

# OSY2A Gate Valve Supervisory Switch



**Specifications**

Contact Ratings:	10 A @ 125/250 VAC 2.5 A @ 24 VDC
Cover Tamper Switch Ratings:	5 A @ 125/250 VAC; 2.5 A @ 24 VDC
Dimensions:	5¾" H X 3½" W X 3¼" L
Maximum Stem Extension:	2⅝"
Minimum Stem Extension:	⅝"
Bracket Span:	6¾"
Operating Temperature Range:	0°C - 49°C (32° - 120°F)
Shipping Weight:	2¾ lb.
Enclosure Rating:	NEMA Type 3R when mounted with the actuator vertical (cover on top) as tested by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. [The OSY2A is ULC approved]

**Important**

Please Read Carefully And Save

This instruction manual contains important information on the installation and operation of supervisory switches. Purchasers who install supervisory switches for use by others must leave this manual or a copy of it with the user. These instructions apply to Safe Signal switches for outside screw and yoke valves only. Read all instructions carefully before beginning installation.



Do NOT use this switch in explosive or potentially explosive atmospheres.  
Do NOT leave unused wires exposed.

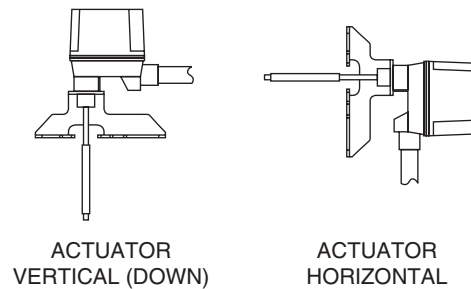
All supervisory switch installations must comply with local codes and ordinances and the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction. Additional information is available in National Fire Protection Association standards NFPA 13, 13D, 13R, 71, and 72. The connection of supervisory switches to alarm control units is governed by CAN/ULC-S524-M91, standard for the Installation of Fire Alarm Systems.

**General Installation Considerations**

The OSY2A Supervisory Switch can be mounted on open yoke valves between ½" and 12" in diameter in the positions shown in Figure 1 only. If the switch is installed with the actuator pointing upward, water may leak into the interior of the switch. Therefore, do NOT install the OSY2A with its actuating lever pointing upward.

All OSY2A models are equipped with a ground screw inside the switch housing near the conduit exit hole for those applications where grounding is required.

**Figure 1:**



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(Wiring Considerations)

Wiring must comply with the latest edition of Canadian Electrical Code CSA STD C22.1.

