

Instructions for Type SVS Indoor or Outdoor Autovalve[®] Lightning Arresters for Service from 0-10,000 Feet



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GENERAL

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A special feature of the SVS arrester is the pressure relief scheme which functions to vent the arrester if an internal failure occurs.

DESCRIPTION

Each arrester consists of one or more porcelain clad units and required attachments. These units may be used singly or in multiples up to a maximum arrester rating of 240 KV as shown in Figure 1.

Ratings

The master nameplate gives the voltage rating of the arrester. This is the maximum sixty cycle rms voltage that may be applied across the arrester between the line and ground terminals. If this rating is exceeded the arrester is likely to remain conducting after discharging a surge and will be damaged.

Changing Ratings

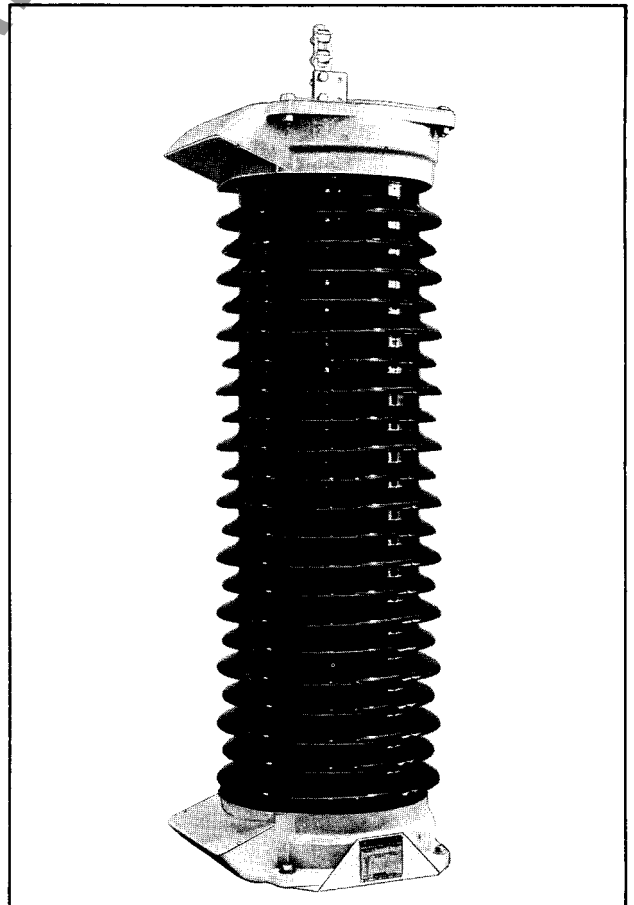
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different rating. Because of a possible difference in voltage distribution over the arrester unit and a difference in mounting dimensions, the SVS units described in this leaflet are not interchangeable with other station arresters. In all cases before changing an arrester rating, consult the nearest Westinghouse district office.

The unit nameplate attached to the base casting identifies and gives the rating of that arrester unit only, not the complete arrester pole. Necessary mounting hardware is in a bag in the shipping crate.

Nameplate and Ground Terminal Brackets

These angle brackets are mounted under the bottom of the arrester pole. One



120 Kv SVS Autovalve Arrester Unit

bracket mounts the ground terminal and the other the master nameplate.

Master Nameplate

A separate master nameplate is provided for all arresters with metal end castings, but not with the porcelain top arresters, where it is permanently mounted on the base casting. The master nameplate identifies by style number the arrester pole, voltage rating, location of individual units and the position of the grading ring.

Grading Ring Assembly

Used with arresters rated 144 to 240 KV as shown in Figure 1.

Non-Standard Arrester Parts (Furnished if requested)

1. Insulating base - for use with discharge counter.

RECEIVING, HANDLING, STORING

Each unit is shipped in a wooden crate, and must be kept upright at all times. The packing slip is located on one of the crate sides. Unpack carefully and examine for breakage or other damage, especially to the porcelain. If damage exists, save the container and packing material and notify the carrier. Shortages should be checked with the carrier, or if not the fault of the carrier, with our nearest sales office. If parts do not agree with the packing list, contact the nearest Westinghouse representative, giving him the necessary information. The chart indicates the number of parts to look for when unpacking any one arrester of a given rating.

