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## USERS MANUAL

# RSK-MDS30

## A Portable Actuator for Remotely Operating Cutler Hammer Magnum DS Breakers



# Distance *is* Safety<sup>®</sup>

WHAT STANDS  
BETWEEN YOU  
AND ARC-FLASH  
DANGER?

# WE DO.

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### 1.0 Arc-blast Hazards

The hazards associated with electrical arc-blasts are well documented. Studies conducted by numerous industries and professional organizations have sought to quantify the intensity of arc-blast, the risks to personnel, and various methodologies for mitigating the risks.

Without doubt, increasing the distance between the arc and a human is the single greatest favorable factor in reducing injuries.

The Chicken Switch® is not a panacea but rather one more tool available for protecting workers while they are performing electrical switching.

Using a Chicken Switch® may not negate the need for additional personal protective measures. The user is ultimately responsible for evaluating each situation to determine if additional protective measures are needed.



### **WARNING**

**ELECTRICAL SWITCHING  
MAY PRESENT RISK OF  
SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.  
THIS DEVICE SHOULD ONLY  
BE USED BY QUALIFIED  
PERSONS AFTER CAREFUL  
ANALYSIS OF THE HAZARDS.**

## 2.0 Safety Information

ALWAYS connect the control cable to the actuator BEFORE installing the Chicken Switch®.

### 2.1 Finger pinch points

NEVER place your fingers in the area where the actuator extends when the control station is connected to the actuator. The actuator could pinch your hand/fingers against something nearby.



Also, keep fingers clear of the bottom of the actuator near the magnets when the actuator is near a ferrous surface.

### 2.2 Strong magnets

The holding magnets are very strong. Keep magnetically-sensitive objects such as watches or computer disks away from the bottom of the actuator.

## 3.0 Battery Information

### 3.1 Battery Requirements

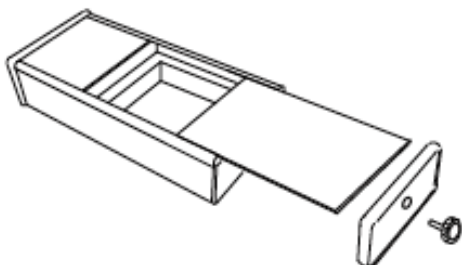
- Eight (8) AA alkaline cells are required. Carefully observe polarity when installing cells.
- Only Alkaline batteries should be used.

### 3.2 Battery Life

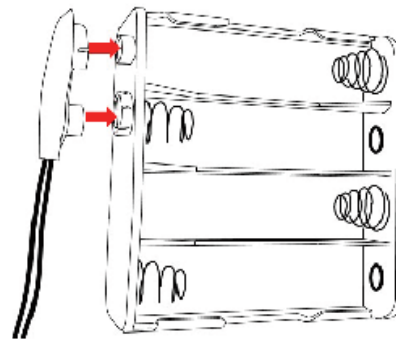
- A set of fresh alkaline cells should give hundreds of operations.

### 3.3 Battery Replacement

- ALWAYS disconnect the control cable before replacing batteries to avoid possible static damage of the electronics!
- Turn the control station upside down, remove the endplate retaining knob. Remove the endplate and slide the cover out as shown below.



## 3.4 To connect/disconnect batteries:



## 3.5 CAUTION: Static Discharge Potential

- To avoid possible damage to electronic components disconnect the control cable before replacing batteries.

