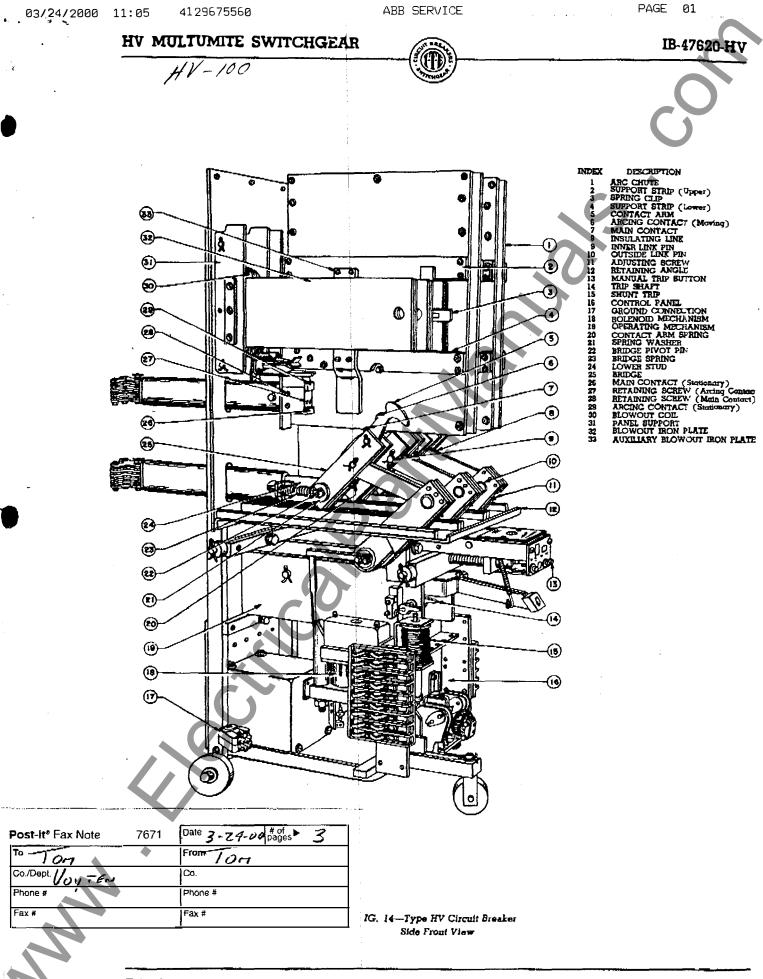
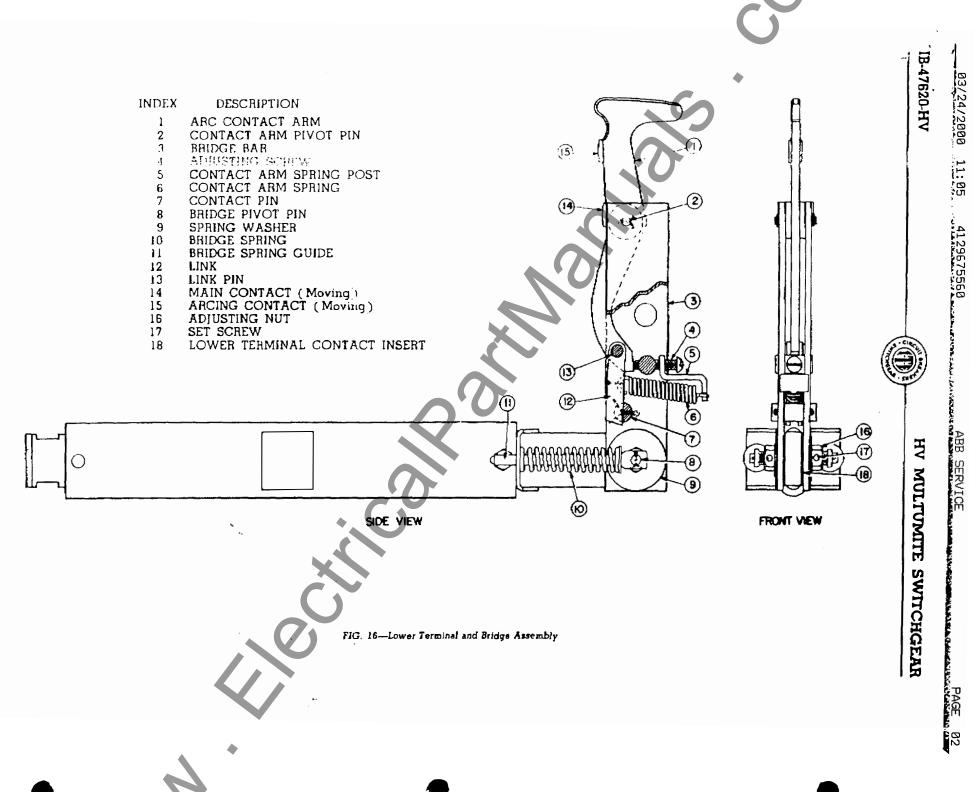
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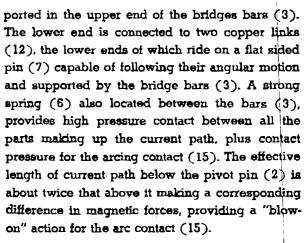


