

## LSH and LSH-VB 72.5-245 kV Line switcher



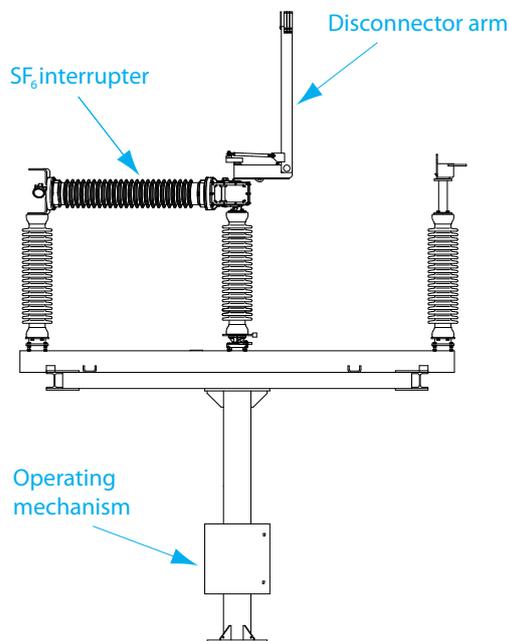
**HV Switching**

To switch and isolate transformers and loads

- Through a unique, rugged package
- Through a single operation
- In the smallest space

## We know how

Our range of switchers provides an economical, versatile, space saving solution for fault protection and switching applications that require more than a disconnecter, and where a conventional circuit breaker is not suitable. From our 60-year experience in HV grids, we offer tailored solutions in line with needs.



## The LSH / LSH-VB line switcher

The LSH switcher is made of three poles, operated simultaneously by a single operating mechanism. Pole simultaneity is achieved through mechanical interphase linkages on opening and closing.

It is available in two versions:

- The Type LSH is the non-blade model, without built-in disconnecter;
- The Type LSH-VB includes a Vertical Break disconnecter, mounted in series, and synchronised with the chamber.

Both versions use the same SF<sub>6</sub> chamber, that is used to make and break on rated current. The LSH-VB adds the appreciable feature of visible isolation in air.

Like all our models, the LSH meets the latest international standards (IEC, ANSI) and can be fitted with both types of insulators, but can also be customised according to particular specification.

## Key features and applications

The LSH and LSH-VB provide a versatile, space saving solution for breaking the mainly active load, the transmission line loop, the cable and line charging currents. It allows to switch:

- Transformers
- Reactors
- Lines
- Cables

The single gap SF<sub>6</sub> chamber needs no grading capacitor to maintain insulation, compared to systems making in the air, this produces very few disturbances on the system.

The LSH-VB offers the unique feature of combining SF<sub>6</sub> making and breaking with visible gap air insulation, in a single switching sequence and through a single operating mechanism. Therefore, no additional interlocking is necessary between switching and isolating devices, and both the reliability and the compactness of the bay are improved.

Like for any of our disconnectors, it is possible to fit 1 or 2 Earthing Switches on the LSH-VB, and even some instrument transformers, to get a full, free-standing bay switchgear assembly. The LSH-VB switcher can be mounted in most any orientation including horizontal upright, vertical, and underhung positions.

## Construction features

Each pole of LSH has one fixed insulator, and one rotary insulator that actuates the chamber. The LSH-VB adds one fixed insulator to support the fixed contact of the disconnecter.

The chamber is a single-gap, puffer type, using SF<sub>6</sub> gas. It is housed in a horizontal hollow porcelain insulator. Its motion is made through purely mechanical means:

- Energy storage is made through opening and closing springs, housed in an aluminium casting located on top of the insulating rod.
- The LSH / LSH-VB is operated through a single disconnector-type operating mechanism, supplying the necessary torque to charge the interrupter, and to operate the disconnector for the LSH-VB.

All conductive parts are made of copper or aluminium, and assembled with stainless steel hardware, while the contacts are made of solid copper, with silver plating where necessary. The HV terminals are made of aluminium.

The base frame and the rotary support are made of hot-dip galvanised steel profiles. The bearings are sealed and greased for a lifetime of maintenance free operation.

All our design and manufacturing process is ruled by ISO 9001 certified procedures to guarantee a perfect repeatability of the performances from the type-testing to the delivery of series.



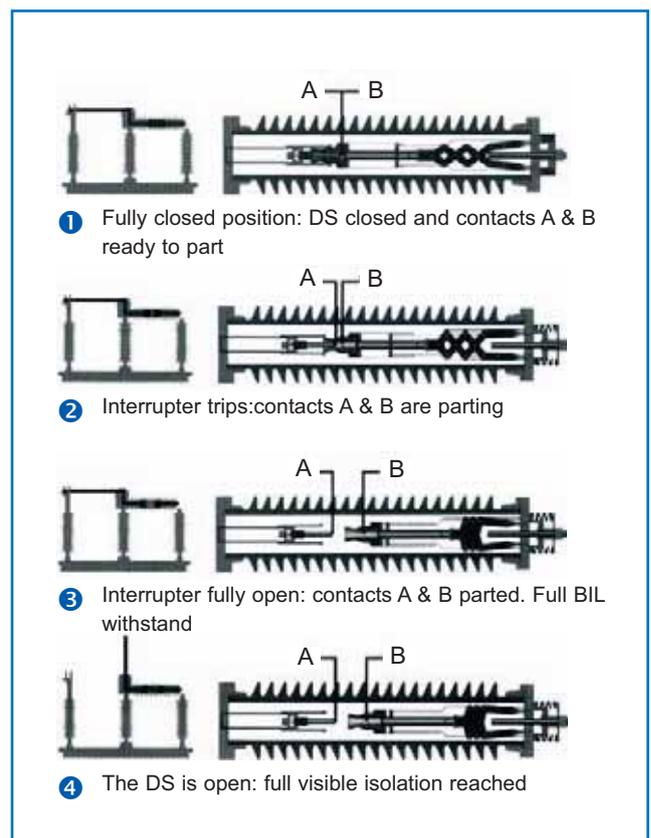
## Operating principle

From the fully closed position ❶ (both interrupter and DS are closed), a 12° rotation of the central insulator, initiated by manual or motor operation, releases the opening springs in the driver mechanism, resulting in high speed opening ❷ of the interrupter contacts, which allows to break the rated current of the circuit.

