



# **TYPE EV-1 SCE EDITION**

Aluminum Vertical Break  
Disconnect Switch

550kV Single Pole (Only)

**INSTALLATION &**

**INSTRUCTION**

**MANUAL**



## Safety Information

### DANGER

IMPROPER HANDLING, INSTALLATION, OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT MAY CAUSE IMMEDIATE HAZARDS WHICH WILL LIKELY RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONNEL INJURY OR DEATH.

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The equipment covered by this publication must be handled, installed, operated and maintained by qualified persons who have direct knowledge and experience dealing with the hazards involved and are thoroughly trained in the handling, installation, operation and maintenance of high voltage transmission and distribution equipment. These instructions are meant for only such **Qualified Persons**. They are not intended to be a substitute for adequate training and experience in safety procedures for this type of equipment.

A **Qualified Person** is one who is trained in and has skills necessary:

- to read and comprehend this instruction book – understanding that these instructions are general in nature
- to accept personal responsibility to prepare and maintain an intrinsically safe work environment and maintain control of the work site to safeguard all persons present
- to develop and implement a proper rigging, lifting, and installation plan along with all safety precautions required to insure safe and proper lifting and installation of the equipment.
- to distinguish between energized and non energized parts
- to determine proper approach distances to energized parts
- to properly work with and around energized or de-energized equipment that may be pressurized with gas
- 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

The instructions in this manual are general guidelines for this type of equipment and not specific to the equipment supplied. Portions of it may not be applicable or may not have complete instructions for your specific equipment.

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<b>All Other Conditions</b>		<b>Immediate Purchaser</b>	<b>Earlier of 1 year from installation or 18 months from shipment</b>

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## Summary & Introduction

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Southern States 550kV Type EV-1 is a heavy duty, single phase (Pole) operated vertical break air disconnect switch. The switch is specifically designed to carry the mechanical and electrical stresses of higher voltage and amperage ratings. The switch can be operated using a manual operator or electrical motor operator. The installation procedure for this disconnect switch and operating mechanism is explained herein.

*Note: All drawings in this manual are for illustration only. Actual switch components may differ slightly in appearance. Switch operating mechanism drawings must be used for assembly of each switch.*

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 Type EV-1 switch. A qualified person, familiar with this of type equipment, should carefully read and follow the instructions.

These instructions are intended to provide a general guideline for the installation, adjustment, and maintenance of the Type EV-1 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)	245	362	550
BIL (kV)	900/1050	1050/1300	1550/1800
Rated Power Frequency	60 Hz		
Continuous Current	2000 A – 4000 A		
Short-Time Symmetrical Withstand (3 Sec.)	63 kA RMS		
Peak Withstand	164 kA		
Ambient Temperature Rating	-40°C to +50°C Standard -50°C Optional		

## Product Description

### Typical Disconnect Switch

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

- Refer to the Unit Assembly drawing included with the disconnect package for assembling disconnects.
- Assemble disconnect switch on level surface, verify the switch base is perpendicular and level.
- Mount the insulators to the switch base. Verify that insulators are plumb (straight up and down) and rotating insulator is true (No “Wobble”).
- Mount the live parts to the insulators. Verify that live parts are level and shim or adjust if necessary.
- Mount the switch base to the structure. Refer to the *Operating Mechanism Drawings* for structure and mounting details.
- Install operating mechanism components.
- Final adjustment and tuning.

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## Receiving, Handling & Storage

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#### 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 EV-1 vertical 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 of 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.*

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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

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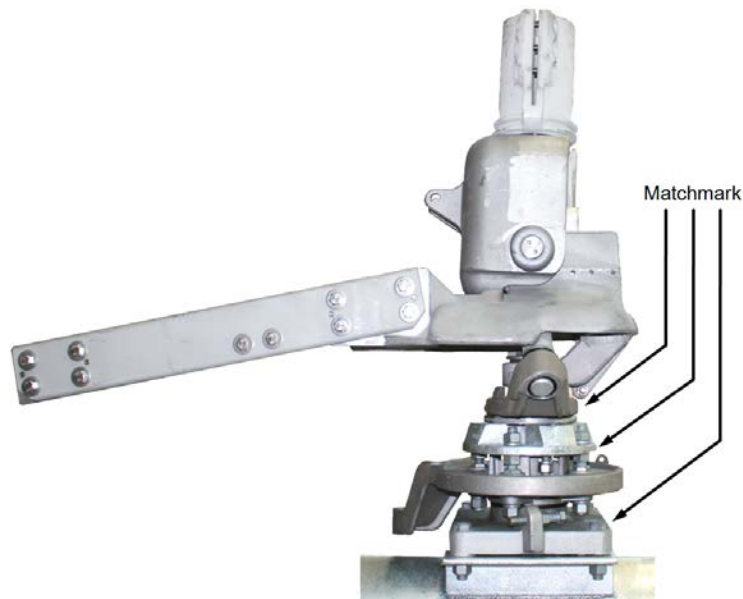
## Removal of the Live Parts

