HX open distribution cutouts installation instructions
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The instructions in this manual are not intended as a substitute for proper training or adequate experience in the safe operation of the equipment described. Only competent technicians who are familiar with this equipment should install, operate, and service it.

A competent technician has these qualifications:

- Is thoroughly familiar with these instructions.
- Is trained in industry-accepted high and low-voltage safe operating practices and procedures.
- Is trained and authorized to energize, de-energize, clear, and ground power distribution equipment.
- Is trained in the care and use of protective equipment such as arc flash clothing, safety glasses, face shield, hard hat, rubber gloves, clampstick, hotstick, etc.

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Safety instructions

Following are general caution and warning statements that apply to this equipment. Additional statements, related to specific tasks and procedures, are located throughout the manual.

**DANGER**

Hazardous voltage. Contact with hazardous voltage will cause death or severe personal injury. Follow all locally approved safety procedures when working around high-voltage lines and equipment. G103.3

**WARNING**

Before installing, operating, maintaining, or testing this equipment, carefully read and understand the contents of this manual. Improper operation, handling or maintenance can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage. G104.0

This equipment is not intended to protect human life. Follow all locally approved procedures and safety practices when installing or operating this equipment. Failure to comply can result in death, severe personal injury and equipment damage. G102.1

Power distribution and transmission equipment must be properly selected for the intended application. It must be installed and serviced by competent personnel who have been trained and understand proper safety procedures. These instructions are written for such personnel and are not a substitute for adequate training and experience in safety procedures. Failure to properly select, install or maintain power distribution and transmission equipment can result in death, severe personal injury, and equipment damage. G122.3

**CAUTION**

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in equipment damage only.
Product information

Introduction
Eaton's Cooper Power™ series HX cutouts can be quickly and economically adapted to double current rating or higher interrupting ratings as load and system capacity increases dictate. Simple blade changeout makes 300 A disconnects out of HX design. Fuseholders and blades are only stock items required for this broad versatility.

Read this manual first
Read and understand the contents of this manual and follow all locally approved procedures and safety practices before installing or operating this equipment.

Additional information
These instructions cannot cover all details or variations in the equipment, procedures, or process described nor provide directions for meeting every possible contingency during installation, operation, or maintenance. For additional information, contact your Eaton representative.

Acceptance and initial inspection
Each cutout is in good condition when accepted by the carrier for shipment. Upon receipt, inspect the shipping container for signs of damage. Unpack the cutout and inspect it thoroughly for damage incurred during shipment. If damage is discovered, file a claim with the carrier immediately.

Handling and storage
Be careful during handling and storage of the cutout to minimize the possibility of damage. If the cutout is to be stored for any length of time prior to installation, provide a clean, dry storage area.

Quality standards
ISO 9001 Certified Quality Management System
Installation instructions

Mounting cutout or disconnect

Step 1
Inspect porcelain
- Before mounting the cutout, make sure the porcelain is not cracked or chipped.
- Do not install a cutout if any hardware is loose, bent, distorted or out of alignment.

Step 2
Mount cutout
- Mount the cutout on a suitable mounting bracket.
- Position the lock washers. See Figure 1.

Note: DO NOT mount this cutout in vaults or other enclosed areas. Ionized gases are generated during fault clearing operations and may cause electrical flash in enclosed spaces.

Step 3
Position Cutout
- Pivot the cutout in a position that will provide ease of operation, maximum electrical clearance and venting clearance before securely tightening the carriage bolt nut.

Installing fuse holder or disconnect blade

CAUTION
Only qualified personnel should operate and inspect an open cutout. Such personnel should observe company safety procedures and wear protective equipment. Operator should be positioned away from the exhaust path when closing cutout.

Step 1
Insert switchstick hook
- Insert the hook of the switchstick into the lifting loop. The fuse holder or blade will hang on the hook in a position to be installed.

Step 2
Guide fuse holder
- Guide the fuse holder lower casting trunnion into the cutout hinge and disengage switchstick. Figure 2.

