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Type RDA-1-V

Ratings: 69kV - 230kV

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

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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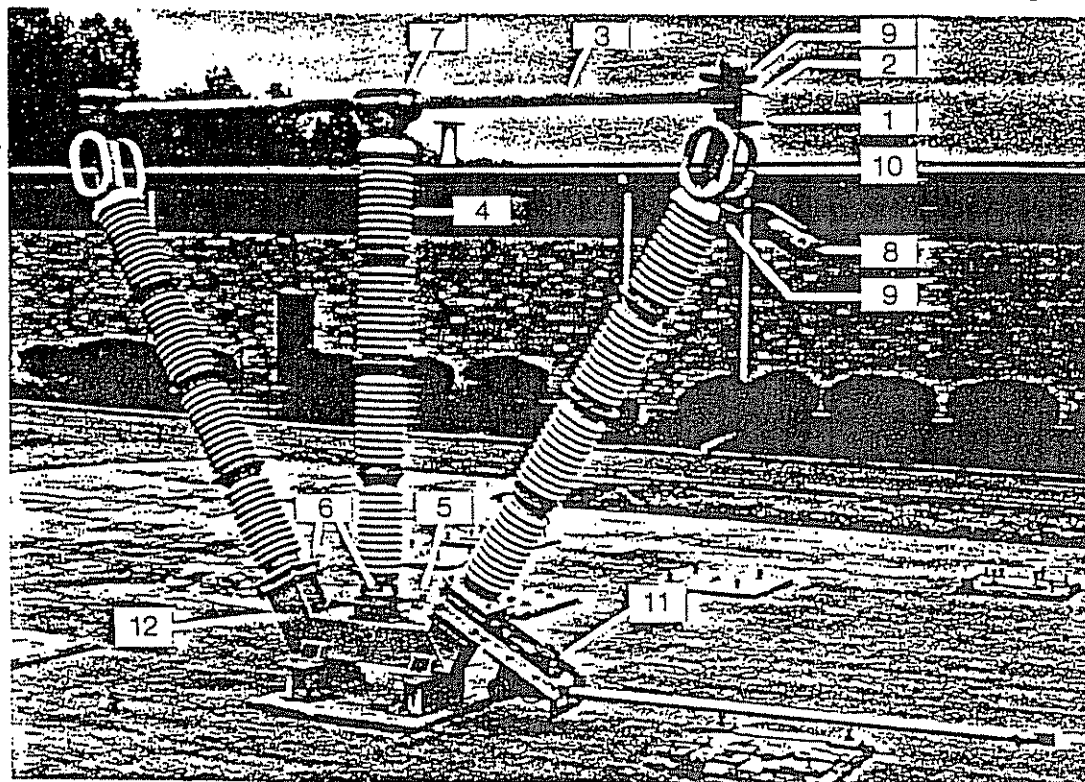
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U.S and Canada	U.S and Canada	End User	Five (5) Years
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These instructions give the general procedure for installing and adjusting Southern States RDA-1-V switches. It may be necessary to make adjustments not described in this manual. If any questions should arise concerning the installation or adjustment of this equipment, please call your local Southern States representative, or the factory.

The illustration below shows the basic design configuration of these switches; however, individual differences may exist between models due to different mounting schemes, insulator types and sizes, and customer requirements.



- 1 - Jaw
- 2 - Arcing Horns
- 3 - Switch Blade
- 4 - Rotating Insulator
- 5 - Switch Arm
- 6 - Jack Screws
- 7 - Blade Operating Assembly
- 8 - Grounding Switch Jaw
- 9 - Corona Shield
- 10 - Corona Ring
- 11 - Grounding Switch Hinge
- 12 - Switch Base

Figure 1 - Identification of parts. This switch is equipped with a grounding switch, which is optional equipment. 345 kV model shown. For other ratings, refer to the unit assembly and operating mechanism drawings. Items 8,9,10, and 11 may not be used on all ratings.

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

FIELD ASSEMBLY:

1. Uncrate the switches, remove the shipping ties, and check for damage in transit. If any damage is found, immediately file a claim with the carrier and notify the factory.
2. Refer to the Operating Mechanism Drawing and mount the switch base in position on the structure. Use a-level to ensure proper mounting. If the switch base does not sit level, use shims to correct mounting surface irregularities.

