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**Type TA-OC** Copper  
Three Phase, Group Operated Switch  
15.5 – 72.5 kV, 600-1200 A

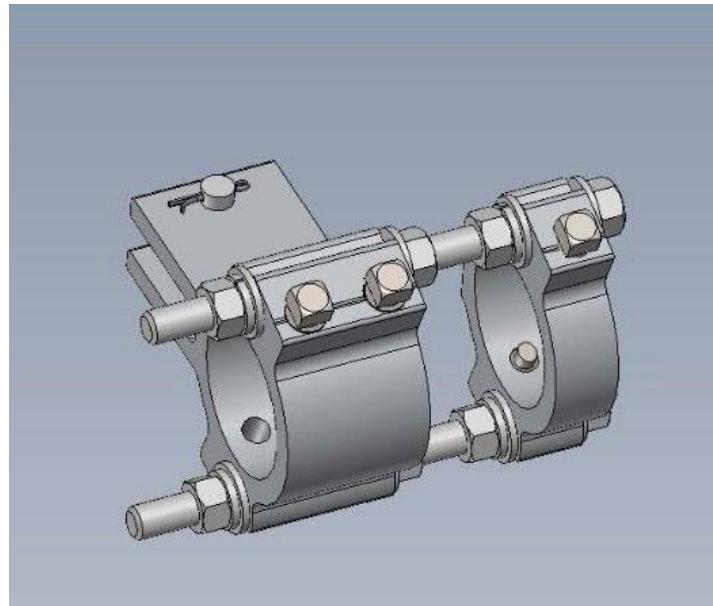
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**INSTRUCTION**

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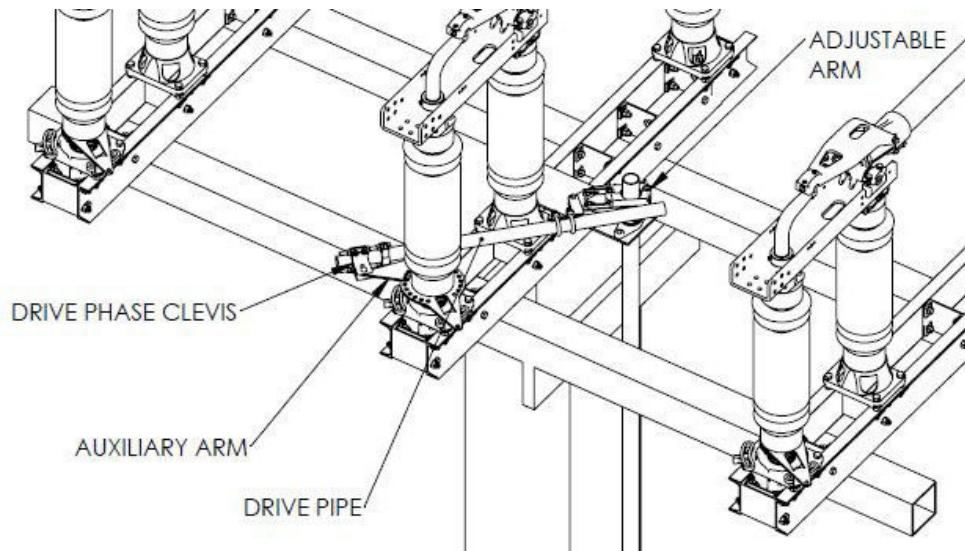
# **ATTENTION:**

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.



