INSTRUCTIONS



POWER CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Magne-blast Breakers

Types AM-2.4/4.16-100/150-AM-2.4/4.16-100/150A-3 AM-2.4/4.16-150/250-3 AM-2.4/4.16-150/250A-3 With MS-13 Mechanism

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MAGNE-BLAST CIRCUIT BREAKERS TYPE AM-2.4/4.16 WITH MS-13 MECHANISM INTRODUCTION

The Magne-blast Circuit Breaker is the removable interrupting element for use in verticallift metal-clad switchgear, to provide reliable control and protection of power systems. Among the many advantages of metal-clad switchgear are added protection to equipment and personnel, compactness, simplified installation and reduced maintenance. In keeping with these features the Magneblast breakers are designed for interchangeability and manueverability, together with reliability and low maintenance requirements.

The Magne-blast Circuit Breaker operates on the principle that an arc can be interrupted in air by sufficiently elongating and cooling it. This is accomplished by means of a strong magnetic field that lengthen the arc and forces it into intimate contact with cool dielectric material. A sturdy, reliable operating mechanism assures low maintenance and long life, and the use of Self-X insulation reduces fire hazards to a minimum. The AM-2.4/4.16 Magne-blast Breaker is available in a number of current and voltage ratings. Refer to the breaker nameplate for the complete rating information of any particular breaker. The short circuit conditions to be imposed on the breaker must not exceed its rating, nor should it be called upon to operate at voltages or currents greater than those given on the nameplate. Since this book is written to cover several ratings of breakers that are of the same general design, all instructions will be of a general character and all illustrations will be typical, unless otherwise specified.

PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE ARE NECESSARY TO INSURE CONTINUED SATIS-FACTORY OPERATION OF THE BREAKER. The following instructions will provide complete information for placing the magne-blast breaker in service and for maintaining satisfactory operation.

RECEIVING, HANDLING AND STORAGE

RECEIVING AND HANDLING

Each breaker is carefully inspected and packed by workmen experienced in the proper handling and packing of electrical equipment. Immediately upon receipt of the circuit breaker, an examination should be made for any damage sustained in transit. If injury or rough handling is evident, a damage claim should be filed immediately with the transportation company and the nearest General Electric Sales Office should be notified.

It is expected that due care will be exercised during the unpacking and installation of the breaker so that no damage will occur from careless or rough handling, or from exposure to moisture or dirt. A nail puller should be used to open the crates, and care should be exercised to prevent tools from striking either the orate or any part of the breaker. Loose parts associated with the breaker are always included in the same crate. Check all parts against the packing list to be sure that no parts have been overlooked.

STORAGE

It is recommended that the breaker be put into service immediately in its permanent location. If this is not possible, the following precautions must be taken to insure the proper storage of the breaker:

- 1. The breaker should be carefully protected against condensation, preferably by storing it in a warm dry room, since water absorption has an adverse effect on the insulation parts. Circuit breakers for outdoor metalclad switchgear should be stored in the equipment only when power is available and the heaters are in operation to prevent condensation.
- 2. The breaker should be stored in a clean location, free from corrosive gases or fumes; particular care should be taken to protect the equipment from moisture and cement dust, as this combination has a very corrosive effect on many parts.
- 3. Machined parts of the operating mechanism, etc., should be coated with a heavy oil or grease to prevent rusting.

If the breaker is stored for any length of time, it should be inspected periodically to see that rusting has not started and to insure good mechanical condition. Should the breaker be stored under unfavorable atmospheric conditions, steps should be taken to dry out the breaker before it is placed in service.

These instructions do not purport to cover all details or variations in equipment nor to provide for every possible contingency to be met in connection with installation, operation or maintenance. Should further 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 General Electric Company.

- 1. Secondary Coupler
- 2. Auxiliary Switch
- 3. Position Indicator
- 4. Opening Spring Unit
- 5. Operation Counter
- 6. Manual Trip
- 7. Control Device
- 8. Control Device Plunger Guide
- 9. Closing Solenoid

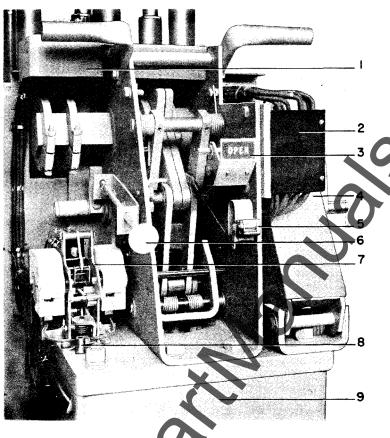


Fig. | MS-13 Operating Mechanism

DESCRIPTION

The magne-blast breaker is composed of two major parts, the breaker element and the operating mechanism. The breaker element comprises three similar pole units, each pole unit consisting of main and arcing contacts, an interrupter, and an enclosing box barrier that segregates the interrupting units from each other to provide insulation between phases as well as from each phase to ground. The primary connections to the associated metal-clad equipment are made through the primary disconnect studs.

The MS-13 operating mechanism shown in Fig. 1 is of the solenoid ype designed to give high speed closing and opening. The closing operation is controlled by the control device (7). The control device also permits trip free operation (tripping the breaker at any time during the closing operation), and prevents solenoid pumping (reclosing) after a trip free operation. For AC closing operation, rectifiers mounted elsewhere in the metal-clad unit are used to supply the direct current on which the closing coil operates. The breaker can be opened electrically, by remote control, or manually, by means of the manual trip device (6). All secondary connections from the breaker to the metal-clad unit are made through the coupler (1).



A positive interlock and interlock switch is provided between the breaker and metal-clad unit to prevent the raising or lowering of the breaker in the unit while in the closed position and to prevent a closing operation when the breaker is not in either the fully raised or lowered position. A plunger type interlock can also be provided to prevent the closing of two adjacent breakers at the same time or to operate an additional auxiliary switch mounted in the metal-clad unit. (8019973)

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The operating mechanism used on those breakers designed for MI-6 metal-clad equipment differs somewhat from those designed for M-26 equipment but its operation is principally the same. This mechanism is controlled by a relay scheme mounted in the metal-clad unit and a cut-off switch located on the breaker instead of the control device. Two seven terminal secondary couplers also replace the one sixteen terminal coupler. The positive interlock between the breaker and metal-clad unit is replaced with a trip interlock that **trips** the mechanism before raising or lowering of the breaker can be accomplished. A fork-type lever can be furnished to operate an auxiliary switch mounted in the metalclad unit. For detailed explanation of the operation of the breaker and mechanism refer to the section OPERATION.

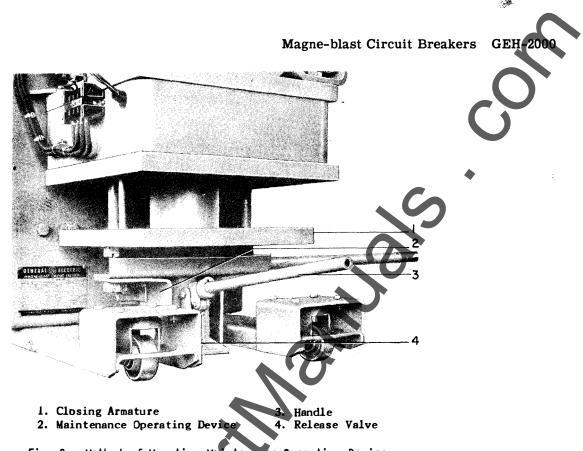


Fig. 2 Method of Mounting Maintenance Operating Device

INSTALLATION

The following instructions explain the necessary steps to be taken before the breaker is placed in the metal-clad unit. This includes a complete check of all of the breaker adjustments, in addition to a thorough inspection. For final installation instructions refer to the Metal-Clad Switchgear instruction book. Reference should also be made to the connection diagram that is furnished with each unit.

