

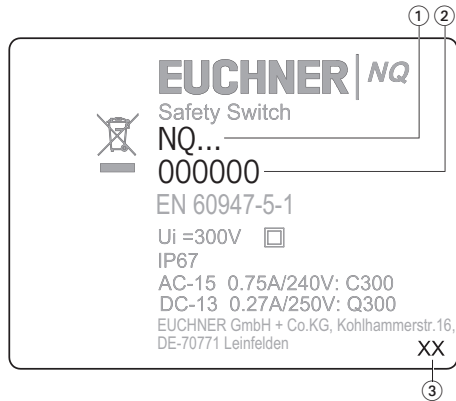
## Scope

These operating instructions are valid for all NQ..VZ. These operating instructions, the document *Safety information* and any available data sheet form the complete user information for your device.

### Important!

Make sure to use the operating instructions valid for your product version. The version numbers can be found on the type label of your product. Please contact the EUCHNER service team if you have any questions.

## Safety switch type label



- ① Item designation
- ② Item number
- ③ Year of manufacture

## Supplementary documents

The overall documentation for this device consists of the following documents:

Document title (document number)	Contents	
Safety information (2525460)	Basic safety information	
Operating instructions (2103789)	(this document)	
Declaration of conformity	Declaration of conformity	
Any additions to the operating instructions	Take any associated additions to the operating instructions or data sheets into account.	

### Important!

Always read all documents to gain a complete overview of safe installation, setup and use of the device. The documents can be downloaded from [www.euchner.com](http://www.euchner.com). For this purpose, enter the doc. no. or the order number for the device in the search box.

## Correct use

Safety switches series NQ are interlocking devices without guard locking (type 2). The actuator has a low coding level. In combination with a movable guard and the machine control, this safety component prevents dangerous machine functions from occurring while the guard is open. A stop command is triggered if the guard is opened during the dangerous machine function.

This means:

- ▶ Starting commands that cause a dangerous machine function must become active only when the guard is closed.
- ▶ Opening the guard triggers a stop command.
- ▶ Closing a guard must not cause automatic starting of a dangerous machine function. A separate start command must be issued. For exceptions, refer to EN ISO 12100 or relevant C-standards.

Before the device is used, a risk assessment must be performed on the machine, e.g. in accordance with the following standards:

- ▶ EN ISO 13849-1
- ▶ EN ISO 12100
- ▶ EN IEC 62061

Correct use includes observing the relevant requirements for installation and operation, particularly based on the following standards:

- ▶ EN ISO 13849-1
- ▶ EN ISO 14119
- ▶ EN IEC 60204-1

### Important!

- ▶ The user is responsible for the proper integration of the device into a safe overall system. For this purpose, the overall system must be validated, e.g. in accordance with EN ISO 13849-1.
- ▶ If the simplified method according to section 6.2.3 of EN ISO 13849-1:2023 is used for determining the Performance Level (PL), the PL might be reduced if several devices are connected in series.
- ▶ The logical series connection of safe contacts may limit the achievable Performance Level (PL) in certain circumstances. More information about this is available in EN ISO 14119:2025, section 9.4.
- ▶ If a data sheet is included with the product, the information on the data sheet applies in case of discrepancies with the operating instructions.

## Safety precautions

### ⚠ WARNING

Danger to life due to improper installation or due to bypassing (tampering). Safety components fulfill a personnel protection function.

- ▶ Safety components must not be bypassed, turned away, removed or otherwise rendered ineffective. On this topic pay attention in particular to the measures for reducing the possibility of bypassing according to EN ISO 14119:2025, section 8.

- ▶ The switching operation must be activated only by actuators designated for this purpose.
- ▶ Prevent bypassing by means of replacement actuators. For this purpose, restrict access to actuators and to keys for releases, for example.
- ▶ Mounting, electrical connection and setup only by authorized personnel possessing special knowledge about handling safety components.

## Function

The safety switch monitors the position of movable guards. The switching contacts are actuated on the insertion/removal of the actuator.

## Switching states

The detailed switching states for your switch can be found in Fig. 1. All available switching elements are described there.

### Guard open

The safety contacts (→) are open.

### Guard closed

The safety contacts (→) are closed.

## Selection of the actuator

### NOTICE

- ▶ Damage to the device due to unsuitable actuator. Make sure to select the correct actuator (see table in Fig. 2).
- ▶ Additionally pay attention to the door radius and the mounting options (see Fig. 3).