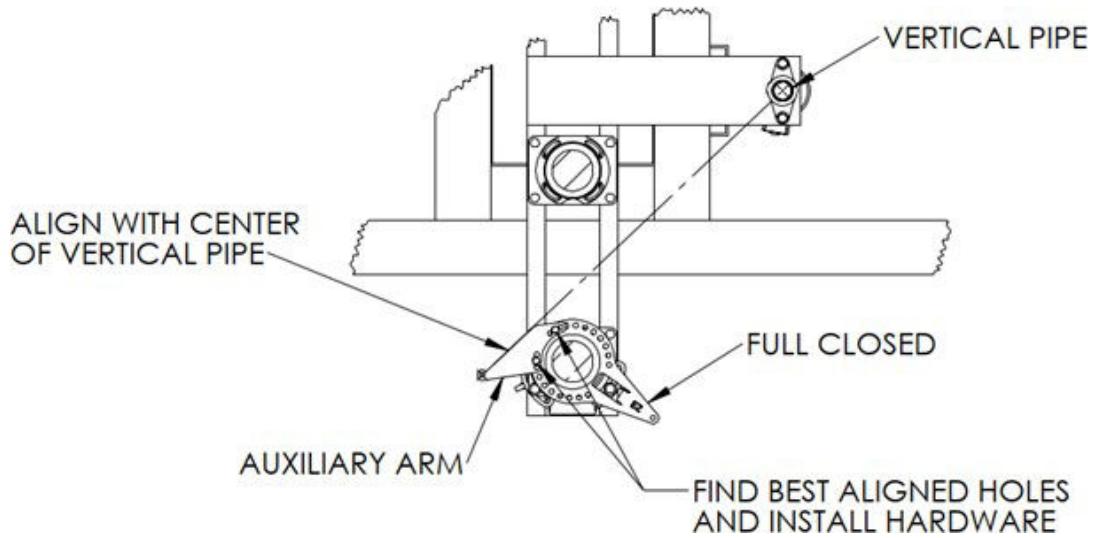


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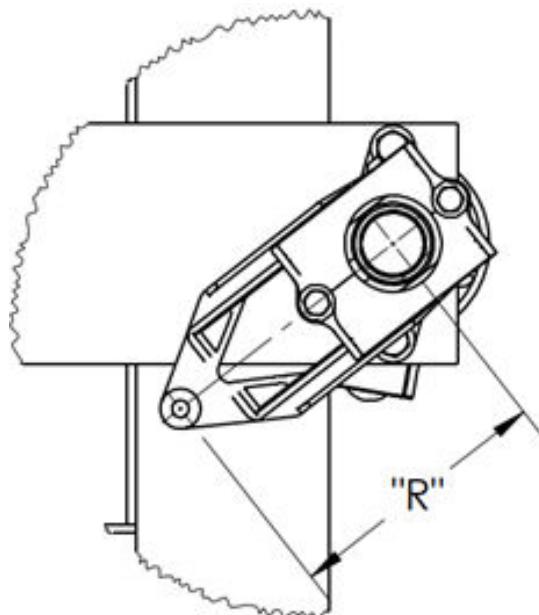
## STEP 1:

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.



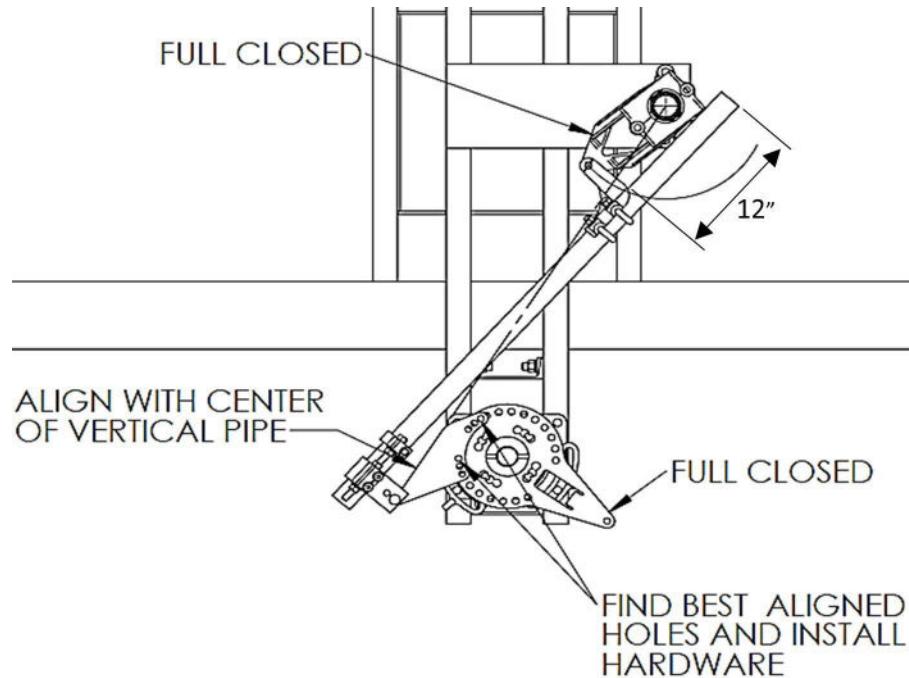
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Install the adjustable arm with the radius "R" set to the recommended length provided in the operating mechanism drawings.



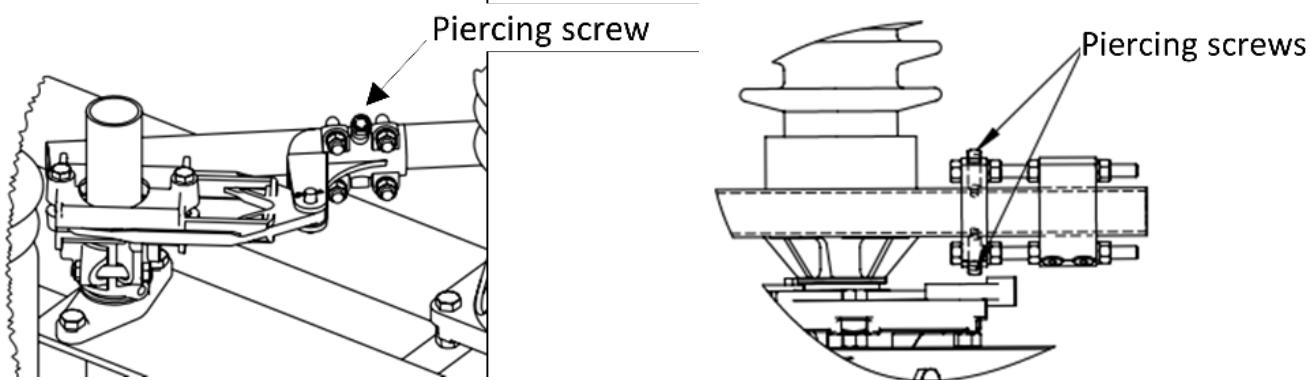
## STEP 3:

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.



