Electrically Operated

Automatic Livestock Gate

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Gates electrically operated and controlled from remote locations, either manually or by program, will be useful in many types of livestock handling operations.

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This gate is designed to have characteristics that were considered important in the livestock auction sales ring. The gate is strong to take the abuse and constant operation demanded. It will latch positively, withstand heavy crowding, and even though heavily loaded, unlatch properly. The gate opens and closes quickly but is stopped by animals without injury when they are contacted. The gate closes and latches without heavy impact or the noise and disturbance associated with slamming when the limit switches are properly set. The gate is easily unlatched manually and pushed open for traffic when the electric control station is unmanned or during power failure.

The gate may be opened into or out from the sales ring when equipped with a second latch and the appropriate extra electrical control wiring.

Electrical Components Used

All electrical components used to install the gates were purchased from a wholesale electrical supply firm. The parts used were all Square D, but any other manufacturer’s make would suffice if the part would meet the same general specifications.

1 Class 8736 (Type BAA-4) 230-volt, 3-phase, 60-cycle Reversing Starter
4 Class 9050 (Type ADIE) 230-volt, 3-phase, 60-cycle Pneumatic Timing Relay
1 Class 8501 (Type BHG 20) 230-volt, 60-cycle, normally open, 15-amp. Machine Tool Relay
2 Class 9001 (Type TY3) Enclosure
2 Class 9001 (Type TRZA) Stop Button (red)
2 Class 9001 (Type TR3B) Forward Button and Contact (red mushroom)
2 Class 9001 (Type TR4B) Reverse Button and Contact (black mushroom)
4 Class 9007 (Type AW18HA1) Limit Switch with Arm
1 H85351 Master Switch
At left is a close-up of the latch assembly for a one-way gate. The two-way gate (pictured right) requires two identical latch assemblies and two rollers mounted on the stationary post. The latch assemblies for the two-way gate use the lock mount plate instead of the gate stop as used on the one-way gate.

**Mechanical items required to construct the gate and a source of supply.**

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* An extra set of these items is required for a two-way gate.
SECTIONAL DETAIL OF PIVOT END & BEARING SHAFT

BEARING SHAFT

ALIGNING ROD

GATE FRAME PIVOT END PIPE

UPPER HINGE SHAFT

\( \frac{3}{32} \times 45^\circ \) CHAMFER MAX. TYP.

\( \frac{1}{4} \) SQ. KEY

FIT TO MORSE CLUTCH

NOTE: FIT SO THERE WILL BE NO SLIP BETWEEN CLUTCH AND SHAFT

MAT’L. STRESS PROOF STEEL

EASY SLIP FIT ON I” DIA. CRS ROD

MUST BE FIT TO SAME ROD USED IN ASSEMBLY

ALLIGNING ROD G33

LOWER HINGE SHAFT

\( \frac{1}{32} \) MAX. RADIUS TYP.

\( \frac{1}{8} \times 45^\circ \) CHAMFER TYP.
LOCK MOUNTING ASSEMBLY

GUIDE BRACKETS

SOLENOID MOUNT

DO NOT ACCUMULATE TOL ON THESE DIMENSIONS

1\(\frac{5}{8}\) 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) 1\(\frac{3}{16}\) 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) 1

MAT'L. \(\frac{3}{16}\) x 4 H.R.S.

DRILL 8 HOLES

SLOT 4 (MILL)

MOUNTING PLATE
WIRING DIAGRAM

f. MAGNETIC SWITCH SOLENOID (FORWARD)
f. MAGNETIC SWITCH SOLENOID (REVERSE)
S1. LATCH SOLENOID
S2. SOLENOID FOR SECOND LATCH (TWO WAY GATE). LIMIT SWITCHES MAY BE INSTALLED IN SERIES WITH $t_1$ & $t_2$ SWITCHES.
t. TIMER FOR FORWARD GATE TRAVEL
t. TIMER FOR REVERSE GATE TRAVEL
f. TIMER FOR SOLENOID HOLD ON LATCH
f. TIMER FOR SOLENOID HOLD ON LATCH (TWO WAY GATE)
NOTE: ANOTHER LATCH CAN BE BOLTED ON THE LOWER HOLES ALLOWING GATE TO BE OPENED EITHER DIRECTION FROM CLOSED POSITION. THE SECOND LATCH IS BOLTED ON UPSIDE DOWN AND ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE FROM THE FIRST LATCH.
LOCK MOUNTING ASSEMBLY

ALL DIM. ± 1/64

ALL WELDED CONST.

LOCK MOUNTING ASSEMBLY

MAT'L STEEL

DOG ASSEMBLY

NO. 7.2010 DRILL × 1/4 DEEP

2x2x1/4 ANGLE STEEL

WELD

MAT'L I" O.D. 1/4 GA. SEAMLESS TUBING

SPACER

(MAT'L STEEL DOG ASSEMBLY)

DO NOT SAW

LOCK MOUNTING ASSEMBLY

SEAL 63/85 VICTOR

BD 128

NEEDLE BEARING

BRASS WASHER

DOG BEARING ASSEMBLY

SEAL 63/85 VICTOR

NC CAP SCREW

WASHER (BRASS)
BEND LINE

GRIND CORNERS ROUND
DRILL HOLES AFTER WELDING

\[ \frac{3}{8} \text{ DRILL} \]

\[ \frac{1}{4} \text{ WELD} \]

\[ \frac{5}{16} \text{ R} \]

\[ \frac{3}{4} \]

\[ 2 \frac{1}{2} \]

\[ 3 \frac{1}{2} \]

\[ 7 \frac{5}{8} \]

\[ \frac{3}{16} \text{ DRILL 4 HOLES} \]

MAT'L STEEL
SWING ARM ASSEMBLY (L1)

CAN BE MADE FROM HEXHEAD CAP SCREW WITH NO THREADS ON SHANK 2" FROM HEAD

SWING ARM PIN

FILE OUT RADIUS SO SHORT SHANK CAN BE PLACED IN A \( \frac{1}{16} \) HOLE TO GIVE \( \frac{1}{16} \) CLEARANCE

\[ \frac{3}{16} \text{ DRILL} \]

\[ 2 \frac{3}{32} \]

\[ 3 \frac{32} {32} \]

\[ \frac{5}{16} \text{ R} \]

\[ \frac{3}{16} \text{ R} \]

\[ \frac{1}{4} \]

\[ 24 \text{ UNF-2A} \times 2" \]

BENDING DIAGRAM
MAT'L 1045 CRS
ACTUATING ROD (L3)

DRILL HOLES AFTER FORMING

MAT'L \( \frac{3}{16} \) x 1 HRS.
SPRING ANCHOR (L2)

GRIND CORNERS ROUND

\[ \frac{1}{4} \]

\[ \frac{3}{16} \]

\[ \frac{5}{16} \]

\[ \frac{9}{16} \]
PLACE 3 OR 4 WASHERS

GUIDE BRACKETS

DRILL HOLES IN H6 & H1 AND BOLT TOGETHER AFTER CHECKING LEVER ACTION

NOTE: FOR A ONE-GATE EITHER H6 OR H7 IS REQUIRED BUT NOT BOTH—WHICH ONE TO USE DEPENDS ON THE GATE DIRECTION

WELD H7 TO H1 AFTER CHECKING LEVER ACTION

H7

INSTALLATION OF HAND LEVER ON TWO WAY GATE

NOTE: BENDS MAY NEED SLIGHT REBENDING TO OBTAIN FREE MOVEMENT WHEN INSTALLED

BLANK LENGTH 43\frac{3}{16}" MAT'L H.R.S.

HAND LEVER