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The screw (11), Fig. 14, at the outer end of the insulation connecting link (8) has a right and left hand thread. Adjustment of bridge skid is made with this screw. Essentially, the lower end of the bridge bars (25) should skid approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch after the upper end of the bridge touch, which should make the bridge bars nearly parallel with the circuit breaker base. Tighten its set screw (not shown) after making this adjustment.

On the bridge pivot pin (8), Fig. 16, are two spring washers (9) held in place by adjusting nuts (16). Tension of these nuts on spring washer (9) should be such as to cause a slight pressure of the bridge bars (3) against the lower terminal contact inserts. Lock nuts in position by its set screw (17) after making this adjustment.

The Blowout Structure is supported directly on the back panel supports (31), Fig. 14, and mounted directly above the main contacts. It consists of a blowout coil (30) and its iron core.

The side blowout iron plates (32) form rails supporting the arc chute (1) which is latched when fully in place.

Auxiliary blowout iron plates (33). Fig. 14. are attached to the support strips (2) and (4) on each side of the arc chute (1) and divert part of the blowout field to the vicinity of the contacts. The blowout coil (30) is insulated for full ground potential even though the blowout iron is well insulated from ground. The segregation of the blowout structure from the arc chute adds to simplicity and ease of handling.

The Arc Chute (1), Fig. 14, mounted above the contacts provides a positive and efficient arc interruption. It consists of insulation side walls, front and back arc runner and a series of ceramic plates, mounted in spaced relation, transverse to the arc path, all in a strong magnetic blow-out field which forces the arc into the arc chute.

As the arc is driven into the chute by the magnetic field, it passes rapidly through the arc extinquishing ceramic plates. They are rectangular in shape at the top and have a long tapered lower edge extending from the center of one side of the plate to the lower corner on the opposite side of the plate. A ceramic spacer is provided to support each plate and position it with respect to adjacent plates and, with the long tapered surface of the plate, forms a triangular opening with the apex at the top for passage of the arc. Each plate with its spacer presents a decreasing area for the arc to occupy as it rises, and gradually squeezes it into a narrow slot.

The plates are assembled alternately in an interleaved relation and spaced from each other so that the long tapered surfaces cross at the center of the chute, directly above the path of the arc as it travels up the chute. As the arc passes this point it is forced into a zig zag or sinuous path which increases in length. This also brings it into contact with larger and larger cool surfaces of the plates. The positive and efficient arc interruption is effected by the cooling lengthening and squeezing of the arc in numerous points along its path.

Provision for the interruption of low current arcs is built into the arc chute. No moving parts or auxiliary equipment is necessary. Short circuit or



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