

INSTRUCTION BOOK

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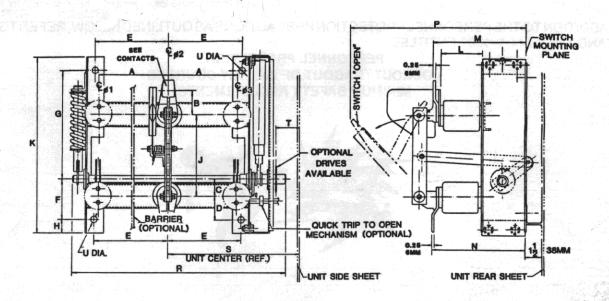
MICRO-RUPTER

Frame Mounted

LOAD BREAK INTERRUPTER SWITCH

NOMINAL RATINGS:

2.4/4.16KV 200A and 400A 7.2KV 200A and 400A



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MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

These instructions may not cover all details or variations in equipment, nor provide for every possible contingency to be met. Should further information be desired or should specific problems arise which are not covered sufficiently, the matter should be referred to the POWERCON CORP.

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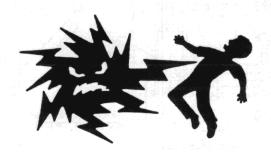
USE PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN WORKING ON THIS EQUIPMENT.

SAFETY

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APPLICATION

Micro-Rupter Load Break Interrupter Switches are applied in the control and switching of Power Distribution Systems having nominal A.C. voltage ratings of 2.4KV to 7.2KV. They are capable of switching 200 & 400 amperes.

TABLE 1 lists the applicable limits and conditions of switching. When used in conjunction with fuses they will afford overload, short circuit and disconnect services.

These switches are used:

- 1. On the primary of transformers for their protection and isolation.
- 2. For the protection and isolation of single circuit systems.
- 3. For the protection and isolation of multi-circuit systems.

TABLE 1

MICRO-RUPTER AIR INTERRUPTER SWITCH RATINGS

(These ratings apply to Switches & Equipments with Stored Energy Operated Switches)
(Special Ratings Available - Consult Factory)

VOLTAGE RATINGS, KV		CURRENT RATINGS			
Max. Design	BIL	Continuous A	Contact Interrupt. A	Fault Close & Momentary KA	
	60	200	200	22.5	
5.5		400	400	22.5	
0.05	0.5	200	200	22.5	
8.25	95	400	400	22.5	

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RECEIVING, HANDLING AND STORAGE

Upon receipt of the load break interrupter switch or switchgear, immediately make an examination for any damage or loss sustained in shipment. This pertains to the housing as well as the load break switch and mechanism. If injury, loss or rough handling is evident, a written damage claim should be filed at once with the transportation company and the Powercon Corporation should be notified at the same time.

Be sure that no loose parts are left in the packaging material. Blow out any dirt or loose particles of packing material on or around the load break switch and mechanism.

When the unit is not to be placed in service immediately, it should be stored in a clean, dry location and covered with a suitable cover. Moisture absorbing material should not be used to cover the equipment, as that could cause corrosion of parts.

During the construction period it should be properly protected against construction environment conditions such as moisture, dirt, cement, rough handling, abrasion, damage, etc..

When dampness or condensation exists, the equipment must be covered with a suitable vented cover to allow moisture to escape. Heaters of 250 watts rating should be placed in each unit to prevent moisture damage. CAUTION: REMOVE ALL FLAMMABLE MATERIALS AWAY FROM HEATERS PRIOR TO ENERGIZING.

IF EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO MOISTURE, IT SHOULD BE TESTED WITH A 1000V MEGGER. A READING OF 200 MEGOHMS SHOULD BE OBTAINED.

Study the erection drawing carefully and check the bill of material to be sure that all parts are at hand.

