



TYPE CVB-2

Vertical Break

Disconnect Switch

15.5 – 245 kV, 2000A

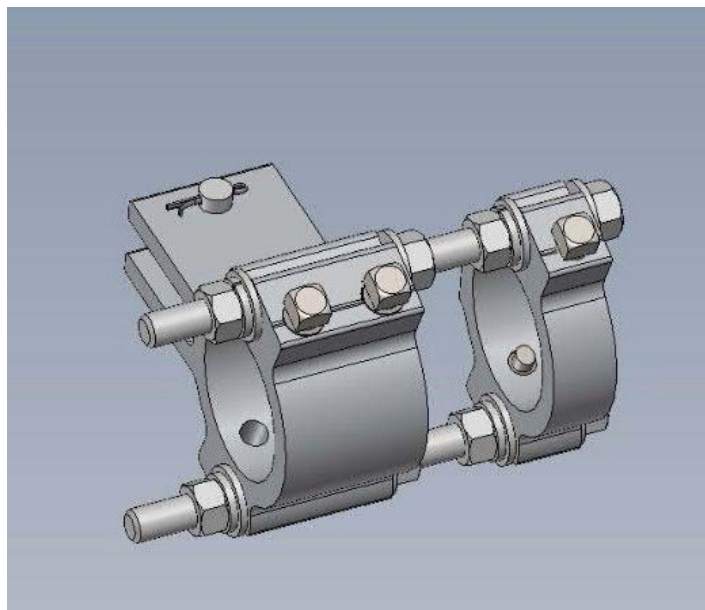
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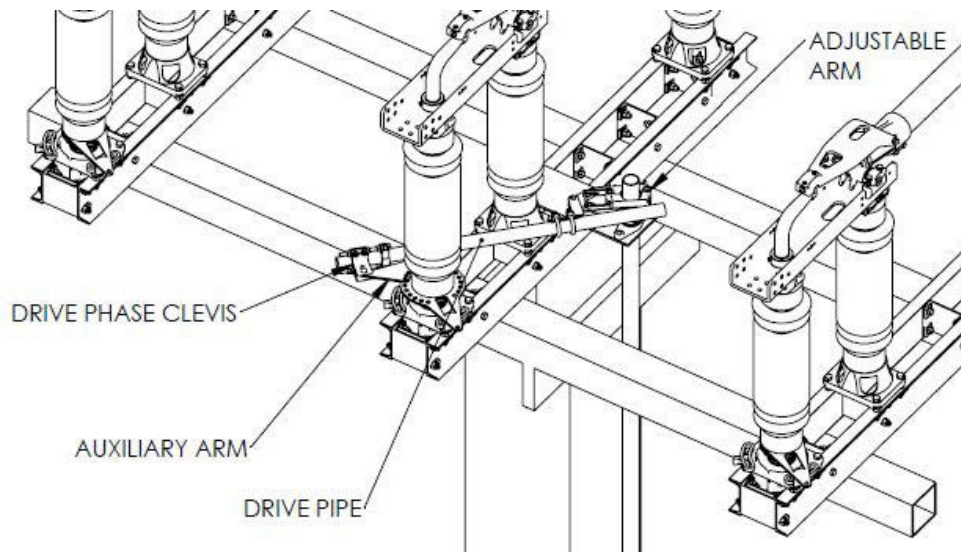
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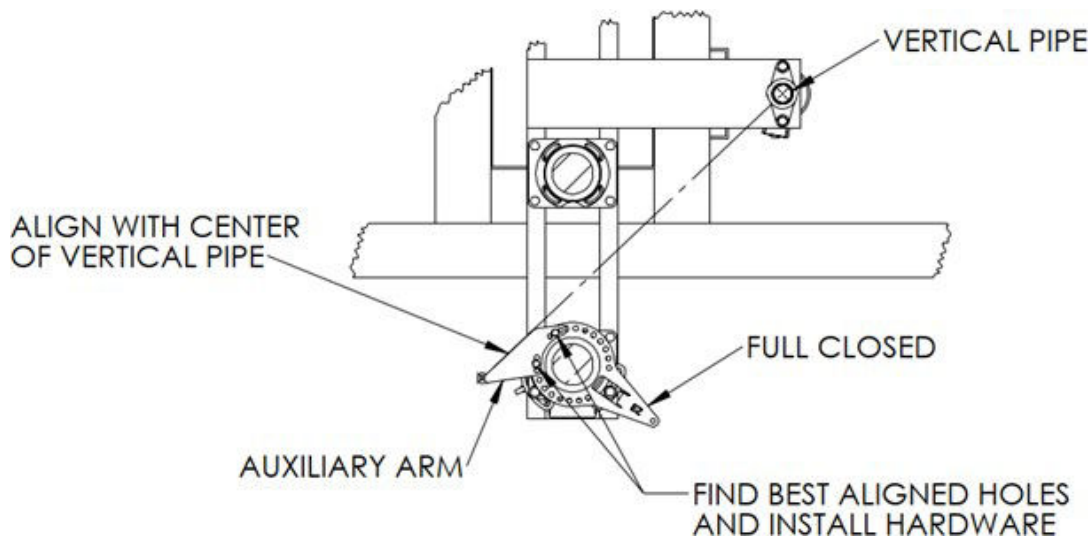


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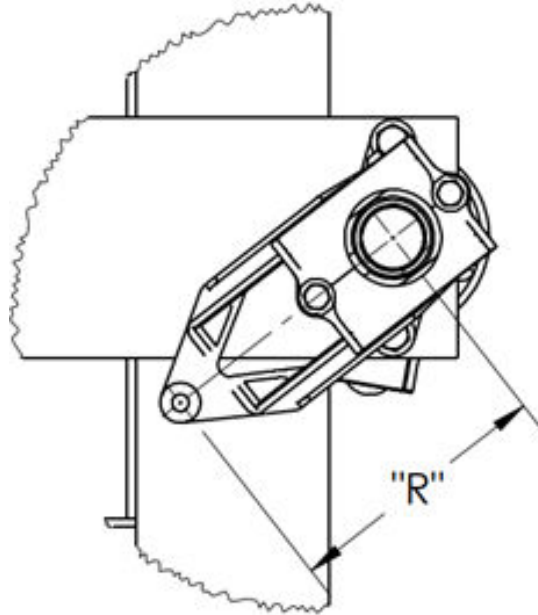
STEP 1:

Install the auxiliary arm by aligning the straight edge of the arm with the center of the vertical pipe and bolting it into place using two of the provided mounting holes. Do this with the switch phase set to the full closed position as shown below.



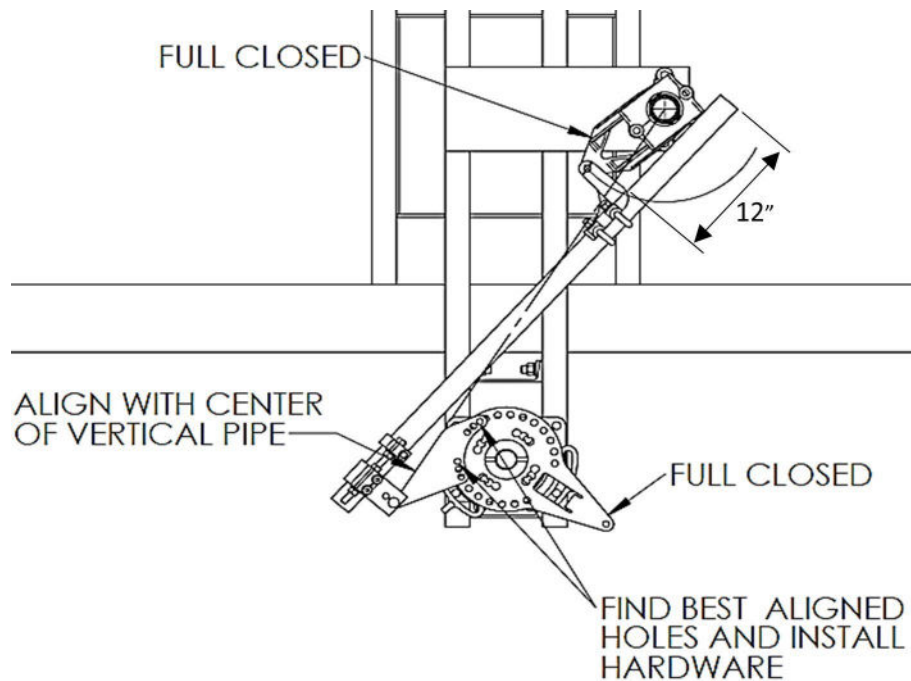
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Install the adjustable arm with the radius "R" set to the recommended length provided in the operating mechanism drawings.



