



## **TYPE EC-1V**

Aluminum  
Center Break Vee  
Disconnect Switch

ALL Ratings

**INSTALLATION &**

**INSTRUCTION**

**MANUAL**

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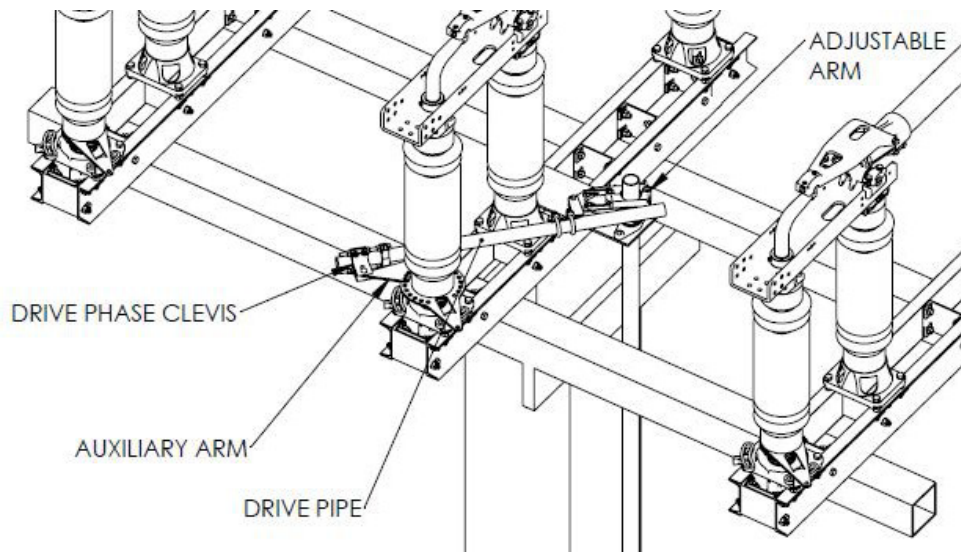
# ATTENTION:

Southern States will begin supplying a portion of new operating mechanism designs with Rapid-Set clevises for orders designed after 9/1/23. If your Operating Mechanism print calls for Rapid-Set clevises (see image below for an example), please utilize the instructions on the following pages for all linkage adjustments. If not, please adhere to the standard instructions provided.





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[Southern States Rapid Set Instructions](#)

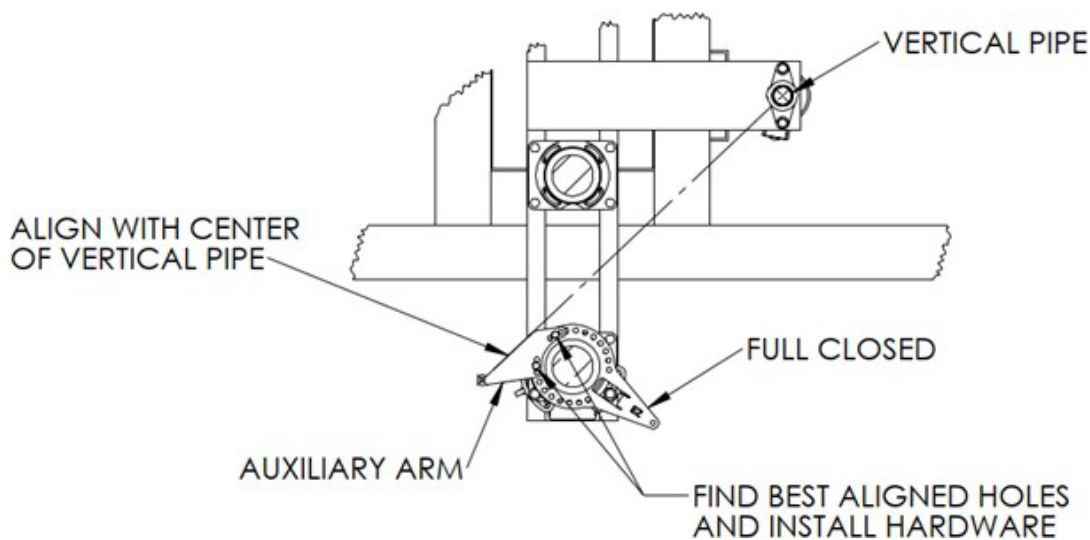


## STEP 1:

For operating mechanisms with drive pipe connected directly to the interphase pipe, skip ahead to Step 10.

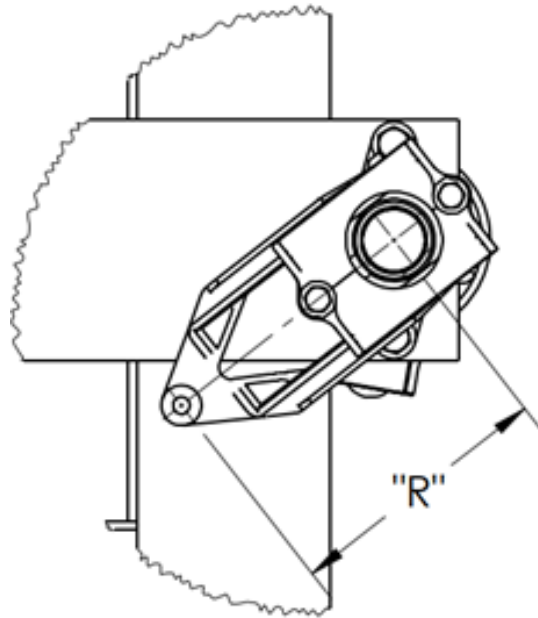
## STEP 2:

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.



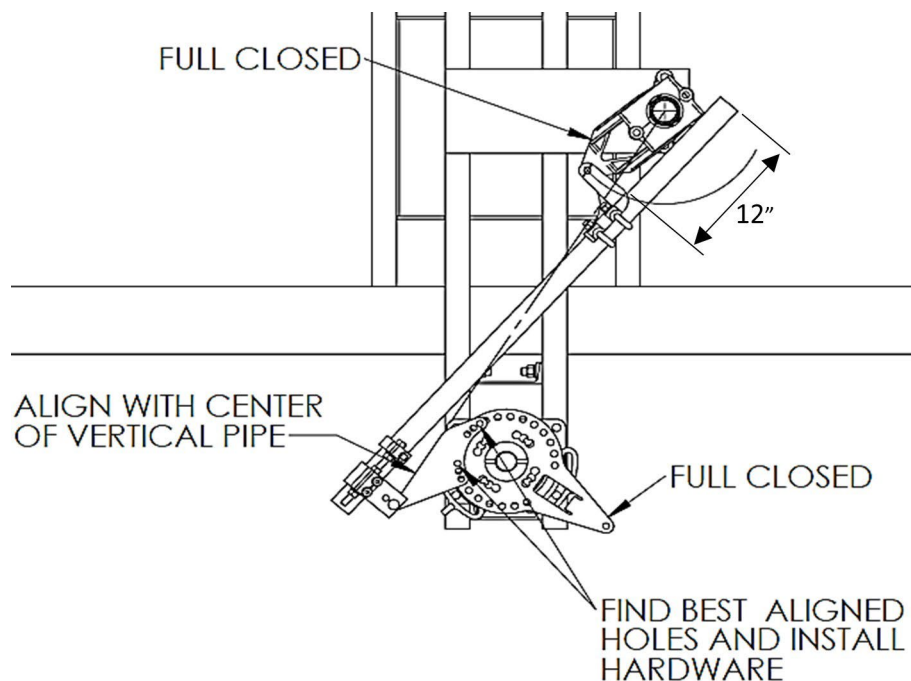
### STEP 3:

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



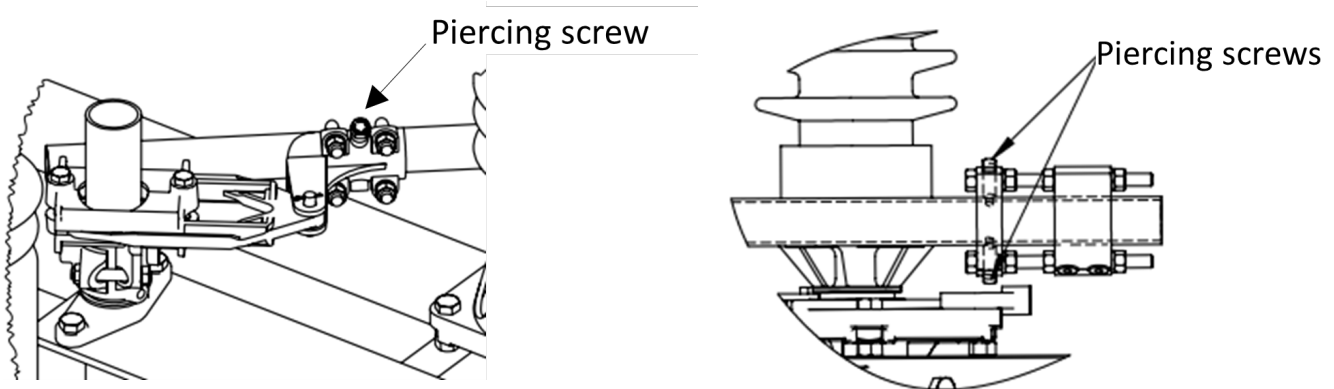
### STEP 4:

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.



