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Product information

Introduction
This manual explains how to replace mercury switches with microswitches on Eaton’s Cooper Power™ series electronically operated reclosers. It contains instructions for:
1. Removing mercury switches from switch SW2 and SW3 positions.
2. Removing existing microswitch from the switch SW1 position and installing it in the switch SW2 position.
3. Installing new microswitches in the switch SW1 and SW3 positions.

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.

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

Acceptance and initial inspection

This product is completely assembled, tested, and inspected at the factory. It is carefully calibrated, adjusted, and in good condition when accepted by the carrier for shipment.

Upon receipt, inspect the carton for signs of damage. Unpack the kit 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 equipment to minimize the possibility of damage.

Quality standards
ISO 9001 Certified Quality Management System

Additional information
In addition to this manual, also refer to the appropriate maintenance manual for the model of recloser being equipped with microswitches.

- S280-40-3, Type RE, Three-Phase Maintenance Instructions
- S280-40-4, Type WE, Three-Phase Maintenance instructions
- S280-40-5, Types RVE and WVE, Three-Phase Maintenance Instructions.
- S280-40-6, Types VVE and VWVE Maintenance Instructions
- S280-40-7 Types RXE and WE Maintenance Instructions
- S280-40-8, Types RVE and WVE Maintenance Instructions

IMPORTANT
This is a generic procedure for replacing existing mercury switches with microswitches. It pertains to all electronically operated reclosers from Eaton equipped with such switches. However, some models of reclosers may have small parts used only on that particular design. Also, some reclosers may employ various shim washers to compensate for tolerance variation. If such parts are present, make note of them and be sure to reinstall them before returning the recloser to service.

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Figure 1. A Type WE recloser operating mechanism with new microswitches in place.
Installation

Follow the appropriate recloser maintenance manual to remove the recloser from service. Transport it to a location suitable for performing the work required.

**IMPORTANT**

Before beginning the disassembly process, ensure the recloser is in the open position.

Refer to the recloser maintenance manual and untank the recloser. Remove operating mechanism from head and disconnect any auxiliary devices.

Place the recloser operating mechanism in a stable position permitting easy access to all sides of the unit.

Reposition contact bar

Repositioning the contact bar permits greater access to the mechanism’s switch areas. Reposition the contact bar by removing retaining pins at points indicated in Figure 2.

1. Remove C rings from contact bar retainer pin at trip solenoid end of mechanism and discard.
2. Note position of any washers, then remove and save them.
3. Slide pin aside until free of contact bar and springs.
4. Repeat Steps 1-3 on the middle retaining pin.

After the contact arm is free of the end- and mid-retainers, raise and secure it, so it remains out of the way for the switch replacement process (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Repositioning contact bar.**

Disconnect terminal wires

Disconnect wires at the terminal block under the rotary solenoid.

1. Disconnect wires at terminals A, C, D, F, and N on the lower row of terminals (Figure 4).
2. Disconnect plastic cable retainer and discard (Figure 4). Save hardware.

**Figure 4. Terminal block and lower terminal identification.**

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<th>Solenoid end of mechanism</th>
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**Figure 2. Contact bar retaining rods to be removed.**
Remove microswitch switch SW1

**Note:** SW1 refers to the switch position. The existing microswitch is removed from the switch SW1 position and reinstalled in the switch SW2 position.

1. Loosen switch SW1 terminal screws and detach cable wire (Figure 5).

![Figure 5. Terminal and mounting screws on switch SW1.](image)

2. Remove hardware holding SW1 mounting plate to frame. Lift plate from frame. Save nut and lockwasher.

3. Remove hardware holding switch to mounting plate. Save hardware and switch for later use. Discard mounting plate.

4. Remove and retain cable from switch.

Remove mercury switch SW3

**WARNING**

Hazardous material. Do not open mercury switches or come in direct contact with switches exhibiting any sign of mercury leakage. Exposure to mercury can cause serious health problems.

1. Use a punch to drive out the roll pin that is holding switch SW3 and mounting block to main shaft (Figure 6). Discard roll pin.

2. Remove mounting block and attached switch assembly. Remove and discard mounting block. Dispose of mercury switch following local hazardous waste procedures.

**IMPORTANT**

SW2 and SW3 switches contain mercury. Dispose of these switches in accordance with all federal, state, and locally approved mercury disposal guidelines and regulations.

Remove mercury switch SW2

**WARNING**

Hazardous material. Do not open mercury switches or come in direct contact with switches exhibiting any sign of mercury leakage. Exposure to mercury can cause serious health problems.

Remove springs

**Note:** Position of existing spacers and washers.

1. Detach and discard two C rings from spring retaining pin at outer frame (Figure 7). (Oil-interrupting unit with two spacers shown. Vacuum units have no spacers here.)