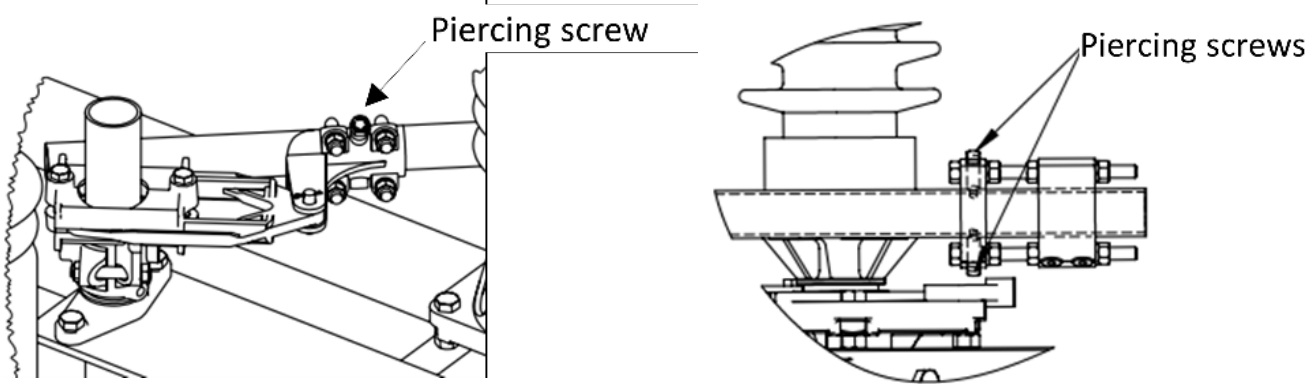
STEP 3:

Install the auxiliary arm Rapid-Set clevis and drive pipe. Ensure that roughly 12" of pipe extends beyond the adjustable arm clevis connection so that the pipe makes contact with the adjustable arm in the position shown. This may be the open or closed position depending on the job specific drawings. The pipe should contact the adjustable arm in this position.



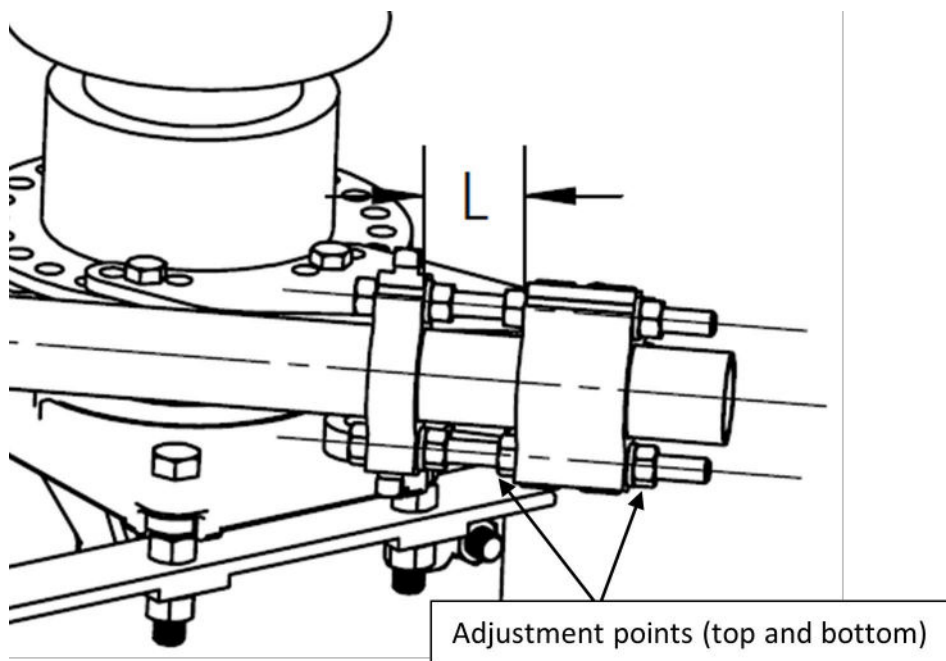
STEP 4:

With the auxiliary arm properly aligned with the vertical pipe and the switch phase in the full closed position, pierce the pipe at both ends. **NOTE:** U-bolt style clevises require pre-drilling on all pipes thicker than SCH40. Drill guides are provided on the operating mechanism BOM when required. Pierce the adjustable arm clevis by hand tightening until it penetrates the pipe and continue until snug (note piercing screw may still have threads showing). Do not remove plastic caps from the Rapid-Set clevis at this time. To pierce the Rapid-Set clevis, tighten each piercing screw until the head contacts the aluminum extrusion. Do not over tighten.



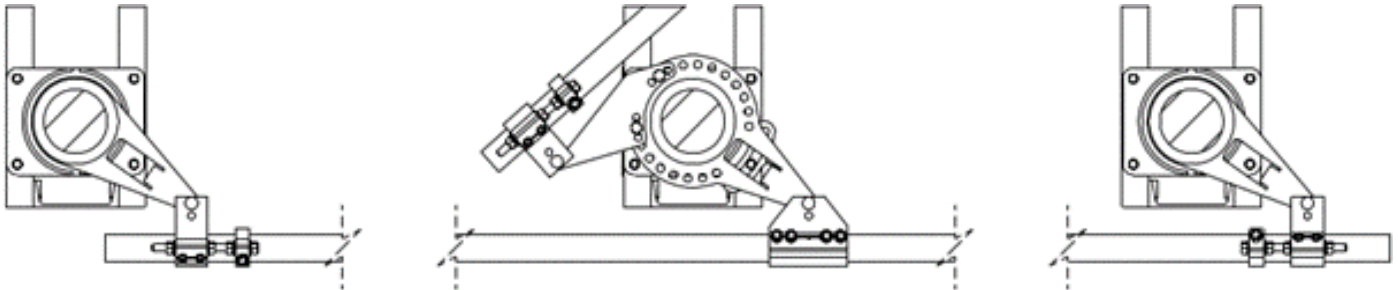
STEP 5:

Begin to manually open the phase using the operator. Observe the phase closed and open stops during operation and modify the length of the adjustable arm as needed to provide the proper amount of travel. Lengthen the arm to add travel and shorten the arm to decrease travel. The mechanism should have sufficient toggle (spring load) during closed and open position. To balance the force at closed and open positions, adjust the length "L" of the Rapid-Set clevis by adjusting the four nuts shown below. Ensure that both the top and bottom sets are adjusted in equal increments.



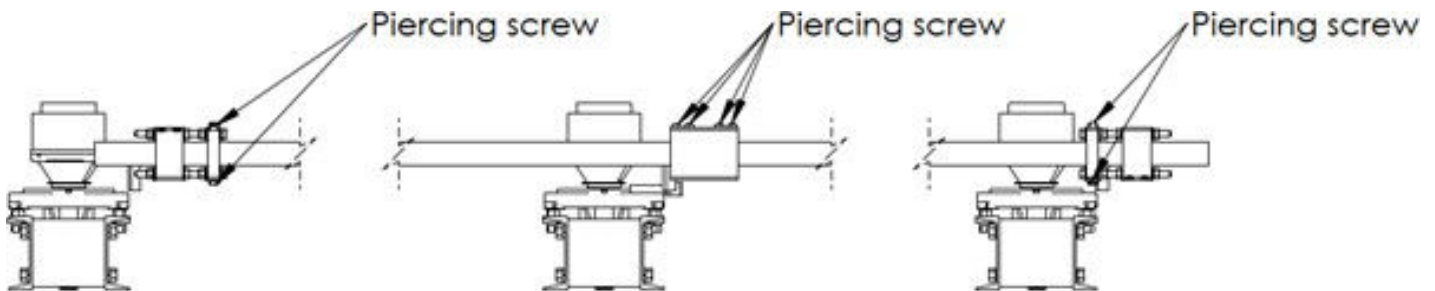
STEP 6:

After the drive phase is adjusted to operate correctly, set all phases to full closed, and install the interphase pipe following the procedure below.

