Document

- This document shows a possible example circuit for the safety sub-functions SCA (Safe Position Monitoring or Safe Cam) with up to category 1, up to PL c.
- For the implementation of the safety sub-function relevant components, the most important features are listed.
- Based on these features, suitable products from Festo are recommended.

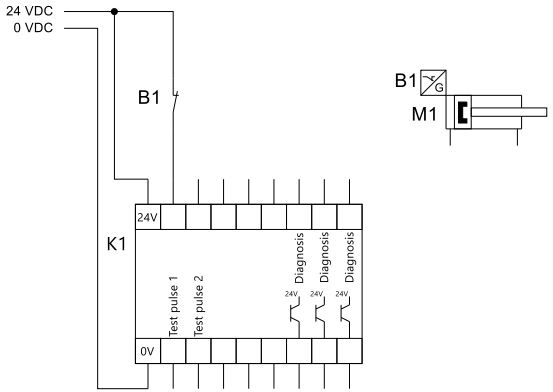
1.2 General Notes

- The given circuit is a principle circuit which cannot be complete due to clarity and scope. It is a recommendation that does not exclude other possibilities.
- The abbreviations used for the safety subfunctions are based on the definitions in VDMA 24584 for pneumatics. The definitions used and important notes are given in the document ↗ 100586 Safe Position Monitoring – SCA.
- Whether a recommended product is suitable for a particular application must be checked by the user and confirmed in his technical documentation.
- In the product list included here with recommendations for suitable products, we have checked the specified requirements for the pneumatic circuit. However, if further information is available to us, e.g. through our product observation, this data can be changed on a daily basis. Therefore, these data must be checked in the data sheets available online before final use to see if there has been any change.
- For the Sistema project file of this circuit, the document ↗ 100395 Notes on Sistema project files must be taken into account.

1.3 Notes on safety-related features of the partial circuit

- The SCA safety subfunction monitors a position or position range. When this position is left, a suitable safety sub-function – either a stop function or PUS – is activated to bring the application to a safe state. This stop function or PUS is not part of the SCA safety subfunction and not part of this application note.
- For safety sub-functions with 1-channel architecture of the safety circuit (here category 1), a single fault led to a failure of the safety sub-function.
- The consideration of measures for failures due to common cause (CCF) are for category 1 not necessary.
- For electronic proximity switches, an MTTF value should be specified; for electromechanical proximity switches, a B_{10} value should be specified.
- The calculation of the $MTTF_D$ characteristic value from the B_{10} values are included in the Sistema project file. The B_{10} value must be adjusted according to the valves used.
- The mounting should be positively locked and protected against tampering. For this purpose, the ↗ SAMH-S mounting kit, for example, may be used.

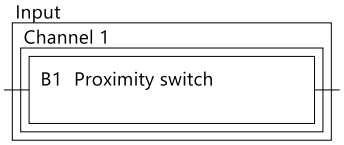
2 Circuit



Safety subfunctions and Block diagrams

Input Proximity switch

SCA - Safe Cam: up to category 1, up to PL c can be reached



Parts list

Pos....	Identifi...	Description
1	B1	Limit switch
2	K1	Safety switching device
3	M1	Double-acting drive

3 Suitable Products for Limit Switches B1

- Based on the following features, other suitable proximity or position sensors from Festo can also be selected using the features in the data sheets available online.
- Depending on the application, it must be evaluated whether this list of features needs to be added.

Feature	Value
Product category	Proximity sensor
Measured variable	Position
Measuring principle	Magnetic reed
Switching output	contact
Switching element function	NO (normally open)
Operational voltage range DC	The maximum permissible operating voltage must be ≥30 V
Relevant basic safety principles	Confirmed
Relevant well-tried safety principles	Confirmed
Well-tried component	Confirmed

Other values for the features may be possible and must be considered separately.

Note: These proximity sensors were selected as examples from different configurations.

No.	Material	Designation/Type (Sorting ↑)	Link Data Sheet	Link Datasheet Product Reliability
1.	543872	Proximity sensor SME-8M-ZS-24V-K-2,5-OE **Notes** • The SME proximity switches do not contain embedded software. • The SME proximity switches are suitable for power supplies with test pulses.	↗	↗

4 Used Literature

4.1 Cited Documents from Festo

[1] 100395 Notes on Sistema project files
[2] 100586 Safe Position Monitoring – SCA

4.2 Standards

[3] DIN EN ISO 4414:2011-04 – Pneumatic fluid power - General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components (ISO 4414:2010); German version EN ISO 4414:2010
[4] ISO 5598:2020-01 – Fluid power systems and components - Vocabulary
[5] DIN EN ISO 12100:2011-03 - Safety of machinery - General principles for design - Risk assessment and risk reduction (ISO 12100:2010); German version EN ISO 12100:2010
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[11] DIN EN 61511:2019-02 - Functional safety - Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector - (IEC 61511:2016); German version EN 61511:2017
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4.3 Legal Regulations

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[14] Machinery Regulation: Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2023 on machinery and repealing Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 73/361/EEC

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