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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Throughout this manual there are a number of HAZARD WARNINGS that must be read and adhered to in order to prevent possible personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. Three signal words “DANGER”, “WARNING”, and “CAUTION” are used to indicate the severity of the hazard, and are preceded by the safety alert symbol ⚠️

⚠️ DANGER

Denotes the most serious injury hazard, and is used when serious injury or death WILL result from misuse or failure to follow specific instructions.

⚠️ WARNING

Used when serious injury or death MAY result from misuse or failure to follow specific instructions.

⚠️ CAUTION

Used when injury or product/equipment damage may result from misuse or failure to follow specific instructions.

It is the responsibility and the duty of all personnel involved in the installation, operation and maintenance of the equipment on which this device is used to fully understand the ⚠️ DANGER, ⚠️ WARNING, and ⚠️ CAUTION procedures by which hazards are to be avoided.

1.1 Description

1.1.1 The Airflex CT brakes is spring applied and air released. It is recommended for applications requiring a brake which will engage should the supplied air pressure fail. The releasing air pressure requirement is small, making it ideal for high cyclic applications. Three brake sizes are available: 12CTE237; 18CTE300; 24CTE500. Throughout this manual a number given in ( ) refers to the part identified in Figures 1 through 3 and Table 1.

1.2 How It Works

1.2.1 Refer to the brake drawings, Figures 1 through 3. The two brake shoes assemblies (14) and (17) are hinged together by a pin (16). When air pressure is not applied to the cylinder (4), the springs (32, 44) force the shoes against the brake drum. The force exerted by the springs determines the torque capacity of the brake. The “braking” reaction is against the block in the trunnion sub-assembly (23) and the reaction pin. The reaction pin is mounted to a bracket which is fastened to the machine frame. The reaction pin also supports the brake assembly.

When air pressure is applied to the cylinder (4), the piston (5) and rod (9) force the shoe assemblies apart to disengage the brake.

1.3 Operating Conditions:

1.3.1 The minimum operating air pressure for the 12CTE237 brake is 75 psig (5.2 bar) and for both the 18CTE300 and the 24CTE500 brake it is 60 psig (4.1 bar). The maximum operating air pressure for all brakes is 110 psig (7.6 bar).

The air supplied to the brake should be clean and dry to avoid contamination of the piston and cylinder. The cylinder and piston are lubricated at the factory so no oil needs to be added. The piston is made using a BUNA-N material; therefore if any additives are used in the air supply, they must be compatible with the piston material.

1.3.2 The CTE type brakes are designed to release with a maximum air volume requirement given below:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Brake Size</th>
<th>Volume Requirement</th>
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<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>40 in.³ (0.66 dm³)</td>
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<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>40 in.³ (0.66 dm³)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>100 in.³ (1.64 dm³)</td>
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⚠️ Warning:

On the spring shields (27) of each brake, there are safety and product identification decals. Do not remove, damage or paint over these decals. Replace any decal that is damaged.

2.0 INSTALLATION

⚠️ Warning:

It may be necessary to remove the spring shields (27) in some cases for easier installation. These shields must be replaced before operating the brake. If not done, personal injury and/or equipment damage may result.
NOTE:

1. Cut reaction pin to length.
2. Locate and spot drill reaction pin for set screw or weld collars as shown.
3. Drill mounting bolt hole diameters 0.125” (3-4mm) oversize. Minimum number of bolts is 4.

Minimum recomended bolt diameters are:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Brake Size</th>
<th>Bolt Diameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>0.625” (16mm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>0.625” (16mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>0.750” (20mm)</td>
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4. Drill and dowel bracket two places after final brake alignment.
5. Safety wire all mounting bolts.

Figure 4
Reaction Pin and Typical Brake Reaction Brackets
Before performing any work, read this manual and study the brake Figures 1 through 3. Know what needs to be done. Do not risk injury- follow the instructions.

