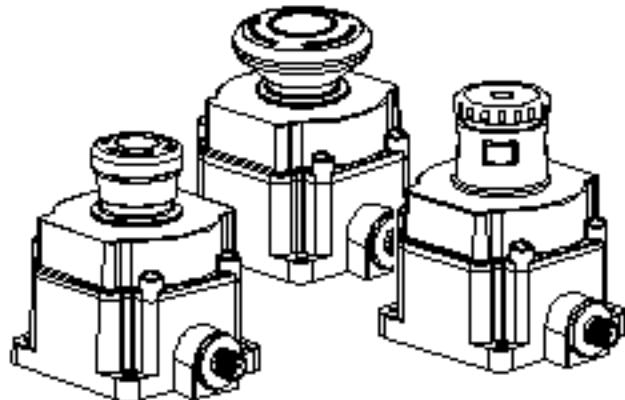


## Datasheet

Illuminated Flush Mount Electro-Mechanical Push Buttons



- Rugged design; easy installation with no assembly or individual wiring required
- Push-to-stop, twist-to-release (all models), or pull-to-release (standard and large) operation per IEC 60947-5-5
- Latching design complies with ISO 13850; direct (positive) opening operation per EN 60947-5-1
- Compliant with ANSI B11.19, ANSI NFPA79, and IEC/EN 60204-1 Emergency Stop requirements
- "Safe Break Action" ensures N.C. contacts will open if the contact block is separated from the actuator
- 8-pin M12/Euro-style quick disconnect; 1/2-in NPT port on terminal strip models (cable-gland included)
- Models with highly visible indication of actuation (armed or depressed/latched button)
- "Emergency Stop" legend included

Models SSA-EB... series are "mushroom-style" electro-mechanical emergency stop push buttons. When the button is armed, the switch's safety contacts (normally closed/NC) are closed and its monitoring contacts (normally open/NO), if present, are open. When the button is pushed, the switch's safety contacts open, and the monitoring contacts close. The contacts remain in this condition until the push button is manually rearmed by twisting clockwise the red push button actuator, or by pulling on the models with the standard actuator. The SSA-EBx-ED1 series has a flat mounting base for ease of mounting without requiring an additional enclosure.

The EZ-LIGHT® illumination logic allows for easy identification of a pushed/actuated button. An armed button will light a steady yellow or green illumination or off (depending on model), a pushed/actuated button is indicated by a red illumination flasing or solid depending on model). An optional input allows an armed button to illuminate a steady red to indicate a machine stop or emergency stop condition. In a series string of E-Stop buttons, this logic gives the user the choice to either have the armed buttons stay yellow (green) or turn steady red when a stop condition exists.

SSA-EB1M... series padlock-style lockable emergency stop push buttons are intended to prevent unauthorized or accidental resetting of a pushed/latched button. The SSA-EB1M... series are not to be used as an energy isolating device or as the sole means of complying with Lockout/Tagout or with the requirements of the isolation of hazardous energy (see OSHA 29CFR1910.147, ANSI Z244.1, CSA Z460, ISO 14118). The locking feature can be used to provide supervisory/personal control and provide an additional safety measure(s) to reduce the likelihood of inadvertent arming and energization of the emergency stop circuit.

## Models

Model	Pushbutton	EZ-Light® Illumination Logic and Description	Connection
SSA-EB1PL-12ED1Q8	Standard 40 mm	OFF (armed), RED (solid, PUSH)	8-pin M12 QD
SSA-EB1PLXR-12ED1Q8	Standard 40 mm	OFF (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1PLYR-12ED1Q8	Standard 40 mm	YELLOW (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1PLGR-12ED1Q8	Standard 40 mm	GREEN (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB2PLXR-12ED1Q8	Large 60 mm	OFF (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLP-12ED1Q8	Lockable 44 mm	OFF (armed), RED (solid, PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLXRP-12ED1Q8	Lockable 44 mm	OFF (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLYRP-12ED1Q8	Lockable 44 mm	YELLOW (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLGRP-12ED1Q8	Lockable 44 mm	GREEN (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1PLXR-12ED1	Standard 40 mm	OFF (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	Terminal Strip, 1/2-in NPT port
SSA-EB1PLYR-12ED1	Standard 40 mm	YELLOW (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1PLGR-12ED1	Standard 40 mm	GREEN (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLXRP-12ED1	Lockable 44 mm	OFF (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLYRP-12ED1	Lockable 44 mm	YELLOW (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	
SSA-EB1MLGRP-12ED1	Lockable 44 mm	GREEN (armed), RED (flsh PUSH)	

## Important... Read this before proceeding!

The user is responsible for satisfying all local, state, and national laws, rules, codes, and regulations relating to the use of this product and its application. Banner Engineering Corp. has made every effort to provide complete application, installation, operation, and maintenance instructions. Please contact a Banner Applications Engineer with any questions regarding this product.

