

# Launch Documentation

# Antimicrobial Switches

**Arcolectric** 

# A Cleaner Surface



A hands-on approach to antimicrobial protection





# antimicrobial products

Elektron Technology is proud to partner with BioCote Ltd, to offer a range of antimicrobial products; BioCote® inhibits the growth of microbes on the surfaces of the following Arcolectric products:

- Push Button Switches
- Rocker Switches
- Switch Covers

#### Why do we need antimicrobial protection?

Microbes and can be found in any environment, as a natural part of everyday life. Even in the cleanest of surroundings, microbes begin to multiply on surfaces, sometimes to harmful levels, with one microbe having the ability to multiply to more than four million microbes within only eight hours.

BioCote technology gives the product constant, built in antimicrobial protection providing a finish that helps prevent microbes growing on the surface. BioCote protected of potentially harmful bacteria, making the need for hygiene vital, to help prevent cross- contamination.

#### BioCote technology

BioCote Ltd is the market leader in providing built-in antimicrobial surface protection. Utilising the power of silver, a natural antimicrobial, BioCote technology is incorporated into products at the time of manufacture. The silver technology then gives the surface of the product constant, built-in antimicrobial protection, providing a finish that helps prevent microbes growing on the surface. With BioCote protection, the Arcolectric range of products surfaces provides protection 24 hours a day.

#### A complement to cleaning

BioCote complements hygiene practices, working in-between cleaning, 24 hours a day to reduce levels of microbes on surfaces. BioCote antimicrobial technology has a variety of beneficial properties, making it an ideal alternative to synthetic, organic chemicals:

- 🔅 Non-toxic
- 💢 Naturally occurring, environmentally-friendly and sustainable
- Will not break down, wear off, wash off or leach out of products over time
- BioCote retains its antimicrobial efficacy for the expected lifetime of the product
- Does not function in the same way as antibiotics, therefore, there is no known evidence to suggest that bacteria are resistant to it

#### Natural & Safe

BioCote utilizes silver ion technology. Silver is a natural antimicrobial, with a high efficacy against microbes, mould and fungi. Silver has been used for centuries for its abilities to aid preservation and help prevent infection. Silver is non-toxic, naturally occurring and environmentally-friendly.

#### How BioCote works

BioCote technology, in the form of silver ions, is manufactured into a product

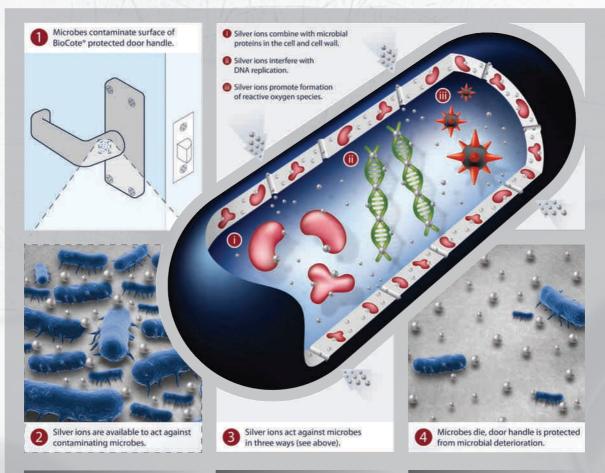
Silver ions concentrate on the surface of the product and a low concentration are slowly released, giving it antimicrobial protection

Silver ions bind with any microbes that come into contact with the surface

The enzymes cannot produce energy, so the microbes are unable to re-produce



## Silver - its remarkable properties



#### Simple

Silver can be economically engineered into products without large increases in production costs. Silver will not change the aesthetics of products, so they will still look and feel the same.

#### Long lasting

Once silver is incorporated into a product, it retains its antimicrobial efficacy for the lifetime of that product and will, therefore, not wear off, wash off or leach out.

Silver, therefore, gives products continuous antimicrobial protection throughout a product's useful life span.

# Silver and other antimicrobials

There are two main types of antimicrobials: organic, based on chemicals and inorganic, such as silver.

Whilst organic antimicrobials are cost-effective, they have been linked to illnesses, such as cancer. Unlike silver technology, organic antimicrobials also decompose and leach from products and are therefore unable to provide long lasting antimicrobial efficacy. Research has also linked organic additives with bacterial resistance, due to their biological structure.