1. Open the switch completely by manually rotating the switch arm clock-wise.

**⚠ DANGER** Failure To Open The Switch Completely Prior To Removing The Mounting Bolts May Result In Severe Injury And/Or Death

2. Make reference marks (Match-marks) as shown in **Figure 1** to ensure correct orientation during reassembly.

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**Figure 1 - Switch Match-marks**

3. To remove the jaw (Clip), remove the bolts holding the jaw to the base adaptor and retain all of the ½" spacer(s). (See **Figure 6**)
4. Remove the bolts holding the hinge and yoke assembly. Carefully remove these parts as a unit and set aside.

### Mounting the Base

It is preferable to assemble the disconnect switch on the ground, but if this is not possible. Install the switch base on top of the structure prior to mounting the insulators and live parts.

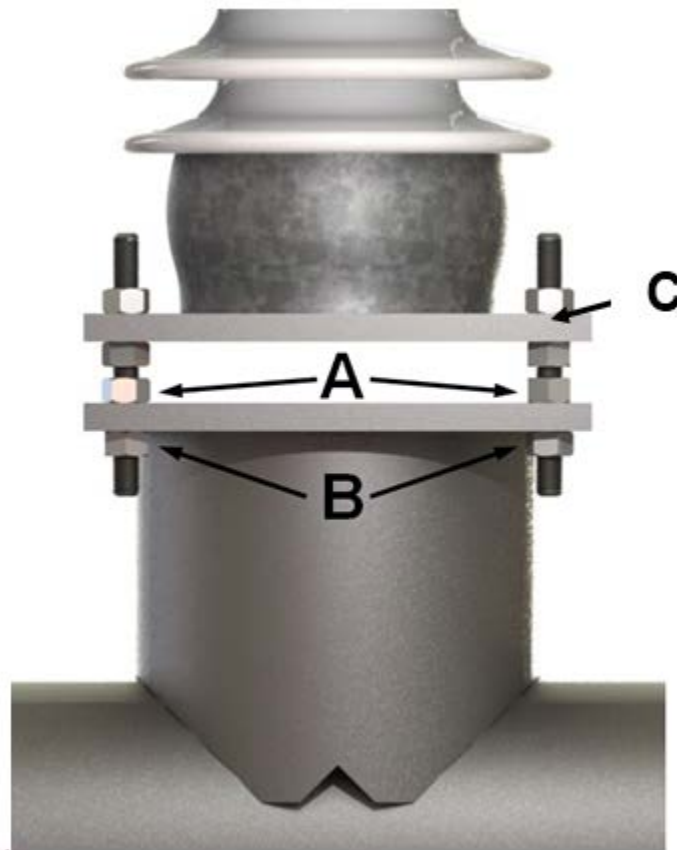
### Mounting the Insulators

1. Prior to installing insulators on the base, verify that you have the correct insulators on hand ((2) PX0792 & (1) PX0794)) each consisting of a bottom, middle and top section.
2. Level the mounting plate (**Figure 2 "C"**) prior to mounting the insulator on the switch base.
3. Mount the insulator to the mounting plate (4 bolts).
4. Use a plumb line and minimum 3' level to insure that the insulators are level.

