



Type WAG and WAG-A

Aluminum Vertical
Break Disconnect
Switch

Volt: 15.5-170kV

Amp: All

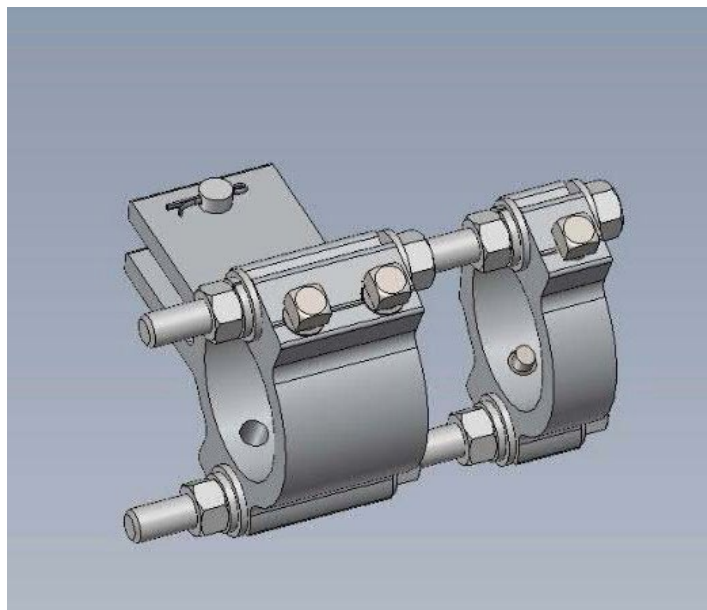
INSTALLATION &

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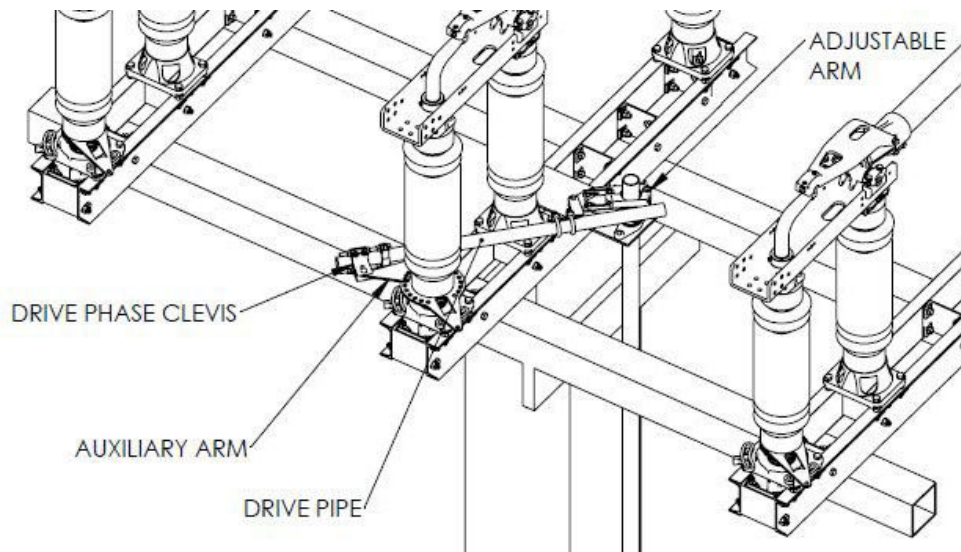
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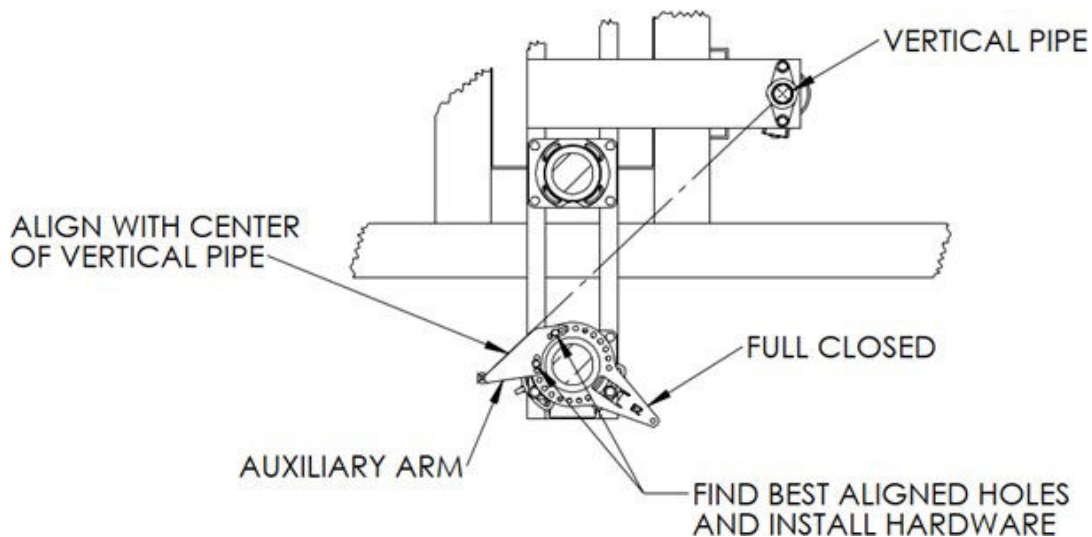
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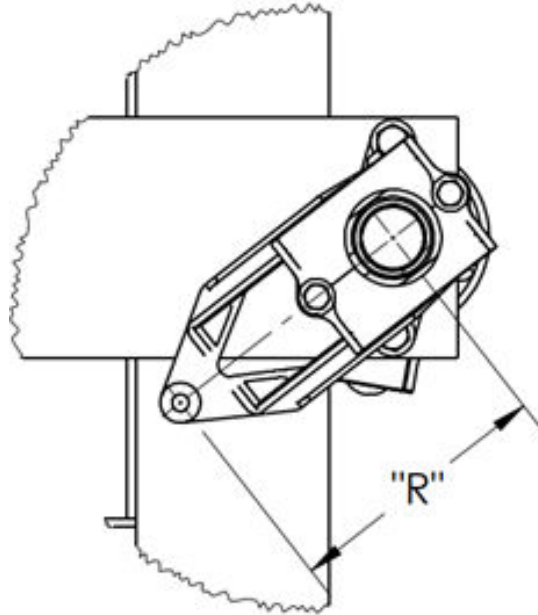
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Install the auxiliary arm by aligning the straight edge of the arm with the center of the vertical pipe and bolting it into place using two of the provided mounting holes. Do this with the switch phase set to the full closed position as shown below.