Inorganic antimicrobials, including silver, do not exhibit the toxicity of organic materials, making them safer to use.

# is bacterial resistance a problem?

To date, there is no evidence demonstrating widespread resistance of bacteria to silver. In addition, silver's multi-modal antimicrobial activity reduces the opportunity for resistance to emerge.

Intrinsic resistance can be a problem for organic antimicrobials, due to "holes" in their spectrum of activity

#### Sources:

- 1: www.healthcarecommission.org.uk/ newsandevents/newsstories.cfm
- 2: European Public Health Agency 2007
- 3: Food Standards Agency









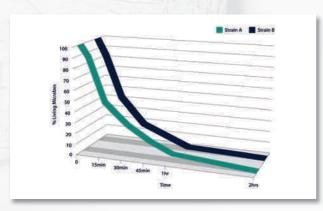




# Continuous protection & effectiveness

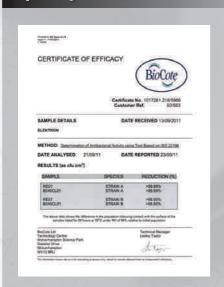
The BioCote brand is your guarantee of antimicrobial efficacy. All BioCote protected products are tested by an independent laboratory using the ISO22196:2007 test method. Laboratory tests show that on a BioCote protected surface, the levels of microbes are reduced by up to 99.9% over a 24-hour period.

BioCote protection will not break down, wear off or leach from the surface of a product. BioCote retains its antimicrobial efficacy for the lifetime of the range of products from Arcolectric.



An illustration showing the % reduction of Strain A and Strain B on a BioCote protected surface, using the ISO22196:2007 test method

# independent validation & quality control

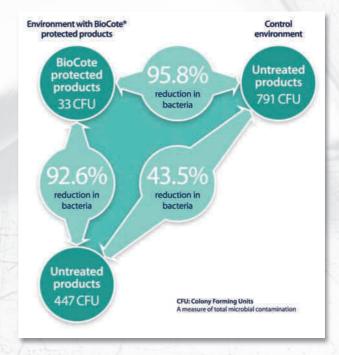


BioCote provide continuous quality control testing, with testing at independent laboratories. Partners are provided with full certification.

#### Proven real-life reductions



BioCote Ltd is the first company to demonstrate how using silver treated products in a hospital environment results in a reduction in microbial contamination. The study was carried out in association with the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust. It shows that BioCote protected products harboured 95.8% fewer microbes on their surface than untreated products. Similar studies have also been carried out in a cooked meat processing unit and care home facility. This growing evidence base demonstrates how using BioCote protected products can inhibit the growth of a broad spectrum of microbes contamination, resulting in cleaner and more hygienic products.



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# Antimicrobial Switches - 8500 Rocker Switches - Miniature





- Miniature rocker switch
- Ratings up to 15A, 250Vac
- ▶ High inrush tolerance
- Single & double pole in same body size
- Illuminated & nonilluminated
- Matching indicators
- Industry standard panel cut-out
- Rotary and push button actuator options
- BioCote antimicrobial option
- Panel cut out: 19.3 x 12.9



**10(6)A 250Vac T125 IE4** (non lit types) **6(4)A 250Vac T125 5E4 (50,000 Operations) 10(6)A 250Vac T100** (lit types)



UL CSA 15A Non Ind 250Vac, 14A Ind 250Vac, 10A 277Vac UL CSA 250Vac 1/2hp, 125Vac 1/4hp UL 105°C, (non lit) file E45221, CSA file LR10990



Inrush 85A to EN61058-1 & 10A 24Vdc



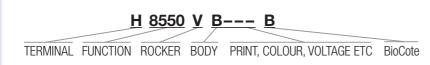
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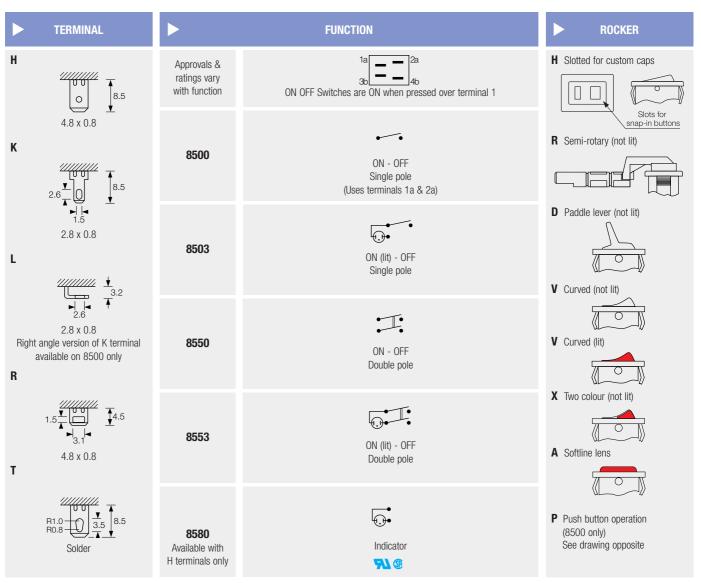