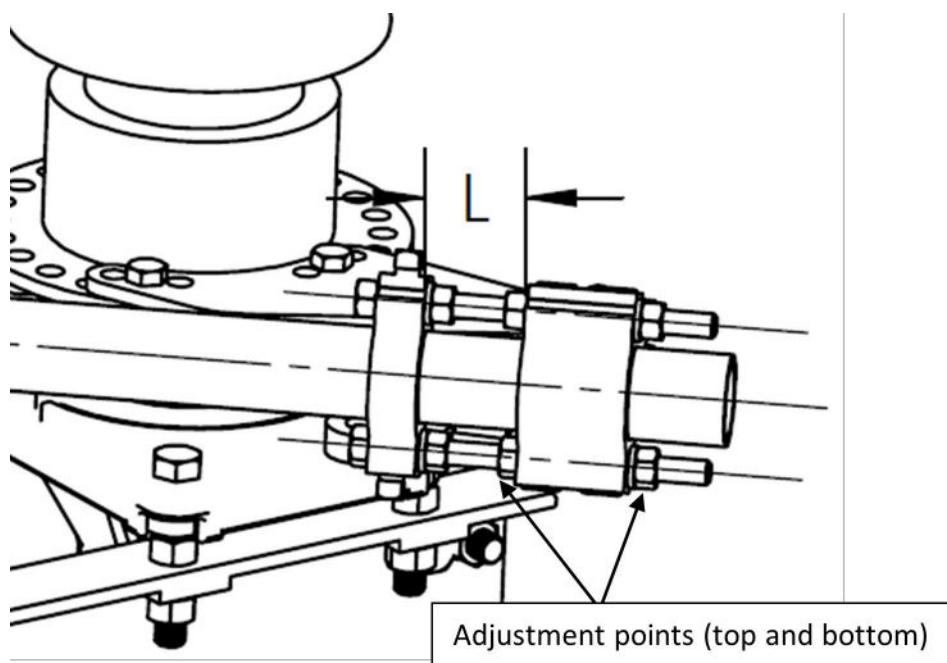
## STEP 4:

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.



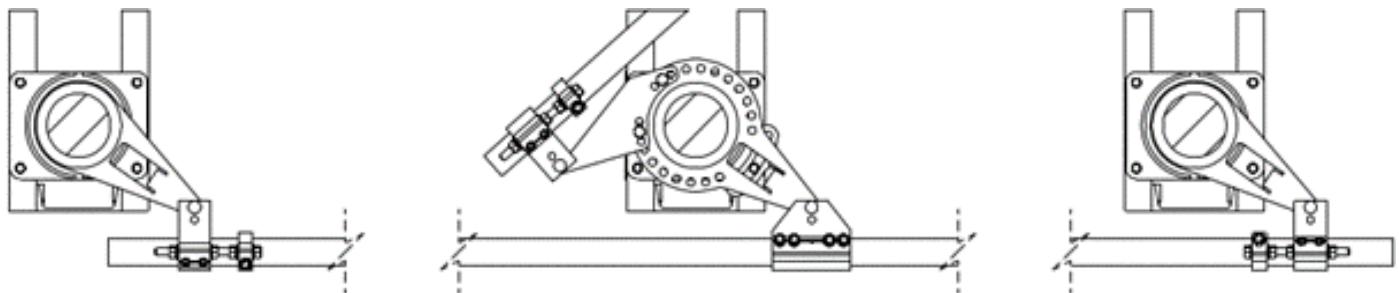
## STEP 5:

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.



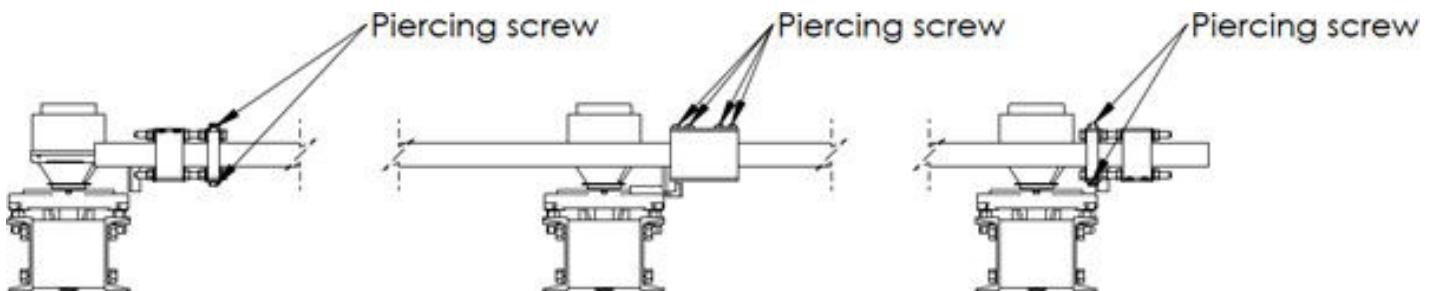
## STEP 6:

