# OPTICAL LIQUID-LEVEL SENSOR

# LV171 shown larger than actual size.

# LV170 Series





- Compact—Fits Interstitial Spaces
- Unaffected by Vapors, Even at High Concentrations
- Easily Removed, Cleaned, and Reinstalled
- ✓ No Moving Parts

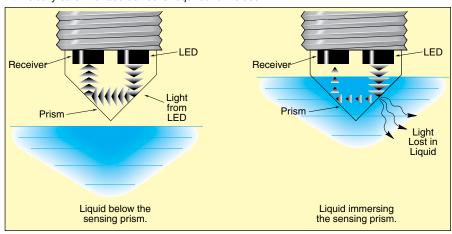
The LV170 optical liquid sensor accurately detects the presence of liquid in fiberglass double-wall tanks, containment sumps, and double-wall pipes. Built-in electronic switching ensures dependability throughout its long service life. This reusable sensor easily fits small, interstitial spaces and senses liquid hydrocarbons or water. The unit is unaffected by hydrocarbon vapors,

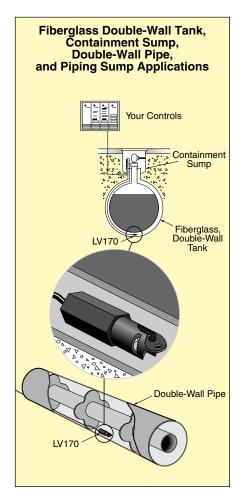
thereby greatly reducing the risk of false alarms. The LV170 sensor is easy to remove, clean, and reinstall after an alarm condition is triggered, or for maintenance.

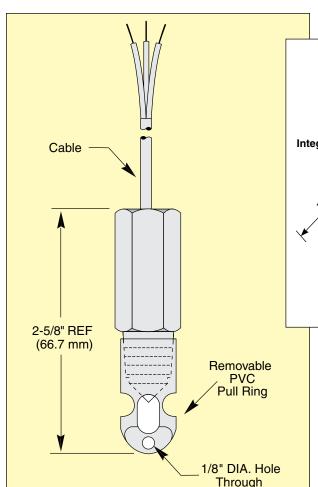
The LV170 electro-optical sensor contains an infrared LED and a light receiver. Continuous light from the LED is directed into a prism that forms the tip of the sensor.

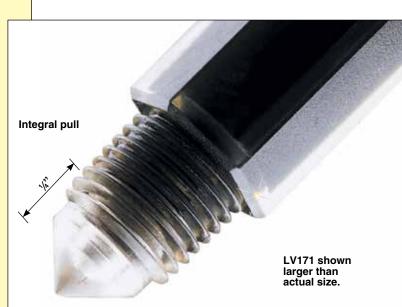
If no liquid is present, light from the LED is reflected within the prism to the receiver. When rising liquid immerses the prism, the light is refracted out into the liquid, leaving little or no light to reach the receiver. Sensing this change, the receiver actuates electronic switching within the unit to operate an external alarm or control circuit.

**Note:** The **LV170** sensor is a non-voltage-producing device and does not contain energy storing components. However, because primary use is in hazardous locations, an appropriate intrinsically safe interface device is required for its use.









### **Electrical Parameters** Entity Parameters for 10 to 28 Vdc Input

Terminal	V <sub>MAX</sub>	I <sub>MAX</sub>	Cı	ī
Red/Black	38V	150 mA	0.052 μf	0
White/Black	38V	150 mA	0.052 μf	0

$$\begin{split} &V_{\text{MAX}} \geq V_{\text{OC}} \text{ (Barrier)} \\ &I_{\text{MAX}} \geq I_{\text{SC}} \text{ (Barrier)} \\ &C_{\text{I}} + {}^{\text{C}} \text{cable} \leq {}^{\text{C}} \text{ (Barrier)} \\ &L_{\text{I}} + {}^{\text{L}} \text{ cable} \leq {}^{\text{L}} \text{ (Barrier)} \end{split}$$

### **Definitions:**

V<sub>OC</sub> = Maximum Open Circuit Voltage

I<sub>SC</sub> = Maximum Short Circuit Current

C<sub>1</sub> = Internal Capacitance L<sub>i</sub> = Internal Inductance

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

**Wetted Materials:** 

Polysulfone, PVC, epoxy

**Operating Temperature:** 

-17.8 to 80°C (0 to 176°F) **Current Consumption:** 

Approximately 18 mA

Output: TTL/CMOS compatible;

may sink up to 40 mA

Cable: 3-conductor PVC jacketed

[7.6 m (25') extended] Approvals: UL for Class I, Group D Hazardous Locations Weight: 340 g (0.75 lb)

Maximum Pressure: 150 psig

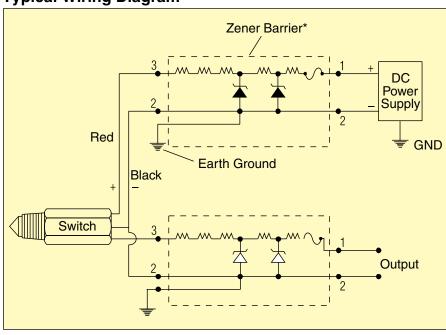
To Order		
Model No.	<b>Output Conditions</b>	
LV171	Wet probe =current sink	
LV172	Dry probe =current sink	

Comes complete with 7.6 m (25'), 3-conductor PVC jacketed cable and operator's manual.

Ordering Example: LV171, wet probe

sensor.

## **Typical Wiring Diagram**



\* Source voltage not greater than 250 Vac. Zener barriers must be installed in accordance with barrier manufacturer's instructions.