

VCPR

**A Portable Device for Remotely Racking
VCP-W Circuit Breakers**



User's Manual

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1.0 Arc-blast Hazards

The hazards associated with electrical arc-blasts are well documented. Studies conducted by numerous industries and professional organizations have sought to quantify the intensity of arc-blast, the risks to personnel, and various methodologies for mitigating the risks.

Without doubt, increasing the distance between the arc and a human is the single greatest favorable factor in reducing injuries.

Remote racking is not a panacea, but rather one more tool available for protecting workers while they are performing electrical switching.

Using the VCPR remote racking device may not negate the need for additional personal protective measures. The user is ultimately responsible for evaluating each situation to determine if additional protective measures are needed.



WARNING

Breaker racking may present risk of serious injury or death. This device should only be used by qualified persons after careful analysis of the hazards.

2.0 Application Information

The VCPR works with VCP-W circuit breakers sold by Westinghouse / Eaton Cutler-Hammer.

DO NOT attempt to use the VCPR with any other style circuit breaker.

3.0 General Safety Information

Carefully read and comply with all safety instructions listed below.

The VCPR contains sealed lead-acid (SLA) batteries. In the unlikely event of a battery rupture, treat all liquids and vapors as potentially hazardous (sulphuric acid).

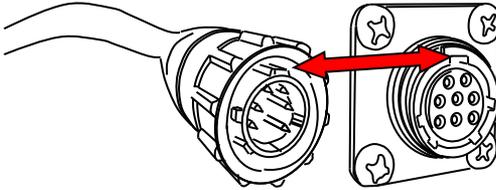
Whenever the VCPR is powered from an AC source, always use the (included) GFCI-equipped power cord. If the GFCI trips two consecutive times, discontinue AC-powered use and contact the factory.

Whenever the lid is open the unit must be protected from water intrusion.

Never close the carrying case while the unit is powered on.

4.0 Cables

4.1 Connecting and disconnecting the control cable



1. Align the keyway on the cable connector with the key on the power supply connector.
2. Push in and engage the thread on the coupling nut and turn clockwise.
3. Use a similar technique to connect the cable to the controller.

4.2 AC Power Cable / GFCI

ALWAYS use the GFCI-equipped power cable that was supplied with the VCPR. The *automatic* GFCI does not require resetting upon initial power-up. However, the GFCI should be tested prior to use by depressing the white TEST button. The GFCI should then trip. It is necessary to press the red Reset button before proceeding.

If the GFCI fails to trip when the Test button is depressed, DISCONTINUE AC-powered USE immediately and contact the factory.

If the GFCI tests properly without a load, but trips when a load is applied, a ground fault is present. A REAL SHOCK HAZARD EXISTS!

Immediately discontinue use and contact the factory.

If the VCPR is supplied from an extension cord, the GFCI cannot sense an upstream ground fault, i.e. a fault in the extension cord. For this reason, extension cord should be connected to a GFCI outlet or portable GFCI.

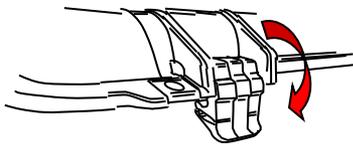
4.3 Racking Head Cable

The racking head cable is a high-quality, super-flexible, multiple conductor cable, with an overall braided shield. The racking head cable can easily be coiled and stored in the pocket toward the front of the carrying case.

5.0 Carrying Case

Care should be taken to ensure the carrying case lid does not crush any of the cables.

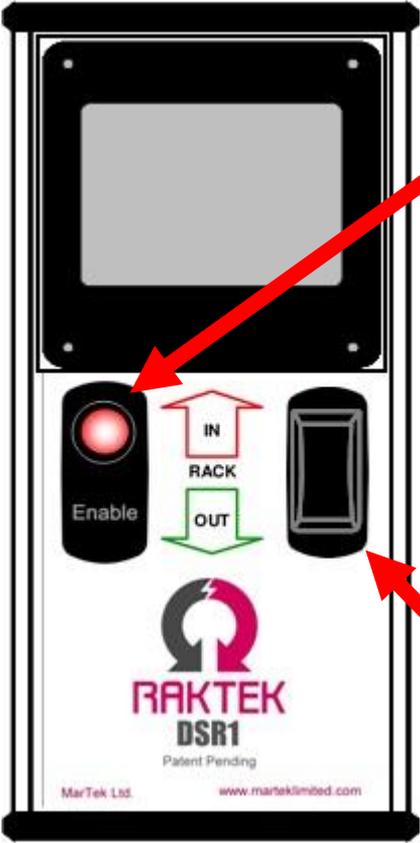
To lessen the chances of a tip over, the telescoping tag-along handle should be completely collapsed whenever the VCPR is in use.