Rating	Parts Required
36 to 120 KV Inclusive	One arrester unit, one line terminal and cover assembly, one set of ground terminal and nameplate brackets
132 KV	Two arrester units, one line terminal and cover assembly, one set of ground terminal and nameplate brackets
144 to 240 KV Inclusive	Two arrester units, one line terminal and cover assembly, one set of ground terminal and nameplate brackets and grading ring

INSTALLATION

To give the highest degree of protection the arresters should be located near the apparatus to be protected, using leads of the shortest possible length. Each arrester pole should be connected to a low resistance ground, preferably the same one as the apparatus.

A suitable foundation in accordance with the outline drawing for the arrester should be provided. It is important that mounting surface for arresters be flat. See Figure 1 for clearance and arrester dimensions.

Line connections should be made in such a manner that no excessive mechanical strain is placed on the arrester. The safe cantilever strength of the SVS arrester is 20,000 ft lbs and should not be exceeded by any combination of forces such as conductor side pull, wind or earthquake loading.

Insulating Base

If used, it is installed first, and the arresters bolted to it. If installed and not used with recording or measuring equipment a cable shunt is supplied to bypass the unit.

The bottom arrester unit is bolted directly to the foundation or the insulating base. At the same time insert the ground terminal and nameplate brackets between the foundation (or insulating base) and bottom end casting of the arrester unit. For multi-unit poles, once the bottom unit is firmly anchored, install the remaining unit as indicated on the master nameplate and in the outline drawing. When all units are bolted in place, add the line terminal and cover assembly to the top unit. If a grading ring is required, add the ring first and then the terminal and cover assembly.

INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS

Arrester exhaust ports should be directed away from the transformer and other arrester poles.

When installing arrester, all mounting feet must be flush before tightening bolts. Shim if necessary.

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Terminals

All terminals are suitable for copper or aluminum.

