

## MSS Standard Series Product Sheet

Security Contacts have been made with a decades-old technology called the Reed switch. Reed switches have three inherent weaknesses when used in security contacts. They are (1) Easily defeated with magnets, (2) Prone to permanent contact weld failure (from lightning and power surges), and (3) fragile (made mostly of glass, they are subject to damage even when packaged as security contacts).

The MAGNASPHERE line of security sensors provides a solution to all of these issues. Utilizing the the patented, revolutionary MAGNASPHERE<sup>®</sup> BMS switch renders the MSS products virtually unbreakable, and highly resistant to permanent contact welding and outsider magnet defeat, allowing MAGNASPHERE to offer a lifetime replacement warranty.

MSS contacts are available in both the traditional Closed Loop (contact closed when magnet is present) as well as the more Secure Open Loop (contact open when magnet is present) electrical configuration. This is the same configuration required for other life safety devices such as smoke and fire alarms, and has long been the recommend configuration by most knowledgeable security professionals.

### FEATURES

- Made with MAGNASPHERE<sup>®</sup> BMS switch technology
- Won't break
- Resistant to contact welding
- Resistant to outside defeat
- Security industry's BEST warranty
- Universal mounting
- Cost competitive
- Increases RMR

### Concealed/Recessed



### Surface Mount



### Overhead Door



### Wireless

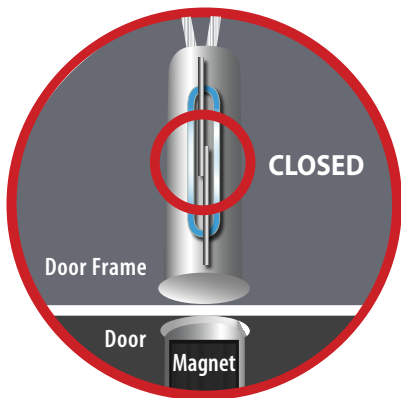


# Reed vs. MAGNASPHERE®

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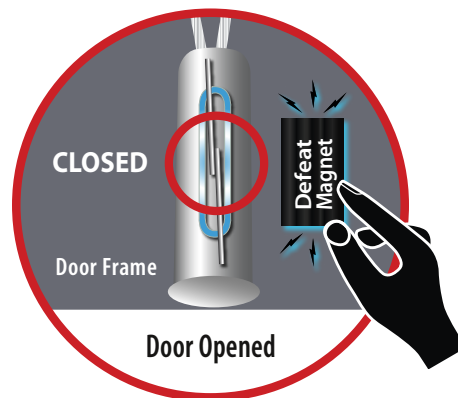
Reed switches have three inherent weaknesses when used in security contacts: (1) **Easily defeated with magnets**, (2) **Prone to permanent contact weld failure** (from lightning and power surges), and (3) **fragile** (made mostly of glass, they are subject to damage even when packaged as security contacts).

**SECURE: NO ALARM**



Reed contacts operate on magnetic fields. Most contacts are Closed in the secure position (Closed Loop) when the door is closed and the magnet is near the switch.

**FAILED: NO ALARM**

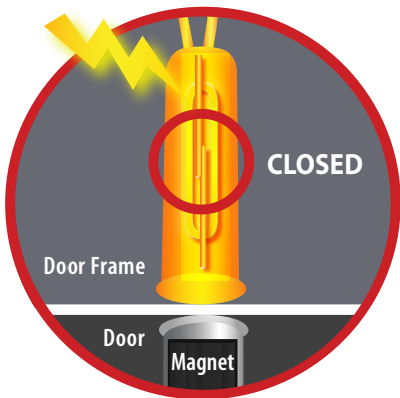


Reed switch contacts are globally magnetic: they will respond to the strongest magnetic field anywhere around the contact -- not solely to the door magnet. When compromised, reed contacts will still send secure signals.

Introducing a defeat magnet OUTSIDE the door will keep the reed contacts closed, allowing an intruder to enter without alerting the security system. They **FAIL SECURE**.



**NO ALARM**



When closed reed contacts are exposed to power surges such as lightning strikes, they are prone to permanent contact welding.

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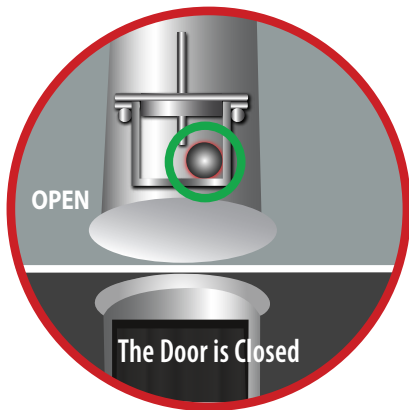
Reed contacts operate by magnetic induction, so they are not attracted to the door magnet.

Once contacts have welded closed, they remain in that state though the door is open. They **FAIL SECURE**.

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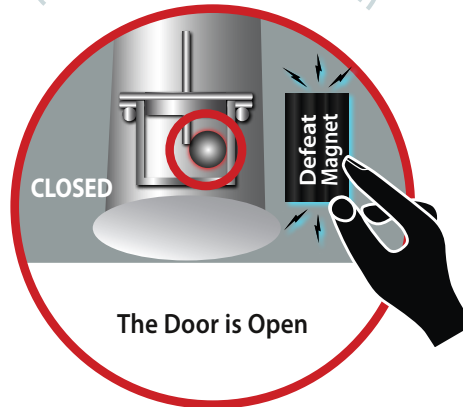
The patented, award-winning MAGNASPHERE switch technology was designed as a security device which over comes the deficiencies of reed contacts. The MAGNASPHERE switch is (1) **Resistant to magnetic defeat and tamper**, (2) **Resistant to permanent contact welding** from lightning and power surges, and (3) Robust, all metal welded construction is **virtually unbreakable**.

**SECURE: NO ALARM**



MAGNASPHERE security sensors' magnet ball contact is open in the secure position (Open Loop) when the door is closed and the door magnet is near the switch.

**ALARM**

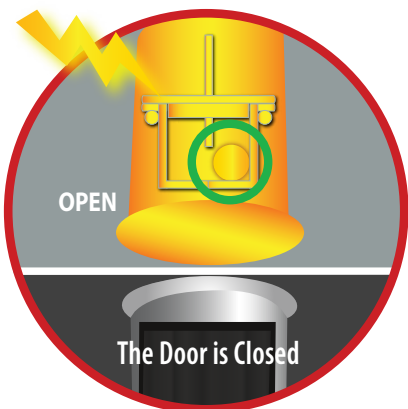


A defeat magnet introduced OUTSIDE the door will have no effect on the ball contact. When the door is opened, the contact will close, and the **SYSTEM WILL ALARM**.

MAGNASPHERE's contact is a spherical magnet and operates in a defined activation zone directed toward the door magnet.



**NO ALARM**



MAGNASPHERE Security Sensors are Open Loop and highly resistant to contact welding from power surges and lightning strikes.

**ALARM**



Because the magnet ball contact will not weld, when the door is opened the contact will close and the **SYSTEM WILL ALARM**.