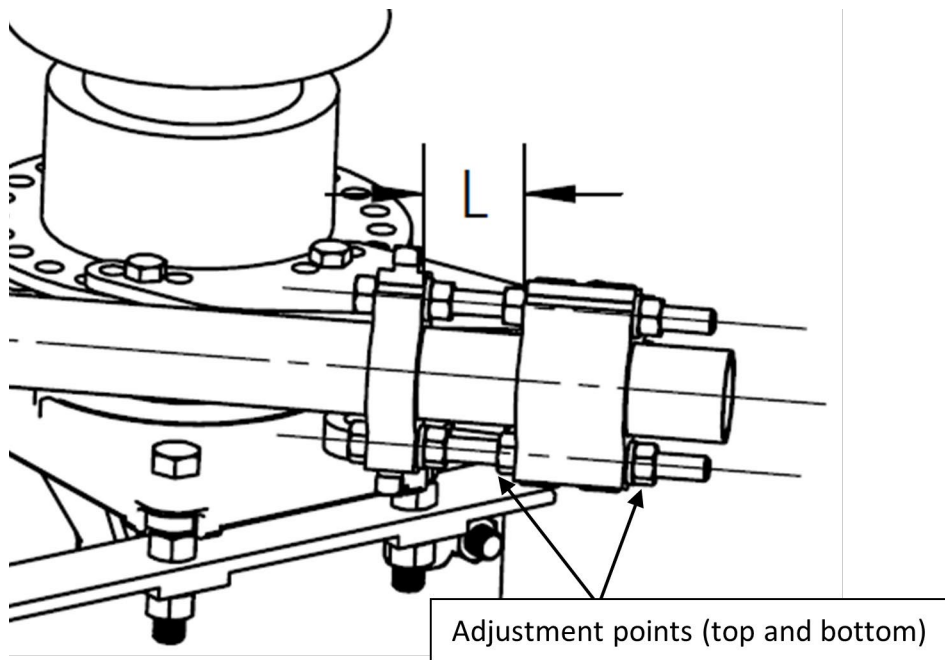
## STEP 5:

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 6:

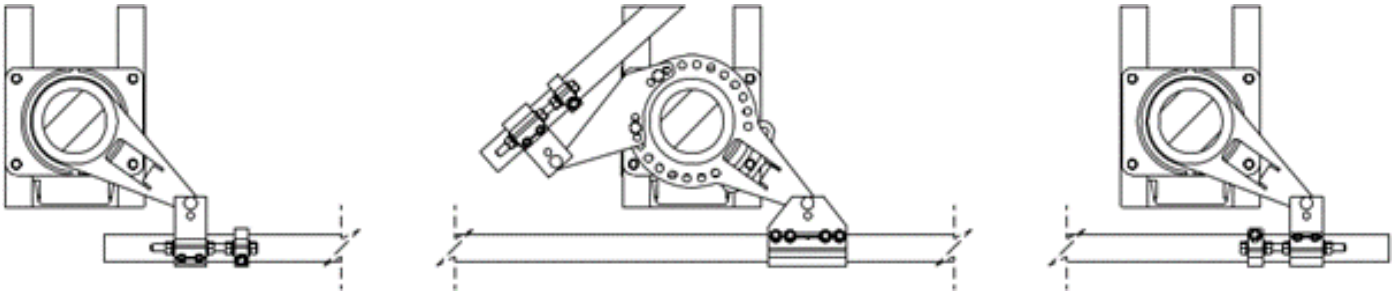
Begin to manually open the phase using the operator. Observe the phase closed and open stops during operation and modify the length of the adjustable arm as needed to provide the proper amount of travel. Lengthen the arm to add travel and shorten the arm to decrease travel. The mechanism should have 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.



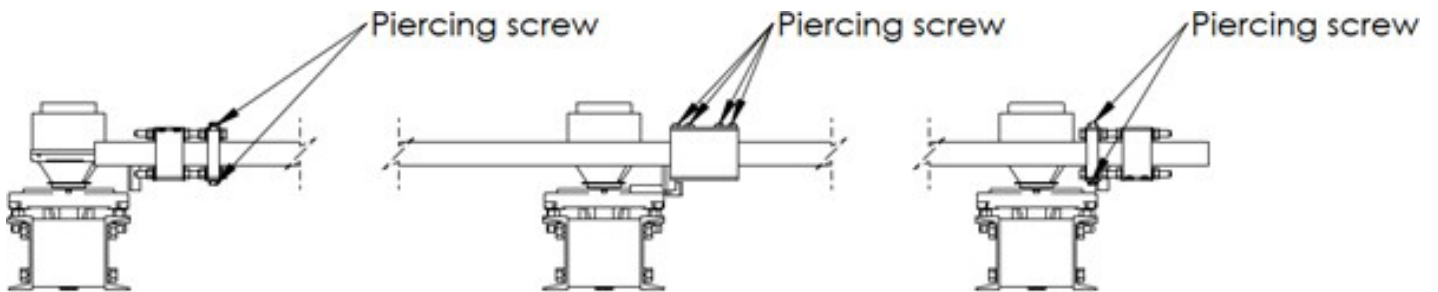
## STEP 7:

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

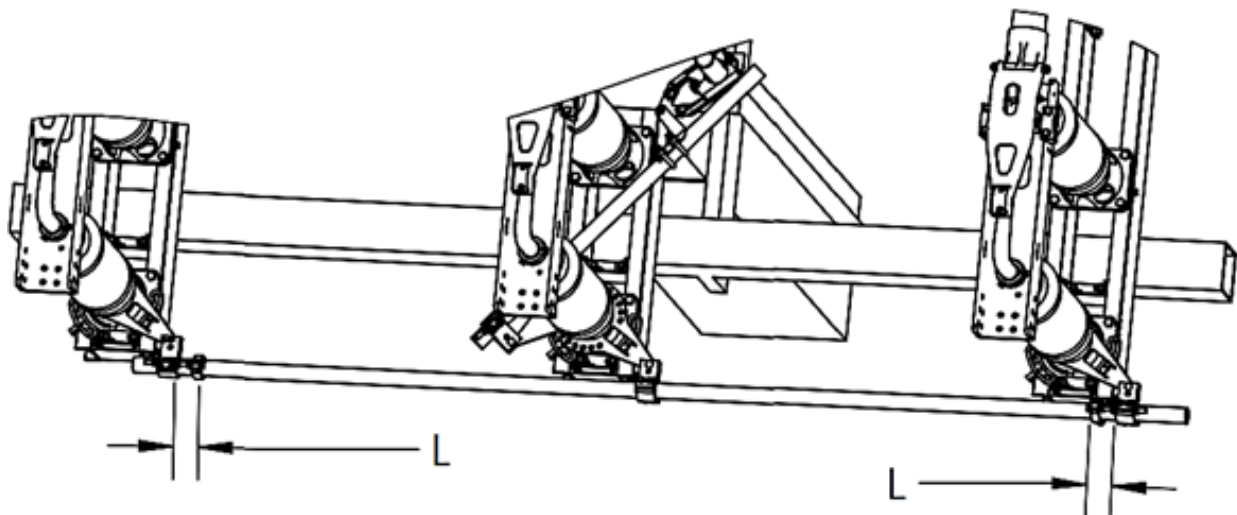
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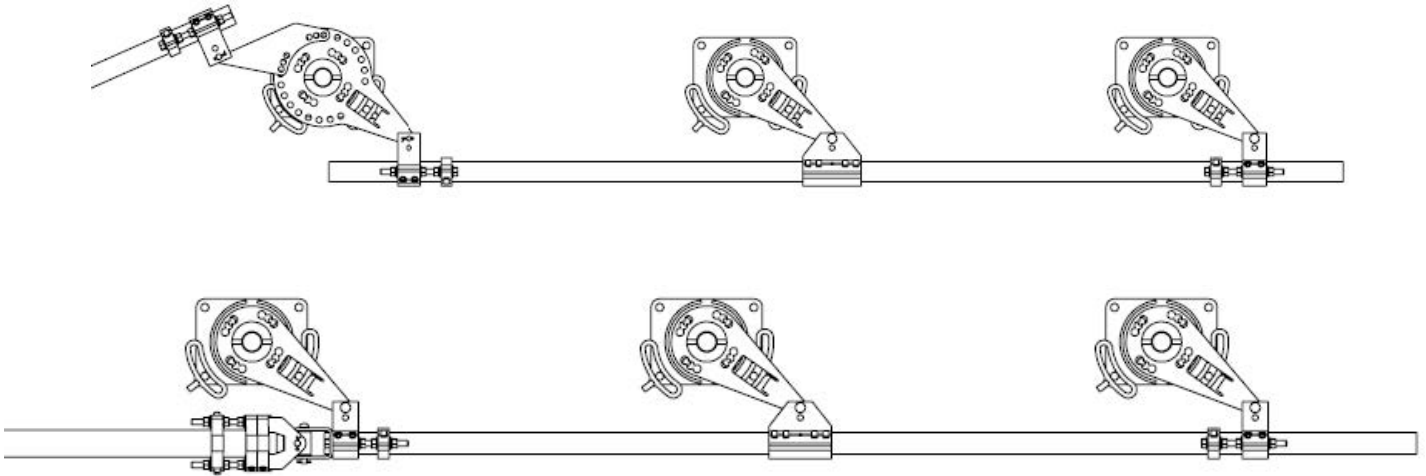
- a. With the interphase pipe centered and all clevises in place, pierce the interphase pipe at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



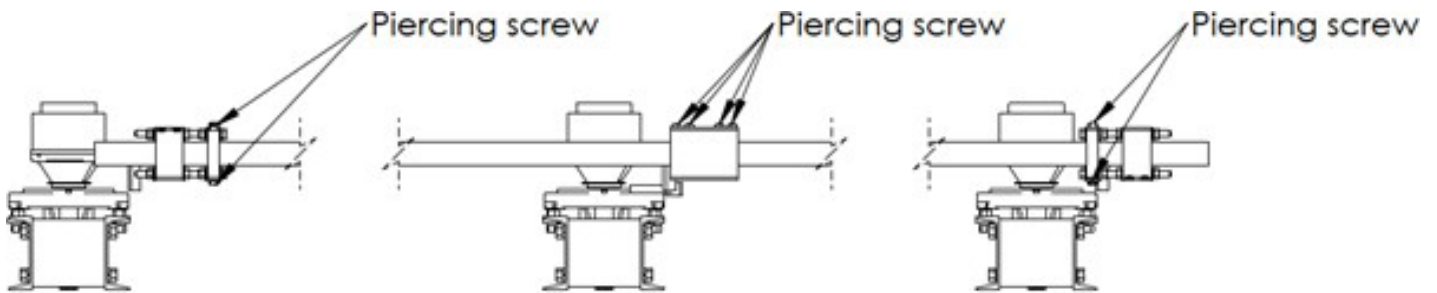
- b. Adjust the timing of the two driven phases by adjusting the length "L" of each Rapid-Set clevis.