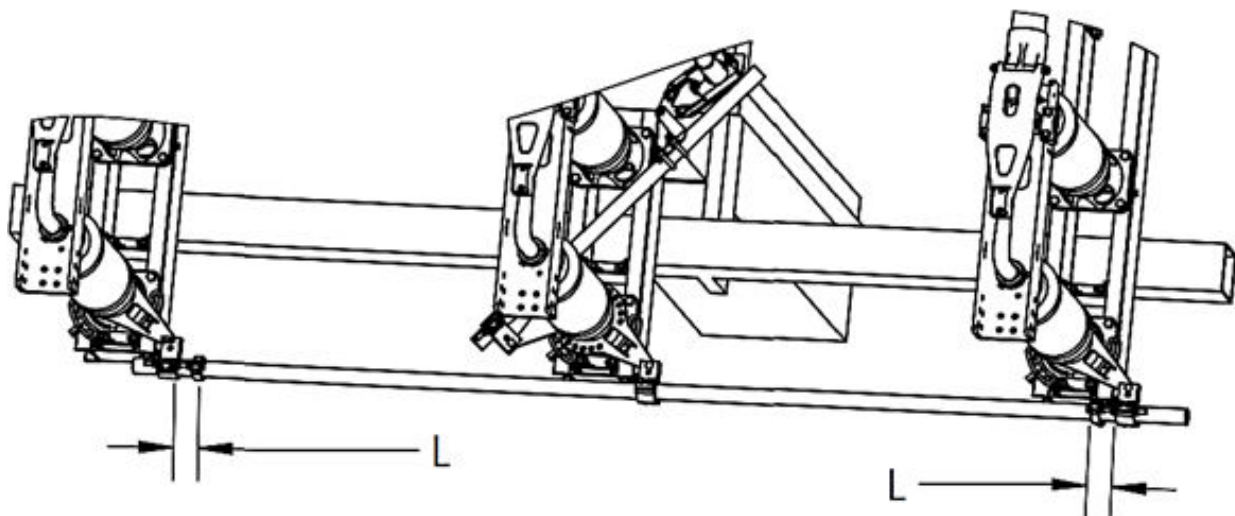


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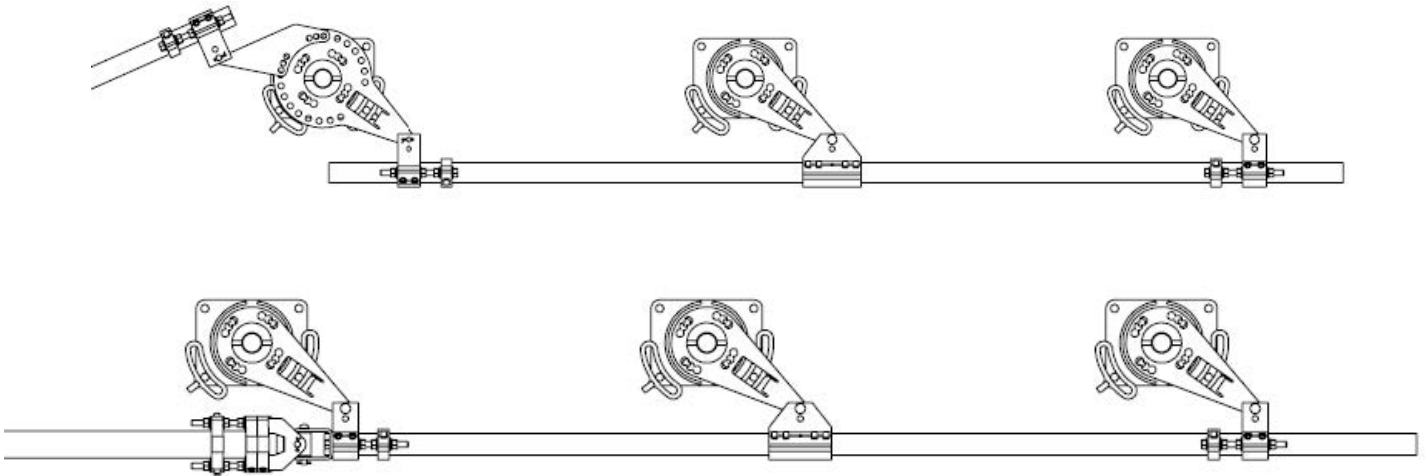
- With the interphase pipe centered and all clevises in place, pierce the interphase pipe at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



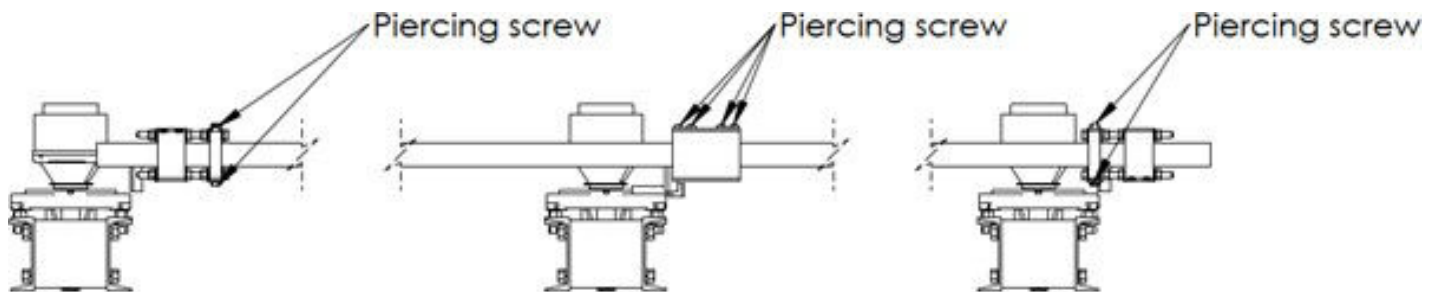
- Adjust the timing of the two driven phases by adjusting the length "L" of each Rapid-Set clevis.



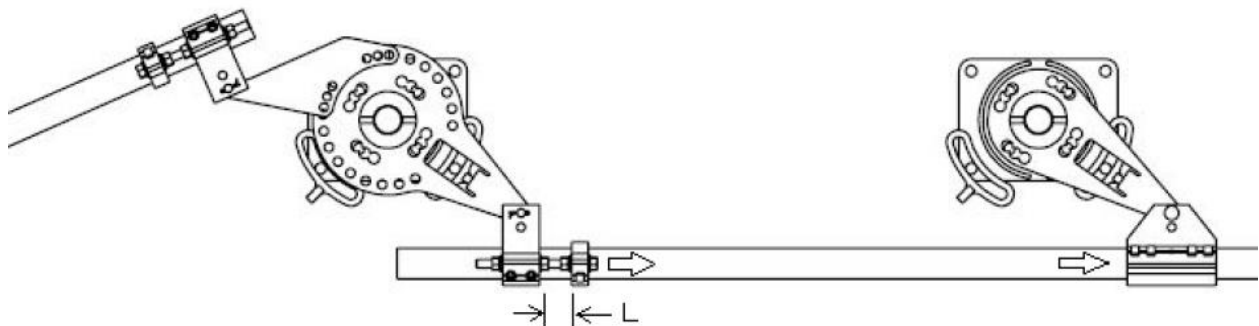
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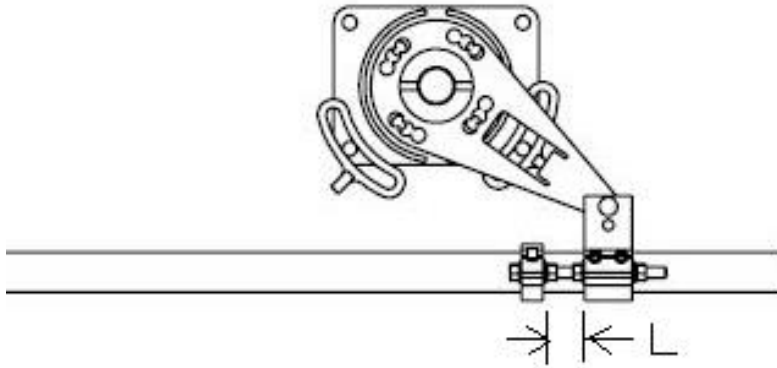
- a. With the interphase pipe centered and all clevises in place, pierce the interphase pipe with at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



- b. Adjust the timing of the center phase by adjusting the length "L" of the Rapid-Set clevis attached to the drive phase.