BioCote antimicrobial additive. Independently verified.

3mm contact gap.

Technical data on pages 4 & 5 (switches), 6 (indicators).







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H8550VB ---



H8550HB ---



H8550XB ---



H8550RB Semi-rotary
A splash proofing option



H8500PO ---Pushbutton option



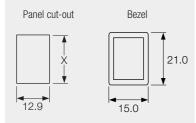




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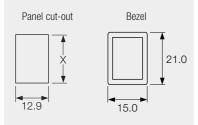
Standard body with terminal barrier



#### BC

В

Body without terminal barrier



Dimensions for snap-in fixing

Panel	
thickness	Dim X
0.75-1.25	19.1/19.2
1.25-2.00	19.3/19.4
2.00-3.00	19.7/19.8

Cut-outs must be punched in the direction of insertion

#### OPTIONS

#### **Finish**

Matt finish only.

#### Colour

Call sales for custom colours.

A full range is available for large orders.

#### **Legend printing**

Select from the examples or call sales for custom legends.

#### Lamp voltage

Call sales for details of available voltages.

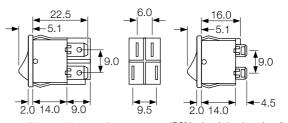
#### Protective cover L167

Snaps on to bodies with V or X style rockers and A lens but reduces panel thickness by 0.8mm.

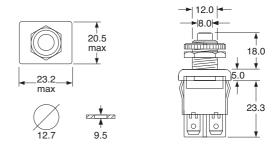


# BiCote Antimicrobial Additive Moulded components have antimicrobial properties using BioCote silver ion technology.

#### **DIMENSIONS** (mm)



"B" body with barrier for "BC" body w/o barrier primarily H, T and K terminals for L or R terminals (can be used for all terminals)



'PO' Actuator and body - push button function (8500 only)

#### **Examples of printing**



# Antimicrobial Switches - 6050 DP Splash Resistant Switches





- Ratings up to 20A, 277V ac
- High in-rush (ON-OFF types)
- Positive switch action
- Distinctive styling
- Illuminated & nonilluminated
- Double pole
- BioCote antimicrobial option
- Panel cut out: 30.1 x 22.2mm



European 16(4)A 250Vac T125, 10A 400Vac T125

UL CSA 20A 277Vac, 250Vac 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>hp, 125Vac 1hp UL 100°C, file E45221, CSA file LR10990

In house test

Inrush 150A\* to EN61058-1 8(8)A 250Vac T125 5E4 on 6050 only

\* applies to non-momentary types

RoHS

**RoHS** compliant



BioCote antimicrobial additive. Independently verified.

3mm contact gap with Positive Break switching. # Call sales for IP details on Twin units. Technical data on pages 4 & 5 (switches), 6 (indicators). Patent app.

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TERMINAL FUNCTION ROCKER BODY PRINT, COLOUR, VOLTAGE ETC BioCote

<b>•</b>	TERMINAL	<b>•</b>		FUNC	CTION			<b>&gt;</b>	ROCKER
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	6.3 x 0.8	6050	ON - OFF	X	6060	ON - ON			
		6051	ON - OFF (momentary ON)	1:1	6061	ON - ON (momentary 1 side)	·		
		6052	ON - OFF (momentary OFF)	+II	6062 In house test	2 Circuit ON - ON	II.	<b>A</b> Softline Matt	
Н		6053	ON - OFF Lit		6066	ON - ON (Single pole Isolated light	e) •——•		
	9.7 4.8 x 0.8	6054	ON - OFF (momentary ON) Lit	↑ <b>:</b> □	6067	ON - ON Lit			Lit
	4.0 % 0.0	6055	ON - OFF (Single po (momentary ON) Lit	le)	6068	ON - ON 1pole ON - OFF Lit 1pole		P Lit Windo	DW.
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	9.7	6058	ON - OFF (Single po Lit	le) •••	6092	ON - OFF 1 pole ON - ON 1 pole Lit			
	Screw & Clamp N/A for assemblies 3 terminals in either pole	6059	ON - OFF (Single po (momentary ON) Isolated light	le)		Circuits are Double Funless described othe			Lit Window