DO NOT WORK ON EITHER THE BREAKER OR THE MECHANISM WHILE IN THE CLOSED POSITION UNLESS THE PROP AND TRIP LATCH HAVE BEEN SECURELY WIRED OR BLOCKED TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL TRIPFING.

ADJUSTMENTS

Although the breaker has been completely adjusted and tested at the factory, it is possible that unusually rough handling during transportation may have caused some loosening or disturbance of parts of the apparatus. It is therefore advisable to review all adjustments before placing the breaker in service, making readjustments wherever necessary.

A maintenance operating device is provided for operation of the breaker during these adjustment checks. Mount the device as shown in Fig. 2, and turn the release valve (4) firmly to the right. To close the breaker, operate the handle (3) with a pumping motion. By turning the release valve (4) to the left, the closing armature will return to its normal position. Electrical operation must not be attempted until the breaker has been operated manually through its complete stroke several times and final installation inspection has been completed.

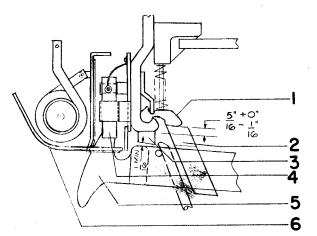
All adjustments should be checked not only during the initial installation of the breaker but also during periodic inspections and whenever it becomes necessary to repair or replace parts that have become worn or defective while in service. The following adjustments are listed in the order in which they are to be checked. First, however, remove the breaker from the metal-clad unit and remove the box barrier and the mechanism cover.

PRIMARY CONTACT WIPE

When the breaker is closed, as shown in Fig. 3, the stationary primary contacts (1) should rise 5/16'' + 0-1/16''. To obtain this adjustment, open the breaker and, referring to Fig. 4, loosen the check nut (4) and turn the adjusting nut (3). Screwing up on the adjusting nut will decrease the primary contact wipe, down will increase it. Tighten the check nut, close the breaker and recheck the wipe. With the primary contact wipe correctly adjusted, the clearance between the contact arm (7) and the buffer block should be 1/16'' or greater (as shown in Fig. 3) when the breaker is fully closed.

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- 4. Stationary Arcing Contacts 5. Movable Arcing Contact 6. Upper Arc Runner
- Stationary Primary Contacts
 Movable Primary Contacts
- 3. Buffer Block

Fig. 3 Contact Adjustments

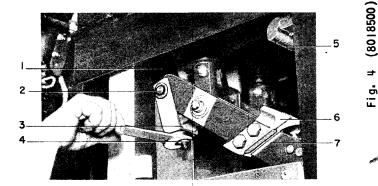
ARCING CONTACT WIPE

Refer to Fig. 3. Close the breaker until the arcing contacts just touch. This can be determined with the use of a circuit continuity tester such as a light indication or bell set. In this position, the gap between the stationary primary contacts (1) and the movable primary contact (2) should be 5/16" or greater. This setting has been made in the factory and no adjustment is provided. A wipe of less than 5/16" is usually an indication that the arcing contacts need to be replaced. When making this check, also see that the movable arcing contact (5) passes through the slot in the upper arc runner (6) without touching.

PRIMARY CONTACT GAP

Refer to Fig. 4. With the breaker closed, press the manual trip button allowing the breaker to trip open normally. Do not force the contacts open wider by hand. The gap between the stationary primary contacts (5) and the movable primary contact (6) should be 3-13/16'' + 1/8'' - 3/16''. To change this gap, loosen the check nut (25), Fig. 5, and turn the adjusting nut (26) on stud (9). Screwing the adjusting nut down will decrease the primary contact gap. Tighten the check nut and remeasure the contact gap (close and trip the breaker before checking the measurement).





1. Operating Rod

- 2. Operating Rod Pin
- 3. Adjusting Nut
- 4. Check Nut
- Stationary Primary Contacts
 Movable Primary Contacts
 Contact Arm

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Fig. 4 Adjustable Coupling for Making Primary Contact Wipe Adjustment

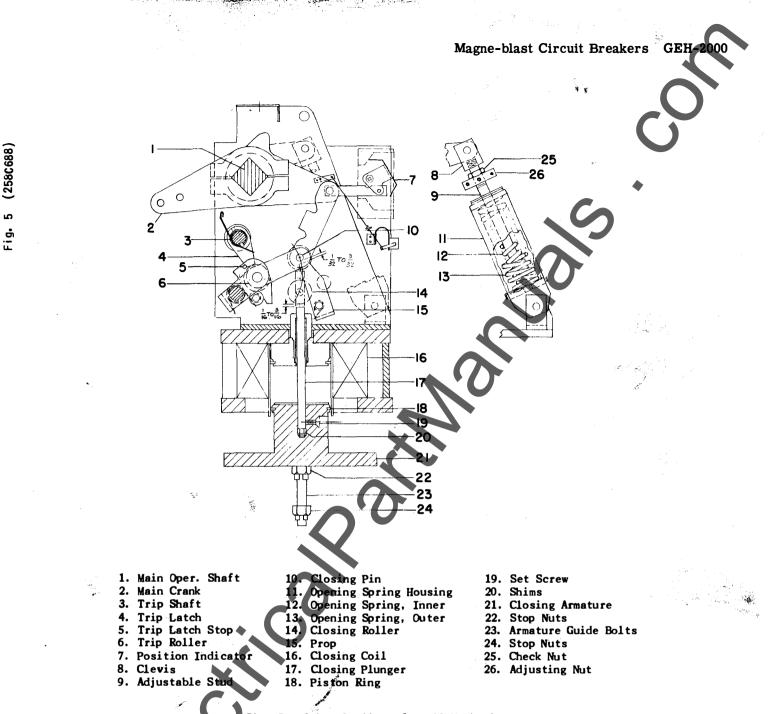


Fig. 5 Cress Section of MS-13 Mechanism

TRIP LATCH WIPE

Refer to Fig. 5. The wipe of the trip latch (4) on the trip roller (6) should be from 3/16" to 1/4". This can be measured by putting a film of grease on the latch (4), closing the breaker part way, and tripping. The mechanism has the proper trip latch wipe when the latch rests against the stop pin (5). No adjustment is provided and a visual inspection is usually all that is required. If this setting is not correct, look for insufficient travel of the trip shaft (3).

WHEN WOR ING ON THE MECHANISM IN THE CLOSED POSITION, KEEP FINGERS CLEAR OF THE LINKAGE, AS ACCIDENTAL TRIPPING CAN CAUSE SEVERE INJURY.

