Operator’s Manual

ASCO® 7000 Series ATS
Automatic Transfer Switches
J–design, 260, 400, & 600 A

DANGER is used in this manual to warn of high voltages capable of causing shock, burns, or death.

WARNING is used in this manual to warn of possible personal injury.

CAUTION is used in this manual to warn of possible equipment damage.

Refer to the outline and wiring drawings provided with your 7000 Series ATS for all installation and connection details and accessories.

Refer to Group 5 Controller User’s Guide 381333–126 for ATS status display messages, time delays, pickup & dropout settings, and adjustments.

Rating Label
Each automatic transfer switch (ATS) has a rating label to define the loads and fault circuit withstand/closing ratings. Refer to the label on the transfer switch for specific values.

WARNING
Do not exceed the values on the rating label. Exceeding the rating can cause personal injury or serious equipment damage.

Nameplate
The Transfer Switch nameplate includes data for each specific ASCO 7000 Series ATS. Use the ATS only within the limits shown on this nameplate.

An experienced licensed electrician must install the ATS.

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**Catalog Number Identification**

A typical Catalog Number is shown below with its elements explained. The example is for a 7000 Series 7ATS with overlapping neutral, 3 pole, 600 amp, 480 V, in a Type 1 enclosure:

<table>
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<th>Design Prefix Letter</th>
<th>Neutral</th>
<th>Phase Poles</th>
<th>Amperes</th>
<th>Voltage</th>
<th>Controller</th>
<th>Enclosure</th>
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<tr>
<td>J</td>
<td>A – solid</td>
<td>2 – single Ø</td>
<td>260</td>
<td>A 115</td>
<td>5 – standard</td>
<td>C – type 1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>B – switched</td>
<td>3 – three Ø</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>B 120</td>
<td>5X – if accessories ordered</td>
<td>F – type 3R</td>
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![Diagram of a typical Catalog Number with transfer switch, controller, and normal load power connections.](image)

Customer terminals block

Normal load power connections

Emergency power connections

Transfer control & lights

Transfer switch

Controller

260 amp. size in typical enclosure with location of customer connections
ASCO 7000 Series Automatic Transfer Switches (ATSs) are factory wired and tested. Field installation requires mounting and connection of service cables, and auxiliary control circuits (if required).

**Remove the Shipping Skid (large ATSs)**

For large ATSs, open the front door and remove the four lag screws (2 in front, 2 in rear) securing enclosure to the wood skid.

**Supporting Foundation**

The supporting foundation for the enclosure must be level and straight. Refer to the applicable enclosure outline drawing included with the switch for all mounting details including door opening space.

If bottom cable entry is used, the foundation must be prepared so that the conduit stubs are located correctly. Refer to the enclosure outline drawing for specified area and location. Provide cable bending space and clearance to live metal parts. When a concrete floor is poured, use interlocking conduit spacer caps or a wood or metal template to maintain proper conduit alignment.

**Mounting**

Refer to the applicable enclosure outline drawing furnished with this switch and mount the automatic transfer switch according to details and instructions shown on diagram.

**Line Connections**

Refer to the Wiring Diagram provided with the switch. All wiring must be made in accordance with the National Electrical Code and local codes.

It is not necessary to remove pole covers from the transfer switch for cabling. If you do remove them, reinstall them carefully.

**Testing Power Conductors**

Do not connect the power conductors to the transfer switch until they are tested. Installing power cables in conduit, cable troughs and ceiling-suspended hangers often requires considerable force. The pulling of cables can damage insulation and stretch or break the conductor’s strands. For this reason, after the cables are pulled into position, and before they are connected, they should be tested to verify that they are not defective or have been damaged during installation.

**CAUTION**

Protect the automatic transfer switch from construction grit and metal chips to prevent malfunction or shortened life of the ATS.

**Connecting Power Conductors**

After the power cables have been tested, connect them to the appropriate terminal lugs on the transfer switch as shown on the wiring diagram provided with the switch. Make sure the lugs provided are suitable for use with the cables being installed. Standard terminal lugs are solderless screw type and will accept the wire sizes listed on the drawings provided with the switch. Be careful when stripping insulation from the cables; avoid nicking or ringing the conductor. Remove surface oxides from cables by cleaning with a wire brush. When aluminum cable is used, apply joint compound to conductors. Tighten cable lugs to the torque specified on rating label.

**Controller Ground**

A grounding wire must be connected to the controller’s lower left mounting stud. Because the controller is mounted on the enclosure door, a conductive strap must be used between the enclosure and the door. This connection provides proper grounding which does not rely upon the door hinges.

