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Installation and user instructions

To be used in addition to the main thruster manual



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This manual is to be used in addition to the regular installation manual for the Sidepower thruster.

This manual is intended for professionals only that can read and understand a wiring diagram, and does not contain all detailed work instructions for what must be done to ensure correct and safe installation



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Note! *To achieve maximum effect, reliability and durability from your Sidepower thruster, a correct installation as per the instructions are very important. Please follow the instructions carefully, and make sure that all checkpoints are carefully controlled.*

INTRODUCTION - DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION:

The Sidepower automatic main switch product was developed to further enhance the safety and ease of use of a Sidepower thruster system. The automatic main switch ensures that there is no power at the thruster unless you actually intend to use the thruster. It is controlled by the Sidepower control panel / Sidepower control device, and also benefits from the Auto-Off features in these products so that if you forget to shut it off, it will automatically shut off after a preset time.

This also means that in case of a failure, the main switch is fast and easy to shut off without leaving the steering position simply by pushing the OFF on the control panel, which should be the logic thing to do even in a panic situation.

To comply with regulations the automatic mainswitch also has a mechanical shut-off feature on the main switch itself. This is a backup in case there is a failure in the switch.

The built-in fuse holder is made for ANL type fuses with special provisions to reduce voltage drop and heating. By the fuse being part of the unit, you avoid fitting two separate items to comply with having both a fuse and a main switch on the thruster main circuit.

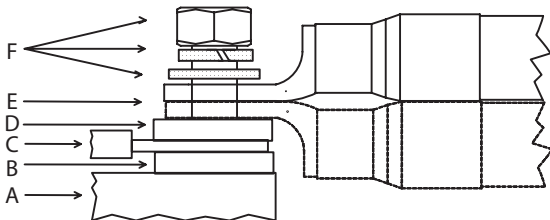
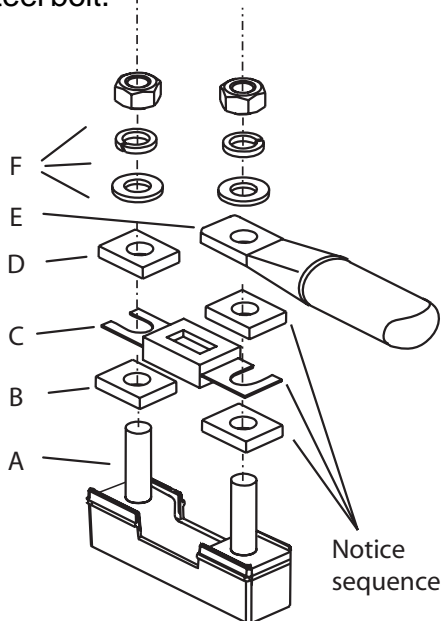
INSTALLATION PLANNING AND PRECAUTIONS:

- The automatic main switch should be fitted as close to the battery(ies) as possible.
- Do not fit the automatic main switch with other than the appropriate original Sidepower control panels or other Sidepower control devices specifically designed for this with a separate fifth control lead for the automatic main switch.
- It is designed to fit on a shelf or a wall and must be fitted so that it keeps dry at all times.
- The automatic main switch can NOT be fitted in spaces requiring Ignition protected equipment.
- Make sure that the fuse you order for the main switch is the correct one for the thruster it is being fitted with.
- The control cables must be routed differently from an installation without this automatic main switch so that the 4-lead control cable from the thruster follows the main battery cables to the main switch, and then you use 5-lead control cables from the main switch to the control panels. This can accommodate basically an unlimited number of Sidepower controls, including a radio remote by branching off with Y-connectors.
- If any of the Sidepower control panels are situated outside or in a place where they can be accessed when the boat is not in use, the control power for the automatic main switch should be taken over another main switch that will be off when the boat is not in use.
- Failure to install the automatic main switch in accordance with this manual will render all warranty void and can cause malfunction or even serious damages.

Installation of the Sidepower automatic main switch

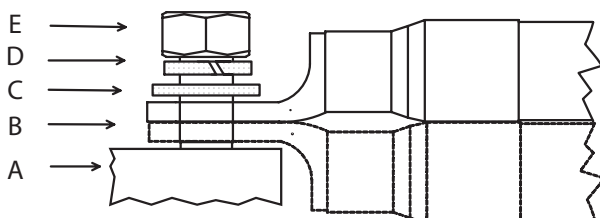
Fitting the fuse and battery cable(s).