PROP CLEARANCE

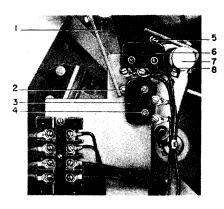
Refer to Fig. 5. With the breaker closed as far as possible with the maintenance device, the clearance between the closing pin (10) and the prop (15) should be 1/32" to 3/32". Measure the prop clearance with a feeler gage to determine whether or not an adjustment should be made, and if so, exactly how much adjustment will be required. To make the adjustment, it will first be necessary to open the breaker and remove the maintenance operating device. Remove the stop patts (22 and 24) being careful not to drop the armature (21). Lower the armature from the mechanism and remove the two set screws (19). Remove the closing plunger (17) from the armature and add or subtract the necessary

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thickness of shims (20) to give the required adjustment, then replace the closing plunger, screwing it down against the shims. Using a small drill, spot the closing plunger through the set screw hole. Replace the set screws. To remount the armature on the breaker, compress the piston ring(18). After reassembly, remount the maintenance closing device and check the adjustment.

CLOSING PLUNGER CLEARANCE

Refer to Fig. 5. With the breaker in the open position, the clearance between the closing plunger (17) and the closing roller (14) should be 1/16'' to 3/16". To obtain this clearance, the nuts (22) on the two armature guide bolts (23) may be raised or lowered. Both nuts should be moved the same After making an adjustment, close and amount. open the breaker and recheck the plunger clearance. Repeat the adjustment if necessary.



- 1. Interlock Shaft
- 2. Roller
- 3. Interlock Switch
- 4. Mounting Screws

Interlock Switch and Latch Checking Switch Fig. 6

5. Roller

7. Trip Shaft

8. Mounting Scre

6. Latch Checking S

INTERLOCK SWITCH WIPE

Referring to Fig. 6, rotate the interlock shaft (1) manually clockwise to release the switch operating lever. By allowing the linkage to slowly return to its normal position, the wipe can be measured by measuring the travel of the roller (2) after the contacts make. The wipe should measure 1/16"or greater. The point at which the contacts make can be determined with a circuit continuity tester such as a light indicator or bell set. To obtain this adjustment, loosen the mounting screws (4) and slide the switch (3) in the proper direction. Tighten the mounting screws and recheck the wipe.

CONTROL DEVICE ADJUSTMENT

Referring to Fig. 7, measure the overtravel of the two auxiliary switch plungers. Manually operate control device by pressing the operating arm



- Back Auxiliary
 Mounting Screw Switch 3. Top Auxiliary Switch 4. Plunger

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- 5. Operating Arm 6. Trip Lever
- 7. Plunger Guide

Control Device

(5) the full extent of travel to the rear. With the device in this position further depress the plunger (4) on the top auxiliary switch (3). The gap between the plunger and operating arm should be 1/32" or To increase the overtravel, loosen the greater. screws (2) and move the switch toward the rear of the mounting plate. Tighten the screws and recheck the adjustment.

In a similar manner, check the overtravel on the back auxiliary switch (1).

BEFORE MANUALLY OPERATING THE CON-TROL DEVICE, MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL CON-TROL POWER TO THE BREAKER HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED. MANUAL OPERATION OF THE CONTROL DEVICE WITH CONTROL POWER CON-NECTED WILL ENERGIZE THE CLOSING COIL AND PRODUCE A CLOSING OPERATION.



- 1. Cut-off Switch 2. Switch Plunger
- 6. Washers
- 3. Adjusting Bolt
- 4. Washers
- 7. Adjustment Screw 8. Plunger Guide

5. Lever Arm

Cut-off Switch Adjustments Fig. 8

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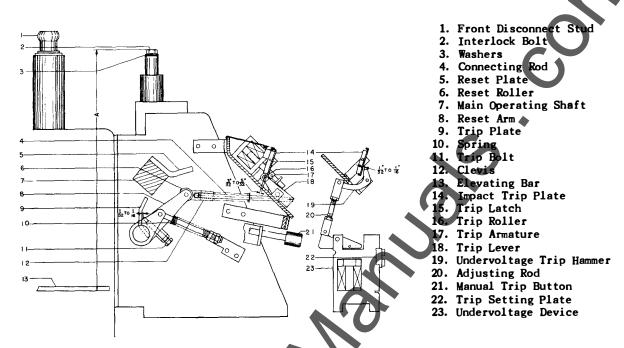


Fig. 9 Adjustments On Current Trip Device and Undervoltage Trip Device, Shown With The Breaker In The Closed Position

CUT-OFF SWITCH ADJUSTMENTS (AM-2.4/4.16-100/150A-3, -150/250A-3)

Refer to Fig. 8. With the breaker in the open position, the clearance between the switch plunger and the adjusting screw is obtained by pushing the switch plunger (2) in as far as possible. In this position the clearance between the switch plunger (2) and the adjustment screw (3) should be not more than 1/32". If adjustment is necessary, add or remove washers (4) as required.

AUXILIARY DEVICES

Latch Checking Switch Wipe

Referring to Fig. 6, rotate the trip shaft (7) manually clockwise to release the switch operating lever. By allowing the linkage to slowly return to its normal position, the wipe can be measured by measuring the travel of the roller (5) after the contacts make. The wipe should measure 1/16" or greater. The point at which the contacts make can be determined with a circuit continuity tester such as a light indicator or bell set. To obtain this adjustment, loosen the mounting screws (8) and slide the switch (6) in the proper direction. Tighten the mounting screws and recheck the wipe.

Impact Trip, Current Trip, Capacitor Trip, and Undervoltage Trip Devices

Fig. 3 shows the necessary settings that are to be checked when these devices are furnished. The amount of wipe between the trip roller (16) and the trip latch (15) should be 3/32" to 5/32". This can be altered by changing the number of shims under the block against which the trip plate (14) stops.

In order to trip properly, the clearance between the trip bolt (11) and the trip plate (9) should be 1/32'' to 1/16''. This can be altered by releasing the check nut and screwing the trip bolt (11) in or out of the reset arm (8).

When an undervoltage device is furnished check the clearance between the trip hammer (19) and the trip plate (14), with the undervoltage coil energized. This clearance should be 1/32" to 1/16" and can be altered by removing the connecting pin at either end of the adjusting rod assembly (20), and turning the clevis at that end.

After checking all the mechanical adjustments as outlined above, operate the devices manually to make certain that they trip and reset properly.

Plunger Interlock (AM-2.4/4.16-100/150-3 and 150/250-3)

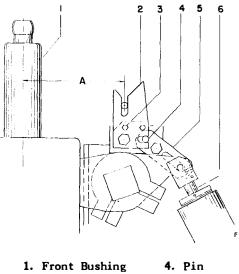
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Refer to Fig. 9. With the breaker in the open position, the vertical distance "A" from the top of the interlock bolt (2) to the bottom of the elevating bar (13) should be 15-19/32" + 1/16". To change this adjustment add or remove washers (3).

Auxiliary Switch Linkage

(Furnished Special on AM-2.4/4.16-100/150A-3 and -150/250A-3)

Refer to Fig. 10. With the breaker in the open position, the distance from the center line of the front bushings (1) to the center of the slot in the fork lever (2) should be 12-9/32'' as shown. To change this setting, loosen the locking bolts (3) and move the fork lever in the proper direction. Tighten the lock bolts.



