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FOR USE IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN COMPLIANCE  
WITH IEEE STANDARDS 323-1974, 382-1972 AND  
344-1975.

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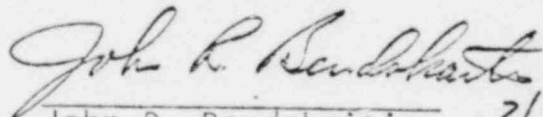


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CERTIFICATION

THIS QUALIFICATION TEST REPORT IS A TRUE  
AND ACCURATE PRESENTATION BASED UPON THE  
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## 1.0 PURPOSES OF QUALIFICATION TEST REPORT:

- 1.1 This Qualification Test Report (QTR) will extend the original qualification of the EA180 series limit switch to include several product improvement changes. See Section 9.0 for description of these changes.
- 1.2 The original EA180 Qualification Reports are dated September 5, 1978 and March 3, 1978.
- 1.3 This QTR is for a series of type tests in support of EA180 series generic group qualification to IEEE Std. 323-1974, 344-1975 and 382-1972. These standards pertain to Class IE safety-related equipment for use in nuclear power plants.
- 1.4 This QTR summarizes the test reports provided by Acme-Cleveland Development Company and compare them to the requirements of the original test plan.
- 1.5 This QTR will provide the additional data required by IEEE Std. 323-1974, Section 6.2 Equipment Performance Specifications, such as; Performance Characteristics, Ratings, Installation Requirements, Preventative Maintenance, Design Life, Auxiliary Devices Required, Rated Service Conditions, Periodic Quality Control Tests and Estimated Qualified Life.

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## 1.0 PURPOSES OF QUALIFICATION TEST REPORT: (CONT'D.)

- 1.6 The tests verify the limit switch performance and include; Aging Simulation, Wear Aging, Radiation Exposure, Seismic Qualification and Design Basis Event Environmental Conditions.
- 1.7 The tests envelope the environmental conditions set forth in Section 4.0.
- 1.8 Justification for test requirements and/or conditions will be provided where necessary.
- 1.9 Note: It is the user's responsibility to determine the acceptability of the tests methods, procedures and specifications for a specific application.

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## 2.0 APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS AND DRAWINGS:

2.1 The listed IEEE standards were used as guidelines in the preparation and performance of this qualification program.

2.2 IEEE Std. 323-1974 - Std. for Qualifying Class IE Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations.

2.3 IEEE Std. 382-1972/ANSI N41.6

- IEEE Trial-Use Guide For Type Test of Class IE Electric Valve Operators for Nuclear Power Generating Stations.

2.4 IEEE Std. 344-1975 - Recommended Practice for Seismic Qualification of Class IE Equipment for Nuclear Power Generating Stations.

2.5 Namco Controls Test Plan

No. LP10767-3

Test Plan for Qualification of Series EA180 and EA740 Limit Switches.

2.6 Namco Controls Drawings

2.6.1 EA180-11302 Limit Switch Assembly

2.6.2 EA180-14302 Limit Switch Assembly

### 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST

3.1 Generic Group Qualification provided by type test T.R. 3613-PP (Section 10.1). The generic group of EA180 limit switches qualified by T.R. 3613-PP is described as the "standard" series limit switch with a ten (10) degree trip travel, three (3) mounting types and two (2) modes of operation.

3.1.1 The selection of the EA180 limit switch to be used for test was based upon an Engineering analysis of the six (6) limit switch part numbers listed in Figure 1.

The analysis was based upon computation of the allowable tensile and shear areas and strength of the fasteners for the various methods of mounting and attachment of the back cover.

It was concluded that the EA180-11302, standard mounting, represented the most conservative (most severe) conditions for test.

3.1.2 The direction of rotation to operate the switch does not affect the test program because the switch mechanism is symmetrical. The test sequence also provides for testing in the operated and unoperated condition.

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## 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

List of Limit Switches  
In Standard Operating (10°)  
Generic Group

PART NUMBER	MOUNTING		ROTATION *
	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
EA180-11302	STD	Two threaded holes on either side of housing	CW
EA180-12302	STD		CCW
EA180-21302	Style 1	Four holes through wide bottom cover	CW
EA180-22302	Style 1		CCW
EA180-31302	Style 2	Four holes through long bottom cover	CW
EA180-32302	Style 2		CCW

\*Direction of rotation of lever shaft to operate switch.

View-facing lever shaft.

Figure 1

### 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

3.1.3 With exception of the back cover all other components of the listed limit switch part numbers are common.

3.2 Selection and identification of the limit switch for test per T.R. 3613-PP.

3.2.1 The EA180-11302 limit switch used in this test was one chosen at random from several assembled on the Namco Controls production line by Production personnel. All parts were per bill of materials EZ10683-90 and subjected to standard inspection procedures.

#### 3.2.2 Identification

The test switch was marked with the following:

Part Number	EA180-11302
Engineering Number	EZ10683-90
Date of Manufacture	3979
Factory Order Number	13658
Test Number	138-90

3.2.3 Throughout test report T.R. 3613-PP this switch is referred to as No. 138-90.

3.3 Specifications for qualified limit switch generic group, per T.R. 3613-PP, IEEE 323-74, 6.2(2).

The specifications for the EA180-11302 group limit switch are as follows:

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### 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

3.3.1 The switch is a heavy duty, double pole, double throw, butt contact, quick break and quick make type.

3.3.2 Nameplate rating:

125VAC - 20A

250VAC - 15A

480VAC - 10A

600VAC - 5A

Power Factor of Load 75-100%

125VDC - 5A

250VDC - 1.5A

3.3.3 Operating data

Pretravel - 10°

Differential Travel - 8°

Recommended Travel - 13°

Maximum Torque during Pretravel - 21 In. Lbs.

Note: When operated the limit switch lever shaft is spring loaded and will return to the original position if released.

3.3.4 Enclosure type

The switch enclosure meets the requirements of NEMA 1, 4 & 13.

3.3.5 See assembly drawing EA180-11302 for other detailed information such as size and shape.



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### 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

3.3.6 Production released bill of materials for switch part numbers qualified to this report are identified with QTR 105. First release was Revision H.