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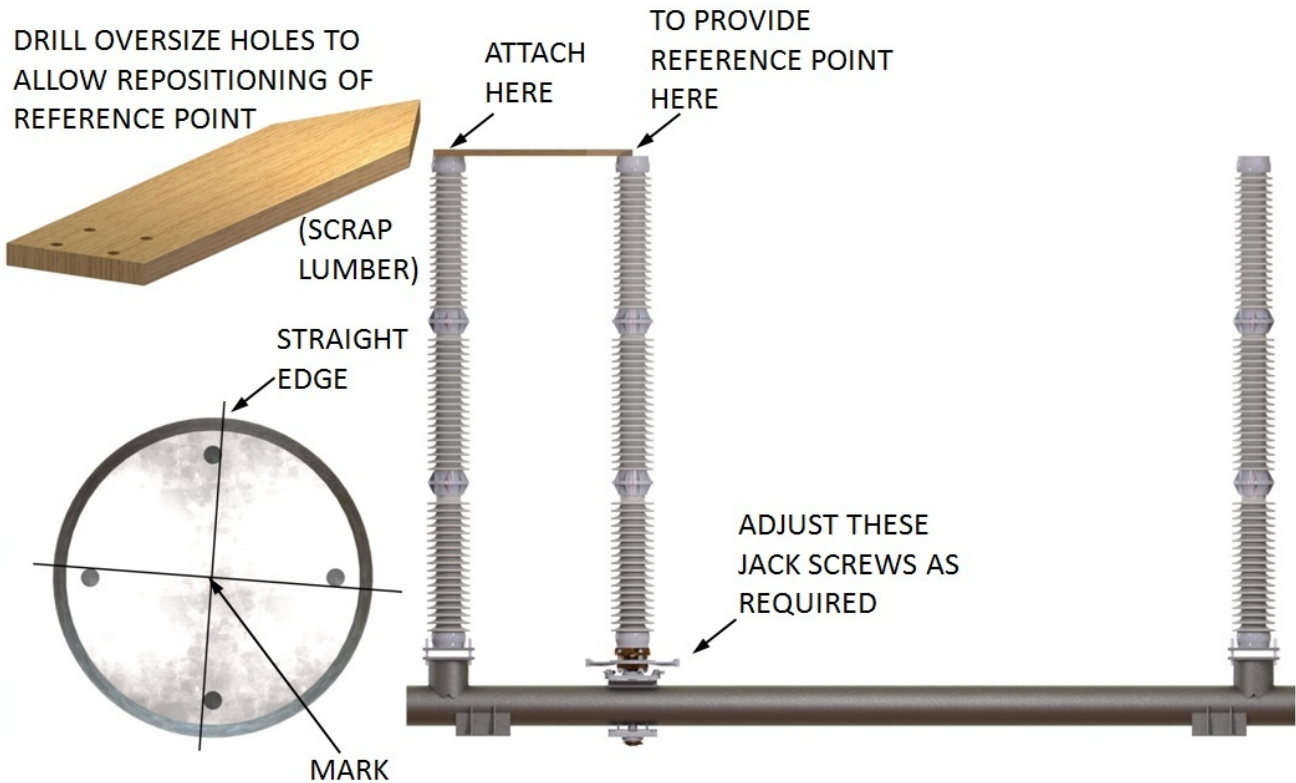
### Rotating Insulator Adjustment

1. For proper adjustment of the rotating insulator for concentric rotation (Wobble) please refer to **Figure 3 & Figure 4**.
2. Refer to **Figure 2**
  - a. To adjust the insulator stack angles, loosen four nuts (B). Tilt the insulator to the required position by screwing up or down on nuts (A). Mounting plate (C).



**Figure 2: Insulator Adjustment**

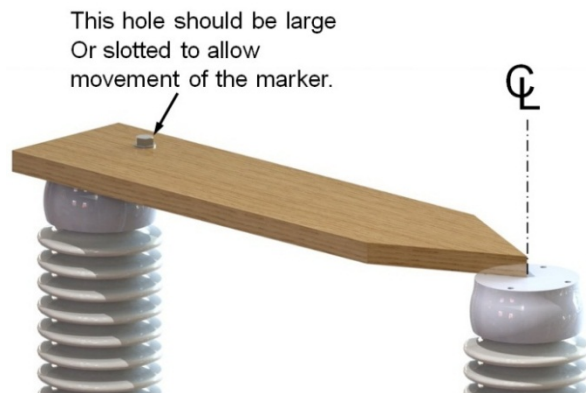
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**Figure 3: Method for locating center of rotating insulator cap**

**STEP ONE**

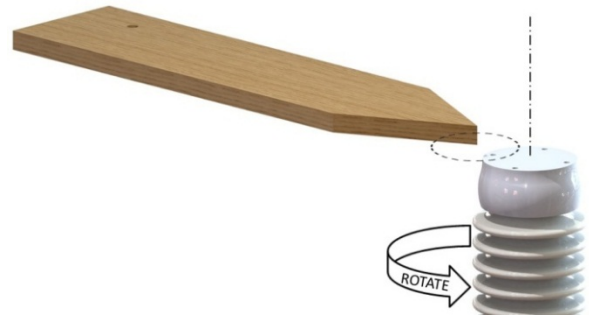
Use a piece of scrap lumber or metal and attach it to the top of the non-rotating insulator to use for a reference. Place the point of the lumber/metal over the center of the rotating insulator. The rotating insulator should be up against a bearing stop (Full open or closed position).