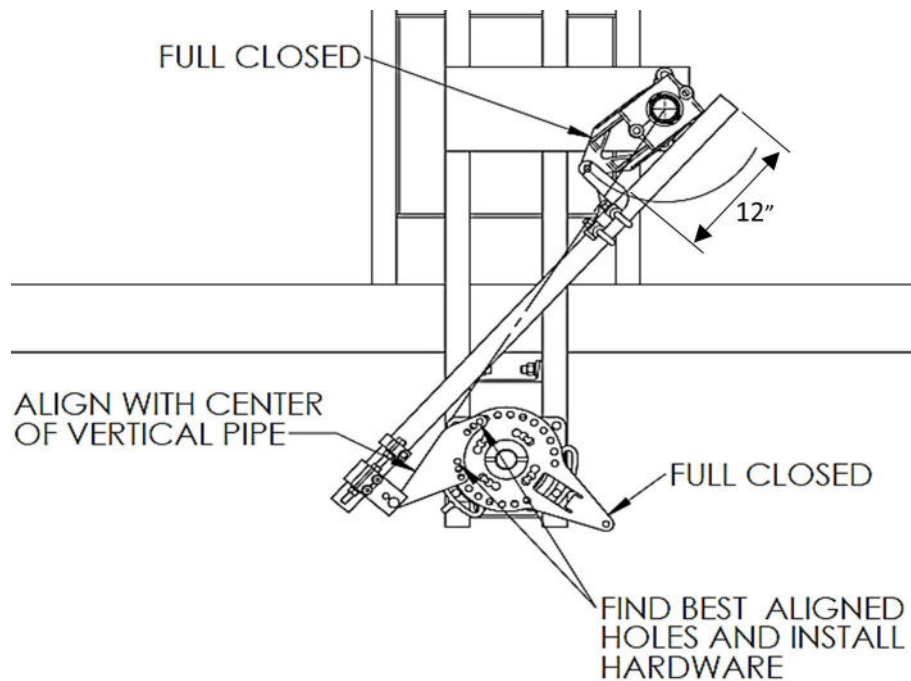
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Install the adjustable arm with the radius "R" set to the recommended length provided in the operating mechanism drawings.



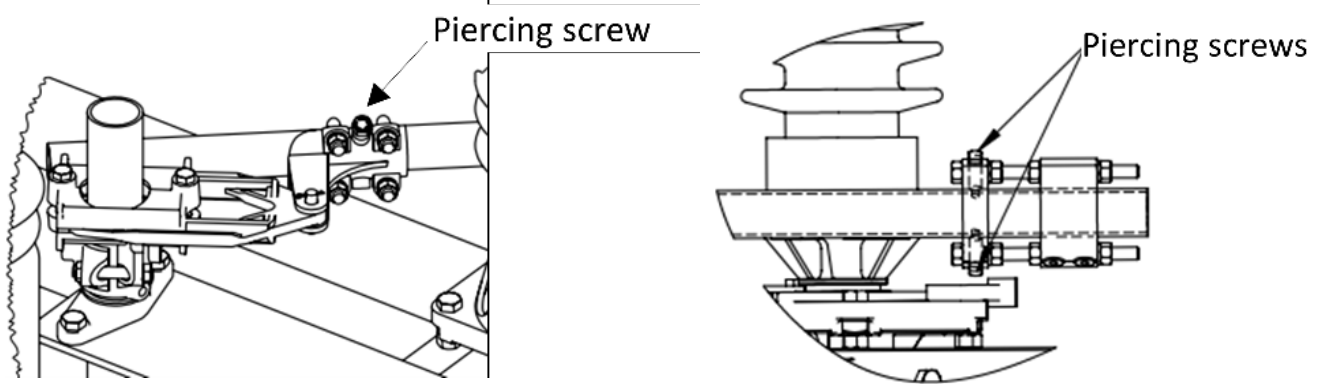
STEP 3:

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.



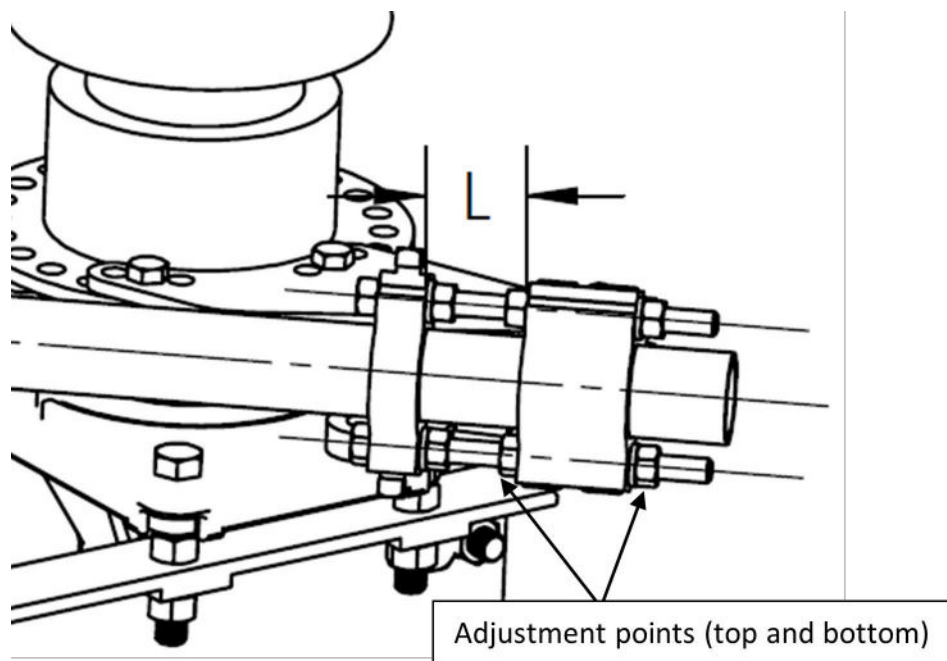
STEP 4:

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.



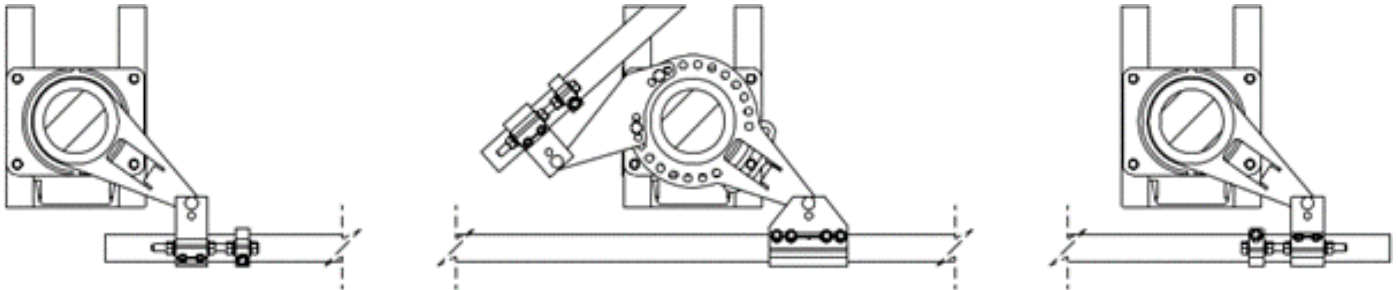
STEP 5:

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.