2.1 Reaction Pin and Bracket:

2.1.1 The brake is supported and reacted by a bracket with a steel pin which passes through the trunnion assembly (23). The 12CTE237 brake is held in position on the pin by a washer and a cotter pin, as shown in Figure 4. The 18CTE300 and 24CTE500 brakes are held in position on the pin with a double lock nut, as shown in Figure 4. The bracket, washer and cotter pin are customer supplied. The reaction pins can be supplied by Airflex.

2.1.2 Design, location and alignment of the reaction pin mounting is extremely important to obtain optimum brake performance.

The reaction pin mounting must be sturdy to support the brake and provide the reaction force for brake operation. Do not insert the reaction pin into a drilled hole in, or weld the pin to, the machine frame, as brake alignment would not be possible. The pin should be pressed into a bracket that has oversize mounting holes that allow for adjustment. Figure 4 illustrates typical brackets for anchoring the reaction pin to the machine frame and alternative methods for holding the pin in the bracket.

The brake should be mounted as close to the machine frame as possible to avoid a long unsupported reaction pin and yet with sufficient clearance to operate correctly.

2.1.3 The reaction pin must be free from nicks and burrs. The pin diameter and mating bore, for a press fit, for each brake size is given in Table 2.

2.1.4 Slide the reaction pin into the reaction hole in the trunnion sub-assembly (23) to check for interference. The brake must pivot freely on the pin. Remove the pin for mounting in the bracket.

2.1.5 To mount the reaction pin and bracket, Table 3 gives the center-distance required from the center line of the shaft that the brake drum is mounted on, to the center of the reaction hole in the trunnion block. Mount the bracket with fasteners loose so that when the brake is installed it can be aligned. Coat the reaction pin with a National Lubricating Grease Institute (NLGI) No. 2 molybdenum disulfide grease.

### TABLE 3

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Brake Size</th>
<th>Reaction Pin Center Distance</th>
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<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>8.375” (212.72mm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>13.312” (338.12mm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>16.526” (420.67mm)</td>
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2.2 Brake Mounting:

![Warning:]

The 18CTE300 and the 24CTE500 brake develop less torque if the brake drum rotates in the opposite direction from that indicated by the arrow on the brake shoe. Drum rotation must be in the direction indicated by the arrow.

![Warning:]

Set and block the machine in a safe position to prevent hazards when installing the brake. Disconnect all electrical power before beginning the installation.

2.2.1 Only the 12CTE237 brake may be mounted with the drum rotation in either direction. For the 18CTE300 and the 24CTE500, read the above Warning.

### TABLE 2 - Reaction Pin and Mating Hole Diameters

<table>
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<th>Brake Size</th>
<th>Reaction Pin Diameter</th>
<th>Reaction Pin Hole Diameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>1.500/1.499” (38.10/38.07mm)</td>
<td>1.4975/1.4985” (38.04/38.06mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>1.500/1.499” (38.10/38.07mm)</td>
<td>1.4975/1.4985” (38.04/38.06mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>2.000/1.998” (50.80/50.75mm)</td>
<td>1.9965/1.9975” (50.71/50.73mm)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2.2.2 For applications where the brake drum is over-
hung on the end of the shaft, proceed to 2.2.3.
For applications where the brake drum is
mounted on the shaft that is already installed in
place, proceed to 2.2.4.

2.2.3 For a shaft end mounted brake drum, apply air
pressure (refer to 1.3) to the brake cylinder (4)
through the hose assembly (13) to open the
brake. With air pressure applied and the brake
open, slide the brake onto the brake drum and
reaction pin. Keep in mind that for brake sizes
18TE300 and 24CTE500 drum rotation direction
is critical (read the Warning under 2.2). The
direction of drum rotation must match the arrow
on the brake shoe (14). For the 12CTE237 brake,
install the reaction pin, washer and cotter pin to
position the brake. For the 18CTE300 or the
24CTE500 brakes, install the reaction pin, washer
and double stop nut to position the brake.
Release the air pressure and proceed to 2.3 for
brake alignment and 3.2 for adjustment.