- c. Set the timing of the last phase by adjusting the length “L” of the Rapid-Set clevis attached to the last phase.

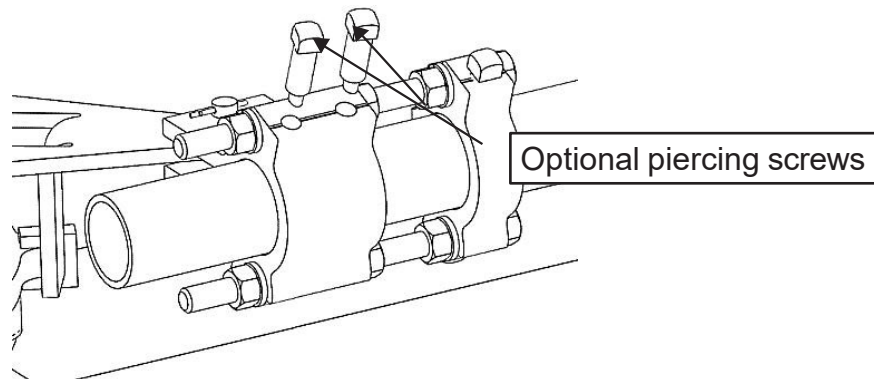


STEP 7:

With all the phases adjusted, open and close the three phase assembly and inspect for proper operation. Once adjustments are finalized, pierce all remaining connections (switch operator, adjustable arm, etc).

STEP 8:

Each Rapid-Set clevis is provided with 2 extra piercing screws. These are for optional use. To install these, remove the plastic cover caps and install them as shown below. Note, adding these will restrict any additional adjustment. Remove them before making any adjustments and then reinstall them on the bottom side of the clevis.



Safety Information

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- to determine proper approach distances to energized parts
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- to recognize and take necessary precautions for the unique and dynamic conditions of site and specialized equipment to maintain a safe work environment during handling, installation, operation, and maintenance of high voltage switching equipment

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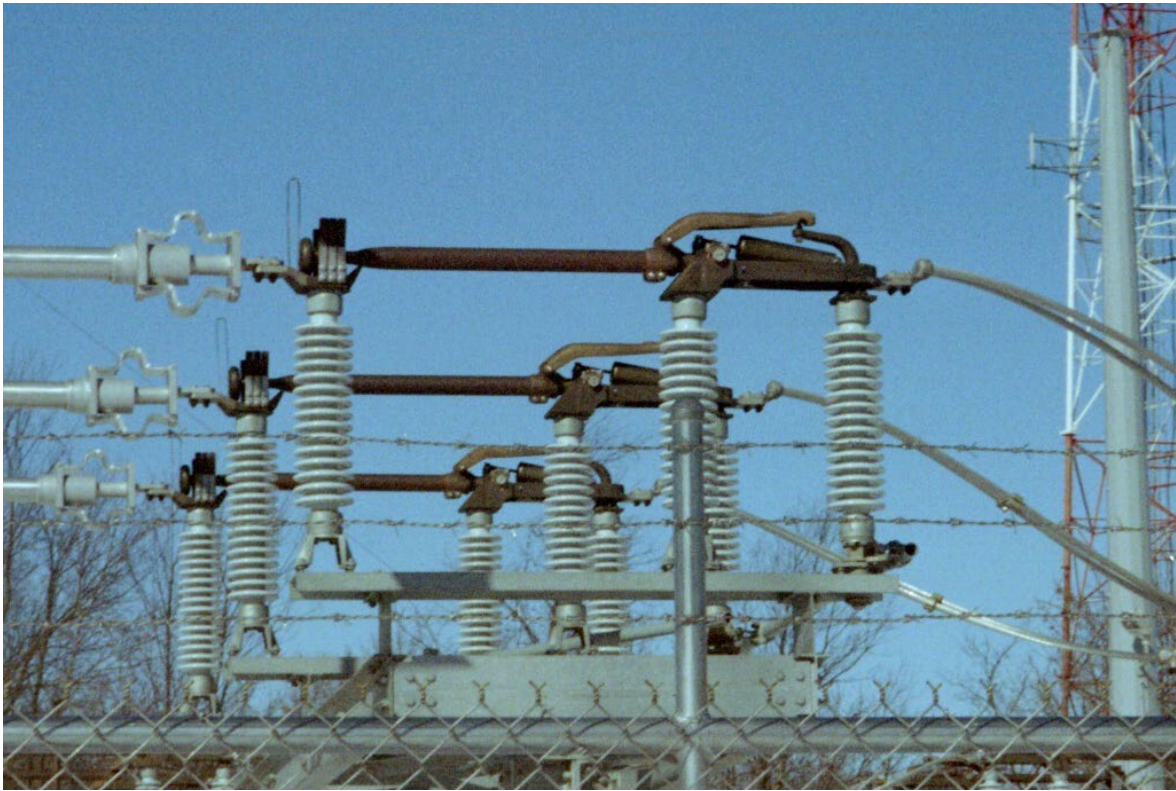
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Summary & Introduction

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Summary

These instructions do not intend to cover all details or variations in equipment, or provide for every possible contingency to be met in connection with installation, operation or maintenance. Should information be desired or should particular problems arise which are not covered sufficiently for the purchaser's purposes, the matter should be referred to the local Southern States Representative.

The contents of this instruction manual should not become part of or modify any prior or existing agreement, commitment or relationship. The sales contract contains the entire obligations of Southern States. The Warranty contained in the contract between the parties is the sole warranty of Southern States. Any statements contained herein do not create new warranties or modify the existing warranty.

Important

The information contained herein is general in nature and not intended for specific application purposes. It does not relieve the user of responsibility to use sound practices in application, installation, operation, and maintenance of the equipment purchased. Southern States reserves the right to make changes in the specifications shown herein or to make improvements at any time without notice or obligations. Should a conflict arise between the general information contained in this publication and the contents of drawings or supplementary material, or both, the latter shall take precedence.

Summary & Introduction

Introduction

Southern States Type CVB-2 switch is a three-pole, single-throw, three insulator, end rotating stack, vertical break, group operated, outdoor air disconnect switch.

The current carrying parts are of copper alloy with copper-to-copper sealed threaded hinge current transfer points and silver-to-silver current transfer points at the jaw end. Due to their unique structure, reverse loop contacts on the jaw end of this switch provide high-pressure contact when subjected to high currents.

The Type CVB-2 switch also features weatherproof rotating insulator bearings, positive stops on each switch pole in the open and closed positions, insulator leveling bolts (72.5 kV and above) at each insulator stack and double channel bases (121 kV and above).

The instructions contained within this manual are necessary for the safe installation, maintenance, and operation of the Type CVB-2 switch. A qualified person, familiar with this of type equipment, should carefully read and follow the instructions.

These instructions are intended to provide a general guideline for the installation, adjustment, and maintenance of the Type CVB-2 switch. All details, equipment variations, and potential conditions may not be covered in this manual. Contact Southern States, LLC in the event conditions associated with a specific application are not sufficiently addressed.

All photographs and sketches in this manual are for illustration purposes only and may not be to scale. Refer to the Unit Assembly drawing or the Operating Mechanism drawing provided with each disconnect switch for specific details. During installation, it may be necessary to make adjustments other than those described in this manual. Contact your local representative or the factory if questions should arise.

