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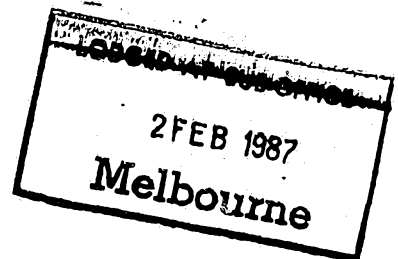
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1. A load-breaking three phase switch of a high-voltage switchgear unit comprising three switching elements, each movable to effect connection between a respective pair of electrical contacts, which elements can be brought from one to the other of an engaged switching condition and a disengaged switching condition, by means of an engagement and disengagement means, characterized in that a locking device is provided on at least one of the switching elements for locking the switch in the "on" position wherein the elements are each in an engaged switching condition, and further characterized in that the three switching elements are connected to each other by means of a bridge made of insulating material in such a way that on activation of one of the switching elements by means of the engagement and disengagement means all switching elements are together switchable, being both locked by said locking device or devices, and connected by said bridge, when in said "on" position.

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Complete Specification for the invention entitled:

"LOAD-BREAKING SWITCH OF A HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR UNIT  
(THREE-PHASE CIRCUIT BREAKER)"

The following statement is a full description of this invention,  
including the best method of performing it known to us :-

1           Load-breaking switch of a high-voltage  
2                   switchgear unit  
3           (three-phase circuit breaker)  
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5           The invention relates to load-breaking switches,  
6 and in particular to load-breaking switches for use with a  
7 high-voltage switchgear unit (three-phase circuit breaker).  
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9           Such switches may comprise three switching  
10 elements, each connecting two electrical contacts and  
11 provided with a locking device, which can be brought from  
12 the "on" position to the "off" position by means of an  
13 engagement and disengagement means (manual snap-action  
14 operating mechanism).  
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16           A load-breaking switch of the above type is  
17 previously known from German Patent 22 40 492. The special  
18 design of the individual switching elements in this load-  
19 breaking switch is disclosed in greater detail in German  
20 Patent 22 29 865. The individual switching elements of the  
21 load-breaking switch are switched on or off individually in  
22 succession by means of the engagement and disengagement tool  
23 (manual snap-action operating mechanism). The disadvantage  
24 of this single-pole switching lies in the fact that under  
25 specific conditions of a power supply system single-pole  
26 switching leads to relatively high overvoltages as a result  
27 of the switching process. In power supply systems the  
28 neutral points of which are earthed by arc-suppression coils  
29 in particular these overvoltages may occur on the switching  
30 off of large proportions of the power supply system, for  
31 example if only 80 or 90% of the power of the supply system  
32 is switched off in a switching process. A further  
33 disadvantage of single-pole switching lies in the fact that  
34 electric motors connected to the supply system which are not  
35 adequately protected with fuses through a motor-protection  
36 circuit may be damaged after the switching off of one phase  
37 during operation in the meantime with only two phases.



Three-pole switchable load-breaking switches for high voltage switchgear units are indeed disclosed in German Patent 29 07 559. These, however, are not of the type first above described.

The invention is based on the problem of further developing a load-breaking switch of a high-voltage switchgear unit (three-phase switch) of the first above described type to such an extent that all three switching elements, and thus all three phases of the power supply system, can be switched on or off simultaneously.

The solution of this problem is obtained according to the invention in that the three switching elements are connected to each other by means of a bridge made of insulating material in such a way that on activation of one of the switching elements all switching elements are together switchable. Through the connection of all three switching elements with each other by way of the insulating material bridge it is achieved in accordance with the invention that on the activation of only one of the switching elements, preferably the central switching element, all three elements can be switched together. In this case the design of the load-breaking switch of a high-voltage switchgear unit required for the type first described above is preserved. The switching elements present are only slightly modified, so that from the load-breaking switch capable of single-pole switching, in which all three phases have to be switched successively, a load-breaking switch capable of three-pole switching is produced, in which all three phases can be switched simultaneously. Here the advantages of three-pole switching, which is in itself of the prior art, are combined with the known and proven design of a <sup>load-breaking</sup> ~~load-braking~~ switch capable of single-pole switching. It is of particular advantage that subsequent



1 modification of existing load-breaking switches is possible  
2 very easily. It is necessary merely to replace the  
3 switching elements. No modifications to the fixed parts of  
4 the high-voltage switchgear unit are necessary.

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6 According to a first aspect of the present  
7 invention, there is provided a load-breaking three phase  
8 switch of a high-voltage switchgear unit comprising three  
9 switching elements, each movable to effect connection  
10 between a respective pair of electrical contacts, which  
11 elements can be brought from one to the other of an engaged  
12 switching condition and a disengaged switching condition, by  
13 means of an engagement and disengagement means,  
14 characterized in that a locking device is provided on at  
15 least one of the switching elements for locking the switch  
16 in the "on" position wherein the elements are each in an  
17 engaged switching condition, and further characterized in  
18 that the three switching elements are connected to each  
19 other by means of a bridge made of insulating material in  
20 such a way that on activation of one of the switching  
21 elements by means of the engagement and disengagement means  
22 all switching elements are together switchable, being both  
23 locked by said locking device or devices, and connected by  
24 said bridge, when in said "on" position.