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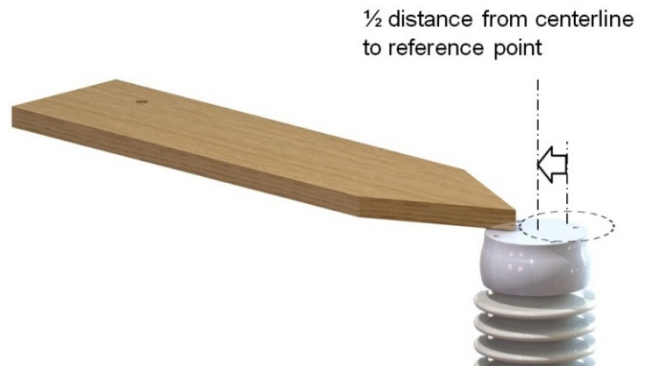
### STEP TWO

Rotate the insulator to the opposite bearing stop. Observe for eccentric rotation (“wobble”).



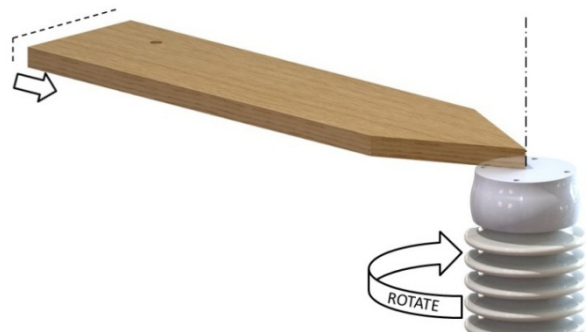
### STEP THREE

If during rotation the insulator has wobbled, leave it against the bearing stop in step two. Use the jacking bolts mounting the rotating insulator to the bearing to tilt it back  $\frac{1}{2}$  the distance to the reference point on the marker.