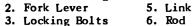


Fig. 10 Auxiliary Switch Linkage

FINAL INSPECTION AND TEST

- 1. For ease in reviewing the adjustments, the following are recapitulated:
 - a. Primary contact wipe: 5/16'' + 0 1/16''
 - b. Arcing contact wipe: 5/16" or greater (gap at primary contacts).
 - c. Primary contact gap: 3-13/16" + 1/8" 3/16".
 - d. Trip latch wipe: 3/16" to 1/4" with trip latch resting against stop pin.
 - e. Prop clearance: 1/16" + 1/32".
 - f. Closing plunger clearance: 1/16'' to 3/16''.
 - g. Interlock switch wipe: $1/16^{\prime\prime}$ min.
 - h. Control device switch overtravel: 1/32'' min.
 - i. Cut-off switch overtravel: 1/32'' max.
 - j. Latch checking switch wipe: 1/16'' min.
 - k. Impact trip roller wipe: 1/8'' + 1/32''.
 - 1. Impact trip bolt clearance: 3/64'' + 1/64''.
 - m. Undervoltage trip hammer clearance: 3/64'' + 1/64''.
 - n. Plunger interlock (100/150-3 and 150/250-3): 15-19/32" + 1/16".
 - Auxiliary switch linkage (100/150A-3 and 150/250A-3: 12-9/32''.

- 2. Check all nuts, washers, bolts, cotter pins, a terminal connections for tightness.
- 3. Inspect all wiring to make sure that no damage has resulted during installation, and test for possible grounds or short circuits.
- 4. See that all bearing surfaces of the mechanism have been lubricated. Refer to the section on LUBRICATION.
- 5. Operate the breaker slowly with the maintenance closing device and note that there is no excessive binding or friction and that the breaker can be moved to the fully opened and fully closed positions.
- 6. See that any place where the surface of the paint has been damaged during installation is repainted immediately.

HI-POTENTIAL TEST

If the breaker had been stored for a long period of time, it is recommended that the insulation be checked before the breaker is placed in service. A standard 60 cycle high potential test at 14,000 volts RMS will normally indicate whether the breaker is satisfactory for service. With the breaker contacts in the fully opened position, apply the high potential to each terminal of the breaker individually for one minute with all other terminals and the breaker frame grounded. After high potential tests are made on organic insulating materials, these materials should be inspected for visible leakage current paths, and necessary action must be taken to replace insulation that may have been affected by moisture absorption. The high potential test is also recommended for breakers which have been removed from service and stored over an extended period of time under unfavorable atmospheric conditions.

AUXILIARY DEVICES

On breakers that are equipped with auxiliary devices such as a current trip, undervoltage trip or capacitor trip, the device should be checked for proper electrical operation. The current trip device should trip the breaker at 3 amperes. The undervoltage trip device should trip the breaker when the control voltage drops below 30 to 60% of rated voltage, and it should pick up at 80% of the control voltage or less. An adjustment plate is provided on the front of the undervoltage trip device as an aid in obtaining the desired setting.

NOTE: When checking the pick-up value of the undervoltage device, apply a voltage equal to 80% of normal control voltage to the undervoltage device coil. The device should pick up at this value. Do not increase the voltage gradually on this coil as it will overheat the coil, producing a false reading, and may damage the coil if excessive overheating occurs. 2

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The capacitor trip should be capable of tripping the breaker as late as 25 seconds after the control voltage is removed. If the auxiliary devices do not perform in accordance with these specifications, a careful examination should be made for defective parts.

CONTROL POWER CHECK

After the breaker has been closed and opened slowly several times with the maintenance closing device, and the mechanism adjustments checked as described above, the operating voltages should be checked at the closing coil and trip coil terminals. For electrical operation of the breaker, the control power may be either an alternating or direct current source. The operating ranges for the closing and tripping voltages are given on the breaker nameplate. Ordinarily, standard ranges apply which are as follows:

NOMINAL VOLTAGE	CLOSING RANGE	TRIPPING RANGE
125V. DC	90-130V. DC	70-140V. DC
250V. DC	180-260V. DC	140-280V. DC
230V. AC	190-250V. AC	190-250V. AC

NOTE: Where repetitive operation is required from a direct current source, the closed circuit voltage at the closing coil should not exceed 115V. DC and 230V. DC at the nominal voltages of 125V. DC and 250V. DC respectively.

For AC operation, two copper-oxide rectifiers, mounted elsewhere in the metal-clad unit, are used. A tapped resistor is provided in each rectifier circuit to control the DC voltage. The resistor setting should be adjusted so that the closed circuit voltage at the breaker closing coil terminals is 110 to 120 volts DC. Where repetitive operation is required, the voltage should be set at 105 to 115 volts DC.

*AC Volts (Closed Circuit)	Resistor Setting, Ohms	
	Summer	Winter
190-196 194-206 204-216 214-226 224-236 234-246 244-250	$ \begin{array}{r} 1/4 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \\ 3/4 \\ 1 \\ 1-1/4 \\ 1-1/4 \end{array} $	0 0 1/4 1/4 1/2 3/4 1

* AC Volts as measured across the rectifier and AC series resistor.

The above tabulation is included as a guide for adjusting the resistors for the particular combination of ambient temperature and AC supply voltage. Summer settings are used where ambient temperatures are normally above freezing $(32^{\circ}F)$. It is necessary to use winter settings where the ambient temperature may drop to 20⁰F or less at any time. For a more detailed explanation of Copperoxide Rectifiers for circuit breaker application, refer to Instruction Book GEI-11306.

To check the DC voltage at the closing coil terminals, proceed as follows:

- 1. Mechanism with a control device, Fig. 11. Close the breaker by manually operating the control device. Hold the contacts in the closed position and read the DC voltage at the closing coil terminals. To de-energize the circuit, release the control device.
- 2. Mechanism with cut-off switch, Fig. 8. Close the breaker by manually operating the control relay located in the metal-clad unit. Hold the relay closed and read the DC voltage at the closing coil terminals. Release the closing relay to de-energize the circuit.

DO NOT MAINTAIN VOLTAGE ON THE CLOS-ING COIL ANY LONGER THAN THE FEW SECONDS REQUIRED TO READ THE VOLTMETER. These coils are designed for intermittent operation and will be damaged by prolonged current flow.

If the closed circuit voltage at the terminals of the closing coil does not fall in the specified range, proceed as follows:

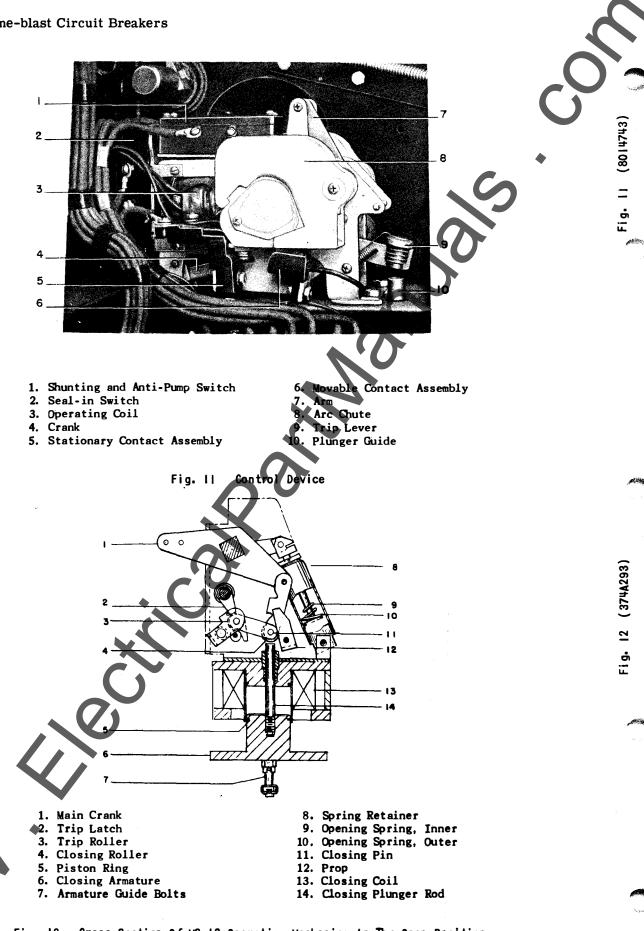
- AC control power source Decrease the series resistance to increase the DC voltage, or increase the series resistance to decrease the DC voltage. Recheck voltage at the closing coil.
- 2. DC control power source Check voltage at the source of power and line drop between the power source and breaker.