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Distinctive signal words are used to indicate the degree of hazard that may be encountered by the user. Identification of the signal words and their definition follow:

 DANGER	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
 CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe
 WARNING	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

Summary & Introduction

Ratings

Table 1: Ratings

RATINGS								
Maximum Voltage Rating (kV)								
15.5	27	38	48.3	72.5	123	145	170	245
BIL (kV)								
110	150	200	250	350	550	650	750	900/1050

ADDITIONAL RATINGS	
Rated Power Frequency	60 Hz
Continuous Current	2000 A
Short-Time Symmetrical Withstand (3 Sec.)	63 kA RMS
Peak Withstand	164 kA
Ambient Temperature Rating	-40°C to +50°C Standard -50°C Optional

Product Description

Typical Disconnect Switch

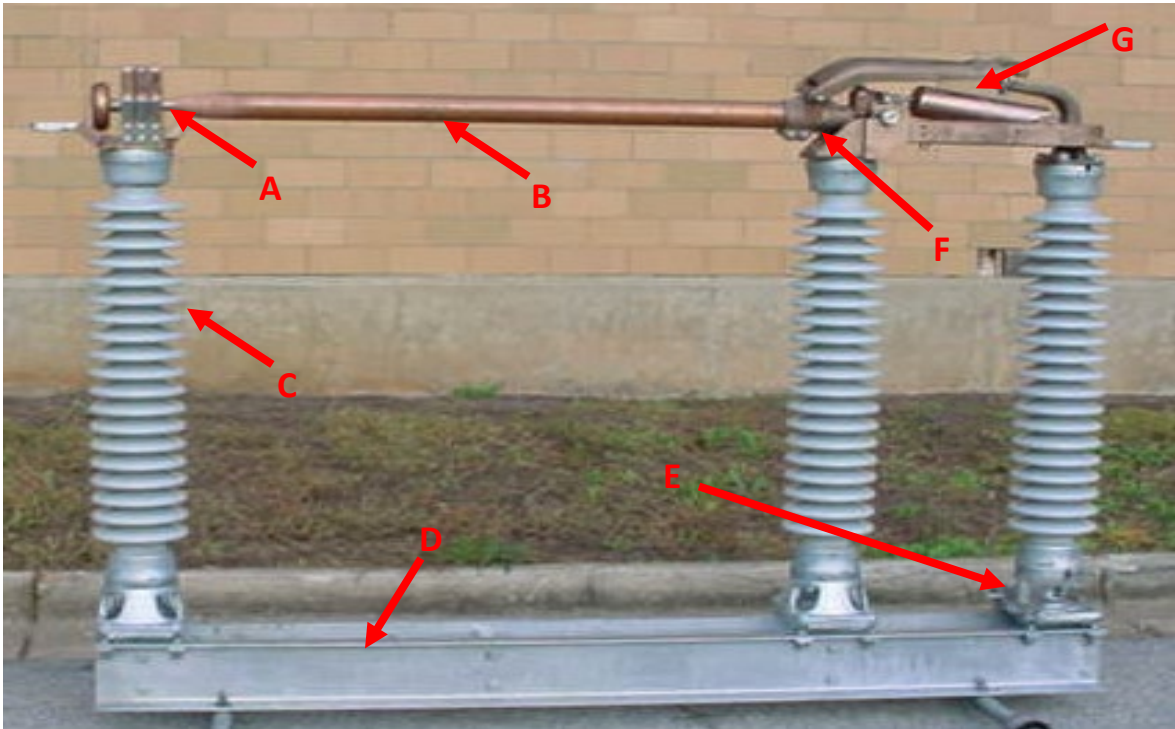


Figure 1: Typical CVB-2 Single Pole Switch & Common Terminology

- A. **Jaw and blade tip** – Reverse loop jaw contact fingers with silver-to-silver current transfer surfaces.
- B. **Blade** – Hard drawn, bus copper tubing.
- C. **Insulators**
- D. **Switch base**
- E. **Insulator bearing** – Low friction, maintenance free.
- F. **Live part mechanical components** – All copper
- G. **Counterbalancing** – Maintenance free coil spring, enclosed housing.

Receiving, Handling & Storage

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Unpacking

The CVB-2 switch consists of: Live parts – blades with hinges, terminal pads and contacts; base housing with mounting angles attached; insulators; interphase and control pipes with hardware; and outboard bearing and operator.

Unpack the equipment and check for damages or material shortages immediately. The bill-of-materials from the Unit Assembly (switch) and Operating Mechanism drawings should be used for this purpose. If damage or a shortage is noted, file a claim immediately with the carrier and contact the factory.

Storage

All components of the CVB-2 vertical break disconnect switch are suitable for outdoor use. Keep bearings out of standing water. Keep upright and support live parts with base. If a motor operator is furnished, be sure to connect the heater circuit using the provided external wiring, while the unit is in storage. Discard the wiring upon installation.

Typical crating is intended for storage less than 1 year. If long term storage is required please notify factory at time of order placement so that special crating can be used.

Installation & Adjustment Procedures

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Recommended Tools & Values

Table 2: Recommended Tools and Torque Values

Recommended Tools		Recommended Torque Values	
Type	Sizes	Bolt/Nut size	Torque (Ft-lb)
Hand Wrenches and/or Sockets	15/16", 3/4", 5/8", 9/16"	1/2"	50 (S. Steel) 40 (All Others)
Drill Bit	1/4"	5/8"	92
		3/4"	127
		1"	286

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Preferred Switch Assembly Method:

When insulators are shipped installed on the switch and the switch has been adjusted at the factory, proceed to Mounting Switch on Structure.

- Set up bases at ground level on transverse beams. Make sure the base support beams are level and then secure the switch bases to them so that during adjustment the switch does not tip over. They are top heavy in most cases after assembly of the insulators. Take care not to scratch the switch as scratching can cause corona!

Removal of Live Parts

- **Note: The hinge assembly is spring loaded—handle with caution.** Open blade fully before removing live parts (See **Figure 2**), except for vertical or underhung mounting switches. For vertical or underhung mounting switches leave the blade in the closed position when removing. Use a rope or non-metallic strap secured to the strut to lift by hand.

⚠ CAUTION OSHA requirements or other regulations may not permit some parts to be lifted by one man.



Figure 2: Blade shown fully open for horizontal mounting

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Stack Insulators

- Consult your single-pole assembly and single-pole sub-assembly drawings for proper position of levers, spacers, etc. Sort out hardware, and then mount the insulators.

Leave all bolts snug—do not tighten!



Figure 3: Stack Insulators

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Mounting Live Parts on Insulators

Horizontal Mounted Switch

1. After stacking insulators, turn the rear-rotating insulator counterclockwise to the fully open position against the bearing stop. Mount the live parts with the blade still in the fully open position (See **Figure 3**). Lift the hinge end live parts with the strut.
2. Tighten lower bolts on rear rotating insulator stack.

⚠ CAUTION Do not use the blade or fork as a lifting point for the live parts. The hinge end of this switch has threaded contact joints and may be damaged if lifted improperly.

Vertical or Underhung Mounted Switch

Follow the above procedure except:

1. Turn the rear, rotating insulator clockwise against the bearing stop to the fully closed position.
2. Mount the live parts with the blade in the closed position.

Adjustment of Switch in Open Position

Horizontal Mounted Switch

Refer to the single-pole sub-assembly drawing for the correct angle of blade opening. If adjustment is required, use the open position stop cam on the strut to adjust the blade until it is at the required angle (See **Figure 4**). Now tighten upper rear rotating insulator bolts.



Figure 4: Switch Adjustment in Open Position

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Vertical or Underhung Mounting Switch

Rotate the rear insulator stack to open the single pole. Refer to the single-pole sub-assembly drawing for the correct angle of blade opening. If adjustment is required, use the open position stop bolt on the strut to adjust the blade until it is at the required angle (See **Figure 4**).

Adjustment of Switch in Closed Position

With the insulator mounting bolts still loose (except the rotating insulator), check if the blade enters the contacts squarely. If not, align with the jacking screws. Now tighten all bolts. Open and close blade to check if blade enters contact in center. If it is off center, use jacking screws to realign. If that does not help, it may be necessary to loosen hinge end stack bolts to aid in alignment.

Adjust Blade on Front Stop

- Blade should touch stop as blade contact begins wiping motion with jaw contacts. This adjustment is made at the factory and should not need correcting in the field.; however, due to variation of the insulators, spacers, or the addition of ground switches or interrupter attachments which were not part of the original order a change may be necessary.
- To make the adjustment, loosen the set screws on the fork (See Figure 4.) and using the ball socket screws, either move the ball stud out to increase the effective fork length or in to decrease the effective fork length. Increasing the effective fork length increases the toggle pressure and starts the wiping action of the blade sooner. Decreasing the effective fork length does the opposite. A special tool is needed for this adjustment. Contact factory.
- Both ball socket screws must be tight to maintain proper pressure on the ball joint. Retighten the set screws.
- The blade is in correct alignment if contact is within 3° max. over-travel or under-travel of center (See **Figure 5**).