3.3.7 Production manufactured switches are identified with the following as shown in Figure 11:

Part Number

Ratings

B/M Revision

Factory Order Code

Date Code

3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

3.4 Generic group qualification of "short travel" series limit switches.

- 3.4.1 The generic group of EA180 14302 short travel limit switches listed in Figure 2 is qualified by similarity to switches tested in T.R. 3613-PP (Section 10.1) and supplementary tests (Section 10.2).
- 3.4.2 Similarity analysis. An Engineering comparative analysis of the short travel limit switch with the standard EA180 determined the only difference is in the latching mechanism.
- 3.4.3 A short travel switch #83 (EA180 14302) was subjected to heat aging, wear tests, radiation exposure, seismic test and plant induced vibration simulation. (Section 10.2)
- 3.4.4 Conclusion: The EA180-14302 short travel series of limit switches is qualified by similarity to switches tested in T.R. 3613-PP (Section 10.1). The mechanical differences in the latching mechanism did not affect qualification as illustrated by supplementary test reported in Section 10.2.

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## 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

List of Limit Switches  
In Short Travel (8°) Operating  
Generic Group

PART NUMBER	MOUNTING		ROTATION *
	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	
EA180-14302	STD	Two threaded holes on either side of housing	CW
EA180-15302	STD		CCW
EA180-24302	Style 1	Four holes through wide bottom cover	CW
EA180-25302	Style 1		CCW
EA180-34302	Style 2	Four holes through long bottom cover	CW
EA180-35302	Style 2		CCW

\*Direction of rotation of lever shaft to operate switch.  
View-facing lever shaft.

Figure 2

### 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

#### 3.5 Specifications for qualified limit switch generic short travel group, IEEE 323-74, 6.2 (2).

The specifications for the EA180 14302 group limit switch are as follows:

3.5.1 The switch is a heavy duty, double pole, double throw, butt contact, quick break and quick make type.

#### 3.5.2 Nameplate rating:

125VAC - 20A

250VAC - 15A

480VAC - 10A

600VAC - 5A

Power factor of load 75-100%

125VAC - 5A

250VAC - 1.5A

#### 3.5.3 Operating data:

Pretravel - 6° 30'

Differential travel - 4°

Recommended travel - 7°

Maximum torque during pretravel - 38 In. Lbs.

Note: When operated the limit switch lever shaft is spring loaded and will return to the original position if released.

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3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND  
SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

3.5.4 Enclosure type

The switch enclosure meets the requirements of NEMA 1, 4 & 13.

3.5.5 See assembly drawing EA180 14302 for other detailed information such as size and shape.

3.5.6 Production released bill of materials for switches qualified to this report are identified with QTR 105. First release was Revision H.

3.5.7 Production manufactured switches are identified with the following, as shown in Figure 11:

Part Number

Ratings

Date Code

B/M Revision

Factory Order Code

### 3.0 GENERIC GROUP IDENTIFICATION, SPECIFICATIONS AND SELECTION FOR TEST (CONT'D.)

#### Identification of Production Switches

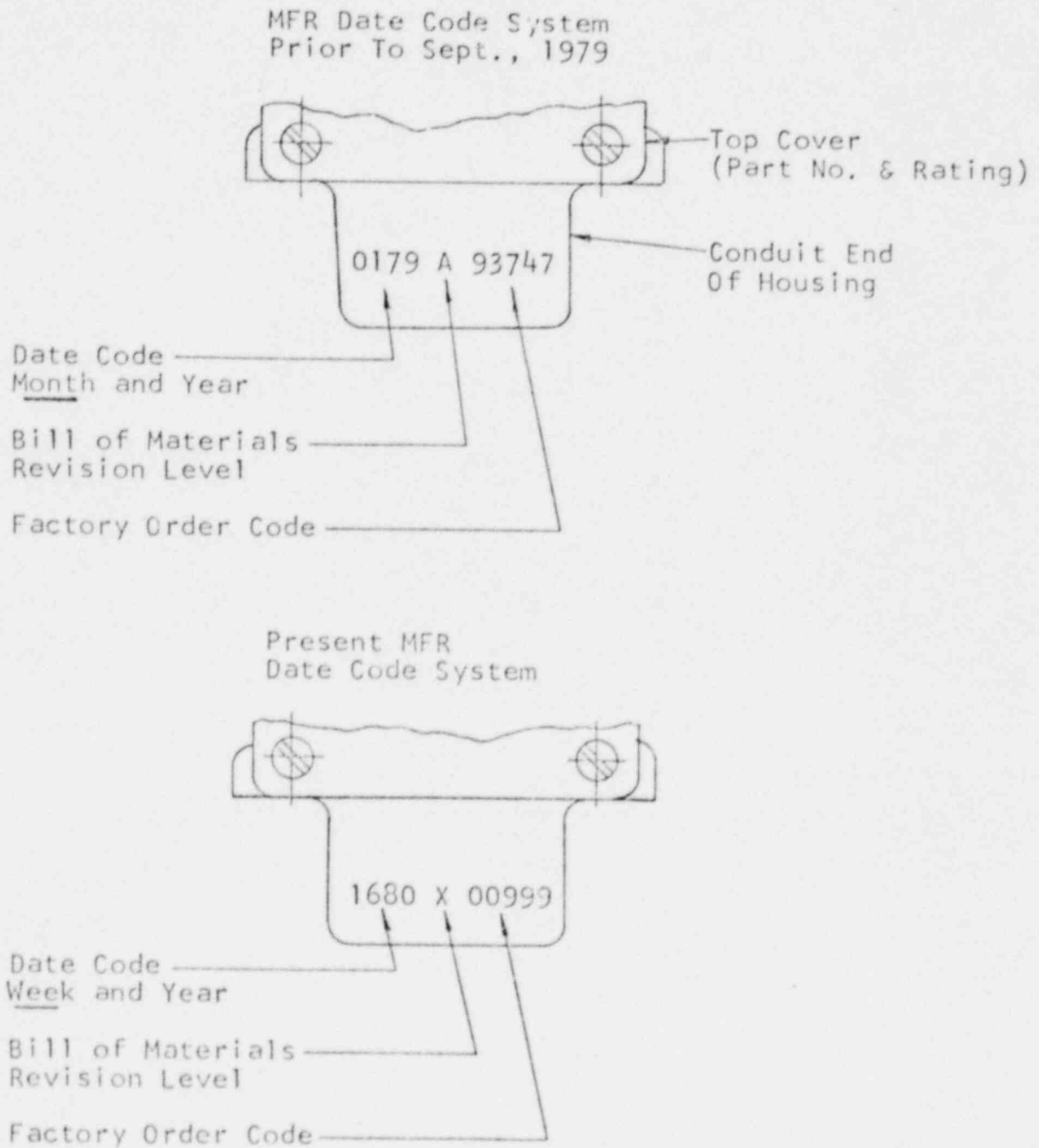


FIGURE 11

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4.0 SERVICE CONDITIONS, INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND QUALIFIED LIFE (REF. IEEE 323-1974, SECTION 6.2)

4.1 Installation and connection requirements.

See EA189 90006 (Figure 5) for special instructions.