3. Mount the insulators, beginning with the center stack, using the bolts specified on the bill of material of the unit assembly drawing. The center insulator can be easily attached without removing any parts from the base. Be sure the switch arm is positioned between the bottom of the insulator and the bearing hub, and aligned as shown on the unit assembly drawing.

The easiest way to mount the end insulators is to remove the top nuts from the jack screws that support the mounting adaptors, remove the mounting adaptors from the base, and bolt them directly to the bottom of the insulator stack. Then the entire stack can be lifted to the base and slipped down on the stack screw studs.

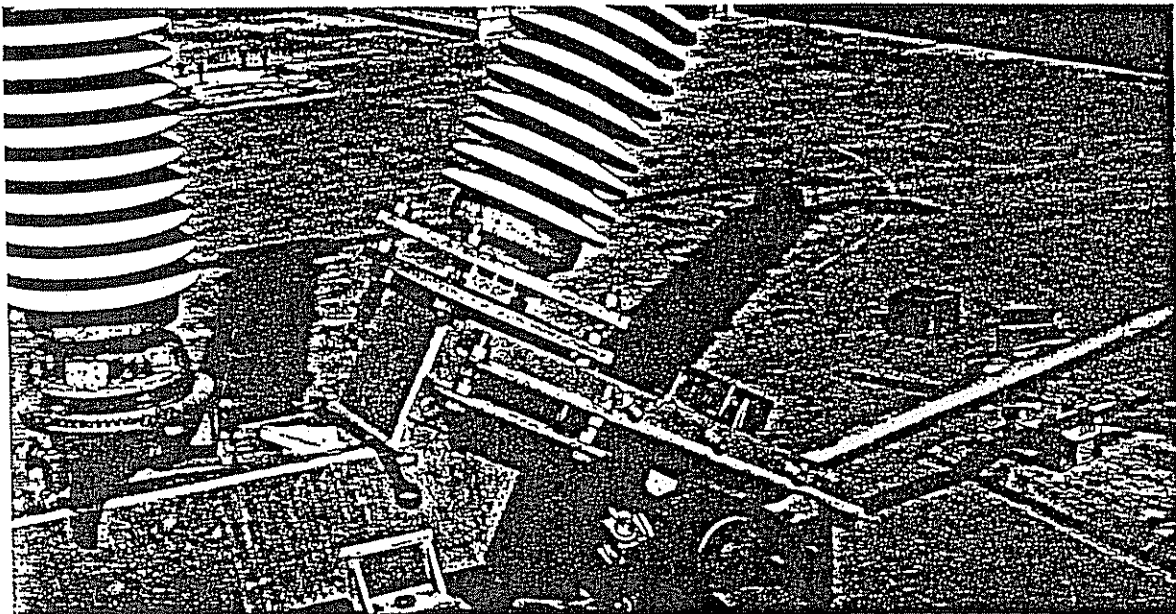


Figure 2 - Insulator mounting (345 kV shown)

4. Adjustment to these switches mainly concerns getting the insulator stacks properly aligned. This is done with the jack screws that support the adaptors to which the insulators are bolted. The rotating insulator requires special attention to ensure good switch operation. Use levels or plumb lines to make sure the center insulator is vertical to both the long and the short axis of the switch base.

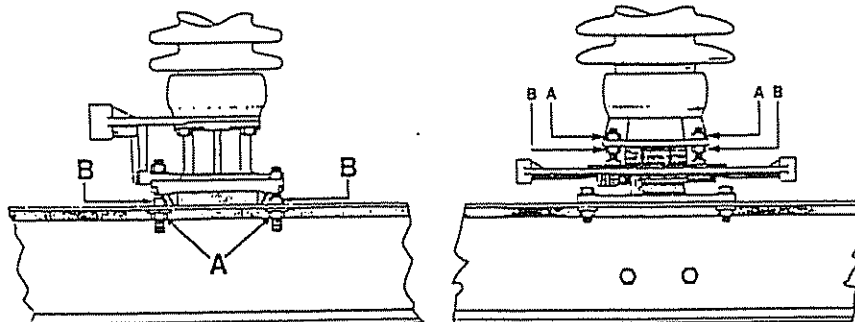


Figure 3 - Jack screw adjustment.

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

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

5. Bolt the jaw adaptors to the jaws (end hardware) and bolt these assemblies to the tops of the end insulators (see Figure 3). A 1/2" spacer is used between the adaptor and the insulator. If a grounding switch jaw is to be mounted, do not use a spacer on that stack.