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26 According to a second aspect of the present  
27 invention, there is provided a load-breaking three phase  
28 switch of a high voltage switchgear unit comprising three  
29 switching elements, each movable to effect connection  
30 between a respective pair of electrical contacts and  
31 provided with a locking device, which elements can be  
32 brought from one switching condition to another by means of  
33 an engagement and disengagement means, the three switching  
34 elements being carried by respective insulative caps which  
35 are slidable over projecting insulative portions of a  
36 housing of the switch, for moving the switching elements  
37 between said switching conditions, said caps being connected  
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1 to each other by means of a bridge made of insulating  
 2 material in such a way that on activation of one of the  
 3 switching elements all switching elements are together  
 4 switchable.

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6 Further advantageous embodiments of the invention  
 7 can be seen from the subsidiary claims. Thus provision can  
 8 be made in particular for the locking device for the  
 9 switching elements to be incorporated only into the central  
 10 of the three switching elements, whereas the two outer  
 11 switching elements, in contrast to the state of the art as  
 12 in German Patent 22 40 492 do not have any locking device.  
 13 The locking force to be overcome on switching on or off by  
 14 means of the engagement and disengagement tool (manual snap-  
 15 action mechanism) is then no greater than in the case of  
 16 single-pole switching.

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18 The invention is described below, by way of example  
 19 only, by means of an embodiment of a load-breaking switch of  
 20 a high-voltage switchgear unit (three-phase circuit-breaker)  
 21 shown in greater detail in the drawings, which illustrate  
 22 respectively:

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24 Fig. 1 the high-voltage switchgear unit (three-phase switch)  
 25 with the load-breaking switch in the "on" position,

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27 Fig. 2 a view of the load-breaking switch from above

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29 Fig. 3 the load-breaking switch introduced into the high-  
 30 voltage switchgear unit, but not yet switched on,

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32 Fig. 4 a side view of the load-breaking switch,

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Fig. 5 an enlargement of the <sup>detail</sup> detail A in fig. 1 with the locking device in the central switching element,

Fig. 6 the high-voltage switchgear unit with a diagrammatical representation of the central tubular switching element provided with the locking device,

Fig. 7 a diagrammatical front elevation according to the arrow Z in fig. 6,

Fig. 8 a partially cut <sup>away</sup> side elevation of the engagement and disengagement tool (manual snap-action ~~operating~~ mechanism) and

Fig. 9 a section along the line B-B in fig. 8.

The high-voltage switchgear unit 63 shown in fig. 1 corresponds in its basic structure to the high-voltage switchgear unit according to German Patent 22 40 492. The two-part plastic housing of the high-voltage switchgear unit 63 bears on its lower side three connection terminals 64, 65, 66 for the three phases R, S, T of a high-voltage three-phase system. These are each connected inside the housing by conductor bars 42 to a main contact piece 33, as is shown in fig. 3. In addition, three counter-contacts 43 provided with pick-ups are disposed in the housing of the high-voltage switchgear unit 63 at a distance from the main contact pieces 33. These counter-contacts can be connected with the main contact pieces 33 by tubular switching elements 11, 12, 13, as is described in greater detail in German Patent 22 40 492. The special design of the individual tubular switching elements 11, 12, 13 is described in detail in German Patent 22 29 865.

Each tubular switching element 11, 12, 13 comprises essentially a tubular main circuit 14 which is used for the electrical connection of a main contact piece 33 with a counter-contact 43 and a coupling connection 24, 35 for the closed position, which is not described in detail here. At the outer end of each tubular main circuit 14 a moulded-plastic sleeve 30 is attached. At the free end of this moulded-plastic sleeve 30 a cup-shaped moulded-plastic hood 31 is disposed which surrounds the moulded-plastic sleeve 30 and part of the tubular main circuit 14, but is not in contact with it, as is shown in particular in fig. 3. In the "on" position as shown in fig. 1, the moulded-plastic hoods 31 surround sleeve-like insulating elements 78 which are attached to the housing of the high-voltage switchgear unit 63 as is shown in fig. 6.



The moulded-plastic hoods 31 of the three switching elements 11, 12, 13 are provided, at the ends directed towards the main circuit 14, with external ribs 85 to which a cylindrical section 86 abuts towards the other end. The cylindrical sections 86 of the moulded-plastic hoods 31 are mounted in a moulded-plastic bridge 10, as is shown in particular in figs. 3, 4 and 5.

The moulded-plastic bridge 10 is U-shaped in cross-section (fig. 4), the lateral arms 87 being inclined outwards from the centre, as is shown in fig. 3. The base 88 of the U-shaped moulded-plastic bridge 10 is provided with three drilled holes 77, to the central hole 77 of which a tubular piece 76 is connected which is permanently joined to the base 88. The two outer holes 77 are provided only with slip-on tubular pieces 76. The three switching elements 11, 12, 13, with the cylindrical sections 86 of their moulded-plastic hoods 31 are inserted from the base 88 into the tubular sections 76, the ribs 85 coming to lie adjacent to the base 88 of the moulded-plastic bridge. The tubular pieces 76 slipped on in this way are secured by wedges 18 to the cylindrical section 86 of the moulded-plastic hoods 31. The wedges 18 are secured to all three switching elements 11 to 13 by securing screws 71, the protruding heads of which prevent the engagement of a manual snap-action operating mechanism for single-pole switching.

