These typical side views show the location of major components of Allis-Chalmers Horizontal Drawout, Metal-Clad Switchgear.

In every case, material and connections will be in accordance with the contract.
Type LBS-SE Load Break Switch
Stationary Mounted
For 5 and 15-kv, 600 and 1200-Amp Service

DESCRIPTION

- Stored energy for safe and positive operation of switch.
- Sturdy metal enclosure.
- Clean, uncluttered exterior.
- Low initial cost.
- Easy accessibility to components.
- Lightweight and compact for easy installation.

Typical applications include switching and protection for the following circuits —
1. Transformer primaries in secondary unit substations.
2. Service entrances.
3. Throw-over from preferred to emergency circuits.
4. Loop circuit sectionalizing.
5. Isolation of plant feeders.

The type LBS-SE load break switch with stored energy operator is a manually-operated, single throw, gang operated switch that is used as a disconnect and circuit interrupter. A quick-break, quick-make blade, combined with an arc chute, provides positive, three-phase interruption of transformer magnetizing and load currents.

Available in either fused or unfused arrangements, the type LBS-SE switch is rated to interrupt load current at distribution voltages from 2.4 through 13.8 kv. An interrupter switch differs from a circuit breaker in that it will interrupt full load current, but not overload or fault currents.

Equipped with a true stored energy mechanism, the switch will withstand a 60,000 ampere momentary and will close and latch on an asymmetrical ampere fault as listed in table below.

Closing and opening energy is pre-stored in the springs by rotating the charging handle. When the energy is needed, it is simply released by pressing down on the latch release. The resulting high-speed closing and opening assures safe operation and long life.

The handle for the operator is mounted on the front of the unit at eye-level. Adjacent to the handle are inspection windows through which position of the switch may be visually checked.

The metal-enclosed interrupter switch is suited for light duty switching and, when fused, fault current protection on modern industrial power distribution systems when the advantages of circuit breakers are not required.

### SWITCH RATINGS

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A standard 36-inch cubicle (QA-36) can be used individually with an open dry-type transformer, or adjacent to any auxiliary high voltage unit in which proper bus entry and alignment can be made. A 14-inch wide transition unit is added when the 36-inch wide cubicle is used with liquid-filled or sealed dry-type transformers.

When used with other switchgear, the type QA switch can be located at any point in the group line-up. Unit height is 90 inches for indoor units and 104 inches (including a six-inch base sill) for outdoor units. Depth is 55 inches.

**OPERATION**

As the switch is closed, the main stationary contacts are engaged slightly prior to the quick-acting arcing contacts inside the arc chute. This reduces the possibility of damage or welding of the interrupter blades if the switch is closed on a fault current. As the switch is fully closed, the quick-acting blade passes between, and is restrained, by the stationary arcing contacts within the arc chute. The closing operation is completed and current is shunted through the main contacts, with very little passing through the quick-acting blade.

Switch life is increased since the arc is drawn from a secondary set of arcing contacts, preventing arc damage to the main contacts. As the arc moves into the arc chutes, it is elongated, cooled and reduced in cross section, causing rapid extinction.

**COMPONENT CONSTRUCTION FEATURES**

**Insulators**—The 5-kv switch is mounted on a Pyro-Shield stand-off insulator with the necessary clearance from the frame-mounted channels. Pyro-Shield is a glass polyester material that is flame-retardant, track resistant and maintains a high impact strength. Insulators are securely-bolted to the mounting channels and terminals to prevent live parts from rotating on the insulators.

The 15-kv switch is mounted on NEMA standard class A-20 cast epoxy insulators that meet IEEE-NEMA requirements for basic impulse levels, mechanical strength and dimensions.

**Main Stationary Contacts**—are high-pressure, silver-to-copper line contacts with a mass backup. A heavy build-up of copper immediately adjacent to the contacts serves to conduct heat generated by momentary overcurrent away from the contact surfaces, preventing melting and welding of contact surfaces.

**Main Closing Contacts**—an extended tip, above the main stationary contact at the break end of the switch, is used as the main closing contact. The blade engages with this tip in closing ahead of the contacts inside the interrupter, enabling the switch to close against fault currents. Any arc that occurs on closing is drawn between the extension of the main blades and the ball-shaped tip, protecting the interrupter from high fault currents. The main contact surfaces, below the extended tip and below the extension of the switch blade, are unharmed—the switch will then carry its full rated current without interrupting its full rating.