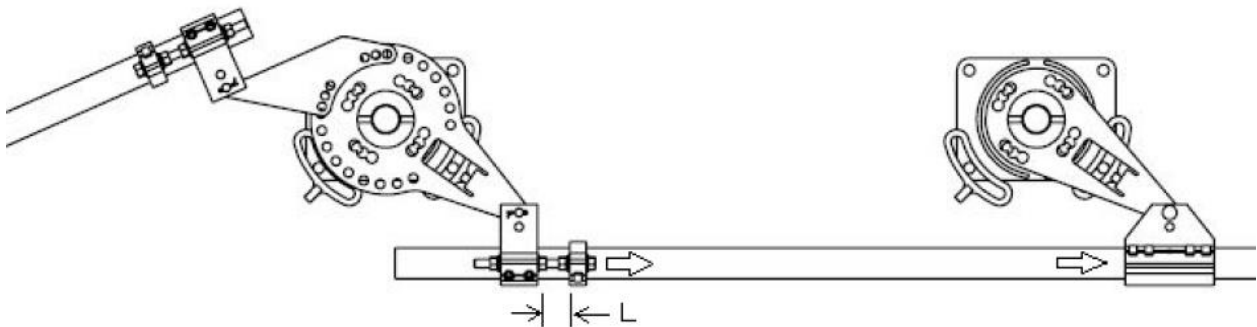
**For switches driven by one of the end phases:**



- 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.

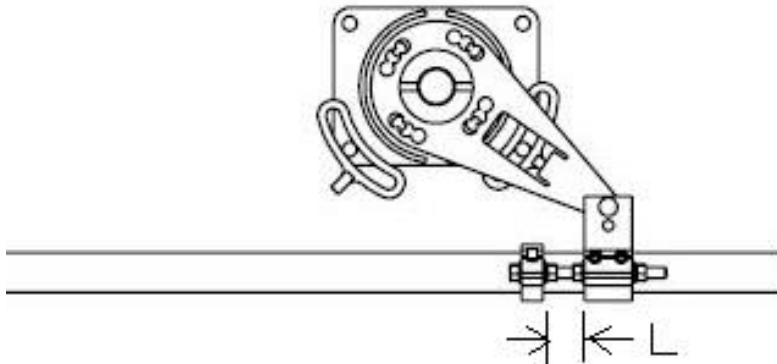


- b. Adjust the timing of the center phase by adjusting the length "L" of the Rapid-Set clevis attached to the drive phase.





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

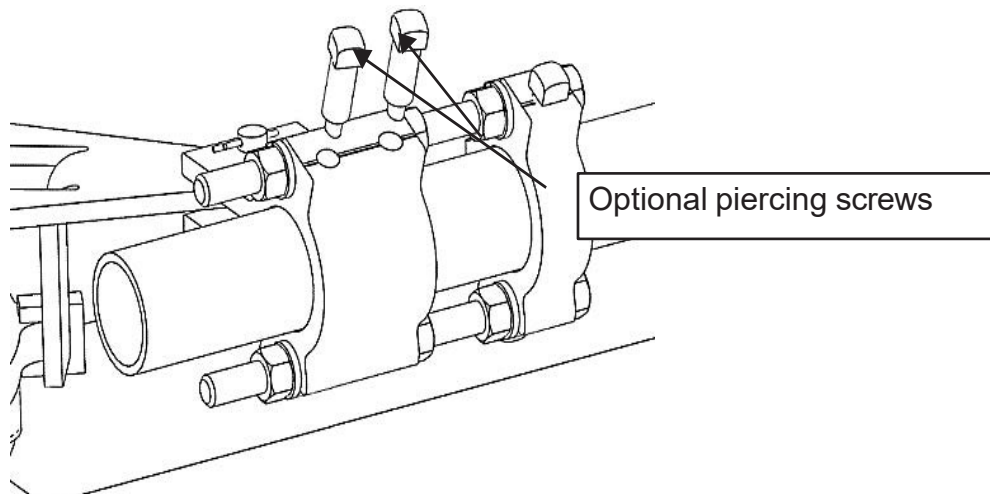


### STEP 8:

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).

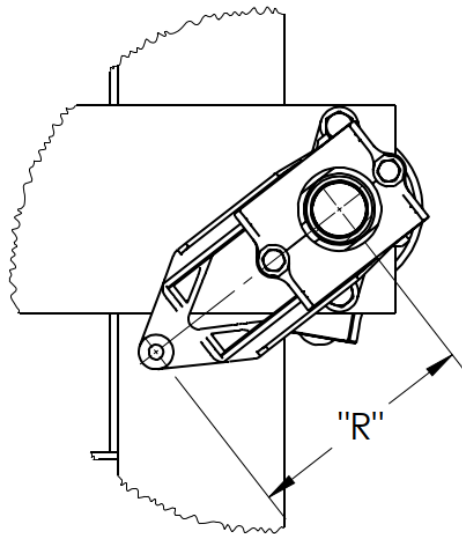
### STEP 9:

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 screws 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.



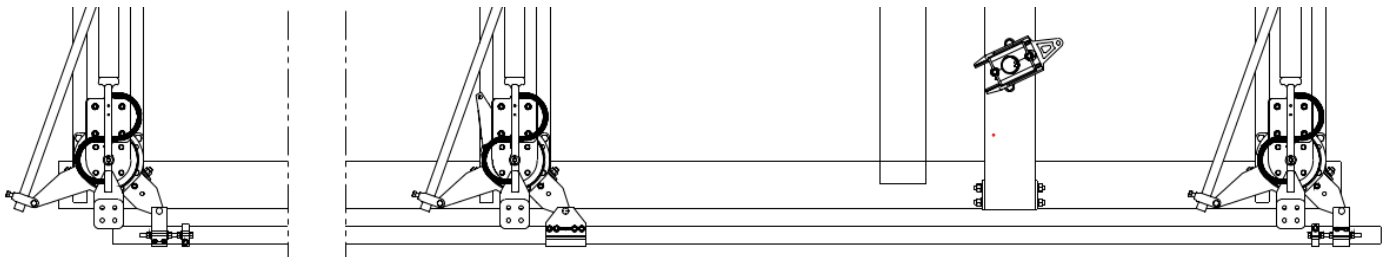
## STEP 10:

For Operating mechanisms with the drive pipe connected directly to the interphase pipe, start by installing the adjustable arm with the radius "R" set to the recommended length provided in the operating mechanism drawings.



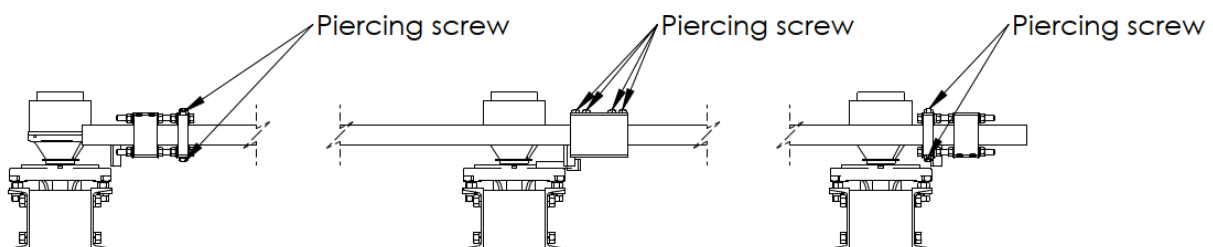
## STEP 11:

With all three switch phases set to the full closed position, assemble the interphase pipe as shown below. Be sure to center the pipe between all three connection points before piercing the connections shown in Step 12.



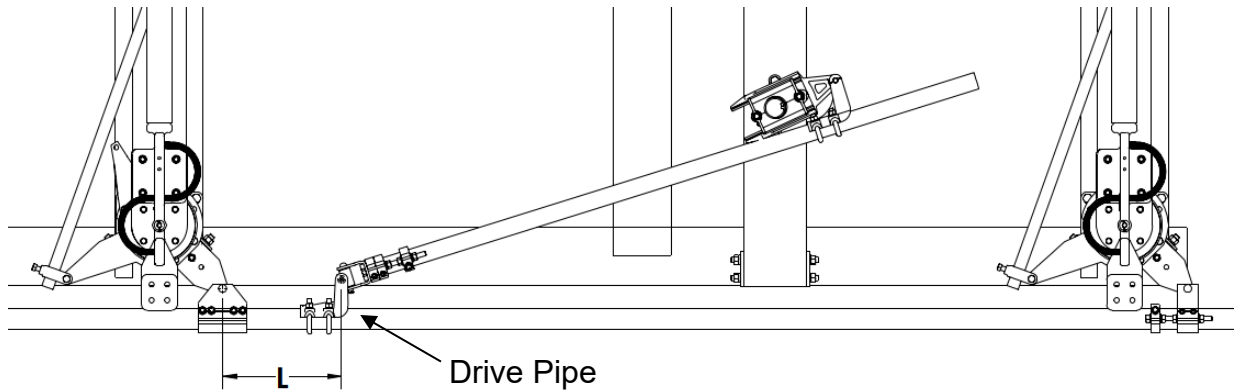
## STEP 12:

With all three phases set to the full closed position and the interphase pipe centered, pierce the interphase pipe at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



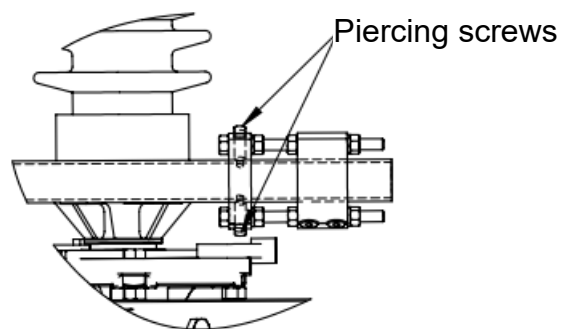
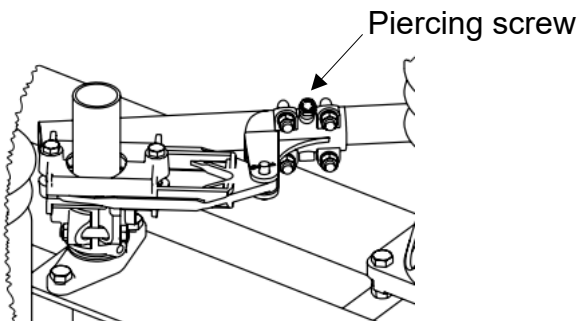
### STEP 13:

Install the drive pipe clevis to the interphase pipe at distance "L" shown on the operating mechanism drawing. Insert the drive pipe through both the drive pipe Rapid-Set and adjustable arm clevis.