The three switching elements 11, 12, 13 are thus rotatably mounted in the moulded-plastic bridge 10, but axially secured in a form-fitting manner between the ribs 85 and the wedges 18. The switching elements 11, 12, 13 and the moulded-plastic bridge 10 thus form a single constructional unit. Three openings 73 are formed in the base 88 of the moulded-plastic bridge 10 for the passage of voltage detectors to each switch element 11 to 13.

In the central switching element 12 a locking device 44 is disposed which is shown in detail in fig. 5. This comprises two locking pins 45 inserted into the moulded-plastic sleeve 30 of the main circuit 14, which are directed radially outwards under the action of an inner compression spring 46. In a moulded-plastic socket 74 of the sleeve-like insulation section 78 of the fixed high-voltage switchgear unit 63 two locking recesses 47, 48 are formed, separated by an axial distance, the locking pins 45 of the locking device 44 co-operating with these as is shown in figs. 5 to 7. In the "off" position (position a) the locking pins 45 are in the outer recess 48 of the moulded-plastic socket 74 of the insulation section 78. After a clockwise rotation through  $90^\circ$  (fig. 7) the locking pins 45 assume the readiness position for connection (position b), in which the locking pins 45 come to abut stops in the moulded-plastic socket 74. In this rotational position of the switching element

12 it can be pressed by means of the engagement and disengagement tool (manual snap-action operating mechanism) 50, which is shown in detail in fig. 8, in the direction of the arrow Z into the high-voltage switchgear unit 63 in order to connect the three main contacts 33 with the counter-contacts 43 electrically through the main circuits 14. On establishing the connection, the locking pins 45 engage in the axially inwardly located locking recess 47 (position c).

Since when the central switching element 12 is forced over the moulded-plastic bridge 10 the outer switching elements 11, 13 are also carried with it, a three-pole switching of all three phases of the high-voltage switchgear unit 63 is effected by a single switching process. It is pointed out again here that the outer switching elements 11, 13 do not have any locking devices.

To switch off the high-voltage switchgear unit 63, the switching elements 11, 12, 13 must be withdrawn by means of the tool 50, the locking force of the locking spring 46 of the locking pins 45 of the locking device 44 of the central switching element 12 which are engaged in the locking recesses 47 having to be overcome. A tension spring 75 is used for the automatic resetting of the central switching element 12 on switching from the position b to the position a. The engagement and disengagement tool (manual snap-action operating mechanism) 50 is shown in fig. 8. This comprises a handle 58, a connection head 81 for engagement in the mounting 82 of the central switching element 12, and two spring devices 51 connected in parallel and connecting the handle 58 and the connecting head 81. Each spring device 51 comprises a telescopic housing 80 and two sleeves 52, 62 engaging one within the other and capable of sliding in relation to each other. The sleeve 62 is permanently connected to a front plate 60 fixedly attached to the handle 58. The sleeve 52 can slide freely in the sleeve 62 and is forced out of the sleeve 62 as far as the stop 41 by the action of a compression spring 54 supported against the bottom of the sleeve 52. The compression spring 54 is supported on the bottom of the sleeve 62 by means of a plate 89. The free end of the sleeve 52 is received for sliding on a tubular section 90, which, for the connection of the two telescopic housings 80, is fixedly connected to a face plate 59, which in turn bears the connecting head 81. The head 91 of a push rod 92, the other end of which is securely screwed to the plate 89 of the compression spring 54, is guided for sliding motion in the tubular section 90.

The connecting head 81 is connected by a tubular extension 93, 93' of a disc-shaped coupling part 55 to the face plate 59. On the tubular extension 93, 93' a capping sleeve 56, the end positions of which are limited by the face of the face plate 59 and a pin 94 respectively, is mounted for axial movement in response to the action of a compression spring 69. The tubular extension 93, 93' of the coupling part 55 is formed as a coupling by a plane of separation 93" which is V-shaped in side view and which is held by means of a compression spring 68 acting on an inner sleeve 55". The compressive spring 68 pulls, by way of the sleeve 55", the coupling part 55 fitted to the tubular extension 93' against the tubular extension 93 connected fixedly to the face plate 59 through the V coupling, so that the coupling part 55 is entrained when the central switching element 12 is rotated from position a into position b (fig. 7). If an angle of more than  $90^{\circ}$  is to be covered, i.e. beyond the position b, the coupling part 55 of the connecting head 81 locks through the V-coupling 93" and the spring 68. Thus it is assured that no damage can be caused to the locking device 44, the locking positions of which are disposed at an angle of  $180^{\circ}$  to each other, by excessive forces from the tool 50 acting on the switching element 12.

The disc-shaped coupling part 55 is disposed inside a cylindrical recess on the face of the capping sleeve 56. The coupling part 55 is provided with a slot 55' on one side and has on the side radially opposite to this a guide pin 72. A guide pin 57 stressed by a compression spring 67 is disposed to slide in the head 83 of the coupling part 55. The head 83 shown in cross-section in fig. 9 has a recess 84, so that the head 83 is formed oval in cross-section behind a flat, disc-shaped head section. Rubber pads 95 are placed over the spring devices 51 to protect the operator.