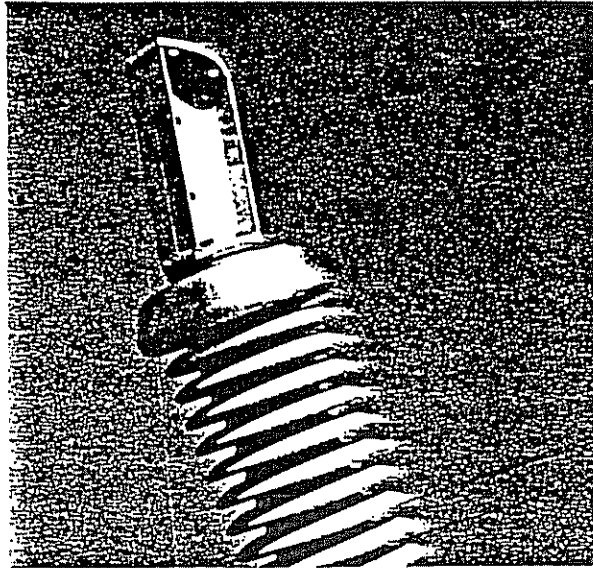


Figure 4 - Jaw adaptor (345 kV shown. Lower ratings will not have corona shields.)

6. Mount the blade assembly as shown in figure 5. The blade assembly must be oriented on the center stack so as to allow an additional 45° of stack rotation after the blade tips enter the jaws. This is essential, as it provides blade rotation into the contacts, which establishes high contact pressure.

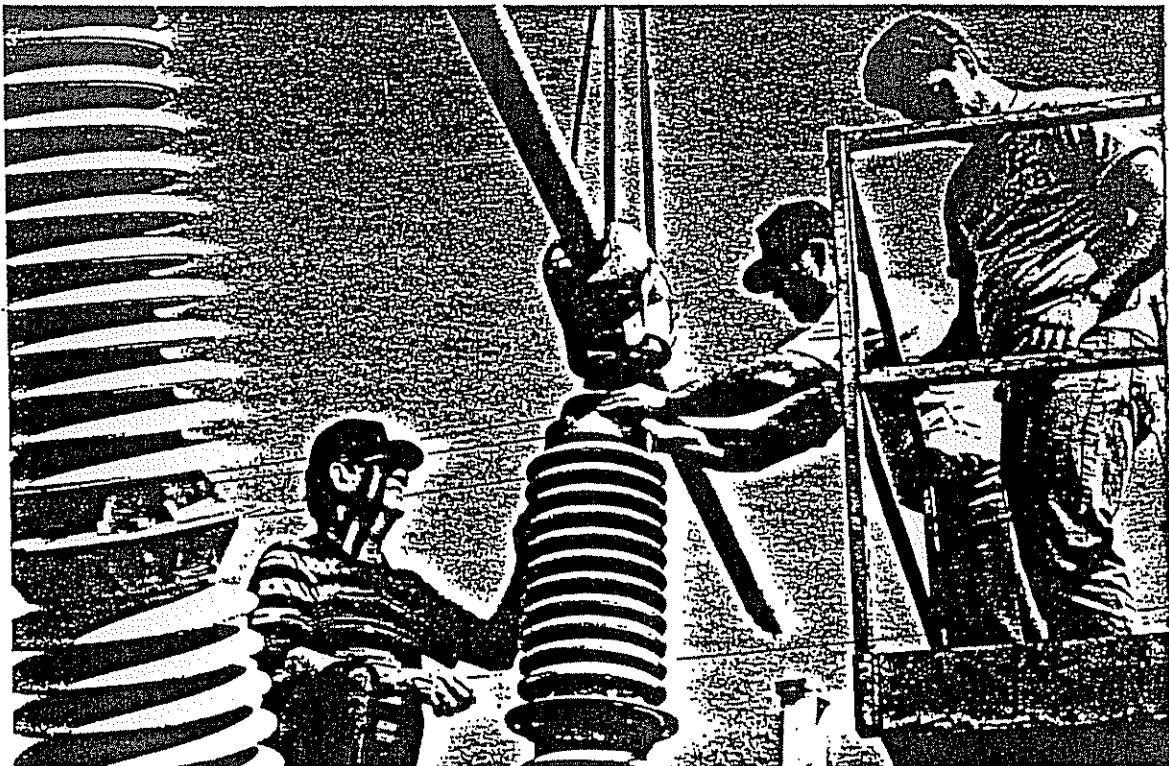


Figure 5

Proper Contact Engagement

7. Carefully close the switch, checking for proper contact engagement described below. *NOTE: Final adjustment usually cannot be made to these switches until the conductors are attached. Therefore, the conductors should be bolted on before proceeding further. If this is not possible, be sure to recheck the contact engagements described in A through D below after the conductors are tied on and before energizing the switch.*

