# TYPES M-31, M-32, MH-1 AND MH-2 MASTER SWITCHES 



Fig. 1-Types M-31 and MH-1 Master Switch

## General Information

The types M and MH Master Switches, as accessories to Westinghouse Automatic Controllers, are used to obtain either one-point or two-point control for starting, stopping and reversing a motor. These switches are more commonly known as the "pancake" master switches.

## Construction

The types M and MH Master Switches are enclosed in a strong cast iron case consisting of a base and cover. The cover may be easily removed by taking out two screws. A felt washer is placed at the joint between the cover and base to exclude dust. The switch is furnished either as a single unit or a double unit. The double unit consists of two single switches mounted back to back and operated by a common handle. Three lugs cast integral with the base are used in mounting the master switch on the wall. A tapped opening at the bottom of the case provides connection for a $11 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ conduit.
The moving element consists of a cast iron drum on which are mounted the main segment with arcing tips and the reset segments. A screw driver is all that is necessary to remove the segments and arcing tips from the drum.
The contact finger complete consists of a finger base, a finger release, a helical steel spring and a steel finger complete

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with braided shunt and adjusting screw. The finger is held in position by means of the spring, and locked in this position by the spring release. The contact pressure is positive and practically uniform throughout the life of the finger, and spring breakage is entirely eliminated. The finger is adjustable for wear by means of the adjusting screw, and may be removed for inspection or replacement without disturbing the wiring. An ordinary screw driver is the only tool required for removing the finger, or for removing the complete finger assembly. To remove the finger it is only necessary to loosen one screw holding shunt and depress the finger release, when the finger may be withdrawn.
The fingers complete are assembled on a micarta ring, which, in turn, is secured to the base casting. This construction provides ample creepage distances to ground and leaves all parts accessible for inspection and repairs.
A pawl and roller, operating against the tension of a coiled steel spring, provide suitable notching action to indicate the exact position of the drum.

## Application

When used for single point control, of one motor, the single unit master switch closes the operating circuit of the line contactors. The closing


Fig. 2-Master Switch with Cover Removed


Fig. 3-Types M-32 Master Switch
of these contactors connects the motor to the line through starting resistance. The motor is accelerated by the action of the accelerating relays and contactors. With two-point control of one motor the operator is able to close the line contactors on the first point and the first accelerating contactor on the second point. The current limit accelerating relay, however, will not allow the accelerating contactor to close until the current in the motor circuit has decreased to the value corresponding to the relay setting.
The type M-32 Double Unit Master Switch is used ordinarily to open both sides of the line. The opening of both sides of the operating circuit insures the stopping of a motor in case one side of the line should become grounded. The double unit switch can also be used to furnish two-point control simultaneously for two motors, which are provided with separate control panels.

## Maintenance

The arcing tips on the drum and the contact fingers are practically the only parts which will require renewal due to ordinary wear. We recommend frequent inspection to insure that the fingers and segments are making good contact and that screws, nuts, etc., have not become loosened. Minor replacements and adjustments, made at the time of inspection will prevent more expensive renewals.

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Fig. 4-Renewal Parts for Types M-31, M-32, MH-1 and MH-2 Master Switches

| Style Numbers of Switches $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Type M-31 Single Unit.... } \\ \text { Type M-32 Double Unit... } \\ \text { Type MH-1 Single Unit... }\end{array}\right.$ |  |  | \$521157-8 |  | 「584542-B |  | $\ddagger 550961-\mathrm{B}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For Switches in use up to and including..... \|Name of Part |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | No. Per Switch | Style No. of Part | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ \text { Per } \\ \text { Switch } \end{gathered}$ | Style No. of Part | $\begin{gathered} \text { No. } \\ \text { Per } \\ \text { Switch } \end{gathered}$ | Style No. of Part |
| Finger Base Complete... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 521158 | 2 | 521158 | 1 | 751713 |
| Finger Complete-R.H | 0 | 1 | 6 | 501338 | 12 | 501338 | 4 | 501338 |
| Finger Complete-L.H. | 0 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 501339 |
| Contact Finger with Shunt. | 6 | 12 | 6 | 501340 | 12 | 501340 | 6 | 501340 |
| Finger Board with Release. | 0 | 0 | 6 | 573831 | 12 | 573831 | 6 | 573831 |
| Spring Post | 0 | 0 | 6 | 573832 | 12 | 573832 | 6 | 573832 |
| Spring. . . . | 0 | 1 | 6 | 501337 | 12 | 501337 | 6 | 501337 |
| Terminal-R. H | 0 | 1 | 6 | 47268 | 12 | 47268 | 4 | 47268 |
| Terminal-L.H. | 0 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 59355 |
| Cup Washer. | 0 | 0 | 6 | 58859 | 12 | 58859 | 6 | 58859 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 6 | 501342 | 12 | 501342 | 6 | 501342 |
| Insulating Washer 131/4" Diamet | 0 | 0 | 1 | 516658 | 2 | 516658 | 1 | 584025 |
| $\ddagger$ Drum Casting with Spider......... | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\times 898025$ | ${ }_{2}^{2}$ | $\times 898025$ | 1 | $\times 898053$ |
| Instulating Washer...... | 0 | 0 | 6 | 304894 | 12 | 304894 | 6 | 304894 |
| Insulating Tube.. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 304895 | 6 | 304895 | 3 | 304895 |
| Contact-Long... | 1 | 2 | 1 | 201280 | 2 | 201280 | 1 | 501334 |
| Contact-Medium | 1 | 2 | 1 | 201279 | 2 | 201279 | 1 | 501335 |
| Contact-Short | 1 | 2 | 2 | 201281 | 4 | 201281 | 1 | 501335 |
| Contact Screw . 190-32x $3 / \mathrm{s}^{\prime \prime}$ Fil. Hd. I. M. Sc. | 3 | 6 | 6 | Std. Hdw. | 12 | Std. Hdw. | 7 | Std. Hdw. |
| $\ddagger$ Shaft................................ . . | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\times 653867$ | 1 | x653868 | 1 | $\times 653867$ |
| Snap Spring Ring.. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 596633 | 1 | 596633 | 1 | $596633$ |
| Woodruff Key No. 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | Std. Hdw. | 3 | Std. Hdw. | 2 | Std. Hdw. |
| $\ddagger$ Handle Casting. . Handle Grip... | 0 0 | 0 | 1 1 | $\times 653869$ 44929 | 1 | $\times 653869$ 44929 | 1 | $\times 653869$ 44929 |
| Pawl Casting. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 234144 | 2 | 234144 | 1 | 234144 |
| Pawl Roller.. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 201276 | 2 | 201276 | 1 | 201276 |
| Pawl Spring | 0 | 1 | 1 | 488039 | 2 | 488039 | 1 | 488039 |
| Ratchet. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 234141 | 2 | 234141 | 1 | 234141 |
| Cover Screw with Insulation. . . . . . . . . . . . | 0 | 0 | 2 | 574315 | 4 | 574315 | 2 | 574315 |

[^1]The following are the assembly styles that should be ordered:
For Type M-31 Single Unit Switch, order Assembly S * 653870-A
For Type M-32 Double Unit Switch, order Assembly S*653871-A
For Type MH-1 Single Unit Switch, order Assembly S*598213-A
The other parts of plain and Sub. A Style Switches are the same as Sub. B Style Switches.
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[^1]:    Parts indented are included in the part under which they are indented.
    and is in need of repairs for items marked (x), it is necessary