**Harnesses**

The transfer switch is connected to the left side of the controller by a plug-in harness (two plugs).
Engine Starting Contacts

All customer connections, including the engine control contact connections, are located on terminal block TB which is mounted on the top right side of the enclosure. Refer to the wiring diagram provided with the automatic transfer switch and connect the engine start wires to the appropriate terminals. See Figure 1–1 and Table A.

Table A. Engine start connections.

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<th>When normal source fails</th>
<th>Terminals on Terminal Block TB</th>
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<tr>
<td>contact closes</td>
<td>TB1 and TB2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>contact opens</td>
<td>TB1 and TB3</td>
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Note: To temporarily disable engine control from the automatic transfer switch you can unplug J3 from the small P3 receptacle at the bottom of the assembly. Be sure to reconnect plug J3 to the P3 receptacle for automatic transfer switch operation.

Auxiliary Circuits

Connect auxiliary circuit wires to appropriate terminals on transfer switch terminal block TB as shown on the wiring diagram provided with this automatic transfer switch.

Functional Test

The Functional Test consists of three checks:

☐ 1 — Manual Operation Test, page 1–3
☐ 2 — Voltage Checks, page 1–4
☐ 3 — Electrical Operation, page 1–5

CAUTION

Do these checks in the order presented to avoid damaging the automatic transfer switch.

Read all instructions on the Wiring Diagram and labels affixed to the automatic transfer switch. Note the control features that are provided and review their operation before proceeding.

Continue to 1 – Manual Operation Test on next page.
A detachable maintenance handle is provided on the frame of the Transfer Switch for maintenance purposes only. Manual operation of the transfer switch should be checked before it is energized (operated electrically).

**WARNING**

Do not manually operate the transfer switch until both power sources are disconnected: open both circuit breakers.

1. After deenergizing both power sources, open the enclosure door. Locate and remove the maintenance handle from the clips on the left side of the transfer switch frame. Insert the handle into the hole in the molded hub on the left side of the operator. See Figures 1–2 and 1–3 and Table B.

2. Move the maintenance handle up or down as shown to manually operate the transfer switch. It should operate smoothly without any binding. If it does not, check for shipping damage or construction debris.

3. Return the transfer switch to the Normal position. Observe that the window indicators (right side) show the top shaft O (open) and the bottom shaft C (closed).

Table B. Maintenance handle positions.

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<tr>
<th>ATS Position</th>
<th>Handle</th>
<th>Indicators</th>
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<tr>
<td>Normal</td>
<td>up</td>
<td>E = O upper contacts open</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>N = C lower contacts closed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Emergency</td>
<td>down</td>
<td>E = C upper contacts closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>N = O lower contacts open</td>
</tr>
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Note: If Normal and Emergency connections are reversed this operation is also reversed.

4. Remove the maintenance handle and store it on the frame (left side) in the clips provided.

**WARNING**

Verify that the maintenance handle has been removed before proceeding!

Now continue to **2 – Voltage Checks** on next page.
INSTALLATION

2 – Voltage Checks

First check nameplate on transfer switch; rated voltage must be the same as normal and emergency line voltages.

**CAUTION**

Verify that the feeders have been connected to the proper lugs.

**DANGER**

Use extreme caution when using a meter to measure voltages in the following steps. Do not touch power terminals; shock, burns, or death could result!

Perform steps 1 through 6 at the right. Observe the status lights. See Figure 1–4.

- Black square means light is on.
- White square means light is off.

* If necessary, adjust voltage regulator on the generator according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. The Automatic Transfer Switch will respond only to the rated voltage specified on the Transfer Switch nameplate.

**Note**

Refer to Section 3 of Group 5 Controller User’s Guide 381333–126 for how to display the Status of the ATS and the Voltage and Frequency of each source.

Now continue to 3 – Electrical Operation on next page.
3 – Electrical Operation

This procedure will check the electrical operation of the Automatic Transfer Switch. See Figure 1–5.

**WARNING**

Be sure to close the enclosure door before proceeding to prevent personal injury in case of electrical system fault!

**Transfer Test**

Both normal and emergency sources must be available and the emergency source generator (if used) must be capable of being started in this procedure.

Perform steps 1 through 5 at the right. Observe the status lights.

- □ Black square means light is on.
- □ White square means light is off.

This completes the Functional Test of the ATS.
SECTION 2 TESTING & SERVICE

TRANSFER TEST
Operate the 7000 Series ATS at least once a month by following the five–step Electrical Operation Transfer Test procedure on page 1–5.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
Reasonable care in preventive maintenance will insure high reliability and long life for the 7000 Series ATS. An annual preventive maintenance program is recommended.

In the United States, ASCO Services, Inc. (ASI) is ASCO Power Technologies's national service organization. ASI can be contacted at 1-800-800-2726 (ASCO) for information on preventive maintenance agreements.