The mounting formed on the face of the switching element 12 is a component of the face of the moulded-plastic hood 31. The mounting 82 comprises a keyhole-shaped opening 32 with a slot 34 running from it. A securing screw 71 is screwed axially into the moulded-plastic hood and at the same time bears the wedge 18 for securing the moulded-plastic bridge 10. For the switching on and off of the switching elements 11, 12, 13 the connecting head 81 of the tool 50 is inserted into the mounting 82 of the central switching element 12, the head 83 engaging in the opening 32 and the securing screw 71 in the radial slot 55' of the coupling part 55. The pin 72 of the coupling part 55 engages in the slot 34 of the opening 32. The capping sleeve 56 surrounds the cylindrical section 86 of the moulded-plastic hood 31, a slot 56' in the face periphery of the sleeve 56 engaging over the wedge

18. In this way the processes of switching the load-breaking switch on and off can be carried out by means of the tool 50 in the manner described below.

For switching on, the three switching elements 11, 12, 13 are disposed in the high-voltage switchgear unit 63 in such a way that the locking device 44 is in position a (preliminary locking position), in which the locking pins 45 meet a stop 79 which secures the position a. The position a also assures that the lock cannot be overridden on the insertion of the switching element 12. The speed is a decisive factor in electrical switching capability. A constant speed can be achieved only from the rest position of the switching element. After a rotation of the central switching element 12 by means of the handle 58 into the position b, the two compression springs 54 of the two parallel spring devices 51 are compressed by means of the handle 58 until they are fully tensioned. The locking device 44 built into the switching element 12 continues to lock the switching element 12. The switching elements 11, 12, 13 are then engaged in one movement after overcoming the locking device 44. The locking pins 45 then engage in the locking recess 47 (position c in fig. 6).

Switching off is effected by the opposite procedure. Here the tool 50 is again locked in the manner previously described with its connecting head 81 in the mounting 82 of the central switching element 12. By pulling the handle 58 the two compression springs 54 of the spring devices 51 are tensioned, the sleeve 53 sliding on the tubular section 90 and a separation joint 96 opening between the face ends of the sleeves 52 and the face plate 59. It is not until after the complete tensioning of both compression springs 54 that the locking device 44 can be overcome in a single operation, the locking pins 45 being moved out of the locking recess 47 and the structural unit comprising the moulded-plastic bridge 10 and the three switching elements 11, 12, 13 being removed from the switchgear unit 63 and the locking recess 48 being overridden during the switching-off process. Under the action of the tension spring 75 the central switching element 12 is then rotated back into the initial position (position a).

1 THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2 1. A load-breaking three phase switch of a high-voltage  
3 switchgear unit comprising three switching elements, each  
4 movable to effect connection between a respective pair of  
5 electrical contacts, which elements can be brought from one  
6 to the other of an engaged switching condition and a  
7 disengaged switching condition, by means of an engagement  
8 and disengagement means, characterized in that a locking  
9 device is provided on at least one of the switching elements  
10 for locking the switch in the "on" position wherein the  
11 elements are each in an engaged switching condition, and  
12 further characterized in that the three switching elements  
13 are connected to each other by means of a bridge made of  
14 insulating material in such a way that on activation of one  
15 of the switching elements by means of the engagement and  
16 disengagement means all switching elements are together  
17 switchable, being both locked by said locking device or  
18 devices, and connected by said bridge, when in said "on"  
19 position.

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21 2. A load-breaking switch according to claim 1 wherein  
22 said engagement and disengagement means operates on said  
23 locking device or devices.

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25 3. Load-breaking switch according to either one of claims  
26 1 or 2, wherein a locking device is provided on one only of  
27 said switching elements.

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29 4. Load-breaking switch as in any one of the preceding  
30 claims, characterized in that the switching elements are  
31 connected in a form-fitting manner with the bridge made of  
32 insulating material and are mounted rotatably in said  
33 bridge.

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35 5. Load-breaking switch as in any one of the preceding  
36 claims, characterized in that the switching elements are  
37 arranged such that a switching element is central with

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1 respect to the other switching elements and only the central  
2 switching element is provided with a locking device.

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4 6. Load-breaking switch as in claim 5, characterized  
5 in that the central switching element is provided with a  
6 resetting spring which engages with the insulating material  
7 bridge.

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9 7. Load-breaking switch as in any one of the preceding  
10 claims, wherein said engagement and disengagement means  
11 comprises a tool having a handle, a telescopic housing, two  
12 sleeves engaging with each other, a compression spring  
13 disposed in these and a connecting head for engaging in the  
14 mounting of a central switching element of said switching  
15 elements, and wherein, in order to increase the spring  
16 energy of the tool during the process of switching on and  
17 off, two telescopic housings with built-in compression  
18 springs are disposed parallel to each other between the  
19 handle and the connecting head of the tool.

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21 8. Load-breaking switch as in claim 7, characterized  
22 in that the mountings of the switching elements are provided  
23 with securing screws for wedges, the heads of which prevent  
24 the insertion of a tool or other activating means for single-  
25 pole switching.

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27 9. Load-breaking switch as in either one of claims 7  
28 or 8, characterized in that the connecting head of the tool  
29 is provided with means to prevent any hooking-in of the  
30 connecting head into a switching element for single-pole  
31 switching.

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33 10. Load-breaking switch according to claim 9 wherein  
34 said means to prevent any hooking-in of the connecting head  
35 comprises a pin, arranged along the operative axis of said  
36 telescopic axis.

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1 11. Load-breaking switch as in any one of claims 1 to  
2 6, characterized in that openings are formed in a base of  
3 the insulating material bridge for the passage of voltage  
4 detectors to each of the three switching elements.