**Main Moving Contact**—is of high conductivity (98% or better I.A.C.S.), hard drawn, electrolytic tough pitch copper bars with rounded edges.

**Quick-Break Quick-Make Blade**—is of phosphor bronze with a liberal amount of silver tungsten on the interrupter tip and restraining contacts. Silver is used for its high conductivity and tungsten because of its high melting point. The quick-break, quick-make blades are pivot-mounted on one side of the main blades with a stainless steel spring mounted parallel to the main blades.

**Arc Chute**—is formed from Urea Formaldehyde Alpha-cellulose, especially selected for its gas-evolving, arc extinguishing properties. The chute contains a pair of silver tungsten tipped restraining contacts that engage the quick-acting blade when in the closed position. The necessary spring pressure is supplied by a pair of small phosphor bronze compression springs inside the arc chute.

**Terminal**—is heavy cast metal in pads having silver plated terminal surfaces on both ends of the switch.
OPERATING MECHANISM

Rapid, decisive closing and opening of switch blades is provided by a stored energy operator. The operator, a true stored energy mechanism, consists of a set of belleville springs that store the energy provided by either a manual hand crank or an optional motor.

Opening or Closing Operation—The springs are compressed from either end, depending on which direction the spring shaft is to move to open or close the switch. This way, the same springs are used for opening and closing operations. By reversing direction of screw rotation and returning the charging bar to discharged position, the springs can be deenergized at any time. The springs must be fully charged for each closing or opening operation.

The springs are released by depressing a lever on the operator panel that unlatches the mechanism holding the switch blades either closed or open. This feature allows the powerful springs to close (or open) at the high speed necessary to achieve the close and latch rating. It also assures that the switch will remain closed when subjected to 60,000 amperes momentary. The high speed opening reduces contact wear when interrupting load current.

Position Indicators—Eye-level position indicators, mounted on the operating mechanism panel, show when the springs are charged or discharged, and when the switch is closed or open.

Key Interlock—The operating mechanism has provisions for key interlocking with remote devices such as transformer secondary breakers and other switches.

Door Interlock—The lower hinged panel—fuse access door—is mechanically interlocked with the operating mechanism to prevent opening when the switch is closed or charged.

Operator Panel Components

1. Latch release
2. Charging instructions
3. Provision for key interlock
4. Charging handle
5. Switch position indicator
6. Lower panel interlock
7. Rating plate

Load break switch blades in open position—front view

Switch opening sequence.
TRANSFORMERS from 112.5 through 2000 kva, 2.4 through 13.8 kv with interrupting ratings adequate for most power systems, as listed on page 9.

FUSED SWITCHES
A load break interrupter switch mounted in series with fuses affords a combination that provides both load switching and short circuit protection in areas where the higher initial cost of circuit breakers cannot be justified.

To prevent any of the fuse discharge gases from contaminating the switch and arc chute area, fuses are mounted below the switch. A fused switch should not be used on circuits sensitive to single phasing.

Either power or current-limiting fuses are available for protection of all standard secondary unit substations.

CUBICLES
Switch and fuse equipment is mounted within a sturdy metal enclosure for indoor installation. For outdoor installation, the equipment is mounted in a weatherproof metal enclosure.

The frame of the cubicles is constructed of steel channels and angles welded together and reinforced to form a rigid, self-supporting structure.

Switch units are separated by tightly fitted steel barriers. The tops, rear and ends of the switch units are fitted with removable plates of sheet steel securely bolted to the frame. Rear plates, bolted to the frame, can be removed during installation and for routine inspection and maintenance. Side plates are solid except for openings through which the bus and the interconnecting heater wiring can pass for outdoor units. The enclosure is completed by addition of formed front panels. Windows, next to the operator handle, are conveniently located for visual inspection of switch position.
Provision for top or bottom cable entrance is made in accordance with the plan view. Clamp type cable lugs are standard; however, potheads may be mounted in the rear or on top of the cubicle.

A space heater in each outdoor unit eliminates excessive condensation. The roof of the outdoor unit slopes to the rear to drain off water. All panels on outdoor units are gasketed to weather- and dustproof the units. The underside of the steel flooring is coated with a corrosion-resistant compound. Optional equipment for each unit includes fuses, potheads, lightning arresters, current transformers and potential transformers.

Ample space is available in a standard switch cubicle for mounting of optional equipment, such as lightning arresters.