### STEP 14:

With the adjustable arm and switch phases set to the full closed position, pierce the drive pipe at both ends.

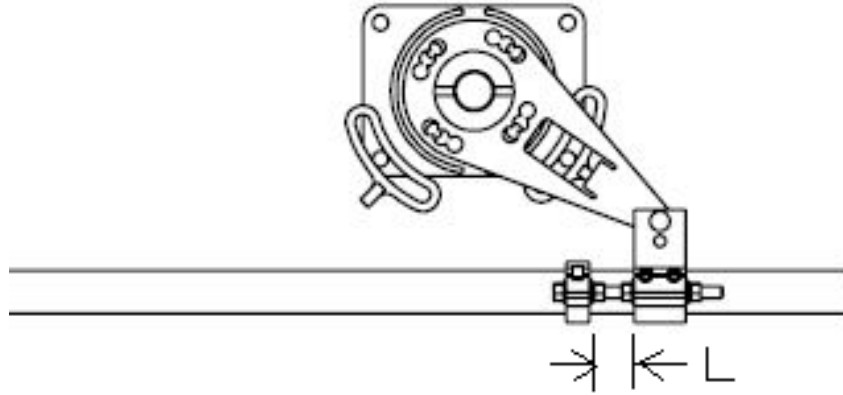


### STEP 15:

Adjust all stops on the outer two phases to ensure they are fully backed off. Begin to manually operate the three phase switch and focus on adjusting the center phase first. Adjust the length of the adjustable arm to get the correct amount of travel in the open and closed directions. The drive pipe Rapid-set should be used to balance the force in open and closed for the center phase.

### STEP 16:

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

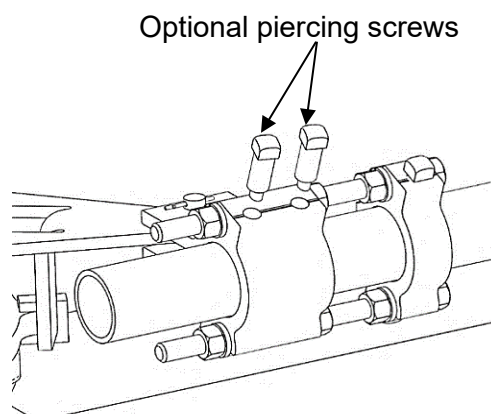


### STEP 17:

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 18:

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### DANGER

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- to distinguish between energized and non-energized parts
- to determine proper approach distances to energized parts
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## **Type EC-1V**

Aluminum Center Break Disconnect Switch

**All Ratings**



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#### Important

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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 obligation 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.

## Summary & Introduction

### Introduction

The Southern States Type EC-1V is a three phase, group operated, center break “vee” air disconnect switch constructed primarily of high strength aluminum. Applications for these switches included disconnecting and sectionalizing of lines, and isolating or bypassing other electrical equipment. Poles can be mounted in a horizontal “upright,” vertical, or under-hung position. The switch can be operated using a manual operator or electrical motor operator (Operating Mechanism).

For easy installation, all models use jack screws which provide infinite adjustments and eliminate time consuming shimming of insulator stacks.

The installation procedure for all mounting positions and operating schemes is similar and explained herein. A system of pipes, bearing, and adjustable length arms is utilized to open and close the switch from a ground level operator.

The instructions contained within this manual are necessary for the safe installation, maintenance, and operation of the EC-1V 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 EC-1V switch. It is not possible to cover all details, equipment variations, and potential conditions. 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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**⚠ 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 practices.

**⚠ WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

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### Ratings

Table 1: Ratings Table

RATINGS					
Maximum Voltage Rating (kV)	72.5	123	145	170	245
BIL (kV)	350	550	650	75	900
Rated Power Frequency	60 Hz				
Continuous Current	1200 A		2000 A – 3000 A		3000 A – 5000 A
Short-Time Symmetrical Withstand (3 Sec.)	38 kA RMS		63 kA RMS		80 kA RMS
Peak Withstand	99 kA		164 kA		208 kA
Ambient Temperature Rating	-40°C to +50°C Standard -50°C Optional				

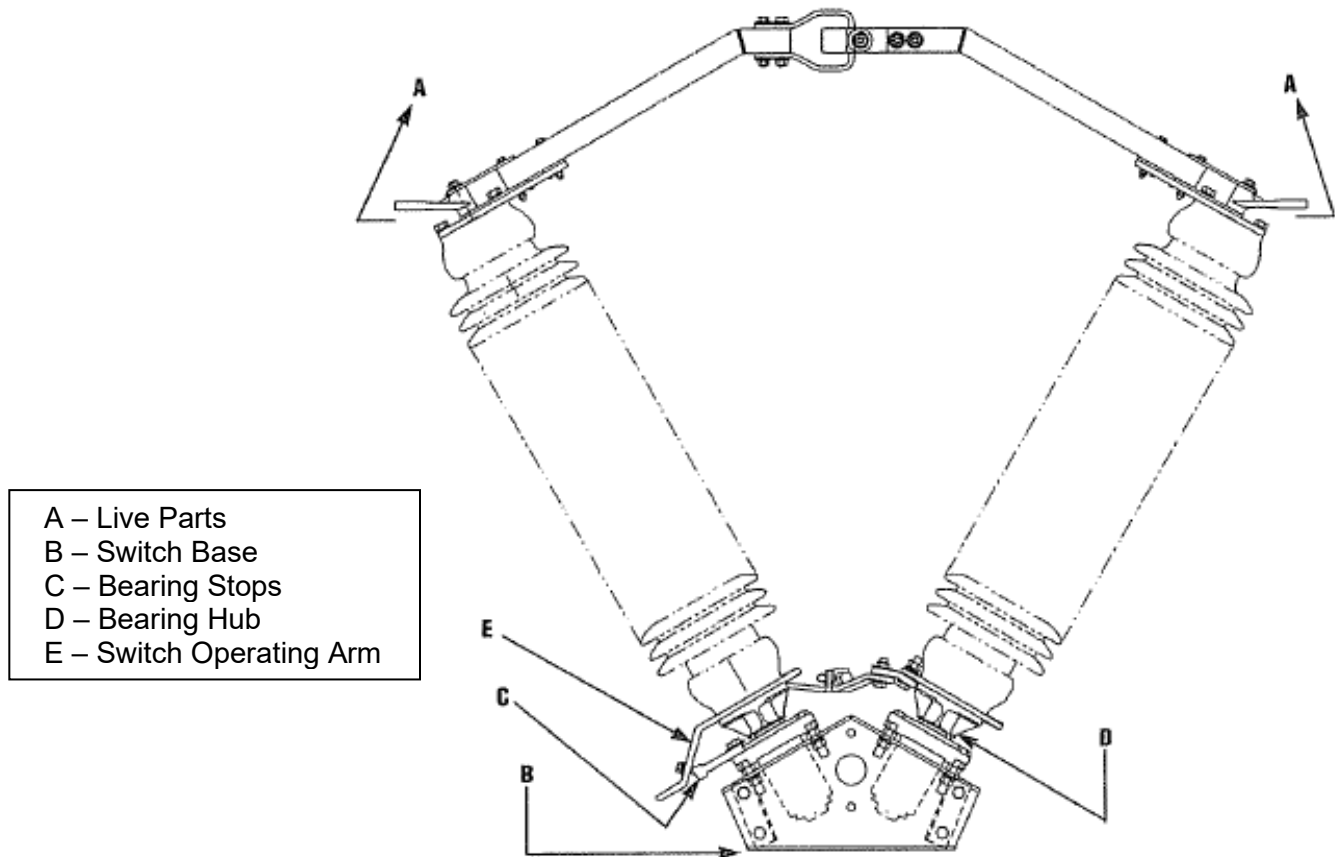
## Product Description

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### Typical Disconnect Switch

In general, installing a disconnect switch consists of the following:

- Mounting the insulators to the switch base (**B**) (Refer to **Preferred Switch Assembly Method** page 8).
- Mounting the live parts (**A**) to the insulators.
- Mounting the switch base (**B**) to the structure (Refer to the **Operating Mechanism Drawings** for structure and mounting details)
- Installing operating mechanism components
- Final adjustment or tuning (Refer to **Final Switch Adjustments (Tuning)**, page 18).



**Figure 1: Typical EC-1V Switch Pole Assembled & Common Terminology**  
(123kV, 1200 amp shown.)



## Receiving, Handling & Storage

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**⚠ CAUTION** These switches are top-heavy and unstable unless bolted down. To prevent personnel injury or equipment damage, use extreme care when uncrating.

### Unpacking

Unpack the equipment and check for damages or material shortages immediately. The bill-of-material 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 EC-1 aluminum center side break disconnect switch are suitable for outdoor use and do not have any special storage requirements. 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

### General Information & Mandatory Pre-Installation Requirements

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 on switch opening direction and handle location(s). *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.

Southern States Service Department is available for field installation assistance along with providing parts support for all Southern States products.

Contact the Service Department at 770-946-4562.

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### Preferred Switch Assembly Method

The Type EC-1V center break Vee switch is normally shipped assembled on insulators. Control components are packed separately. Installation consists of mounting the switch pole on the structure and installing the operating linkage.

These instructions give the general procedure for adjusting EC-1V switches. It may be necessary to make adjustments not described in the manual. If any questions should arise concerning the installation or adjustment of its equipment, please call your local Southern States representative or the factory direct.

1. Prior to mounting preassembled switches on the structure, each pole should be thoroughly inspected for damage in shipment. If damage is noted, immediately file a claim with the carrier and notify the factory.
2. Assemble the switch pole on the ground and hoist it to the structure as a complete unit.