In Canada, for service call 1-800-234-2726 (ASCO).

Checklist for Yearly Inspection

DANGER
Hazardous voltage capable of causing shock, burns, or death is used in this transfer switch. Deenergize both Normal – Emergency power sources before performing inspections!

- Clean the ATS enclosure. Brush and vacuum away any excessive dust accumulation. Remove any moisture with a clean cloth.
- Check the transfer switch contacts. Remove the transfer switch barriers and check contact condition. Reinstall barriers carefully. The non–replaceable main contacts are designed to last the life of the transfer switch.
- Maintain transfer switch lubrication. If the transfer switch is subjected to severe dust or abnormal operating conditions, renew factory lubrication on all movements and linkages. Relubricate the solenoid operator if the TS coil is replaced. Do not use oil; order lubrication kit 75-100.
- Check all cable connections & retighten them.

REPLACEMENT PARTS
Replacement parts are available in kit form. When ordering parts provide the Serial No., Bill of Material No. (BOM), and Catalog No. from the transfer switch nameplate. Contact your local ASCO Power Technologies Sales Office or ASI:

in United States call 1 800 – 800 – ASCO (2726)
or in Canada call 1 800 – 234 – ASCO (2726)

DISCONNECTING THE CONTROLLER
The harness disconnect plugs are furnished for repair purposes only and should not have to be unplugged. If the controller must be isolated, follow these steps:

Disconnecting the Plugs

| WARNING |
| Do not unplug the controller until step 1a. or 1b. below is completed. |

1. Observe the position of the transfer switch.
   a. If the transfer switch is in the Normal position, first place standby engine starting control in the off position. Second, then open the emergency source circuit breaker. Third, open the normal source circuit breaker.
   b. If the transfer switch is in the Emergency position, first open the normal source circuit breaker. Second, place the engine starting control in the test or run position. Third, open the emergency source circuit breaker.

2. Separate the two quick disconnect plugs by squeezing the latches. Do not pull on the harness wires.

Reconnecting the Plugs

| WARNING |
| Do not reconnect the controller until step 1a. or 1b. below is completed. |

1. Observe the position of the transfer switch.
   a. If the transfer switch is in the Normal position, first be sure that both normal and emergency source circuit breakers are open. Second, be sure that the standby engine starting control is still in the off position.
   b. If the transfer switch is in the Emergency position, first be sure that both normal and emergency source circuit breakers are open.

2. The two harness plugs and sockets are keyed. Carefully align the plugs with the sockets and press straight in until both latches click. Close the door!

3. Restore the two sources in sequence as follows:
   a. If the transfer switch is in the Normal position, first close the normal source circuit breaker. Second, close the emergency source circuit breaker. Third, place the standby engine starting control in the automatic position.
   b. If the transfer switch is in the Emergency position, first close the emergency source circuit breaker. Second close the normal source circuit breaker.
TESTING & SERVICE  (continued)

MANUAL LOAD TRANSFER
This procedure will manually transfer the load if the controller is disconnected.

1. Deenergize both the normal and emergency source conductors (remove fuses or open circuit breakers).
2. Use the maintenance handle to manually operate the transfer switch to the opposite source. See Manual Operation on page 1–3.
3. Then remove the maintenance handle. See page 1–3.

TROUBLE-SHOOTING
Note any optional accessories that may be furnished on the automatic transfer switch (ATS) and review their operation. Refer to any separate drawings and/or instructions that may be packed with the ATS.

TROUBLE-SHOOTING CHECKS

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<th>PROBLEM</th>
<th>CHECK IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE</th>
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<tr>
<td>Engine–generator set does not start when the Transfer Control switch is turned and held in Transfer Test position or when the normal source fails.</td>
<td>Hold Transfer Test switch 15 seconds or the outage must be long enough to allow for Feature 1C time delay plus engine cranking and starting time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer switch does not transfer the load to the emergency source after the engine–generator set starts.</td>
<td>Wait for Feature 2B time delay to time out (if used).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer switch does not transfer the load to normal source when normal returns or when the Transfer Control switch is released.</td>
<td>Wait for Feature 3A time delay to time out (if used).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engine–generator-set does not stop after load retransfer to the normal source.</td>
<td>Wait for Feature 2E time delay to time out (if used).</td>
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* These are factory settings. Refer to the Group 5 Controller User’s Guide.

If the problem is isolated to circuits on the controller or the transfer switch, call your local ASCO Power Technologies sales office or ASI. In the United States, call 1–800–800–2726. In Canada, call 1–800–234–2726. Furnish the Serial No. and Catalog No. from the transfer switch nameplate.
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