2. Slide spring retaining pin aside until able to detach the two large springs from the spring retaining pin.

3. Detach the upper small spring from the retaining pin in the handle shaft assembly as shown in Figure 7.

4. Remove and discard two C rings from the retaining pin.

5. Remove and save retaining pin.

6. Detach the two, small lower springs from retaining pin marked ‘pin’ in Figure 7.

7. Remove and retain the two spacers and pin.
Replace handle shaft assembly

**Note:** Orientation and assembly of handle shaft (yellow handle, manual trip shaft) before proceeding.

1. Remove and discard cotter pin from roll pin on end of handle shaft (Figures 8 and 11).

   **Figure 8. Ends of handle shaft.**

2. Use a punch to drive roll pin from shaft. Discard roll pin.

3. Remove and save end washer and spring.

4. Drive roll pins from handle reset cam and handle reset lever attached to handle shaft and discard (Figure 9).

   **Figure 9. Handle shaft assembly.**

5. Remove C ring from handle shaft, at end where cotter pin was removed, and discard (Figure 8).

6. Remove and save spacer washer(s).

7. Remove and discard two remaining C rings from handle shaft, beginning with outermost C ring.

8. Slide existing handle shaft from frame, noting position of shaft spacer (Figure 11). Discard shaft, cam, and lever; retain spacer.

9. Switch SW2 cable runs along the side of frame and is held in place by plastic retainers (Figure 10). Remove and save the retainers and hardware. Discard cable. Dispose of mercury switch following local hazardous waste procedures.

10. Scribe new handle shaft assembly (Item 3) to mark orientation of cam and lever to shaft and frame.

11. Slide new shaft into frame keeping orientation the same as found when removing the old one. Slide shaft through frame, new cam, new lever, old spacer, remaining old lever, new C ring (Item 19), and frame (Figure 11).

   **Figure 10. Switch SW2 cable routing.**

12. Match scribe marks between shaft and new handle reset level. Hold new lever in alignment with shaft with a punch inserted via the notched side of lever. Gently drive roll pin into lever via the rounded side of the lever.

13. Match scribe marks between new handle reset cam and shaft. Hold cam in alignment with shaft with a punch inserted via the notched side of cam. Gently drive roll pin into cam via the rounded side of the cam.

14. Turn shaft so the rounded sides of lever and cam are away from the mechanism to match orientation before replacement.

15. Tighten new C ring (Item 19) on shaft on inner edge of frame.

16. Install new C ring (Item 19) on shaft, outside of frame, and tighten.

17. Reinstall spacers, new C ring (Item 19), spring, end washer, new roll pin (Item 20), and new cotter pin (Item 18) on end of handle shaft.

**IMPORTANT**

SW2 and SW3 switches contain mercury. Dispose of these switches in accordance with all federal, state, and locally approved mercury disposal guidelines and regulations.

Dispose of mercury switch following local hazardous waste procedures.

Carefully remove roll pins, cam, and lever from new shaft (Figure 9).

**Figure 11. Handle shaft assembly.**
Install microswitch SW2
The microswitch previously removed from SW1 position is installed in the SW2 position as switch SW2.

1. Attach leads from one end of kit’s longer cable (Item 8) to the two outer switch terminals marked COMMON and CLOSED (Figure 12).

2. Pull cable through hole in mounting plate (Item 7) (Figure 12).

3. Attach switch SW2 to new mounting plate (Figures 12 and 13). Use the hardware removed from original switch SW2 to attach switch through plate’s oblong and small middle holes (Figure 13). Do not tighten hardware at this time. Leave switch slightly loose for future adjustment.

4. Place cable over spacer near cable hole, then securely tighten assembly to frame. Use the two smaller spacers (Item 4), machine screws (Item 5), and self-locking elastic stop nuts (Item 6) to attach mounting plate to frame (Figure 15). Tighten stop nuts to a torque value of 16-18 in-lbs.

Note: Some models of reclosers require new holes drilled before attaching the mounting plate. Refer to Figure 15 for correct positioning of mounting plate.
5. Route switch SW2 cable along frame wall and pull it through the cable exit hole to terminal block (Figures 4 and 10). Do not attach cable leads to terminal block at this time.

6. Use the previously removed hardware and plastic cable retainers to secure cable to frame (Figures 10 and 16).

![Figure 15. Plastic cable retainer assembly.](image1)

**Completing switch SW2 assembly**

Matching original orientation, reinstall parts removed.

1. Reinstall pin, spacers, and two, small lower springs (Figure 17). (Vacuum unit without spacers shown. Oilinterrupting units have two spacers.)

**Note:** If no tool is available to grab springs, place a piece of strong string through spring’s connecting loop and pull spring into place. Once spring is connected, pull string clear.

