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(54) **Medium voltage switch with three positions insulated in sulphur hexafluoride**

Schwefelhexafluoridisolierter Mittelspannungsschalter mit drei Positionen

Commutateur à moyenne tension à trois positions isolé dans de l'hexafluorure de soufre

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Description

This invention relates to a medium voltage operating-isolating switch with three positions insulated in sulphur hexafluoride according to the preamble of claim 1 as well as to a compact fluid-insulated three position medium voltage operating-isolating switch according to the preamble of claim 13 (see for example FR-A-1367 073).

Various types of so-called on-load isolating switches or alternatively operating-isolating switches in SF₆ for medium voltages up to 24 kV are known. Current regulations and safety requirements, which are increasingly applicable, state that in addition to inaccessibility of the devices unless the switch is open, sufficient visibility of the position assumed by the isolator or rather of all the isolating elements present on the electrical panel must be provided when the switch is closed.

Switches of current construction and use do not offer this possibility, for example in switches of rotary contact type it is possible to earth the user but without the simultaneous possibility, when in the isolated position, of drainage between the part under tension and the user, so that a stray current can accidentally discharge onto this latter. In addition if a fuse is present this cannot be earthed simultaneously upstream and downstream. In this respect to achieve this latter earthing, which is necessary for any safe replacement of the fuse, a further separate parallel device must be provided for earthing that region upstream or downstream of the fuse which is not earthed.

For example, from EP 0 201 695 is known a three-pole operating-isolating switch, insulated in SF₆, with three operating positions, namely closed, isolated and earthed positions, in which a separated control system is provided for earthing the switch. This line contact switch has a non-visible electric contact for earthing, since this electric contact is sloped with respect a vertical axis of the switch.

In other line contact switches with non-visible isolation, a visible isolator with a three-position rotary blade contact (isolated, closed and earthed) is combined with the operating switch, and both have to be operated both for putting the switch on-load and for earthing the user. For earthing the fuse a further separate device is in fact provided for earthing upstream and downstream of the fuse.

Although other line contact switches have a visible isolator for earthing, they have to comprise a second device which is also visible and comprises a second inspection door. If a fuse is present, this second device is doubled for earthing upstream and downstream of the fuse.

In addition in known medium voltage isolating switches there is the problem of positioning those constituent parts of the switch (insulators, contacts etc.) which are not directly mounted on the main body of the isolating switch and have to be arranged in a predetermined position on the external support frame and suit-

ably insulated from this frame.

Furthermore, known rotary and straight-movement switches both suffer from said general problems of visibility or non-visibility of the electrical connections. In particular, in rotary isolating switches it is not possible to see the positions which the contacts assume inside, and worse still, as the inspection door is to the side of the first pole switch, it is not possible to see the next two pole switches to its side. In straight-movement types, such as vertical types, the isolation of the three poles can be observed in two separate different positions.

For example, CH 341 209 describes a high voltage electro-pneumatic operating-isolating switch of the type straight-movement, in which two electric contacts determine two separate different operating positions, namely closed and isolated positions. A spurt of compressed air is directed onto the contacts and into the so-called tulip element by a pumping device (in particular, by an axial arcs).

In further currently known switches, cylinder-piston pumping devices are associated with the moving contacts arranged on a relative arm by means of hinged levers, to feed fluid onto the cooperating contacts or into the insulating nozzle containing the so-called tulip element.

In this case the contacts and pumping device are arranged one after the other but at a certain distance apart, because of which during its operation the pumping element can be soiled with carbon-containing residues and consequently discharge to earth, in addition to having the drawbacks of the previously described switches.

An object of the present invention is to provide a medium voltage operating-isolating switch with three positions insulated in sulphur hexafluoride which solves the aforesaid problems in terms of positioning, single operation and constructional simplicity of the pole switch with or without a fuse.

A further object is to provide a switch with maximum possible visibility of isolation or effective earthing.

A further but not final object is to provide a switch the component parts of which do not require special positioning within the containing frame, but instead can be directly mounted away from it before insertion.

In addition to the aforesaid objects, a further object is to provide a switch in which there is a reduced possibility of the formation of carbon-containing residues, with the danger of possible discharges to earth.

These objects are attained according to the present invention by a medium voltage operating-isolating switch with three positions as claimed in claims 1 and 13.

Preferred structural and operational characteristics and the advantages of a switch according to the present invention will be more apparent from the description given hereinafter by way of an example with reference to the accompanying schematic drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of an electrical panel comprising three switches according to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a side schematic sectional view of a first embodiment of the switch forming the panel of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a side schematic sectional view of a second embodiment of the switch forming the panel of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a partly sectional side view of Figure 5 in the direction of the arrow F;

Figure 5 is a front view of Figure 4;

Figure 6 is a further enlarged view similar to that of Figure 4 but in a different operating position;

Figure 7 is a front detail of Figure 6;

Figures 8 and 9 are a schematic representation of a switch according to the invention with and without fuses respectively;

Figure 10 is a front view of a further electrical panel comprising three switches according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 11 is a front view of an embodiment of the switch forming the panel of Figure 10 without fuses and in the isolated position;

Figure 12 is a front view of an embodiment of the switch forming the panel of Figure 10 provided with fuses, in the earthed position;

Figure 13 is a partly sectional side view of the switch embodiment shown in Figure 12;

Figure 14 is a front view of a further electrical panel comprising three switches according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 15 is a front view of the interior of the electrical panel of Figure 14 showing the three switches, one of which is provided with fuses;

Figure 16 is an enlarged sectional detail of the switch of Figure 15 shown in the isolated position;

Figure 17 is a sectional detail on the line XVII-XVII of Figure 16;

Figure 18 is a sectional view similar to that of Figure 16 showing the switch according to a preferred embodiment of the invention in the closed position;

Figure 19 is a sectional view similar to that of Figure 16 showing the switch according to a preferred embodiment of the invention in the earthing position; and

Figure 20 is a partly sectional side view of the set of three poles of the switch of Figure 15.

With reference to Figures 1-7, a medium voltage operating-isolating switch with three positions insulated in sulphur hexafluoride according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention comprises essentially a set of three insulating base support elements or insulators 11 for a set of three poles mounted on a support beam 12. An upper fixed contact 14 with an associated tulip element 16 comprising a male arcing contact 17 and contained in an insulating nozzle 15 are fixed re-

spectively onto each support element 11, which extends upperly into a pumping cylinder 13. The fixed contact 14 is connected in known manner to a respective bus bar 18.

The support element 11 also carries a lower contact 19 connected to an earthing plate 21 via a through insulator 20.

A third intermediate contact 22 is fixed to the support element 11 and is secured to a U-piece 23, in holes 24 of which there is pivoted a T-shaped arm 25 in the form of two spaced-apart facing plates, carrying at its free end a pair of arcing contacts 26.

Electrical contact between the U-piece 23 and the arm 25 is ensured by cup springs 45. This assembly forms a moving contact which is connected via a through insulator 43 to a current inlet or outlet. The pivoting is provided by a shaft 27 of insulating material which passes through each of the three poles, is supported on the support elements 11, and supports the cup springs 45 in addition to the U-pieces 23 and the arm 25.

The arm 25 is also connected to and its position controlled by a second insulating shaft 28, which also passes through all three arms of the moving contacts to act as a pivot. The arm 25 is rotated by two insulating rods 29 which emerge from a sealed metal container 30 containing sulphur hexafluoride and from metal seal bellows 31, and are controlled by a quick snap-engagement mechanism for the three positions, which is indicated overall by 32 and can be operated from the outside of the front of the switch by a rod, not shown. This device converts rotation into a linear movement determining the three operating positions, namely closed, isolated and earthed.

In addition two insulating levers 33 are provided, each having a pair of through holes 34 and 35 through which the shafts 27 and 28 are inserted. The levers 33 are angular and at their free end they are connected by a pin 36 to a pair of second levers 37 which move a piston 38 connected to them by a further pin 39.

A metal draining blade 44 of equivalent shape has to be arranged between the support element 11 and the cylinder 13 to prevent any current circulation and passage between the isolated parts.

Such a structure provides a simple operating-isolating switch without fuses.

If fuses 46 are required to protect a transformer, not shown, a bar 41 joining three contacts 42 on the support elements is mounted in a suitable seat 40 in the lower part of the support element 11 at a sufficient distance from the lower contact 19 to ensure the necessary isolation required by the regulations for the relative class, and is earthed as in the case of the beam 12. In this case the lower contact 19 is completely isolated by eliminating the through insulator 20 and the through insulator 43 and connecting the two contacts 22 and 19 together downstream and upstream of a fuse 46. The fuse outlet is again connected to a through insulator entirely similar to 43.

In a complementary manner each T-shaped arm 25 has to carry a single contact 47 for engagement with said contacts 42.

In this manner on rotating the arm 25 into the earthing position, simultaneous earthing upstream and downstream of the fuse 46 is achieved by the connection between the moving contacts 47 and 26 associated with the contact 22, and the lower fixed contacts 19 and 42.

Both the switch provided with only the fixed contacts 19 and moving contacts 26 and the switch provided with said contacts and with further fixed contacts 42 and moving contacts 47 are diagrammatically represented in the schematics of Figures 8 and 9 in the isolated position. These schematics again show that earthing can be achieved by a single arm carrying the moving contact, and that if a fuse is present earthing can be achieved both upstream and downstream of the fuse, again by a single arm carrying moving contacts.

With reference to Figures 1 to 3 it can also be seen that in an insulated electrical panel formed from three switches according to an embodiment of the present invention, by providing a single door 48 for each switch it is possible to see whether the individual switches are in the isolated position or not. It can also be seen that the upper front part of the panel comprises the seat 49 for inserting the operating lever (not shown) for association with each quick snap-action mechanism 32 which via the linear control represented by the rod 29 switches between the three positions of the moving contacts 26 and optionally 47 of the switch.

If the switch is provided with fuses (Figure 3), according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention the fuses 46 are positioned horizontally in an extractable drawer 50 aligned below the insulators coaxial with the three constituent poles of the switch. This positioning of the fuses allows them to be easily extracted and replaced frontally.