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

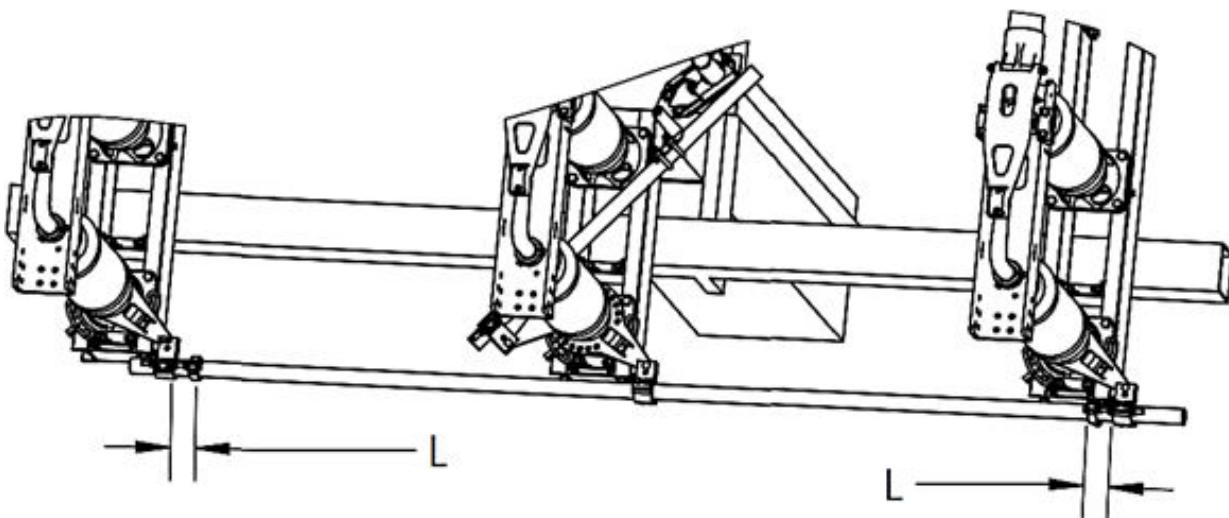


### For switches driven by the center phase:

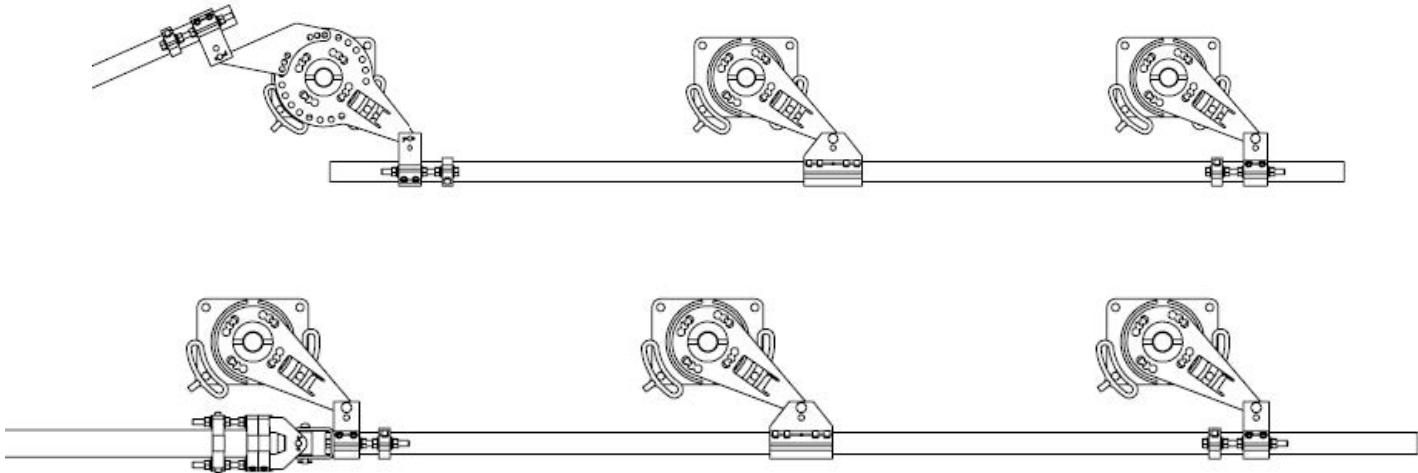
- With the interphase pipe centered and all clevises in place, pierce the interphase pipe at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



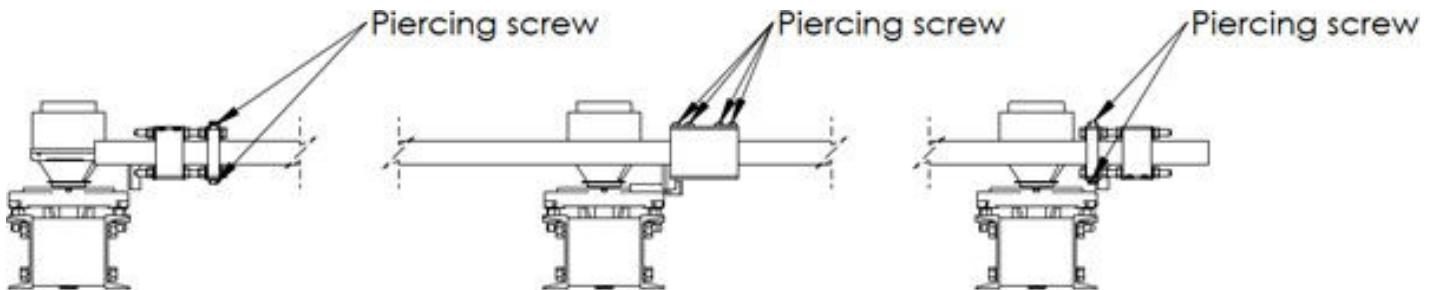
- Adjust the timing of the two driven phases by adjusting the length "L" of each Rapid-Set clevis.