The user is responsible for making sure that all machine operators, maintenance personnel, electricians, and supervisors are thoroughly familiar with and understand all instructions regarding the installation, maintenance, and use of this product, and with the machinery it controls. The user and any personnel involved with the installation and use of this product must be thoroughly familiar with all applicable standards, some of which are listed within the specifications. Banner Engineering Corp. makes no claim regarding a specific recommendation of any organization, the accuracy or effectiveness of any information provided, or the appropriateness of the provided information for a specific application.



**WARNING:**

- Not a safeguarding device
- Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death.
- This device is not considered a safeguarding device because it requires an overt action by an individual to stop machine motion or hazards. A safeguarding device limits or eliminates an individual's exposure to a hazard without action by the individual or others. This device cannot be substituted for required safeguarding. Refer to the applicable standards to determine those requirements.

**U.S. Application Standards**

ANSI B11.0 Safety of Machinery; General Requirements and Risk Assessment

ANSI B11.19 Performance Criteria for Safeguarding

ANSI NFPA 79 Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery

**International/European Standards**

EN ISO 12100 Safety of Machinery – General Principles for Design — Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction

ISO 13850 (EN 418) Emergency Stop Devices, Functional Aspects – Principles for Design

IEC 62061 Functional Safety of Safety-Related Electrical, Electronic and Programmable Control Systems

EN ISO 13849-1 Safety-Related Parts of Control Systems

IEC/EN 60204-1 Electrical Equipment of Machines Part 1: General Requirements

EN 60947-1 Low Voltage Switchgear – General Rules

EN 60947-5-1 Low Voltage Switchgear – Electromechanical Control Circuit Devices

EN 60947-5-5 Low Voltage Switchgear – Electrical Emergency Stop Device with Mechanical Latching Function

**EU Declaration of Conformity (DoC)**

Banner Engineering Corp. herewith declares that these products are in conformity with the provisions of the listed directives and all essential health and safety requirements have been met. For the complete DoC, please go to [www.bannerengineering.com](http://www.bannerengineering.com).

Product	Directive
SSA-EB Emergency Stop Push Buttons	Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC)

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**Emergency Stop Considerations**

ANSI NFPA 79, ANSI B11.19, IEC/EN 60204-1, and ISO 13850 specify emergency stop requirements, including the following:

- Emergency-stop push buttons shall be located at each operator control station and at other operating stations where emergency shutdown is required.
- Stop and emergency-stop push buttons shall be continuously operable and readily accessible from all control and operating stations where located. Do not mute or bypass E-stop buttons.
- Actuators of emergency-stop devices shall be colored red. The background immediately around the device actuator shall be colored yellow (where possible). The actuator of a push-button-operated device shall be of the palm or mushroom-head type.
- The emergency-stop actuator shall be a self-latching type.

**WARNING:**

- Do not mute or bypass any emergency stop device
- Muting or bypassing the safety outputs renders the emergency stop function ineffective.
- ANSI B11.19, NFPA 79 and IEC/EN 60204-1 require that the emergency stop function remains active at all times.

**WARNING:**

- Connect two or more devices to the same safety module (controller) in series
- Connecting devices in parallel defeats the switch contact monitoring ability of the module and creates an unsafe condition that could result in serious injury or death.
- Failure to test each device individually in this manner could result in undetected faults and create an unsafe condition that could result in serious injury or death.
- Connect the contacts of the corresponding pole of each switch in series. Never connect the contacts of multiple switches in parallel. Individually actuate (engage) each device, then release (or re-arm) and reset the safety module. This allows the module to check each switch and its wiring to detect faults. Perform this check during the prescribed checkouts.

**Installation and Maintenance**

The device must not be affected by environmental conditions. Install the device so that operation is not impeded, but should be protected against inadvertent operation (for example, accidental actuation by being bumped or leaned against). Do not operate the switch using a tool. Do not expose the switch to excessive shocks and vibrations, otherwise the switch may be deformed or damaged, causing malfunction or operation failure. M5 mounting hardware is included.