After the interrupter has been fully opened ❸ an additional 114° of rotation fully opens the disconnector. Upon reaching the full open blade position ❹, the driver mechanism is reset for a closing sequence.

The closing sequence happens exactly in the reverse order: the rotation of the central insulator results in blade travel and charging of the interrupter closing springs in the driver mechanism.

The closing springs are released with the last few degrees of insulator rotation, closing the interrupter and charging the opening springs, while the disconnector is already fully closed, thus, able to withstand the fault current of the circuit. Making the circuit in SF<sub>6</sub> prevents any damage on disconnector contacts.



## Ratings and dimensions

The values in the table refer to IEC standards, unless explicit reference to ANSI is made; for missing ANSI ratings, refer to C37.32

Rated voltage		Ur (kV)	72.5	123	145	170	245	
Rated power frequency withstand voltage	TE	U <sub>d</sub> (kV)	140	230	275	325	395	460
	AID	U <sub>d</sub> (kV)	160	265	315	375	460	530
Rated lightning impulse withstand voltage	TE	U <sub>p</sub> (kV)	325 (IEC) 350 (ANSI)	550	650	750	950 (IEC) 900 (ANSI)	1050
	Int.	U <sub>p</sub> (kV)	350	550	650	750	900	900
	AID	U <sub>p</sub> (kV)	375	630	750	860	1050	1200

TE: To Earth, Int: Interrupter BIL

AID: Across the Isolating Distance: insulation guaranteed by the DS

Rated normal current	Ir (A)	Up to 2000 A IEC / ANSI					
Interrupting time		4-5 cycles				5-6 cycles	
Rated short-circuit making capacity	Im (kA)	40 kA					
Rated short-time withstand current	Ik (kA)	Up to 40 kA / 3s					
Rated peak withstand current	Ip (kA)	Up to 100 kA					

Dimensions (mm)		A		1457	1457	1842	1842	2070	2070
	B <sub>1</sub>			3131	3616	4116	4316	4813	5331
	B <sub>2</sub>			1762	1762	2146	2146	2375	-
	C			1420	1905	2020	2220	2438	2956
D	IEC			770	1200	1500	1700	2100	2300
	ANSI			762	1143	1372	1575	2032	-
E	IEC			1519	1949	2249	2449	2849	3049
	ANSI			1511	1892	2121	2324	2781	-
	F			980	1465	1575	1775	2753	3270
	G <sub>1</sub>			3063	3548	4048	4248	4689	5207
	G <sub>2</sub>			1727	1727	2111	2111	2340	-

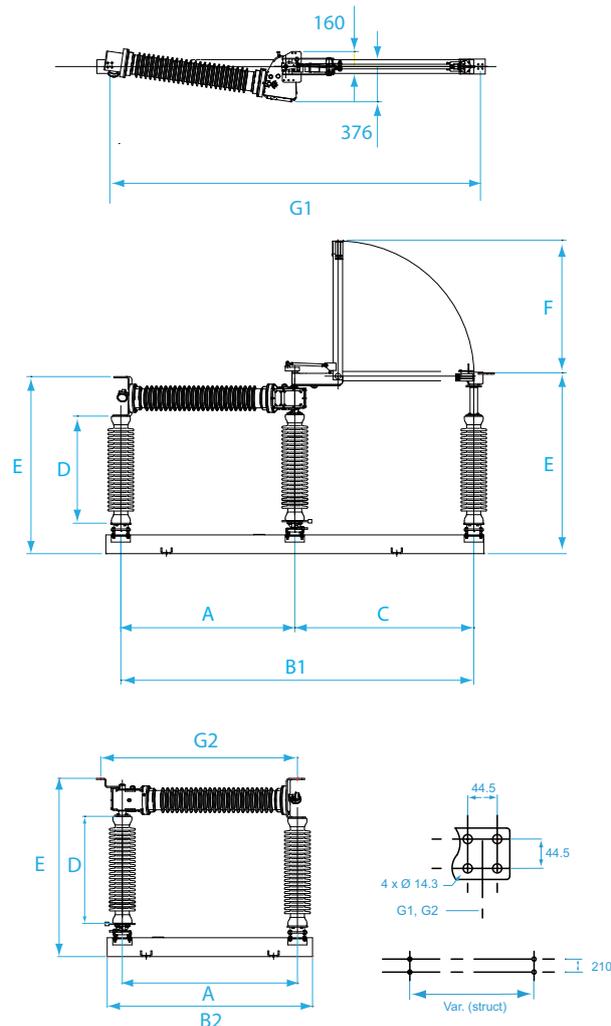
## Reliability and maintenance

Due to lifetime greased or self-lubricated hinges, and self-wiping contacts, the maintenance of the LSH metallic parts is ensured by its own motion. The use of corrosion-free or protected materials for all the components induces an exceptional reliability over many years of service. The mechanical endurance performance exceeds the IEC standard requirements.

## Custom applications

The LSH / LSH-VB is only one of the possible combinations of our switchers with disconnectors. Depending on the application, we can also provide combinations of horizontal chambers with Centre-break or Double-break disconnectors, or even similar combinations with vertical chambers.

Upon request, extended ratings on current making / breaking are also available.



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