Figures 4 and 6 show how the switch of the present invention can be comfortably assembled in all its essential parts on a rear beam 12 in the workshop. In this respect, when the switch has been assembled and completed on said beam, the beam has merely to be fixed to the interior of the panel structure and the relative conductors connected. This thus eliminates the need for arranging the contacts or special connectors for the insulated support elements in predetermined positions within the panel.

Figures 10-13 show a further medium voltage operating-isolating switch with three positions insulated in sulphur hexafluoride according to an other preferred embodiment of the present invention in which the set of three insulating base support elements 11 is arranged transversely to the panel. In this embodiment, equal reference numerals indicate equal elements. Again in this case, the fixed contact 14 is connected in known manner to a respective bus bar, not shown, and the through insulator 20 to an earthing plate, not shown.

The pivoting is achieved by a shaft 27 of insulating

material which is inserted through each of the three poles and is supported by the U-pieces 23 and the support elements 11. The arms 25 of the three poles are fixed by pins to the shaft 27, coaxial to which there are also the springs 45.

The arms 25 are rotated by a flanged extension 128 thereto, which is connected to a complementary flange 124 also extending into a shaft portion emerging from a sealed metal container, not shown, containing the sulphur hexafluoride. In an equivalent manner, on the front of the switch there is a quick snap-action mechanism, indicated overall by 32, for engaging the three positions.

Both the switch provided with only the fixed contacts 19 and moving contacts 26 and the switch provided with said contacts and with further fixed contacts 42 and moving contacts 47 are diagrammatically represented in the schematics of Figures 8 and 9 in the isolated position.

With reference to Figures 10-13 it can be seen that the upper front part of the panel comprises inspection doors 48 and seats 49 for the insertion of the operating lever (not shown) to be associated with each quick snap-action mechanism 32 to switch between the three positions of the moving contacts 26 and optionally 47 of the switch.

If the switch is provided with fuses (Figures 12 and 13), according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention the fuses 46 are positioned horizontally in an extractable drawer 50 aligned below the insulators and the three constituent poles of the switch. This positioning of the fuses also allows them to be easily extracted and replaced frontally.

With reference to Figures 14-20, a further compact three-position medium voltage operating-isolating switch insulated with fluid such as sulphur hexafluoride according to an other preferred embodiment of the present invention comprises essentially a set of three insulating base support elements or insulators 210, 211 of T-shape with curved arms and a widened base, mounted on two rear support ties 212, for example for the set of three poles.

Each support element is of specular box type and consists of two mutually complementary parts 210 and 211 connected together by connection means which in the illustrated example consist of holes 213 and relative projecting pins 214 on one and the other of the parts 210, 211.

This connection also fixes an upper fixed contact 215 with an associated male arcing contact 216, and a lower contact 217 with an associated male arcing contact 218. The fixed contact 215 is connected in known manner to a respective bus bar 219, whereas the lower contact 217 is connected via a through insulator 220 to an earthing plate 221.

When formed, the support element 210, 211 also carries in a hollow part of its widened base a third intermediate contact 222 which is fixed to the support element 210, 211 by a U-piece 223 closed lowerly and pro-

vided with pin extensions 224 on which there is pivoted a hollow cylindrical support 225 of insulating material for a telescopic arm connected to the intermediate contact 222.

The pin extensions 224 lie within the cylinder 225 and are maintained rigid with a first fixed expandable outer cylindrical portion 227 of said telescopic arm. Electrical contact is ensured by cup springs 235 provided within recesses 236 formed in the pin extensions 224 and interacting between the support element 210, 211 and said recesses 236. A second cylindrical portion 228 is slidably guided within said fixed portion 227 and carries at its free end, rigidly joined to its interior, a tulip contact element 229 acting as a female arcing contact. The outer part of this free end of the second portion 228 is supported within an annular support element 230 which is pivoted at 226 within a first end of two half-arms 231 of insulating material. The other end of the two half-arms 231 is provided with a through hole 232 and is pivoted to the support element 210, 211 in further holes by a central shaft 233, which is also the operating shaft. For engaging the three positions of the switch, a quick snap-action mechanism 237 is connected to the shaft 233 in a lateral position on one side.

The annular support element 230 comprises a front hole 234 constituting the emission portion for the fluid, such as sulphur hexafluoride, which quenches the arc and is contained in the expandable chamber defined by the two portions 227, 228 of the telescopic arm.

This described telescopic arm assembly forms a moving contact which is connected via a through insulator 243 to a current inlet or outlet.

Between that portion of the support elements 210, 211 carrying the upper contact 215 and the remaining portion of the support elements, through holes, which are cut and open towards the outside to separate portions of the support elements, are provided to receive metal draining bars 244 of equivalent shape to the holes for preventing any current circulation and passage between the parts when isolated.

Such a structure forms a simple compact fuse-less operating-isolating switch of fluid type which by making the cylinder pumping element for the fluid, such as sulphur hexafluoride, rigid with and incorporated in the moving arm prevents deposition of any carbon-containing residues and hence avoids operational defects and discharges to earth.

If fuses 246 are required to protect a transformer, not shown, U-shaped contact elements 239 of bar form are mounted on the lower part of the support element 210, 211 in correspondence with holes 238. The sides of the contact elements 239 are elastically yieldable and are mounted on the lower support tie 212, with their free ends facing a slot 240 formed centrally in two halves between the two support elements 210, 211. Into this slot 240 there is inserted a free end of an open L-shaped contact element 241 which is fixed in proximity to its other end to the body of the half-arms 231. The other end

of the contact element 241 abuts against a contact extension 242 which is inserted radially into the top of the annular support element 230 so that it makes contact with the free end of the second portion 228 of the telescopic arm. This structure ensures that with the switch in the contacts-closed position there is no interference between the contact elements and/or undesirable current passage, whereas when in the earthing position there is simultaneous earthing upstream and downstream of the fuse.

In this case the lower contact 217 is completely isolated by eliminating the through insulator 220 and the through insulator 243 and connecting the two contacts 222 and 217 together downstream and upstream of a fuse 246. The fuse outlet is again connected to a through insulator entirely similar to 243. In all cases each telescopic arm 227, 228 must comprise a contact extension 242 and a contact element 241 rigid with the half-arms 231 for engagement with said bar contact elements 239.

In this manner on rotating the telescopic arm 227 and 228 into the earthing position, simultaneous earthing upstream and downstream of the fuse 246 is achieved by the connection between the moving contacts 229, 242 associated with 222 and the lower fixed contacts 217 and 239.

Both the switch provided with only the fixed and moving contacts and the switch provided with said contacts and with further fixed and moving contacts are diagrammatically represented in the schematics of Figure 14 on the front of an electrical panel 250 in the isolated position. These schematics again show that earthing can be achieved by a single arm carrying the moving contact, and that if a fuse is present earthing can be achieved both upstream and downstream of the fuse again by a single arm carrying moving contacts.

With reference to Figure 14 it can also be seen that in an insulated electrical panel formed from three switches of the present invention, by providing a single door 248 for each switch it is possible to see whether the individual switches are in the isolated position or not. In this respect, the shape of the support element 210, 211 makes it easy to distinguish the closed and earthing positions on the empty side of the T-shaped support element.

If the switch is provided with fuses (Figure 16), according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention the fuses 246 are positioned horizontally in an extractable drawer 250 aligned below the insulators coaxially with the three constituent poles of the switch. This positioning of the fuses also allows them to be easily extracted and replaced frontally.

The switch of the present invention can be assembled in all its essential parts on the two rear ties 212 in the workshop. In this respect, when the switch has been assembled and completed on said ties, it has merely fixed on to be the interior of the panel structure and the relative conductors connected. This thus eliminates the need for arranging the contacts or special connectors

for the insulated support elements in predetermined positions within the panel.

In all the switches of the present invention, advantageously each insulated support element and each rotary arm is suitable for use in a switch without or with fuses, so that the additional moving and fixed contacts can then be quickly fitted to them.

Claims

1. A medium voltage operating-isolating switch with three positions comprising a set of three poles, each pole comprising a fixed contact (14) and a mobile contact (26), said fixed contact (14) carrying, within an insulating nozzle (15), an associated tulip element (16) containing an arcing contact (17) and being connected to a respective bus bar (18), said mobile contact (26) being arranged on a pivoted arm (25) rotatable between a first closed position in engagement with said fixed contact (14), a second isolated position and a third earthed position and, a cylinder-piston device (13,38) associated via an insulated lever (33) with each of said arms (25) carrying said mobile contacts (26) for pumping said sulphur hexafluoride into said insulating nozzle (15), characterised in that the switch is insulated in sulphur hexafluoride and the arcing contact (17) is a male contact, in that said mobile (26) and fixed contacts (14) of each pole of said set of three poles are arranged on one of three insulating base support elements (11) fixed to a single support beam (12), and in that a metallic draining element (44) is provided between each of said insulating support elements (11) and said pumping cylinders (13).
2. A switch as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that said three arms (25) carrying said mobile contacts (26) comprise two spaced-apart through holes (34,35) through which a pair of shafts (27,28) of insulating material are inserted, one (28) of these latter having pivoted to it an insulating rod (29) which emerges from an insulated container (30) containing said sulphur hexafluoride to be connected to a quick snap-action mechanism (32) for engaging said three positions, the other (27) of said pair of shafts carrying a set of three levers (37) for operating pistons (38) of said cylinders (13).
3. A switch as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that further contacts (19,42;26,47) can be fitted to said insulating support elements (11) and said arms (25) for earthing fuses (46) associated with said switch.
4. A switch as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that each of said arms (25) consists of two plates pivoted to a relative support element via a U-piece (23), contact between said two plates of said arms (25) and said U-piece (23) being achieved by springs (45) arranged coaxially on said pivoting shaft (27).
5. An insulated panel comprising at least one switch in accordance with the preceding claims, characterised by comprising a frontal door (48) for observing the three positions of the constituent elements of the three poles.
6. An insulated panel as claimed in claim 5, characterised by comprising a frontwardly extractable horizontal drawer (50) positioned below said switch and containing three fuses (46) axially aligned with and below said three poles.
7. An insulated panel as claimed in claim 5, characterised by comprising in an upper front position a seat (49) for inserting an operating lever for said quick snap-action mechanism (32).
8. A switch as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that said three arms (25) carrying said mobile contacts (26) are of curved shape, and are fixed spaced-apart onto a through shaft (27) of insulating material which is pivoted within each of said three support elements (11) and emerges from an insulated container containing said sulphur hexafluoride to be connected to a quick snap-action mechanism (32) for engaging said three positions and arranged transversely to said three poles, there being connected to said shaft (27) a set of three levers (37) for operating pistons (38) of said cylinders (13).
9. A switch as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that further contacts (19,42;26,47) can be fitted to said insulating support elements (11) and said arms (25) for earthing fuses associated with said switch.
10. A switch as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that each of said arms consists of two plates fixed to said shaft and pivoted to a relative support element via a U-piece (23), contact between said two plates of said arms (25) and said U-piece (23) being achieved by springs (45) arranged coaxially on said pivoting shaft.
11. An insulated panel comprising at least one switch in accordance with anyone of claims 8-10, characterised by comprising a frontwardly extractable horizontal drawer (50) positioned below said switch and containing a set of three fuses (46) arranged parallel to the axis of said three poles.
12. An insulated panel as claimed in claim 11, characterised by comprising in an upper front position a seat (49) for inserting an operating lever for said quick snap-action mechanism (32).