2.2.4 For a brake drum installed on a shaft that is al-
ready mounted between bearings, the brake can
be partially disassembled in order to install it.
Proceed as follows:

⚠️ Warning:

Do not apply air pressure to the release cylinder (4) during brake
disassembly. Failure to release the air
pressure could result in personal injury and/or damage to the machine.

2.2.4.1 With air released from cylinder (4), remove hex
head screws (10), lockwashers (11) and both
spring shields (27).

2.2.4.2 On both sides of the brake, carefully remove the
stop nuts (29, 50) and washers (30, 35, 55),
where used, from both rods (24, 28). Remove the
spring tube (31) from rod (28) and springs (32, 44)
from both rods. Spring rod (28) is free to rotate,
therefore, hold the stop nuts at the
opposite end of the rod with a wrench.

2.2.4.3 At the pin (16), remove one snap ring (15) and
remove the pin.

2.2.4.4 Carefully withdraw the brake shoes (14 and 17)
from the spring rods.

2.2.4.5 Inspect the unthreaded portions of the spring rods
(24, 28) for burrs, metal chips or any abrasive
particles and remove.

⚠️ Warning:
The presence of burrs, metal chips or abrasive particles on the spring rods
(24,28) will affect the operation of the
brake and may cause personal injury
and/or damage to the machine.

2.2.4.6 Apply a coating of an NLGI No. 2 molybdenum
disulfide grease to the unthreaded portions of the
spring rods (24,28).

2.2.4.7 Slide the trunnion block (25) of the trunnion
subassembly (23) onto the reaction pin. For a
12CTE237 brake, install the reaction pin, washer,
and cotter pin to hold the brake in position when reassembled. For an 18CTE300 or 24CTE500
brake, install the reaction pin washer and two stop
nests to hold the brake in position when reassem-
bled.

2.2.4.8 Coat pin (16) with an NLGI No. 2 molybdenum
disulfide grease and reassemble the brake in the
reverse order of 2.2.4.2 through 2.2.4.4.

2.2.4.9 Adjust the brake according to the instructions
given under 3.2.

2.2.4.10 Reinstall the spring shields (27), washers (11)
and hex head cap screws (10).
2.3 Brake Alignment

2.3.1 With the brake clamped around the drum (normal spring-set brake clamping action), loosen bolts holding bracket to the machine frame.

2.3.2 Apply and release the air pressure to the brake to open and close the brake shoes. Observe dimensions A, B and C, as shown in Figure 6. Dimensions A, B, and C should be identical top to bottom, as well as front to back, with the brake either engaged or released.

2.3.3 If the brake has a twisting or cocking motion when it releases or engages, this indicates misalignment and should be corrected by shimming or shifting the reaction pin bracket for proper alignment of the brake to the drum.

2.3.4 After a satisfactory location has been established, with proper running clearances assured, tighten and safety wire screws, and anchor the reaction pin bracket by doweling to eliminate any possibility of movement.

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**Warning:**

Spring shields (27) must be reinstalled before operating the brake. If the spring shields are not replaced, the spring or spring rod may fail which could result in personal injury.

2.2.4.11 Align the brake according to instructions given in 2.3.

2.2.5 If an off-balance mounting, as shown in Figure 5 is used, the top brake shoe may ride on the top of the brake drum when the brake is in the released position. This condition must be avoided. To alleviate this condition, an “L” shaped bracket with a hex head cap screw and locking nut can be mounted under the combination cylinder (4) and brake shoe (17) to ensure top shoe separation from the drum when the brake is in the released position. Also read 2.2.1.

**Warning:**

Set and block the machine in a safe position to prevent hazards when installing the brake. Disconnect all electrical power before beginning the installation.

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![Figure 5](Typical Off-Balance Brake Mounting)

![Figure 6](Brake Alignment)
2.4 Air Piping

2.4.1 Pneumatic piping should be free of foreign material such as pipe thread sealer, metal chips, etc. Pipe ends must be reamed after cutting to prevent reduction of effective pipe diameter. Use 1/2” pipe for all CTE brakes. Use minimum length of piping between the solenoid air valve and the brake. Excessive piping and other restriction will slow down the response time of the brake. A flexible hose (13), to allow freedom of movement, must be installed between the brake and the rigid supply line.