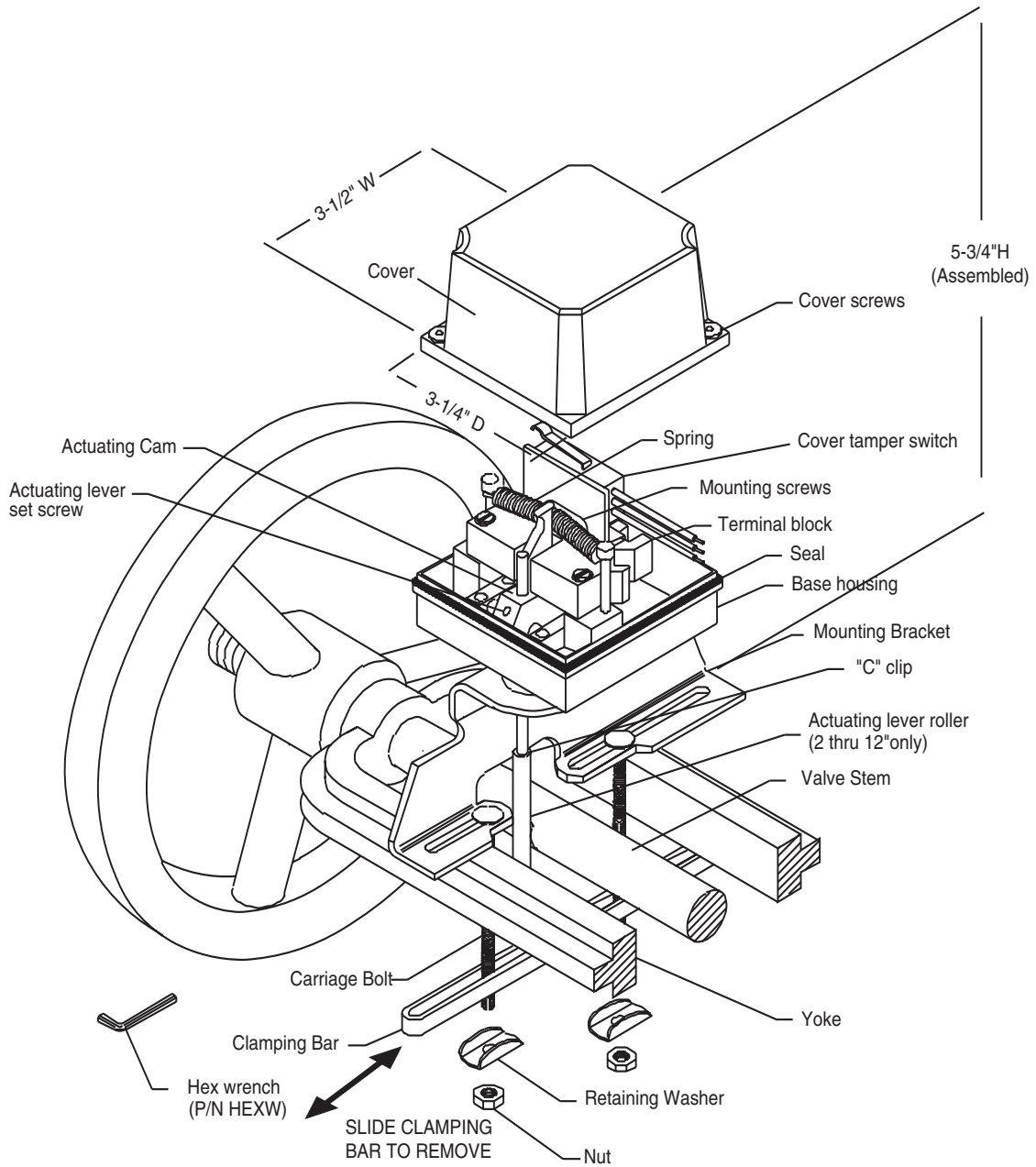
**Narrow Yoke Valves**

As Figure 2 suggests, installing the valve with mounting bolts inside the yoke is recommended. However, some valves may have yokes that are too narrow for this arrangement. If this is the case, the bolts can be positioned on the outside of the yoke.

**Limited Clearance Valves**

The OSY2A mounting bracket fits most of the open yoke valves used in fire protection systems. However, some of these valves, especially those less than 1½" in diameter, have irregularly shaped yokes or such limited clearances that the clamping bar cannot be installed properly and/or it causes the valve to bind. If this is the case, the use of J-bolts is required to attach the OSY2A to the valve (see J-Bolt Detail, Figure 2).

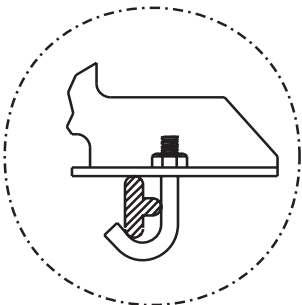
**Figure 2:**



**NOTE:**  
 LARGER GATE VALVE SHOWN (2" THRU 12"). WHEN INSTALLING SUPERVISORY SWITCH TO MALLER GATE VALVE (1/2" THRU 1 1/2") CARRIAGE BOLTS ARE TO BE LOCATED ON OUTBOARD SIDE YOKE. ON SMALL VALVES WITH LIMITED CLEARANCE THE USE OF J-BOLTS MAYBE REQUIRED.

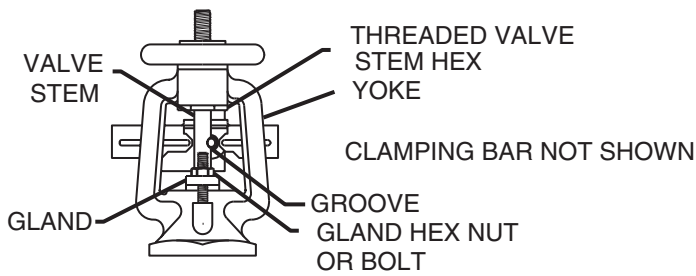
**J-Bolt Detail**

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**Figure 3:**



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### Installation Instructions

See Figures 2 and 3, as required, while performing the procedure that follows.