Step 3
Close fuse holder
- Place the hook of switchstick under the pull ring and swing the fuse holder to a 45° angle from the closed position.
- Then with head down and to one side of vent exhaust pattern, quickly and with a vigorous thrust on switchstick, push fuse holder to a closed position. Figure 3.

Figure 1. Cutout mounting.
Figure 2. Attaching the fuse holder.
Step 4

Remove switchstick

- Carefully remove switchstick from fuse holder to avoid pulling fuse holder open.

⚠️ CAUTION

Fuse holder should not be left hanging in the open position, as it may retain water.

Cutout opening - breaking loads

⚠️ WARNING

Use proper load breaking devices to open energized cutouts. Injury and damage to cutout is possible if load-breaking devices are not used. When replacing damaged expendable CAPS they should be replaced with like expendable caps.

Type "HX" cutout may be equipped with a permanent outdoor interrupter for breaking loads. Instructions for operating the "HX-CB" loadbreak are shown in Service Information MN132011EN HX-CB Loadbreak Fuse Cutout Installation Instructions, which is supplied with the loadbreak unit.

**Fuse link breaking**

The 100-ampere Type "HX" cutouts may be equipped with a linkbreak fuse holder and if so these instructions apply:

- Fuse links up to 100-ampere rating can be broken.
- Place the hook of switchstick on linkbreak arm.
- Pull sharply downward with a fast rapid motion. See Figure 4.

**Loadbreaking device**

The cutouts may be equipped with 'hooks' for use with an approved loadbreak tool or other device designed for opening cutouts under load. Refer to the instructions with the device for their operation.

**Cutout-arrester**

Cutout-arrester combinations consist of a distribution arrester and HX cutout mounted on a common L bracket to be installed as a completed assembly. See Figure 5.

- During shipping and rough handling the units may get out of adjustment.
- Before mounting or during mounting, the arrester should be in same plane as the cutout with all nuts and bolts tight.
Installing fuse links in 100 A fuseholder

Step 1.
Remove cap/install link
• Remove cap and operated link. Replace link with appropriate rating in fuse tube.
• Make sure the contact button is secured on the fuse link and carefully straighten the fuse cable.

Step 2.
Replace Cap
• Slide the straightened fuse link cable end into the fuse holder, replace and tighten the cap.

Step 3.
Loosen thumb screw and depress flipper
• Loosen thumb screw and remove old cable. Install fuse cable under thumbscrew washer.
• Press flipper downward on the lower tube casting. Hold in this position for Step 4. See Figure 6.

Step 4.
Secure fuse link
• Dress fuse link cable around post on flipper and then around thumbscrew in a clockwise direction.
• Maintain tension on fuse link cable and with flipper firmly depressed, cross the fuse cable over itself and tighten the thumbscrew. See Figure 7.

Step 5.
Clip Excess Cable
• Clip excess fuse cable to within approximately 1/2 of the thumbscrew washer.
Installing fuse links in 200 A fuseholder

⚠️ CAUTION
Use only the ampere size and types of fuse links specified by your company

Step 1.
Check fuse link
• Make sure the contact button is secured on the fuse link and carefully straighten the fuse cable.

Step 2.
Clamp Bolt Assembly
• Loosen the clamping bolt to raise the link clamp. Do not try to remove clamping bolt.

Step 3.
Remove cap
• Remove the cap from fuse holder and slide the straightened fuse link cable into the fuse tube and through the fuse cable box terminal, then replace the cap. See Figure 8.

⚠️ CAUTION
Do not use 100 ampere or smaller fuse link in 200-ampere fuse holders. Such application could lead to failure of the cutout to clear fault currents. Replace operated or partially operated expendable caps with new expendable caps.

Step 4.
Secure fuse link
• With link clamp held down over the tube bore, pull the end of the fuse cable tightly and tighten clamping bolt. See Figure 9.

Step 5.
Clip excess cable
• Clip excess fuse cable to within approximately 1/2" of the box terminal.

Maintenance
Refer to IEEE Std C37.48™ standard, Guide for Application, Operation and Maintenance of High-Voltage Fuses, for maintenance of the HX Cutouts.
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