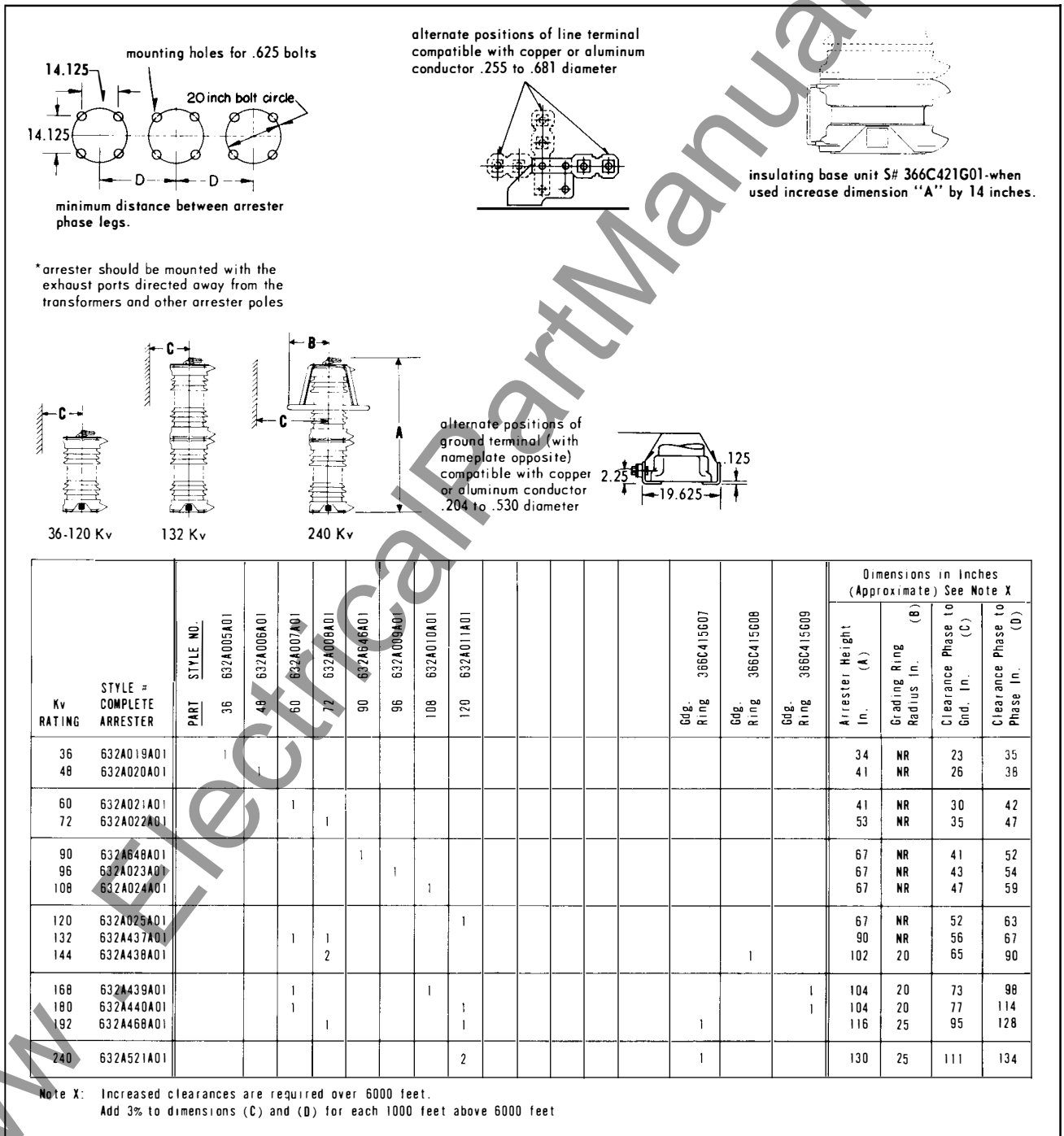


Fig. 1 Outline Dimensions for 36-240 Kv SWS Lightning Arrester

Line Terminal

Cable Size: #2 to 350 MCM copper
 #4 to 350 MCM aluminum
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The terminal will accept conductors with a diameter of .255 to .681 inches.

Ground Terminal

Cable Size: #4 to 200 MCM copper
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The terminal will accept conductors with a diameter of .204 to .530 inches.

Testing

All arrester units are tested at the factory. Each valve element is surge tested, the complete arrester unit is tested for 60 cycle sparkover, radio influence and pressure tested to insure it is tightly sealed against moisture. Units should not be opened in the field as to do so, would break the seal, leading to the possibility of moisture entrance and consequent deterioration of the arresters. No simple field tests will check the complete characteristics of an arrester unit, since this requires considerable laboratory equipment.

