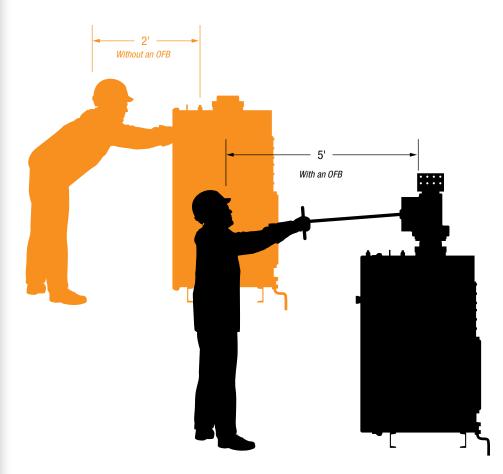


Outside Link Box

PRODUCT CATALOG 2018 EDITION







EPRI Tested

Reduces Arc Flash Hazard to 4 cal/square cm.

Crews no longer need to reach into an energized Network Protector. The OLB provides disconnect links that can be opened at the end of an insulated T-wrench.

Network Protector housing with OLBs installed on each phase.

The center phase has the cover off and the disconnect link open. The box on the left has the cover off and the link closed. The right phase has a submersible cover installed.



Give your crews the arc flash protection they need.

The National Electric Safety Code (NESC) now requires employers to:

- A. Assess low voltages 50-1000V for electric arc flash exposure.
- B. Determine the effective arc rating of clothing.
- C. Divide into three nominal voltage ranges 50-250V, 251-500V and 501-1000V.

What if the required personal protective equipment (PPE) is too cumbersome for crews to effectively work? How can the arc flash hazard be reduced, allowing crews to dress in more reasonable PPE while working in a safer environment?

By retrofitting the network protector with the Richards Outside Link Box (OLB).

The Richards OLB allows for complete de-energizing of the network protector from the secondary network. This de-energizing is done from a greater distance, using an insulated T-wrench, which lowers the available energy even further. The design allows for safer maintenance of Network Protectors. When calculating incident energy, utilities can use a larger exposure distance and lower voltage. This product is field-installable which means your Network Protectors do not have to be taken out of service for long periods of time. Lastly, our design allows for a major upgrade in safety without a major investment in infrastructure or new equipment.

OLB increases the distance

- The link inside of the OLB can be opened from the end of an insulated T-Wrench. The link drops down by gravity for a visible open point.
- This increases the distance used in the arc flash calculations from 24 to 60 inches.

OLB lowers the energy

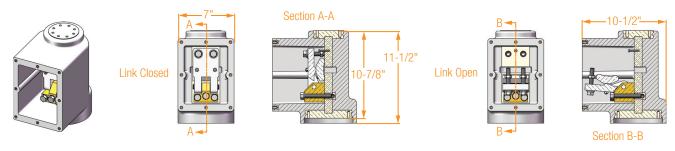
- With the OLB installed, all arc flash calculations are now done at 277V phase-to-ground, not 480V phase-to-phase.
- The OLB isolates each phase, removing any reasonable possibility of a phase-to-phase fault.
- Made from an electrically insulating high strength fiberglass, even a phase-to-ground is difficult to achieve.

OLB removes the energy

- Dropping the primary feeders or opening the high-side switch removes the energy on the transformer side of the protector.
- Opening the link in the Richards OLBs removes the energy from the network side. Now the protector is completely de-energized.