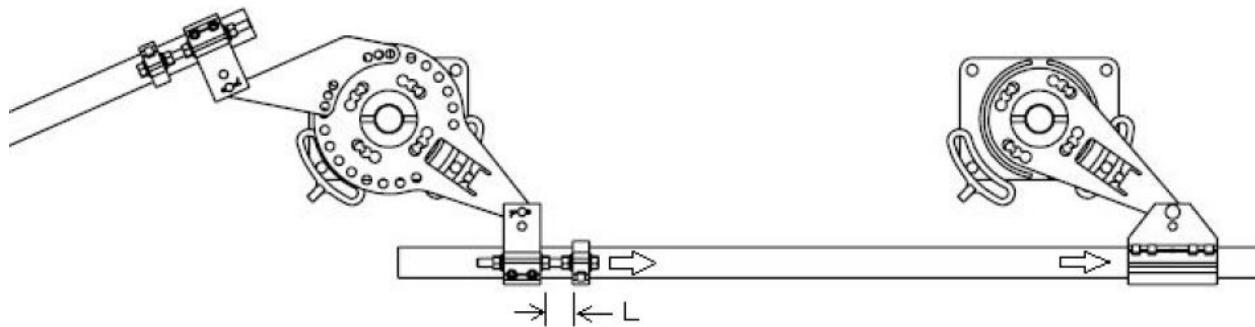
**For switches driven by one of the end phases:**



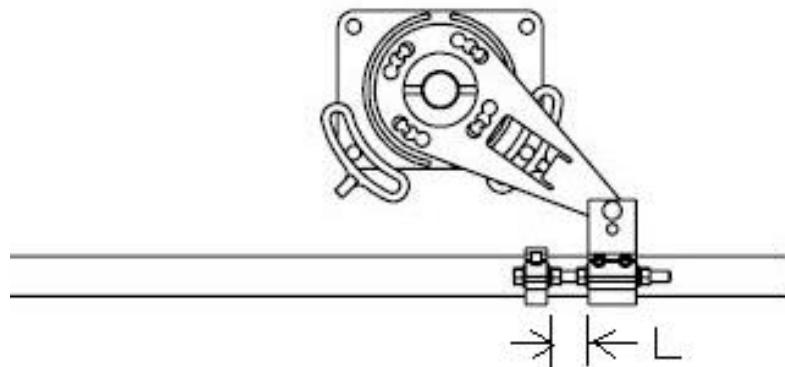
a. With the interphase pipe centered and all clevises in place, pierce the interphase pipe with at the locations shown. Do not remove plastic caps at this time.



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.

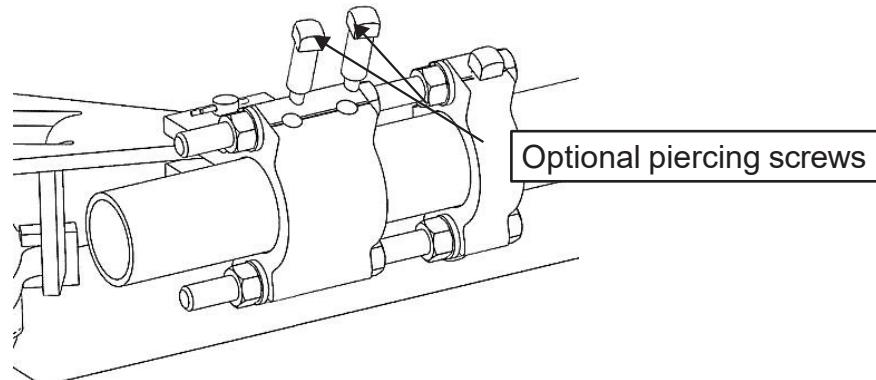


## STEP 7:

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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- to distinguish between energized and non energized parts
- to determine proper approach distances to energized parts
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- for proper use of personal protective equipment, insulating and shielding materials, insulated tools for working near energized and /or pressurized electrical equipment
- 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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The type TA-OC Switch is a three-pole, single-throw, three insulator, center rotating stack, vertical break, group operated outdoor air disconnect switch.

## 1 Assembly and Adjustment

**A. When insulators are shipped installed on the switch, proceed to Part 2. When shipped less insulators, proceed with Paragraph B.**

**B. Set up bases at ground level on transverse beams (base supports).** Make sure the base support beams are level, then secure the switch bases to them so that during adjustment the switch does not tip over. The switch poles, in most cases, are easily tipped over after installing insulators.

### C. Removal of live parts.

Open the blade and remove the jaw end live parts by removing the bolts holding the jaw to the insulator spacer. Then close the blade and remove the hinge end live parts. Discard the bolts and the red steel temporary blade stop used for shipping (Figure 3). Live parts on this switch may be removed and installed by hand. Take care not to damage live parts when removing and installing on the switch.

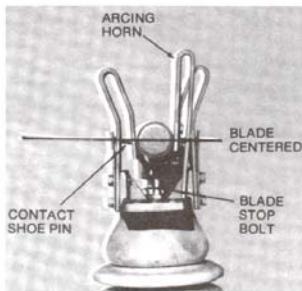


Figure 2 - Blade in front contact.