The shipment should include:

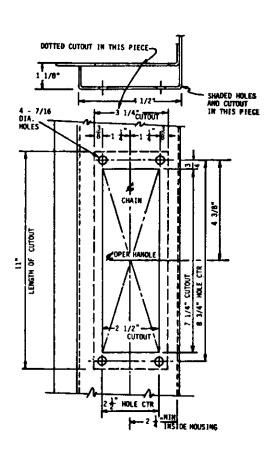
- 1. Three-pole interrupter switch, factory-assembled on a rugged base of welded construction.
 - 2. Interphase barriers and side barriers as required.
 - 3. Operating handle.
- 4. The appropriate set of operating-mechanism components required for the specific installation including chain, handle, etc..

Before taking the switch from its shipping crate, remove the insulating barriers* and set them aside to prevent their being damaged. Barriers are to be attached to the switch only after all other assembly operations are complete and adjustments are satisfactory. Remove also the operating handle mechanism components. Then remove the switch, lifting it by the frame. Make sure that the lifting sling does not place any strain on the live parts. DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, handle the switch by rigging on the insulators or live parts.

* when supplied

INSTALLATION

1. If the switch is to be installed in a metal enclosure, drawings showing openings and mounting holes must be provided. Four (4) 3/8" diameter holes in the base of the switch permit the vertical positioning adjustment. Provision should be made in the mounting surface for lateral adjustment. When the switch is mounted in a metal enclosure, the mounting surface must be flat and true to avoid twisting the switch frame when it is bolted down. Such distortion of the frame can affect the adjustment of switch live parts, necessitating realignment of switch blades.



Cutout and Mounting for Operating Handle

- 2. Use 1/4-inch bolts to bolt the switch to its mounting surface. To avoid distortion of the switch frame, install the upper mounting bolts first (finger tight), then at each lower mounting bolt location. Fill any space between the switch frame and the mounting surface with shims. Then securely tighten all four mounting bolts. When bus or cable is connected to the switch it is important that no strain is put upon the switch terminal pads. Such strain can distort the switch's live parts and may result in improper switch operation. Make sure before making any connection, the bus or cable connector is aligned with and flat against the terminal pad. Do not use the connecting bolts as a means of pulling the bus or cable into position.
- 3. Position the outboard sprocket of switch as required and align it with the operating-handle sprocket position. See Figure 2 on page 4.
- 4. For the operating-handle sprocket location, select the shorter length of chain furnished. (a 24-inch length of #40 1/2" pitch chain is suggested for switches with main contacts at top. Remove chain links accordingly.) Pass the chain around the handle sprocket such that, with the handle in mid-position, the free ends of the chain are about the same length when extended. See Figure 3 located on page 4. Place the handle in the latched-closed position. Handle "Up" switch must be closed.

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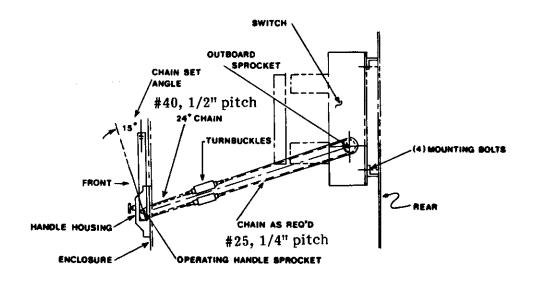


Figure 2

5. Couple turnbuckles to each end of the above chain. Extend each turnbuckle to its maximum length. Then using the longer length of chain provided (#25 1/4" pitch), connect it to extend from one turnbuckle, around the switch drive sprocket and back to the other turnbuckle. Remove chain links to make chain about two links longer than required to go from one turnbuckle to the other.

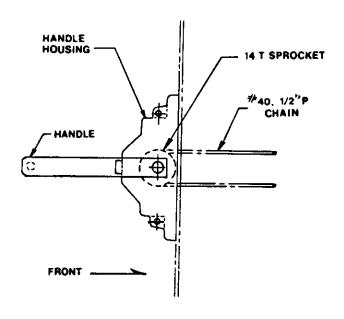


Figure 3

6. Move operating handle approximately 15° from its vertical "up" position and hold it in this position. Connect chains and turn buckles until chain tension is even and fairly tight (1/2 inch deflection). Move handle back "up" into its locked-closed position.