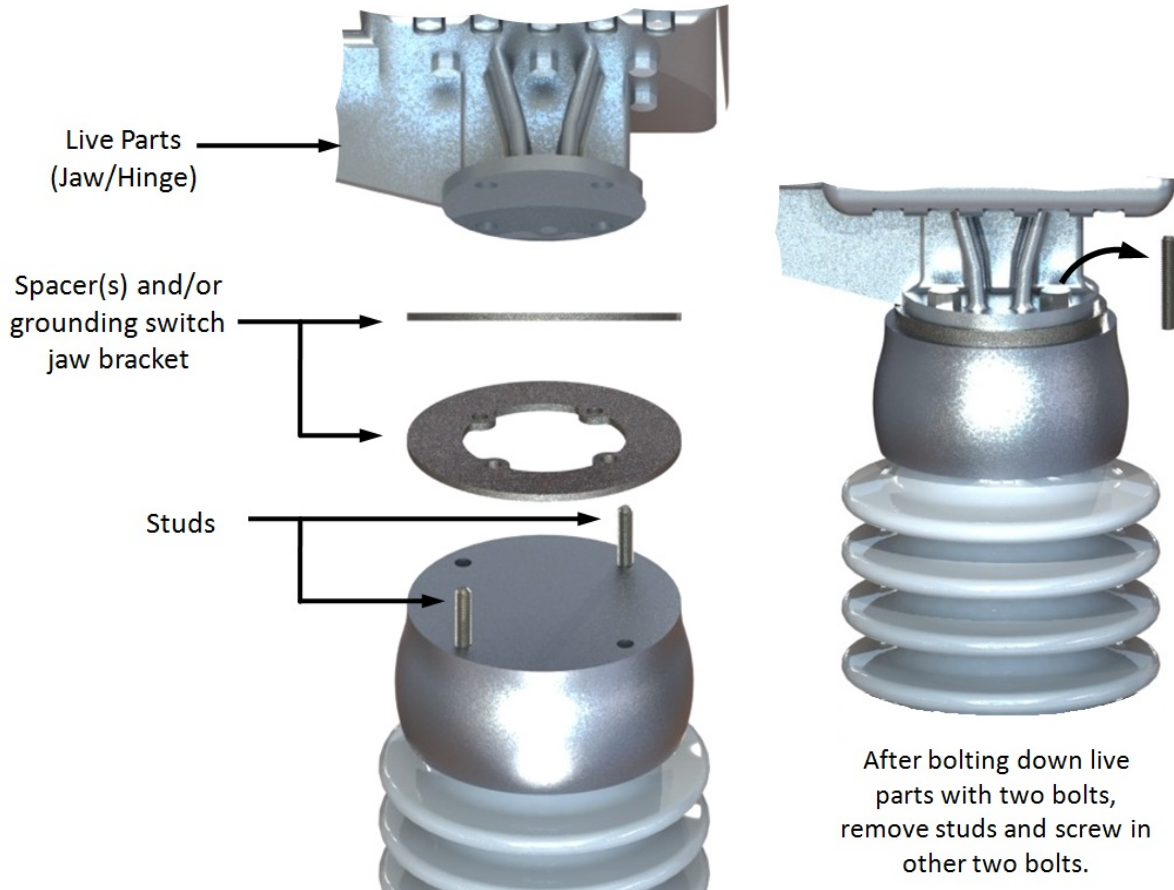
### STEP FOUR

Rotate the insulator back to the starting position. Loosen the marker and place the reference point over the center of the insulator again. Repeat the last three steps until the insulator rotates true. (Up to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wobble is acceptable.) This method works whether the rotating insulator is out of adjustment axially, laterally, or any combination in between



**Figure 4 – Adjusting the Rotating Insulator for Concentric Rotation**  
**Do Not Re-Adjust** the center stack once it rotates true. Make all subsequent adjustments to the other two insulator stacks as required.

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**Figure 5 – Mounting Live Parts**

### Mounting the Live Parts

1. With the switch blade in the fully open position, mount the hinge and blade assembly. Be sure to retain the spacers provided between the live parts and the insulators. Using the bolts specified on the operating mechanism drawing, install the bolts on the rotating insulator first making sure the match marks made in step 2 (Page 6) are properly aligned.
2. Install the bolts on the terminal end (fixed insulator) of the hinge assembly. **DO NOT FORCE THE PARTS.** If the mounting holes do not align with those of the insulator cap, adjust the jack screws at the bottom of the fixed insulator (Not the rotating insulator) until they do. Mount the ground switch jaw (Clip), if applicable, and the line switch jaw (**Figure 7**). These assemblies are mounted with common bolts as specified on the operating mechanism drawing. If possible, install conductors at this time to avoid later realignment of insulator stacks due to the effects of conductor loads.
3. Install the arcing horns, taking care to apply Red Loctite #271 to the threads and to insure that it is seated properly in the switch blade and the set screw is properly tightened. Adjust so that they touch with sufficient pressure to maintain contact throughout their stroke. However, they

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should not bind or force the blade sideways. If necessary, bend the stationary arcing horn slightly to achieve proper contact.

4. Install the corona rings.



Figure 6 - Switch Jaw

### Disconnect Switch Adjustments

1. When all poles are fully assembled and bolts are fully tightened, carefully close each switch pole. The blade should enter the jaw centrally with equal clearance as shown in **Figure 7**. Additionally, the contact on the blade tip should be centered in the contacts as shown in **Figure 7**. If any misalignment is observed, adjust the jack screws at the bottom of the jaw insulator (only) to either, tilt, raise, or lower the jaw as required. Always secure jack screw adjustments with the upper or lower jam nut as conditions require.
2. The switch is fully closed and will have adequate contact pressure when the blade has rotated to within plus or minus 5° of a horizontal plane (see **Figure 7**). However, an attempt should be made to get all blades to rotate to a completely horizontal position. This is done by adjusting the closed position stop.