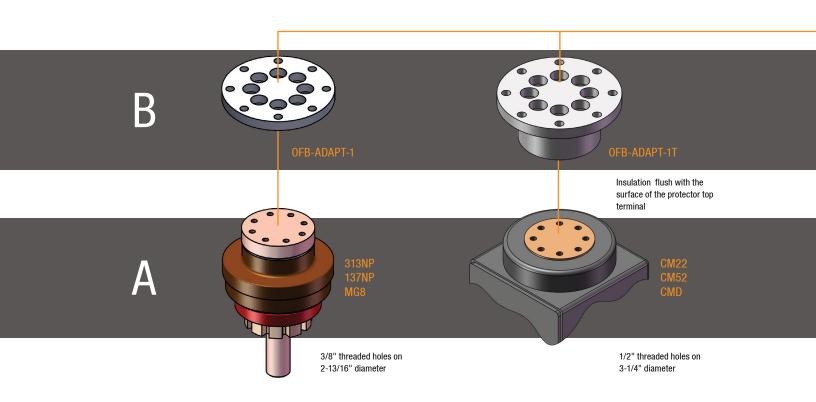


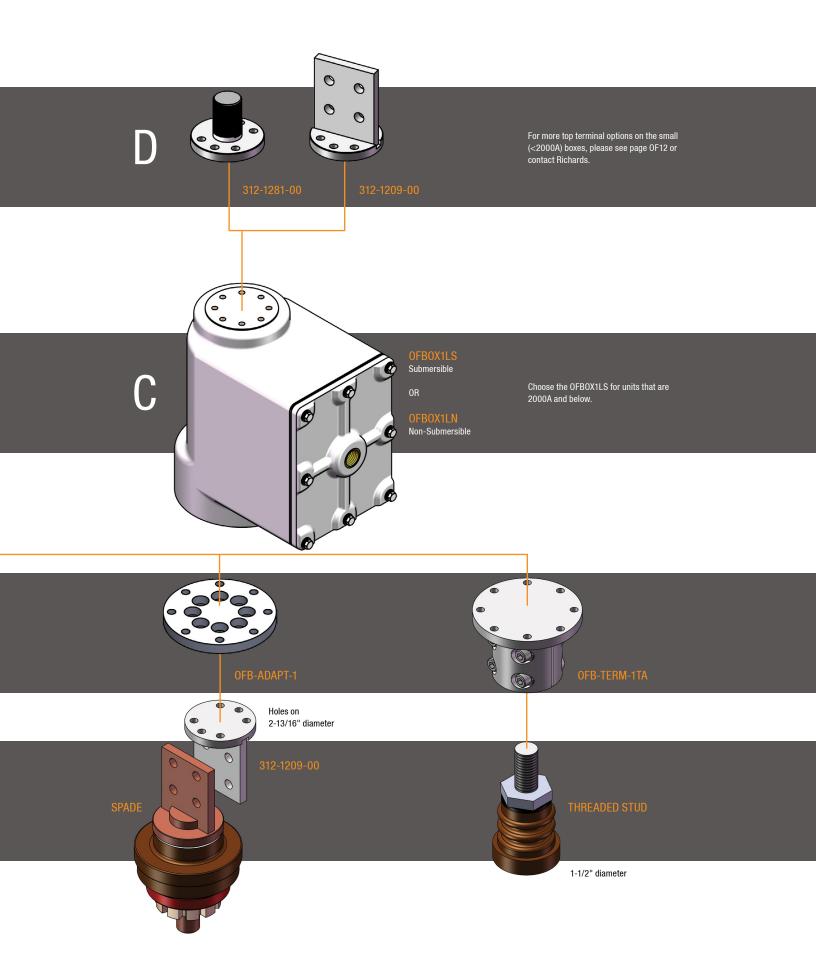
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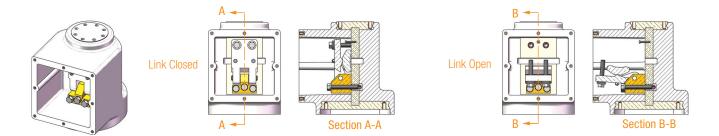
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- A. Identify the type of terminal that currently exists on your network protector.
- B. Select the corresponding adapter.
- C. Order the appropriate number of OLBs (one standard design fits all terminal types via the appropriate Richards adapter).
- D. Select the new terminal to be attached to the top of the OLB.