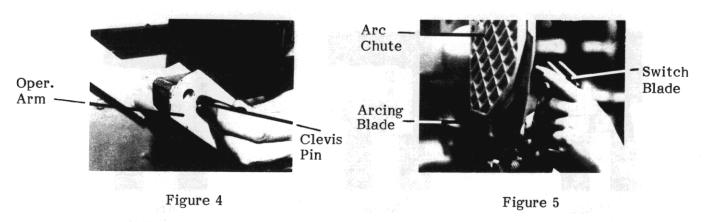
SWITCH ALIGNMENT

Step 1

Remove cotter pins and clevis pins that connect pushrods to operating arms of each pole of switch. See Figure 4.

Step 2

By pulling outward on switch blade, disengage switch blade from jaw casting. Continue to pull outward on switch until arcing blade disengages with arc chute. Caution should be exercised in this step, due to the fact that the arcing blade is under spring pressure. See Figure 5.

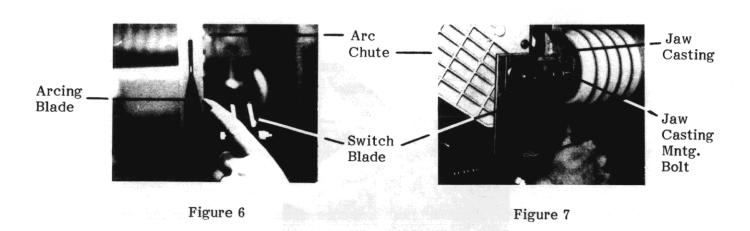


Step 3

Slowly move blade in and out to check proper alignment of arcing blade to arc chute. See Figure 6.

Step 4

Alignment of arcing blade and switch blade to arc chute and jaw casting respectively is obtained by loosening jaw casting mounting bolts and lightly tapping arc chute mounting bracket. Re-tighten bolts. See Figure 7.



After Steps 2 thru 4 have been completed for each pole, you are now ready to proceed to check the clearance of main blade to jaw casting.

Adjustments for Clearance of Main Blade to Jaw Casting

Push inward on main blade until contact is made between main blade through bolt and jaw casting.

After you have properly executed the above procedure, you should have a proper main blade through bolt to jaw casting clearance. This clearance is adequate to insure that the main blade through bolt does not bottom on jaw casting, creating unnecessary stress on insulators, castings and connection points. This clearance is also necessary for proper positioning of arcing blade in arc chute as illustrated in Figure 8.

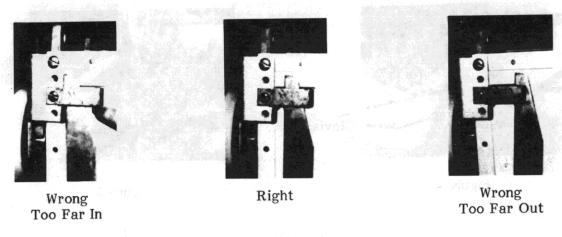


Figure 8

By applying pressure as illustrated in Figure 9, you will be able to check for this clearance. The arcing blade should rest freely in stationary arcing contact with switch "closed" and with slight pressure - it should move to the rear approximately 1/8 inch.

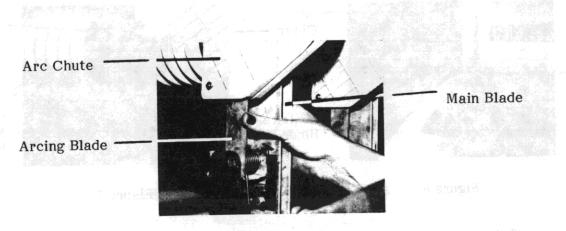
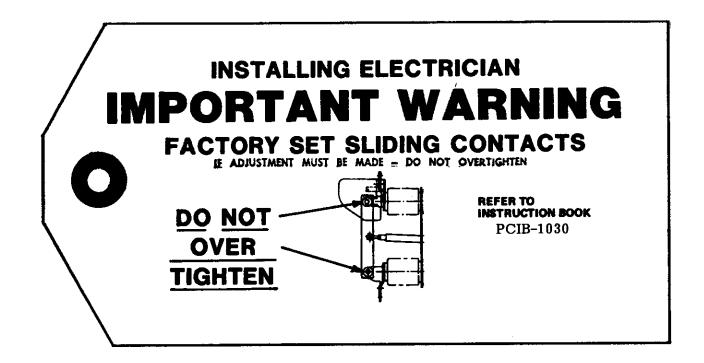