When two or more breakers, operating from the same control power source, are required to close simultaneously, the closed circuit voltage at the closing coil of each breaker must fall within the specified limits.

Electrical closing or opening is accomplished by merely energizing the closing or trip coil circuit. Control switches are provided for this purpose on the metal-clad unit. It is also possible to trip the breaker manually by pressing the manual trip button (6), Fig. 1.

When all the foregoing inspection details have been checked, the breaker may be safely placed in service. Before the breaker is finally raised into position in the metal-clad unit, rub a small amount of G. E. Contact Lubricant D50H28 on the silvered portion of the breaker studs to form a thin coating for contacting purposes.

NOTE: This breaker mechanism combination is designed only for electrical closing when in use. NEVER ATTEMPT MANUAL CLOSING WITH THE BREAKER IN SERVICE, for under such conditions, sufficient closing force and speed cannot be applied.



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Fig. 12 Cross Section Of MS-13 Operating Mechanism In The Open Position

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OPERATION

CLOSING OPERATION

The closing operation of the breaker is primarily controlled by the control device, Fig. 11, mounted on the operating mechanism. The closing sequence is initiated from a control switch mounted on the door of the metal-clad unit or at a remote operating station. Operation of the closing control switch energizes the pick-up coil of the control device. As the control device closes, seal-in contacts shunt the closing control switch to allow the opening of the closing control switch contacts without affecting the overall closing operation. This type of arrangement assures complete closing of the breaker with only momentary contact of the closing control switch.

Operation of the control device energizes the breaker closing coil by closing the main control device contacts (5 and 6), Fig. 11. Once the control device contacts are picked up, they are electrically held in the closed position until the breaker closing operation is completed. Energizing the breaker closing coil raises the armature (6), Fig. 12, which in turn lifts the closing roller (4) through plunger (14). This motion is transmitted through the mechanism linkage and rotates the main crank (1), closing the breaker contacts. As the armature reaches the end of its travel, the prop (12) rotates beneath the pin (11) latching the breaker in the closed position. During the closing operation, the opening springs (9 and 10) are compressed in readiness for an opening operation. Air trapped above the armature acts as a dash pot to absorb the energy of the mechanism as it approaches the end of its stroke.

Slightly before the mechanism latches, the control device plunger (5), Fig. 23 mechanically trips the main control device contacts, de-energizing the closing coil and allowing the armature to return by gravity to its original position. The control device plunger also mechanically trips the seal-in switch, de-energizing the control device coil if the closing control switch is not closed. If the closing control switch is held in the closed position throughout and after the breaker closing operation, the control device linkage will remain picked up and be unable to reset to prepare for another breaker closing operation. This arrangement insures that "pumping" of the breaker will not occur during a trip-free operation.

The operating sequence for those breakers designed for MI-6 metal-clad equipment is similar to that described above except that a relay mounted elsewhere in the metal-clad unit replaces the control device. Also, a cut-off switch (Fig. 8) is used to replace the mechanical trip arrangement of the control device. The cut-off switch energizes an auxiliary relay to de-energize the main relay.

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The closing speed of the arcing contact should be 1 to 10 feet per second for the 100/150 MVA breakers and 9 to 12 feet per second for the 150/250 MVA breakers with rated closed circuit voltage at the closing coil terminals. These speeds represent the average speed of the movable arcing contact from a point 1" before the tip is tangent to the lower surface of the upper arc runner to the tangent position.

OPENING OPERATION

An electrical opening operation is initiated by energizing the trip coil. This is accomplished either by actuating the opening control switch on the metal-clad unit or by a combination of relays and current devices used to detect a fault on the load side of the breaker. By energizing the trip coil, the trip plunger rotates the trip latch (2), Fig. 12, causing the operating mechanism linkage to collapse. The energy stored in the opening springs (9 and 10) is thus released, opening the breaker. During this operation, the trip coil circuit is deenergized, and upon completion of the opening operation, the operating mechanism is returned to its normal position, ready for closing.

As the breaker opens, the main contacts part first, shunting the current through the arcing contacts. facts. An arc forms as the arcing contacts part. See Fig. 13. As the movable arcing contact (27) is withdrawn through the slot in the arc runner, the upper end of the arc is transferred to the upper arc runner (4). To assist the interruption at this point, a stream of air is emitted from the booster tube (28) and forces the arc onto the lower arc runner (10). Establishment of the arc on the runners automatically inserts the blowout coils into the circuit, introducing a magnetic field between the pole pieces which tends to draw the arc away from the arcing contacts. The 250 MVA interrupter contains one upper magnetic blow-out coil and one lower blowout coil, each individually connected in series with its respective arc runner. The arc is forced outward along the diverging arc runners by the magnetic field.

At the same time, the arc is being forced into the arc chute (8) which is composed of a series of gradually interleaving insulating fins. These fins, which project alternately from the two opposite inner surfaces of the chute, elongate the arc into a gradually deepening serpentine path, so that the electrical resistance in the path of the arc is rapidly increased and the heat from the arc is absorbed. The increased resistance reduces both the magnitude and the phase angle of the current, and at an early current zero the arc path is so long and the gases produced by the arc so cooled that the arc cannot re-establish itself, and interruption occurs.

The 150 MVA interrupter is essentially the same as the 250 MVA interrupter except that it utilizes the magnetic elements in the upper runner only.

Manual tripping follows the same procedure except that instead of energizing the trip circuit, the manual trip (6), Fig. 1, is used.