Electrical installation must be made by qualified personnel<sup>1</sup> and must comply with NEC (National Electrical Code), ANSI/NFPA 79 or IEC/EN 60204-1, and all applicable local standards. It is not possible to give exact wiring instructions for a device that interfaces to a multitude of machine control configurations. The following is general in nature; it is recommended to perform a risk assessment to ensure appropriate application, interfacing hookup, and risk reduction (see ISO 12100 or ANSI B11.0).

<sup>1</sup> A **qualified** person possesses a recognized degree or certificate, or has extensive knowledge, training, and experience to solve problems relating to the emergency stop installation.

For SSA-EB1M... series padlock-style lockable emergency stop push buttons, make sure that an applicable padlock and hasp is used. The total weight of the padlock and hasp must not exceed 1500 g (3.3 lbs) or the switch may malfunction or fail.

**WARNING:**

- Risk of electric shock
- Use extreme caution to avoid electrical shock. Serious injury or death could result.
- Always disconnect power from the safety system (for example, device, module, interfacing, etc.), guarded machine, and/or the machine being controlled before making any connections or replacing any component. Lockout/tagout procedures might be required. Refer to OSHA 29CFR1910.147, ANSI Z244-1, or the applicable standard for controlling hazardous energy.
- Make no more connections to the device or system than are described in this manual. Electrical installation and wiring must be made by a qualified Person<sup>2</sup> and must comply with the applicable electrical standards and wiring codes, such as the NEC (National Electrical Code), NFPA 79, or IEC 60204-1, and all applicable local standards and codes.

Table 1: Wiring

QD Pin	Terminal Strip	Color	Function	Connection and Pinout
1	1	White	AUX NO Output (Switched pin 2)	
2	2	Brown	+24 V DC (12 to 30 V DC)	
3	3	Green	Stop Signal input from safety module or machine +24 V DC (12 to 30 V DC)	
4	4	Yellow	CH2a	
5	5	Gray	CH2b	
6	6	Pink	CH1a	
7	7	Blue	0 V DC	
8	8	Red	CH1b	

Table 2: SSA-EB1xxLYR-xx or SSA-EB1xxLGR-xx

See [Figure 1](#) on p. 4.

Situation	Indication	Illumination Logic
Button Armed Pin 3 open	Yellow or green	Indicates button is armed If used, ES-FA-11AA Module status is in a reset/run condition (31/32 open)
Button Pushed Pin 3 open or +V DC	Red flashing	Indicates the button is pushed (actuated) Signal on Pin 3 has no effect on a button that has been pushed (actuated)
Button Armed Pin 3 = +V DC	Red	Indicates the machine is in an Emergency Stop or other stop condition, but that specific button has not been pushed (actuated) This optional signal (12 to 30 V DC) allows the user to indicate a stop condition by turning the armed indication to red (steady) indication

Table 3: SSA-EB1(2)xxLXR-xx

See [Figure 1](#) on p. 4.

Situation	Indication	Illumination Logic
Button Armed Pin 3 open	Off	Indicates button is armed If used, ES-FA-11AA Module status is in a reset/run condition (31/32 open)
Button Pushed Pin 3 open or +V DC	Red flashing	Indicates the button is pushed (actuated) Signal on Pin 3 has no effect on a button that has been pushed (actuated)
Button Armed Pin 3 = +V DC	Red	Indicates the machine is in an Emergency Stop or other stop condition, but that specific button has not been pushed (actuated) This optional signal (12 to 30 V DC) allows the user to indicate a stop condition by turning the armed indication to red (steady) indication