5  
6 12. Load-breaking three phase switch of a high voltage  
7 switchgear unit comprising three switching elements, each  
8 movable to effect connection between a respective pair of  
9 electrical contacts and provided with a locking device,  
10 which elements can be brought from one switching condition  
11 to another by means of an engagement and disengagement  
12 means, the three switching elements being carried by  
13 respective insulative caps which are slidable over  
14 projecting insulative portions of a housing of the switch,  
15 for moving the switching elements between said switching  
16 conditions, said caps being connected to each other by means  
17 of a bridge made of insulating material in such a way that  
18 on activation of one of the switching elements all switching  
19 elements are together switchable.

20  
21 13. A load-breaking switch substantially as  
22 hereinbefore described with reference to the drawings.

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FIG. 1

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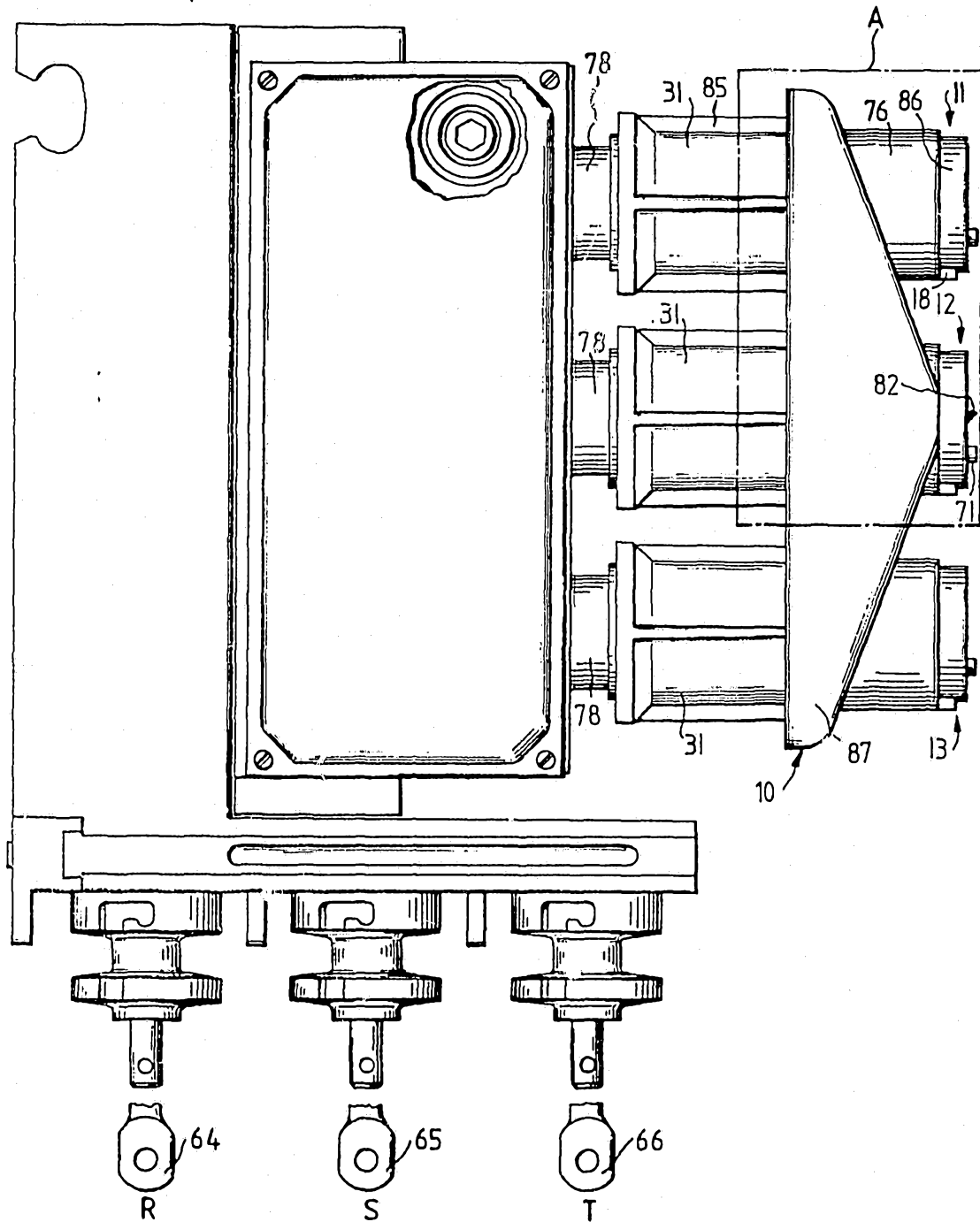
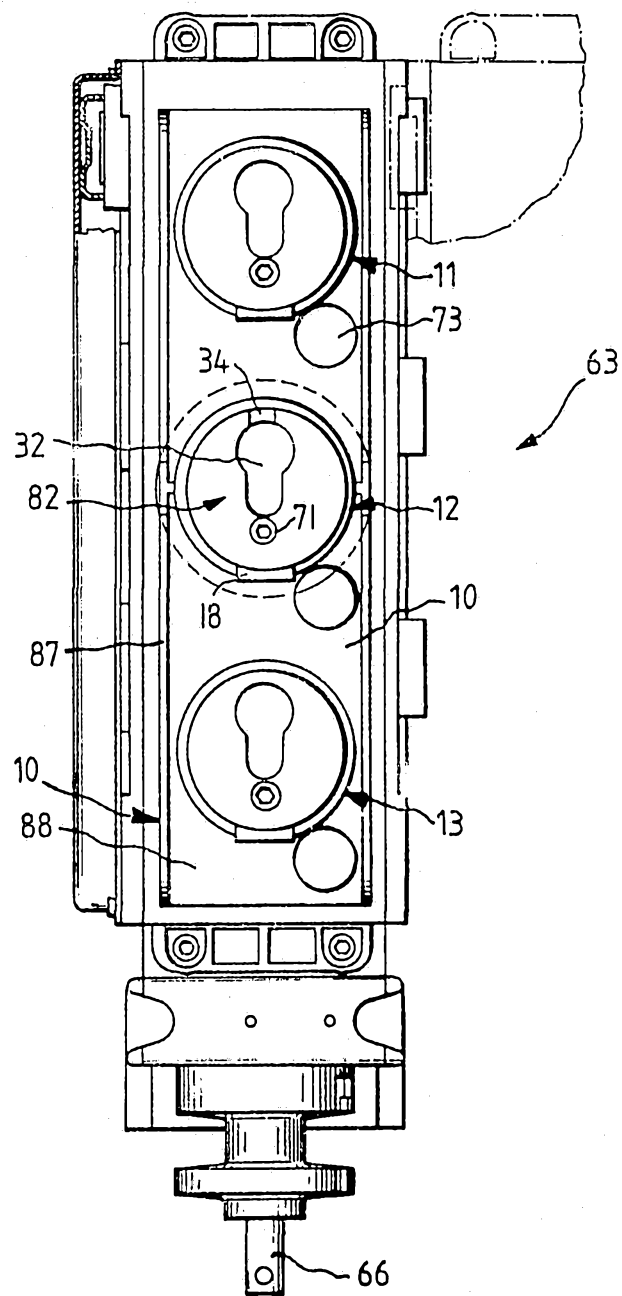