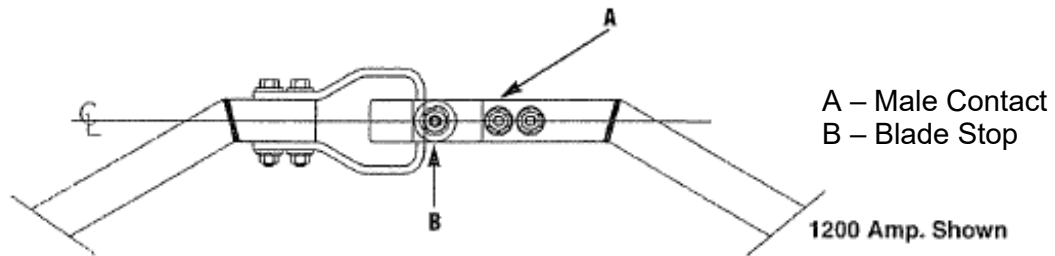
**⚠ CAUTION** To prevent overturning during assembly, the switch base must be securely attached to a level, stable platform.

**⚠ CAUTION** Lift fully assembled pole unit by the base only. **DO NOT lift the pole unit by the live parts.** Refer to

4. Test each switch pole for free operation and blade alignment. When closed, the blades should be in a straight line with the bearing stops touching (Figure 2). These stops can be adjusted if necessary.
5. After mounting the switch, shimming the base or other minor adjustments may be necessary.
6. **Using main sling attachment to the switch base only** and auxiliary sling attachment to keep the switch upright, mount the switches on the structure as shown on the plan view of the operating mechanism drawing. Be sure to orient each pole with the switch operating arm in the proper position. When lifting, positively lock the switch closed. This can be done by using clamps, wire, or straps to keep the switch operating arm ("E" on Figure 1) hard against the bearing stop.
7. When switch is mounted on the structure AND conductors are attached to terminal pads, check each pole for proper contact. Switch blades must come together with the male blade contact touching (not jamming) or within 1/16" of the blade stop in the female contact assembly.

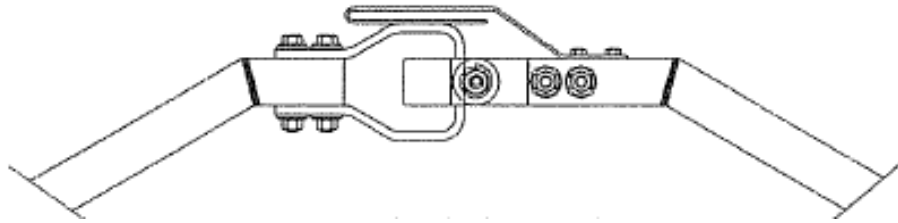
If necessary, adjust the jack screws as described under "Contact Misalignments" in the following section.

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**Figure 2: Contact Assembly**

8. Preload the insulator as described under “Insulator Preload” in the following section.
9. If arcing horns are used, refer to **Figure 3** and the unit assembly drawing for installation. Arcing horns should rub against the male contact with enough pressure to maintain contact but not so hard as to cause binding. The horns can be bent if necessary to achieve proper contact.



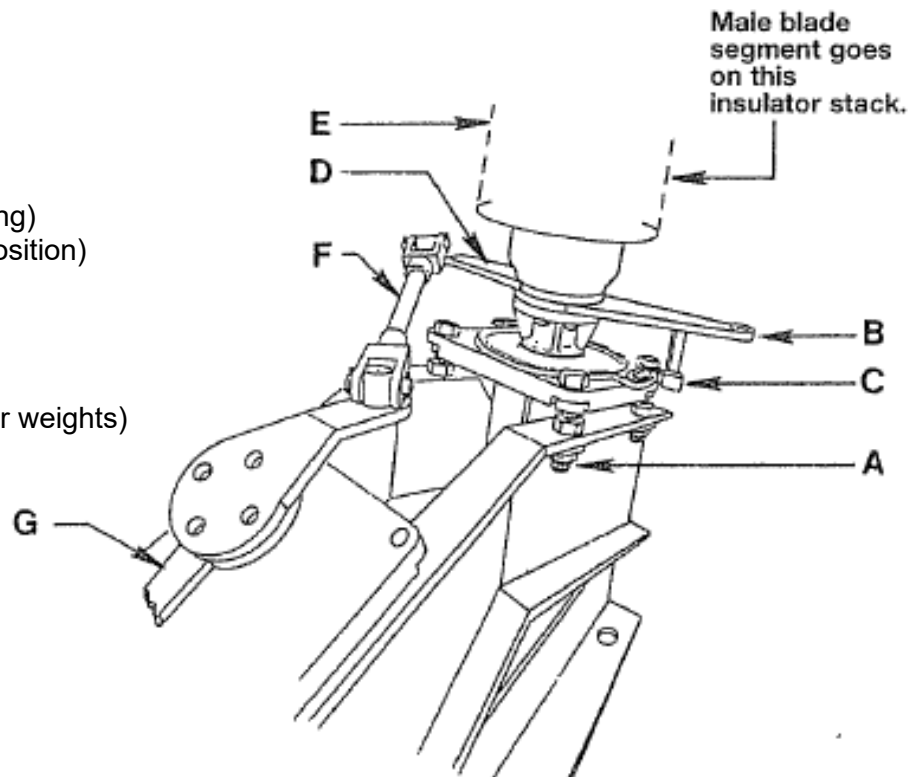
**Figure 3: Attach Arcing Horns as Shown**

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### Installation of the EC-1V When Shipped Unassembled

1. Prior to assembly, all components should be checked for any obvious damage in shipment. If damage is noted, immediately file a claim with the carrier and notify the factory.
2. The preferred method of field assembly is to bolt the switch base directly to its mounting structure and assemble the switch in place. Refer to the operating mechanism and the unit assembly drawing to ensure proper positioning of the base.
  - An alternative method is to assembly the switch on the ground and hoist to structure as a completely assembled unit. To do this:
  - Bolt the base to a firm, level surface sturdy enough to prevent overturn. These switches are top-heavy and very unstable. To prevent possible personal injury or equipment damage, select an assembly surface that will prevent overturn in both planes, end-to-end and side-to-side.
3. Refer to the unit assembly drawing. Check jack screw dimensions for proper height. Be certain that all four jack screws on each bearing are set correctly. Tighten jam nuts securely.
4. To install insulators, refer to the unit assembly drawing for proper orientation of parts. Only one set of bearing stops (positioned on control end of base) is used. Position switch arm directly on hub of bearing with bearing stops. Place an intrapole arm on top, being careful to set at proper angle with respect to the switch arm when against the bearing stop. Bolt insulators directly to the intrapole arm plate (**Figure 4**).

- A – Jack Screw (4 per bearing)  
 B – Switch Arm (in closed position)  
 C – Bearing Stop  
 D – Intrapole Arm  
 E – Insulator  
 F – Intrapole Linkage  
 G – Counterbalance Arm (for weights)



**Figure 4: Insulator Bearing Components**

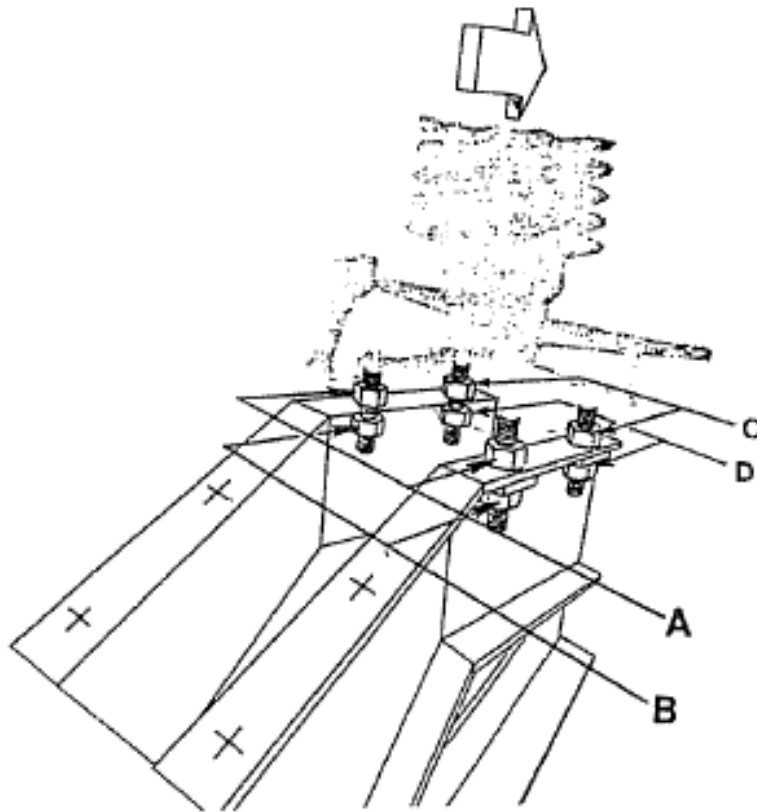
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5. Place counterbalance arm directly on the other bearing hub and other intrapole arm on top. Be certain the angle between the two arms is set correctly. Bolt insulators directly to the intrapole arm plate.

NOTE: Field assembly of switches with multiple unit insulator stacks is easier when the lowest unit is mounted first and balance of units mounted to it rather than mount the entire stack as a single unit.

6. Rotate insulator with switch arm clockwise (facing down) against the stop and attach intrapole linkage. Be sure length of this linkage is properly set to dimension shown on drawing.
7. Depending upon its application, this type switch will be counterbalanced either by weight or by spring. Refer to unit assembly drawing and attach appropriate number of weights – or the spring – to the counterbalance.
8. On top of stack with the switch arm only, securely bolt the male blade assembly in line with length of the base.
9. On the other stack, securely bolt the female blade assembly. The switch will have to be opened slightly to do this.

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### Jack Screws:

Adjustment of switches consists mainly of getting the insulators properly aligned, which is easily accomplished with jack screws.

Jack screws should be adjusted in pairs and equally. For example, to tilt the insulator in the direction of the arrow, loosen both nuts "B" and both nuts "C" (equally) until the desired insulator position is reached. Then tighten both nuts "A" and both nuts "D" to lock the position.

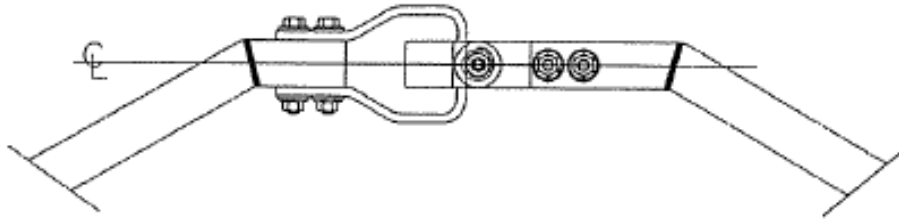
To tilt the insulator in the opposite direction, loosen both nuts "A" and both nuts "D". Tighten both nuts "B" and both nuts "C" (equally) until the insulator reaches the desired position. Be sure to tighten jam nuts "A" and "D".