4.2 Preventive maintenance.

For preventive maintenance during installed life of the limit switch, see EA189 90051 (Figure 6). Replacement parts kit numbers are provided in these instructions.

4.3 Design life.

The mechanical design life is 500,000 cycles (Min.).

Electrical design life is 500,000 cycles (Min.).

The above design life estimations are based upon normal ambient conditions.

4.4 Auxiliary devices required for proper function of the limit switch.

Although it was not considered a part of the qualification test, an operating lever is required for proper operation of the limit switch.

The Namco Controls catalog lists operating levers of many configurations and materials.

It is the users responsibility to chose one suitable for the application.

EA189-90006

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS EA180 NUCLEAR SWITCH SILICONE GASKETS

THIS SWITCH IS DESIGNED FOR USE IN THE INNER CONTAINMENT AREA OF A NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING STATION. TO MAINTAIN SWITCH INTEGRITY THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED.

## 1.0 ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

- 1.1 WIRE PASSAGE THROUGH SWITCH CONDUIT ENTRANCE MUST BE SEALED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAINTAIN THE SWITCH INTEGRITY UNDER REQUIRED SERVICE CONDITIONS.
- 1.2 WIRE TERMINALS SHALL NOT BE OF ZINC OR ZINC PLATED MATERIAL.
- 1.3 SOLDERED WIRE ENDS MUST BE CLEAN AND FREE FROM FLUX.

## 2.0 INSTALLATION OF TOP COVER

- 2.1 ALIGNMENT OF SCREW HOLES OF COVER AND GASKET SHOULD BE CHECKED.
- 2.2 TORQUE SCREWS IN A STAGGERED PATTERN, FROM SIDE TO SIDE.
- 2.3 TOP COVER SCREWS MUST HAVE BELLEVILLE WASHER AND O-RING.
- 2.4 TORQUE TOP COVER SCREWS 20 INCH POUNDS.
- 2.5 GASKETS TORN AROUND SCREW HOLES OR OTHERWISE DAMAGED MUST BE REPLACED.

- 3.0 DO NOT REMOVE BOTTOM COVERS, CHECK SCREWS FOR TIGHTNESS, MUST BE 20 INCH POUNDS.

NOTE: THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE PRINTED ON 40-60# BOND PAPER APPROX. 4 X 6.  
FOLD ONCE LENGTHWISE AND PACK WITH SWITCH.

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FIGURE 5

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FIGURE 6  
4-3'

# MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

TYPE OF SWITCH: EA180 11302 REV. H AND OTHER MODELS AS LISTED  
DESCRIPTION : EA180 NUCLEAR SWITCH WITH SILICONE GASKETS  
PERIOD OF MFG.: FROM FEBRUARY, 1990

## 1.0 UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE:

IN THE EVENT THAT THE SWITCH DOES NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY.

- 1.1 CHECK MECHANICAL OPERATION, REMOVE SWITCH IF SLUGGISH, REMOVE BOTTOM COVER, RELUBRICATE STICKING COMPOENTS, USE OIL FROM LUBRICATION KIT (4.2). DO NOT LUBRICATE ELECTRICAL SIDE.
- 1.2 INSTALL BOTTOM COVER, REPLACE GASKET IF DAMAGED (4.4). TORQUE SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.
- 1.3 IF SWITCH DOES NOT CARRY OPERATING CURRENT, REMOVE POWER, REMOVE TOP COVER, CHECK OPERATION, CLEAN CONTACTS (4.1). IF CLOSED CONTACT RESISTANCE REMAINS GREATER THAN ONE OHM, SEE 2.3.
- 1.4 INSTALL TOP COVER, REPLACE GASKET IF DAMAGED (4.3). TORQUE SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.
- 1.5 REPLACE BOOT IF DAMAGED (4.7). REPLACEMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE LUBRICATION KIT (4.2).

## 2.0 SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE:

SEE SERVICE TEMPERATURE VS. SERVICE TIME CHART BELOW TO DETERMINE WHEN THE FOLLOWING MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE PERFORMED.

### SERVICE TEMPERATURE

40° C  
45° C  
55° C (D)  
60° C

### SERVICE TIME

20 YEARS  
10 "  
5 "  
3 "

- 2.1 REMOVE SWITCH. REPLACE LEVER SHAFT AND O-RING ASSEMBLY (4.8). REPLACEMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE LUBRICATION KIT (4.2).
- 2.2 REMOVE TOP COVER. CLEAN CONTACTS (4.1).
- 2.3 REPLACE CONTACT LEVER ASSEMBLY (4.5) THEN CONTACT BLOCK ASSEMBLY (4.6) IF ANY CLOSED CONTACT RESISTANCE REMAINS ABOVE ONE OHM.
- 2.4 INSTALL TOP COVER AND REPLACE TOP COVER GASKET AND SCREWS (4.3). TORQUE TOP COVER SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.

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TYPE OF SWITCH: EA180 11302 REV. H AND OTHER MODELS AS LISTED  
DESCRIPTION : EA180 NUCLEAR SWITCH WITH SILICONE GASKETS  
PERIOD OF MFG.: FROM FEBRUARY, 1980

## 1.0 UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE:

IN THE EVENT THAT THE SWITCH DOES NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY.

- 1.1 CHECK MECHANICAL OPERATION, REMOVE SWITCH IF SLUGGISH, REMOVE BOTTOM COVER, RELUBRICATE STICKING COMPOENTS, USE OIL FROM LUBRICATION KIT (4.2). DO NOT LUBRICATE ELECTRICAL SIDE.
- 1.2 INSTALL BOTTOM COVER, REPLACE GASKET IF DAMAGED (4.4). TORQUE SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.
- 1.3 IF SWITCH DOES NOT CARRY OPERATING CURRENT, REMOVE POWER, REMOVE TOP COVER, CHECK OPERATION, CLEAN CONTACTS (4.1). IF CLOSED CONTACT RESISTANCE REMAINS GREATER THAN ONE OHM, SEE 2.3.
- 1.4 INSTALL TOP COVER, REPLACE GASKET IF DAMAGED (4.3). TORQUE SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.
- 1.5 REPLACE BOOT IF DAMAGED (4.7). REPLACEMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE LUBRICATION KIT (4.2).

## 2.0 SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE:

SEE SERVICE TEMPERATURE VS. SERVICE TIME CHART BELOW TO DETERMINE WHEN THE FOLLOWING MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE PERFORMED.