Perform step 1 on valves 1½" in diameter and smaller only. Proceed directly to step 2 if the switch is being installed on a valve larger than 1½" in diameter.

1. Remove and discard the two C-clips and roller from the actuating lever.
2. Set the valve to its fully open position. Remove the OSY2A Supervisory Switch from the carton and adjust the position of the retaining washers to provide sufficient bolt length for the yoke thickness of the valve.  
Position the switch on the valve with the bolts on the inside (preferably) or outside of the yoke, depending on clearances. Adjust the position of the OSY2A as far as possible from the valve gland and in a location where the actuating lever contacts the unthreaded section of the valve stem (if the valve stem is already grooved, proceed directly to step 6).
3. When the switch is in position on the valve, slide the open end of the clamping bar onto the bolts and under the retaining washers. If necessary, adjust the length of the actuating lever by loosening the screw on the cam, sliding the lever in or out, as appropriate, and retightening the screw. The lever is properly adjusted when it clears the clamping bar. Tighten the nuts by hand and slide the OSY2A until the second switch trip points are found as the lever rests on the valve stem. This approximates the final position of the OSY2A after the valve stem is grooved. Carefully check all clearances of the bolts, actuator, mounting bracket, clamping bar, and OSY2A cover. Adjust the position as necessary. If clearance is a problem, refer to the Limited Clearance Valves (page 1) section of this manual.
4. Mark the point on the valve stem where the actuating lever contacts the valve stem.
5. Remove the OSY2A by loosening the nuts and sliding the clamping bar from beneath the washers. Remove the OSY2A from the valve and set it aside.
  - (a) Valves 1½" in diameter and smaller only.  
Use a ¼" untapered round file to file a groove 3/32" deep in the valve stem at the mark that was made in step 4. Be sure to remove any burrs resulting from the filing to avoid damaging the valve stem packing gland.
  - (b) Valves larger than 1½" inches in diameter only. Use a 3/8" untapered round file to file a groove 1/8" deep in the valve

stem at the mark that was made in step 4. Be sure to remove any burrs resulting from the filing to avoid damaging the valve stem packing gland.

6. Mount the switch loosely with the actuating lever centered in the groove. When the switch is in position on the valve, slide the open end of the clamping bar onto the bolts and under the washers, as indicated in Figure 2.
7. Ensure that the actuating lever does not hit the inside of the cover or the clamping bar at any point in its travel. If it does, adjust the length of the lever by loosening the screw, sliding the lever in or out, as needed, and retightening the screw.
8. Adjust the supervisory switch position on the valve so that both switches are depressed (COM to B circuit open) when the actuating lever is in the groove with the valve in the full open position. The COM to B circuit should close when the valve is closed 1/5 of its travel or 2 full turns of the handle, whichever is less. The switch produces an audible "click" when it closes. The switch closure can also be tested electrically by using an ohmmeter to test for continuity between its terminals.
9. Tighten the nuts securely with a wrench and check the operation of the OSY2A as in step 8. If necessary, reposition the OSY2A and test it again.
10. Wire the supervisory switch as shown in Figure 4.
11. Replace the OSY2A cover and tighten the tamper-resistant cover screws with the special wrench provided. Store this wrench in a secure location.
12. Test the operation of the OSY2A by closing the valve the 1/5 of its travel distance or two full turns, whichever is less. The circuit between COM and B should indicate a closure during this procedure. If it does not, readjust the supervisory switch and actuator positions until the switch closes when the valve is operated.