#### **Integral Splash Resistance**

Current carrying parts are protected from moisture. Droplets which may enter the switch are channelled out through ports in the switch body

#### For IP65 see options below







6 C6053AL ---



6 C6053PL ---



6 C6000A/C6000AL



6 C6003P/C6003PL



6 C6003P/C6030AL

#### **BODY**

L Double pole

Panel cut-out \* Bezel R2.0|<del>◄</del> 25.0 22.1/22.2

L Twin units Contact sales for information on splash resistance and IP ratings

Panel cut-out \*

Bezel

#### **OPTIONS**

Finish Matt is standard.

Colour Call sales for custom colours. A full range is available for large orders.

Legend printing Select from the examples or call factory for custom legends.

Lamp voltage Call sales for details.

#### **Protective cover**

The 6000 series is a water thru design. For a higher level of sealing, a snap on cover is available (add suffix G72). This reduces panel thickness by 1mm.



Panel sealing washer W42 is available but reduces panel thickness by a further 0.8mm. Covers are not suitable for momentary types.

IP Ratings Call the sales for details.

Terminal Link P1067 connects the poles of a double pole switch or twin unit.

# Mounting orientation may affect IP rating.

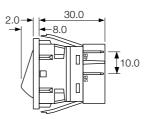
#### BiCote Antimicrobial Additive



Moulded components have antimicrobial properties using BioCote silver ion technology.

For all options call sales.

#### **DIMENSIONS** (mm)



#### **Panel thickness**

0.75 to 3.0mm

\* For cut-out details on momentary switches call sales

Terminal spacing - Poles 10.5 between centres

#### **Examples of printing**



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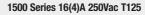
# Antimicrobial Switches - 1500 Standard & 1300 High Inrush



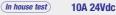


- Standard rocker switch
- Non-illuminated
- 1300 high inrush current
- Choice of switching circuits including 3 position
- Choice of bezel styles
- Choice of panel cut outs
- Matching indicator
- Single pole
- Splash resistant option
- **BioCote antimicrobial** option
- Panel cut out 'A' style: 27.3 x 12.3mm





UL CSA 16A Non Ind 250Vac, (2 posn) 250Vac 1hp, 125Vac 1/2hp, (3 posn) 250Vac 1/2hp, 125Vac 1/4hp UL 10A 14Vdc 'T' (1500 and 1510 only) UL 85°C, file E45221, CSA file LR10990





1300 series 16(6)A 250Vac T125 5E4 (50,000 Ops.)

150A Inrush to EN61058-1

UL CSA 20A 250Vac 1hp, 125Vac 1/2hp UL 85°C, file E45221, CSA file LR10990

20A 24Vdc

In house test **RoHS** 

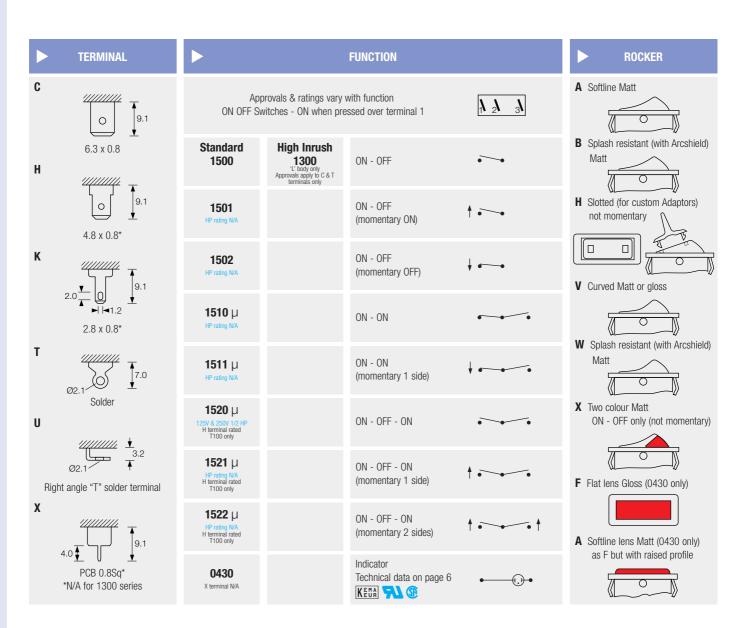
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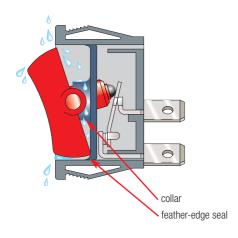
BioCote antimicrobial additive. Independently verified.