### SERVICE TEMPERATURE

40° C  
45° C  
55° C @  
60° C

### SERVICE TIME

20 YEARS  
10 "  
5 "  
3 "

- 2.1 REMOVE SWITCH. REPLACE LEVER SHAFT AND O-RING ASSEMBLY (4.8). REPLACEMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE LUBRICATION KIT (4.2).
- 2.2 REMOVE TOP COVER. CLEAN CONTACTS (4.1).
- 2.3 REPLACE CONTACT LEVER ASSEMBLY (4.5) THEN CONTACT BLOCK ASSEMBLY (4.6) IF ANY CLOSED CONTACT RESISTANCE REMAINS ABOVE ONE OHM.
- 2.4 INSTALL TOP COVER AND REPLACE TOP COVER GASKET AND SCREWS (4.3). TORQUE TOP COVER SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.

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DESCRIPTION : EA180 NUCLEAR SWITCH WITH SILICONE GASKETS  
PERIOD OF MFG.: FROM FEBRUARY, 1980

#### 3.0 SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE:

EVERY 20 YEARS IF SWITCH WAS CONTINUOUSLY EXPOSED TO SERVICE TEMPERATURE HIGHER THAN 50° C.

3.1 REMOVE SWITCH. REMOVE TOP COVER. REMOVE AND REPLACE CONTACT BLOCK ASSEMBLY (4.6) AND CONTACT LEVER ASSEMBLY (4.5). INSTALL TOP COVER AND REPLACE TOP COVER GASKET IF DAMAGED (4.3). TORQUE TOP COVER SCREWS TO 20 IN. LBS. OR AS SPECIFIED IN GASKET KIT.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONS AND REPLACEMENT KITS:

4.1 CONTACT CLEANING: CLEAN ALL DEPOSITS FROM CONTACTS WITH CLEAN ALCOHOL OR ACETONE USING Q-TIP TYPE APPLICATOR.

4.2 LUBRICATION PROCEDURE - EA181 10160 (LUBRICANT MANUFACTURER: WILLIAM F. NYE, NEW BEDFORD, MASS.)

4.3 TOP COVER GASKET KIT - EA181 10102

4.4 BOTTOM COVER GASKET KIT - EA181 10120

4.5 CONTACT LEVER KIT - EA181 10130

4.6 CONTACT BLOCK KIT - EA181 10140

4.7 BCOT KIT - EA181 10151

4.8 LEVER SHAFT AND O-RING ASSEMBLY KIT - EA181 10170 (FOR STANDARD SWITCHES)

LEVER SHAFT AND O-RING ASSEMBLY KIT (SHORT TRAVEL) - EA181 10171 (FOR SHORT TRAVEL SWITCHES EA180 X4302)  
EA180 X5302)  
EA180 X6302)

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4.0 SERVICE CONDITIONS, INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND QUALIFIED LIFE (REF. IEEE 323-1974, SECTION 6.2) (CONT'D.)

4.5 Normal service environmental conditions.

The test enveloped the following rated service conditions:

- 4.5.1 Temperature : Room Temperature to +90° C
- 4.5.2 Pressure : Ambient
- 4.5.3 Humidity : 0 to 100% R.H.
- 4.5.4 Radiation : Total exposure  $204 \times 10^6$  Rads Gamma
- 4.5.5 Seismic : O.B.E.
  - 1 - 4 Hz. 0.6 - 9.52 g's
  - 4 - 35 Hz. 9.52 g's

Plant induced vibration simulation 333,333 cycles @ 100 Hz. at .75 g's.

4.6 Design Basis Event conditions.

- 4.6.1 Environmental conditions for this type test were derived from IEEE 323-1974, Appendix A, for pressurized water reactors and boiling water reactors.

See Figure 3 of the test report for pressure/temperature profile obtained.

- 4.6.2 Radiation total exposure:  
 $204 \times 10^6$  Rads Gamma
- 4.6.3 Seismic: SSE (Same as O.B.E.)
  - 1 - 4 Hz. 0.6 - 9.52 g's
  - 4 - 35 Hz. 9.52 g's

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4.7 Operating cycles.

4.7.1 Test

The test switch was operated with electrical load for a total of over 100,300 cycles, 100,200 cycles wear cycling and a minimum of 100 cycles during the other tests.

4.7.2 Periodic testing

As a Quality Control procedure, randomly selected switches will be heat aged for 400 hours at 120°C, then operated for a minimum of 100,000 cycles.



#### 4.0 SERVICE CONDITIONS, INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND QUALIFIED LIFE (REF. IEEE 323-1974, SECTION 6.2) (CONT'D.)

##### 4.8 Estimation of Qualified Life

The purpose of this section is to provide an estimation of qualified life for the EA180 series limit switches enveloped by this report.

Qualified life is defined as "the period of time for which satisfactory performance can be demonstrated for a specific set of service conditions." (1)

The qualification test subjected the limit switch to several accelerated aging tests which included thermal aging at 120°C for 400 hours (5.1).

A primary consideration in estimating qualified life is to first determine the aging mechanism to which the component materials are most susceptible.

The limit switch is composed of metallic and organic components. (Figure 7)

The metallic components, per standard practice in the nuclear industry, are considered to be immune to debilitating aging in the temperature range of this test.

Organic components are susceptible to thermal aging in varying degrees and rates. It was decided to determine the qualified life of these components

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## 4.8 Estimation of Qualified Life (Cont'd.)

through the use of the Arrhenius law (2) to mathematically extrapolate the thermal aging time/temperature to service conditions.

As explained later on in this section an activation energy number of 0.8 eV is considered to be very conservative for the elastomeric parts of the limit switch. (2)

Based upon the 0.8 eV the qualified life of the EA180 series limit switch is 5.0 years at 55.0°C, Figure 8. The qualified life can be extended to 40 years by periodic maintenance and replacement of the elastomeric components as recommended by Maintenance Procedure EA189 90051 (Figure 6).

The organic components can be divided into three (3) groups:

- A. Polymeric Lubricants
- B. Thermoset Plastic Contact Carrier and Contact Block
- C. Elastomeric Seals

The synthetic hydrocarbon grease has a rating of 250°F (121°C) and the aromatic ether based oil is stable to over 475°F (246°C). (3) Neither the lubricant manufacturer nor extensive searches of the current chemical literature concerning lubricant has proven useful in



## 4.8 Estimation of Qualified Life (Cont'd.)

discovering the thermal aging characteristics of these lubricants. However, due to the ratings of these lubricants and the service conditions that they will be subject to it is Namco Controls' carefully drawn opinion that the application and amount of lubricant applied will be of much greater consequence that changes due to the passage of time.

The qualified life of the lubricant is controlled by the maintenance procedure.

The thermoset plastic parts are made of an asbestos filled phenolic with a temperature index of 150°C.