Table 4: SSA-EB1xxL-xx

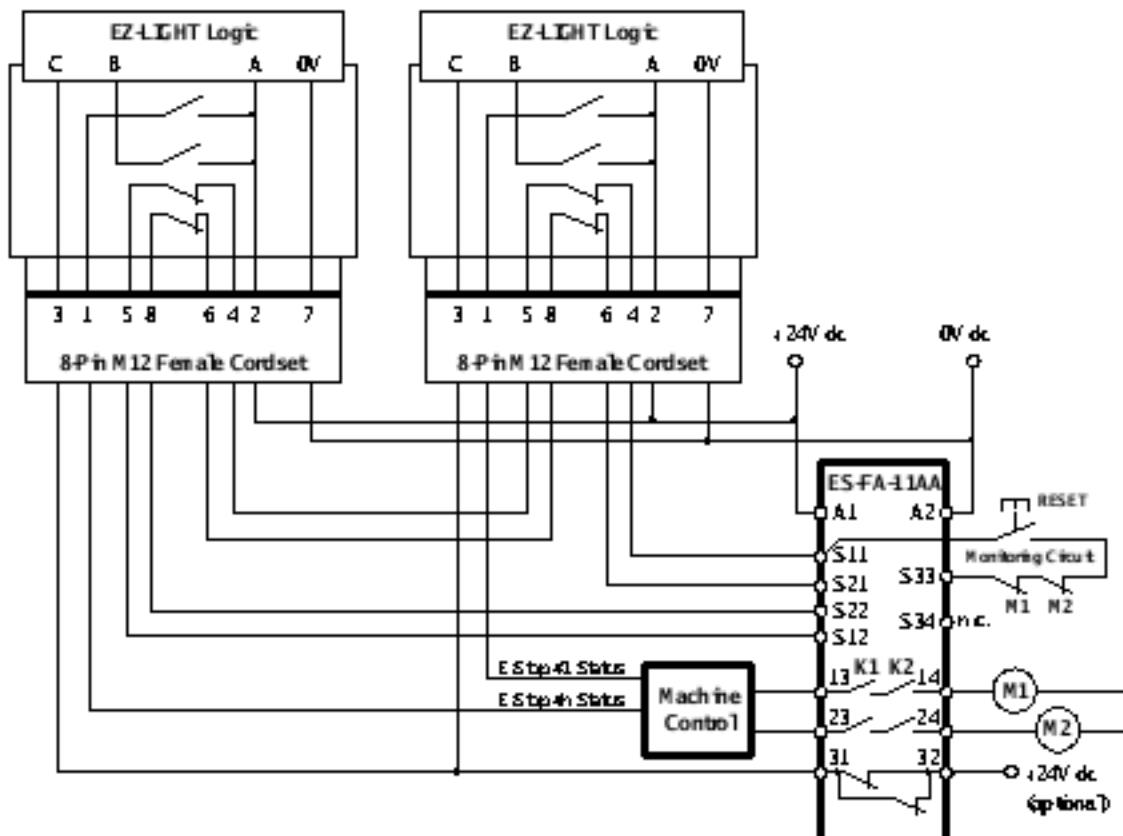
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Situation	Indication	Illumination Logic
Button Armed Pin 3 open	Off	Indicates button is armed If used, ES-FA-11AA Module status is in a reset/run condition (31/32 open)
Button Pushed Pin 3 open or +V DC	Red	Indicates the button is pushed (actuated) Signal on Pin 3 has no effect on a button that has been pushed (actuated)

<sup>2</sup> A person who, by possession of a recognized degree or certificate of professional training, or who, by extensive knowledge, training and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve problems relating to the subject matter and work.

Situation	Indication	Illumination Logic
Button Armed Pin 3 = +V DC	Red	Indicates the machine is in an Emergency Stop or other stop condition, but that specific button has not been pushed (actuated). This optional signal (12 to 30 V DC) allows the user to indicate a stop condition by turning the armed indication to red (steady) indication.

Figure 1. Illuminated models—Example wiring connection



Note: Refer to the ES-FA-11AA E-Stop Safety Module datasheet (p/n 60606) for complete safety module installation information.

## Checkout

At machine set up, a Designated Person<sup>3</sup> should test each safety point for proper machine shutdown response. A Designated Person should check the safety point for proper operation, physical damage, button looseness, and excessive environmental contamination. This should take place on a periodic schedule determined by the user, based on the severity of the operating environment and the frequency of switch actuations.

Adjust, repair, or replace components as needed. If inspection reveals contamination on the switch, thoroughly clean the switch and eliminate the cause of the contamination. Replace the switch and/or appropriate components when any parts or assemblies are damaged, broken, deformed, or badly worn; or if the electrical/mechanical specifications (for the environment and operating conditions) have been exceeded.

Always test the control system for proper functioning under machine control conditions after performing maintenance, replacing the safety point, or replacing any component of the device.