13. A compact fluid-insulated three-position medium voltage operating-isolating switch comprising a set of three poles, each pole comprising a fixed contact (215) and a mobile contact (229,242), the fixed contact (215) carrying an associated arcing contact (216) and the mobile contact (229,242) being arranged on a pivoted arm (227,228) rotatable between a first closed position in engagement with said fixed contact (215), a second isolated position and a third earthed position and a cylinder pumping device for pumping the fluid onto said fixed contact (215), characterised in that said arcing contact (216) is a male arcing contact, in that said mobile and fixed contacts of each pole of said set of three poles are arranged on one of three insulating base support elements (210,211) fixed to support ties (212), each of said arms (227,228) carrying said mobile contacts (229,242) being of telescopic type and having said mobile contacts (216) associated with it via an insulated lever (231) connected to an operating rod, said cylinder pumping device being provided within said rotatable arm (227,228) and in that at least one metallic draining element (244) is provided on each of said insulating support elements (210,211) between the portion carrying said fixed contact (215) and the remaining portion of said support elements (210,211).
14. A switch as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that said insulating support elements are of box type in the form of two complementary parts (210,211) which can be fixed together by mutual fixing means (213,214).
15. A switch as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that each of said arms consists of a support (225) pivoted to a relative support element (210,211) by way of a U-piece (223), said support carrying two mutually expandable cylindrical portions (227,228), at least one of the two supporting a tulip contact element (229), contact between said U-piece (223) and said expandable cylindrical portions (227,228) being achieved by springs (235) arranged coaxial to a pivot (224) by which said support (225) is pivoted to said U-piece (223).
16. A switch as claimed in claim 15, characterised in that a free end of said pivoted support (225) is supported in an annular support element (230) pivoted to the ends of half-arms (231) of insulating material which can be caused to rotate into the three positions by an operating shaft (233) passingly fixed to the other end of said half-arms (231) and connected to a quick snap-action mechanism (237).
17. A switch as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that further contacts (217,239;229,242) can be fitted to said insulating support elements (210,211)

and said telescopic arms (227,228) in complementary positions for earthing fuses (246) associated with said switch.

- 5 18. A switch as claimed in claim 17, characterised in that said further contacts for earthing the fuses (246) are respectively a contact element (241) supported on half-arms (231) pivoted to insulating elements of said telescopic arms (227,228), a contact extension (242) which extends from said mobile contacts and bar contact elements (239) fixed to said support elements (210,211), said contact element (241), said contact extension (242) and said bar contact elements (239) being electrically connected together only when in the third earthed position.
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- 20 19. An Insulated panel comprising at least one switch in accordance with claims 13-18, characterised by comprising a frontwardly extractable horizontal drawer (250) positioned below said switch and containing a set of three fuses (246) associated with said three poles.
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Patentansprüche

1. Mittelspannungs-Betätigungs-Isolations-Schalter mit drei Positionen, umfassend einen Satz von drei Polen, wobei jeder Pol einen ortsfesten Kontakt (14) und einen beweglichen Kontakt (26) umfaßt, wobei der ortsfeste Kontakt (14) innerhalb einer isolierenden Düse (15) ein zugeordnetes Tulpenelement (16) trägt, das einen Lichtbogen- bzw. Abreißkontakt (17) enthält, und mit einer jeweiligen Busstange bzw. -schiene (18) verbunden ist, wobei der bewegliche Kontakt (26) auf einem drehbar gelagerten Arm (25) angeordnet ist, welcher zwischen einer ersten, geschlossenen Position in Eingriff mit dem ortsfesten Kontakt (14), einer zweiten, isolierten Position und einer dritten, geerdeten Position verdrehbar ist, und eine Zylinder-Kolben-Einrichtung (13, 38), die über einen isolierten Hebel (33) mit jedem der die beweglichen Kontakte (26) tragenden Arme (25) zum Pumpen des Schwefelhexafluorids in die isolierende Düse (15) verbunden ist, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß der Schalter in Schwefelhexafluorid isoliert ist und der Lichtbogen- bzw. Abreißkontakt (17) ein hervorstehender Kontakt ist, daß der bewegliche (26) und ortsfeste Kontakt (14) von jedem Pol des Satzes von drei Polen auf einem von drei Isolationsbasishalte- bzw. -träger-elementen (11) angeordnet sind, die an einem einzigen bzw. einzelnen Halteträger (12) befestigt sind, und daß ein metallisches Ableitungselement (44) zwischen jedem der isolierenden Halte- bzw. Träger-elemente (11) und den Pumpzylindern (13) vorgesehen ist.
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2. Schalter nach Anspruch 1, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß die drei Arme (25), welche die beweglichen Kontakte (26) tragen, zwei voneinander beabstandete Durchgangslöcher (34, 35) umfassen, durch welche ein Paar Schafte (27, 28) aus isolierendem Material eingefügt sind, wobei einer (28) von diesen letzteren eine daran drehbar gelagerte isolierende Stange (29) hat, welche aus einem das Schwefelhexafluorid enthaltenden isolierten Behälter (30) hervorgeht, um mit einem Schnellschnappwirkungsmechanismus (32) zum Einrücken der drei Positionen verbunden zu sein, während der andere (27) des Paares von Schäften einen Satz von drei Hebeln (37) zum Betätigen von Kolben (38) des Zylinders (13) trägt.
3. Schalter nach Anspruch 1, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß weitere Kontakte (19, 42; 26, 47) an den isolierenden Halte- bzw. Trägerelementen (11) und den Armen (25) Erdungssicherungen (46) bzw. zum Erden von Sicherungen (46), die mit dem Schalter verbunden sind, angebracht werden können.
4. Schalter nach Anspruch 1, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß die Arme (25) aus zwei Platten bestehen, welche über ein U-Teil (23) an einem entsprechenden bzw. jeweiligen Halte- bzw. Trägerelement drehbar gelagert sind, wobei der Kontakt zwischen den beiden Platten der Arme (25) und dem U-Teil (23) durch Federn (45), die koaxial auf dem sich drehenden Schaft (27) angeordnet sind, bewerkstelligt ist.
5. Isolierte Platte, umfassend wenigstens einen Schalter gemäß den vorhergehenden Ansprüchen, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß sie eine vordere Tür (48) zum Beobachten der drei Positionen der Bestandteilelemente der drei Pole umfaßt.
6. Isolierte Platte nach Anspruch 5, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß sie eine frontwärts ausziehbare horizontale Schublade (50) umfaßt, die unterhalb des Schalters positioniert ist und drei Sicherungen (46), axial fluchtend mit den drei Polen und unterhalb der drei Pole, enthält.
7. Isolierte Platte nach Anspruch 5, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß sie in einer oberen vorderen Position einen Sitz (49) zum Einfügen bzw. Einführen eines Betätigungshebels für den Schnellschnappwirkungsmechanismus (32) umfaßt.
8. Schalter nach Anspruch 1, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß die die beweglichen Kontakte (26) tragenden drei Arme (25) von bogenförmiger bzw. gekrümmter Form sind, und daß sie voneinander beabstandet auf einem Durchgangsschaft (27) aus isolierendem Material befestigt sind, welcher innerhalb von jedem der drei Halte- bzw. Trägerelemente (11) angelenkt bzw. drehbar gelagert ist und aus einem das Schwefelhexafluorid enthaltenden isolierenden Behälter hervorgeht, um mit einem Schnellschnappwirkungsmechanismus (32) zum Einrücken der drei Positionen verbunden und quer zu den drei Polen angeordnet zu sein, wobei mit dem Schaft (27) ein Satz von drei Hebeln (37) zum Betätigen von Kolben (38) der Zylinder (13) verbunden ist.
9. Schalter nach Anspruch 1, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß weitere Kontakte (19, 42; 26, 47) für Erdungssicherungen bzw. zum Erden von Sicherungen, die mit dem Schalter verbunden sind, an den isolierenden Haltebzw. Trägerelementen (11) und den Armen (25) angebracht werden können.
10. Schalter nach Anspruch 1, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß jeder der Arme aus zwei Platten besteht, die an dem Schaft befestigt und an einem entsprechenden bzw. jeweiligen Halte- bzw. Trägerelement über ein U-Teil (23) angelenkt bzw. drehbar gelagert sind, wobei der Kontakt zwischen den beiden Platten der Arme (25) und dem U-Teil (23) durch Federn (45), die koaxial auf dem sich drehenden Schaft angeordnet sind, bewerkstelligt ist.
11. Isolierte Platte, umfassend wenigstens einen Schalter gemäß irgendeinem der Ansprüche 8 bis 10, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß sie eine frontwärts ausziehbare horizontale Schublade (50) umfaßt, die unterhalb des Schalters positioniert ist und einen Satz von drei Sicherungen (46), welche parallel zu der Achse der drei Pole angeordnet sind, enthält.
12. Isolierte Platte nach Anspruch 11, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß sie in einer oberen vorderen Position einen Sitz (49) zum Einfügen bzw. Einführen eines Betätigungshebels für den Schnellschnappwirkungsmechanismus (32) umfaßt.
13. Kompakter fluidisolierter Dreipositions-Mittelspannungs-Betätigungs-Isolations-Schalter, umfassend einen Satz von drei Polen, wobei jeder Pol einen ortsfesten Kontakt (215) und einen beweglichen Kontakt (229, 242) umfaßt, wobei der ortsfeste Kontakt (215) einen zugeordneten Lichtbogen- bzw. Abreißkontakt (216) trägt und der bewegliche Kontakt (229, 242) auf einem drehbar gelagerten Arm (227, 228) angeordnet ist, der zwischen einer ersten, geschlossenen Position in Eingriff mit dem ortsfesten Kontakt (215), einer zweiten, isolierten Position und einer dritten, geerdeten Position drehbar ist, und eine Zylinder-Pumpeinrichtung zum Pumpen des Fluids auf den ortsfesten Kontakt (215), dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß der Lichtbo-