(4) The manufacturer of the material was not able to provide activation energy data, however, a number of widely varying values have been located for other phenolics, the lowest value being 0.96 eV. (5)

The elastomeric seals for the limit switch consist of the silicone rubber gaskets and an ethylene propylene o'ring shaft seal. The ethylene propylene boot serves only as an oil retainer and dust shield and therefore, not considered as a seal.

A study and test by Parker Seals (6) concluded that the o'ring seal life appeared to be independent of thermal aging temperatures below 200°F (93°C) and that seal life for ambient temperatures of 55°C to

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75° C ranged from 5 to 15 years. Parker was unable to provide an activation energy number.

The manufacturer of the silicone rubber gasket material was not able to supply aging data on the specific compound used, however, data (8) on this type of material indicates a normal service life of 10 to 20 years at 250° F (121° C). A study by Martin Marietta (7) indicates an activation energy number of 1.14 for silicones.

As previously stated; based upon the above and through contacts with others in the nuclear industry (2) an activation energy number of 0.8 eV is considered to be very conservative for the elastomeric parts of the limit switch.

Namco Controls recognizes the importance of thermal aging as a part of qualification and has therefore established a test program to investigate the thermal aging characteristics of the limit switches and of the materials used in them.

This section will be amended as new information becomes available from these tests and other sources.

This statement is based upon the best Engineering information available to us at this time.

## 4.8 Estimation of Qualified Life (Cont'd.)

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4.0 SERVICE CONDITIONS, INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND QUALIFIED LIFE (REF. IEEE 323-1974, SECTION 6.2) (CONT'D.)

List of Non-Metallic  
Materials Used in the  
Qualified Limit Switch

<u>Material</u>	<u>Where Used</u>
Silicone rubber	Top cover gasket Bottom cover gasket
EPDM	O ring (lever shaft) O ring (cover screws) Boot (lever shaft)
Synthetic hydrocarbon grease w/fluorocarbon	Lubricant
Aromatic ether based oil	Lubricant
Thermoset plastic Phenolic-asbestos filled	Contact block Contact carrier

Figure 7

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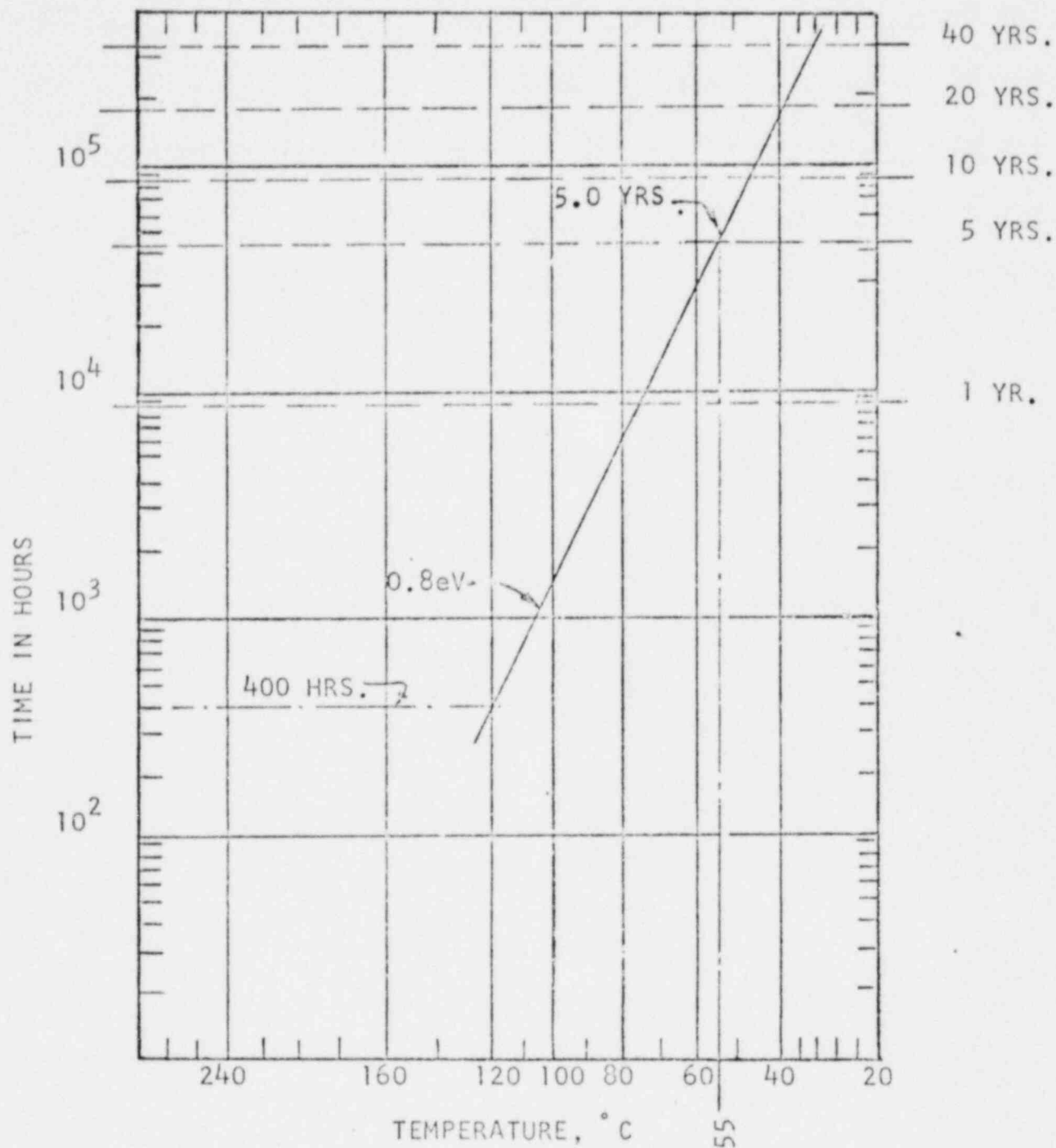
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ESTIMATED QUALIFIED LIFE

FIGURE 8

## 5.0 TEST SEQUENCE AND RATIONAL FOR TEST CONDITIONS

### 5.1 Test sequence for T.R. 3613-PP.

The test sequence was conducted per Test Plan LP10767-3. This test sequence was chosen because it presents the limit switch with the most severe (conservative) conditions in keeping with the IEEE standard guidelines:

Inspect for damage.

Test for baseline data.

Thermal aged, 400 hours @ 120° C.

Performance test.

Mechanical wear age.

Performance test.

Total radiation exposure  $204 \times 10^6$  rads.

Performance test.

Seismic testing.

Performance test.

DBE environmental test.

Performance test.

Final inspection.