Figure 9

Contacts

Check to determine that the blades make good contact - IMPORTANT - this is a sliding joint and over tightening can cause the switch not to open and severe damage to the mechanism. Tighten to approximately 4 to 6 inch pounds. A contact resistance reading should be taken and should be between 35 to 80 micro ohms. If values of resistance are greater than 100 micro ohms, check the blade wipe to insure proper contact. If resistance readings are less, refer to Steps 1 and 2 located on page 5, to insure blades can be "opened" from jaw casting with pulling pressure of approximately 6 to 8 pounds.

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With the completion of all steps of alignment and a final torque check of all mounting hardware, including the jaw casting mounting bolts, the switch is now ready for operation.

OPERATION

Description

The powerful opening and closing springs of Powercon's off-center stored energy mechanism provides for quick-make (rated fault closing) and quick-break (rated load interruption). The switch mechanism shaft is driven by a chain and sprocket from the front operating handle. As the handle is rotated, it is directly connected to a sprocket which in turn, chain drives the opening spring to a "charged" position. As the operator continues to rotate the handle, the charged spring is driven off-center by the chain and releases its energy into rotating the operating shaft to open. The switch blades will not move in either a closing or opening direction until the closing spring causes rotation in the operating shaft. It should be noted that once the springs are moved off-center, the operator has no further control of the opening or closing operation. Therefore, the switch has fault-closing and rated load-break features independent of operating personnel performance.

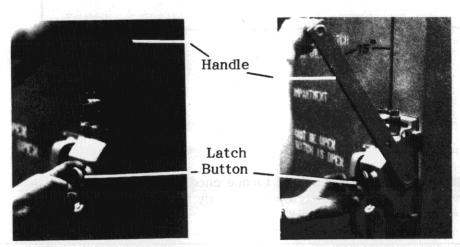
Sequence of Operation

To Open the Switch:

- 1. Pull handle latch button to its extreme position. CAUTION: Failure to clear latch button lever from the housing mechanism can cause extreme damage and jam the operating handle.
- 2. Move handle toward the lower position about 15° or until a resistive force is felt in the handle. It is now safe to release the latch button.
- 3. With a swift positive unhesitating force complete the opening stroke. Once again "off-center" the stored energy mechanism takes over and there is no further control of opening by the operator.
- 4. Now complete the movement of the operating handle until you feel and/or hear the latch button seat.

To Close the Switch:

Closing procedures are just the reverse of the above except of course, move the handle toward the upper position.



Latch Button In

Handle 15°



Latch Button Out

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Disconnect and remove this switch from all sources of electric power so that it is COMPLETELY DE-ENERGIZED prior to working on it. This includes BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- 1. The switch supply source of electricity.
- 2. Back feed of electricity from:
 - A. Motors
 - B. Generators
 - C. Power Transformers
 - D. Potential Transformers
 - E. Control Power Transformers
 - F. Other Sources of Electric Power
 - G. The Outgoing and/or Incoming Distribution System

CONSIDER THIS EQUIPMENT ALIVE UNTIL ALL SOURCES OF VOLTAGE ARE REMOVED AND SAFELY GROUNDED.

FOLLOW SEQUENCE OF OPERATION ON PRECEDING PAGE 9 BEFORE DOING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

Periodic Checking

Load break switches should be examined and checked once a year or more often, when conditions require it (such as numerous operations, polluted atmosphere or overloading of the switch). All switches should occasionally be opened and closed several times in succession - not exceeding their rated duty.

Cleaning

All switches including insulators and operating arms should be thoroughly cleaned periodically by wiping with a clean cloth to prevent accumulation of dust. After cleaning, a light coat of lubricant (Conducto-Lube contact grease or equilvalent) should be applied to the contact surfaces. Do not use "cup" or other grease which may harden upon exposure to air or freeze at low temperatures. Consult factory for application temperatures below -25°F..