3mm contact gap except if marked  $\mu$ . Technical data on pages 4 & 5 (switches), 6 (indicators).

C 1300 A L--- B TERMINAL FUNCTION ROCKER BODY PRINT, COLOUR, VOLTAGE ETC BioCote



#### **Splash Resistant**













C1500XL ---T1500XL ---











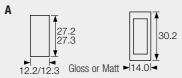
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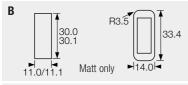
#### 1500 W and B splash resistant options

Feather edge seals and a close fitting collar protect current carrying parts from moisture.

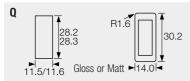
B option has Hytrel collar/seals for enhanced protection.

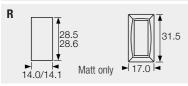


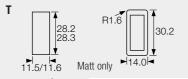












#### **OPTIONS**

Finish Matt is standard.

Colour Call sales for custom colours. A full range is available for large orders.

Legend printing Select from the examples or call sales for custom legends.

Lamp voltage Call sales for details.

Blanking plates A0434 - - Dummy units to fill unused panel holes.

#### Protective cover

Snaps on to A, L, Q or T bodies (add G74 as a suffix). This reduces panel thickness by 1mm.



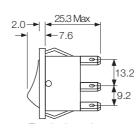
Panel sealing washer W46 is available for the same body sizes but reduces panel thickness by a further 0.8mm.

Covers are not suitable for momentary types.

#### **BiCote Antimicrobial Additive**

Moulded components have antimicrobial properties using BioCote silver ion technology.

#### **DIMENSIONS** (mm)



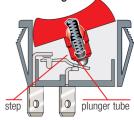
#### **Panel thickness**

A,Q 0.75 to 3.3mm L,B,T 0.75 to 2.5mm R 0.75 to 3.0mm

\* For cut-out details on momentary switches call sales

#### 1300 High inrush, positive break switching

The 1300 series mechanism ensures contact welds formed at switch-on are positively separated by the plunger tube acting directly on the step in the moving contact.



#### **Examples of printing**







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# Antimicrobial Switches - 1550 Standard & 1350 High Inrush 🧸





- Standard rocker switch
- ▶ 1350/53 high inrush
- Choice of switching circuits including 3 position
- Push-on, solder and PCB terminals
- Choice of bezel styles
- Choice of panel cut outs
- Matching indicator
- Double pole
- Splash resistant option
- BioCote antimicrobial option
- Panel cut out 'A' style: 27.2 x 22.3mm



**A1** (A)

1550 Series 16(4)A 250Vac T125

UL CSA 16A 250Vac, (2 posn) 250Vac 1hp, 125Vac 1/2hp, (3 posn) 250 Vac 1/2hp, 125Vac 1/4hp.
UL 85°C, file E45221, CSA file LR10990.



1350 series 16(4)A 250Vac T85 1E4 (10,000 Ops.) 1330 series 16(6)A 250Vac T125 5E4 (50,000 Ops.) 150A Inrush to EN61058-1.