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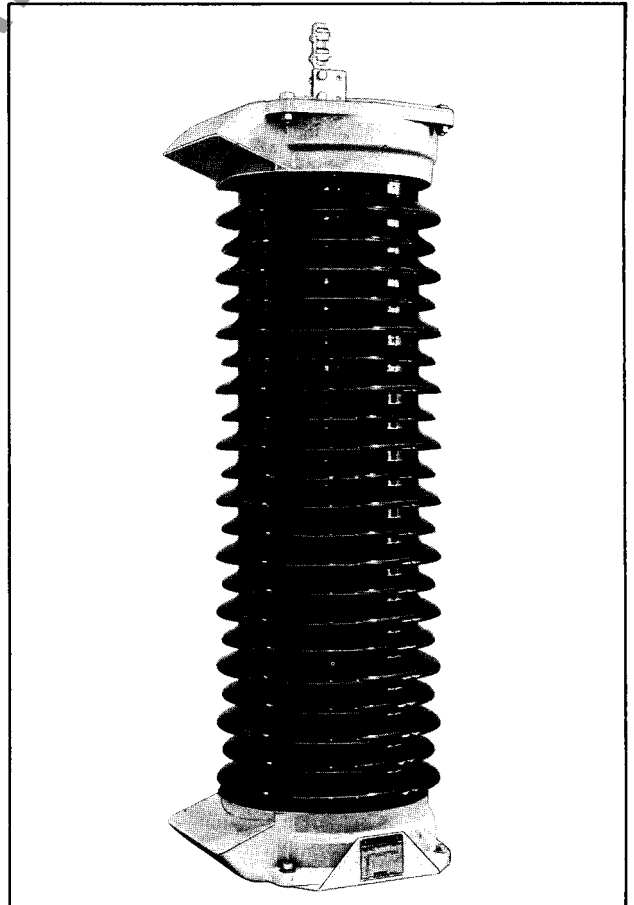
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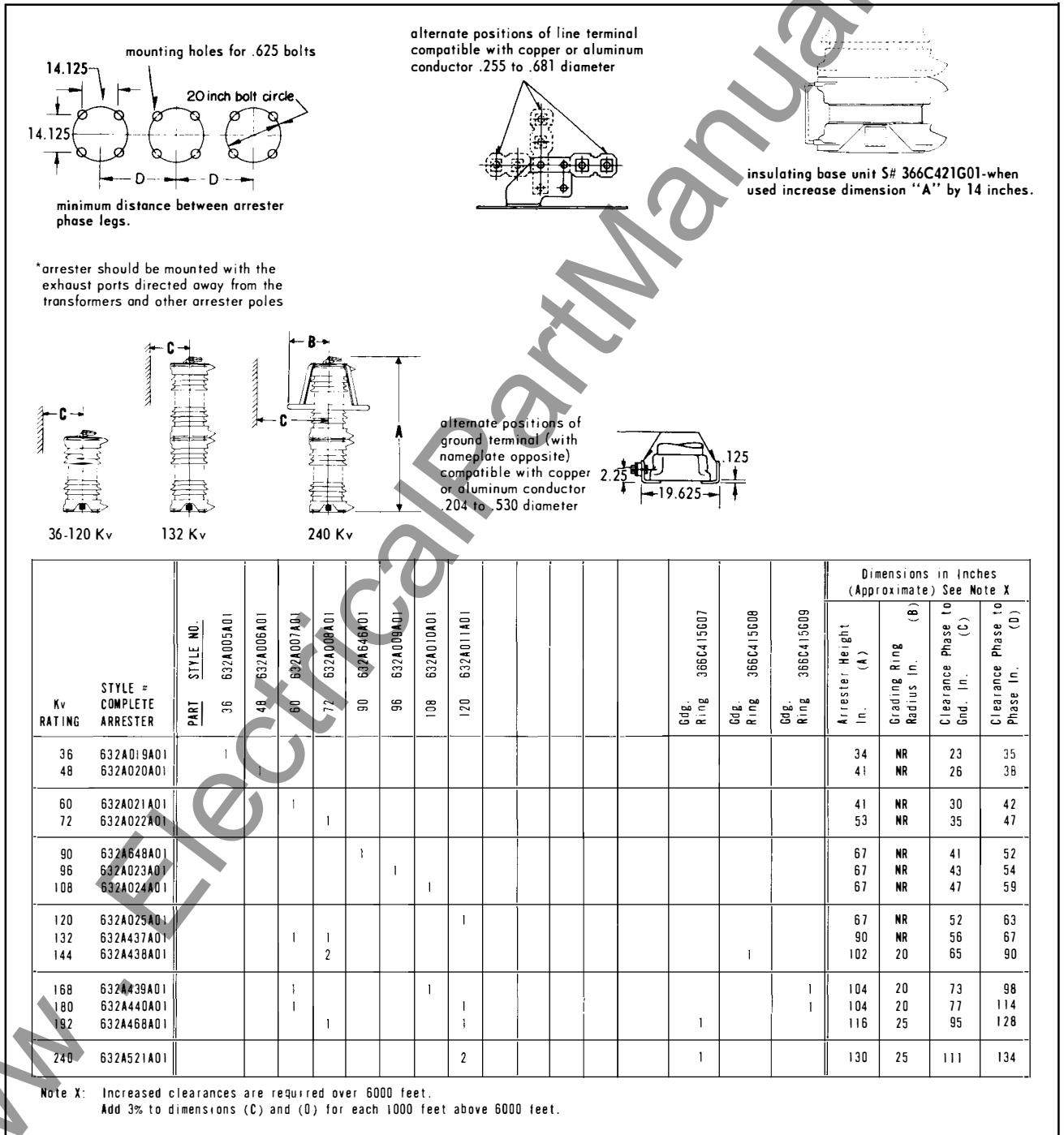


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