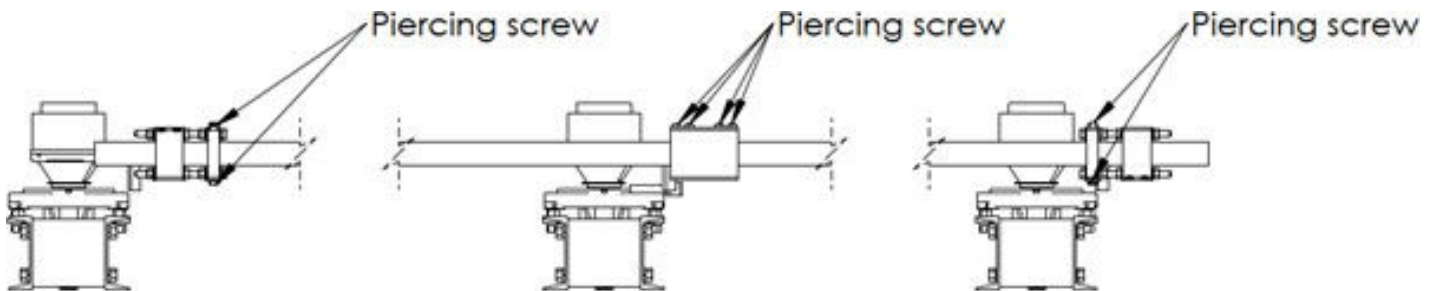
STEP 6:

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

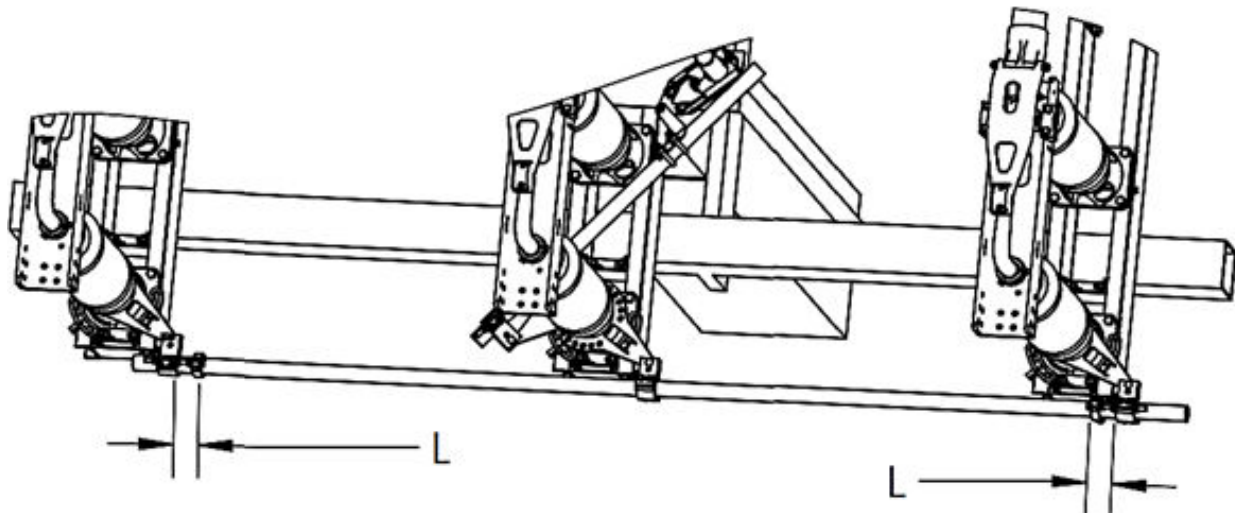


For switches driven by the center phase:

- 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.



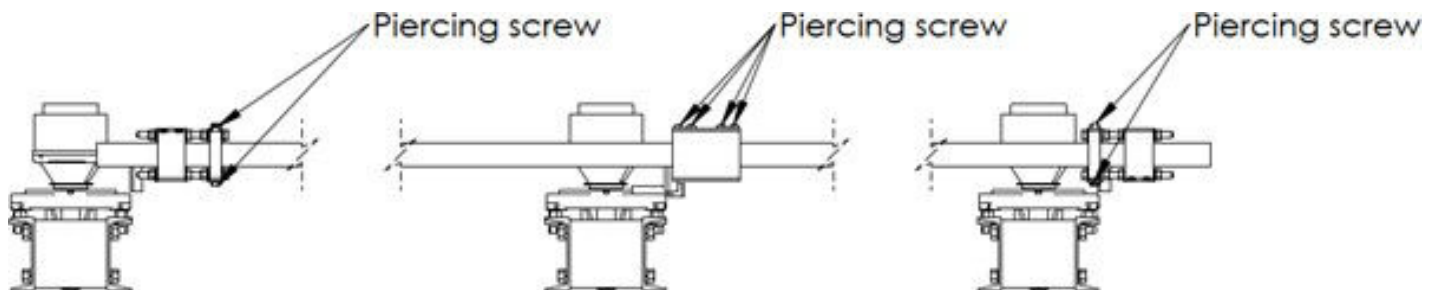
- Adjust the timing of the two driven phases by adjusting the length "L" of each Rapid-Set clevis.



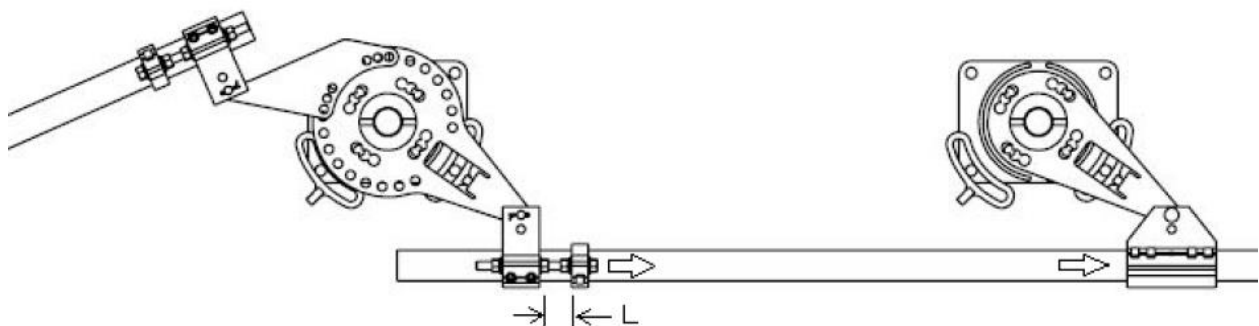
For switches driven by one of the end phases:



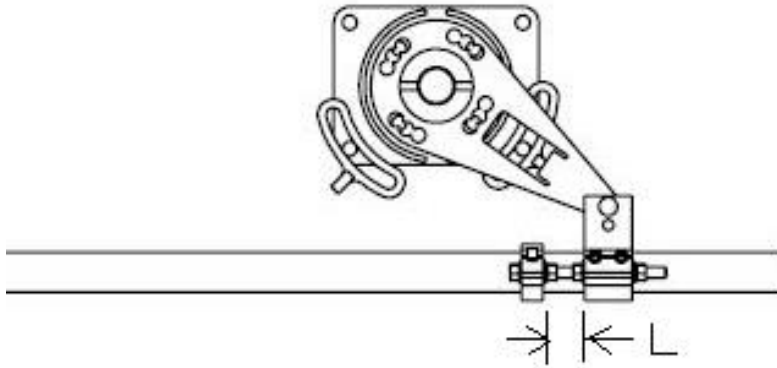
- a. With the interphase pipe centered and all clevises in place, pierce the interphase pipe with at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



- 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.