## Options

### Housing / Button

Polycarbonate / Polyamide / Aluminum  
#10 or M5 (M5 hardware included); Maximum Tightening Torque: 0.56 N·m (5 in-lbf)

### Operating Conditions

-25 °C to +55 °C (-13 °F to +131 °F)  
45% to 85% relative humidity (no condensation)

### Environmental Rating

For Indoor Use Only  
IEC IP65 (IEC60529)

### Insulation Resistance

100 MΩ minimum (500 V DC megger)

### Impulse Withstand Voltage

2.5 kV

### Electrical Life

100,000 operations minimum, 250,000 operations minimum at 24 V AC/DC, 100 mA

### Mechanical Life

250,000 operations

### Shock Resistance

Operating extremes: 150 m/s<sup>2</sup> (15G)

### Vibration Resistance

Operating extremes: 10 Hz to 500 Hz, amplitude 0.35 mm acceleration 50 m/s<sup>2</sup>

### LED Color

Yellow - 590 nm, Red - 618 nm, Green - 525 nm

### LED Flash Rate

1.6 Hz at 50% duty cycle

<sup>3</sup> A Designated Person is defined in writing by the employer as being appropriately trained to perform a specified checkout procedure. A qualified Person possesses a recognized degree or certificate or has extensive knowledge, training, and experience to solve problems relating to the emergency stop installation.

## Pollution Degree

3

## Output Configuration

See Installation and Maintenance on p. 2

## Overvoltage Category

II

Contact Material/Bounce<sup>4</sup>

Gold plated silver / 20 ms

## Rated Insulation Voltage (Ui)

60 V AC / 75 V DC

## Rated Current (Ith)

2 A

## B10d

100,000 (based on ISO13849-1(2006))

## Rated Operating Current

Safety Contact (N.O.)		30 V	60 V AC/75 V DC
AC 50/60 Hz	Resistive Load (AC-12)	-	2 A
	Inductive Load (AC-15)	-	2 A
DC	Resistive Load (DC-12)	2 A	0.4 A
	Inductive Load (DC-12)	1 A	0.22 A

Auxiliary Output (N.O.)		30 V	60 V AC/75 V DC
12 to 20 V DC [from supply pin 2]	Resistive Load (DC-12)	0.25 A	n.a.
	Inductive Load (DC-12)	0.25 A	n.a.

The operating current is classified according to EN 60947-5-1 making and breaking capacities and are measured at resistive/inductive load types specified in EN 60947-5-1. See "Electrical Rating" above for specific model and UL/CE maximum ratings.

## LED Voltage/Current

SSA-EB1-LYR-..., SSA-EB1(L)-LXR-..., and SSA-EB1(L)-L-...: 12 V DC to 30 V DC; 120 mA at 12 V DC, 65 mA at 24 V DC, 60 mA at 30 V DC  
SSA-EB1-LGR-...: 12 to 30 V dc; 135 mA at 12 V dc, 75 mA at 24 V dc, 70 mA at 30 V dc

Total Weight of Padlock and Hasp (SSA-EB1M-...only)  
1500 g (3.3 lb) maximum

## Electrical Rating

Minimum load: 1 mA at 5 V AC/DC  
SSA-EB1xx-xxED1Q8: 2 A at 60 V AC/75 V DC maximum  
UL Applications: 1.5 A at 250 V AC, 1 A at 30 V DC (pilot duty)  
CE Applications: AC-15: 1.5 A at 250 V AC, DC-13: 1 A at 30 V DC

## Design Standards

Compliant with EN 60947-1 / -5-1, ISO 13850, ANSI B11.19, ANSI NPPA79, IEC/EN 60204-1

Date code format (U.S. Standard Format)  
YYWWX: 2-digit year, 2-digit week, "X" internal code

## Required Overcurrent Protection



WARNING: Electrical connections must be made by qualified personnel in accordance with local and national electrical codes and regulations.

Overcurrent protection is required to be provided by end product application per the supplied table.

Overcurrent protection may be provided with external fusing or via Current Limiting.

Class 2 Power Supply.

Supply wiring leads < 24 AWG shall not be spliced.

For additional product support, go to [www.bannerengineering.com](http://www.bannerengineering.com).