Outdoor switch cubicle has filtered louvers on front and rear upper and lower compartment panels for proper air circulation. Gasketed, metal cover over operator handle is held on by knurled bolts and is easily removed (lower right) for switch operation.
INCOMING LINE SECTIONS

Single Switch (3-pole, 2-position) — Primary Radial or Loop Systems — A standard switch unit is commonly used on the primary of transformers to permit disconnecting and de-energizing the transformers. The units can switch the full load current of the transformers up to 600 amperes when necessary. In addition, key interlocking with the transformer secondary breaker is recommended to eliminate the possibility of opening the switch during overload or short circuit conditions. Fuses may be desired to provide short circuit protection for the transformer and cables.

Duplex Switch for Primary Selectivity (two 3-pole, 2-position) — Incoming line circuits can be brought into two separate switch units to provide a primary selective system, while eliminating the possible hazard caused by the failure of one incoming circuit affecting the other circuit. One primary incoming line circuit can be de-energized and isolated by a clearly visible air gap for maintenance with the alternate circuit energized and supplying the load. Fusing of the outgoing feeders practically eliminates the possibility of closing onto a faulted transformer, bus or outgoing cable. Key interlocking may be provided between the switches to prevent parallelizing the two incoming lines if desired.

Selector Switch (3-pole, 2-position) — A 3-pole, 2-position 600-amp selector may be applied when a primary selective arrangement with a single, space-saving cubicle is desired. Like the duplex switch arrangement, one primary incoming line circuit can be deenergized and isolated by a clearly visible air gap with the alternate circuit energized and supplying the load.

The selector switch — with three visually identified positions of “line 1,” “open” and “line 2” — consists of a type LBS-SE — 2-position (open/close) 600-amp interrupter switch in series with a 2-position (line 1/line 2) disconnect. The selector switch is mechanically interlocked to prevent it being operated when the interrupter is closed. The LBS-SE interrupter is identical to single feeder units and interrupts any load current. The selector switch is mounted in the cable compartment and is operated from the front of the unit.

SERVICE ENTRANCE

The service entrance arrangement is a special incoming line section, serving only one outgoing feeder and is not close-coupled to a transformer. It is the incoming service terminations of an industrial power user. The outgoing cable, protected by power fuses, can be switched under full load. The service entrance unit may be arranged for either a single supply source or a selective system involving two sources.

GROUP LINEUPS

Group lineups of stationary load break switches often form the originating point of a power distribution system which establishes feeder cables for remote substations. This radial arrangement provides full load switching with fault closing capability and short circuit protection on small power systems.

Standard 36-inch wide units (QA-36) are assembled in groups and joined with 1200 or 2000 amp bus, located in the top of the units. Optional metering equipment, suitable for the application, can be included in the incoming line units. Radial systems are commonly used for educational buildings, hospitals, shopping centers and light industrials such as textile mills, light manufacturing, etc.
The selector switch arrangement, a type LBS-SE interupter switch and a 2-position selector switch mounted in a single cubicle, is ideal for primary selective 600-amp application when installation space is limited.

Single switch arrangement for connection to open dry (left) and liquid or sealed dry (right) type transformers.

Selector switch arrangement for connection to open dry (left) and liquid or sealed dry (right) type transformers.

Duplex switch arrangement for primary selectivity of two incoming lines connected to open dry (left) and liquid or sealed dry (right) type transformers.
TYPICAL SIDE VIEWS

Upfeed or downfeed connection.

Downfeed pothead connection.

Upfeed pothead connection.

(Dimensions in inches)
## Fuse Selection Guide for Transformer Protection

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1. Type CL is IEE current limiting type. Types EJ-1 and EJ0-1 are General Electric current limiting type. Types SM-4 and SM-5 are S & C expulsion type.

2. These values for fuses correspond to momentary ratings for breakers.

3. The 3-phase mva = \( \frac{1.73 \times (\text{fuse interrupting amp.})}{1.6} \)

4. The fuses are sized to pass transformer magnetizing inrush. Other sizes may be applied to coordinate with other system components. The use of forced cooled transformers may require larger fuses.

5. These applications require two fuses in parallel to obtain the high ampere ratings shown.

6. "E" rated fuses meet all NEMA standards.
TYPICAL LOAD BREAK SWITCH SPECIFICATIONS

Information set off in blue is to be supplied by purchaser and denotes alternates, options and specific information.