gen- bzw. Abreibkontakt (216) ein hervorstehender Lichtbogen bzw. Abreibkontakt ist, daß der bewegliche und ortsfeste Kontakt von jedem Pol des Satzes von drei Polen auf einem von drei Isolationsbasisträger- bzw. -halteelementen (210, 211), die an Befestigungshaltern (212) befestigt sind, angeordnet sind, wobei jeder der die beweglichen Kontakte (229, 242) tragenden Arme (227, 228) vom teleskopischen bzw. ausziehbaren bzw. zusammenschiebbaren Typ ist und die beweglichen Kontakte (216) ihm durch bzw. über einen isolierenden Hebel (231) zugeordnet sind, welcher mit einer Betätigungsstange verbunden ist, wobei die Zylinder-Pumpeinrichtung innerhalb des drehbaren Arms (227, 228) vorgesehen ist und daß wenigstens ein metallisches Ableitungselement (244) auf bzw. in jedem der isolierenden Halte- bzw. Trägerelemente (210, 211) zwischen dem Teil, welcher den ortsfesten Kontakt (215) trägt, und dem übrigen Teil des Halte- bzw. Trägerelements (210, 211) vorgesehen ist.

14. Schalter nach Anspruch 13, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß die isolierenden Halte- bzw. Trägerelemente vom Kastentyp in der Form von zwei komplementären Teilen (210, 211) sind, welche durch gegenseitige Befestigungsmittel (213, 214) aneinander befestigt werden können.

15. Schalter nach Anspruch 13, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß jeder der Arme aus einem Träger bzw. Halter (225) besteht, der an einem entsprechenden bzw. jeweiligen Träger- bzw. Halteelement (210, 211) mittels eines U-Teils (223) drehbar gelagert ist, wobei der Träger bzw. Halter zwei gegenseitig expandierbare zylindrische Teile (227, 228) trägt, wobei wenigstens eines der beiden ein Tulpenkontakt-element (229) hält bzw. trägt, wobei der Kontakt zwischen dem U-Teil (223) und den expandierbaren zylindrischen Teilen (227, 228) durch Federn (235), die koaxial zu einer Drehachse (224) angeordnet sind, mittels deren der Halter bzw. Träger (225) drehbar an dem U-Teil (223) gelagert ist, bewerkstelligt ist.

16. Schalter nach Anspruch 15, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß ein freies Ende des drehbar gelagerten Trägers bzw. Halters (225) in einem ringförmigen Träger bzw. Halteelement (230) gehalten ist, das an den Enden von Halbarmen (231) aus isolierendem Material drehbar gelagert ist, welche mittels eines Betätigungsschafts (233), der durchgehend an dem anderen Ende der Halbarme (231) befestigt und mit einem Schnellschnappwirkungsmechanismus (237) verbunden ist, veranlaßt werden können, sich in die drei Positionen zu drehen.

17. Schalter nach Anspruch 13, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß weitere Kontakte (217, 239; 229, 242) für

Erdungssicherungen (246) bzw. zum Erden von Sicherungen, die mit dem Schalter verbunden sind, in komplementären Positionen an den isolierenden Halte- bzw. Trägerelementen (210, 211) und den teleskopischen Armen (227, 228) angebracht werden können.

18. Schalter nach Anspruch 17, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß die weiteren Kontakte für Erdungssicherungen bzw. das Erden der Sicherungen (246) jeweils ein Kontaktelement (241), das auf Halbarmen (231) gehalten ist, die an isolierenden Elementen der teleskopischen Arme (227, 228) angelenkt bzw. drehbar gelagert sind, eine Kontaktverlängerung (242), welche sich von den beweglichen Kontakten erstreckt, und Schienenkontaktelemente (239), die an den Halte- bzw. Trägerelementen (210, 211) befestigt sind, sind, wobei das Kontaktelement (241), die Kontaktverlängerung (242) und die Schienenkontaktelemente (239) nur in der dritten, geerdeten Position elektrisch miteinander verbunden sind.

19. Isolierte Platte, umfassend wenigstens einen Schalter gemäß den Ansprüchen 13 bis 18, dadurch **gekennzeichnet**, daß sie eine frontwärts ausziehbare horizontale Schublade (250) umfaßt, die unter dem Schalter positioniert ist und einen Satz von drei Sicherungen (246), welche mit den drei Polen verbunden sind, enthält.

Revendications

1. Commutateur isolant fonctionnant à moyenne tension avec trois positions, comprenant un ensemble de trois pôles, chaque pôle comprenant un contact fixe (14) et un contact mobile (26), ledit contact fixe (14) portant, à l'intérieur d'un embout isolant (15), un élément associé en forme de tulipe (16), contenant un contact d'amorçage (17), et étant connecté à une barre de bus respective (18), ledit contact mobile (26) étant agencé sur un bras (25) pivotant entre une première position fermée, en engagement avec ledit contact fixe (14), une deuxième position isolée et une troisième position reliée à la terre, et un dispositif cylindre-piston (13, 38) associé par l'intermédiaire d'un levier isolé (33) à chacun desdits bras (25) portant lesdits contacts mobiles (26), pour pomper ledit hexafluorure de soufre dans ledit embout isolant (15), caractérisé en ce que le commutateur est isolé dans de l'hexafluorure de soufre, et le contact d'amorçage (17) est un contact mâle, en ce que lesdits contacts mobile (26) et fixe (14) de chaque pôle dudit ensemble de trois pôles sont agencés sur un élément parmi trois éléments supports de base isolants (11) fixés à une poutre unique formant support (12) et en ce qu'un élément d'écoulement métallique (44) est prévu entre chacun des-