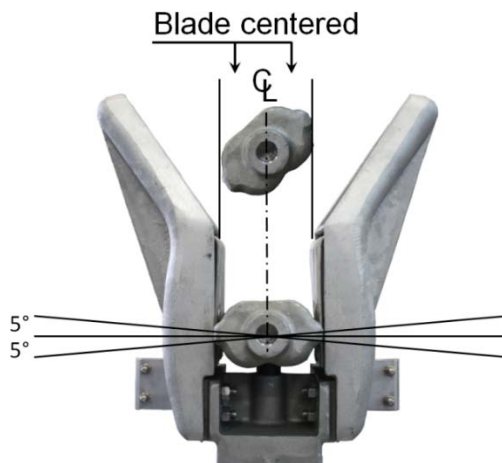


Figure 7 - Blade Adjustment



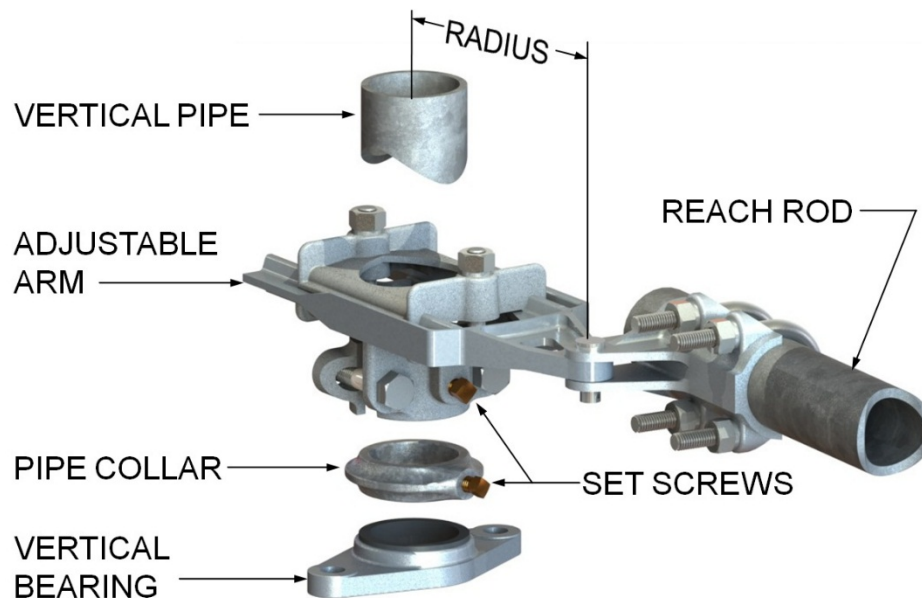
Figure 8 - Blade Silver Centered

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### Disconnect Switch Operating Mechanism Installation

Refer to the Operating Mechanism drawings, and install all operating mechanism components except the mechanical interlock and the auxiliary switch, when supplied. These last two items should be installed only after adjustments to the drive mechanism are complete. The pipe collar and outboard bearing should support the entire weight of the vertical pipe (**Figure 9**).

- Note: When installing the operating mechanism, tighten all set screws to grip the pipe securely, but do not pierce the pipe until after all adjustments are made. Match mark all parts that might slip during trial operation. Refer to Operating Mechanism drawings for proper installation of the switch adjustable arm. (The grounding switch should be left in the open position and should NOT be adjusted until after the line switch is operating satisfactorily).



**Figure 9 - Adjustable arm assembly.**

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### Disconnect Switch Operating Mechanism Adjustment

1. Do not use electrical operation until all line switch adjustments are made. Always test adjustments and switch operation by manually operating the disconnect and/or grounding switch.
2. The adjustable arm should travel 180° from toggle closed to toggle open.
3. If the switch does not fully open, the radius of the arm is too short. To correct:
  - 3.1. Check first to see that nothing has slipped
  - 3.2. Return the switch to the near closed position.
  - 3.3. Loosen the adjustable arm and clevis bolts as shown in **Figure 10**.
  - 3.4. Lengthen the radius of the adjustable arm about ¼" and allow the clevis to reposition itself the same distance (shortening the pipe). Retighten the bolts.
  - 3.5. Manually test operate again and adjust as necessary
4. 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:
  - 4.1. Check to see that nothing has slipped.
  - 4.2. Return the switch to the near closed position.
  - 4.3. Loosen the adjustable arm and clevis bolts as shown in **Figure 10**.
  - 4.4. Shorten the radius of the adjustable arm approximately ¼" and allow the clevis to reposition itself (lengthening the pipe). Retighten the bolts.
  - 4.5. Manually test operate again and adjust as necessary.
5. When the switch is completely adjusted and switch has been accepted by the proper site authorities, 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 ¼" drill.).

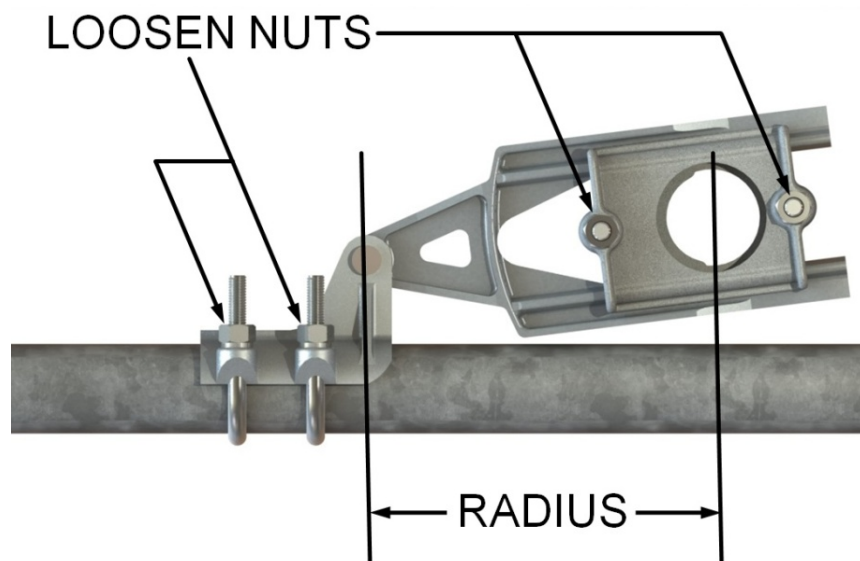


Figure 10 - Adjustable Arm

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### Grounding Switch Adjustment (if supplied)