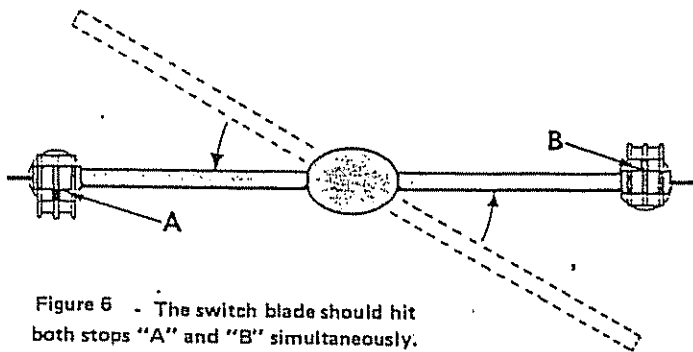


Figure 6 - The switch blade should hit both stops "A" and "B" simultaneously.

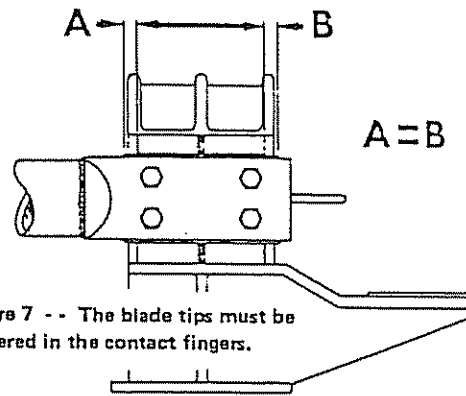


Figure 7 -- The blade tips must be centered in the contact fingers.

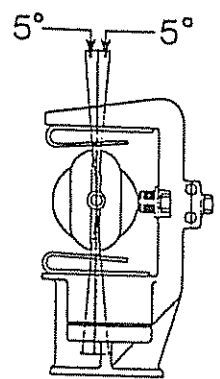


Figure 8

- A. The blade tips must hit the stops in the jaw simultaneously. Misalignments can be corrected by tilting the jaw insulator stacks with the jack screws.
- B. The blade tips should enter the jaws centrally, without dragging on either contact surface. Misalignments can be corrected by jacking the jaw up or down with the jack screws.
- C. The silver of the blade tips should be centered on the silver of the jaw contacts: Misalignment can be corrected by tilting the jaws toward or away from the center stack, using the jaw jack screws.
- D. Although the switch is fully closed and will have adequate contact pressure if the blade has rotated to within plus or minus 5° of perpendicular in the contacts, every effort should be made to get the tips as nearly vertical in the contacts as possible. Adjust the bearing stops as required.
- E. After the above contact engagement adjustments are completed, refer to figure 9 and shorten both jack screws "A" by four flats, and lengthen both jack screws "B" by four flats on both jaw stacks. This procedure establishes proper preload against insulator deflection, and is essential for switch operation. Note the relationship of the parts in figure 9; the jaws must be loaded toward the blade.

Note: If proper contact alignment cannot be obtained, see page 8.

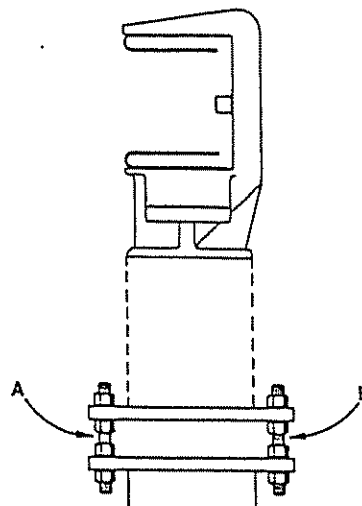


Figure 9

Arcing Horn Adjustment:

8. The arcing horns should touch *lightly* throughout their stroke. Arcing horns rubbing together with excessive pressure can cause the blade to rotate outside the contacts causing switch malfunction. Bend the stationary horn as required to achieve enough pressure for contact, but not so much as to cause binding.