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See INSTALLATION for aligning and making proper contact.

Insulators

It is necessary that the insulator surfaces be kept clean. This is absolutely essential, particularly when the switches are located where cement dust, metallic dust, salt spray, acid fumes and other unfavorable environmental conditions exist. Alcohol cleaner or a light detergent is recommended for cleaning the porcelain insulators. Make absolutely sure that proper ventilation and other precautions are provided when using any chemical cleaner. Discard and replace any insulator showing signs of treeing or tracking.

Insulation Check

When making an annual check, all insulation should be carefully examined for tracking. Special attention must be given to areas where the conductor passes through an insulator or lays near a barrier. Examine the surface for cracks or streaked discoloration. When tracking is found, the insulation involved must be replaced.

Bus & Conductor (Switch Blade) Check

Inspect the buses and connections carefully every year for evidence of overheating. It is desirable to measure the resistance to ground with a meter (or use a megger of proper voltage) and between phases of the insulation of buses and connections. A record should be kept of this reading. Weakening of the insulation from one maintenance period to the next can be recognized from the recorded readings. At the recording time, the record should also include the temperature, humidity and the date.

Chain Drive

The chain drive assembly connects the stored energy mechanism to the operating handle on the front of the housing. It consists of a length of roller type chain fastened in a loop by two turnbuckles with locking nuts. All chain assemblies are factory adjusted and adjustment should not be required when switch is supplied in a cubicle. (See INSTALLATION for customer supplied cubicles). If for some reason the chain has loosened, increase tension with turnbuckles so that 1/2 inch slack is obtained.

Operating Shaft

The operating shaft connects the stored energy mechanism to the switch operating arms. The shaft is integral with the switch assembly and is bearing mounted. Light lubricant applied to bearing surfaces will insure trouble free operation. No adjustments are necessary.

Pushrods

Each main blade of the switch is connected to the throw arms or the main operating shaft by an insulating pushrod. These rods should be examined during each normal maintenance procedure, for signs of damage to either end of the pushrod. If a damaged pushrod is encountered, replacement parts may be obtained by referring to **ORDERING OF SPARE PARTS** section of this manual.

Stored Energy Mechanism

The stored energy mechanism consists of a housing with a one piece crank sprocket assembly supported by bearings and a spring assembly.

The sprocket assembly is chain driven by means of a handle on the front of the housing. As the handle is moved upward, the spring assembly is charged. As the crank sprocket assembly passes over dead center, the spring takes over and instantaneously oves the switch to closed position.

The unit is factory adjusted and should need no adjustment in the field. The only moving parts which should be checked after approximately 100 operations, are the front and rear latches which are spring operated and the two shaft bearings. Check to make sure the latches rotate freely up and down by using finger pressure on the rollers. See Figure 10.

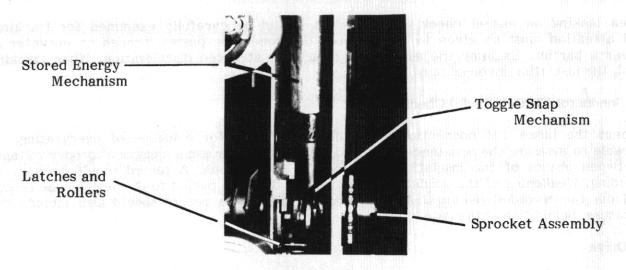


Figure 10

Lubrication

The load break interrupter switch requires infrequent lubrication. Bearing points and sliding surfaces should be lubricated at the regular inspection periods with a thin film of lubricant (Lubriplate #107 or "Low Temp"). Before lubricating, remove any hardened grease and dirt from latch and bearing surfaces with kerosene.

The contact surface of the moveable blades and the stationary contact surface should be cleaned and greased with a light coat of conducting grease (Conducto-Lube contact grease or equivalent).

