

CONTACT-SEPARATING DEVICE FOR CIRCUIT BREAKERS

ABSTRACT

A device for separating a pair of electric contacts which tend to weld and consist of a stationary contact 11 and a contact 12 which is movable away from the stationary contact, particularly in a circuit breaker, consists of a tripping lever 17, which is biased in a contact-separating direction and serves to actuate the movable contact 12, and means 19 for holding the tripping lever 17 in its stand-by position. The movement of the tripping lever 17 from its stand-by position involves a displacement of its fulcrum from a position in which an increased separating force is exerted on the movable contact 12.

(Figure 1)