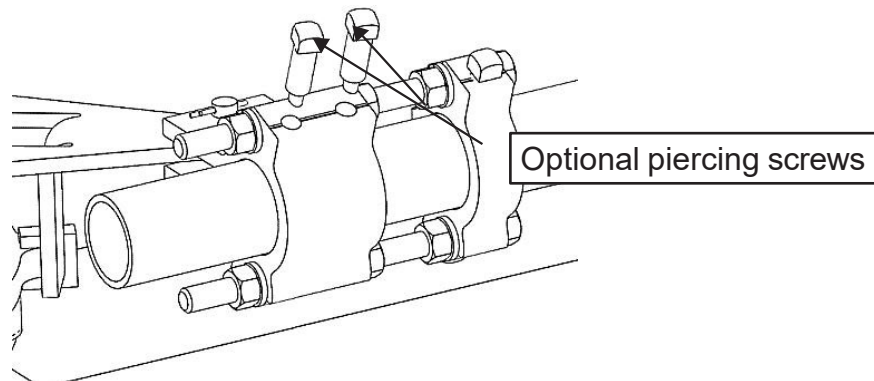


STEP 7:

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, remove the plastic cover caps and insert the piercing as shown below. Note, adding these will restrict any additional adjustment. Remove them before making any future adjustments and then reinstall them on the bottom side of the clevis.



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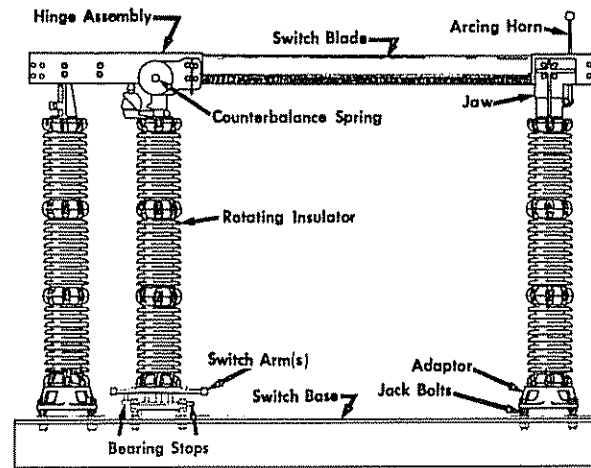
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- The Purchaser will Use the Equipment, only in conformity with all manuals, data sheets and instructions provided by Southern States, and in keeping with sound engineering, utility and safety practice. Purchaser will at its own expense, provide all necessary labor, supplies, and facilities required to Use the Equipment.
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Types WAG and WAG-A 69-230kV all ampere ratings

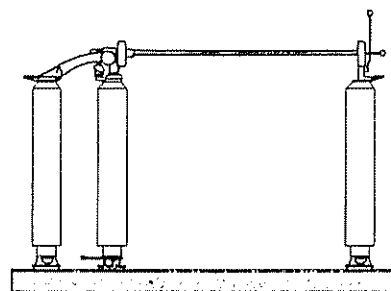
Installation Instructions

Southern States switches designated Types WAG and WAG-A in the 69 through 230 kv range come in current ratings from 1,200 up to 6,000 continuous amperes. The drawings on this page show the basic design configurations of these switch lines; however, individual differences may exist between different models due to different mounting schemes, insulator sizes, and customer requirements. But regardless of their appearance, all WAG and WAG-A switches share basic mechanical details, and the installation procedure is the same for all.

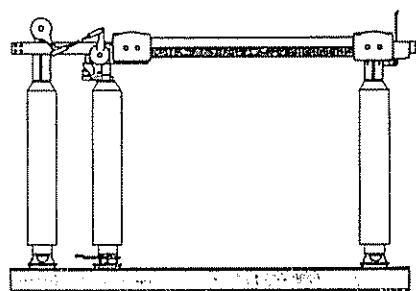
Since these switches are normally shipped without insulators, installation consists of removing the live parts from the base, mounting the base on the structure, mounting the insulators to the base, mounting the live parts to the insulators, and in some cases, minor adjustments to the live parts.



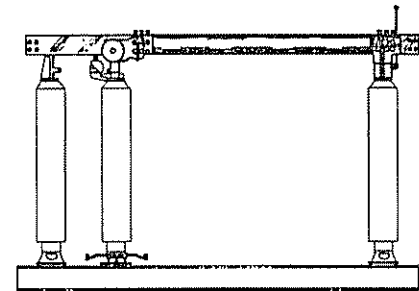
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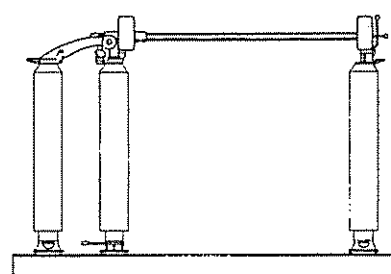
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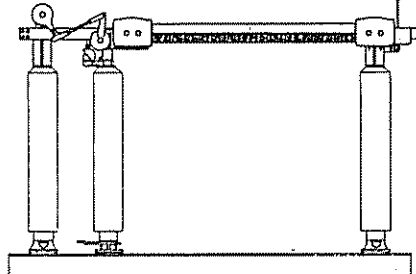
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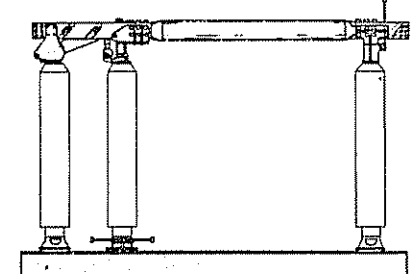
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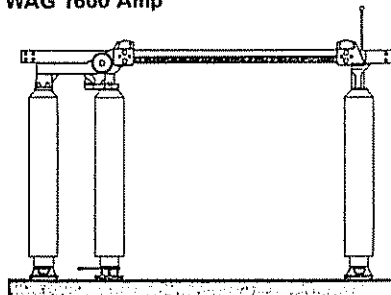
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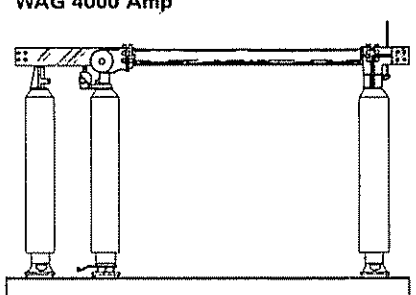
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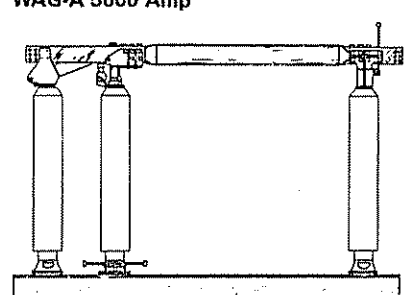
WAG-A 5000 Amp



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NOTE: The drawings in this manual are for illustration only and may differ in actual appearance from your switch.

