## 4230 <br> DC Flasher



Unlike most solid state devices that switch the low or ground side of the DC operating voltage, the model 4230 switches the high side of the DC operating voltage to an external load circuit when switched "ON." The flash rate can be specified over a wide range from 1 flash per minute to 10,000 flashes per minute. The duty cycle of the flashing rate is $50 \%$. The model 4230 also provides a low current starting input circuit which assures that the high current output does not flow through the control switch. Load currents to 5 amperes may be driven with the output of the model 4230 . The model 4230 is available only in a fixed flash rate version.

## Mechanical \& Wiring



Timing Diagram

Output Always Turns ON First


Operating Voltage

## How To Find The Flash Rate.

The timing diagram shown below is for an application that requires the load circuit to be ON for 60 milliseconds and OFF for 60 milliseconds. (Remember - the ON and OFF times will essentially be equal due to the $50 \%$ duty cycle specification inherent in the model 4230)

The voltage across the load circuit would look something this:


## Specifications

Voltage: 12 V DC, 24 V DC.
Voltage Tolerances: $\pm 20 \%$.
Timing Mode: Flasher.
Fixed Flash Rate: Factory fixed at any rate from 1 to 10,000 flashes-per-minute (FPM)
Flash Rate Duty Cycle: Approximately 50\%.
Tolerances On Fixed Timing: 10\%.
Flash Rate Variation: Less than 4\% over full temperature and voltage range.
Repeatability Of Flashing Period: $\pm 1 \%$ at stabilized operating voltage temperature.
Recycle Time: Operating voltage must be removed for a minimum of 10 milliseconds to assure that the flasher and output circuits are reset.
Start Switch Characteristics: Less than 15 mA at both 12 V and 24 V DC. load current does not pass through start switch. Flashing period begins on closure of start switch and terminates when start switch is opened.
Output Rating: 2 mA to 5 A inductive with inrush current to 50A for 100 milliseconds.
Output Switch Characteristics: 1 volt drop maximum across output switch when ON and load current is 10A, 1 mA leakage when OFF.
Transient Protection: Output Switch protected by silicon transient suppressors responding to transients within $1 \times 10^{-12}$ seconds to a peak pulse power dissipation of 1500 watts, with transient surge currents to 200 amperes for durations up to $1 / 120$ second at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Maximum transient voltage protection is 6000 volts as delivered through a source resistance of 30 ohms with a maximum duration of 8.3 ms .
Dielectric: 1500 V rms all terminals to case.
Operating Temperature: $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
Construction: Encapsulated module with .25 quick connect wiring terminals.
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## Ordering Information All Models

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| Part Number | Operating Voltage | Flash Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $4230-1$ | 12 V DC | Specify In Flashes Per Minute |
| $4230-2$ | $24 V$ DC |  |

## Examples Of Part Numbers.

4230-1-90 Is a model 4230 with 12V DC operating voltage, with a fixed FPM (Flashes Per Minute) of 90.
Voltage to the load circuit is ON for 333 milliseconds, and OFF for 333 milliseconds.
4230-2-500 Is a model 4230 with 24V DC operating voltage, with a fixed FPM (Flashes Per Minute) of 500.
Voltage to the load circuit is ON for 60 milliseconds, and OFF for 60 milliseconds.
4230-2-5000 Is a model 4230 with 24V DC operating voltage, with a fixed FPM (Flashes Per Minute) of 5,000.
Voltage to the load circuit is ON for 6 milliseconds, and OFF for 6 milliseconds.