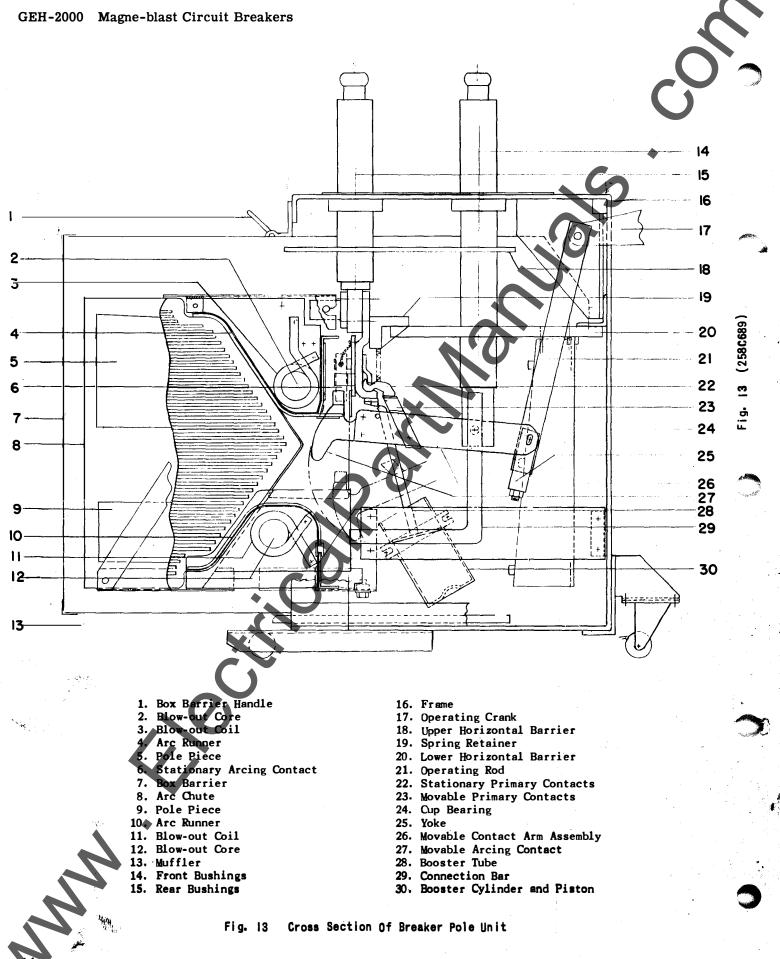


Fig. 13 Cross Section Of Breaker Pole Unit

The opening speed of the arcing contact should be 12 to 18 feet per second at rated control voltage. This speed represents the average speed over 3" from the point when the tip on the movable arcing contact is tangent to the lower surface of the upper runner.

TRIP FREE OPERATION

If the trip coil circuit is energized while the

MAINTENANCE

Dependable service and safer power equipment are contingent upon the unfailing performance of the power circuit breaker. To maintain such service, it is recommended that a definite inspection and maintenance schedule be set up and followed, as serious shutdowns can often be avoided by locating potential sources of trouble in an early stage. A periodic lubrication of parts subject to wear is also vitally important for the successful operation of the breaker.

BEFORE ANY MAINTENANCE WORK IS PER-FORMED, MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL CONTROL CIRCUITS ARE DE-ENERGIZED AND THAT THE BREAKER IS REMOVED FROM THE METAL-CLAD UNIT. DO NOT WORK ON THE BREAKER OR MECHANISM WHILE IN THE CLOSED POSITION UNLESS THE PROP AND TRIP LATCH HAVE BEEN SECURELY WIRED OR BLOCKED TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL TRIPPING.

PERIODIC INSPECTION

The frequency of periodic inspection should be determined by each operating company on the basis of the number of operations (including switching), the magnitude of currents interrupted, and any unusual operations which occur from time to time. Operating experience will soon establish a maintenance scheule which will give assurance of proper breaker condition. On installations where a combination of fault duty and repetitive operation is encountered, an inspection is recommended after any severe fault operation. The following instructions list the main points to be included in an inspection, and a number of general recommendations.

ARC CHUTES

It is not necessary to inspect the arc chutes unless there is evidence of damage or if the arc chutes are removed for any reason. When inspecting an arc chute, it should be disassembled and the following points noted:

- 1. Scale formed over the surface of the arc chute must not be removed, but loose particles collected in the chute should be blown out.
- 2. Cracks which have formed in the fins of the arc oute are to be expected in ceramic materials of this type when subjected to the severe heat of an arc. These cracks do not interfere with the

breaker is closing, the trip plunger will force the trip latch (2), Fig. 12, away from the trip roller (3) causing the mechanism linkage to collapse and the breaker to re-open. The closing armature (6) completes its closing stroke, but the closing coil is de-energized at the end of the stroke, and the armature is returned to its original position by gravity.

operation of the device in any way and should be disregarded.

3. If the arc chute has suffered any mechanical injury due to dropping or accidental striking, resulting in the actual breaking off of fins, replacement of the chute will be necessary.

BREAKER CONTACTS

By removing the box barrier the movable and stationary primary contacts and the movable arcing contacts can be inspected. The stationary arcing contacts can be inspected only after removing the arc chute assembly, as explained under REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT. If the contacts are burned or pitted, they should be made smooth with a fine file

After completing inspection of the contacts, heck the contact adjustments as specified under INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENTS.

MECHANISM

A careful inspection should be made to check for loose nuts or bolts and broken retaining rings. All cam, roller, and latch surfaces should be inspected for any evidence of damage or excessive wear. Lubricate the mechanism as outlined below, then, using the maintenance operating device, open and close the breaker several times to make certain that the mechanism operates freely throughout its entire stroke. Check the mechanism adjustments as specified under INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENTS. Check all terminal connections.

BUSHINGS AND INSULATION

The surface of the Self-X bushings should be kept clean and unmarred to prevent moisture absorption. If the insulation surface should become damaged, it should be sanded and cleaned, and should be refinished with either clear varnish (GE-1170) or clear *Glyptal resin (GE-1202). Allow to dry smooth and hard.

All other insulation parts on the breaker should be kept clean and dry. Smoke or dust collected between inspection periods should be wiped off, and if dampness is apparent, heaters should be installed to insure dryness.

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- 4. Overloading. **REMEDY:** Replace breaker with one of adequate rating for present or future load, or re-arrange circuits so as to remove excess load.
- 5. Primary connections of inadequate capacity. **REMEDY:** Increase size or number of conductors or remove excess current.
- 6. Loose connections or terminal connectors. **REMEDY:** Tighten.
- 7. Ambient temperature too high. **REMEDY:** Relocate in a cooler place, or arrange some means of cooling.

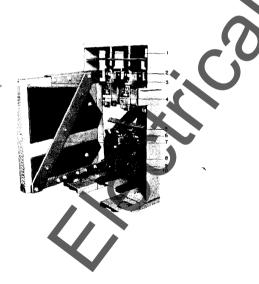
REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT

The following information covers in detail the proper method of removing various parts of the breaker in order to make any necessary repairs. This section includes only those repairs that can be made at the installation on parts of the breaker that are most subject to damage or wear.

IMPORTANT: UPON COMPLETION OF ANY RE-PAIR WORK, ALL BREAKER AND MECHANISM ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE CHECKED. Refer to the section on INSTALLATION, paying particular attention to ADJUSTMENTS and FINAL INSPECTION.

ARC CHUTE

To remove an arc chute, first open the breaker and remove the box barrier (7), Fig. 13. Loosen the



1. Rear Bushing

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- 2. Supporting Bolt 🗬
- 3. Upper Mounting Support
- 4. Stationary Arcing Contact Assembly
- 8. Arc Chute Mounting Bracket 9.Lower Supporting Bolt 5. Movable Arcing Contact 10. Lower Mounting Support

7. Brace for Arc Chute

6. Assembly Bolts

15 Arc Chute Partially Removed Showing Accessibility of Arcing Contacts

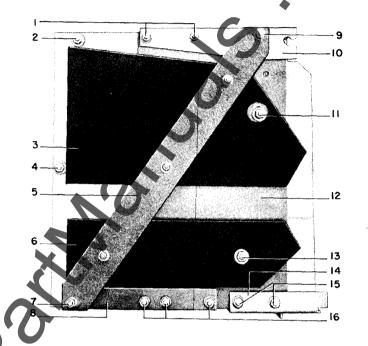
two upper supporting bolts (2), Fig. 15, and the or lower supporting bolt (9) using a 3/4" wrench. raising the complete arc chute assembly about 3/8and sliding it toward the rear of the breaker it can be removed as shown in Fig. 15.