2.4.2 For dual brake installations, it is important to “tee” the two brake air cylinders, with two equal short lengths of flexible hose, into a single flow control valve and air supply. Utilizing a single flow control valve aids in synchronizing dual brake action during engagement.

2.4.3 Refer to 1.3 for operating air pressure requirements

3.0 MAINTENANCE

3.1 Inspection:

Periodically or whenever the machinery is shut down for maintenance, inspect the CTE brake, brake drum, supports and air connections for wear, minor damage or conditions that will affect brake performance. This section contains items to check and action to take during an inspection.

![Warning]

Before performing any work, read this manual and study the brake drawings, Figure 1 through Figure 3. Know what needs to be done. Do not risk injury. Follow the instructions!

![Warning]

Set and block the machine in a safe position and disconnect all electrical power to the machine to prevent machine operation during brake inspection.

3.1.1 Brake Drum Friction Surface:

3.1.1.1 If the drum friction surface is badly grooved or worn, the surface may be re-machined, but not less than the minimum allowable drum diameter given in Table 4.

![Warning]

Do not machine the drum diameter below the minimum drum diameter allowed. To do so can cause brake torque to rapidly diminish to zero torque even though the friction linings (18) are only partially worn. This could result in personal injury or damage to the machine.

3.1.2 Friction Linings (18):

3.1.2.1 Friction linings that have been worn to the minimum allowable thickness, as given in Table 5, must be replaced. (Refer to 3.3)

![Caution]

The friction linings do not normally wear evenly, and must be replaced when the minimum thickness is attained at any point of the working friction material surface. Usually the greatest wear occurs at a point 90 degrees from the reaction pin to the brake shoe (17). If the lining thickness is below the minimum, the fastener head will score the drum and the friction lining may come loose

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<th>Brake Size</th>
<th>Original Drum Diameter</th>
<th>Minimum Drum Diameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>12.000” (304.8mm)</td>
<td>11.938” (303.2mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>18.000” (457.2mm)</td>
<td>17.969” (456.4mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>24.000” (609.6mm)</td>
<td>23.875” (606.4mm)</td>
</tr>
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</table>
3.1.2.2 If the friction linings are glazed, they may be lightly sanded to remove the glazing PROVIDED THEY DO NOT CONTAIN ASBESTOS.

**Warning:**

Older linings (woven type) used on the brake assemblies may have contained asbestos. Current linings are a molded material (non-woven) with a steel metal backings. If the lining is found to not have the steel metal backing it may contain asbestos. Using appropriate precautions for working with asbestos, remove the linings and dispose of properly. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SAND FRICTION MATERIAL CONTAINING ASBESTOS.

**Warning:**

When working with any friction material, regardless of whether or not it contains asbestos, always wear approved safety equipment.

3.1.2.3 If the friction linings have been contaminated by oil or grease, the linings must be replaced. Refer to 3.3.

**Warning:**

Oil or grease on the linings or drum surface will significantly reduce the torque capacity of the brake and result in poor stopping action.

3.1.3 Springs (32, 44)

3.1.3.1 Check for the correct settings by following the instructions in 3.2.

3.1.3.2 If the settings per 3.2. are correct but the brake does not develop proper torque, the springs may have taken a set. Check of the spring free height will determine if the spring has taken a set. Table 6 gives the minimum allowable spring free height. To check the spring free height, the stop nuts (29, 50) must be loosened so that the spring is not compressed. If there is sufficient space, this can be done on the machine, otherwise, the brake must be removed from the machine in the reverse sequence from that in which it was installed. Refer to 2.2.

If the measured spring free height of any spring is less than the minimum, replace all of the springs as a set. For proper brake operation, use only Airflex supplied springs. If spring not supplied by Airflex are used, proper brake torque may not be developed. After this check, the brake must be adjusted. Refer to 3.2.