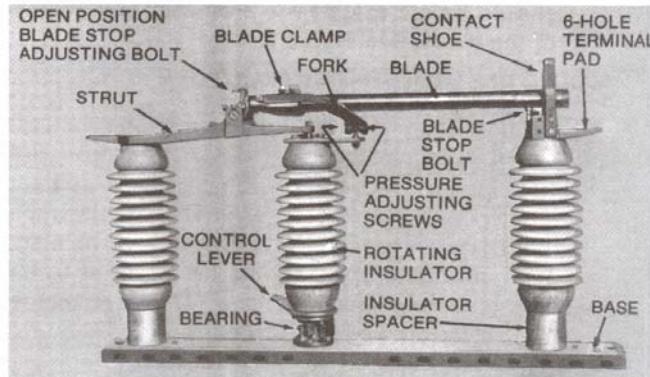


Figure 1 - Typical single-pole assembly.

### D. Stack insulators

Consult your single-pole assembly and control arrangement drawings for proper position of levers, spacers, etc. Sort out hardware. Make sure the rotating insulator bearing is in the closed position before mounting insulators. Then mount and plumb insulators. Leave all bolts snug. Do not tighten!

### E. Mount live parts on insulators.

Mount the jaw end assembly. Install the blade stop bolt and jam nut. See single-pole sub-assembly drawing for proper size bolt. Mount the hinge end assembly. Make sure the blade and the rotating bearing are both in the closed position. Tighten bolts on center rotating insulator stack.

### F. Adjustment of switch in closed position.

With the blade in the front contact, as shown in Figure 2, be sure that there is good silver-to-silver contact between the blade and the contact shoes. Be sure the blade is square and centered in the contacts. Now tighten the bolts holding the contact assembly to the insulator. Tighten the hinge end insulator stack bolts. Adjust the blade stop bolt so that the blade will stop, centered ( $\pm 1/8$  inch) in the contacts, as shown in Figure 2.

### G. Adjust blade on front stop.

The blade should bear firmly against the blade stop as the blade begins its (wiping) rotating motion on the front contacts. This adjustment is made at the factory and should not need

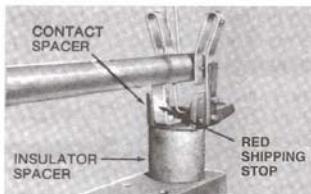


Figure 3 - Contact end.

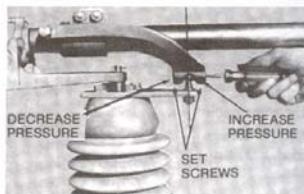


Figure 4 - Closed blade stop adjustment.

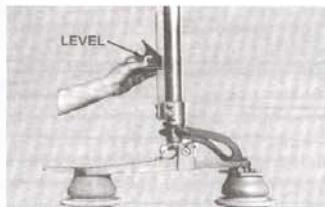


Figure 5a - 90° Blade opening.



Figure 5b - 70° Blade opening.

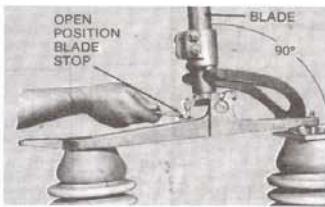


Figure 6 - Adjusting open blade stop.

correcting in the field. However, due to variation of the insulators, spacers or the addition of grounding switches, which were not a part of the original order, a change may be necessary. To adjust the pressure, loosen the set screws and turn the adjusting screws as shown in Figure 4. Both adjusting screws must be tight to maintain proper pressure on the ball joint. Re-tighten set screws after final adjustment.

**H. Adjust switch in open position.** Rotate the center insulator stack to open the single pole. Be sure the open stop on the bearing at the base of the stack is backed off to allow the blade to open the proper amount. For horizontal mounted switches, blades should open 90 degrees; for vertical mounted and underhung mounted switches, the blades will open 70 degrees. Adjustment of the blade stop for 90 degrees opening is shown in Figure 5a. For 70 degree blade opening, adjust as shown in Figure 5b. Use stop bolt at the end of the blade (Figure 6) to adjust the blade opening until it is level as shown in Figures 5a or 5b. Set stop at base of rotating insulator to give a  $1/8$  inch gap between the rotating stop and the stop adjusting screw when the switch is in the full open position. The closed position blade stop should be set to give the proper closed position of the blade. (See Figure 7.)

## ② Mounting Switch on Structure

**A. CAUTION: Rigging used to lift switch poles should be attached to base!** Lift poles onto structure, making sure the switch pole is in the closed and toggled position (Figure 9). It may be desirable to tie the fork to the strut to insure that the blade does not come open during lifting. Refer to the control arrangement drawing for proper placement of switch poles on structure.

**B. Check mounting surfaces for unevenness.** Switch bases will warp on uneven surfaces. Use shims under base to level if necessary.

**C. Bolt bases solidly to structure.**

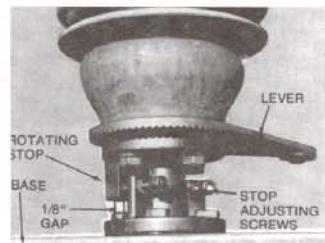


Figure 7 - Rotating insulator bearing.