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1. Assembly Bolts	9. Assembly Bolt
2. Assembly Bolts	10. Upper Mounting Support
3. Epper Pole Piece	11. Assembly Bolt
4. Assembly Bolt	12. Side Shield
5. Side Brace	13. Assembly Bolt
6. Lower Pole Piece	14. Lower Mounting Support
7. Assembly Bolt	15. Assembly Bolts
8. Lower Brace	16. Assembly Bolts

Arc Chute Assembly Complete Fig. 16

To disassemble the arc chute after it has been removed from the breaker, proceed as follows:

- 1. Remove the assembly bolts (7, 9, 11 and 13), Fig. 16.
- 2. Remove the side brace and pole piece assembly (5), Fig. 16.
- 3. To remove the upper mounting support (10), Fig. 16, remove the assembly bolts (1) and connection screw (2), Fig. 18.
- 4. Remove the assembly bolts (16), Fig. 16 to remove the lower brace (8).
- 5. Remove the lower mounting support (14), Fig. 16, by removing the assembly bolts (15) and the connection nut (9), Fig. 18.

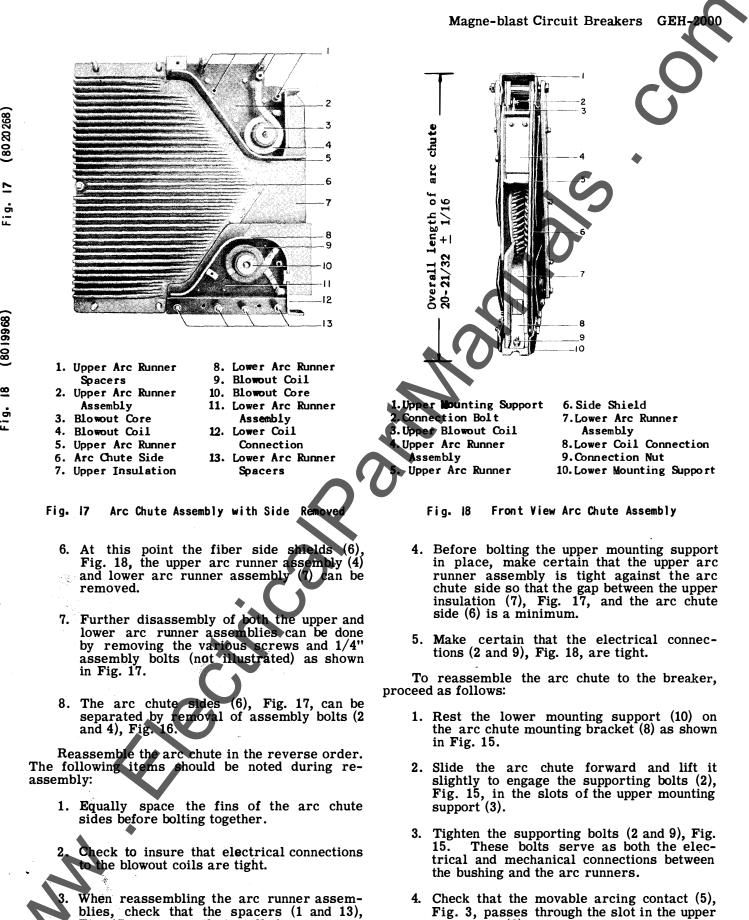


Fig. 17, are correctly installed.

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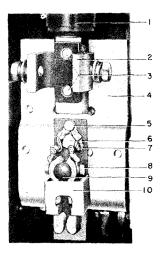
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arc runner (6) without touching.



- 1. Rear Bushing
- 2. Guide and Support
- for Arc Chute 3. Bolts for Contact
- Support 4. Contact Support
- 5. Bolt for Flexible Braid

Fig. 19

- 6. Mounting Bolt
- 7. Flexible Braid
- 8. Connection Bolt
- Stud for Mounting
- **Arcing Fingers** 10. Stationary Arcing
 - Contact Assembly

Rear Bushing Assembly

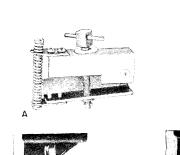


Open the breaker and remove the box barri and arc chutes as previously described. To remove the contacts, proceed as follows:

- Α.
- Stationary Arcing Contacts (10), Fig. 19 1. Disconnect the contact braids from contact
 - fingers by removing two bolts (8), Fig. 19. 2. Grasp the lower end of the contact fingers with pliers and pull contact assembly downward to remove from stud assembly.
 - 3. To disassemble braids from stud assembly, remove one bolt (5).
 - To disassemble stud assembly from contact support, remove two bolts (6).
 Reassemble in the bolts (6).
 - 5. Reassemble in the reverse order.
- Stationary Primary Contacts (9), Fig. 20 1. Compress the contact spring (6). 2. Remove spring and spring guide (1). В.

 - Raise the contact finger to clear the primary contact stop plate (8) and lift the finger out of contact support (7). Remove one contact finger at a time.

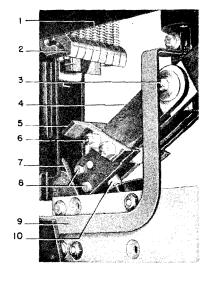
replace the Stationary Primary Contacts Place the finger (9) on contact support (7) so that it is retained by stop plate (8). Open spring compressor (3) and assemble spring guide, spring and spring compres-sion (Fig. 20A).



1. Spring Guide

- 2. Handle for Spring Compressor 3. Spring Compressor
- 4. Spring Retainer
- 5. Assembly Bolt
- Spring Retainer for
- 6.Spring 7. Contact Support 8. Stop Plate 9. Stationary Primary
 - 2.

 - Contact Fingers
- Method of Installing Primary Contact Springs Using a Spring Compressor .



1. Contact Springs Stationary Primary

- Contacts
- 3. Cup Bearing
- 4. Contact Arm
- 5. Movable Primary Contacts
- 6. Assembly Bolts
- 7. Movable Arcing
 - Contact
- 8. Assembly Bolts 9. Connection Bar
- 10. Piston Assembly

Removal of Contacts Fig. 21

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- 3. Turn handle (2) in clockwise direction to compress contact spring (Fig. 20B). Hold spring firmly in yoke on spring compressor to prevent the spring from slipping out of the compressor.
- Place washer (not shown) on guide on top of spring, place top of guide into hole in spring retainer (4) and the round end of spring guide in cut out in primary finger (Fig. 20C).
- 5. Hold spring assembly firmly in place and remove spring compressor.
- C. Movable Arcing Contact (7), Fig. 21.
 - 1. Remove the assembly bolts (8).
 - 2. Reassemble in reverse order.
- D. Movable Primary Contacts (5), Fig. 21. (1200 Amp. Breaker)
 - Remove the nuts from assembly bolts (6). 1.
 - 2. Remove the primary contacts and spacers (not illustrated).
 - 3. Reassemble in reverse order.
 - (2000 Amp. Breaker)
 - 1. Remove the nuts from assembly bolts (6).
 - 2. Remove the connection bar (9).
 - 3. Remove the cup bearing (3).
 - 4. Spread the contact arms (4) and remove the primary contacts (5).
 - 5. Reassemble in the reverse order.
- E. Contact Blade Assembly (4, 5, 7), Fig. 21. 1. Remove the connection bar (9).
 - 2. Remove the cup bearing (3) and the pin (2)Fig. 4.
 - 3. When reassembling, first insert the piston assembly (10), Fig. 21, into the booster cylinder and reassemble the cup bearing(3).
 - 4. Replace pin (2), Fig. 4, and connection bar (9), Fig. 21.
- F. After disassembly and reassembly of any contacts, check all contact adjustments as described under INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENTS.