Figure 5: Blade Alignment

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Mounting Switch on Structure

⚠ CAUTION Rigging used to lift the poles should be attached to the base! Lift poles onto structure, making sure the pole is in the closed toggle position. It may be desirable to tie the fork to the strut to ensure the blade does not come open during lifting. Refer to the control arrangement drawing for proper placement of switch poles.

1. Tie blades in closed position to prevent switch from opening while lifting.
2. Rigging used to lift the poles should be attached to the clip angles or bearing housings. **Do not lift switch by attaching to the live parts.** Refer to the Operating Mechanism Drawing for proper placement of switch on the structure.
3. Check mounting surface for unevenness. Switch bases will warp on uneven surfaces. Use shims under base to level if necessary.
4. **Bolt bases solidly to structure.**

Single Pole Adjustments

Be sure each single pole is properly adjusted before connecting the controls and operators.

1. With the switch bolted to the structure, check to make sure that the single-pole opening is as specified in the single-pole sub-assembly drawing. If readjustment is required, refer to Part 1, Item F.
2. Check blades entering contacts – be sure the center of the blade is in line with the contact-shoe pins.
3. Check to see that the blade is horizontal in the contacts ± 3 degrees. Refer to **Figure 5**.
4. Full open and close positions of switch pole are determined by positions of bearing stops. Allow 1/16-inch clearance on each stop. Refer to **Figure 6**.



Figure 6: Bearing Stops

5. Re-inspect the single pole operation after bus or cable is attached to the terminal pads. Weight and possible side forces created by the bus or cable may require repeating some of the adjustments.

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Arcing Horn Adjustment

Check to see that the blade makes contact against the stationary horn above the contact shoes and maintains contact all the way down to the bottom of the blade stroke. The stationary horn may be bent by hand until it makes contact as stated above.

1. With the switch bolted solidly to the structure, check to make sure that the single pole opening is as specified in the single pole assembly drawing.
2. Check blades to be sure they contact squarely and smoothly. If they do not, refer to **Preferred Switch Assembly Method:** section.
3. After connecting the bus, all adjustments should be rechecked.

Operating Mechanism

Manual or Motor Operated

- These switches are designed to be opened and closed as a three-phase unit by a system of pipes that translates the rotational movement of an operator on the ground (whether manual or motor) to simultaneous rotation of the end insulator of each switch pole.
- **Figure 7** shows a typical operating mechanism for a 121 kV vertical break switch. **Figure 8** shows alternate operating mechanism designs, each of which is employed as being the simplest arrangement for a given structure. In all cases, however, the operating principle remains the same and the methods of installation and adjustment are virtually identical.



Figure 7: Typical Operating Mechanism

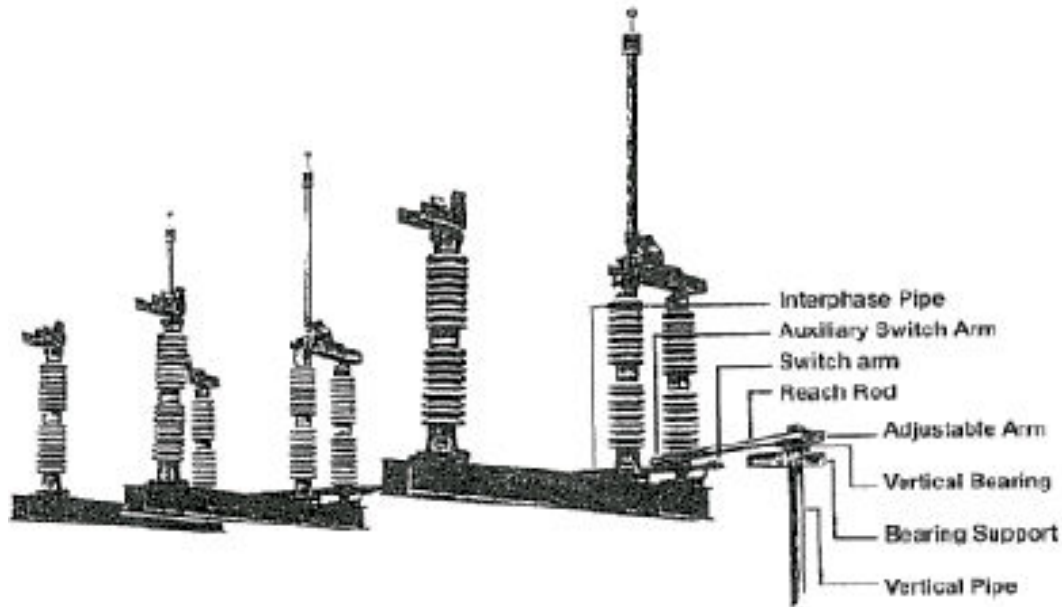
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Figure 8: Alternative Operating Mechanisms

Refer to the Operating Mechanism Drawing provided with your switch & follow these steps:

- Have all switch poles completely closed.
- Install all components shown on the Operating Mechanism Drawing, including interphase pipe, vertical pipe, all brackets, bushings, etc., and the adjustable crank arm.

⚠ CAUTION

The Pipe Collar must support the entire weight of the Vertical Operating Pipe. Do not allow the manual operating housing to bear any of the Vertical Pipe weight.

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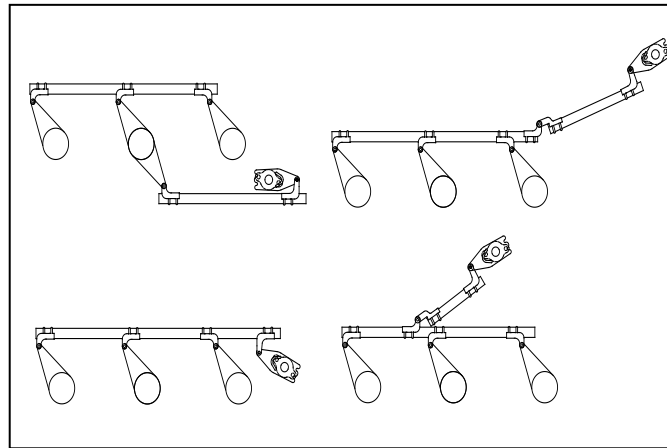


Figure 9: Typical Operating Pipe Arrangement

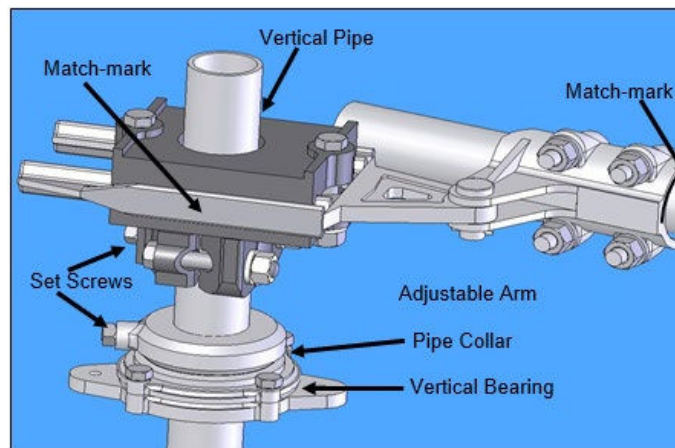


Figure 10: Typical Operating Arrangement

GENERAL INSTALLATION NOTE: When a switch uses an auxiliary switch arm, installation will be easier if this pole is adjusted before installing the interphase pipe. This will eliminate trying to coordinate and adjust all three poles at once.

GENERAL INSTALLATION NOTE: If the components have self-piercing set screws, during installation tighten them to only grip the pipe (match mark to check for slippage) and drive them in only after adjustments are completed.

If a motor operator is used, at this point refer to its installation instructions for mounting, checkout procedure, and trial operations.

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Operating Mechanism Adjustment (3 Phase Installation)

1. Position all Grounding Switch poles closed and all Disconnect Switch poles open.
2. The Adjustable Arm setting on the Op-Mech Drawing is a calculated dimension. Adjust as required for exact setting.
3. The Adjustable Arm radius is **too short** if the Grounding Switch does not open fully (Blade in horizontal position). To correct:
 - Check for slippage
 - Return the switch to the closed position.
 - Operate the switch toward the open position to remove pressure on the linkage.
 - Loosen Adjustable Arm and Clevis Bolts - **Figure 11**.