**Figure 5: Jack Screws**

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### Contact Misalignments

Check for proper blade alignment. The blade segments should meet on centerline of base, on center of each other and the stop plug centered and touching (not jamming) the male contact stirrup (Figure 6).

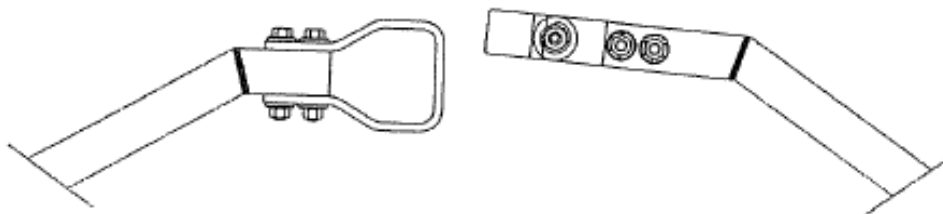


**Figure 6: Proper Contact Alignment**

There are three general types of blade misalignments correctable by jack screws and two correctable by linkage adjustments.

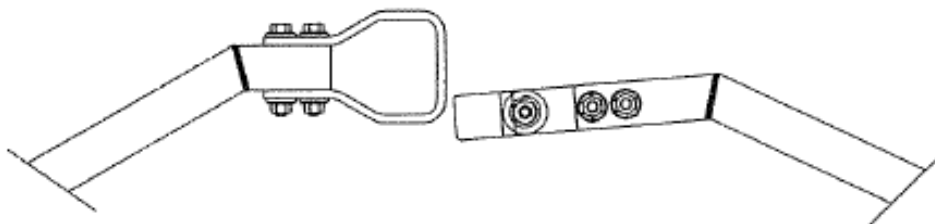
**Field Assembly Note:** Due to probable insulator stack deflection caused by conductor loads, the following adjustments will be pointless until the conductors are attached to both ends of the switch.

**IMPORTANT:** When adjusting jack screws, adjust each pair of jack screws equally (count the flats). This is to ensure the insulators will move along the centerline of the base in a straight line. See Figure 5.



**Figure 7: Misalignment "A"**

- A. **Misalignment "A":** Jack the left insulator to the left and the right insulator to the left until the stop plug is centered on the stirrup. Adjust insulators one at a time and in equal increments.

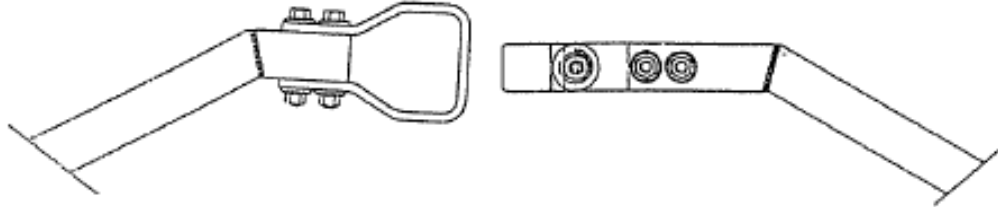


**Figure 8: Misalignment "B"**



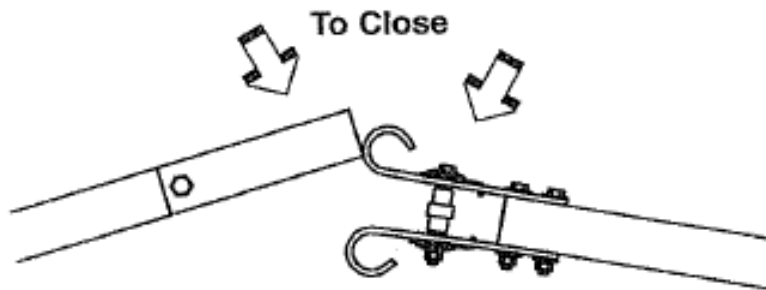
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- A. **Misalignment “B”:** Jack the left insulator to the right and the right insulator to the right until the stop plug is centered on the stirrup. Adjust insulators one at a time and in equal increments.



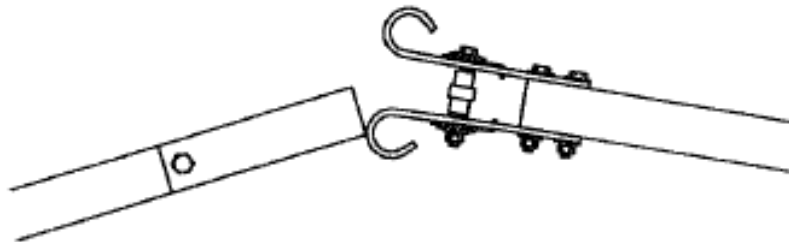
**Figure 9: Misalignment “C”**

- B. **Misalignment “C”:** Jack insulators toward each other – one at a time and in equal increments – until stop plug is centered on the stirrup.



**Figure 10: Misalignment “D”**

- C. **Misalignment “D”:** The stirrup striking the trailing edge of the female contact is the result of the intrapole linkage being too short. Lengthen this linkage as required for smooth closing without interference or dragging.



**Figure 11: Misalignment “E”**

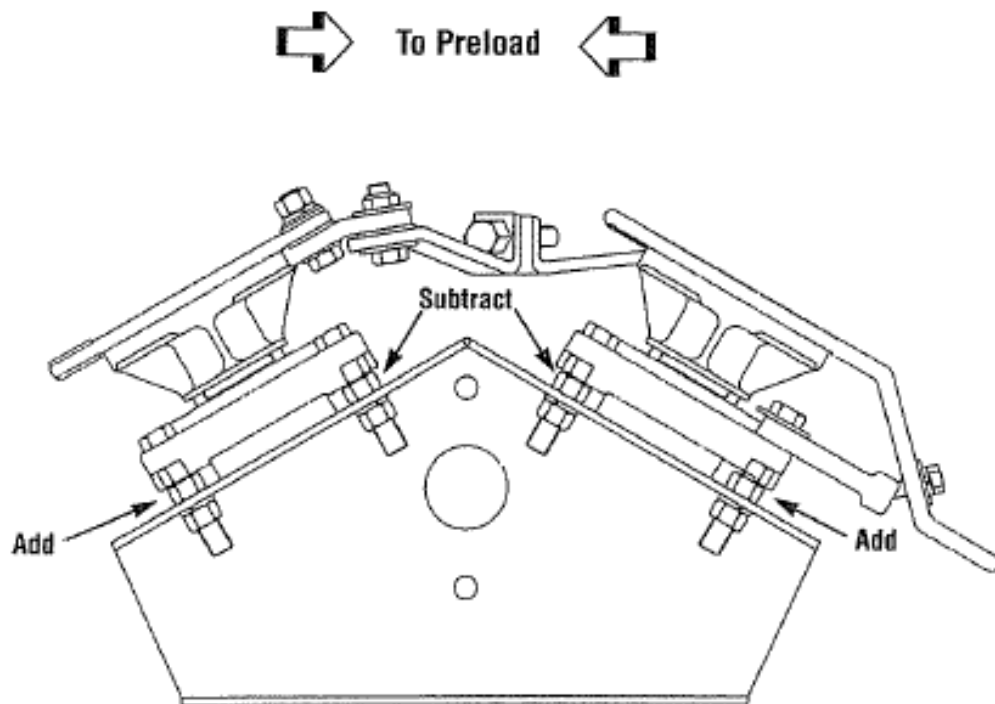
- D. **Misalignment “E”:** The stirrup strikes the **leading** edge of the female contact. Shorten the linkage to correct this condition.

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### Insulator Preload

1. When the contact engagement is correctly set, preload the insulators toward the center of the gap. Add one flat on both outside jack screw nuts and subtract one flat on both inside nuts (**Figure 12**). This is done on both bearings.

To add, turn the nuts clockwise (facing down). To subtract, turn the nuts counter-clockwise.