- 17 dits éléments supports de base isolants (11) et desdits cylindres de pompage (13).
2. Commutateur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que lesdits trois bras (25) portant lesdits contacts mobiles (26) comprennent deux trous traversants séparés (34, 35), à travers lesquels deux arbres (27, 28) en matériau isolant sont insérés, l'un (28) de ces derniers comportant, pivotant sur celui-ci, une tige isolante (29), sortant d'un conteneur isolé (30) contenant ledit hexafluorure de soufre, destiné à être connecté à un mécanisme à action à encliquetage rapide (32), pour s'engager dans lesdites trois positions, l'autre arbre (27) de ladite paire d'arbres portant un ensemble de trois leviers (37), pour actionner les pistons (38) desdits cylindres (13).
3. Commutateur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que d'autres contacts (19, 42 ; 26, 47) peuvent être ajustés sur lesdits éléments supports de base isolants (11) et lesdits bras (25), pour mettre à la terre des fusibles (46) associés audit commutateur.
4. Commutateur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que chacun desdits bras (25) est constitué d'une ou deux plaques pivotant sur un élément support relatif, par l'intermédiaire d'une pièce en U (23), faisant contact entre lesdites deux plaques desdits bras (25), et ladite pièce en U (23) étant réalisée par des ressorts (45) agencés de manière coaxiale sur ledit arbre pivotant (27).
5. Tableau isolé comprenant au moins un commutateur selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend une porte frontale (48), destinée à observer les trois positions des éléments constitutifs des trois pôles.
6. Tableau isolé selon la revendication 5, caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend un tiroir horizontal extractible vers l'avant (50), positionné au-dessous dudit commutateur, et contenant trois fusibles (46) axialement alignés avec lesdits trois pôles et situés au-dessous d'eux.
7. Tableau isolé selon la revendication 5, caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend dans une position avant supérieure, un siège (49), destiné à insérer un levier d'actionnement pour ledit mécanisme à action à encliquetage rapide (32).
8. Commutateur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que lesdits trois bras (25) portant lesdits contacts mobiles (26) sont de forme courbée, et sont fixes en étant séparés sur un arbre traversant (27) fait de matériau isolant, pivotant à l'intérieur de cha-
- 5 cun desdits trois éléments supports (11), et faisant saillie d'un conteneur isolé contenant ledit hexafluorure de soufre, destiné à être connecté à un mécanisme à action à encliquetage rapide (32), pour s'engager dans lesdites trois positions, et agencé transversalement auxdits trois pôles, un ensemble de trois leviers (37) étant connecté audit arbre (27) pour actionner les pistons (38) desdits cylindres (13).
- 10 9. Commutateur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que d'autres contacts (19, 42 ; 26, 27) peuvent être ajustés sur lesdits éléments supports isolants (11) et sur lesdits bras (25), pour mettre à la terre les fusibles associés audit commutateur.
- 15 10. Commutateur selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que chacun desdits bras est constitué de deux plaques fixées audit arbre, et pivotant par rapport à un élément support relatif par l'intermédiaire d'une pièce en U (23), faisant contact entre lesdites deux plaques desdits bras (25), et ladite pièce en U (23) étant réalisée par des ressorts (45) agencés de manière coaxiale sur ledit arbre pivotant.
- 20 11. Tableau isolé comprenant au moins un commutateur selon l'une quelconque des revendications 8 à 10, caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend un tiroir horizontal extractible vers l'avant (50), positionné au-dessous dudit commutateur, et contenant un ensemble de trois fusibles (46) agencés parallèlement à l'axe desdits trois pôles.
- 25 12. Tableau isolé selon la revendication 11, caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend dans une position avant supérieure, un siège (49), destiné à insérer un levier d'actionnement pour ledit mécanisme à action à encliquetage rapide (32).
- 30 13. Commutateur compact, isolé par fluide, fonctionnant à moyenne tension, à trois positions, comprenant un ensemble de trois pôles, chaque pôle comprenant un contact fixe (215) et un contact mobile (229, 242), ledit contact fixe (215) portant un contact d'amorçage associé (216), et le contact mobile (229, 242) étant agencé sur un bras pivotant (227, 228), pouvant tourner entre une première position fermée en engagement avec ledit contact fixe (215), une deuxième position isolée et une troisième position reliée à la terre, et un dispositif de pompage à cylindre destiné à pomper le fluide sur ledit contact fixe (215), caractérisé en ce que ledit contact d'amorçage (216) est un contact mâle, en ce que lesdits contacts mobile et fixe de chaque pôle dudit ensemble de trois pôles sont agencés sur un élément parmi trois éléments supports de base isolants (210, 211) fixés à des liaisons formant supports (212), chacun desdits bras (227, 228) portant
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- lesdits contacts mobiles (229, 242) étant de type télescopique, et comportant lesdits contacts mobiles (216), associés à celui-ci par l'intermédiaire d'un levier isolant (231), connecté à une tige d'actionnement, ledit dispositif à cylindre de pompage étant disposé à l'intérieur dudit bras rotatif (227, 228), et en ce qu'au moins un élément d'écoulement métallique (244) est prévu sur chacun desdits éléments supports isolants (210, 211), entre la partie portant ledit contact fixe (215) et la partie restante desdits éléments supports (210, 211).
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14. Commutateur selon la revendication 13, caractérisé en ce que lesdits éléments supports isolants sont du type en boîte, sous la forme de deux parties complémentaires (210, 211), pouvant être fixées ensemble par des moyens de fixation mutuels (213, 214).
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15. Commutateur selon la revendication 13, caractérisé en ce que chacun desdits bras est constitué d'un support (225) pivotant par rapport à un élément support relatif (210, 211) au moyen d'une pièce en U (223), ledit support portant deux parties cylindriques pouvant mutuellement être dilatées (227, 228), l'une des deux au moins soutenant un élément de contact en tulipe (229), le contact entre ladite pièce en U (223) et lesdites parties cylindriques pouvant être dilatées (227, 228) étant réalisé par des ressorts (235) agencés de manière coaxiale par rapport à un pivot (224), par lequel ledit support (225) est pivoté par rapport à ladite pièce en U (223).
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16. Commutateur selon la revendication 15, caractérisé en ce qu'une extrémité libre dudit support pivotant (225) est soutenue dans un élément support annulaire (230) pivotant sur les extrémités de demi-bras (231) en matériau isolant qui peuvent être mis en rotation dans les trois positions par un arbre d'actionnement (233), fixé pour passer sur l'autre extrémité dudit demi-bras (231), et connecté à un mécanisme à action à encliquetage rapide (237).
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17. Commutateur selon la revendication 13, caractérisé en ce que d'autres contacts (217, 239 ; 229, 242) peuvent être ajustés sur lesdits éléments supports isolants (210, 211), et lesdits bras télescopiques (227, 228) dans des positions complémentaires pour mettre à la terre des fusibles (246) associés audit commutateur.
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18. Commutateur selon la revendication 17, caractérisé en ce que lesdits autres contacts pour mettre à la terre les fusibles (246) sont respectivement un élément de contact (241) soutenu sur des demi-bras (231) pivotant sur les éléments isolants desdits bras télescopiques (227, 228), une extension de contact (242), s'étendant depuis lesdits contacts mobiles, et des éléments de contact à barre (239), fixés auxdits éléments supports (210, 211), ledit élément de contact (241), ladite extension de contact (242) et lesdits éléments de contact à barre (239) étant connectés électriquement ensemble seulement lorsqu'ils sont dans la troisième position reliée à la terre.
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19. Tableau isolé comprenant au moins un commutateur selon l'une des revendications 13 à 18, caractérisé en ce qu'il comprend un tiroir horizontal extractible vers l'avant (250), positionné au-dessous dudit commutateur, et contenant un ensemble de trois fusibles (246) associés auxdits trois pôles.

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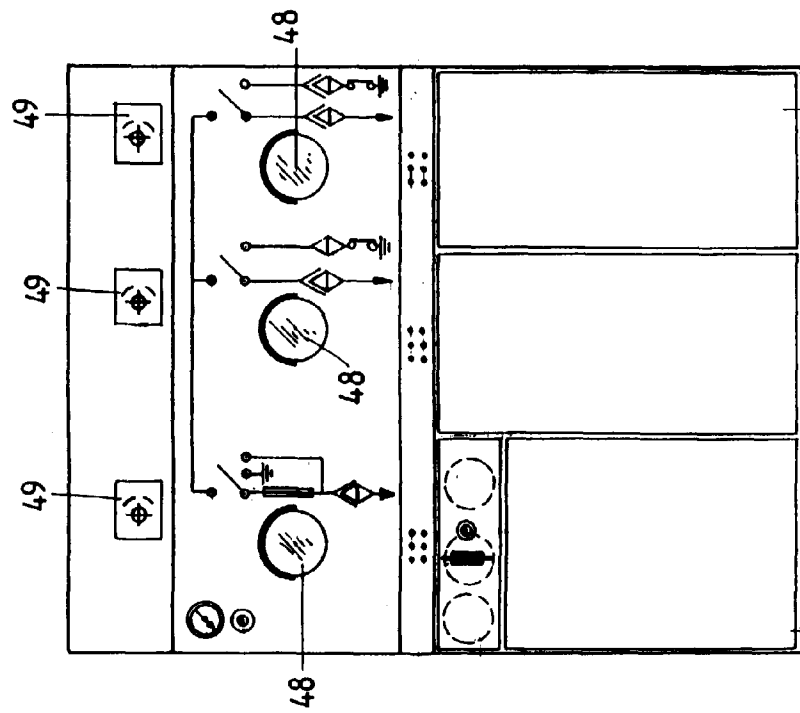


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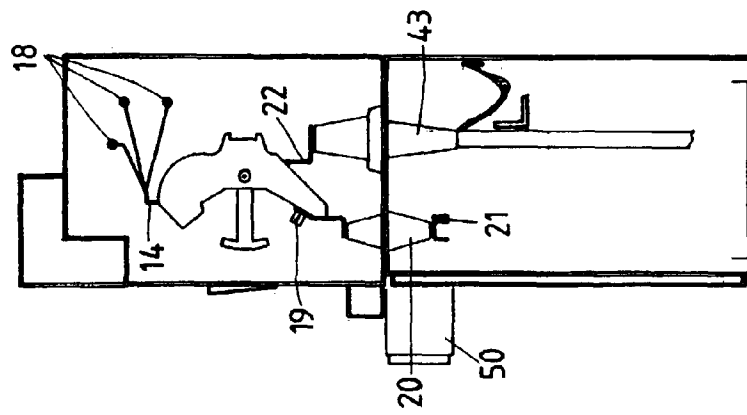
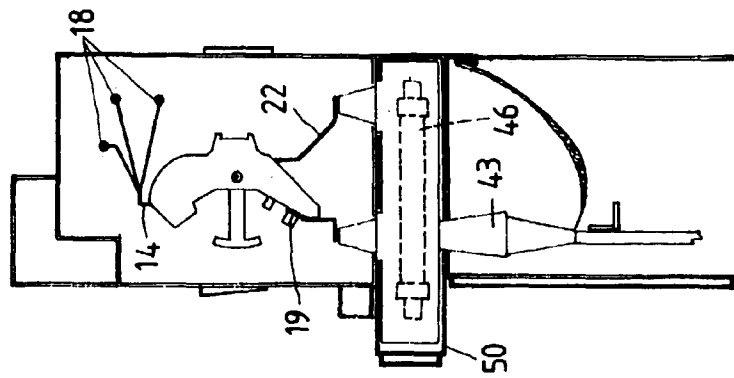
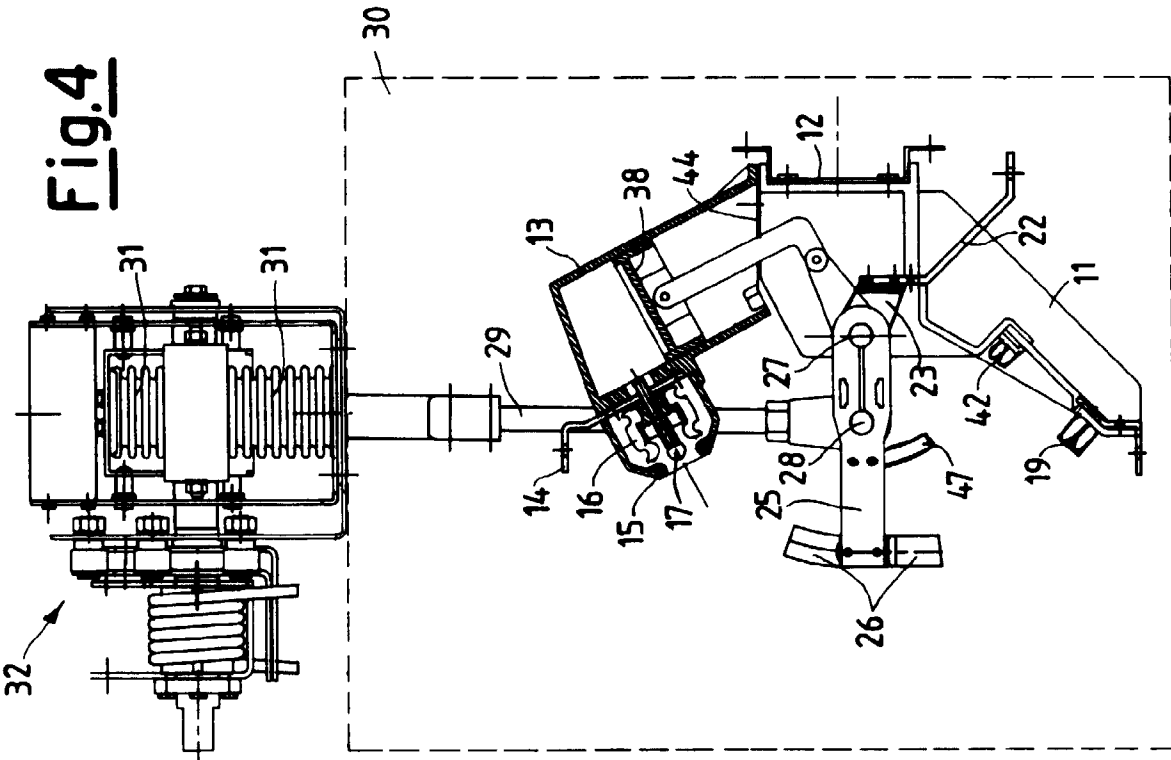
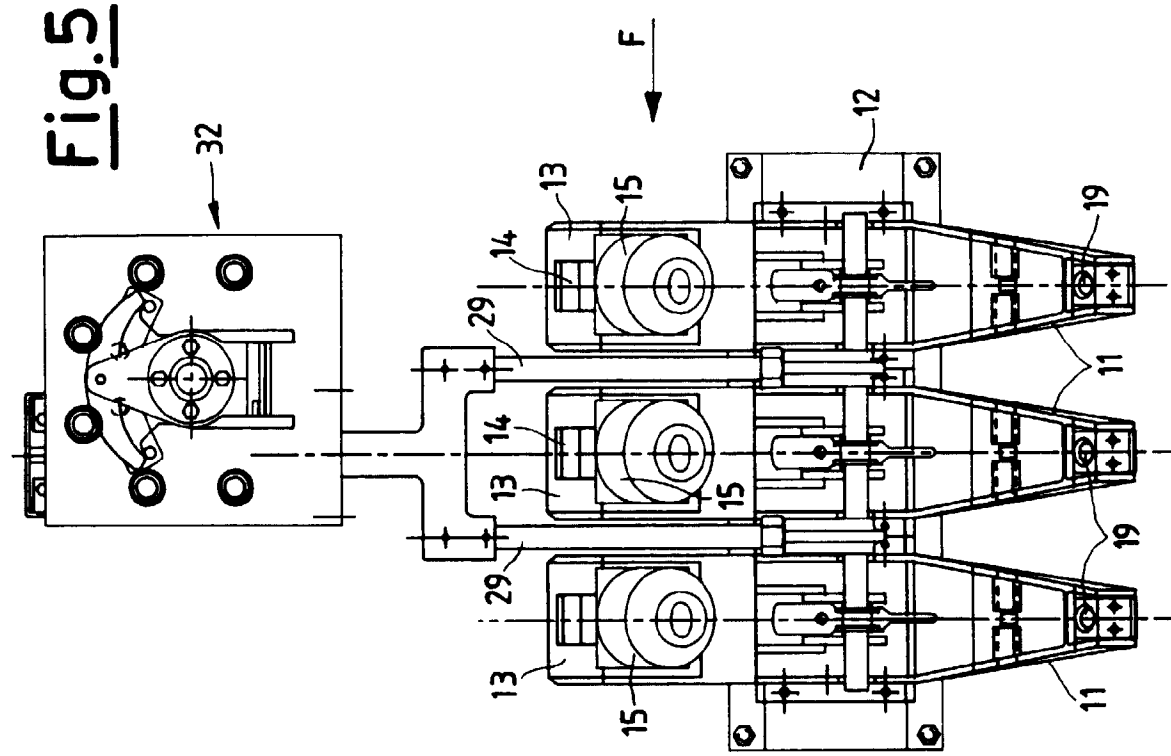