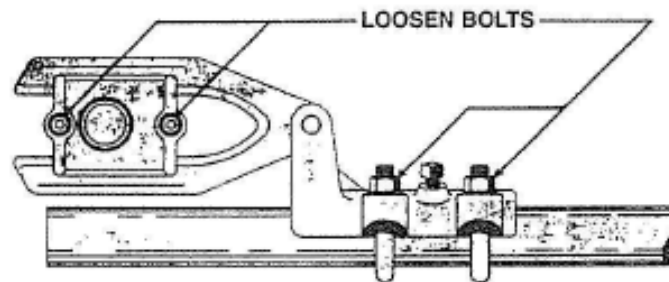


Figure 11: Top View of Adjustable Arm Assembly

- Lengthen the Adjustable Arm radius approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Shorten the pipe to allow the Clevis to reposition itself the same distance.
 - Re-tighten the Adjustable Arm and Clevis Clamping Bolts.
 - Test Operate. Re-adjust as necessary.
4. The Adjustable Arm radius is **too long** if the Grounding Switch reaches the fully open position (Blade in horizontal position) before the switch operator reaches the open position. To correct:
 - Check for slippage
 - Return the switch to the closed position.
 - Operate the switch toward the open position to remove pressure on the linkage.
 - Loosen Adjustable Arm and Clevis Bolts - **Figure 11**.
 - Shorten the Adjustable Arm radius approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Lengthen the pipe to allow the Clevis to reposition itself the same distance.
 - Re-tighten the Adjustable Arm and Clevis Clamping Bolts.
 - Test Operate. Re-adjust as necessary.

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5. All poles of the fully adjusted switch should close completely and operate together. Slight adjustment of the Hinge Assembly Clamping Bolts may be necessary to coordinate all three poles. Rapid operation of the manual handle may be necessary to achieve full closing of all three poles.
6. No adjustment of the Grounding Switch Blade closest to the Operating Arm is necessary.
7. When the switch is fully adjusted:
 - Pre-drill pipe for setscrews with the Threaded Drill Guides supplied and a $\frac{1}{4}$ " drill.
 - Securely tighten all bolts.
 - Tighten setscrews until pipe wall is pierced - **Figure 12**

CAUTION

Penetrate the aluminum pipe only with setscrews. Forcing setscrews into the steel pipe can result in casting breakage.

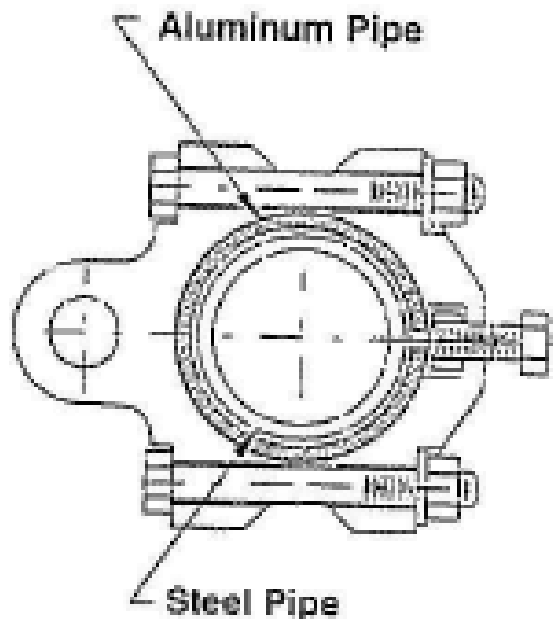


Figure 12: Piercing Pipe Wall

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Final Switch Adjustments (Tuning)

1. The operating mechanism is intended to fully open and fully close the disconnect switch by rotating the vertical operating pipe about 180° using an operator (manual or electrical). The interphase pipe controls the individual operation of each switch pole, using a push/pull control. The reach rod translates the motion of the vertical operating pipe to the interphase linkage. The adjustable arm controls the total amount of switch operation available.

HINT: For easiest adjustment start with the reach rod connected to the drive phase and the interphase pipe disconnected from the other two phases. Once the drive phase is properly adjusted, connect the interphase pipe and continue tuning the other two phases, one at a time.

2. Switch Operating Devices:

2.1. Worm gear operator (HOGO – High Output Geared Operator) (Optional)

- 2.1.1. The weight of the vertical operating pipe should be supported by pipe collar by maintaining the 1/4" - 3/8" gap (**Figure 13**).
- 2.1.2. When the switch is properly adjusted the operator handle should hang freely in both the open and closed positions to permit the use of a customer supplied padlock. Refer to **Figure 13**.

▲ CAUTION Be aware that there is an adjustable stop on the operator. **Do not over operate as damage will occur to the operator.**

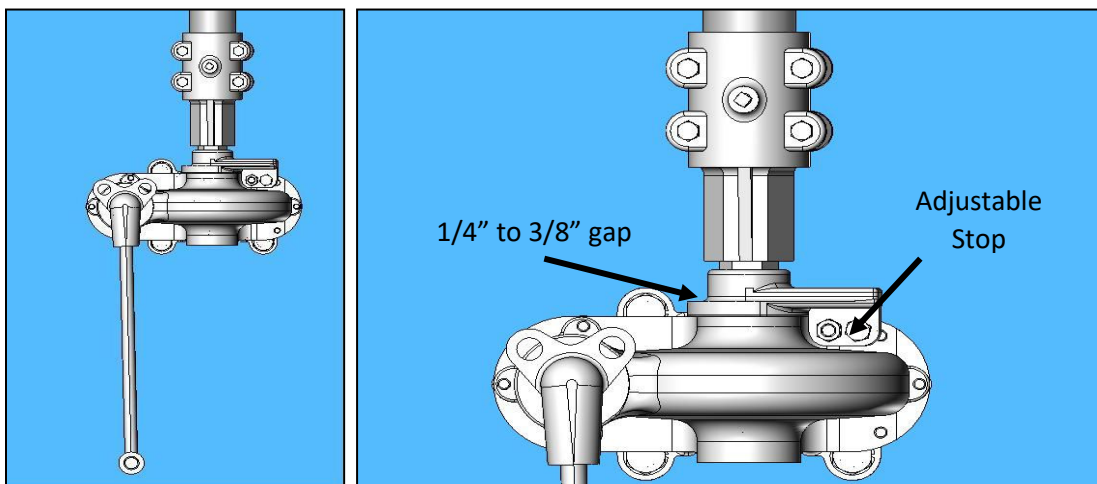


Figure 13: Type HOGO (High Output Geared Operator) Front View

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- 3.1. Worm gear operator (SEGO – Safety Enhanced Gear Operator) (Optional)
 - 3.1.1. The weight of the vertical operating pipe should be supported by pipe collar by maintaining the 1/4"-3/8" gap (**Figure 14**).
 - 3.1.2. When the switch is properly adjusted the operator handle should hang freely in both the open and closed positions to permit the use of the customer supplied padlock.

⚠ CAUTION Be aware that there is an adjustable stop on the operator. **Do not** over operate as damage will occur to the operator.