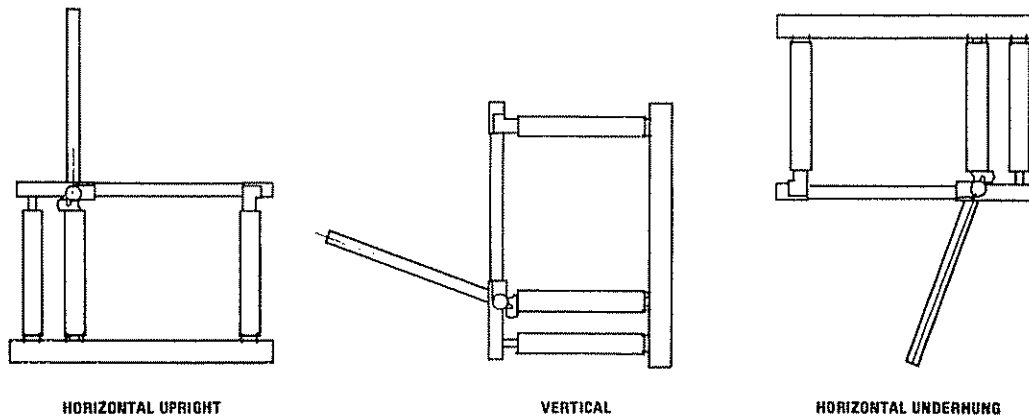


FIGURE 1 Definition of mounting positions

FIELD ASSEMBLY:

*These switches may be assembled on the structure, or assembled on the ground and hoisted to the structure according to preference. (Exception: It is recommended that vertical mounted switches be assembled on the ground.) When assembling switches on the ground, be sure the base rests on a firm, level surface. When hoisting switches, **LIFT BY THE SWITCH BASE ONLY**.*

Before mounting the switches on the structure, refer to the Op. Mech. Drawing because there may be differences in the switch poles that require that they be mounted in specific locations.

Do not change any factory setting on the switch unless directed to in this manual.

1. Uncrate the switches, remove the shipping tie-down wires, and check for damage in transit. If any damage is found, immediately file a claim with the carrier and notify the factory.
2. Using any convenient means, match mark the lower parts of the hinge assembly with the switch arm and the rotating hub to insure correct re-assembly as shown in figure 2.

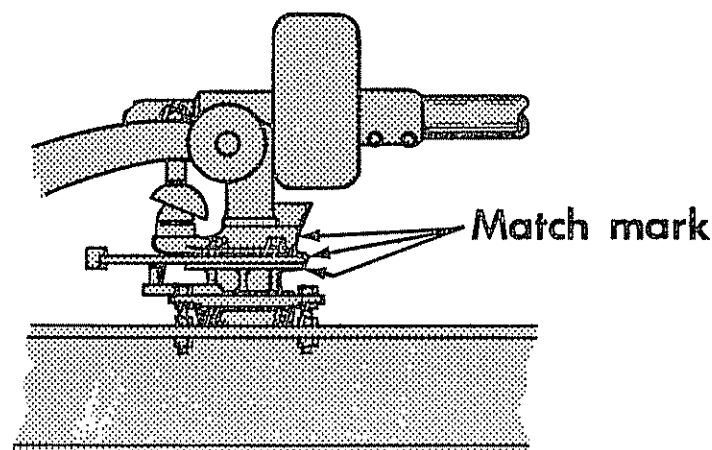


Figure 2

NOTE: Switch arm shown in normal position.
In some applications switch arm may be reversed, or double switch arms may be used.

3. Rotate the switch arm to relieve the contact pressure on the switch blade. Remove the live parts from the adaptors and save the bolts for re-use (IF they are of a type specified on the Unit Assembly Drawing for insulator mounting — galvanized, stainless steel, or bronze).

NOTE: Some poles may have an auxiliary switch arm. Check the Op. Mech. Drawing for proper adjustment of this arm.

4. Mount the insulators as indicated in figure 3 using the bolts specified in the field assembly bolt list (SF Drawing). Be sure that the match marks made earlier line up.

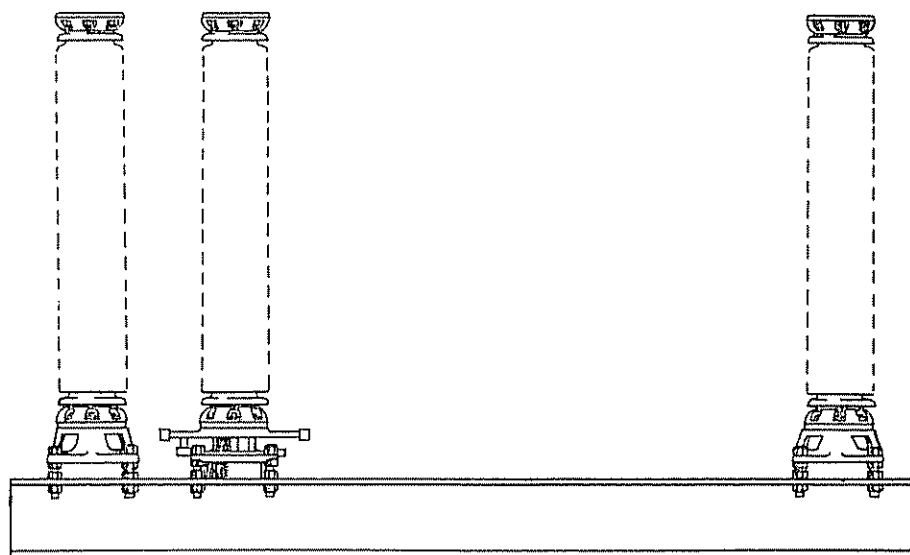
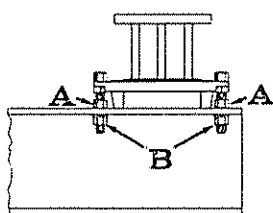


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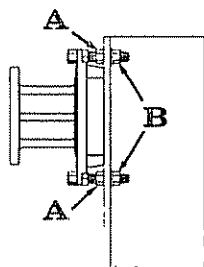
5. It is important that the center insulator be as nearly perpendicular to the base as possible. Plumb this insulator stack. If necessary, adjust the jack bolts on the bearing as directed in figure 4 until the center insulator is 90° to both the long and short axis of the base.

NOTE: When adjusting jack bolts it is important that the actual height of the insulator remain the same. To do this, adjust opposite bolts equally; that is, run one nut up a certain number of turns, and run the other one down the same amount of turns. (By doing this, the insulator stack will remain at its original height, but its angle of tilt will change.)



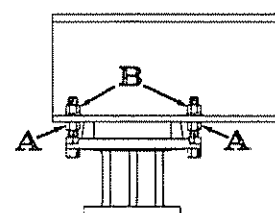
UPRIGHT

To adjust the insulator stack, loosen all four nuts (B). Tilt insulator to required position by screwing up or down on nuts (A). Retighten nuts (B).



VERTICAL

To adjust the insulator stack, loosen both top nuts (A) and bottom nuts (B). Tilt insulator to required position by running bottom nuts "A" in or out and top nuts "B" in or out. Retighten opposite nuts.



UNDERHUNG

To adjust the insulator stack, first loosen all four nuts (A). Tilt insulator to required position by screwing up or down on nuts (B). Retighten nuts (A).

6. Mount the hinge and blade assembly as directed in figure 5. Be sure that the match marks made earlier are aligned.

NOTE: Some switch models may use 1/2" spacers between the live parts and the top of the insulators. When assembling the switch, make sure these spacers are replaced atop the same insulator stack that they were shipped on.