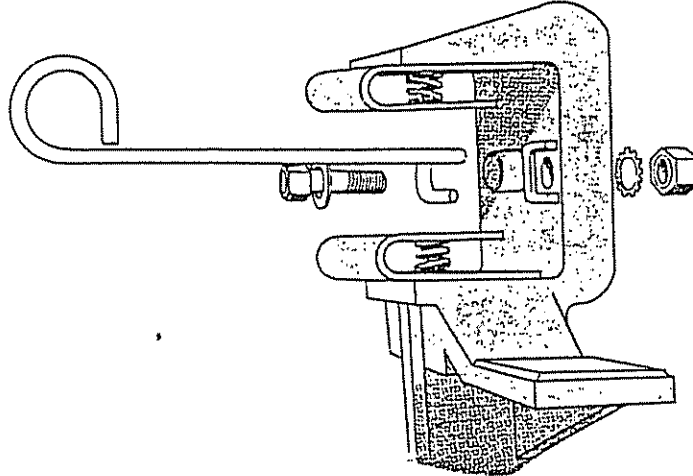


Figure 10 - Arcing horn attachment. Blade arcing horn goes under jaw horn.

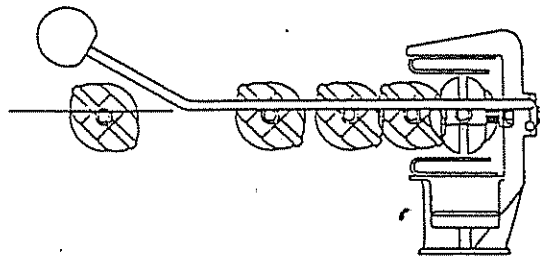


Figure 11 - Correct arcing horn adjustment has horn parallel to movement of the blade tip, allowing light contact through full length of engagement.

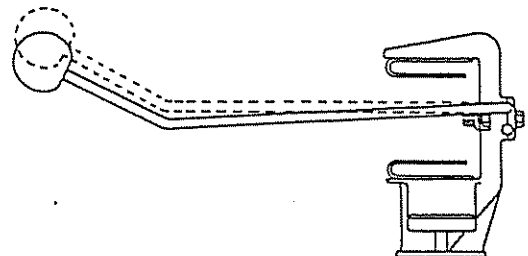


Figure 12 - Improper adjustment allows arcing horn to droop into blade path. *Could cause switch malfunction.*

9. When all adjustments are made, install the operating mechanism as directed on the following pages:

Operating Mechanism

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

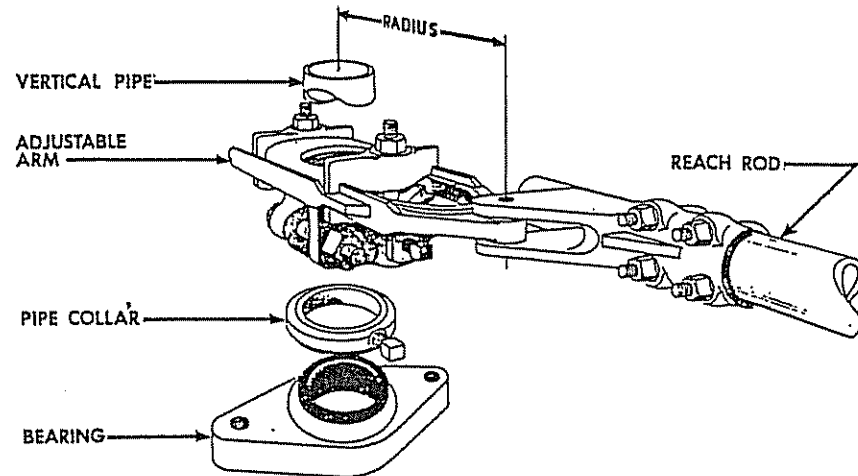


Figure 13 - Adjustable arm assembly. Pipe collar must support full weight of pipe.

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

II. After mounting all operating mechanism components, use any convenient means to match mark all clevis connections, adjustable arm, and manual operator attachments to check for slippage during trial operations.

III. If a motor operator is to be used, at this point refer to the motor operator installation instructions for mounting and trial operations.