To safeguard against the case lid damaging the control cable connector, the lid latches should always be left in the 'down' position whenever the lid is open.

6.0 The Controller

The controller is designed for two-hand operation for the purpose of preventing inadvertent operation of the racking motor. See the following section for a detailed description of the controller features and function.



6.1 The ENABLE button:

Upon initial power-up, the Enable button must be depressed for at least one second in order to advance to the next video screen.

6.2 The Rack IN / Rack OUT rocker switch:

The rocker switch is used to select whether the

racking motor racks the breaker IN or OUT. The rocker switch is spring return to center, OFF.

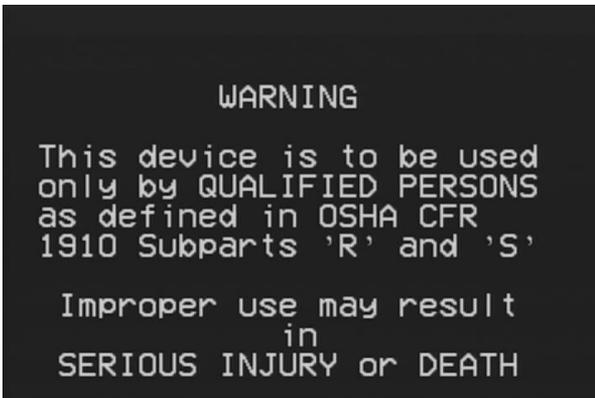
The Enable button and rocker switch must **BOTH** be **HELD CONTINUOUSLY** in order to run the racking motor.

6.3 Startup Screens

The video screen serves multiple functions.



Upon powering-up the VCPR, the introductory screen will appear. Pressing the Enable button for one second will advance the display to the next screen.

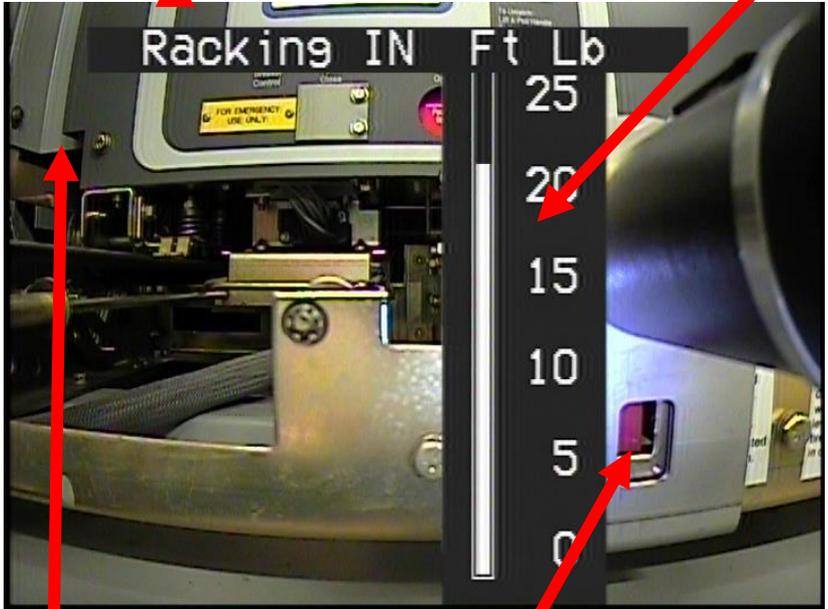


After reading the warning screen, once again depress the Enable button for one second to advance to the normal operating screen.