### TABLE 5 - Original and Minimum Lining Thickness

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<th>Minimum Allowable Friction Lining Thickness</th>
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<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>0.312&quot; (7.9mm)</td>
<td>0.156&quot; (4.0mm)</td>
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<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>0.375&quot; (9.5mm)</td>
<td>0.188&quot; (4.8mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>0.500&quot; (12.7mm)</td>
<td>0.250&quot; (6.4mm)</td>
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### TABLE 6 - Original and Minimum Spring Free Heights

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<th>Brake Size</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Spring (32)</td>
<td>Spring (44)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12CTE237</td>
<td>5.00&quot; (127mm)</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18CTE300</td>
<td>4.00&quot; (102mm)</td>
<td>6.00&quot; (152mm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24CTE500</td>
<td>5.00&quot; (127mm)</td>
<td>7.00&quot; (178mm)</td>
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</table>
If the brake spring free height is less than the minimum allowable, proper brake torque will not be developed.

3.1  Reaction Mounting Pin and Pin (16):

3.1.1  Check the brake movement on the reaction pin and at pin (16). Both pins should allow the brake to pivot freely for full brake wrap up and shoe contact when the brake is engaged.

3.1.2  If the 12CTE237 brake does not pivot freely at both pins, the brake should be removed from the machine, and the brake pins and mating bores cleaned and coated with an NLGI No. 2 molybdenum disulfide grease before reassembly. The brake should then be adjusted as described under 2.3 and 3.2.

3.1.3  If the 18CTE300 or the 24CTE500 brakes do not pivot freely at the reaction pin, apply an NLGI No. 2 molybdenum disulfide grease at the grease fitting at the end of the pin. If the brake still does not pivot freely, remove the brake from the machine, clean the pin, fitting and mating bore and coat with the above grease before reassembly. If these brakes do not pivot freely at the pin (16), the brake must be removed, cleaned and greased as with the reaction pin above before reassembly.

3.1.4  Air System

Check for leaks and repair.

3.1.5  Sluggish Disengagement:

3.1.6  Poor alignment or a loose mounting bracket may cause sluggish disengagement. Check brake alignment.

3.1.7  If spring gap settings are correct but disengagement is sluggish, the power cylinder (4) should be checked. (Refer to 3.4). If the piston (5) is distorted or rod (9) is bent, they should be replaced. If the piston (5) has become sluggish due to contaminated air, the piston should be removed from the cylinder and both piston and cylinder cleaned and lubricated with Dow Corning 55M grease or equivalent. Refer to 3.4.

3.1.8  If the piston leaks air or the air cylinder is scored follow instructions per 3.4.

3.1.9  Low air pressure will cause sluggish brake release. A minimum air pressure as given in 1.3 is required for proper operation. If the low air pressure is due to a high cyclic rate, install a surge tank.

3.1.10  For the 12CTE237 and the 24CTE500 brakes, if the movement of the spring rod (24) through the ball bushings (22) is restricted, the brake operation will be sluggish. The spring rod and the ball bushings should be inspected. Any burrs on the spring rod or metal chips or abrasive particles should be removed. Check the spring rod for wear in the area where it slides in the ball bushings. If the rod is worn 0.020” (0.50mm) on diameter, replace the trunnion subassembly (23).

3.1.11  Check the bushing for free movement and wear. To inspect these parts, the brake must be disassembled. Refer to 2.2.4. To replace the ball bushings, they must be pressed out from their seat. The spherical races of the new ball bushings are to be lubricated with an NLGI No.2 molybdenum disulfide grease prior to pressing into the brake shoes. When installing, apply a light coating of Loctite #601 (green), or equivalent to the O.D. of the bearing and press into the seat. Be careful to avoid getting Loctite into the inside of the bearing.

3.1.12  If the flow valve (38) does not allow proper air flow, the brake response will be improper. To check the valve, remove the valve and inspect the spring and air orifices. Replace the valve if the spring is broken. Clean the orifices.