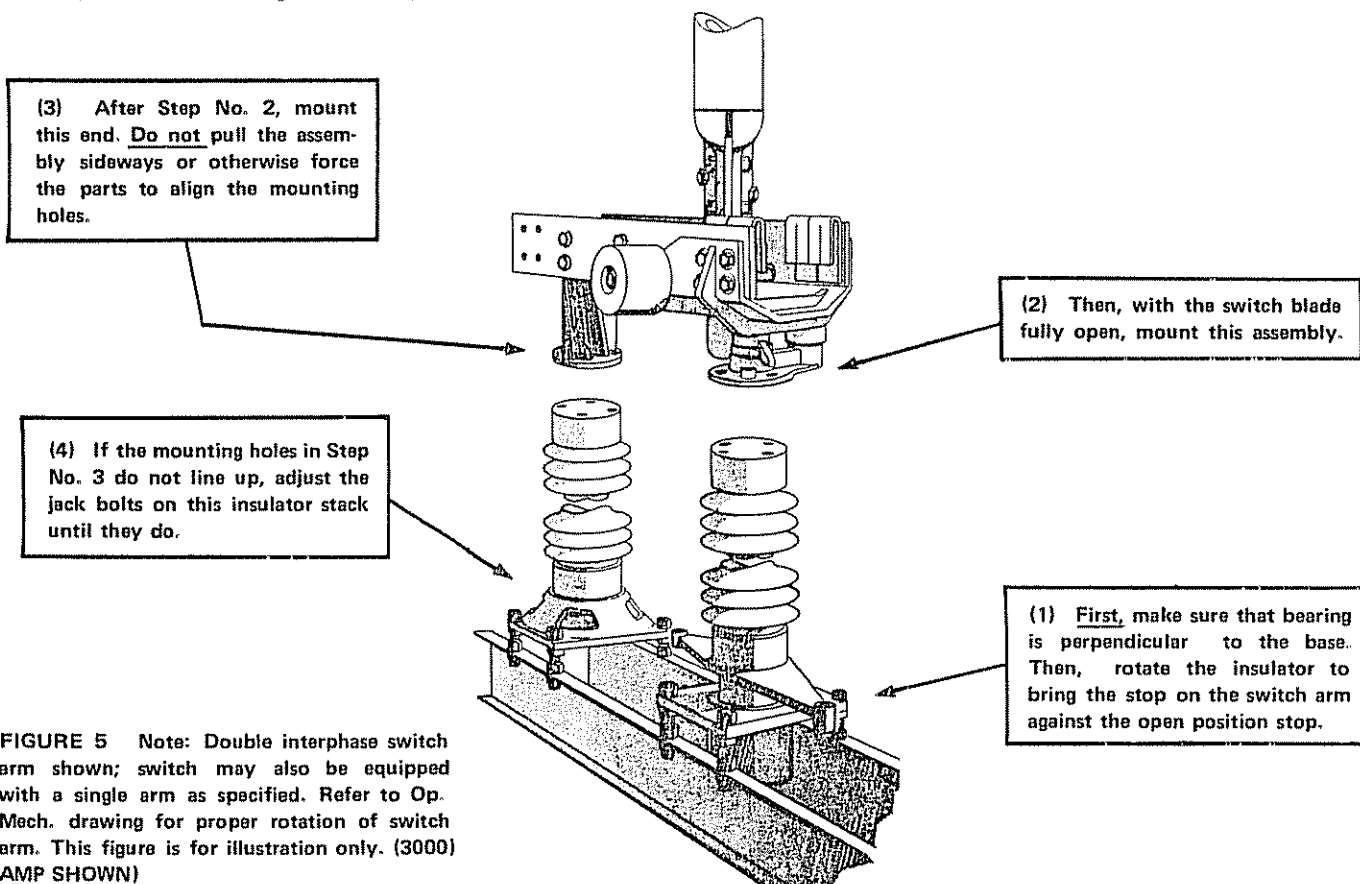


FIGURE 5 Note: Double interphase switch arm shown; switch may also be equipped with a single arm as specified. Refer to Op. Mech. drawing for proper rotation of switch arm. This figure is for illustration only. (3000 AMP SHOWN)

NOTE: If applicable, at this time also mount accessories such as: grounding switch jaw, quick break device, outriggers, etc. as shown on the Op. Mech. Drawing. Use the spacers provided to maintain equal height of the live parts on the rotating and the stationary insulators.

7. Mount the jaw. Leave the mounting bolts loose, close the switch, and tighten the mounting bolts. Adjust the jack bolts at the bottom of the jaw stack (only) if necessary.

NOTE: If possible, install the conductors at this time to avoid the possibility of having to readjust the insulators later due to unequal conductor loads on the terminals.

8. If the switch has been assembled on the ground, at this time mount it on the structure. **LIFT BY THE SWITCH BASE ONLY.**

9. Hand operate each pole to check for proper contact engagement. The blade should enter the jaw centrally as shown in figure 6 without dragging on either side. Additionally, it must come to rest with the silver of the blade centered in the silver of the contact leaves as shown in figure 7. Adjust the jack bolts at the base of the jaw insulator to achieve proper contact alignment.

The switch is fully closed and will have adequate contact pressure if the blade has rotated to within plus or minus 5° of perpendicular in the contacts as shown in figure 8.

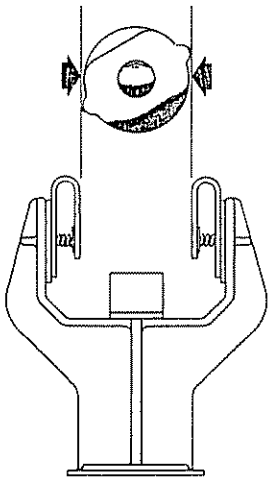


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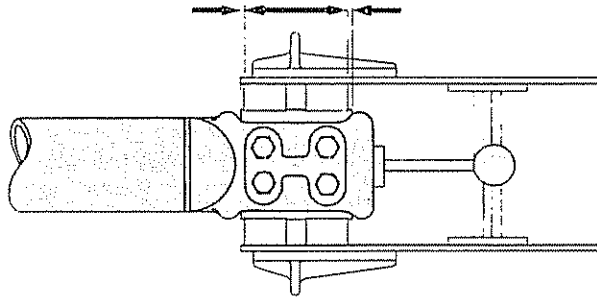


Figure 7 Blade tip centered in jaw contacts

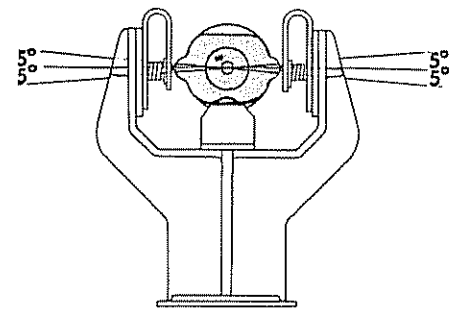


Figure 8

10. If applicable, install the arcing horn on the jaw. The horns should touch *lightly* throughout their stroke. Arcing horns rubbing together with excessive pressure can cause the blade to rotate outside the contacts causing switch malfunction. Bend the stationary horn as required to achieve enough pressure for contact, but not so much as to cause binding.
11. When all adjustments are made, install the operating mechanism as directed on the following pages.