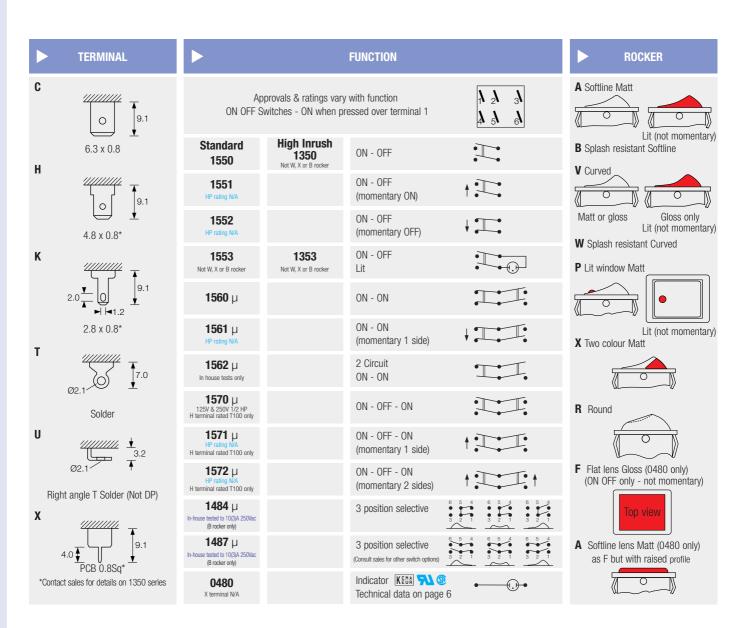
UL CSA 20A 250Vac 1hp, 125Vac 1/2hp. UL 72Vdc 7A, 36Vdc 14A. UL 85°C, file E45221, CSA file LR10990.



BioCote antimicrobial additive. Independently verified.

3mm contact gap except if marked  $\mu$ . Technical data on pages 4 & 5 (switches), 6 (indicators).











o C1550XL ---



... C1553PL ---



C1553RA ---0 Shown with M614 bezel cover



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Optional snap-in M441 barrier

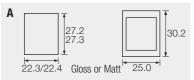


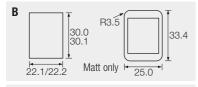
C1553AA with M616 guard Cut-out 22.0/22.1 x 29.4/29.5 Guard accepts "A" body only

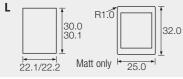


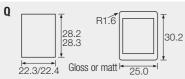
C0480RA ---Shown with M614 bezel cover

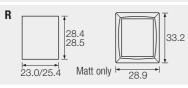
### **BODY** Panel cut-out \* Cut-outs must be punched in the direction of insertion













#### **OPTIONS**

Finish Matt is standard.

Colour Call sales for custom colours. A full range is available for large orders.

Legend printing Select from the examples or call sales for custom legends.

Lamp voltage Call sales for details.

Blanking plates A0494 Dummy units to fill unused panel holes.

Protective cover (designed to IP65) Snaps on to A, L, Q or T bodies (add G after body in cat no), This reduces panel thickness by 1mm.

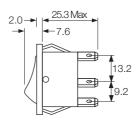


Panel sealing washer W42 is available for the above body sizes but reduces panel thickness by a further 0.8mm. Covers are not suitable for momentary types.

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#### **DIMENSIONS** (mm)



#### **Panel thickness**

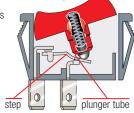
A,Q 0.75 to 3.3mm L,B,T 0.75 to 2.5mm 0.75 to 3.0mm

\* For cut-out details on momentary switches call sales.

Terminal spacing - Poles 10.2 between centres

#### 1350 High inrush, positive break switching

The 1350 series mechanism ensures contact welds formed at switch-on. are positively separated by the plunger tube acting directly on the step in the moving contact.



#### **Examples of printing**





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# Antimicrobial Switches - 8300 Push Button Switches





- Miniature push button
- 8A Inductive current rating
- Ratings up to 12(12)A, 250V ac (H suffix)
- Illuminated and nonilluminated
- ▶ Single and double pole
- ▶ Latching and momentary
- Slotted actuator for custom buttons
- Industry standard panel cutout
- BioCote antimicrobial option
- Panel cut out: 19.3 x 12.9



16(4)A 250Vac T85, 1E4 (10,000 Operations) 12(12)A 250Vac T105, 1E4 (10,000 Operations) 8(8)A 250Vac T105, 5E4 (50,000 Operations) 6(6)A 250Vac T125, 5E4 (50,000 Operations)



12A 250Vac DP, 13A 250Vac SP 250Vac 1hp, 125Vac 1/2hp UL 85°C, file E45221, CSA file LR10990