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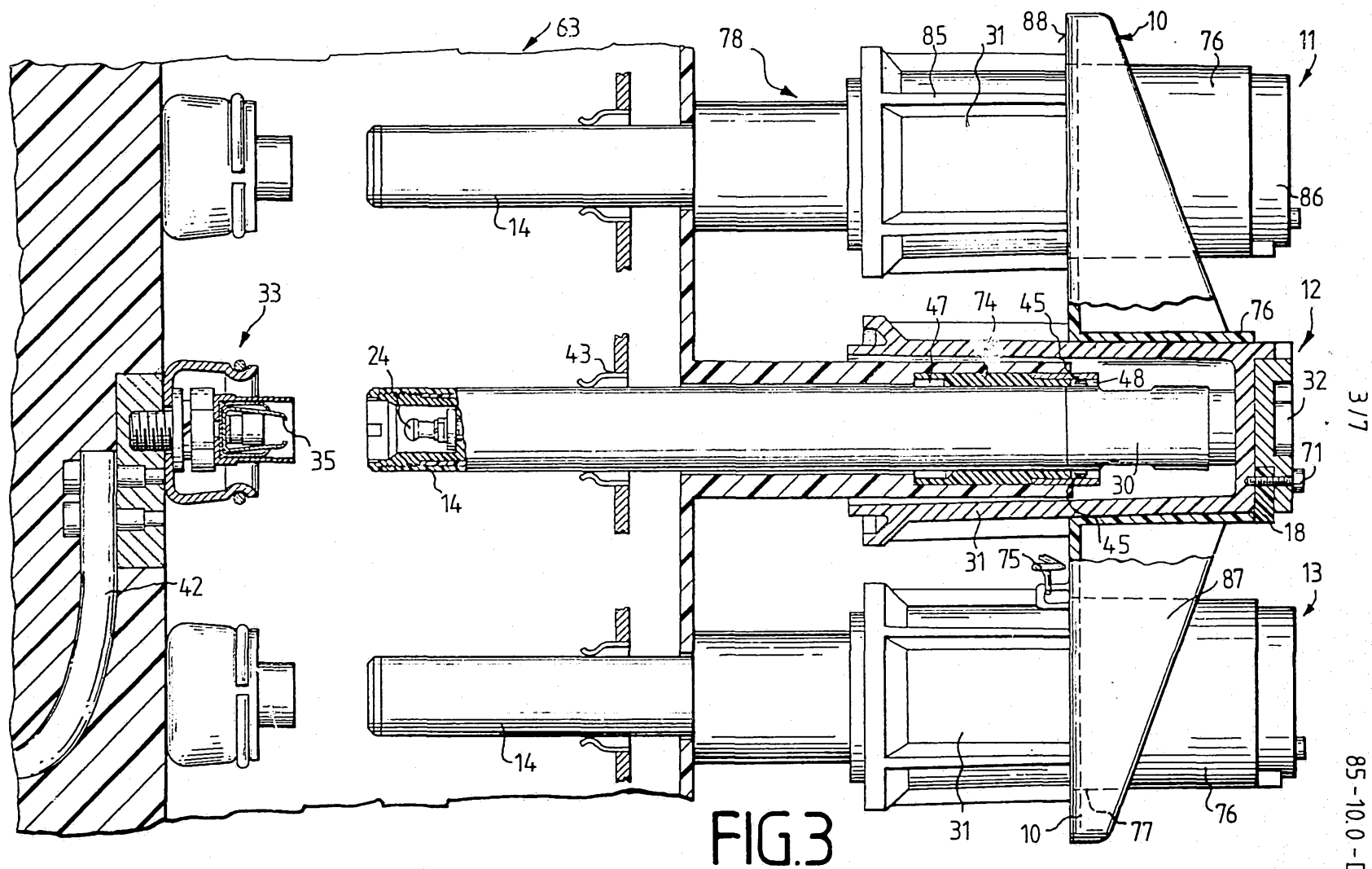
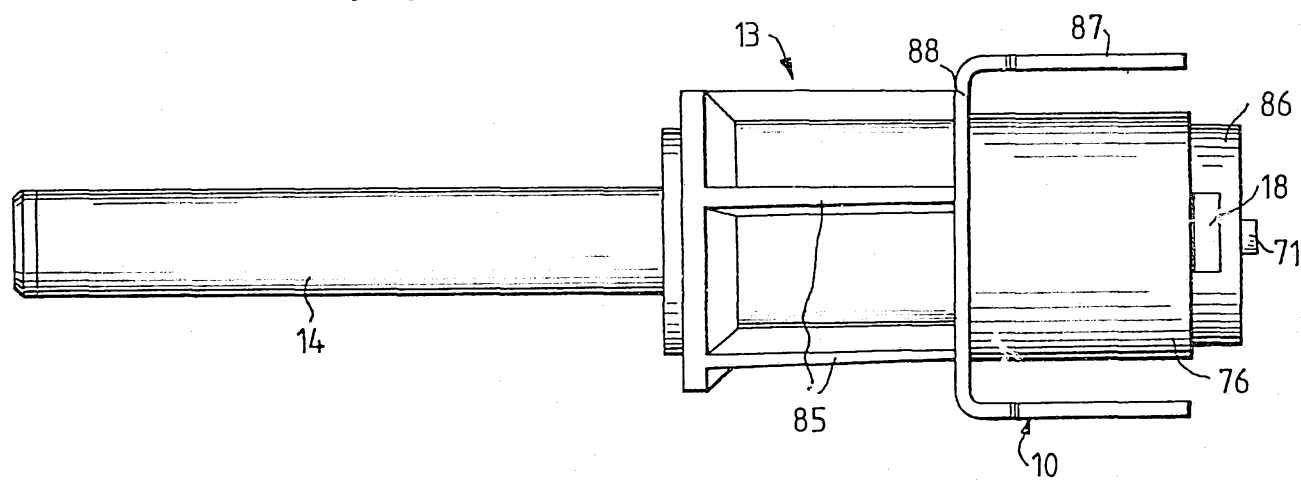