## Mounting

### NOTICE

- Device damage due to improper mounting and unsuitable ambient conditions.
- ▶ Safety switches and actuators must not be used as an end stop.
- ▶ Insert the actuator into the switch head prior to mounting.
- ▶ Observe EN ISO 14119:2025, sections 6.2 and 6.3, for information about mounting the safety switch and the actuator.
- ▶ After a hinged actuator is positioned, the adjusting screws should be secured (with Loctite, for example).
- ▶ Observe EN ISO 14119:2025, section 8, for information about reducing the possibilities for bypassing an interlocking device.
- ▶ Protect the switch head against damage, as well as penetrating foreign objects such as swarf, sand and blasting shot, etc.
- ▶ The specified IP degree of protection is applicable only if the housing screws, cable entries and plug connectors are properly tightened. Observe the tightening torques.

## Electrical connection

### ⚠ WARNING

Loss of the safety function due to incorrect connection.

- ▶ Use only safe contacts (→) for safety functions.
- ▶ When choosing the insulation material and wires for the connections, pay attention to the required temperature resistance and the max. mechanical load.
- ▶ Strip the insulation from the ends of the individual wires over a length of 6±1 mm to ensure a safe contact.

## Use of the safety switch as an interlocking device for personnel protection

At least one contact (→) must be used. This signals the position of the guard (for terminal assignment, see Fig. 1).

## Function test

### ⚠ WARNING

- Fatal injury due to faults during the function test.
- ▶ Before carrying out the function test, make sure that there are no persons in the danger area.
- ▶ Observe the valid accident prevention regulations.

Check the device for correct function after installation and after every fault.

Proceed as follows:


### Mechanical function test

The actuator must slide easily into the actuating head. Close the guard several times to check the function.

### Electrical function test

1. Switch on operating voltage.
  2. Close all guards.
  - ➔ The machine must not start automatically.
  3. Start the machine function.
  4. Open the guard.
  - ➔ The machine must switch off and it must not be possible to start it as long as the guard is open.
- Repeat steps 2 - 4 for each guard.

Inspection and service

 **WARNING**

Danger of severe injuries due to the loss of the safety function.

- If damage or wear is found, the complete switch and actuator assembly must be replaced. Replacement of individual parts or assemblies is not permitted.
- Check the device for proper function at regular intervals and after every fault. For information about possible time intervals, refer to EN ISO 14119:2025, section 9.2.1.

Inspection of the following is necessary to ensure trouble-free long-term operation:

- Correct switching function
- Secure mounting of all components
- Damage, heavy contamination, dirt and wear
- Sealing of cable entry
- Loose cable connections or plug connectors.

Exclusion of liability and warranty

In case of failure to comply with the conditions for correct use stated above, or if the safety regulations are not followed, or if any servicing is not performed as required, liability will be excluded and the warranty void.

Declaration of conformity

The product complies with the requirements according to

- Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC (until January 19, 2027)
- Machinery Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 (from January 20, 2027)

The EU declaration of conformity can be found at [www.euchner.com](http://www.euchner.com). Enter the order number of your device in the search box. The document is available under *Downloads*.

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Technical data

Parameter	Value
Housing material	Reinforced thermoplastic
Degree of protection	IP67
Mechanical life	1 x 10 <sup>6</sup> operating cycles
Electrical life	1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>
AC-12 1.5 A/250 V	
Ambient temperature	-25 ... +70 °C
Degree of contamination	3 (industrial)
Installation position	Any
Approach speed, max.	3 ... 60 m/min
Extraction force	10 N
Retention force	1 N
Actuating force, max. at 20 °C	5 N
Actuation frequency	1,200/h
Weight	0.44 kg
Switching principle	Slow-action switching contact
Contact material	Silver alloy, gold flashed
Connection	Connecting cable, 5 m
Rated insulation voltage	U <sub>i</sub> = 250 V
Rated impulse withstand voltage	U <sub>imp</sub> = 2.5 kV
Conditional short-circuit current	100 A
Switching voltage, min., at 10 mA	12 V
Switching current, min., at 24 V	1 mA
Short circuit protection (control circuit fuse)	2 A gG
Convent. thermal current I <sub>th</sub>	2.5 A
Utilization category	
AC-15	1 A 125 V
DC-13	1 A 24 V