10(10)A 250Vac



**RoHS** compliant



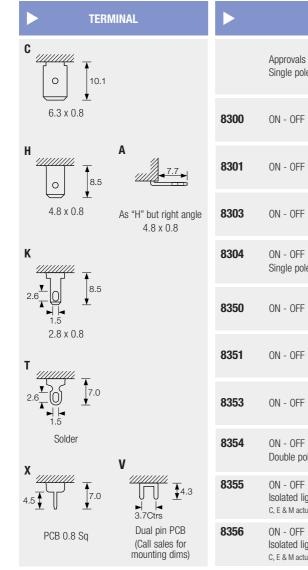
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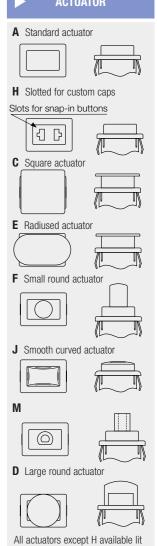
3mm contact gap. Technical data on pages 4 & 5 (switches), 6 (indicators).

<u>H 8353 J E H -- B</u>

TERMINAL FUNCTION ACTUATOR BODY HIGHER RATING PRINT, COLOUR, ETC BioCote



<b>&gt;</b>	FUNCTION		ACTUATO
	Approvals & ratings vary with function Single pole switches use terminals 1 & 2 (& 3)	2 3 4	A Standard actuator
8300	ON - OFF Single pole	• •	H Slotted for custom
8301	ON - OFF (momentary ON) Single pole	<b>†</b> • •	C Square actuator
8303	ON - OFF with light Single pole		
8304	ON - OFF (momentary ON) with light Single pole	<b>†</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	E Radiused actuator
8350	ON - OFF Double pole	• • •	F Small round actuate
8351	ON - OFF (momentary ON) Double pole	† • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	J Smooth curved actu
8353	ON - OFF with light Double pole		M
8354	ON - OFF (momentary ON) with light Double pole	<b>†</b> •••••	
8355	ON - OFF Single pole Isolated light - switched C, E & M actuators only		<b>D</b> Large round actuate
8356	ON - OFF Single pole Isolated light - unswitched C, E & M actuators only		All actuators except H













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H8350HB ---Example of button

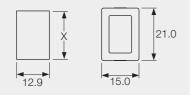




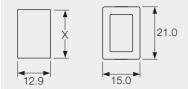


Panel cut-out Bezel Cut-outs must be punched in the direction of insertion

#### **B** Standard body



**E** Softline style body with radiused bezel



Dimensions for snap-in fixing

Panel	
thickness	Dimension X
0.75-1.24	19.1/19.2
1.25-1.99	19.3/19.4
2.00-3.00	19.7/19.8

X and V PCB terminals. Additional dummy terminals may be supplied for extra support.

#### **OPTIONS**

12(12)A 250Vac switch rating

#### **Finish**

Matt finish standard except on J and D actuators which are gloss

#### Colour

Call sales for custom colours A full range is available for large orders

#### **Legend printing**

Select from the examples or call sales for custom legends

#### **Special buttons**

Some of the many options are shown Call sales for the full range

#### L167 Protective cover

(designed to IP65)

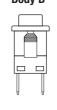


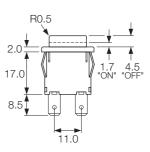
Snaps on to switch bodies fitted with "A" or "J" style actuators but increases effective panel thickness by 0.8mm



#### **DIMENSIONS** (mm)

#### **Actuator A** Body B





### **Actuator J Body E** R29.6 R12.0 R0.5 R1.8

Spacing between centre of terminals 1 & 3 or 2 & 4 is 10.0mm

#### **Examples of printing**



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**SAMPLE DETAILS** 

**DATE RECEIVED** 13/09/2011

**ELEKTRON** 

METHOD: Determination of Antibacterial Activity using Test Based on ISO 22196

DATE ANALYSED 21/09/11 DATE REPORTED 23/09/11

RESULTS (as cfu cm<sup>2</sup>)

SAMPLE	SPECIES	REDUCTION (%)
RE07 + B65193	E.coli	>99.89%
B040CL01 + B65193	E.coli	>99.89%
RE07 + B65193	MRSA	>99.90%
B040CL01 + B65193	MRSA	>99.90%

The above data shows the difference in the population following contact with the surface of the samples listed for 24 hours at 35°C under RH of 95% relative to initial population

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The information shown above is for marketing purposes only, based on results obtained from an independent laboratory.