- Remove the nuts and all the washers (B, D and F).
- Fit the fuse (C) on top of the pre-fitted conductors (A) and washer (B).
- Fit the washers (D) and battery cable(s) (E) as shown below.
- Fit the washers and nut (F).
- Tighten the nut carefully with 20Nm(14.5 lb/ft) torque, as the brass bolt is weaker than a steel bolt.



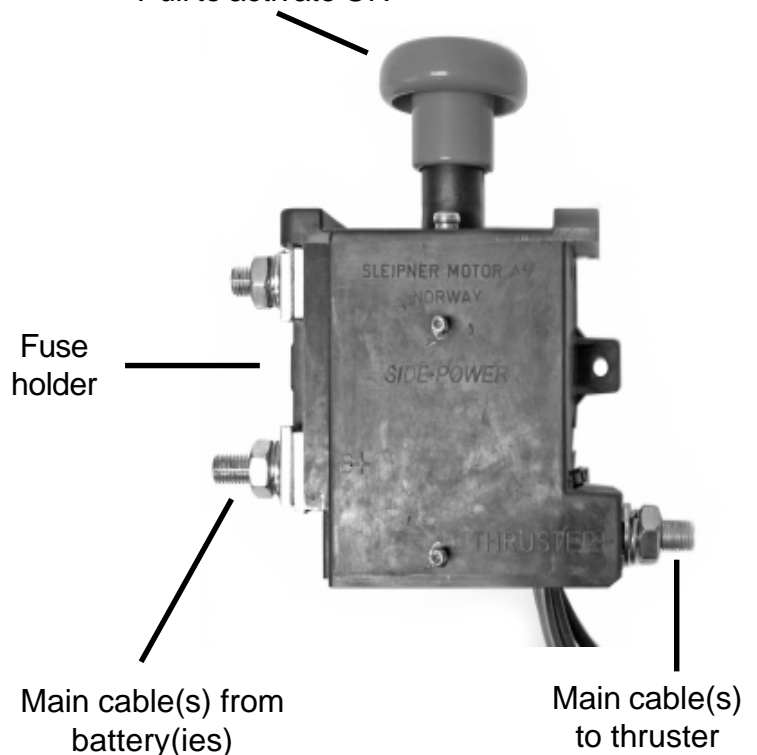
Fitting the thruster cable(s)

- Remove the nuts and washers (C, D and E).
- Fit the cable or cables (B) as shown directly onto the pre-fitted conductor (A).
- Fit the washers in sequence as shown with the flat washer (C) on top of the cable and the springwasher (D) under the nut (E).



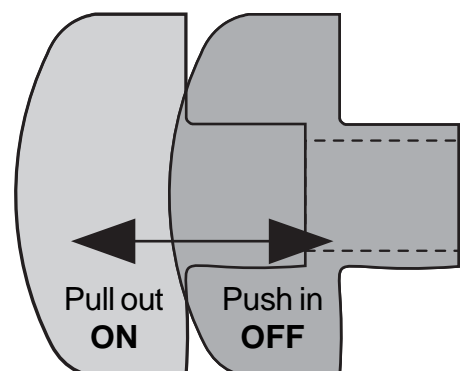
Description of the automatic main switch