6.4 Operating Screen

Racking direction

Instantaneous torque



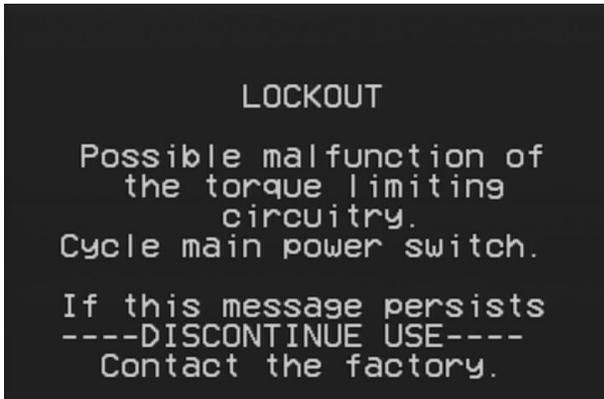
Breaker position

Breaker connected flag

The operating screen allows the user to constantly monitor:

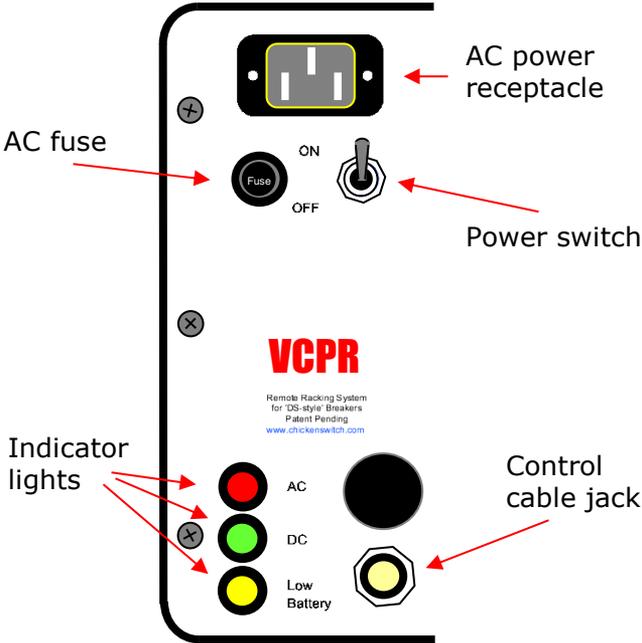
- the breaker's position
- the instantaneous torque being applied
- the direction the breaker is moving, and
- the breaker position flag.

6.5 Torque Limiter Failure



- The control circuitry is designed to allow a pre-determined maximum current to flow to the racking motor, thereby precisely controlling torque.
- An independent circuit, utilizing a Hall-effect current sensor, continuously monitors the amount of current flowing to the motor. This is used for the torque bargraph that is displayed on the video screen.
- If the motor current exceeds a certain value the control system will inhibit ALL operations and display the message shown above.
- It is possible that a spurious current has falsely triggered this response. Simply turn the main power switch OFF and back ON. If the message appears again, discontinue using the device until the factory has been consulted.

7.0 Power Supply



7.1 Power Supply Indicators

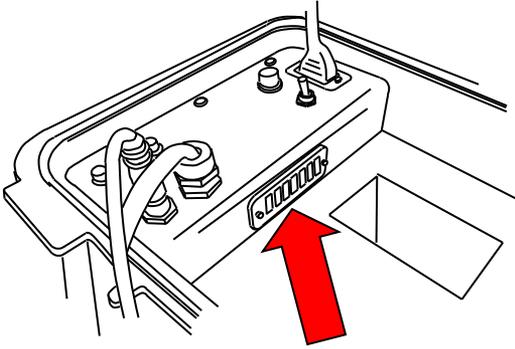
RED indicates that AC power is present.

GREEN indicates DC power is present.

YELLOW indicates that DC voltage has fallen to approximately 21 volts and that the unit should be supplied from AC power as soon as possible. See section 7.3.

7.2 Power Supply Function

The VCPR may be powered from either, the on-board batteries or from a 115 volt, 60 hz, AC source. If AC power is present, the power supply will automatically switch from batteries to the AC source and begin recharging the batteries.