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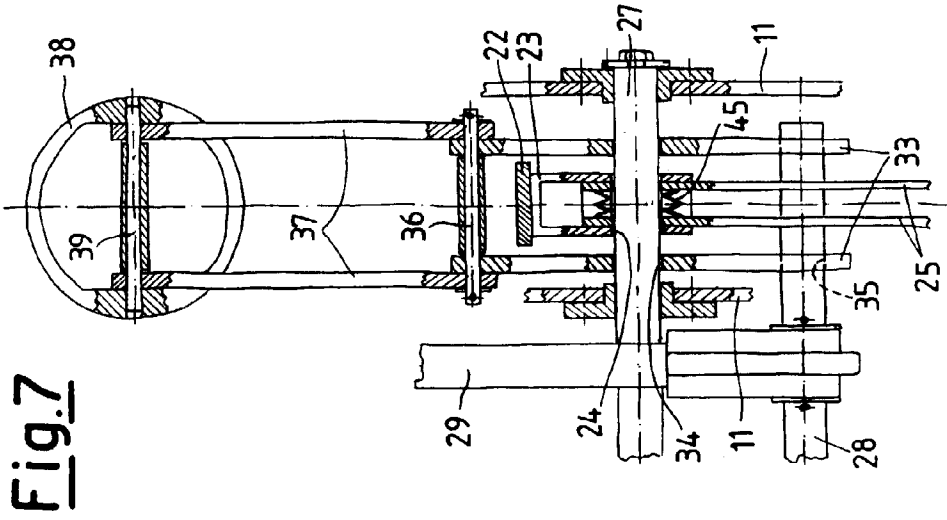


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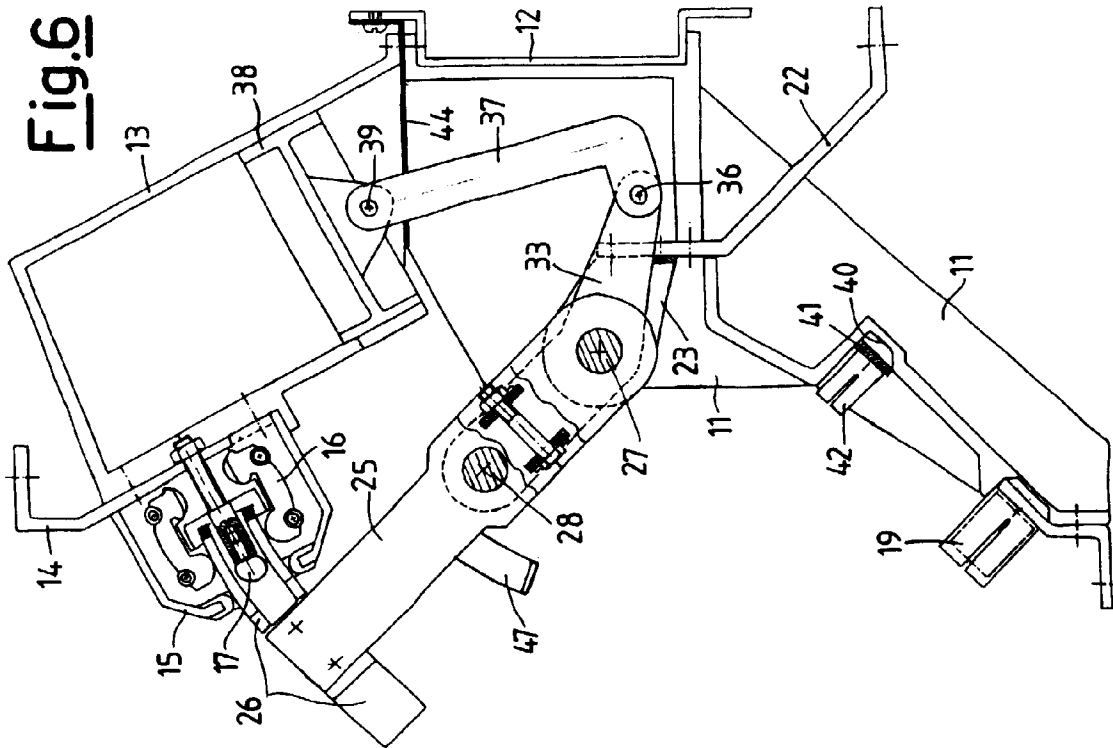


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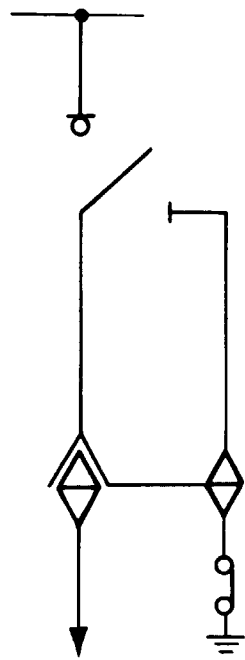


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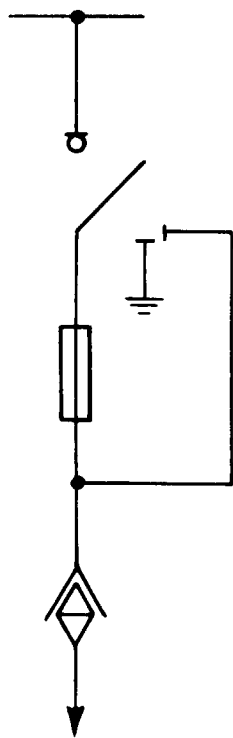


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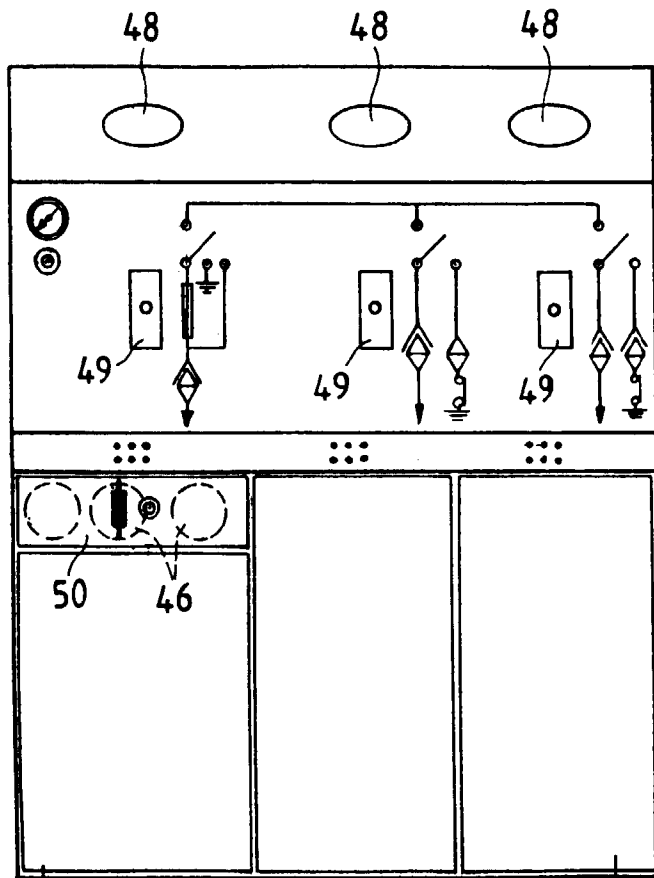