Manual over ride button.
Push to shut OFF
Pull to activate ON



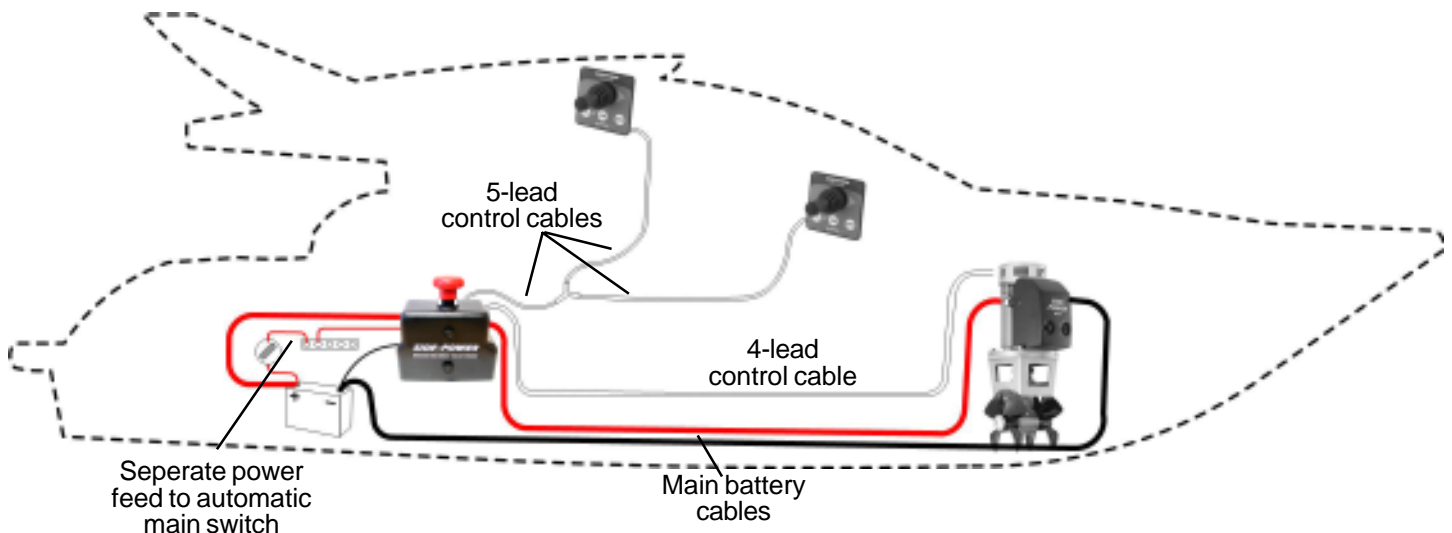
Manual override button.

- Pull OUT for ON
- Push IN for OFF
- Leave the switch in ON position when on board
- Make sure the switch is in OFF position when leaving the boat for a long period or when you are installing or servicing the thruster system



Wiring of the automatic main switch

- Fit the automatic mainswitch as close to the battery(ies) as possible making sure that it is in a position so that it will stay dry at all times.
- Use a 4-lead control cable between the thruster and the automatic mainswitch (only 3 leads is in actual use, red is not wired into the automatic mainswitch).
- Use 5-lead control cables between automatic mainswitch and control panels, using 5-lead Y-connectors to branch off to all controls fitted.
- Use the table in the thrusters manual for deciding the main cable sizes, the lengths are the total of positive and negative, all the way from the battery.



DESCRIPTION OF WIRING DIAGRAMS (as shown on opposite page):

- A Main switch with fuse, 12 or 24V version.
Order correct fuse size depending on thruster it is being fitted with
- B The thruster panel(s) ON/OFF system with timer auto-off and safe dual ON button activation controls the Automatic main power switch
- C The thermal switch built into the thruster motor which supply all the negative/ground to the panel so that in an over-heat situation also the automatic main power switch will be shut off.
- D To prevent the possibility of the thruster being activated by an outside mounted thruster panel when nobody is onboard, the positive control power must be supplied over one of the boats main battery switches or alternatively the ignition switch if you wish to prevent usage of the thruster unless the main engine is running. This power feed must be fused to protect the wire.
- If there are no outdoor control panels or the main power to the automatic mainswitch is supplied through one of the boats manual mainswitches, this wire can be connected to the main positive input terminal on the automatic mainswitch in which case it does not need to be fused. If so, the automatic mainswtich can always be activated by any panel on board.
- E The mainswitch must have a negative power feed for its solenoid.

When you fit two thrusters you need to fit an automatic main switch for each thruster, except for the models SP30S2i, SP40S2i, SP55Si12, SP55Si24 and SP75Ti24 for which one automatic mainswitch can support two thruster because of the low current consumption. This installation also requires that only one battery bank is used to power both thrusters.

It is important that the battery banks powering the thrusters have a common negative so that the voltage potential is equal. If this is not so in the boat you are installing the thrusters in, both thrusters have to be powered from one battery bank (of sufficient size).