1. Do not attempt to adjust the grounding switch until AFTER the line switches and their operating mechanisms are completely installed, adjusted, and operating satisfactorily.
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### Switch Operating Devices

1. Worm gear operator (HOGO – High Output Geared Operator) (Optional)
  - 1.1. The operator handle is factory set to rotate clockwise to open the switch.
  - 1.2. The weight of the vertical operating pipe should be supported by pipe collar (**Figure 9**) by maintaining the 1/4" - 3/8" gap (**Figure 11**).
  - 1.3. When the switch is properly adjusted the operator handle should hang freely in both the open and closed positions to permit the use of a customer supplied padlock.

**⚠ CAUTION**

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

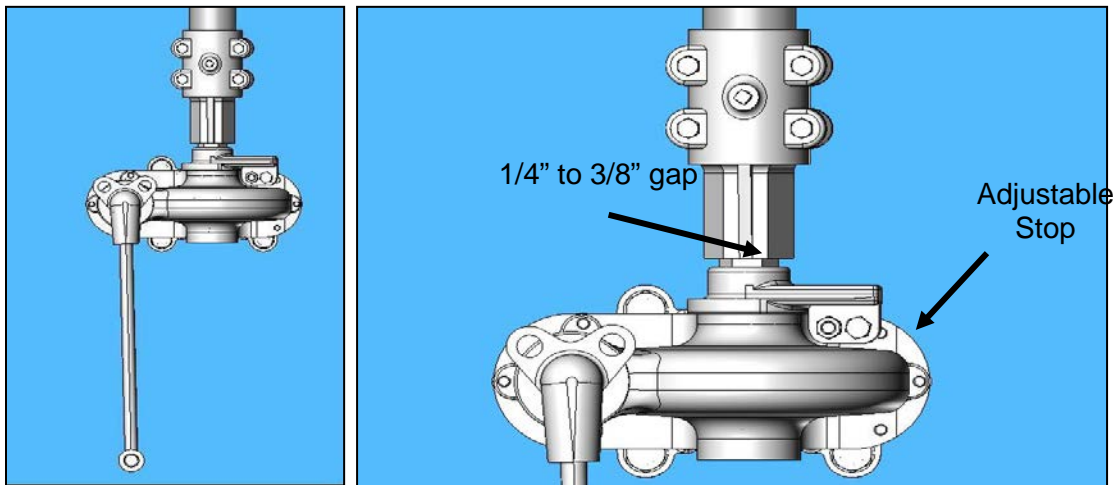
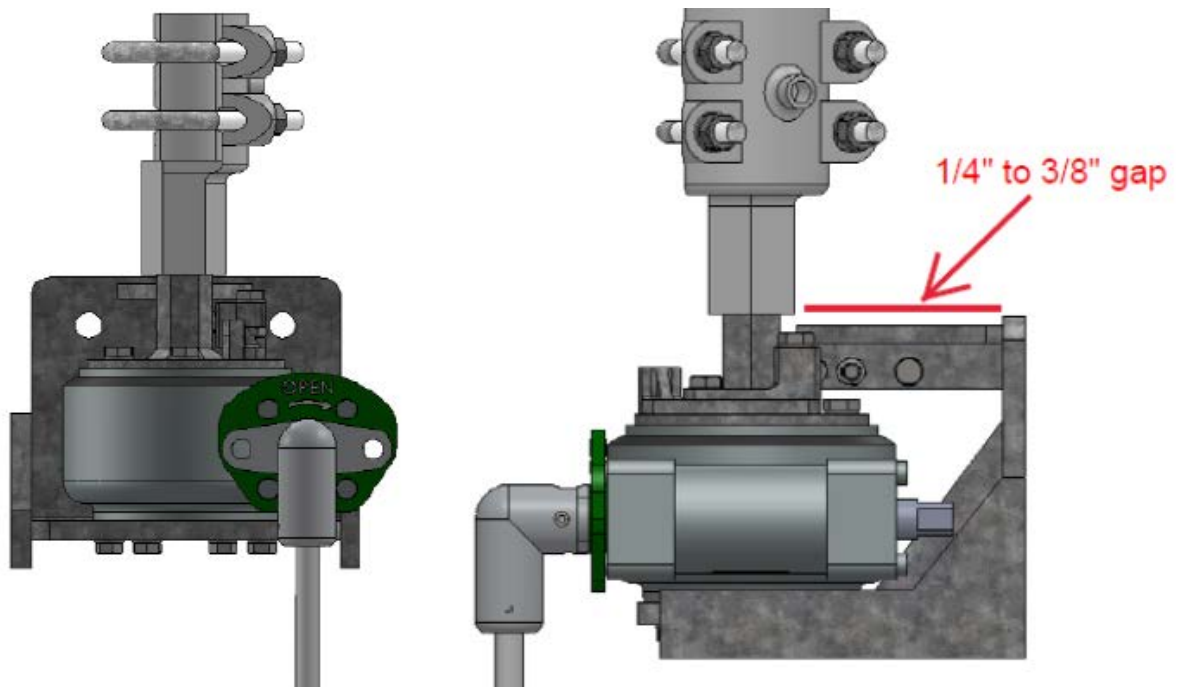