NOTE: After installing conductors it may be necessary to readjust the insulators due to unequal loadings on the terminals.

For all group operated switches
7.2 - 230 kv All current ratings

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Generally speaking, the same method is used to operate all types of switches, the only difference being in relatively minor details made necessary by different types of structures, different requirements for vertical pipe rotations, clearances, etc.

Although the drawing shown in Figure 1 is of a 69 kv vertical break switch, it may be used as a general example of operating mechanisms for all Southern States switches regardless of mounting positions. The operating pipes may be arranged in any of 4 basic ways as shown schematically in figure 2; however, the operating principle remains the same, and the method of installation and adjustment is virtually identical:

NOTE: Some installations of higher amperage switches will have a double interphase pipe (Item 15). In which case one switch pole will always have an auxiliary switch arm as shown in illustration "A" below.

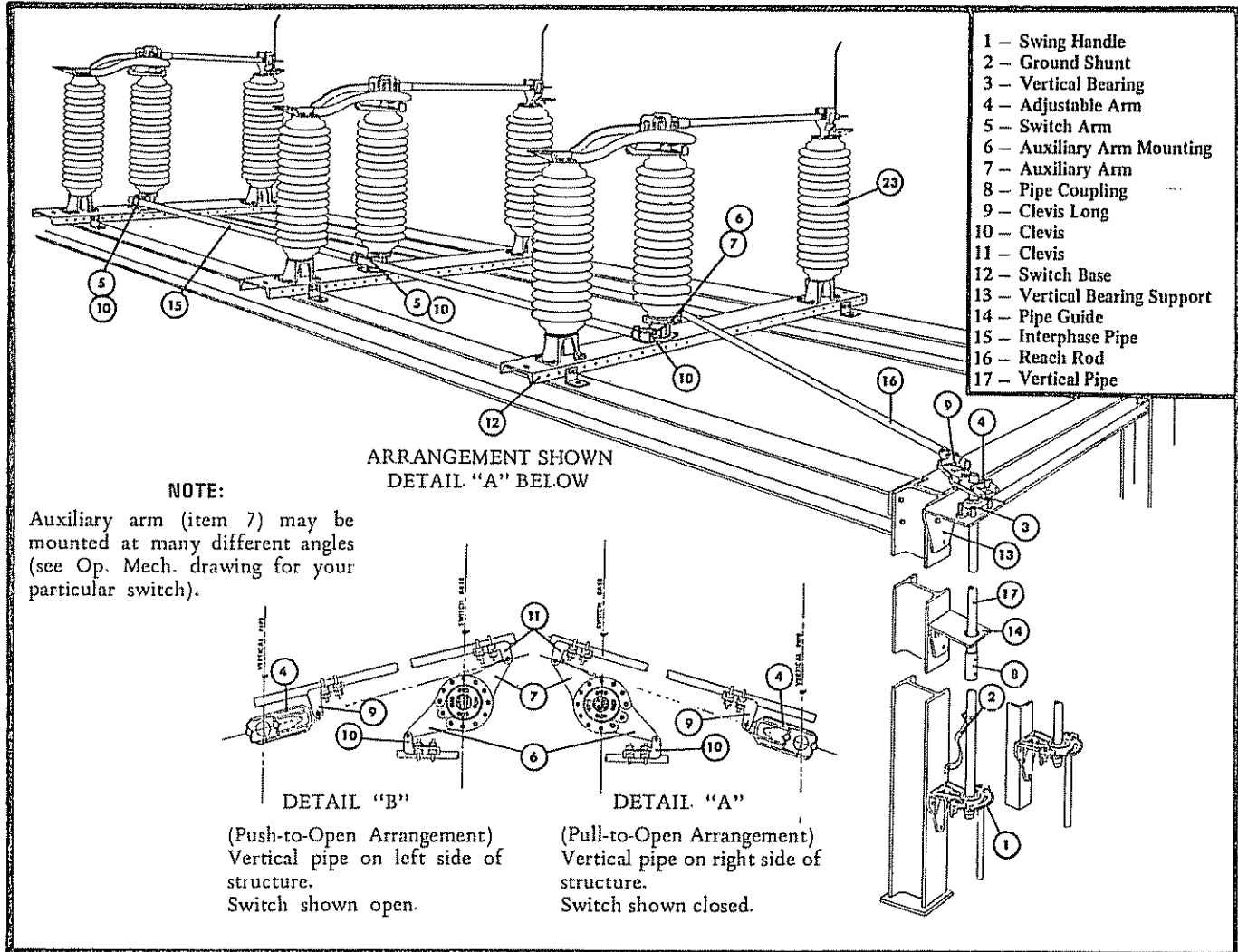


Figure 1

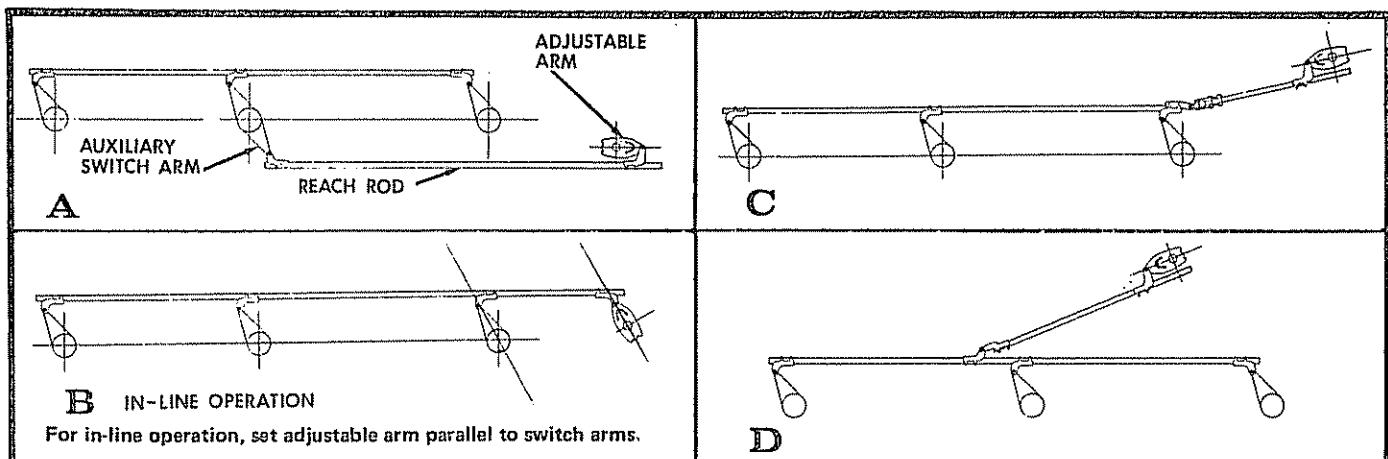


Figure 2

- I. Included with every switch is an Operating Mechanism Drawing (Op. Mech. Drawing). Study this drawing carefully, and with all switch poles closed, install mounting brackets, bushings, manual operating devices (if used), vertical pipe, adjustable crank arm, reach rod, and interphase pipe. *Be sure that pipe collar above the vertical bearing supports the full weight of the vertical pipe.*

IMPORTANT: On some installations you will find self-piercing set screws in the pipe clevises. These screws should be tightened to only grip the pipe during initial adjustments: Do not pierce the pipe until directed to do so.