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## 4.0 Operation

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### 4.1 Connecting the Control Cable



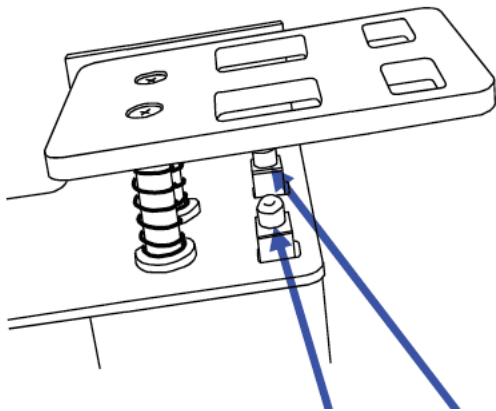
1. Align the arrow on the cable end with the top of the receptacle.
2. Push in and engage the threads on the coupling nut and turn clockwise.
3. After one or two turns of the coupling nut, push in on the cable end. Repeat this until the connector is fully seated.
4. Use a similar technique of turn-stop-and-pull to disengage the cable ends.

### 4.2 Sequence of Operation

1. Connect the control cable to the actuator.

2. Plug the control cable into the control station.
3. Follow steps on the following pages to attach the actuator.
4. Ensure you are at a safe distance from the circuit breaker that is to be operated.
5. Turn the Power Switch on top the controller to the ON position. The amber LED should illuminate indicating the unit is ready.
6. When ready to operate actuator, press and hold the ENABLE button while depressing either the OFF or ON button for the desired operation. Both buttons must be held depressed until the actuator has fully depressed the buttons.
7. Release the ENABLE and OFF or ON buttons and the actuator will retract.

### 4.3 Attaching and Removing the Actuator

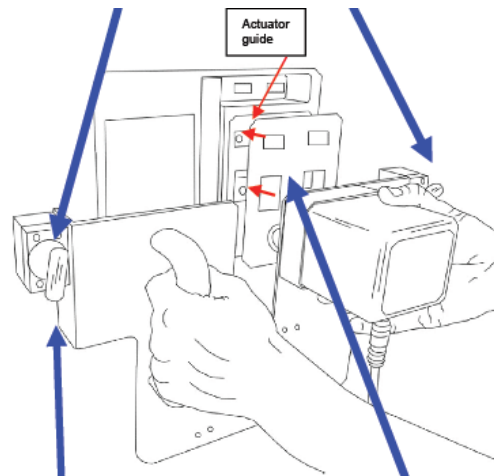


**Step 1:** Make sure that both actuators are fully retracted by assuring the plungers are not protruding more than 3/8".

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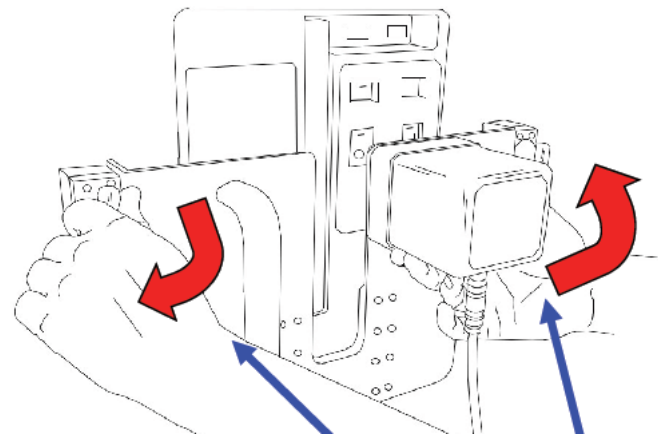
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**Step 2:** Make sure both magnets are in the OFF position.



**Step 4:** While holding actuator as shown, with the actuator guide engaged in the recessed area on the breaker, carefully push the actuator towards the breaker until the magnets, on both sides, seat against the breaker door.

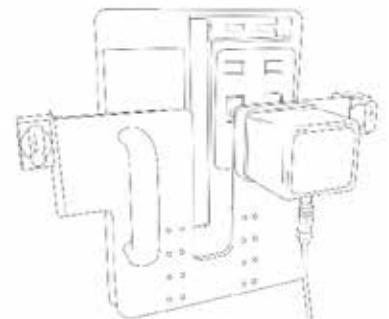
**Step 3:** Align actuator guide into the recessed area on the breaker



**Step 5:** While holding actuator firmly in place, rotate magnets to the ON position.

**Step 6:** Actuator should now be firmly held in place with both magnets engaging the panel door.

Reverse the above steps to remove the actuator.