3.1.13  For the 12CTE237 brake, check the rubber rod covers (36) for cracks. If the cover is cracked, it may allow particles to enter and inhibit the free movement of the spring rod (24) in the ball bushings. To replace the covers, the brake must be disassembled. Refer to 2.2.4.

3.1.14  If no further work is required on the brake reconnect the air supply and electrical power and set the brake. Remove the machine blocks.

3.2  Brake Adjustments

Do not attempt to increase brake torque with stronger springs or by any other means. Brake failure could result with hazardous consequences. Proper brake adjustment and good friction surface conditions will provide optimum torque conditions.

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3.2.1 Brake Size 12CTE237 Adjustment:

3.2.1.1 Refer to Figure 1. If it is necessary to obtain more access to the stop nuts (29), with the air pressure released from the cylinder (4), remove the cap screws (10), washers (11) and spring shields (27). 

3.2.1.2 With no applied air pressure, and with the brake in place on the drum and reaction pin, adjust the stop nuts (29) on the lower rod (24) until the “X” dimensions are equal while maintaining the “Z” dimension at 0.12” (3mm).

3.2.1.3 Apply air pressure (refer to 1.3) to release the brake from the drum and then adjust the stop nuts (29) on the upper rod (28) until the “Y” gaps are approximately 0.03” (0.8mm).

3.2.1.4 Apply and release the air pressure several times to ensure that the above adjustments are maintained. Readjust, if required. Tighten all lock nuts (29).

3.2.1.5 If faster brake response is desired, the clearance between the friction linings (18) and the brake drum can be reduced by complying with 3.2 through 3.2.1.4 and decreasing the “Z” dimensions from that given in 3.2.1.2: however, the clearance selected must be such that no contact occurs between the rotating drum and the released friction linings. Note that decreasing the “Z” dimensions increases brake spring compression (32), and proportionally increases both developed brake torque and required brake operating air pressure.

3.2.1.6 If lower brake operating air pressure is desired, the “Y” gap dimensions may be increased; however, developed brake torque will be proportionately decreased.

3.2.1.7 After all adjustments are made, install the spring shields (27) if removed in 3.2.1.1. Set the brake and remove all safety blocks and reconnect electrical power.

3.2.2 Brake Sizes 18CTE300 and 24CTE500

3.2.2.1 Refer to Figure 2 or 3 depending on brake size. If it is necessary to obtain more access to stop nuts (29, 50), with the air pressure released from the cylinder (4), remove the cap screws (10), washers (11) and spring shield (27).

3.2.2.2 With no applied air pressure, and with the brake in place on the drum and reaction pin, adjust the stop nuts (29) on the upper rod (24) until the “X” dimensions are equal, the “B” gap is zero and the “C” gap is 0.375” (9.5mm) for the 18CTE300 and the “C” gap is 0.500” (12.7mm) for the 24CTE500.

3.2.2.3 Apply air pressure (refer to 1.3) to release the brake from the drum. While maintaining air pressure, adjust the stop nuts (50) on the lower rod (28) so that the “Y” gaps are approximately 0.06” (1.5mm) each.

3.2.2.4 Apply and release the air pressure several times to ensure that the above adjustments are maintained. Readjust, if necessary. Tighten all locknuts.
3.2.2.5 If faster brake response is desired, the clearance between the friction lining (18) and the brake drum can be reduced by complying with 3.2.3.2.2.1 through 3.2.2.4 and decreasing the “C” gap from that given in 3.2.2.2; however, the clearance selected must be such that no contact occurs between the rotating drum and the released friction linings. Note that decreasing the “C” gap increases brake spring compression (32), and proportionately increases both developed brake torque and required brake operating air pressure.

3.2.6 If lower brake operating air pressure is desired the “Y” gap dimensions may be increased; however developed brake torque will be proportionately decreased.

3.2.7 After all adjustments are made, reinstall the spring shield (27) if removed in 3.2.2.1. Set the brake and remove all safety blocks and reconnect electrical power.

3.3 Friction Lining Replacement:

3.3.1 The CTE brake linings may be replaced in the field. To obtain rated torque, use only Airflex supplied friction linings. Friction linings not supplied by Airflex may not produce adequate torque or wear life.