## ③ Check Single Pole Adjustments

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

**A. With the switch bolted to the structure, check to make sure that the single pole opens as specified in the single-pole sub-assembly drawing.** If a readjustment is required, refer to Part 1, Item H.

**B. Check blades entering contacts.** Be sure the blade enters the contacts in the center and, when rotated to the horizontal position, that silver-to-silver contact is made.

**C. Check to see that the blade is horizontal in the contacts (refer to Figure 2).**

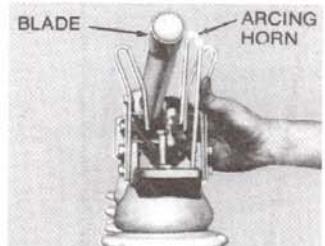


Figure 8 - Arcing horn adjustment.

## 4 Adjust Arcing Horns

(Fig. 8)

**A. Arcing horns** are shipped fully assembled and adjusted on the switch, but adjustment may become necessary. The arcing horn should be turned so that the curve is against the blade as shown in Figure 8.

**B. Operate switch.** Blade should make a light to firm sliding contact from the top of the curved horn to the fully closed position when the blade is rotated into the jaw contacts. Readjust the position of the arcing horn by bending as shown in Figure 8, until action is correct as described.

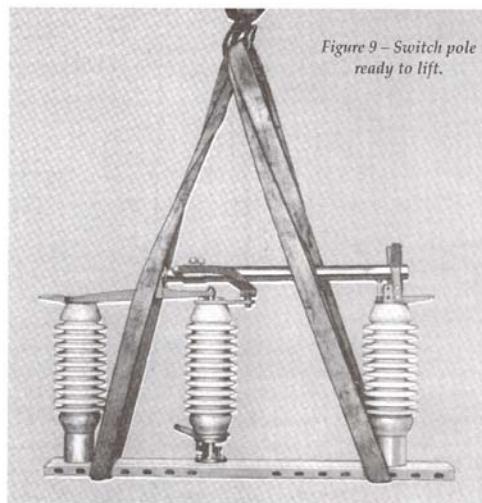


Figure 9 – Switch pole ready to lift.

## 5 Maintenance

This switch has been designed to operate with minimum maintenance. However, the following inspections will usually result in a safer and easier operating switch.

**A. Before energizing switch**, be sure to follow ANSI/IEEE C37.35-1976 "Guide for the Application, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of High-Voltage Air Disconnecting and Load Interrupter Switches." Pay particular attention to Section 5.11 "Inspection."

**B. The switch should be cleaned** periodically to remove contaminant particles that have been on the switch. Cleaning after installation is recommended to remove dirt or other contaminants that have been deposited on the switch during shipment, storage or installation.

**C. Check for loose bolts and nuts;** tighten if needed.

**D. Examine the contact surfaces.**

1. Switches are shipped with the contact surfaces coated with a conductive contact lubricant to prevent contact damage during

transit. Although the contacts are designed to operate dry, switch operating effort may be reduced with the use of the contact lubricant. If lubricant renewal is desired, apply C5-A lubricant after cleaning the contact surfaces.

2. If damage has occurred from pitting or wear, replace the damaged parts.

**E. Examine the switch for blade contact alignment and realign, if necessary.**

**F. Check all galvanized surfaces for chips.** If chipping has occurred, use an appropriated zinc rich coating as touch-up.

## Operating Mechanism Installation

### MANUAL AND MOTOR OPERATED

These switches are designed to be opened and closed as a three-phase unit by a system of pipes that translates the rotation movement of an operator on the ground—whether manual or motor—to simultaneous rotation of the end insulator of each switch pole. The illustration shows a typical operating mechanism for a 115 kV vertical break switch. Figure 2 shows, in plan view, 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.

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

- 1 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.

**IMPORTANT:** The weight of the vertical pipe must be entirely supported by the pipe collar above the vertical bearing. The housing of neither the manual gear operator nor the motor operator was designed to support this weight. Additionally, if the vertical pipe is not suspended at the dimension shown, the decoupler mechanism will jam.

Figure 1 (Sketch only)