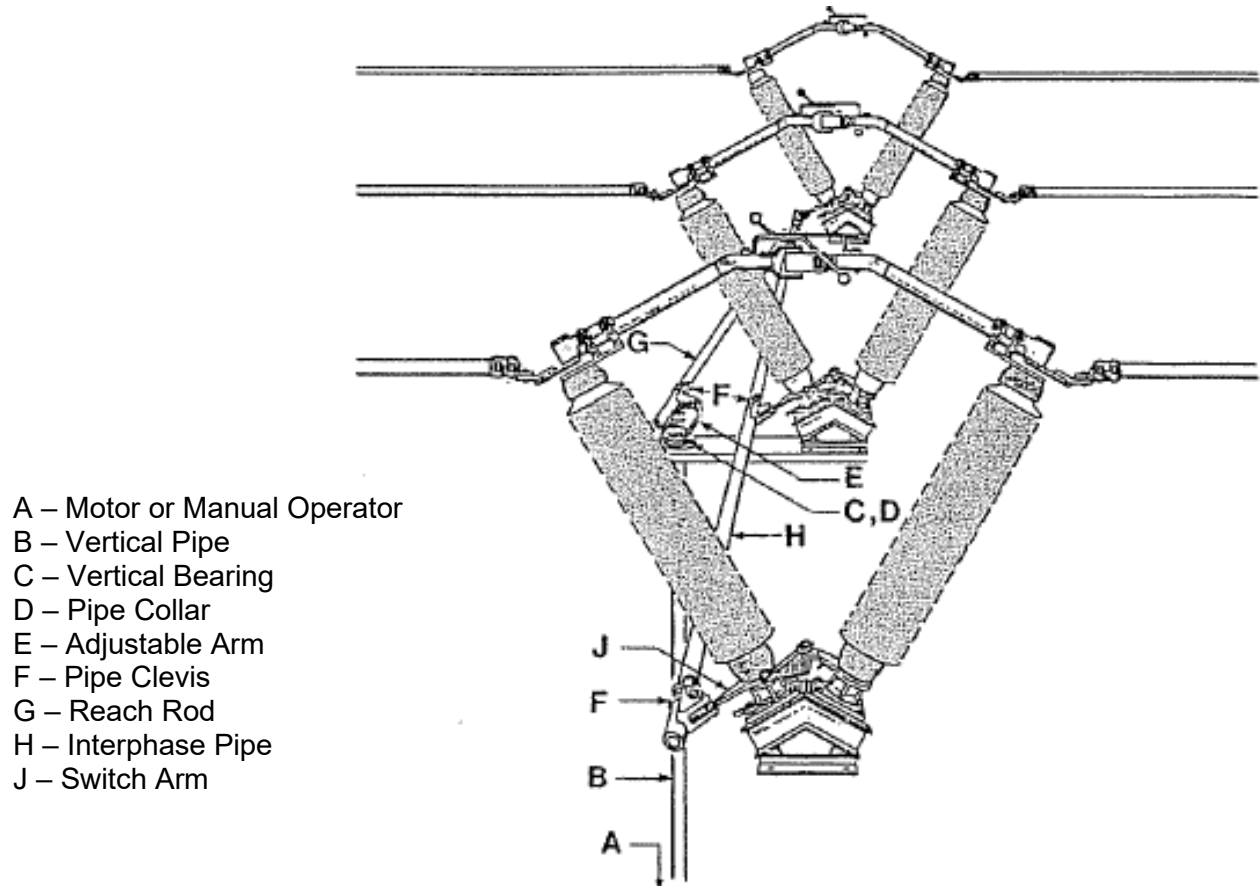


**Figure 12: Preload Insulators**

2. **Field Assembly** – If arcing horns are used, refer to the unit assembly drawing and Figure 3, and bolt on this equipment.
3. **Field Assembly** – Install operating mechanism components as directed on the following pages.

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### Operating Mechanism *(See Operating mechanism drawings provided for details)*



**Figure 13: Typical Operating Mechanism**

1. Lay out all Operating Mechanism parts and check them against the Op-Mech drawing bill-of-materials.
2. To ensure that the bearing stops do not interfere with switch adjustments, loosen all open/close bearing stops, and slide them out of the way.

Refer to the Operating Mechanism drawing, and install all mounting brackets, bearings, bushings, pipe clevises, switch operating device, adjustable arm, reach rod, and other necessary components.

Refer to **Figure 13**.

**⚠ CAUTION** The pipe collar (above the vertical bearing) must support the entire weight of the vertical operating pipe. To prevent unnecessary component damage, **do not allow the pipe to rest on the switch operating device**. Refer to **Figure 14**.

4. While installing the pipes and clevises that have piercing bolts/set screws, do not pierce the pipe until instructed. Tighten the piercing bolts such that they grip the pipe until all adjustments are made.

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5. After mounting all op-mech components, match-mark all clevis connections, the adjustable arm, and the switch operating devices' coupling, so that any slippage occurring during trial operations can be readily detected. Refer to **Figure 14**.

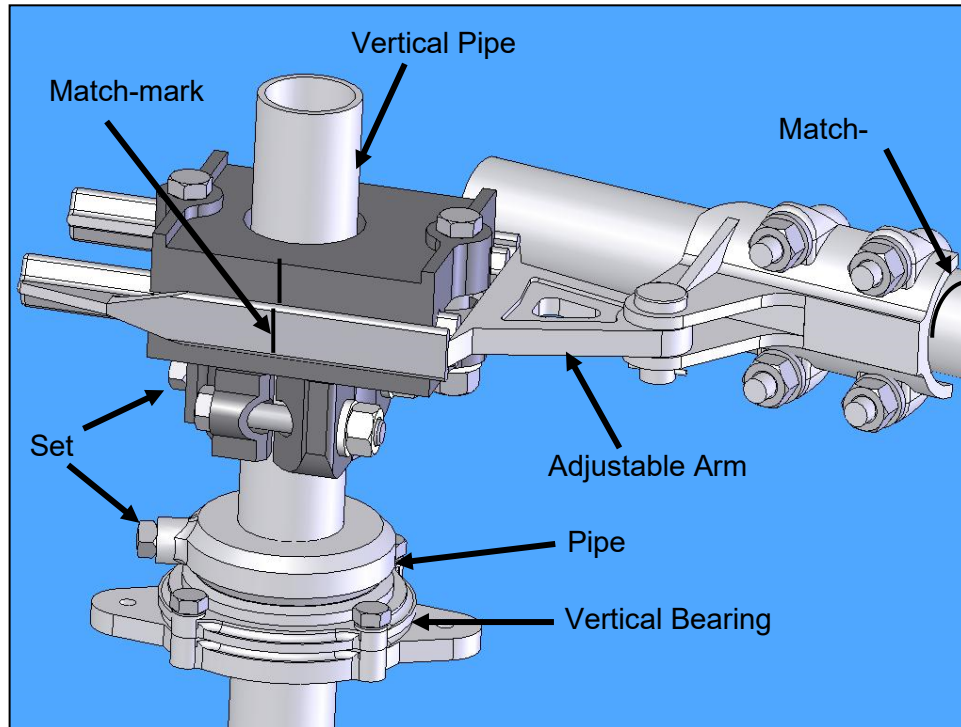


Figure 14: Typical Operating Arrangement

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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  $180^{\circ} \pm$  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 (Error! Reference source not found.) controls the total amount of switch operation available.

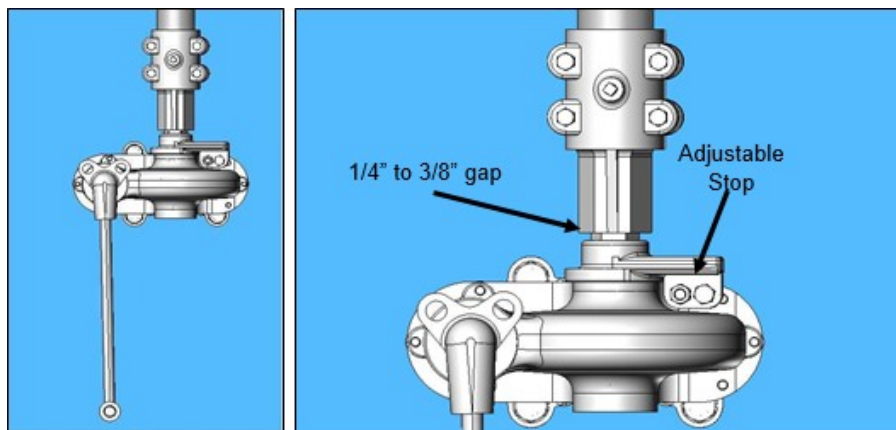
**HINT:** For easiest adjustment start with the reach rod connected to the drive phase and the interphase pipe disconnected from the other two phases. Once the drive phase is properly adjusted, connect the interphase pipe and continue tuning the other two phases. Care should be taken to ensure that the operating mechanism only exerts enough force to toggle the blade tip perpendicular to the jaw contacts. Excess downward force on the blade could result in damage to the switch that will render it inoperable.

2. Switch Operating Devices:

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

- 2.1.1. The operator handle is factory set to rotate either clockwise or counter-clockwise to open the switch.
- 2.1.2. When the switch is properly adjusted the operator handle should hang vertically and free in both the open and closed positions to permit the use of a customer supplied padlock. Refer to **Figure 15**.

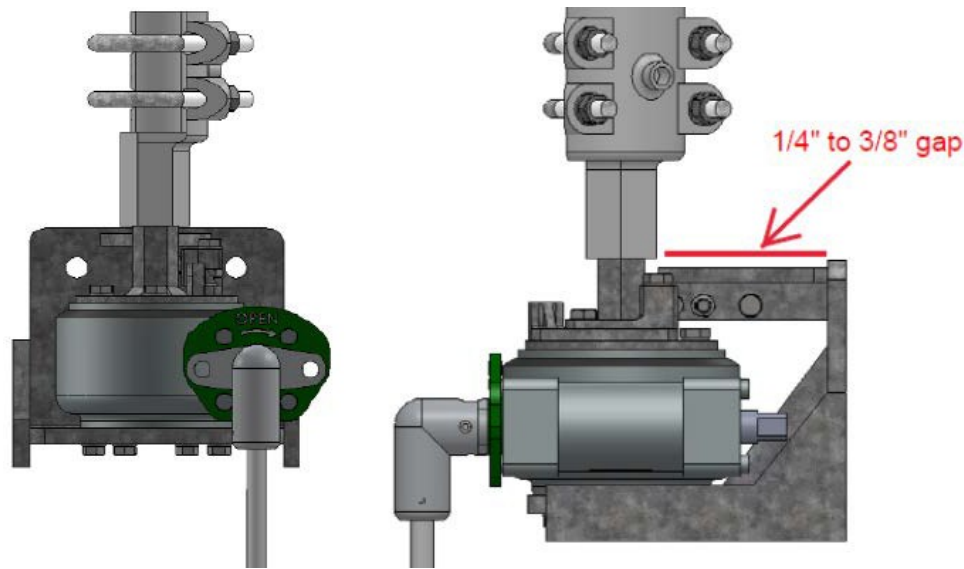
**⚠ CAUTION** Be aware that there is an adjustable stop on the operator. **Do not over operate as damage will occur to the operator.**



**Figure 15: Type HOGO (High Output Geared Operator)  
Front View**

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- 2.2. Worm gear operator (SEGO – Safety Enhanced Gear Operator) (Optional)
  - 2.2.1. The weight of the vertical operating pipe should be supported by pipe collar by maintaining the 1/4"-3/8" gap.
  - 2.2.2. 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.



**Figure 16: Type SEGO (Safety Enhanced Gear Operator)**

- 2.3. Swing handle operator
  - 2.3.1. Adjust stops on handle mount after adjusting switch.
  - 2.3.2. 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.
- 2.4. Electrical motor operator
  - 2.4.1. Please refer to motor operator instruction manual for proper installation and setup.
  - 2.4.2. Use manual operation while completing switch setup.
  - 2.4.3. **Do not** electrically operate until all switch adjustments are complete. **ALWAYS** operate the motor operator decoupled first to ensure proper setup.