### 5.2 Rational for electrical loads used during qualification testing of nuclear switches.

The Namco Controls' qualification test procedure includes mechanical aging of the switch for 100,000 cycles, minimum, with an electrical load of 500 milliamps at 100 volts DC on the contacts.

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## 5.0 TEST SEQUENCE AND RATIONAL FOR TEST CONDITIONS (CONT'D.)

## 5.2 Rational for electrical loads used during qualification testing of nuclear switches. (Cont'd.)

The purpose of this test is to simulate the lifetime switching function.

The design/nameplate ratings of these switches are the same as the equivalent commercial versions which are UL and CSA listed. (Snap switches per UL1054) The electrical ratings are for resistive loads. As an example, the 125VDC, 5 amp rating is for continuous loads and make or break conditions (See Section 3.3).

Our experience with this series of switches has been that when they are operated at rated voltages and currents, the contact surfaces tend to be self cleaning and/or the potential of the circuit is sufficient to break down films or oxides that might form on the contact faces. On the other hand, low voltages/low currents may not break down the films and/or oxides, therefore, provide little contact surface renewal.

Testing a switch with two different potentials (V/A) is impractical and would not represent a true switch application.

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## 5.0 TEST SEQUENCE AND RATIONAL FOR TEST CONDITIONS (CONT'D.)

## 5.2 Rational for electrical loads used during qualification testing of nuclear switches. (Cont'd.)

Therefore, we chose 100 volts DC and 500 milliamps (.5 amps) resistive as being the representative conservative contact loading for mechanical aging. An electrical load of 86 milliamps (.086 amps), 100 volts DC was used to check for proper operation of each circuit during all other test procedures.

## 5.3 Rational for total radiation exposure.

See the test plan (Page 19 of 37F).

It is Namco Controls Engineering's opinion that the combined normal and DBE exposure is the most conservative radiation test condition.

## 5.4 Rational for single axis sinusoidal seismic testing.

Section 6.6.2 of IEEE 344-1975 provides for single axis sinusoidal seismic testing if there are no resonances or interactions in the frequency range required.

Previous Engineering analysis of switches similar to the EA180 series found that no natural frequencies below 46.6 Hz. exists on the electrical side of the switch.

Engineering analysis did indicate that the natural frequency of the latch (Item 19) is 10.8 Hz. and 67.07 Hz. for the internal lever. Previous biaxial testing of a similar switch (FIRL Report FC3879)



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## 5.0 TEST SEQUENCE AND RATIONAL FOR TEST CONDITONS (CONT'D.)

5.4 Rational for single axis sinusoidal seismic testing.  
(Cont'd.)

and the cross coupling tests in T.R. 3613-PP proved that cross coupling is not a factor during seismic testing.

## 5.5 Rational for DBE environmental test.

The DBE conditions of T.R. 3613-PP were more severe than test plan requirements. Test plan requirements were derived from IEEE 323-1974, Appendix A, for pressurized water reactors and boiling water reactors and IEEE 382-1972.

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## 6.0 INSPECTION AFTER TEST

After the completion of all tests and final examination at the test facility the limit switch was returned to Namco Controls for Engineering review.

The memo of February 29, 1980, Page 6-2, is a record of this review. None of the listed items were considered to be failure mode criteria. The switch functioned properly during performance testing.

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DATE: FEBRUARY 29, 1980

TO: LP10767-3  
FROM: G. COVELL  
SUBJECT: IEEE QUALIFICATION TEST PROGRAM

OFFICE:

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## OBJECTIVE:

Review EA180 Switch #138-90 which has completed Qualification Testing.

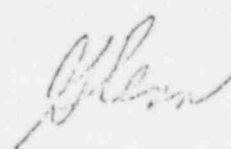
## OBSERVATIONS:

### Contact Resistance:

AB - .2626 OHMS  
CD - .0183 "  
EF - .1206 "  
GH - .0531 "

1. Zero torque to loosen contact block screws.
2. Operative lever shaft moist from o ring to operating lever, (Nye 438 Oil).
3. Shaft dry from o ring to boot groove.
4. EPDM boot dry.
5. Contact lever shaft had a slight film of Nye 438 Oil on it.
6. Plating on roller flaking off.
7. Top and bottom cover gaskets cracked and brittle (Cohrlastic Gaskets).
8. Most of the Nye 734A Grease had dried out.
9. Normal wear on contacts.
10. Slight amount of grease on roller, slide and torsion spring.

GC/nlm  
cc: J. Bendokaitis  
L. Browning  
J. Buzogany  
T. Wood



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## 7.0 COMMENTS, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

## 7.1 Conclusion

Based upon our review of the test report T.R. 3613-PP it is our opinion that the EA180-11302/EZ10633-90 series limit switch passed the performance limits, in Section 7 of Test Plan LP10767-3, throughout the tests.

Performance limits:

Closed circuit current remained within .001 amperes of .086 amperes @ 100VDC.

Open circuit resistance (insulation resistance) remained greater than 50,000 OHMS (5 Megohms).

Closed circuits did not open, for more than 2 milliseconds, during seismic testing.

## 7.2 Failure to transfer, Page 6 of T.R. 3613-PP.

Based upon the Engineering review of the test switch and the test set-up, it is our opinion that the one failure to transfer was a random case that may have been aggravated by the test set-up.

7.3 Seismic qualification of the EA180-11302 series switches was conducted by Dr. E. J. Walters and Associates, June, 1977, (Section 10.1, Appendix B). The following comments refer to this report.

7.3.1 Switches #32, 33 and 45 are mechanically and electrically similar to #138-90.

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## 7.0 COMMENTS, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS (CONT'D.)

7.3.2 Switches #32, 33 and 45 were subjected to thermal aging, wear aging and radiation exposure ( $204 \times 10^6$  Rads) prior to seismic testing.

7.3.3 Resonance search, see Figure 9 for a plot of acceleration amplitude (g) versus frequency (Hz.) for this test.

7.3.4 Fragility test, see Figure 10 for a plot of acceleration amplitude (g) versus frequency (Hz.) for this test. A plot of sine dwell point from test T.R. 3613-PP, switch #138-90 is included to raise the tested g level.

Note: All curves represent test limits because no contact opening (exceeding 2 msec) were encountered.

7.3.5 Switch mounting, standard switch mounting (side of housing) was used for all tests.

7.3.6 Switches #32, 33 and 45 were not subjected to plant induced vibration.

7.4 OBE seismic test requirements of IEEE 344-1975, Section 6.1.4.

The OBE test requires that the limit switch be subjected to 5 OBE's and 1 SSE.