![Figure 16. Reinstall springs and retaining pins.](image2)

2. Reinstall retaining pin, new C rings (Item 22), and small upper spring.

3. Slide spring retaining pin through the two large springs, spacers, and new C rings (Item 21). Tighten C rings.

4. With H bracket disengaged, gently push down on switch SW2 until hearing a click as switch contact encounters cam and closes (Figure 18).

Gently push down for final switch adjustment

Approximate placement of microswitch Stop Nuts: Torque to 13-15 in-lbs after adjustment

![Figure 17. Side view, switch SW2 assembled to mounting plate.](image3)

5. Hold switch in place where click is heard and tighten retaining hardware. Take care not to over tighten and damage switch.

6. Recheck all work. Engage and disengage the H bracket using the following directions:

A. Turn the handle shaft clockwise with a pair of pliers to engage and latch the H bracket.

B. Turn the handle shaft counterclockwise with a pair of pliers to disengage the H bracket.

Make sure mechanism does not encounter interference during movement. Adjust spacers as needed to eliminate any interference.
Install microswitches SW1 and SW 3 and new switch cam

Preparing main shaft
1. Block mechanism with a screwdriver or other device to prevent plungers from descending into main contacts when tension is relieved (Figure 19).

Figure 18. Mechanism blocked with screwdriver.

2. Detach large lower spring (Figure 20) to relieve tension on operating mechanism.

Figure 19. Spring attachment in lower part of mechanism.

3. Remove and discard two large retaining E rings from main shaft (Figure 21).

4. Remove the machine screw, spacer, and nut that connect the main shaft to closing contactor toggle.

Figure 20. Items to remove on main shaft.

5. Use punch to remove roll pin holding old SW1 cam. Discard roll pin. (Figure 21).

6. Remove large roll pin to free shaft. Save roll pin.

7. Slide main shaft aside to gain clearance for removing old microswitch cam. Note orientation of cam on shaft. Remove and discard cam.

Install new cam for SW1
1. Slide new switch cam (Item 15) onto main shaft. Orient cam as shown in Figures 22 and 23.

Figure 21. Orientating cam for switches SW1 and SW3.

2. Reinsert main shaft into frame.

3. Use new spring pin (Item 17) from kit to secure cam on main shaft.

4. Reinsert the saved, large roll pin.

5. Attach two new E rings (Item 16) to main shaft.

6. Reinstall machine screw, spacer, and nut connecting main shaft to closing contactor toggle.

Figure 22. Cam installed. Note position of spring and roll pins.
Install microswitches SW1, SW3

1. Attach the new SW1 and SW3 microswitch assembly (Item 2) to frame using screws (Item 11), larger, round spacers (Item 10), external tooth lockwashers (Item 13), and stop nuts (Item 12), (Figure 24). Do not tighten at this time.

2. Gently push switch assembly down until hearing a click as switch SW3 contact meets cam and closes. Secure switch in position at which click is heard (Figure 22).

Attach cable leads

Attach leads from cables switch SW1 and SW3 as described in the steps outlined below. On both switches, connect one lead to the end terminal marked common and one lead to the middle terminal marked open (Figure 24).

1. Attach leads of the short microswitch cable originally removed from old switch SW1 to new switch SW3.

2. Attach leads of shorter cable in kit (Item 9) to new switch SW1.

3. Route SW1 and SW3 cables to terminal block (Figure 25).

4. Secure cables with plastic cable tie (not supplied) and plastic cable retainer (Item 1) from kit. Use existing hardware to attach new cable retainer in the same position used by the old one.

5. At the terminal block, make the following connections (refer to Figures 5 and 27 for terminal identification):
   A. Switch SW1, connect leads to terminals C and D.
   B. Switch SW2, connect leads to terminals F and N.
   C. Switch SW3, connect leads to terminals A and N.

Complete installation

1. Reconnect the large spring in lower portion of mechanism (Figure 20).

2. Remove blocking mechanism (Figure 19).

3. Reconnect contact bar. Make sure to reinstall all washers or spacers that may have been removed when disconnecting it (Figure 23).

4. Check work and ensure all fasteners are tight. Inspect mechanism for loose parts; if found, remove them.

5. Test switches as outlined in the Testing section.

6. Follow procedures in appropriate maintenance manual to tank recloser and return it to service.
### Kit KA349WE parts list

#### Figure 27. KA349WE Mercury switch to microswitch kit parts. See Table 2 for individual part identification.

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Testing

Use an ohmmeter or multimeter to perform the following tests:

1. Testing one switch at a time, attach ohmmeter leads to switch terminal screws.

2. Check the switch for an open or closed condition as specified in Table 3.

3. If a switch fails test, review its positioning. If positioned correctly, review switch terminal and terminal block connections. If all connections are correct, check switch to make sure it actually opens and closes as its arm changes position. Review switch cam for correct position. Check cable wires to ensure continuity exists within each wire.

Table 3. Switch status for contact and lever positions

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