NOTE: When a switch pole is equipped with an auxiliary arm, the best method for operating mechanism attachment is to wait until after this pole is completely adjusted before installing the interphase pipe. (This will eliminate trying to coordinate and adjust all three poles at once.)

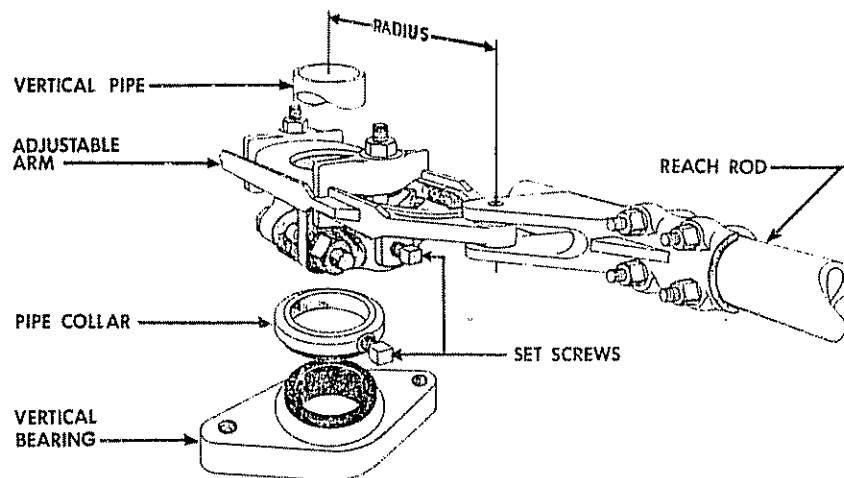


Figure 13 — Adjustable arm assembly. CAUTION: Pipe collar must support full weight of pipe.

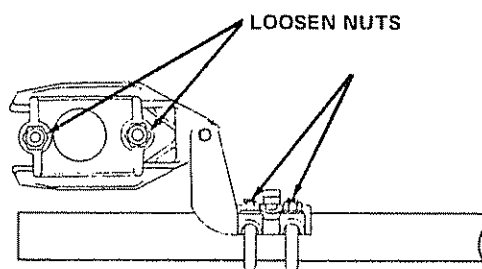
- II. After mounting all operating mechanism components, use any convenient means to match mark all clevis connections, adjustable arm, and manual operator attachment to check for slippage during trial operations.
- III. If a motor operator is to be used, at this point refer to the motor operator installation instructions for mounting and trial operations.
- IV. Place all switch poles in the fully closed position.

ADJUSTMENT:

Do not use electrical operation until all line switch adjustments are made.

1. The adjustable arm should travel 180° from toggle closed to toggle open. Manually test operate.
2. If the switch does not fully open, the radius of the arm is too short. To correct:
 - a. Check first to see that nothing has slipped.
 - b. Return the switch to the closed position.
 - c. Loosen the adjustable arm and clevis bolts as shown in figure 17.
 - d. Lengthen the radius of the adjustable arm about 1/4 inch and allow the clevis to reposition itself the same distance (shortening the pipe).
 - e. Test operate again and adjust as necessary.

FIGURE 17



3. If the switch is fully open before the control handle reaches the open position, the radius of the adjustable arm is too long. To correct:
 - a. Check to see that nothing has slipped.
 - b. Return the switch to the closed position.
 - c. Loosen the adjustable arm and clevis bolts as shown in figure 17.
 - d. Shorten the radius of the adjustable arm about 1/4 inch and allow the clevis to reposition itself (lengthening the pipe).
 - e. Test operate again and adjust as necessary.
4. When the switch is completely adjusted, securely tighten all bolts, and tighten all set screws until the pipe walls are pierced. (For heavy wall pipe, drill the set screw holes, using the threaded drill guides supplied and a 1/4" drill.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Direct Mechanisms

The direct operating mechanism is sometimes used on lower rated switches (usually 69 kv and below). It is a much simpler method of switch operation since the vertical operating pipe is attached directly to a bearing shaft that extends below the base of one of the switch poles:

- A. Study the Op. Mech. Drawing for arrangement of operating pipes.
- B. Pull all switch poles in the fully closed position.
- C. Attach interphase clevises and interphase pipe. Tighten clevis U-bolts.
- D. Attach all mounting brackets to structure as shown on the Op. Mech. Drawing. Insure that pipe bushing and support is positioned as shown on this drawing.
- E. Attach universal coupling to extended switch bearing shaft. (See Fig. 5)

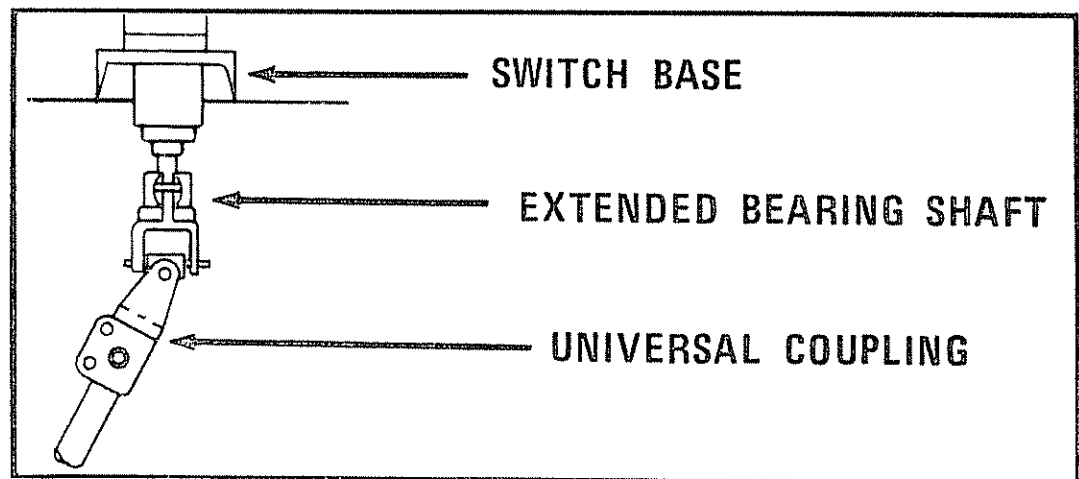


FIGURE 5

- F. Install vertical pipe and pipe couplings (if required).
- G. Manual handle stops are factory set and do not usually require readjustment.
- H. Check contact engagement after both jaw and hinge conductors have been attached to switch terminal pads. Switch blade should enter jaw centrally with equal clearance on either side of the blade. Adjust insulators as necessary to achieve proper blade clearance.
- I. When all adjustments are completed and switch operates satisfactorily, tighten all operating mechanism set screws until pipe walls are pierced. In cases where heavy wall pipe is supplied, it will be necessary to pre-drill the pipe using the threaded drill guide supplied and a 1/4" drill.
- J. Make final check of all bolts, screws, nuts, and cotter pins for security.

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Recommended Inspection Maintenance

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: Recommended Installation & 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.

Recommended Inspection Maintenance

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)



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)



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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