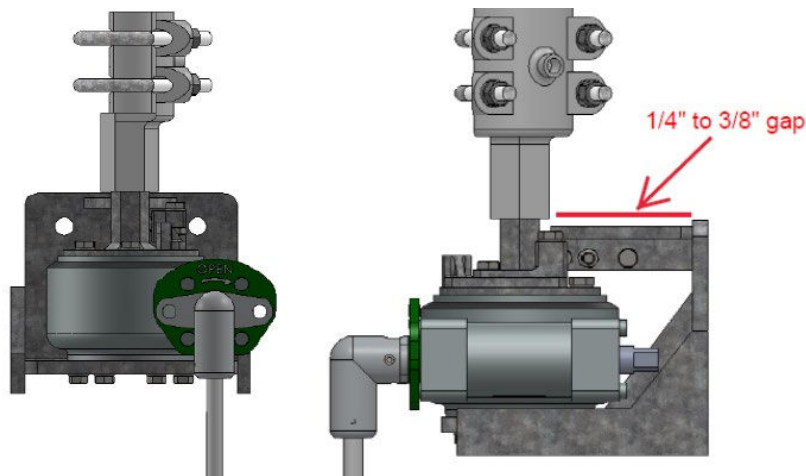


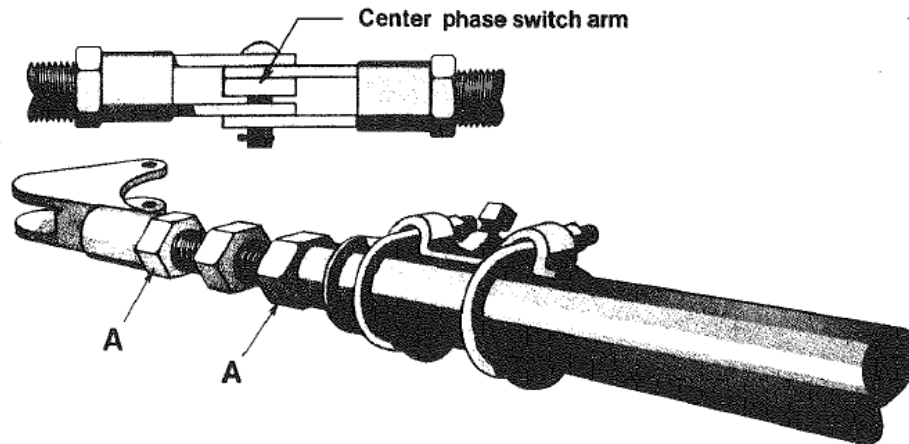
Figure 14: Type SEGO (Safety Enhanced Gear Operator)

- 4.1. Swing handle operator
 - 4.1.1. When the switch is properly adjusted the handle should hang vertically and free in both the open and closed positions to permit the use of a customer supplied padlock.
- 5.1. Electrical motor operator
 - 5.1.1. Please refer to motor operator instruction manual for proper installation and setup.
 - 5.1.2. Use manual operation while completing switch setup.
 - 5.1.3. **Do not** electrically operate until all switch adjustments are complete. **ALWAYS** operate the motor operator decoupled first to ensure proper setup.

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General Instructions for Threaded Clevises

When threaded clevises are specified, one is generally attached to the adjustable arm, and two more to the center phase switch arm (refer to the plan view of the operating mechanism drawing and the illustration below).



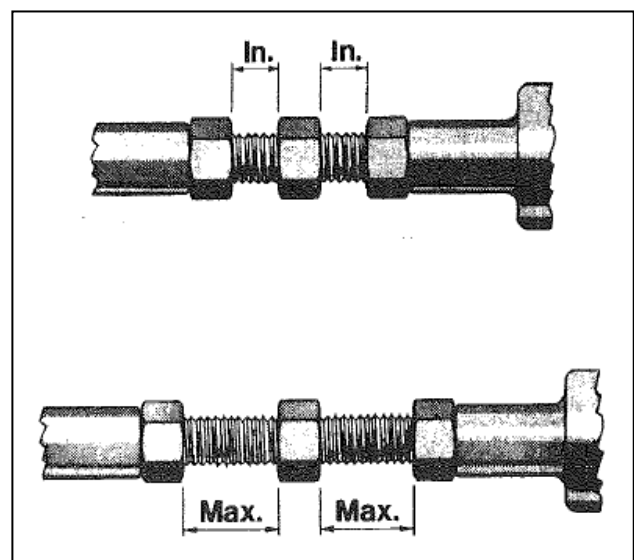
Operating mechanism adjustments consist mainly of incremental lengthenings and/or shortenings of the pipe that connect the switch arms together. To make these adjustments, simply loosen both jam nuts "A" and screw the stud in or out as required. Be sure to retighten both jam nuts securely.

▲ CAUTION ▲ DANGER Do not screw the stud out of the clevises. This could cause the pipe to fall, resulting in serious injury to personnel below.

Be sure the initial setting is correct, and do not adjust beyond the maximum allowable dimension. If adjustment beyond the maximum allowable dimension is needed loosen the U-bolts on the outboard phase clevis and reposition the pipe toward the center phase.

Initial dimension for $\frac{3}{4}$ " stud is $11/16$ "; 1" stud is $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Maximum allowable for $\frac{3}{4}$ " stud is $1-3/16$ ".
Maximum allowable for 1" stud is 1".



Recommended Inspection Maintenance

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Southern States' disconnect switches are designed to operate with minimum maintenance. While disconnecting switches are not readily serviced at frequent intervals, *periodic inspection is important for satisfactory operation and maximized overall life*. Frequency of inspection and maintenance depends on the installation site, weather, atmospheric conditions, experience of operating personnel, and any special operation requirements.

During operational testing, the switch should be opened and closed several times, if possible, to clean the contacts and free the moving parts. A visual inspection, when the switch is wet, or temperature scanning detector may indicate hot spots that could serve as potential sources of trouble. Directional microphones or ultrasonic detectors can be used to locate local corona sources on the switches which can be eliminated during normal switch maintenance.

NOTE

It is recommended that maintenance on these switches be performed in accordance with ANSI STANDARDS **C37.30.1-2011**. In addition, well-established live-line servicing and maintenance procedures may be used in accordance with user practices and local and OSHA regulations.

Table 3: Recommended Installation and Maintenance Table

		Installation Tests	Patrolling Inspection 6-months	Routine 5 Year *	Periodic 10 Year *
Insulators	Contamination	X	X	X	X
	Damage	X	X	X	X
Cabinet (if motor operator supplied)	Any loose parts on the floor of the cabinet?	X	X	X	X
	Wiring Secure	X	X	X	X
	Links Secure	X	X	X	X
	Inspect Mechanism for loose parts	X	X	X	X
	Heaters Energized	X	X	X	X
	Door Seal	X	X	X	X
Mechanical	Operational Tests	X		X	X
Electrical	Contact Resistance	X		X	X
Liveparts Inspection	Inspect Contacts	X		X	X
	Inspect Arcing Horns	X		X	X

***NOTE:** Inspection/maintenance is suggested to be performed every two (2) years when installed in harsh environments with excessive airborne contaminants such as salt spray and industrial pollutants.

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Patrolling Inspection (6 Months)

The patrolling inspection is a largely visual inspection on an energized unit in service. The frequency of the inspection is determined by the local conditions and policies of the owner of the equipment.

- Inspect the insulators for breaks, cracks, burns, or cement deterioration. Clean insulators particularly where abnormal conditions such as salt deposits, cement dust, or acid fumes exist to minimize possibility of a flashover.
- If an accompanying motor operator is supplied, check the cabinet for loose parts and ensure that all wiring is secure, the heater is energized, and the door is sealed.

Routine Inspection and Maintenance (5 year)

⚠ DANGER

The disconnect switch must be de-energized, disconnecting from all electrical power sources before servicing.

- Perform patrolling inspection (above), checking insulators and cabinet
- Once the disconnect switch is de-energized, test operate the switch multiple times.
- Check the switch for alignment, contact pressure, eroded contacts, corrosion, and mechanical malfunction, replacing damaged or eroded components if necessary. If contact pitting is minor, smooth the surface with a clean, fine sandpaper. It is recommended to clean and reapply C5-A grease during any operation or maintenance cycle, as exposed surfaces (*such as contacts*) are vulnerable to environmental conditions and contaminants that can decrease the effectiveness of the grease over time. During reapplication, clean and wipe down the contact surfaces with a green Scotchbrite pad, reapply C5-A grease, and remove any excess grease until an evenly coated, thin film is present.
- Inspect arcing horns for signs of excessive arc damage and replace if necessary.
- Check blade lock or latch for adjustment.
- Inspect all live parts for scarring, gouging, or sharp points that could contribute to excessive radio noise and corona. Check corona balls and rings for damage that could impair effectiveness.
- Inspect interphase linkages, operating rods, levers, bearings, etc. to assure that adjustments are correct, all joints are tight, and pipes are not bent.
- Check for simultaneous closing of all blades and for proper seating in the closed position.
- Inspect and check all safety interlocks while testing for proper operation.

Periodic Inspection and Maintenance (10 year)

⚠ DANGER

The disconnect switch must be de-energized, disconnecting from all electrical power sources before servicing.

- Follow instructions for 5-year Routine Inspection and Maintenance



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