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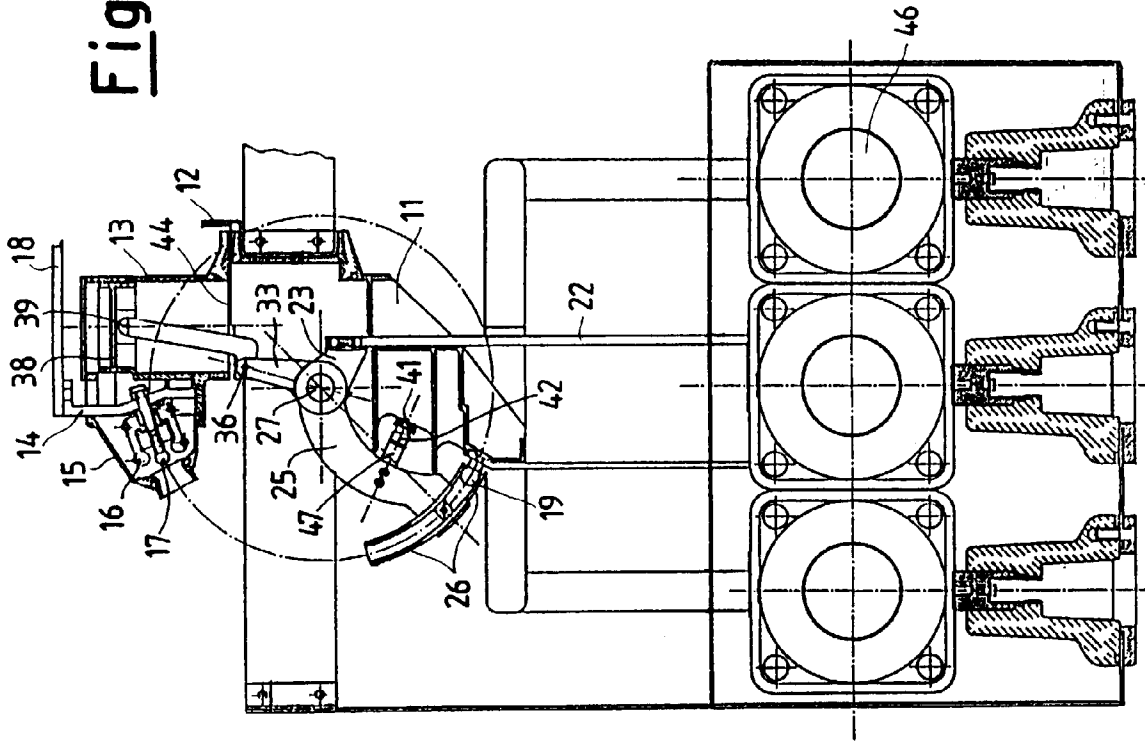


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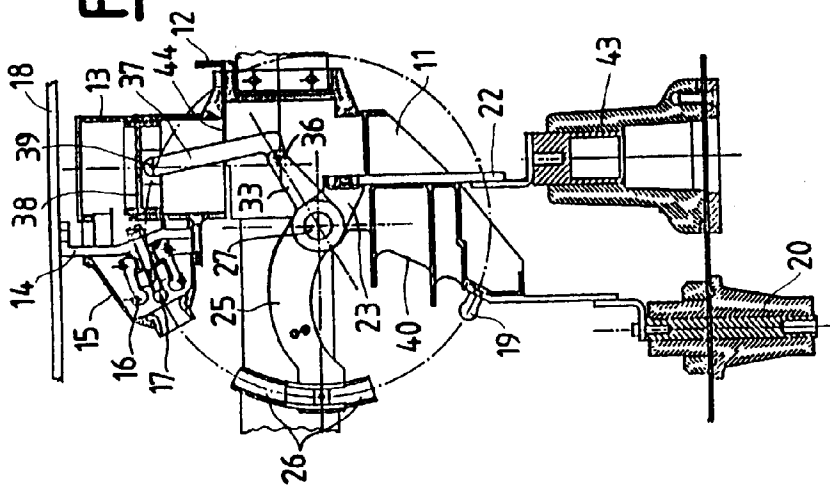
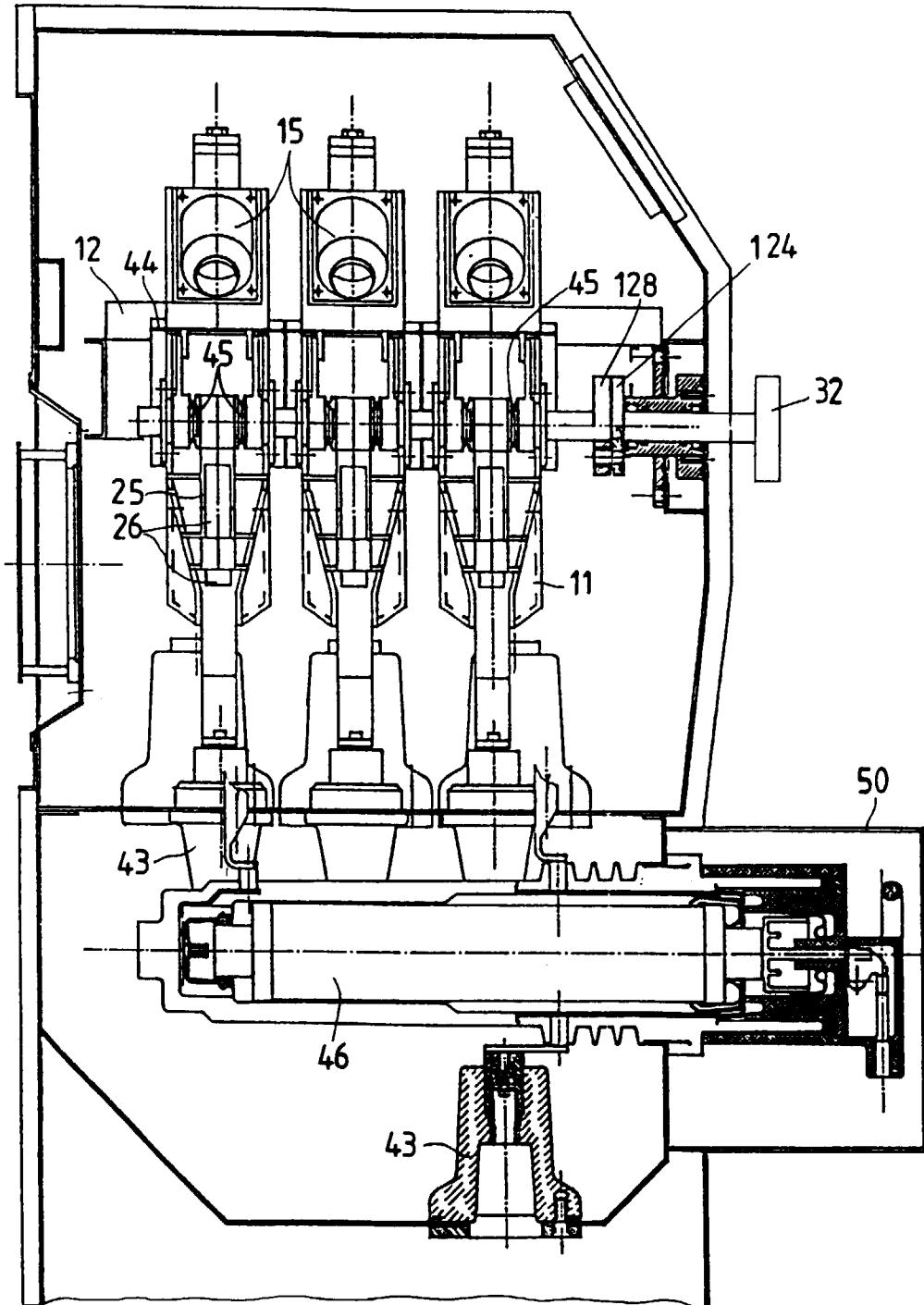


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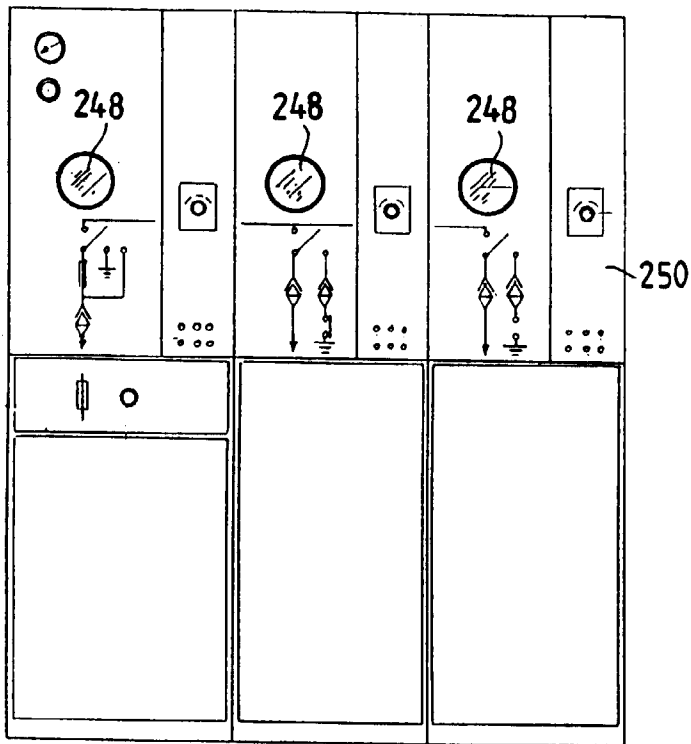