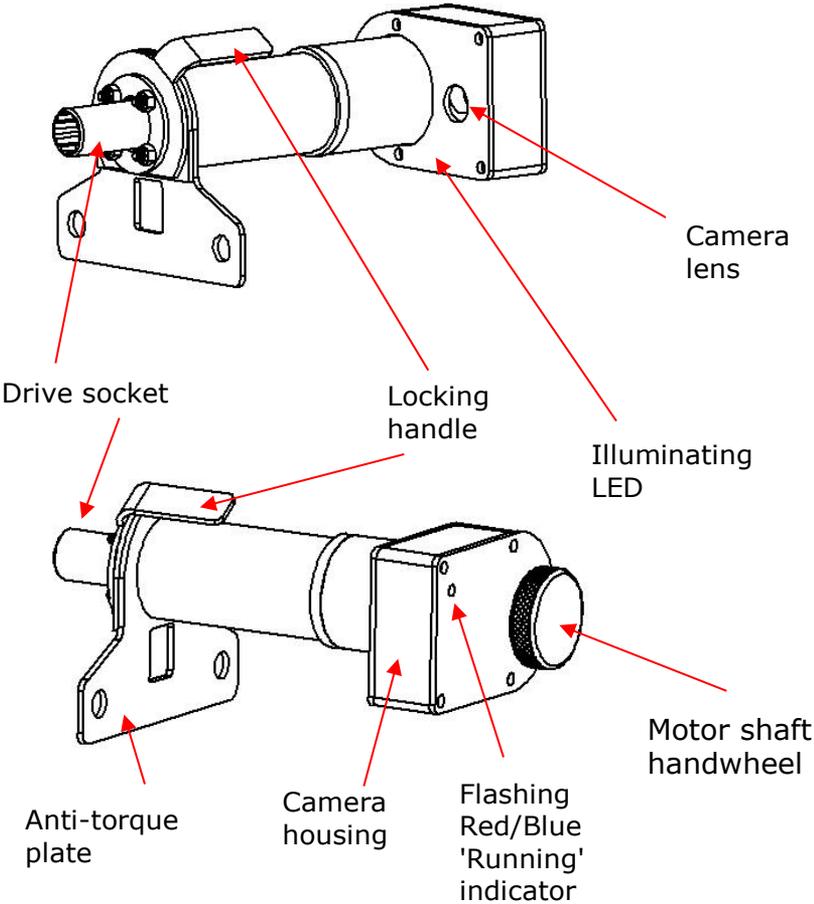
Ensure the cooling fan exhaust is never restricted while the unit is powered on. NEVER completely close the case lid with power switch in the ON position.

7.3 Recharging the Battery

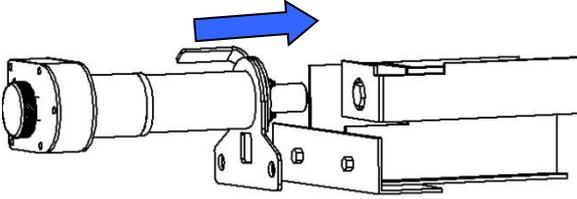
In order to recharge the batteries, simply provide AC power and turn the power switch ON. The red AC indicator and green DC indicator should be illuminated and the cooling fan should be running. The control cable does not need to be connected. Although the power supply regulates the charging voltage and current, it is preferred that the unit not be continuously charged for more than 24 hours.

8.0 The Racking Head

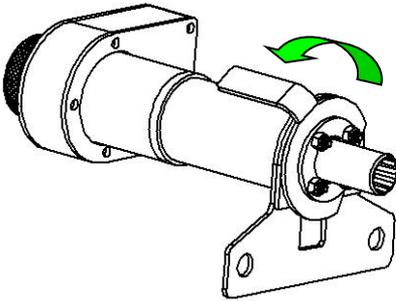
Key components of the Racking Head are as follows:



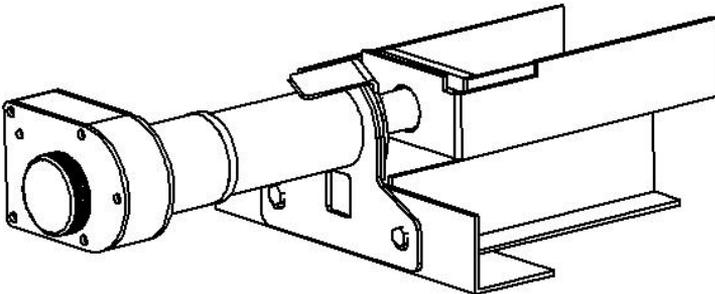
8.1 Attaching the Racking Head



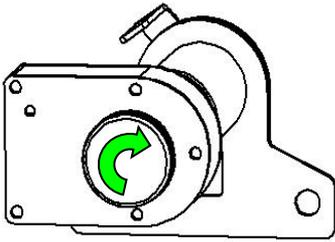
Align the drive socket with the racking nut. Slide the racking motor forward until the anti-torque plate is in contact with the racking mechanism front plate.



Rotate the locking handle clockwise to secure the racking head in-place.