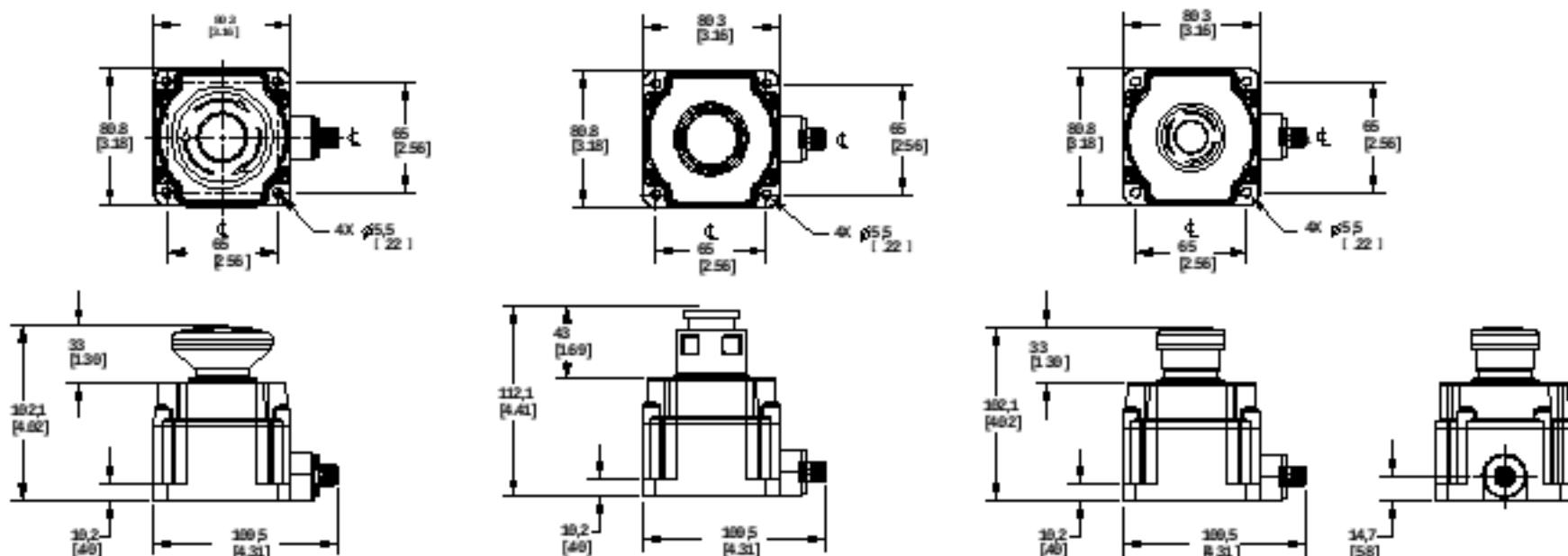
Supply Wiring (AWG)	Required Overcurrent Protection (Amps)
20	5.0
22	3.0
24	2.0
26	1.0
28	0.8
30	0.5

## Approvals



## Dimensions

All measurements are listed in millimeters [inches], unless noted otherwise.



60 mm Push Button

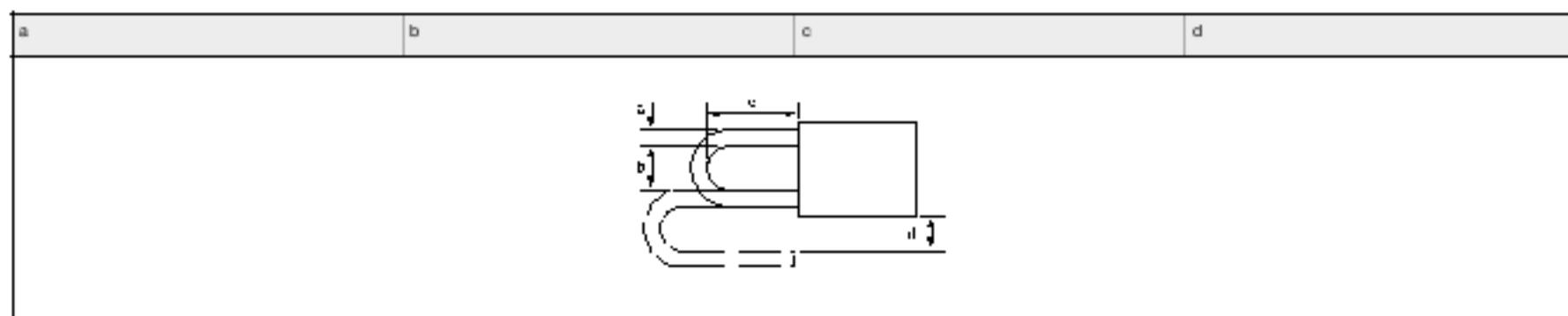
Lockable Push Button

Standard Push Button

a	b	c	d
7 mm max	19 mm max	39 mm min	15 mm min <sup>5</sup>

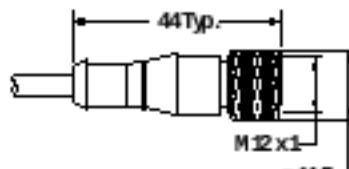
<sup>4</sup> When the button is reset, the normally closed contacts will chatter. When pressing the button, the normally open contacts will chatter. When designing a control circuit, take the contact chatter time into consideration. Do not expose the switch to external shocks, otherwise the contacts will bounce.

