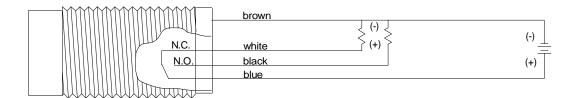
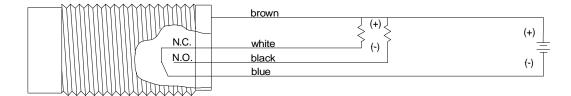
Component: PDC-30 Proximity Switch Project: PNP and NPN Explanation

What is the PNP and NPN designation that is associated with the DC Prox Switch?

The Monitor Proximity switch is a solid state switching device. The switching component within this instrument is a transistor. Transistors are polarity sensitive and require careful attention when matching them with the electrical load to be switched.



PNP: Transistor circuit that switches the positive voltage to the load (Current Sourcing). Electrical load [\$] to be switch is placed between sensor and voltage supply common.



NPN: Transistor circuit that switches the common or negative voltage to the load (Current Sinking). Electrical load [\$\frac{1}{2}\$] to be switch is placed between sensor and positive terminal of voltage supply.

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