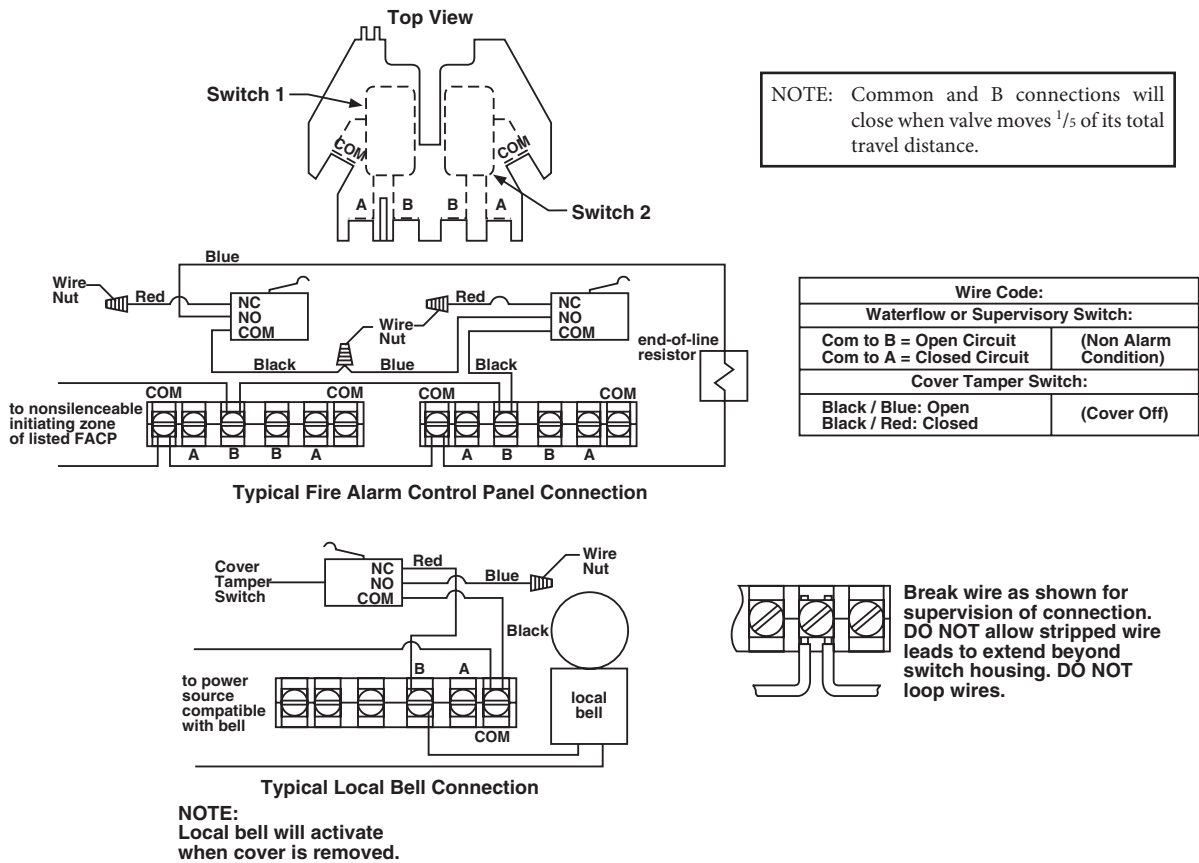
### Testing

Test the operation of all supervisory switches before they are placed into service and at least semiannually, or as required by the authority having jurisdiction.

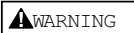
NOTE: Notify the proper authorities that the supervisory switch(es) is (are) undergoing maintenance and, therefore, will be temporarily out of service. Disable the system or zone undergoing testing to prevent unwanted alarms.

Test the operation of the OSY2A by closing the valve the 1/5 of its total travel distance or two full turns, whichever is less. A contact closure must occur during this procedure. If it does not, readjust the supervisory switch and actuator positions until the switch closes when the valve operated.

**Figure 4. Supervisory switch wiring diagram:**



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**The Limitations of Supervisory Switch Alarm Devices**

1. Alarms generated by the actuation of the activating lever may not be received by a central station if telephone or other communication lines to the detector are out of service, disabled, or open.
2. Supervisory switch alarm devices have a normal service life of 10-15 years.
3. Supervisory switches are not a substitute for insurance. Building owners should always insure property and lives being protected.

**THREE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**

SAFE SIGNAL warrants that the equipment herein shall conform to said descriptions as to all affirmation of fact and shall be free from defects of manufacture, labeling, and packaging for a period of three (3) years from the invoice date to the original purchaser, provided that representative samples are returned to SAFE SIGNAL for inspection. Upon a determination by SAFE SIGNAL that a product is not as warranted, SAFE SIGNAL shall, at its exclusive option, replace or repair said defective product or parts thereof at its own expense except that Purchaser shall pay all

shipping, insurance, and similar charges incurred in connection with the replacement of the defective product or parts thereof. This Warranty is void in the case of abuse, misuse, abnormal usage, faulty installation, or repair by unauthorized persons, or if for any other reason SAFE SIGNAL determines that said product is not operating properly as a result of causes other than defective manufacture, labeling, or packaging.