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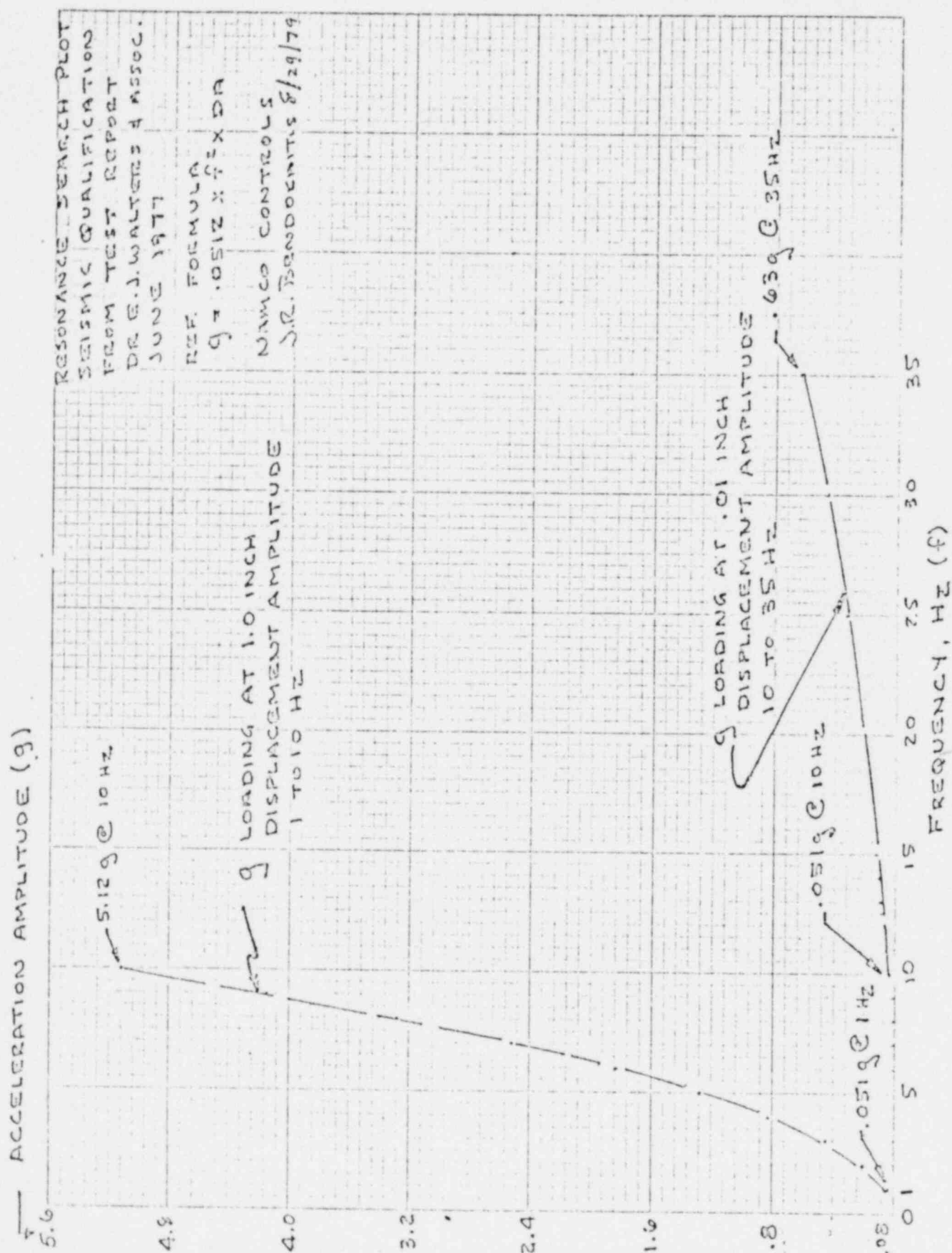


FIGURE 9

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11 1/2" 10 X 10 TO THE INCH 46 0703  
 7 X 10 INCHES  
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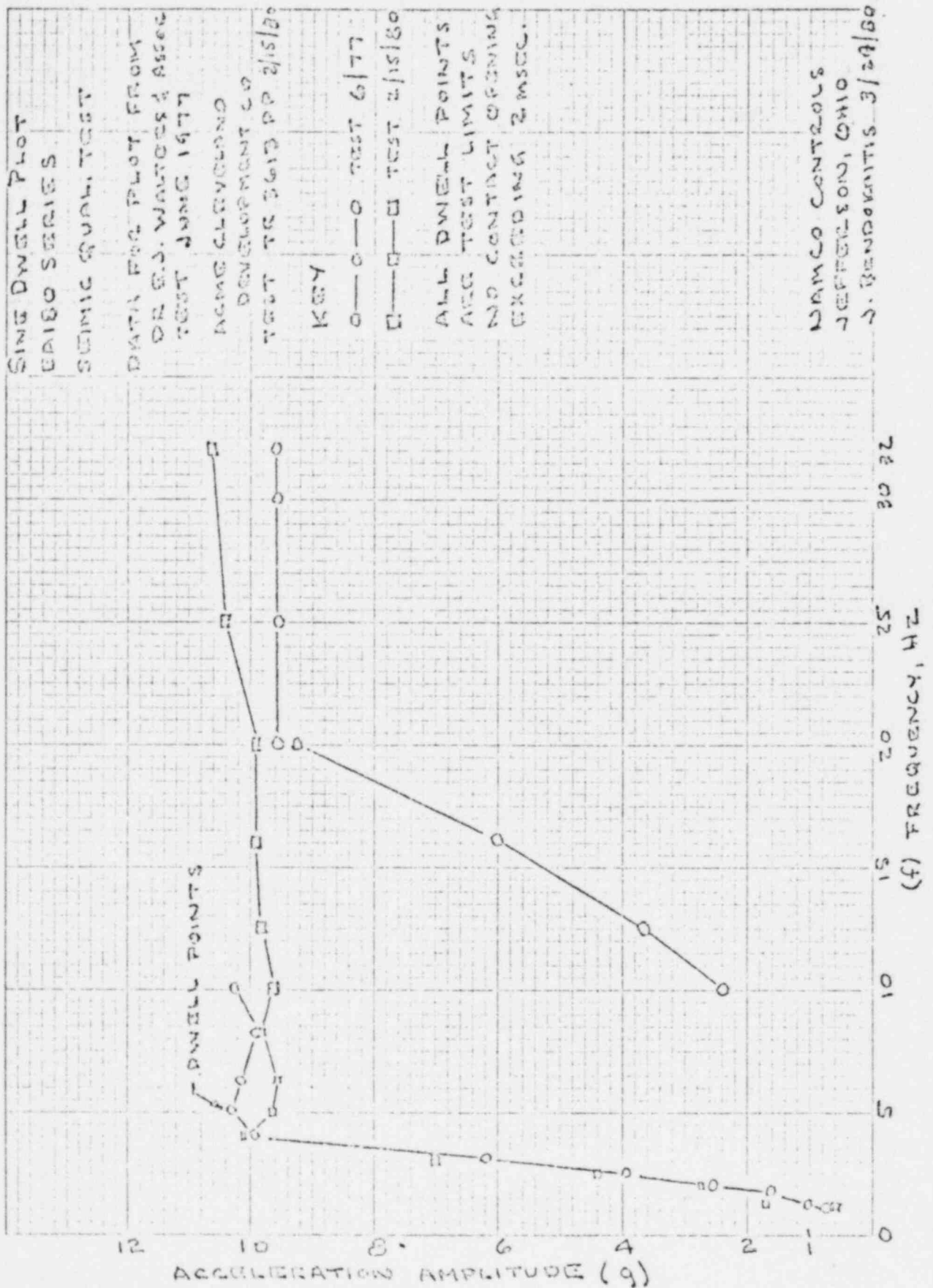