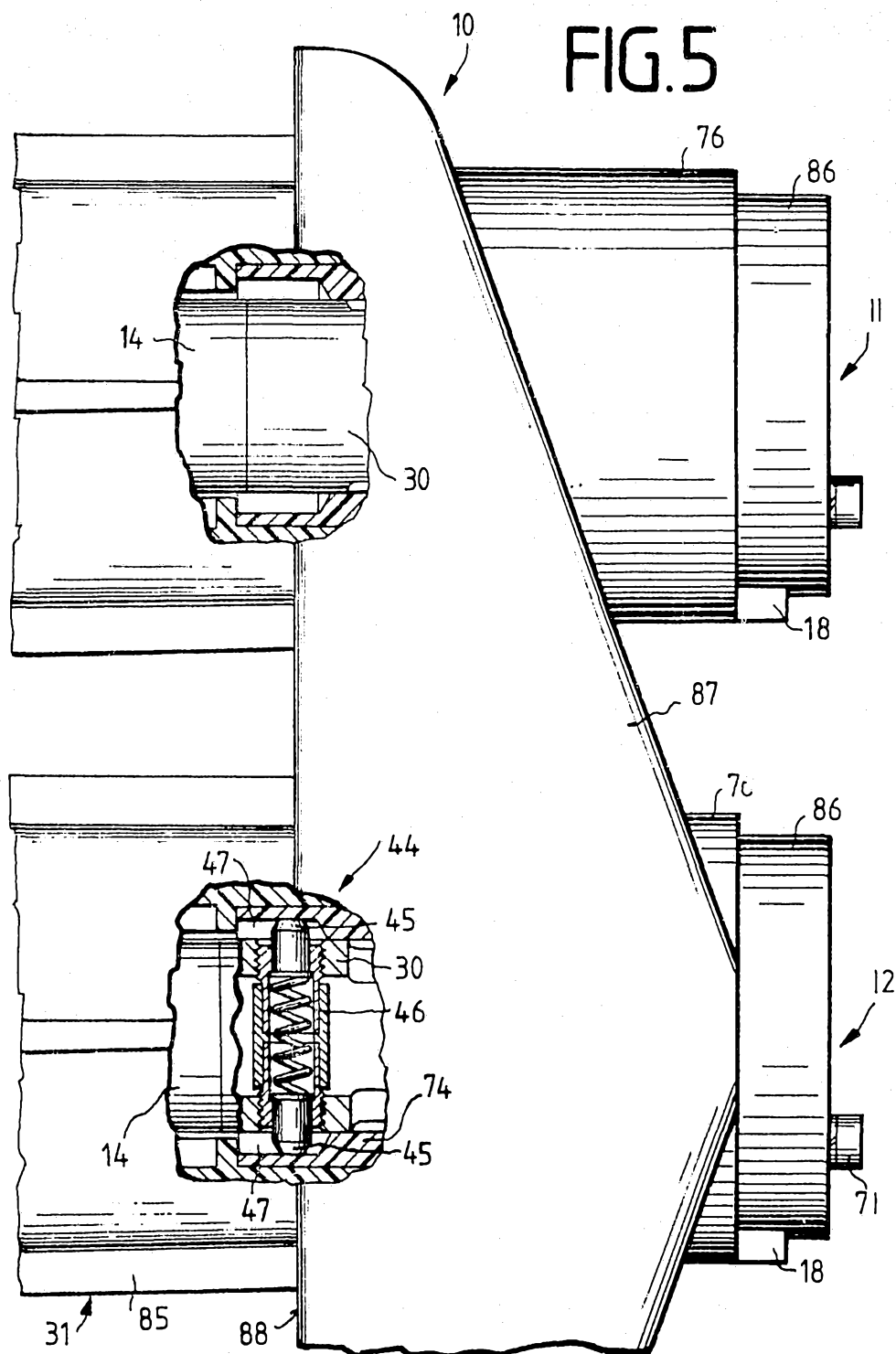
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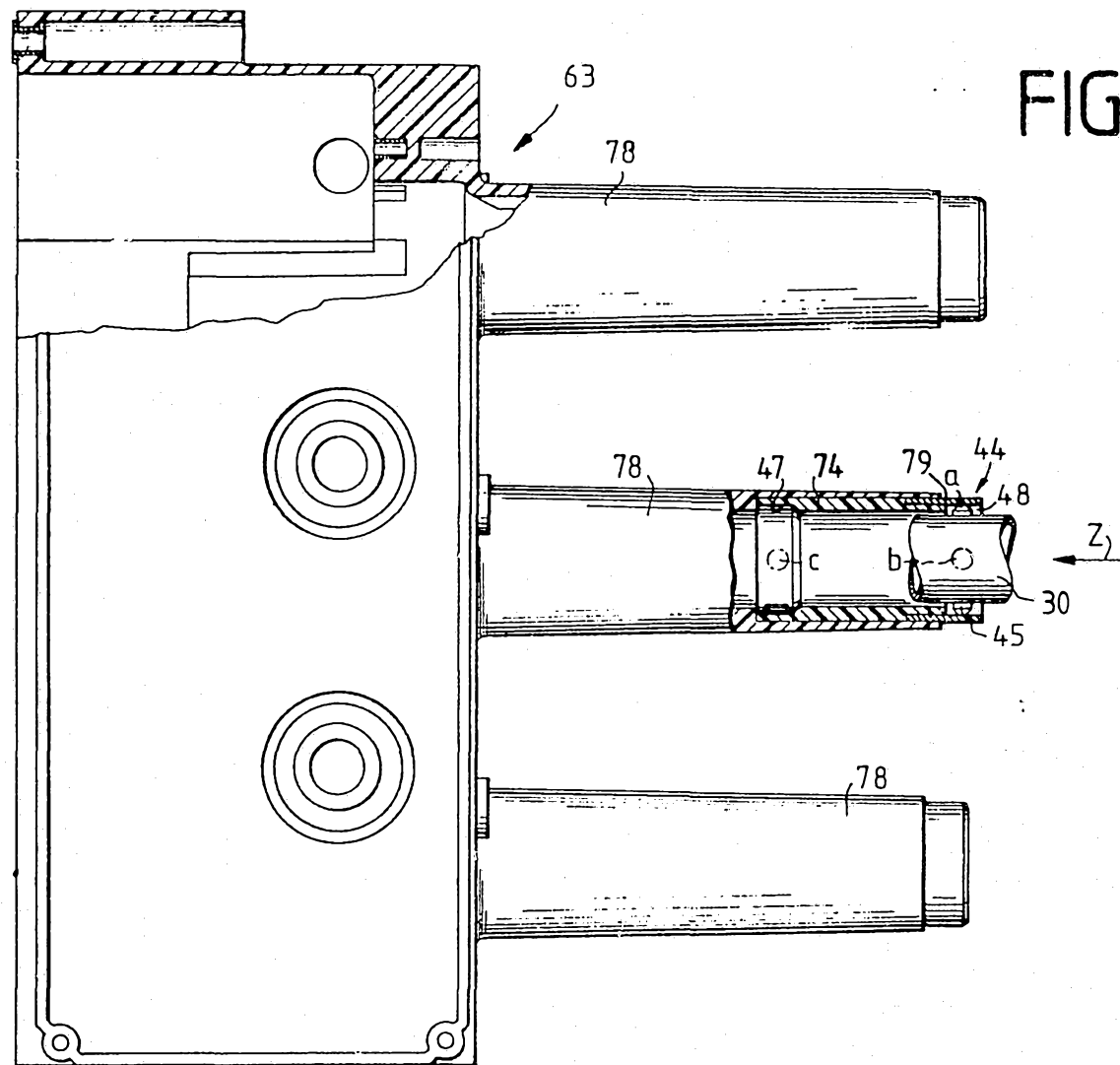


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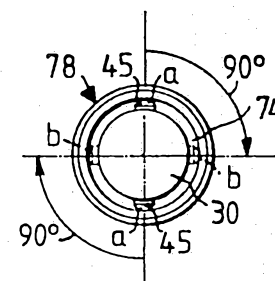


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