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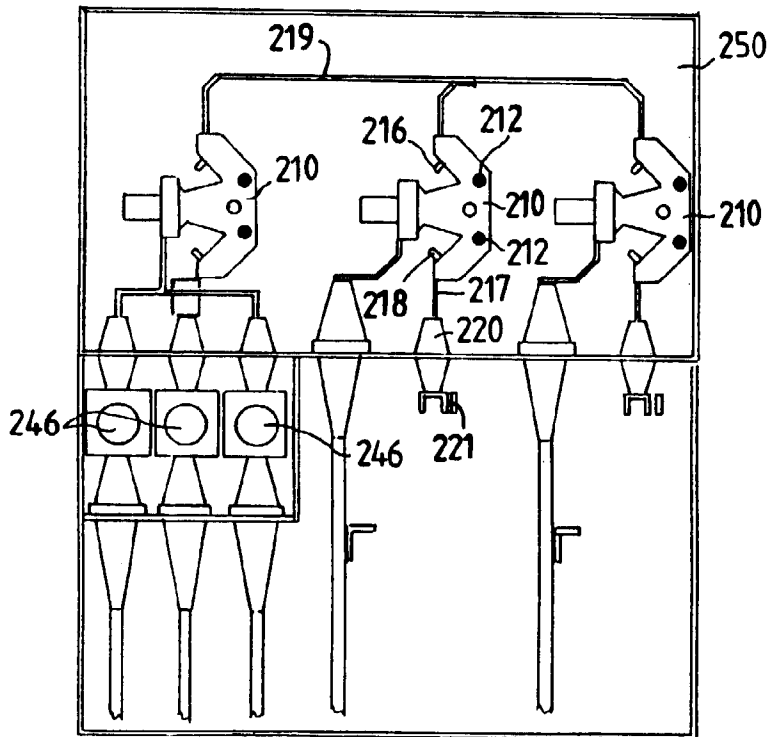


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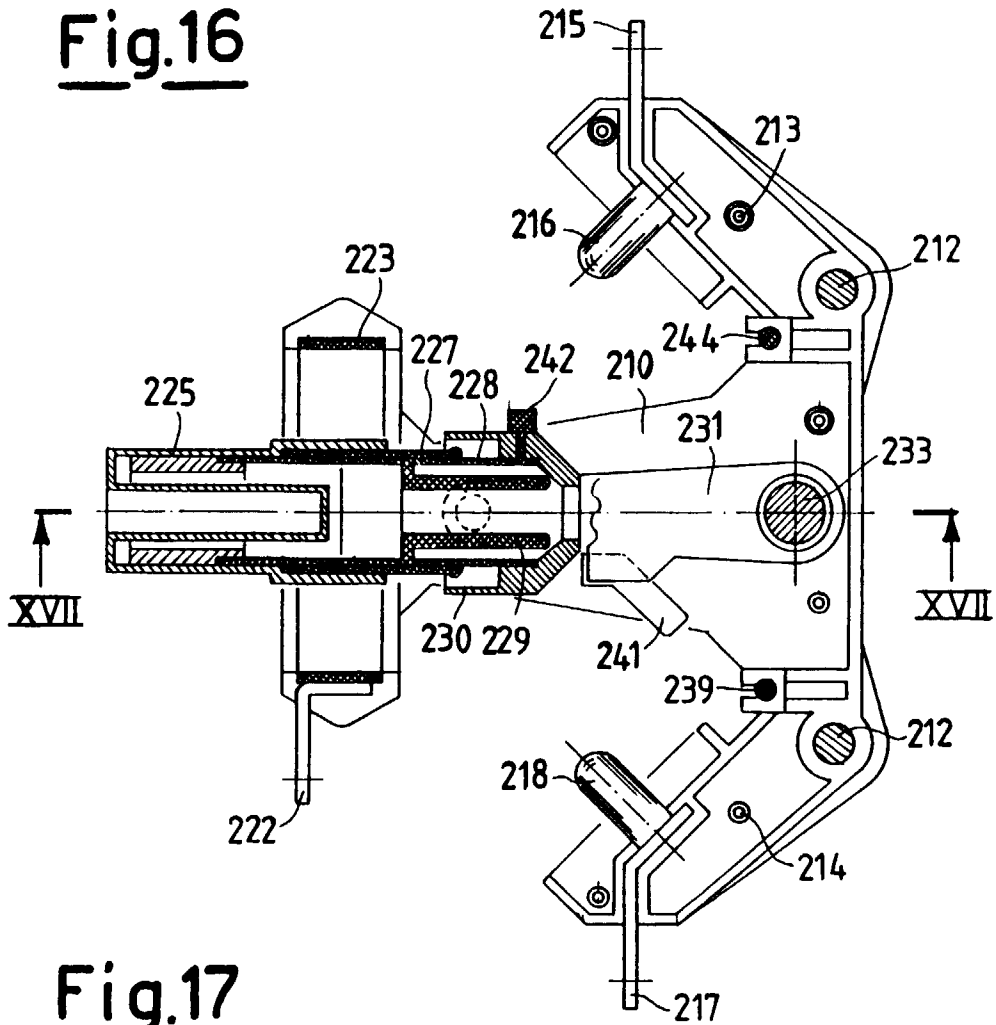


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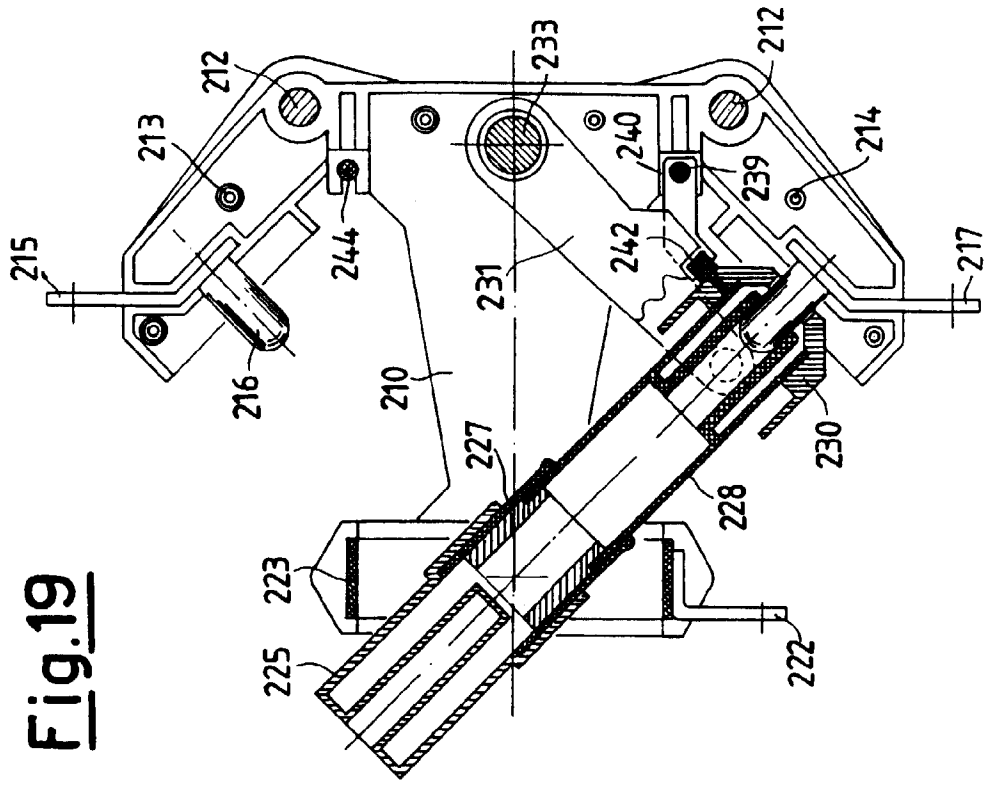


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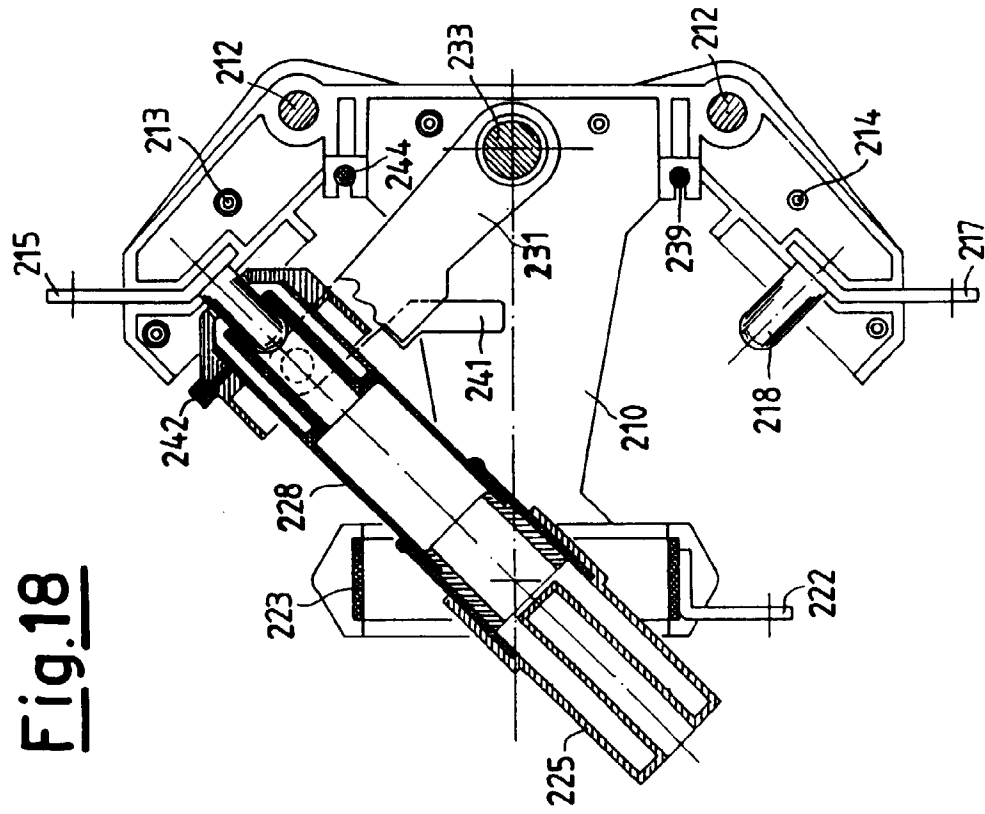


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