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### Press Information

# Arcolectric partners with BioCote to develop unique range of antimicrobial switches

E lektron Technology plc, owner of the Arcolectric brand, has signed a partnership agreement with BioCote Ltd to develop the world's first antimicrobial equipment switches.

BioCote's silver ion technology will be incorporated into Arcolectric's switch products at the time of manufacture to provide proven, built-in antimicrobial protection against a wide range of microorganisms, including bacteria, mould, and viruses for the expected lifetime of the product. Initially Arcolectric will focus on incorporating the technology into five of its most popular switches and switch covers, with the potential to expand usage across its full product range and other Elektron Technology plc branded products going forward.

The BioCote antimicrobial protection reduces levels of microbes on surfaces by up to 99.99%. Laboratory tests have also repeatedly demonstrated the ability of BioCote protected surfaces to inhibit the growth and formation of moulds and yeast. Arcolectric's switches are already sold into a wide range of industries including healthcare, laboratory science, education, catering, leisure and other 'high traffic' public places.

"Component parts, such as a switch, are often the first contact point for a user when they interact with a product," comments Stuart Hutchings, Marketing Manager, Arcolectric." More and more of our component parts are now being used for 'high traffic' applications where bacteria management becomes an issue. BioCote's innovative technology helps us to overcome this issue, and offer our customers a new advance in switches."

Graham Harvey from BioCote said: "We're pleased to partner with Arcolectric to pioneer a new application for our proven silver ion technology. Coupled with good user hygiene practices, such as hand washing and cleaning routines, Arcolectric's unique antimicrobial components will deliver highly effective, safe, long lasting product protection."

Arcolectric has undergone a rigorous R&D and testing process. All BioCote protected products are regularly validated and quality control tested to ISO 22196:2007 where applicable, in an independent laboratory. Only products that demonstrate over a 95% reduction in bacteria are allowed to use the BioCote brand as a guarantee of superior antimicrobial performance.

BioCote Ltd has carried out a number of environmental trials in hospitals, food processing and care homes to scientifically prove BioCote protected products are as effective in situ as in laboratory testing, consistently reducing levels of bacterial contamination in the environment by over 95%.

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# Press Information

# Arcolectric pioneers brand new range of antimicrobial switches

A recolectric, an Elektron Technology plc brand, today announces a unique new range of antimicrobial switches launched as part of an exclusive partnership with BioCote Ltd, a leading provider of evidence-based antimicrobial technology.

Arcolectric's best selling ranges of standard and miniature rocker switches, push button switches, double pole splash resistant switches and splash/dust covers will be manufactured with BioCote's silver ion technology during the moulding process moulded to produce the world's first antimicrobial electronic components. The antimicrobial ranges present OEMs with a distinctive new feature which offers a key point of end equipment differentiation and significantly enhances the benefits to the end user or the product.

Integrating BioCote® at the point of manufacture provides in-built antimicrobial protection for the life span of the component part, reducing microbes including bacteria mould and fungi by up to 99.9%. Arcolectric's switches are already sold into a wide range of industries including healthcare, laboratory science, education, catering, leisure and other 'high traffic' public places.

"Arcolectric's switches are already used for a wide variety of 'high traffic' consumer and industrial devices. Our partnership with BioCote ensures the surfaces of Arcolectric switches will help prevent the spread of microbes including viruses, mould and bacteria," adds Stuart Hutchings, Marketing Manager, Arcolectric. "We anticipate a strong reaction from our customers

Five of Arcolectric's best selling ranges will utilise BioCote's technology at manufacture stage, with further plans to roll out this process in time, as demand increases:

to these significant enhancements to our best selling ranges."

- 1500 standard and 1300 high inrush rocker single pole switches
- 1550 standard rocker and 1350 high inrush double pole rocker switches
- 8500 and 8550 miniature rocker switches
- 8300 push button switches
- 6050 double pole and twin splash resistant switches
- Transparent splash/dust proof covers

Arcolectric has undergone a rigorous R&D and testing process for the launch of this range. All BioCote protected products are regularly validated and quality control tested to ISO 22196 where applicable, in an independent laboratory. Only products that demonstrate over a 95% reduction in bacteria are allowed to use the BioCote brand as a guarantee of superior antimicrobial performance.

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