BUSHINGS

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Fig.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT REMOVE ALL SIX BUSHINGS AT ONCE. The bushings have been care-BUSHINGS AT ONCE. The bushings have been care-fully aligned with the breaker frame, during assembly at the factory, and it is important that this alignment be maintained to facilitate installation of the break-er in the metal-clad unit. It is therefore recom-mended that the bushings be removed and reassem-bled one at a time. Also, before removing any one bushing, measure the distance from that particular bushing to adjacent bushings in both directions, so that it may be re-installed in the same location that it may be re-installed in the same location.

It is also possible to remove and reassemble three bushings at one time. If this is preferred, alignment of the bushings may be accomplished by placing the breaker in a de-energized spare metal-clad unit before tightening the bushing mounting bolts. This must be done before the arc chutes are re-installed.

To replace the bushing, proceed as follows:

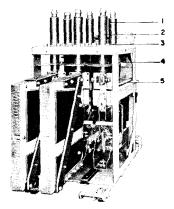
Rear Bushing

- 1. Open the breaker and remove the box barrier and arc chutes as already described
- Remove the upper and lower horizontal barriers (4 and 5), Fig. 22.
 Remove the four bolts (3) at the mounting
- flange of the rear bushing being removed
- and lower the bushing assembly.
 4. Referring to Fig. 20, disassemble the primary contact springs (6) as previously de-marked. scribed.
- 5. Disassemble the spring retainer (4) by removing mounting bolts (5).
 6. Referring to Fig. 19, disassemble the contact support (4) and arc chute mounting bracket (2) by removing two bolts (3).
 7. Reassemble in the reverse order. The arc chute mounting bracket (2) is not symmetrical and must be assembled correctly to original symmetric contact mounting bracket (2) is not symmetric.
- cal and must be assembled correctly to orient the arc chute properly on the breaker. The longest projection of the bracket should be toward the lower end of the bushing.

Front Bushing

1. Open the breaker and remove the box barrier and arc chutes as already described.

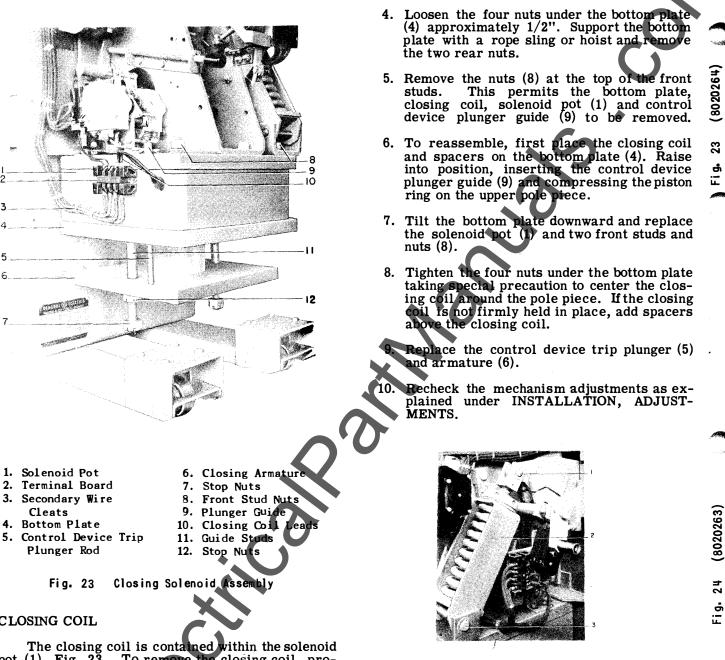
- Remove the upper and lower horizontal bar-biers (4 and 5), Fig. 22. Remove the connection bar (9), Fig. 21, and 2.
- cup bearing (3).
- 4. Remove the four bolts at the mounting flange of the front bushing being removed, and lower the bushing.
- 5. When reassembling, first mount the bushing and assemble the cup bearing (3) and contact arm (4), Fig. 21.
- 6. Check all contact adjustments as outlined under INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENTS.



- 1. Front Bushing
- 2. Rear Bushing 3. Mounting Bolts

4. Upper Horizontal Barrier 5. Lower Horizontal Barrier

Rear View of Breaker with One Fig. 22 Arc Chute Removed ۰...



- 2. Remove the two closing coil leads (10). Remove the terminal board (2) from the solenoid pot and let it hang by the wires. Also, remove the wire cleat band (3).
- 3. Remove the stop nuts (7 and 12) on guide studs (11), lower the armature plate (6) and control device trip plunger (5). Note: For ease in removing the closing coil and bottom plate (step 5) the armature and plunger assembly can be removed from the mechanism by removing the four bolts on the under side of the armature plate.

1. Pivot Pin

- 2. Opening Spring Unit
- 3. Pivot Pin

Fig. 24 Opening Spring Assembly

TRIP COIL

To replace the potential trip coil (3), Fig. 25, proceed as follows:

1. Open the breaker and remove the opening spring unit (2), Fig. 24, by removing the pivot pins (1 and 3).

CLOSING COIL

pot (1), Fig. 23. To remove the closing coil, proceed as follows:

1. Open the breaker.

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- 2. Disconnect the two trip coil lead wires (4), Fig. 25.
- 3. Remove the two mounting bolts (2) and the trip coil support (1).
- 4. Remove the trip coil (3).
- 5. After reassembling (in the reverse order) check the primary contact gap adjustment as explained under INSTALLATION, AD-JUSTMENTS.

INTERLOCK SWITCH

To remove the interlock switch (3), Fig. 6, remove the two mounting screws (4) and disconnect the lead wires. Reassemble in the reverse order and check the switch adjustments as explained under INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENTS.

LATCH CHECKING SWITCH

To remove the latch checking switch (6), Fig. 6, (when furnished), remove the two mounting screws (8) and disconnect the lead wires. Reassemble in the reverse order and check the switch adjustments as explained under INSTALLATION, ADJUSTMENTS.

CUT-OFF SWITCH

To remove the cut-off switch (1), Fig. 8, remove the two mounting bolts and disconnect the lead wires. When reassembling, check the cut-off switch adjustment as explained under INSTALLATION, AD-JUSTMENTS.

Trip Coil Support
 Mounting Bolts

breaker was originally furnished.

3. Trip Coil 4. Trip Coil Leads

Fig. 25 Potential Trip Coil

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

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When ordering renewal parts, address the

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are made from time to time. The parts which are

furnished, however, will be interchangeable.

RENEWAL PARTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that sufficient renewal parts be carried in stock to enable the prompt replacement of any worn, broken, or damaged parts. A stock of such parts minimizes service interruptions caused by breakdowns, and saves time and expense. When continuous operation is a primary consideration, more renewal parts should be carried, the amount depending upon the severity of the service and the time required to secure replacements.

A complete list of renewal parts is contained in the Renewal Parts Bulletin for the AM2.4/4.16-3breakers. Those parts subject to wear in ordinary operation, and to damage or breakage due to possible abnormal conditions, are marked as recommended renewal parts.

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