FIGURE 10

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## 7.0 COMMENTS, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS (CONT'D.)

7.4 OBE seismic test requirements of IEEE 344-1975,  
Section 6.1.4. (Cont'd.)

This requirement has been exceeded during fragility testing. This test subjects the limit switch to a series of 60 second (minimum) sine dwells at sixteen frequencies in each of the three (3) axis.

The sine dwell tests provides a minimum of 9,018 stress cycles per axis for a total of 27,054 (minimum) for the test.

For log data regarding fragility testing see Section 10.1, Page 6 of 14B and Pages 6, 7, & 8 of 19D.

## 7.5 Seismic qualification of #138-90 limit switch.

Limit switch #138-90 is qualified by similarity to switches #32, 33 and 45 per Dr. E. J. Walters' report, Section 6.1, Appendix B. Additional fragility testing was performed in the 10-20 Hz. range per T. R. 3613-PP.

Limit switch #138-90 was subjected to seismic conditioning which included all the sine dwell and plant induced vibration test with circuits energized throughout the tests. Resonance search testing is not required.



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## 7.0 COMMENTS, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS (CONT'D.)

7.6 Conduit sealing, the test report states that teflon tape was used to seal the conduit threads during LOCA test, it must be noted that teflon tape was not used during radiation simulation and further, that no attempt was made to qualify a type of thread sealant. During installation of the limit switch it is the customers responsibility to maintain the integrity of the switch enclosure.

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## 8.0 DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT CHANGES

8.1 Limit switch #138-90 was made to bill of materials EZ10683-90/EA180-11302 and incorporated the following product improvement changes: (B/M Item No. )

- Item 7     Bushing (for contact lever shaft)  
            Changed from bronze to P/M bronze, oil impregnated.
- Item 17    Latch Stud  
            Changed finish from zinc plating to nickel plating.
- Item 27    Contact Block  
            Changed material from glass filled polyester to asbestos filled phenolic thermoset plastic.
- Item 85    Contact Carrier  
            Changed material from glass filled polyester to asbestos filled phenolic thermoset plastic.
- Item 95    Lever (internal)  
            Material changed from bronwite to brass.
- Item 100   Lever Shaft  
            Added oil groove.
- Item 112   Top Cover  
            Added chamfer to screw holes for o ring.

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## 8.0 DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT CHANGES

8.1 Limit switch #138-90 was made to bill of materials EZ10683-90/EA180-11302 and incorporated the following product improvement changes: (B/M Item No. )  
(Cont'd.)

## Item 116 Top Cover Screw Assembly

Was: #8-32 Binding Head Screw with Lock-washer.

Now: Special #8-32 SEMS Screw with Belleville washer and EPDM o ring.

## Item 114 Top Cover Gasket

Was: Impregnated NBR/Asbestos

Now: Silicone rubber

## Item 128 Bottom Cover Gasket

Was: Impregnated NBR/Asbestos

Now: Silicone rubber

## Item 131 Bottom Cover Screw Assembly

EPDM o ring added to a special flat head screw.

## Item 133 Boot

Material changed from silicone rubber to EPDM.

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9.0 ATTACHMENTS

9.2 EA180 11302 Limit Switch Assembly

9.3 EA180 14302 Limit Switch Assembly

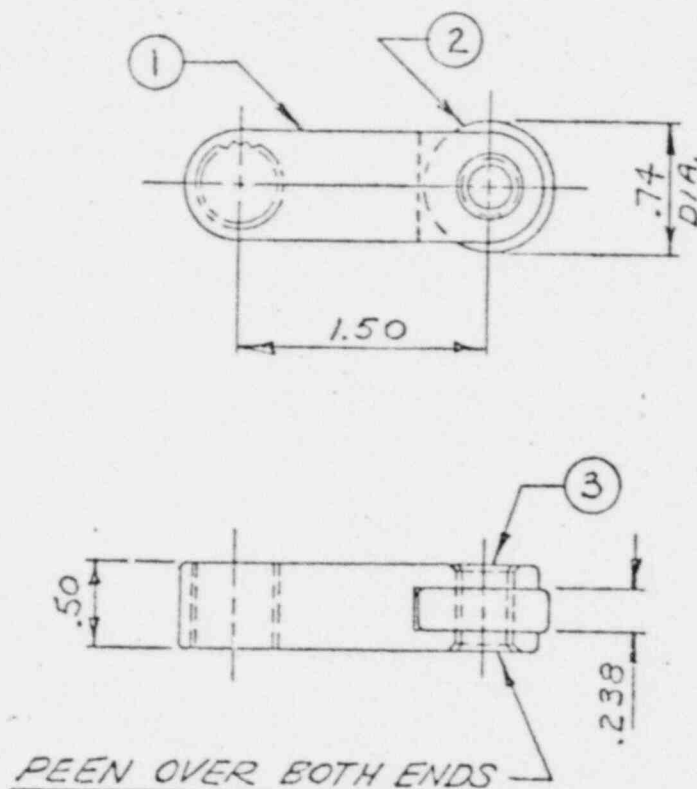
9.4 E1060 53300 Operating Lever Assembly





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© ELO60 53301	EZ10619-5	ELO21 33017	NITRONIC 60 ROLLER

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## 10.0 TEST REPORTS

This section contains a copy of all the listed test reports.

## 10.1 Type test T.R. 3613-PP

Dated February 15, 1980, Revision 0

## 10.2 Supplementary Testing for Short Travel Switches.

An excerpt from EA180 Qualification Test Report  
Revision 1, dated September 5, 1978.