Technical data as per TÜV and UL	
Utilization category	
AC-15	0.75 A/250 V: C300
DC-13	0.27 A/250 V: Q300

Characteristics acc. to EN ISO 13849-1	
Monitoring of the guard position	
B <sub>100</sub> at DC-12 100 mA/24 V	2 x 10 <sup>6</sup>

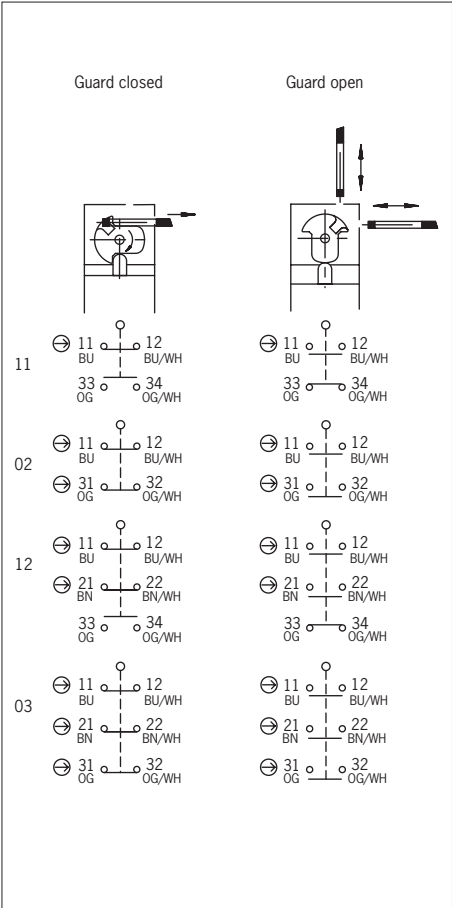


Fig. 1: Switching elements and switching functions

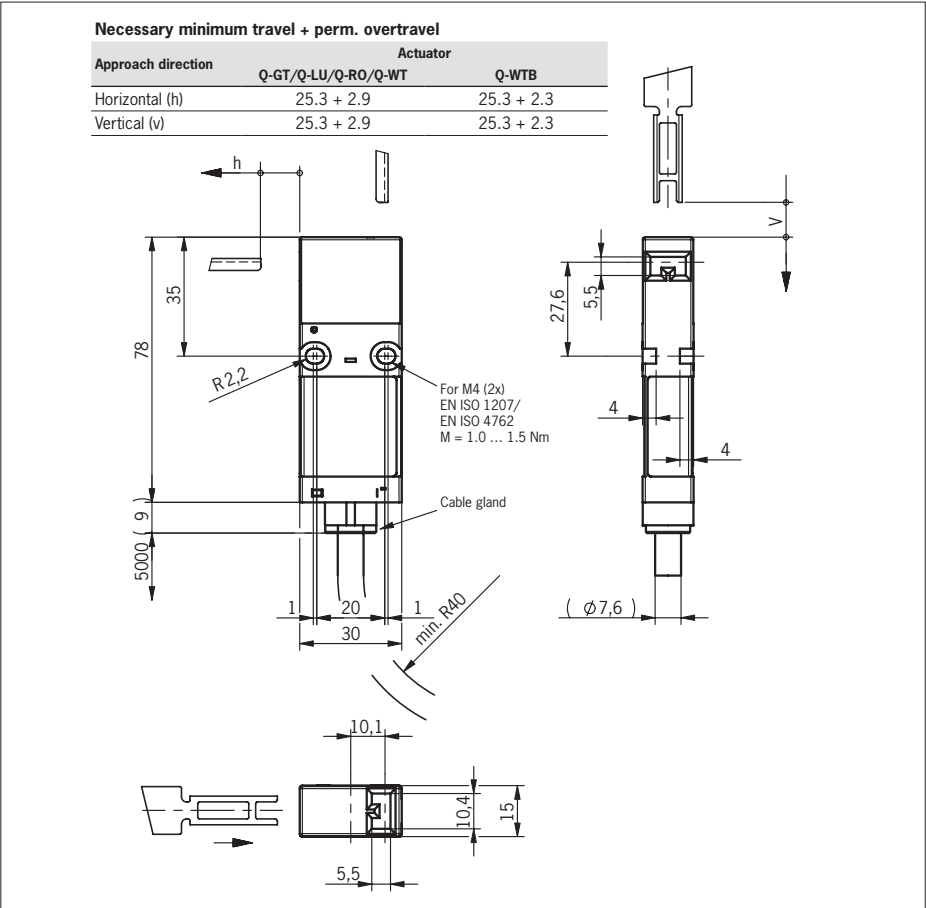


Fig. 2: Dimension drawing for NQ..VZ

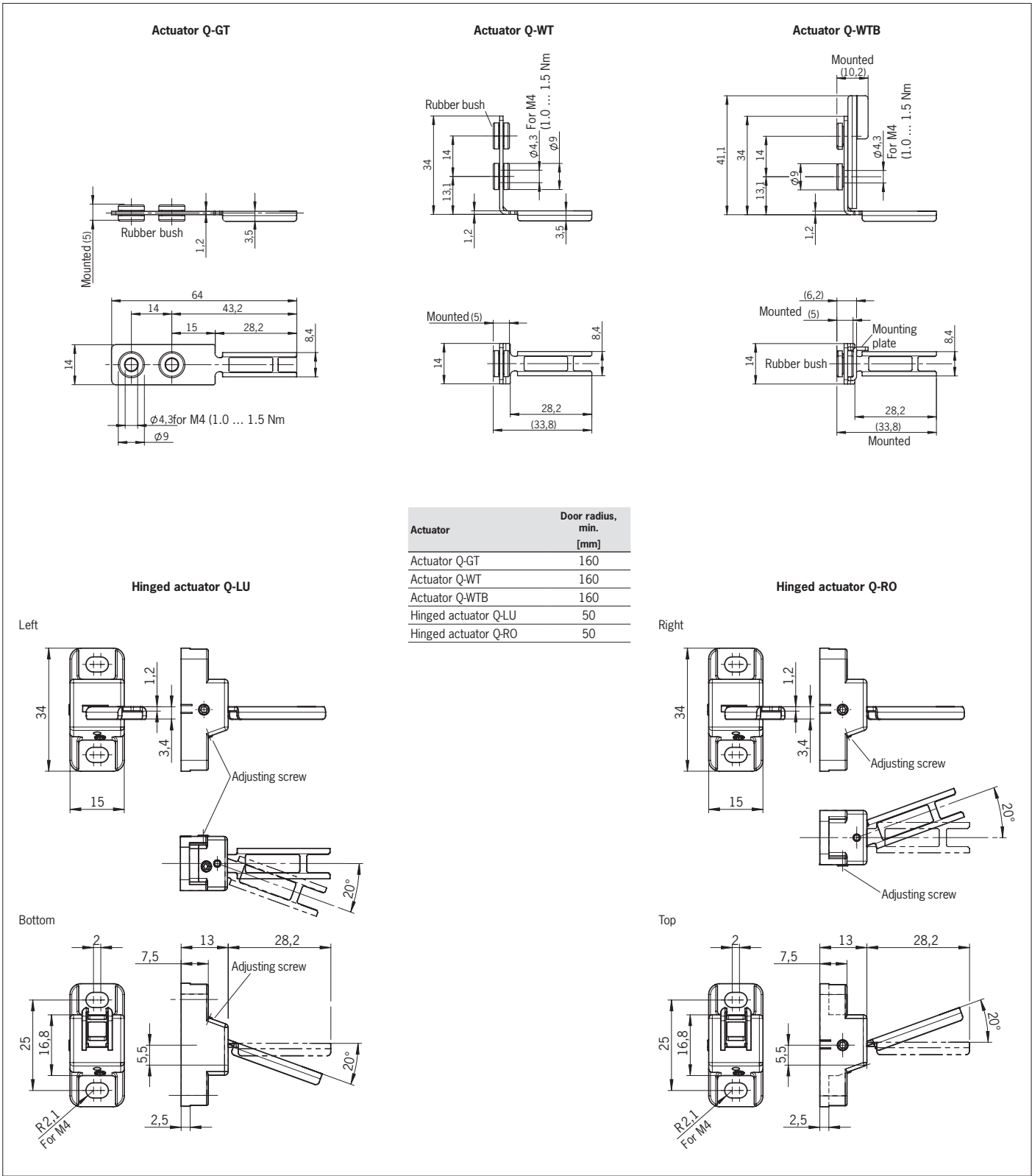


Fig. 3: Actuators and minimum door radii