## 4.4 The indicator lights & controls:

**NOTE:** Red and Green indicator lights only work when the ENABLE button is depressed.

**GREEN:** indicates the actuator is being commanded to extend the ON actuator.

**RED:** indicates the actuator is being commanded to extend the OFF actuator.

**YELLOW:** indicates the actuator is in the neutral position and the controller and batteries are healthy.

Rapidly **blinking YELLOW** indicates the battery voltage with zero load has fallen to an unacceptable level. Operation is inhibited until batteries with an acceptable voltage level are installed.

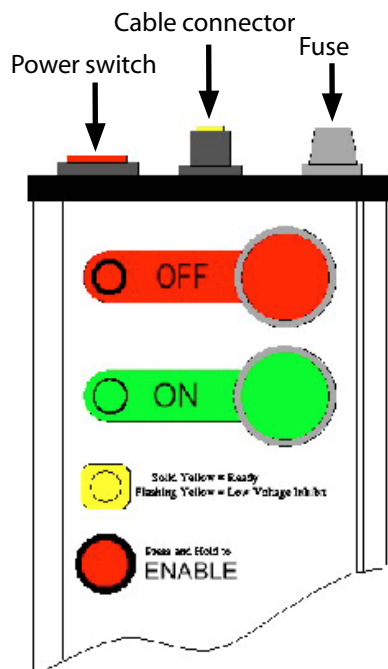
### The ENABLE button:

The Enable button must be continuously depressed in order to command the actuator.

Releasing the enable button has the same affect as releasing either the ON or OFF buttons – both actuators will move to the retracted position.

*Note: If either of the actuators are held in the extended position for longer than approximately 3 seconds the actuator will de-energize and will remain in extended position. When the pushbutton or the enable button is released, the actuator will retract.*

## 4.5 Hand-Held Controller



## 5.0 Care and Storage

### 5.1 Cleaning the magnets

Over a period of time, the magnets may attract ferrous debris. Exercise care to avoid setting the actuator where the magnets might attract debris. If this does occur, use a paper towel or nylon bristle brush to clean the face of the magnets. Keeping the magnet faces clean ensures that maximum holding power is maintained.

### 5.2 Storage

Remove all batteries from the control station if the device will not be used for longer than 6 months.

Never store the batteries where the ambient temperature might exceed 110° F.

Avoid getting the unit wet or storing it in a high humidity location.

## 6.0 Warranty

CBS ArcSafe® guarantees all products manufactured by CBS ArcSafe® only against defects in materials and/or workmanship for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on the date the product is received by the customer. THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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replacements made by unauthorized individuals except when agreed to in writing. CBS ArcSafe® reserves the right to disallow warranty repairs if the unit has been disassembled or misused, as determined by CBS ArcSafe® in good faith. Please contact us at (877) 472-3389.

## 7.0 Specifications

| MECHANICAL        |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Holding magnets   | Two magnets, each rated @ 55.1 lbs force, 12,600 Gauss.  |
| Projected life    | 20,000 operations  |
| ELECTRICAL        |  |
| Operating voltage | 12 volts DC  |
| Fuse              | 3 amp  |
| Power supply      | 8 AA alkaline disposable batteries. When used properly, one set of batteries should yield hundreds of operations.  |
| Control cable     | 30 feet in length (9.1 meters), 5-conductor, extra-flexible, PUR insulation  |
| Controller        | Requires two-hand operation. The 'enable' button must be depressed while depressing the ON or OFF buttons.<br><br>A programmable micro-controller manages control inputs, linear actuators, and performs timing functions to protect the actuator in a stalled condition.<br><br>Intelligent 'H-bridge' motor drivers provide start/stop/braking actuator functions. |

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