High Potential Tests

High potential tests to check the integrity of the insulation are not necessary if the insulation maintenance in this book are carefully followed. Should the purchaser desire to make high potential tests, the test voltage should not exceed 14KV A.C. for 4.16KV and 19.5KV A.C. for 7.2KV equipments. These voltages are 75% of factory test voltages and are in accordance with ANSI standards.

TROUBLESHOOTING

HIGH VOLTAGE FUSES AND DISCONNECT SWITCHES

TROUBLE: OVERHEATING

Cause:	Remedy:	
Overload	If the switch is overheating because of excess current, one of two remedies can be adopted: 1. Replace switch with one of adequate rating. 2. Rearrange circuits to remove the excess load.	
Poor Contact	Adjust contacts.	
Connections to Switch Not of Adequate Current- Carrying Capacity	Increase the capacity of the connections by adding conductors or by replacing with heavier conductors.	
Contacts Burned or Pitted	Contacts should be dressed and fitted properly.	
Bolts and Nuts of Connections Not Tight	Tighten all bolts and nuts. Too much pressure must not be used in tightening nuts on bolts. The use of too large a wrench may cause such excessive pressure that the expansion of the bolts exceeds their elastic limit, leading to more loosening of the connections.	
Located in Too Hot An Ambient (such as too close to a boiler or fur- nace)	Relocate in a cooler place or arrange some means of cooling.	

ORDERING OF SPARE PARTS

The following table is provided as a reference guide to stocking levels of spare parts to minimize downtime when used with a conscientiously applied maintenance program. All items are stock to two weeks delivery.

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INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST

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SWI	TCHGEAR IDENTIFICATION	
LOC	CATION OR JOB NAME	
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Α.	SWITCH BLADES AND ARC BLADES	E. KEY INTERLOCKS *
((((((((((((((((((((Check arc blade alignments with arc chute and stationary arcing contacts Check arc blade clearance with arc contacts Inspect switch blade end for silver contacts Check switch blade alignment with casting contact Check switch blade pressure at jaw casting contact Check switch blade torque at hinge casting point Insure contact grease is on casting contacts Check for proper alignment of switch assembly in cubicle 	 () Check door block for lubrication () Check key interlock system for proper sequence and operation () Insure interlock is free from binding () Check weathercap fits securely (outdoor only) () Insure key nameplate matches key number () Handle stops on casting do not interfere with interlock mechanism F. FUSE ACCESSORIES
B. (INSULATORS) Inspect pushrods for defect	() Check contact of fuses mounted in fuse clip () Inspect unit for spare fuse holder or mounting () Check alignment of fuses with fuse clips
	 Insure cotter pin fasteners are spread apart * Check switch blade alignment with levers on shaft Check length of eye bolt within insulating rod (when applicable) Inspect porcelains for defects or dirt Insure lightning arrestors are mounted securely (when furnished) Check for tightness of nut on porcelain rods (when furnished) 	 G. SWITCH UNIT - GENERAL () Inspect phase barriers for secure mounting () Check unit for manufacturers and nomenclature name-plates () Inspect paint coverage of unit () Inspect door handles, locking bars and mechanism () Inspect for damaged, bent or twisted doors () Check unit for proper device markings
(HANDLE MECHANISM Check chain on mechanism for proper tension Check handle release knob for freedom of movement Check handle positioning top and bottom of casting Check handle unit for nameplates (3)	() Inspect unit for gasketed joints (outdoor only) () Check unit for water tightness () Inspect unit for door stop alignment * () Inspect unit doors for proper opening () Louvers checked for proper back up
، D.) Inspect adjusting rods for proper length within adjusting bolt * CABLE AND BUS	H. MEGGER @VOLTSOHMS I. HI POT (75% OF FACTORY)
)	 Inspect bolts bus connections for tightness Check clearance phase to phase and phase to ground of cable and bus Bus and cable supports are adequate Inspect cables for penciling at ends Inspect cable termination in cable lugs for tightness Inspect placement of phase markings Check plating on bus bars Inspect taped joints for tightness * Check connections on lugs Inspect taped joints for coverage of insulating varnish * 	J. REMARKS
•		* when applicable



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