3.3.2 To replace the linings, the brake must be removed from the machine. This is done by following a reverse sequence of the installation instructions given in 2.2.

3.3.3 Lining Replacement

The linings on the 12CTE237 are fastened to the brake shoes with flush head type rivets (19). Drill out the old rivets and remove the linings. When...
fastening the new linings, start at the center of the lining and work towards the ends.

The linings on the 18CTE300 and the 24CTE500 are fastened to the brake shoes with Phillips recessed flat head machine screws (45) and lock nuts (46). Remove the old linings and replace with the new by fastening at the center of the lining and work towards the ends. Use new screws (45) and locknuts (46).

3.3.4 Reinstall the brake on the machine per the instructions given in 2.2.

3.3.5 Reconnect electrical power and air supply and then engage brake. Remove machine blocks.

3.4 Cylinder and/or Piston Replacement:

![Warning:](image)

Set and block the machine in a safe position to prevent hazards when the brake is released. Disconnect all electrical power before releasing the brake.

3.4.1 Part replacement is easier if the brake is removed from the machine by following a reverse sequence of the installation instructions given in 2.2.

3.4.2 Partially disassemble the brake by following the instruction given in 2.2.4.1 through 2.2.4.6.

3.4.3 Remove snap ring (7) and end cap (6).

3.4.4 Remove the piston rod assembly consisting of parts (2), (3), (5), (9) and (12). Parts (3) and (12) are not used on the 24CTE500 brake.

3.4.5 Inspect the rubber piston (5). If the seal lip on the pressurized side is worn or damaged, it is possible to turn the piston around on the piston rod (9) to utilize the other side.

3.4.6 Remove the hex head screw (2), lockwasher (12) and spacer (3) from the piston rod from the 12CTE237 and 18CTE300 brakes. On the 24CTE500, remove the stop nut (2) from the piston rod (9).

3.4.7 Remove the piston. Check the rod (9) for wear if the rod is worn more than 0.020" (0.50mm) on diameter, it must be replaced. Check the flange bearing (8) for wear. If wear is more than 0.020" (0.50mm) on diameter, it must be replaced by pressing it out of the end cap (6). When installing the new flange bearing, apply a light coating of Loctite #601 (green) to its mating bore, and press into seat.

If the old piston is to be used (refer to 3.4.5), turn it around and reinstall it on the piston rod or install a new piston on the piston rod. Reinstall the hardware removed in 3.4.6. On the 12CTE237 and 18CTE300, apply Loctite 242 (blue), or equivalent to the threads of the hex head screw (2), install and tighten to 70 ft-lbs. On the 24CTE500, tighten the stop nut (2) to 30 ft-lbs. Use a soft faced vice to hold the piston rod to prevent damage to the rod.

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3.4.9 Thoroughly clean the bore of the cylinder (4). If the inside surface is scored, the cylinder must be replaced. The cylinder must be pressed out of the brake shoe. When ready to install the new cylinder, apply a light coating of Loctite #601 (green) around the mating hole, for the cylinder, in the brake shoe (17) and press in the cylinder.

3.4.10 Coat the bore of the cylinder (4) with Dow Corning 55M grease, or equivalent.

3.4.11 Slide the piston rod (9) of the piston rod assembly into the end cap (6) and insert the assembly into the cylinder. Lock the end cap in place with the snap ring (7).

3.4.12 Reassemble the brake by following Steps 2.2.4.7 through 2.2.4.11.

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Spring shield (17) must be reinstalled before operating the brake. If the spring shields are not replaced, the spring or spring rod may fail which could result in personal injury.
4.0 ORDERING INFORMATION/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

4.1 Equipment Reference

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**Note:**

1. On the 24CTE500 Brake this part is an ESNA Stop Nut.
2. To obtain rated torque, use only Airflex supplied Friction Block.
3. These parts form Part 23. Do not order separately.
4. Quantities for each brake size are shown in brackets ( ).
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