IV. Place all switch poles in the fully closed position.

V. ADJUSTMENT: *(If motor operator is used DO NOT use electrical operation until all line switch adjustments are made.)*

1. The adjustable arm should travel 180° from toggle closed to toggle open. Manually test operate.
2. If the switch does not fully open, the radius of the arm is too short. To correct:
 - a. Check first to see that nothing has slipped.
 - b. Return the switch to the closed position.
 - c. Loosen the adjustable arm and clevis bolts as shown 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.

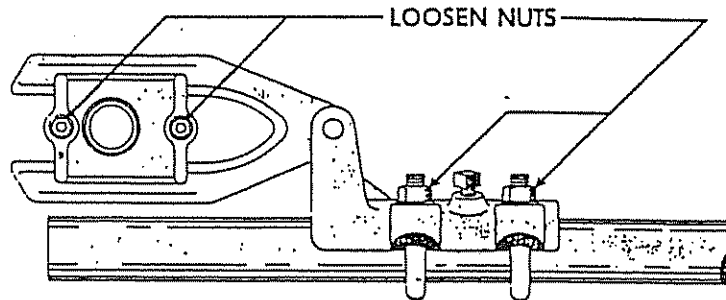


Figure 14 — Adjustable arm assembly.

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 screws until the pipe walls are pierced. (For heavy wall pipe, drill the set screw holes, using the threaded drill guides supplied and a 1/4" drill.)

VI. MAINTENANCE

It is suggested that maintenance on these switches be performed in accordance with ANSI STANDARDS C37.35-1976.



Occasionally, uneven or slightly misaligned insulator caps will make proper contact adjustment impossible to achieve, using jack screws alone. This condition could appear in two places: One, a jaw could be misaligned horizontally, preventing full contact with the complete length of the blade tip, as suggested in figure 15. To correct, place shims between the hardware mounting surfaces as needed to produce full, even contact between all contact fingers and the entire length of the blade tip.

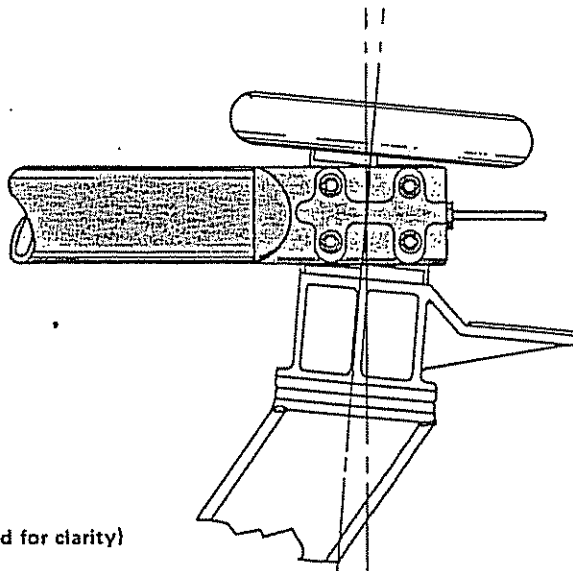


Figure 15 Jaw misalignment (exaggerated for clarity)

Second, even though the center insulator is rotating true, the watermelon could be misaligned, causing one blade tip to be high, the other low, beyond the range of jack screw adjustment. To correct this, do not disturb the rotating insulator adjustment, but rather simply place shims between the rotating insulator cap and the watermelon mounting plate (figure 16).