Figure 11 - Type HOGO (High Output Geared Operator) Front View

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2. Worm gear operator (SEGO – Safety Enhanced Gear Operator) (Optional)
  - 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. When the switch is properly adjusted the operator handle should hang freely in both the open and closed positions to permit the use of the customer supplied padlock.

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



**Figure 12: Type SEGO (Safety Enhanced Gear Operator)**

3. Electrical motor operator
  - 3.1. Please refer to motor operator instruction manual for proper installation and setup. Use manual operation while completing switch setup. Do not electrically operate until all switch adjustments are complete. **ALWAYS** operate the motor operator decoupled first to ensure proper setup.

## Recommended Inspection Maintenance

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The EV-1 has been designed to operate with low maintenance. Periodic inspection is important for satisfactory operation. Frequency of inspection and maintenance depends on the installation site, weather and atmospheric conditions, experience of operating personnel and special operation requirements. It is suggested that maintenance on these switches be performed in accordance with ANSI STANDARDS C37.35-1976.

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

		Installation Tests	Patrolling Inspection 6 month	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: Harsh environments with excessive airborne contaminants, such as, salt spray and industrial pollutants will require inspection/maintenance every two (2) years. For specific instructions please refer to the SCE disconnect maintenance guidelines.

### 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. Refer to **Table 3** for recommended inspection items.

### Routine Inspection and Maintenance (5 year)

Routine inspection is performed on a de-energized unit. The frequency of the inspection is determined by the local conditions and policies of the owner of the equipment. Refer to **Table 3** for recommended inspection items.

### Periodic Inspection and Maintenance (10 year)

Periodic inspection is performed on a de-energized unit. The frequency of the inspection is determined by the local conditions and policies of the owner of the equipment. Refer to **Table 3** for recommended inspection items.

## Inspection Checklist

# Inspection Checklist

550kV EV-1 TYPE DISCONNECTS (REV 6 2013)			
SUBSTATION NAME		POSITION	
SITE REP:		DATE:	
ACCEPTED BY QC:		DATE:	
INSTALLER:			
SAP NUMBER:		KV RATING:	
S.S. #		AMP RATING:	
ALL MEASUREMENTS PER MANUFACTOR'S MANUAL			
Initial and Date:	Installer	Site Rep	QC
Check for damage or material shortages (Page 1)			
All Nuts, Bolts and other hardware are tight and torque marked			
Pipe collar supporting vertical drive pipe			
All Cotter Keys are Bent			
Blades enter center of clip (Figures 7 & 8 Page 7)			
Arcing Horns installed and adjusted (Per Manufacturer's Drawings)			
Corona Ball Set screw secured with Red Loctite (Per Drawing 20134369)			
Insulators on Rotating Insulator stack (Pages 4 & 5)			
Blades Closed & Aligned (+/-) 5 Degrees (Figure 7 Page 7)			
Blades Silver Centered in the Clip (Figure 8 Page 7)			
Blade in Open Position Plumb or Slightly past Plumb and Stop adjusted			
Open Rotation Stops set on Insulator Stack (Page 5)			
Closed Rotation Stops set on Insulator (Page 5)			
Verify Min. gap on HOGO handle 1/4 to 3/8" (Figure 11 Page 10)			
Handle is 40 inches from grade (+/-) 3 inches			
Handle is hanging free			
Handle - Clockwise to Open			
Handle and Structure Ground Attached			
Handle Stop Touching in The Closed Position			
Handle Stop Touching In The Open Position			
Handle operating pressure less than 35 pounds of force			
Name Plate attached by handle			
Signs- Open & Closed Properly Installed			



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