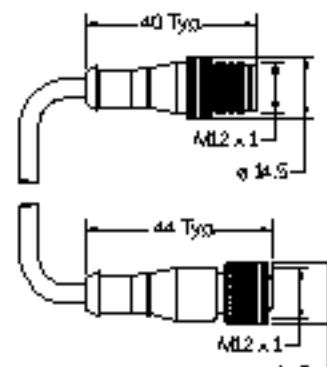
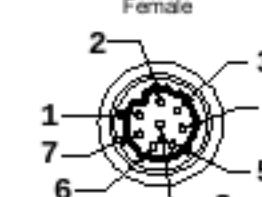
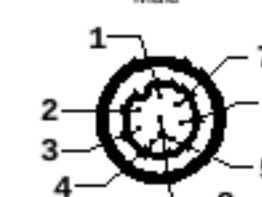
<sup>5</sup> Dimension d is 6 mm or more when attaching a padlock from the side of a switch.



## Accessories

### Cordsets

8-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Flying Leads				
Model	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout(Female)
SXA-815D	4.57 m (15 ft)			
SXA-825D	7.62 m (25 ft)			
SXA-850D	15.24 m (50 ft)	Straight	 M12x1 ø 14.5	 1 = White      5 = Gray 2 = Brown      6 = Pink 3 = Green      7 = Blue 4 = Yellow      8 = Red
SXA-8100D	30.48 m (100 ft)			

8-Pin Threaded M12/Euro-Style Cordsets—Double Ended				
Model (8-pin/8-pin) <sup>6</sup>	Length	Style	Dimensions	Pinout
DEE2R-81D	0.3 m (1 ft)			
DEE2R-83D	0.91 m (3 ft)			
DEE2R-88D	2.44 m (8 ft)			
DEE2R-815D	4.57 m (15 ft)			
DEE2R-825D	7.62 m (25 ft)			
DEE2R-850D	15.24 m (50 ft)			
DEE2R-875D	22.86 m (75 ft)	Female Straight/ Male Straight	 M12x1 ø 14.5	   1 = White      5 = Gray 2 = Brown      6 = Pink 3 = Green      7 = Blue 4 = Yellow      8 = Red
DEE2R-8100D	30.48 m (100 ft)			

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### Series Connection Cordset Solution

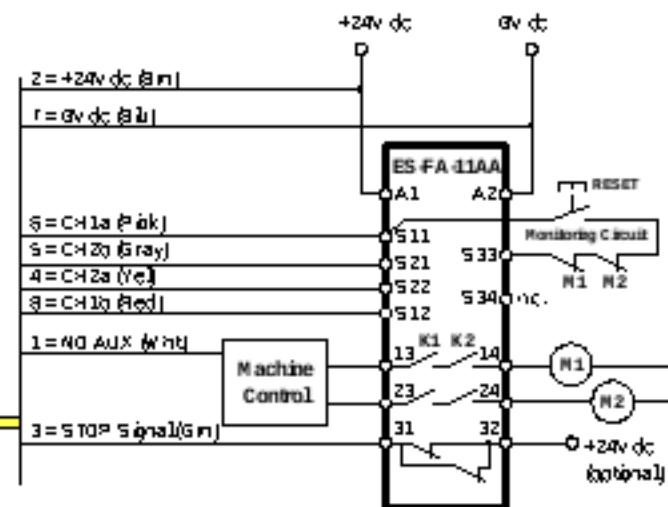
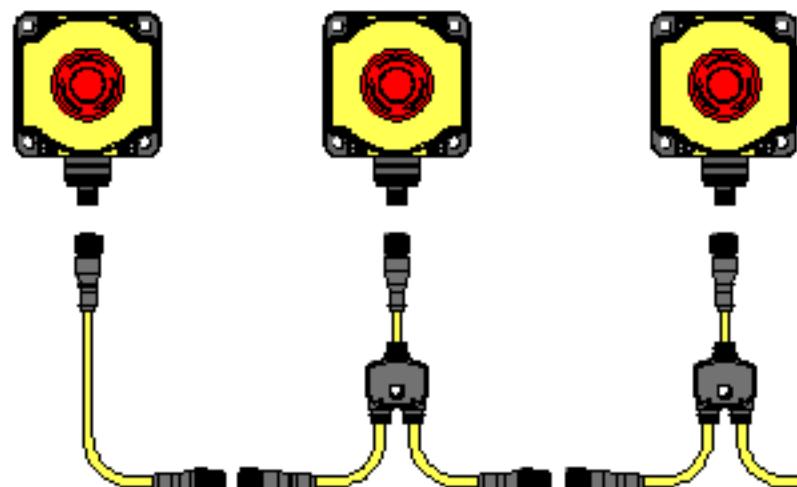
This interconnection solution allows for quick wiring of a series of string emergency stop buttons. For the models listed below, Branch #1 and Branch #2 are 300 mm (12 in) in length and the length of the trunk is listed below.