The incoming line section(s), switch lineup will consist of an indoor, outdoor metal-enclosed cubicle(s), including the following:

SINGLE AIR INTERRUPTER SWITCH, type LBS-SE, 3-pole, 2-position (open-closed).
The interrupter switch will be stored energy closed and stored energy opened, manually, electrically operated, with the operator located on the front of the unit. Each operator will have indicating targets to show position of switch blades (open — closed) and condition of charging springs (charged — discharged). Two windows will be located on the upper front panel for visual inspection of switch blades. Latch release will have padlock provision.

DUPLEX SELECTOR SWITCH, consisting of two type LBS-SE, 3-pole, 2-position air interrupter switches. The two switches will provide three positions (line 1 — open — line 2). The switches will be key interlocked to prevent both being closed at the same time.

Each interrupter switch will be stored energy closed and stored energy opened, manually, electrically operated, with the operator located on the front of the unit. Each operator will have indicating targets to show position of switch blades (open — closed) and condition of charging springs (charged — discharged). Two windows will be located on the upper front panel for visual inspection of switch blades. Latch release will have padlock provision.

SELECTOR SWITCH, consisting of one type LBS-SE, 3-pole, 2-position (open-closed) 600 ampere air interrupter switch and one 3-pole, 2-position (line 1 — line 2) disconnect switch, both mounted in a single cubicle.

The interrupter switch will be stored energy closed and stored energy opened, manually, electrically operated, with the operator located on the front of the unit. Each operator will have indicating targets to show position of switch blades (open — closed) and condition of charging springs (charged — discharged). Latch release will have padlock provision.

The interrupter switch is to be located in the front of the unit and connected in series with the rear mounted disconnect switch. The disconnect switch operating handle is to be located behind the lower front panel. The lower panel will be mechanically interlocked with the interrupter switch so that the disconnect switch cannot be operated unless the interrupter switch is open.

The disconnect switch operating handle will have indicating targets (line 1 — line 2) to show position of switch blades.

Four windows — two each on the upper front and rear panels — will be provided for visual inspection of switch blades.

The each interrupter switch will be rated:

- System Voltage ________ KV
- Voltage Class 4.8, 13.8 KV
- Impulse Level (BIL) 60, 95 KV
- Continuous Current 600, 1200 Amperes
- Interrupting Current 600, 1200 Amperes (selector switch available rated 600 amperes only)
- Momentary Rating 60,000 Amperes
- Fault Closing ________ Amperes
Typical Load Break Switch Specifications

The following will also be included:

_____ Set(s) of three expulsion, current limiting fuses, type ________, with an interrupting rating of ________ rms amperes, ________ equivalent KVA at ________ volts.

The fuses will be mounted in the lower compartment of the unit, between the switch and outgoing connections. The fuse access panel will be hinged and mechanically interlocked with the operating mechanism to prevent opening when the switch is closed or the operator springs charged, and to prevent operating the switch when the panel is open.

_____ Incoming, loop-feed line(s) will enter through the top, bottom, of the unit and will terminate at suitable clamp type cable lugs, potheads, roof bushings.

_____ The incoming cable will be ________-conductor ________ MCM ________ KV. ________ inches outer diameter.

_____ Provision for direct connection to the adjacent ________ KVA transformer section. (14-inch wide transition unit included on all but open dry type transformer connections.)

_____ Space heater, 230-volt, 500-watt, thermostatically controlled. (Standard with each outdoor unit, optional in indoor units.) The space heater will be energized by a 230-volt ac, single-phase supply furnished by the purchaser, by the supplier.

_____ Lightning arresters, rated ________ KV, single-pole, station, intermediate, distribution class, mounted within the unit.

_____ Key interlock so that operation is possible only when the associated transformer secondary breaker is open, all the feeder breakers are open.

_____ An auxiliary unit will be provided with a hinged front panel, on which will be mounted the following:
    _____ Voltmeter, single-phase, indicating, semi-flush mounted, ________ scale.
    _____ Voltmeter transfer switch, three-phase.
    _____ Ammeter transfer switch, three-phase.
    _____ Ammeter, single-phase, indicating, semi-flush mounted, ________ scale.
    _____ Watthourmeter, ________-element, drawout type, semi-flush mounted, with demand attachment.

Mounted within the unit will be the following optional equipment:

_____ Current transformer, ________ secondary, ________/5 amperes ratio, stationary mounted, for primary metering.

_____ Potential transformer, fused, ________ cycles, ________ volt ratio, stationary mounted for primary metering.
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