Installation Instructions for the Walking Beam Interlock for Eaton EHD, FDB, FD, HFD, FDC, FW, HFW, FWC, Circuit Breakers and Molded Case Switches

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1. INTRODUCTION

General Information
The walking beam interlock (Fig. 1-1) provides mechanical interlocking between two adjacent circuit breakers of the same pole configuration to prevent both circuit breakers from being switched on at the same time. The circuit breakers are secured to a customer-supplied mounting panel, which may be up to one inch thick. The walking beam interlock mounting bracket is then bolted to the rear of the panel using circuit breaker mounting hardware. A special backplate, modified to accept a plunger, has been factory-installed on each circuit breaker. A plunger on each end of the walking beam is inserted through an access hole in the backplate and base of each circuit breaker.

Fig. 1-1. Walking Beam Interlock Installed Between Two 3-Pole F-Frame Series C Circuit Breakers

Fig. 1-2. Walking Beam Interlock Kit for F-Frame Series C Circuit Breakers
When the walking beam interlock is used, the wiring troughs in the back of each circuit breaker case are blocked by the plungers and cannot be used for opposite side-exiting pigtail leads. The walking beam interlock is UL listed for field installation per UL File E64983.

**Note:** Factory modified circuit breakers must be ordered to install the walking beam interlock.

This instruction leaflet (IL) gives detailed procedures for installing the walking beam interlock. The walking beam interlock in kit form is shown in Fig. 1-2.

## 2. INSTALLATION

The walking beam interlock must be mounted before the circuit breakers are connected to an electrical system. Installation consists of drilling mounting panel to correspond with the walking beam backplate spacing requirements; securing backplate and circuit breakers to mounting surface; and, installing and adjusting walking beam. To install the walking beam interlock, perform the following steps:

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2-1. Pre-drill circuit breaker mounting panel. Figs. 2-1 (2-pole), 2-2 (3-pole), and 2-3 (4-pole) show mounting panel hole sizes and dimensions for F-frame Series C circuit breaker configurations. Dimensions are in inches and (millimeters).

**Note:** Circuit breakers and walking beam backplate are secured to mounting panel by hardware optionally supplied with circuit breaker.

2-2. Select pivot stud mounting hole in walking beam backplate. (See Fig. 2-4.) Put stud in hole and secure it with nut and lockwasher.

2-3. Install circuit breakers on mounting panel using the two outer mounting holes in each circuit breaker.

**Note:** For 2-pole circuit breakers, the single set of mounting holes is used for both circuit breaker and backplate mounting.

2-4. Hold walking beam backplate on mounting panel behind circuit breakers. (See Fig. 2-4 for correct mounting holes.) Secure backplate to mounting panel using the two inner mounting holes in each circuit breaker.

**Note:** On 2-pole circuit breakers, all breaker mounting screws are also used to mount walking beam backplate.

2-5. Screw walking beam pivot onto pivot stud until pivot rests against nut. (See Fig. 2-5.)

2-6. Slide both plungers through walking beam backplate and mounting panel into circuit breakers. (See Fig. 2-5.)

2-7. Position walking beam on pivot stud making sure that plungers enter correct holes in walking beam. (See Fig. 2-6.)

2-8. With one circuit breaker in the ON position and the other in the OFF position, place flat washer and lockwasher on pivot stud. Screw nut onto pivot stud until walking beam is held by nut (Fig 2-7).

2-9. Screw walking beam pivot along stud until shoulder on pivot enters recess in walking beam (Fig. 2-7). Tighten pivot against washers and nut.

2-10. Carry out a functional check.

   a. Make sure that both circuit breakers cannot be switched to the ON position at the same time.

   b. Open one circuit breaker. Be sure the other will close.

   c. Reverse the open and close operation.

2-11. Connect circuit breakers as required.
Fig. 2-1. 2-Pole Circuit Breaker Walking Beam Overlap, Mounting Panel Hole Sizes, and Dimensions

Fig. 2-2. 3-Pole Circuit Breaker Mounting Panel Hole Sizes and Dimensions

Fig. 2-3. 4-Pole Circuit Breaker Mounting Panel Hole Sizes and Dimensions

Fig. 2-4. Pivot Stud and Backplate Mounting Holes
Fig. 2-5. Plungers Positioned through Backplate into 3-Pole Circuit Breakers

Fig. 2-6. Walking Beam in Position on Pivot Stud

Fig. 2-7. Walking Beam Final Assembly
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