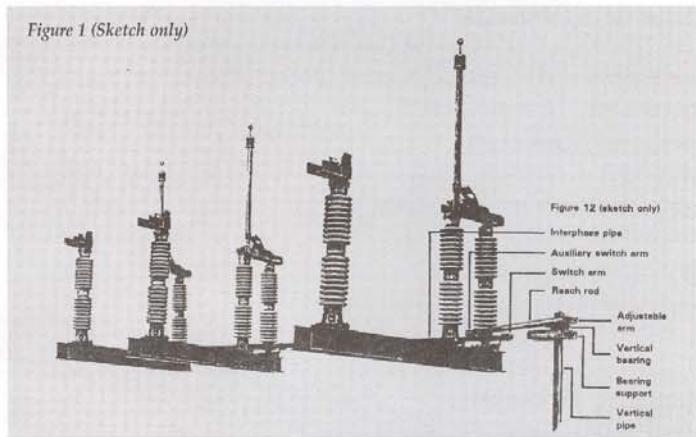


Figure 2

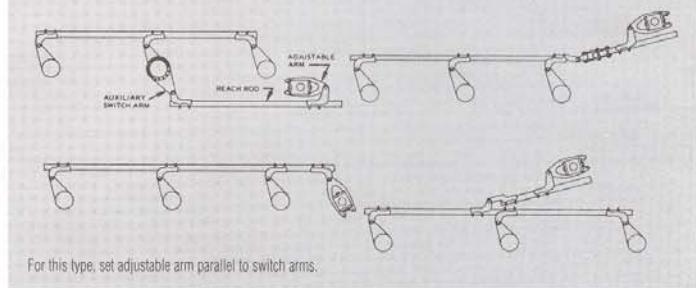
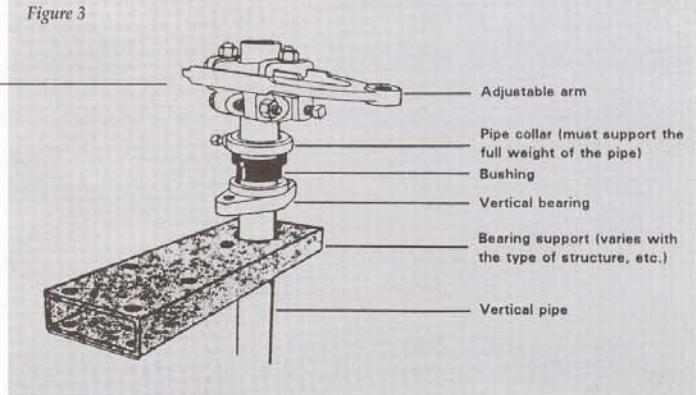


Figure 3



## 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.

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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.

② If a motor operator is used, at this point refer to its installation instructions for mounting, checkout procedure and trial operations.

## Operating Mechanism Adjustment

*(If a motor operator is used, DO NOT USE ELECTRICAL OPERATION until the following adjustments are completed.)*

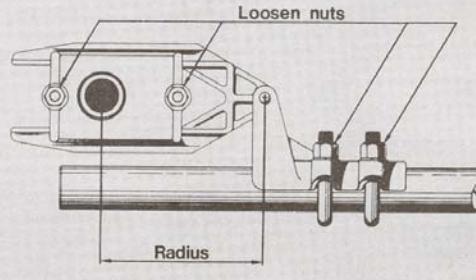
**NOTE:** The setting of the adjustable arm on the Operating Mechanism Drawing is a calculated dimension. To adjust precisely:

① The adjustable arm should travel 180 degrees from toggle closed to toggle open. *(Exceptions may occur. Refer to the Oper. Mech. Drawing.)* 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 below.
- 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 4

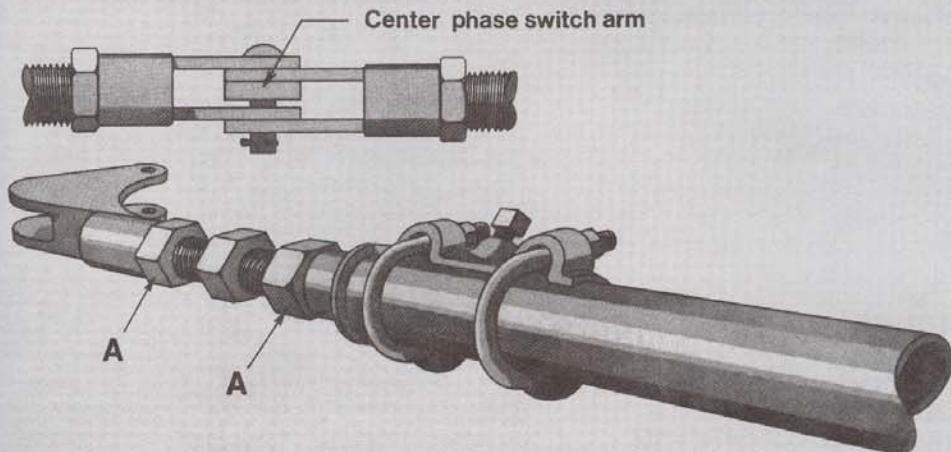


③ If the switch is fully open before the control handle reaches the open position, the radius of the adjustable arm is too long. To correct:

- 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 above.
- 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.

All poles of the fully adjusted switch should operate simultaneously. Slight adjustment of the interphase clevises may be necessary to coordinate all three poles.

④ When the switch is completely adjusted, securely tighten all bolts, and tighten all set screw 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.)*

**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 lengthening and/or shortenings of the pipes 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.

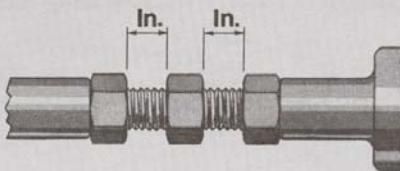
## General instructions for threaded clevises

### INITIAL DIMENSION:

...for 3/4" stud is 11/16"

### INITIAL DIMENSION:

...for 1" stud is 1/2"

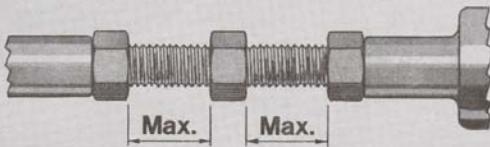


### MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE

...for 3/4" stud is 1-3/16"

### MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE

...for 1" stud is 1"



## CAUTION! DANGER:

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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.

## 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: Recommended Installation & 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
	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.

## 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 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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