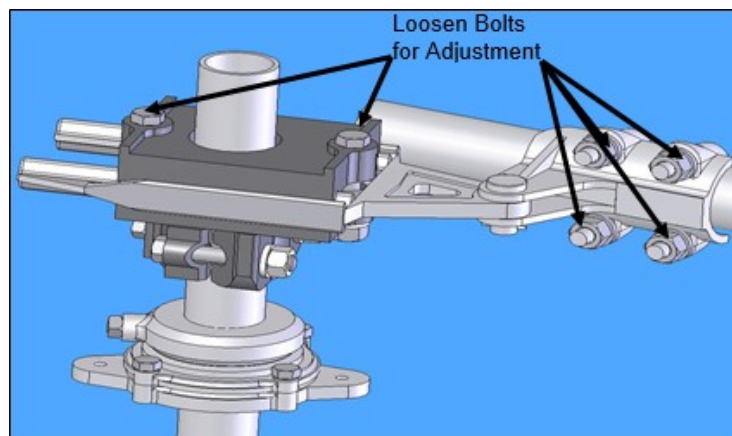
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### 3. Preliminary Switch Settings:

- 3.1. Start with the disconnect switch and operating mechanism in the closed position.
  - 3.1.1. The switch is in the fully closed position when the centerline of the male blade assembly is aligned with the centerline of the Female Blade Assembly.
- 3.2. Set the adjustable arm to the preliminary setting specified on the Operating Mechanism drawing, adjustment may be necessary to achieve proper operation.
- 3.3. Be sure that all stops have been loosened to prevent binding during test operations.

### 4 Final Adjustments:

- 4.1 Before piercing any pipes, always check that none of the clamped joints have slipped. If slippage occurs, correct it and repeat the operation to verify that adjustment is good.
- 4.2 Open the disconnect switch with the operator. The switch is in the fully open position when both blades are approximately 90° to the switch base.
- 4.3 If the switch **does not** fully open before the operator reaches the fully open position, the adjustable arm radius is too short. Close the switch, match-mark the adjustable arm and the pipe clevis, and loosen the bolts on the adjustable arm and pipe clevis. ***Lengthen the adjustable radius arm approximately 1/4". Allow the pipe clevis to reposition itself the same 1/4".*** Refer to **Figure 17**. Test operation and readjust as necessary.



**Figure 17: Adjustable Arm Assembly**

- 4.4 If the switch is fully open before the operator reaches the fully open position, the adjustable arm radius is too long. Close the switch, match-mark the adjustable arm and the pipe clevis, and loosen the bolts on the adjustable arm and pipe clevis. Shorten the adjustable radius arm approximately 1/4". Allow the pipe clevis to reposition itself the same 1/4". Refer to Figure 15. Test operation and readjust as necessary.



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- 4.5. If the switch has too much toggle in either open or closed position, loosen the pipe clevis and adjust to allow for an equal toggle amount in both positions.
- 4.6. All poles of the fully adjusted disconnect switch should operate together, although a slight variance between poles is acceptable. The primary objective is for all poles to fully open and fully close. Minor adjustments of the inter-phase pipe clevises may be necessary for pole coordination.
- 4.7. Setting Toggle:
  - 4.7.1. Toggle is obtained when the switch is in the either fully open or fully closed position and the connection point between the adjustable arm and pipe clevis has gone past the centerline of the vertical operating pipe. The operating linkage will almost seem to snap past this point.
  - 4.7.2. If possible the switch should go into toggle in both the open and closed positions. This is not always possible, it is most important that the switch goes into toggle in the closed position, because this will help to prevent the disconnect switch from trying to open during a fault condition.
- 4.8. Final Check:
  - 4.8.1. Once all final adjustments are complete, be sure that all nuts are tightened to their specified torque (Refer to **Table 2**).
  - 4.8.2. Apply a minimal amount of grease to the point of each piercing bolt and then tighten the bolt until it pierces the pipe wall. For heavy walled pipe, (schedule 80 or above, 3" or above) pre-drill the piercing bolt holes with a piercing bolt drill guide (provided) and a 1/4" drill bit.
  - 4.8.3. Position bearing stops to lightly touch, in both the open and closed positions.



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### Changing Disconnect Opening Direction

The following are instructions for making field modifications to the opening direction of the disconnect switch if it is determined that it is necessary. If parts or assistance are required please contact your Local Representative or Southern States Service Division, contact information provide on the back page.

If disassembly is required by these instructions *IT SHOULD BE PERFORMED ON THE GROUND*. If this is not possible, proper safety and handling techniques must be used by installation crew to prevent damage to the components or injury to personnel.

1. Horizontally mounted disconnect switches without ground switch
  - 1.1. The simplest way to change disconnect opening direction is to rotate the **entire disconnect switch** and operating mechanism 180°. For visual reference to see what is affected simply rotate the operating mechanism 180° in your hand. You will notice that the operating linkage will rotate to the opposite end of the disconnect switch and that the operator will rotate to the opposite structure leg (diagonally from its original location).
  - 1.2. Sling each switch phase and rotate the entire assembly on the structure 180 degrees. Refer to Error! Reference source not found..
  - 1.3. The switch operator will also need to be relocated. There are 2 options:
    - 1.0.1. Move the operator to the opposite leg, diagonally from its original location. This is the best option as it allows for the original setup to be maintained.
    - 1.0.2. Maintain the operator on the same side of the structure. Assemble the components using the alternate position arrangement shown on the operating mechanism drawing. NOTE on 4 Column structures the operator will be on the same side of the structure, but it MUST move to the opposite end of the structure to obtain proper operation.
2. All other disconnect mountings without ground switch – PARTIAL DISASSEMBLY WILL BE REQUIRED
  - 2.1. Disconnect adjustment
    - 2.1.1. With the disconnect phase on the ground, open the switch by hand and secure the linkage in this position.
    - 2.1.2. Unbolt the female blade from the insulator. Place the blade in the closed position and reattach to the insulator. DO NOT move the switch linkage.
    - 2.1.3. Unbolt the male blade from the insulator. Place the blade in the closed position and reattach to the insulator. It will likely be necessary to allow the linkage to move toward the “new” OPEN direction to be able to reassemble.
    - 2.1.4. Minor adjustments maybe required to the operating rod to achieve proper open close operation as described in Section 2 above.
  - 2.2. Operator and Operating linkage adjustment
    - 2.2.1. Swing handle or Worm gear operator

**NOTE: Due to space constraints you may not be able to move the adjustable arm to the opposite side of the pipe (structure side). In these cases it is impossible to achieve CLOCKWISE handle rotation to OPEN using a swing handle. The worm gear operator will have to be changed to achieve proper rotation. Please contact representative.**

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- a. Leave the operator in the starting position as originally shown on the operating mechanism drawing.
  - b. To achieve CLOCKWISE handle rotation to OPEN you must attach the adjustable arm 180 degrees from its original setup. The pipe clevis will also need to be rotated to the opposite side of the adjustable arm (side closest to the structure) but with the radius of the clevis still pointing toward the disconnect switch. The adjustable arm will now rotate toward the structure instead of away from it.
  - c. Attach all other items as shown in the operating mechanism drawing.
  - d. If the mechanism was originally setup for PUSH to OPEN it has now been changed to PULL to OPEN and vice versa.
3. Horizontally mounted disconnect switches with EVG-1 ground switch – PARTIAL DISASSEMBLY WILL BE REQUIRED. Please contact Local Representative or Southern States Service Division immediately. **New brackets for the ground switch and a new main switch operator will be required to make this change.**
  - 3.1. Disconnect adjustment
    - 3.1.1. With the disconnect phase on the ground, remove the ground switch and mounting bracket as a complete assembly.
    - 3.1.2. If the insulators have not been installed, unbolt the live parts from the switch bearings and flip the paddle arms on each bearing along the long axis of the switch base. Reinstall all items as described in **Error! Reference source not found.**
    - 3.1.3. If the insulators have been installed, unbolt the male and female blades from the insulator. Unbolt the insulators from the switch bearings and flip the paddle arms on each bearing along the long axis of the switch base. Reinstall all items as described in Error! Reference source not found..
    - 3.1.4. Minor adjustments maybe required to the operating rod to achieve proper open close operation as described in Section 2 above.
  - 3.2. Ground Switch Adjustment
    - 3.2.1. Rotate the ground switch jaw 180 degrees and reattach to disconnect blade.
    - 3.2.2. Install new support bracket to the switch base. The ground switch must be installed on the OPEN side of the disconnect. Adjust the jacking bolts on the bracket until ground switch fits properly into its jaw.
  - 3.3. Operator and Operating linkage adjustment
    - 3.3.1. Both operators must move to the opposite leg(s) of the structure directly across from their current position
    - 3.3.2. Operator
      1. Setup operating linkages as shown in revised operating mechanism drawings that will be provided.
      2. Please note that a new operator will be needed for the main switch. The ground switch operator is the same.

## Recommended Inspection & Maintenance

### 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 3: Recommended Installation and Maintenance Table**

		Installation Tests	Patrolling Inspection 6-months	Routine 5 Year *	Periodic 10 Year *
<b>Insulators</b>	Contamination	X	X	X	X
	Damage	X	X	X	X
<b>Cabinet (if motor operator supplied)</b>	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
<b>Mechanical</b>	Operational Tests	X		X	X
<b>Electrical</b>	Contact Resistance	X		X	X
<b>Liveparts Inspection</b>	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)



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 Southern States Electrical Compound (part number 08137110) 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 Southern States Electrical Compound (part number 08137110), 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 joins 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.

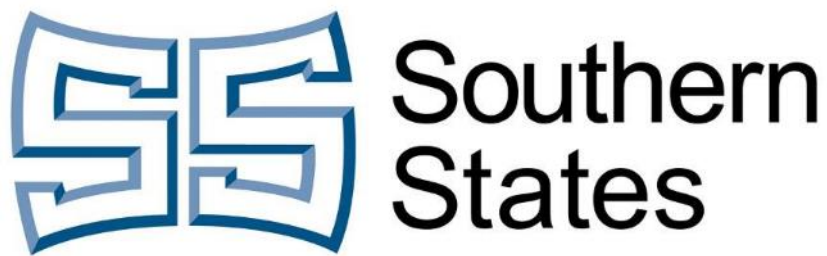
### Periodic Inspection and Maintenance (10 year)



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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