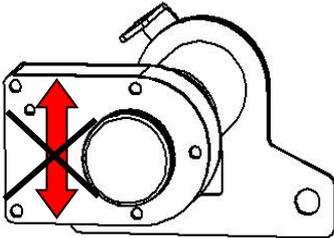


Fully engaged and locked view.



If engaging the racking nut with the drive socket is difficult, the handwheel can be rotated to reposition the drive socket slightly.

Typically, no more than 5 or 6 turns should be required.



TO AVOID DAMAGE

NEVER push, pull or twist on the camera housing while installing or removing the racking head.

8.2 Racking to 'full in' or 'full out' Limits

The VCPR electronically limits the amount torque that is applied to the racking mechanism. By observing the torque bargraph on the right side of the video display, the operator should notice an increase in torque as the breaker stabs are engaging the switchgear bus, as well as when the breaker is racked to either extreme limit (racked in or racked out).

Anytime the racking motor drives to a stalled condition, the control system will stop the motor and then reverse direction to back-off the racking mechanism by approximately 1/8 turn of the racking mechanism -- provided both, the Enable button and Racking rocker switch are held. The video display will then indicate "Complete".

Additionally, the racking motor is equipped with a stall-sensor to sense motor stall. DO NOT be hesitant to run the racking motor to 'full stall' in either direction. To protect the racking motor, the control system limits the amount of time the motor can remain in a stalled condition, as well as limiting the motor current to a safe level.

9.0 Sequence of Operation:

Steps	See Section
Connect the control cable to the power supply and handheld control unit.	4.1
If AC power is used, test the GFCI.	4.2
Power-up the power supply by turning toggle switch ON. The green 'DC' light should illuminate. If the unit is plugged into AC power, the red 'AC' should illuminate too. The cooling fan should be running. If the yellow 'Low DC' light comes on, plug the unit into an AC power source.	7.0
Observe the screen on the handheld controller. Press the Enable button to acknowledge you have read the warnings and to advance to the next screen.	6.0
Install the racking head.	8.1
Standing outside the arc-flash boundary zone, depress the Enable button while simultaneously depressing the Racking rocker switch in the desired direction, i.e. Rack IN or Rack OUT.	6.0
Observe the video display to monitor the breaker position indicator as well as the torque that is being applied.	6.3
Release either, the Enable button or the Racking rocker switch to stop the racking motor at any time.	6.0

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9.0 Sequence of Operation (continued):

If the Enable button and Racking rocker switch are held continuously, once the motor drives to a stalled condition, it will automatically stop, and reverse directions until the racking nut (socket) turns approximately 1/2 turn. The display will then say "Complete".	8.2
Remove the racking head. Power the unit off.	

10.0 Care and Storage

The VCPR contains no user-serviceable parts. **The sealed lead-acid batteries should be replaced at 24-month intervals.** Contact the factory.

10.1 Storage

- Never store the batteries where the ambient temperature might exceed 110° F, i.e. inside a vehicle with the windows up, on a sunny day.
- Avoid getting the unit wet or storing it in a high humidity location. It should be stored in a dry location.
- The hand-held controller, racking head, and cabling should be stored together in the carrying case.

11.0 Specifications

MECHANICAL

Gearmotor theoretical max torque	36 ft. lbs.
Gearmotor torque limit factor	22 ft. lbs.
Total unit weight	35 lbs.

ELECTRICAL

AC Input voltage	115 volts, 60 Hz
AC Fuse type	3 amp, 4AG
Battery voltage	24 volts
Gearmotor voltage	24 volts
Max battery charging current	500 ma
Battery capacity	3.2 Ahr
Battery type	sealed lead-acid
Video camera lens	8mm, 92 deg FOV
Video camera light sensitivity	0.0001 lux

12.0 Troubleshooting Guide

Symptom	Action
Video display doesn't startup properly.	Turn power supply switch OFF, wait 3-seconds, turn power supply switch ON.
Video image is not clear.	Clean camera lens with a soft, clean towel or lens cleaner.
Unit goes into "Lockout" and displays a message saying the "torque limiting circuitry" may have failed.	Cycle power OFF/ON If "Lockout" recurs, discontinue use, and contact the factory.
GFCI trips.	Disconnect power cable from the VCPR. Reset GFCI. If the GFCI will not reset, either the GFCI or the power cord is defective. If the GFCI only trips when the power cord is plugged into the VCPR, there is an internal fault. Contact the factory.

13.0 Warranty

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