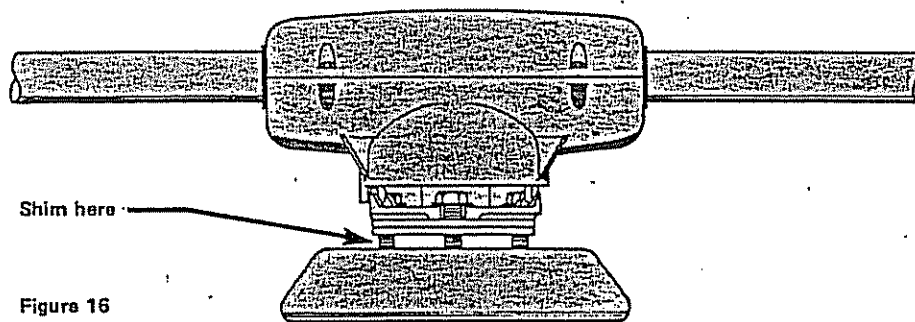


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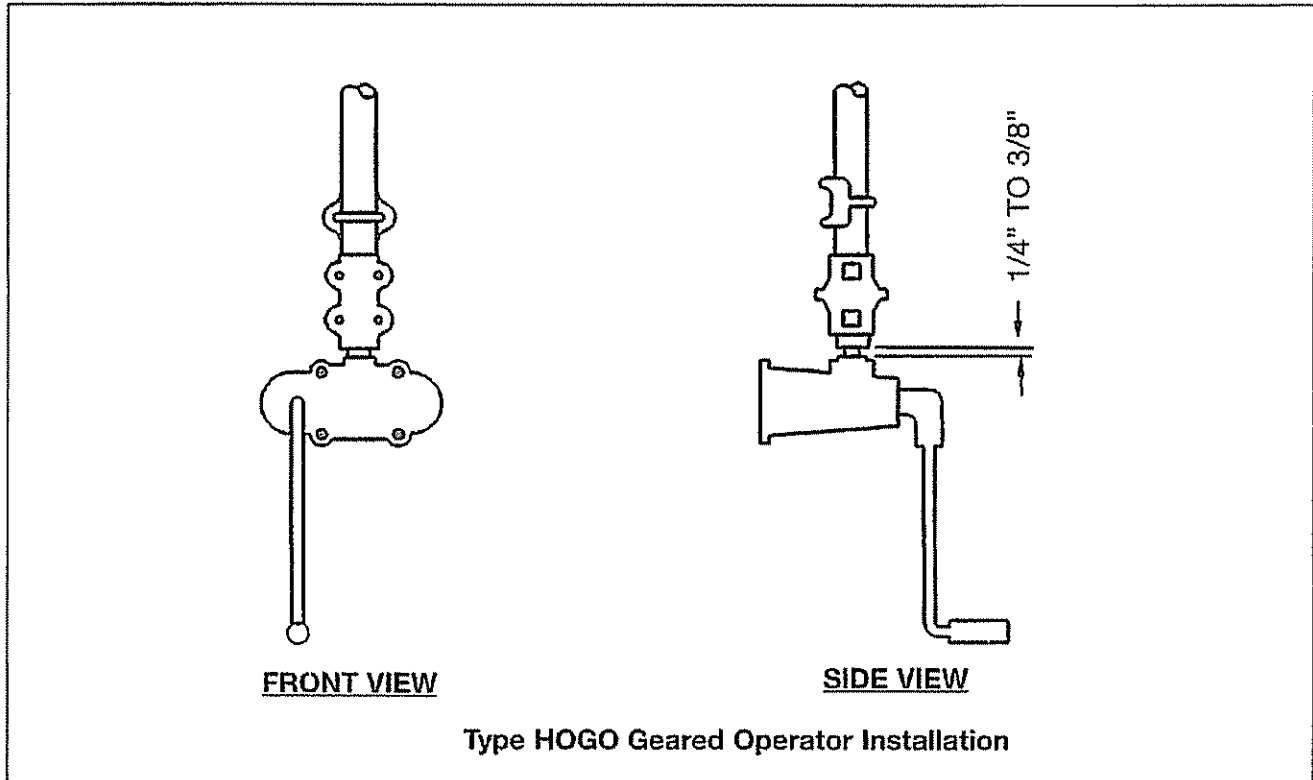
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Installation & Adjustment Procedures

If a Manual Geared Operator is furnished:

- Operator Handle is factory set to rotate either clockwise or counter-clockwise to open the switch.
- Operator Handle should hang vertically and free in both the open and closed positions – This will permit insertion of a customer furnished padlock.



- Position the Floating Coupling approximately 1/4-Inch to 3/8-Inch above the operator.
- The Pipe Collar above the Vertical Bearing must support the entire weight of the Vertical Operating Pipe. Do not allow the manual or electrical motor operator housing to bear any weight.
- The maintenance-free operator is filled with grease and sealed at the factory.

If an Electrical Motor Operator is furnished, refer to separate Instruction Manual.

Place all switch poles in the fully closed position.

Caution: If furnished with a Motor Operator, **do not** use electrical operation until all switch adjustments are complete.

The Adjustable Arm setting indicated on the Operating Mechanism Drawing is a calculated dimension. Adjust as required for exact setting.

Manually test operate.



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