<sup>6</sup> Standard cordsets are yellow PVC with black overmold. For black PVC and overmold, add the suffix "B" to the model number (example, DEE2R-81DB)

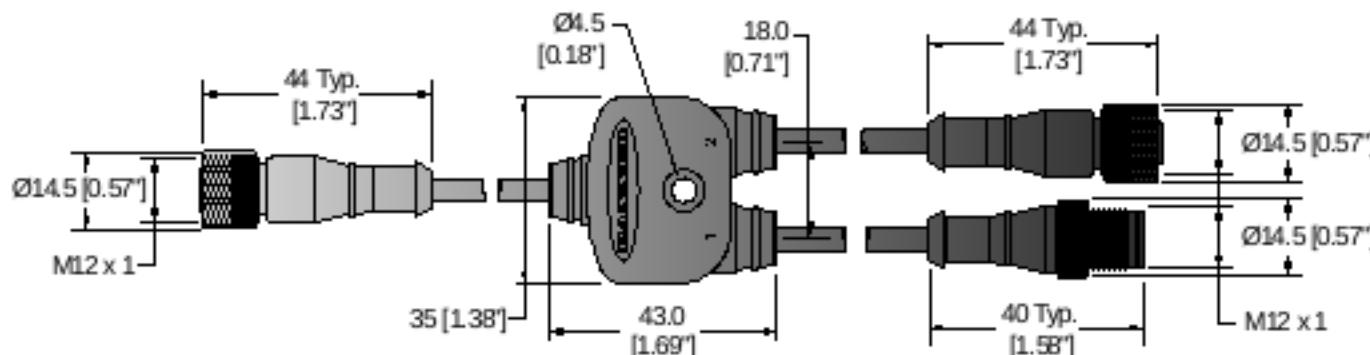


## WARNING:

- Do not defeat the cordset installation
- Defeating the series connection cordset solution could result in serious injury or death.
- Install the CSS series connection cordset solution so they cannot be easily defeated. Ensure that mounting and routing of the cordsets that are connected to the Trunk, Branch #1, Branch #2, and the E-Stop QD connector does not allow access to the QD connectors or allow improper connection bypassing the function of the Emergency Stop.



Model	Length	Description
CSS-M12F81M12M81M12F81	0.30 m (1 ft)	
CSS-M12F83M12M81M12F81	0.91 m (3 ft)	
CSS-M12F88M12M81M12F81	2.44 m (8 ft)	
<b>SSA-EB1.L..-12ED1Q8 E-Stop #2</b>		
EZ-LIGHT Logic		
C B A 0V		
3 1 5 8 6 4 2 7		
8-Pin M12 Female DEE2R-8x0		
<b>SSA-EB1.L..-12ED1Q8 E-Stop #1</b>		
EZ-LIGHT Logic		
C B A 0V		
3 1 5 8 6 4 2 7		
8-Pin M12 Female TRUNK CSS-M12F80M12M81M12F81 CSS-M12F83M12M81M12F81 CSS-M12F88M12M81M12F81		
8-Pin M12 Male BRANCH #2		
4 6 2 7 8 5 1 3		
8-Pin M12 Male BRANCH #1		
4 6 2 7 8 5 1 3		
8-Pin M12 Female Flying Leads MQDC25-8xx		
4 : CH2a (Yellow) 6 : CH1a (Pink) 2 : +24V (Blue) 7 : 0V (Blue) 8 : CH1b (Red) 5 : CH2b (Grey) 1 : NO AUX (N.C.) 3 : STOP Signal (Green)		



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