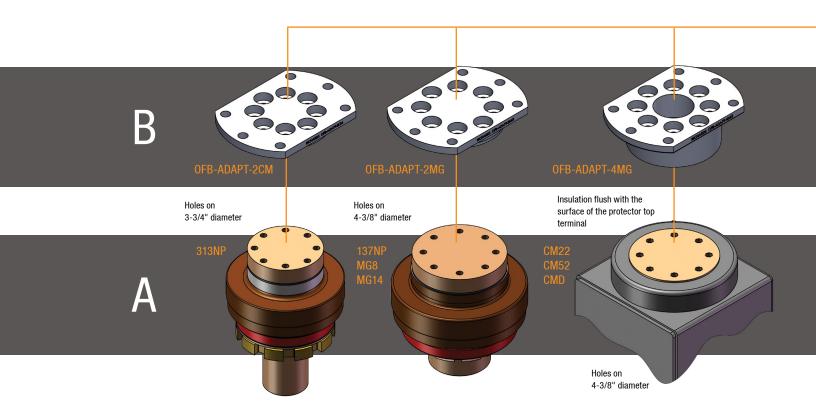


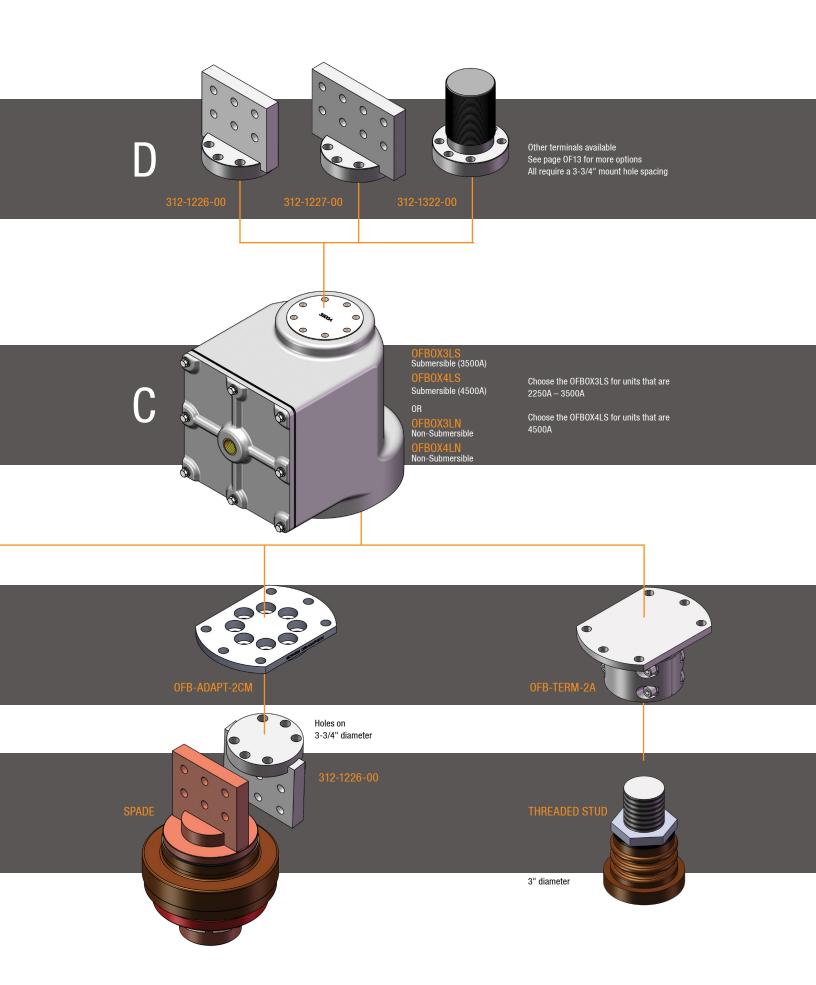
Retrofit your large (>2250A) existing Network Protector with one of the Large Richards OLBs



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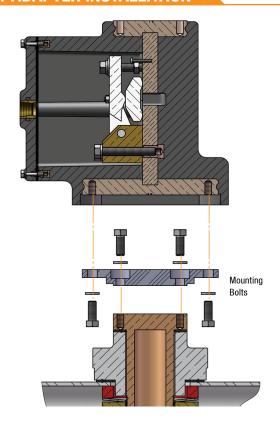
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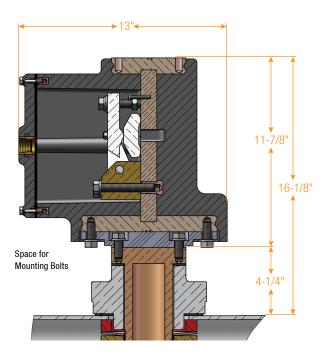




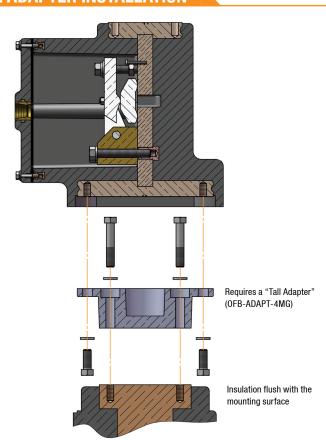
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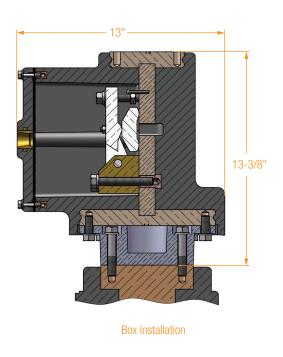
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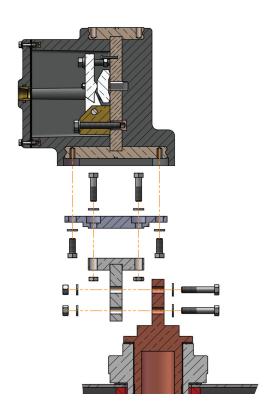


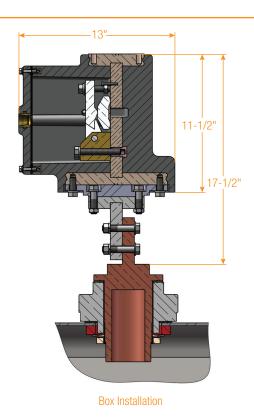
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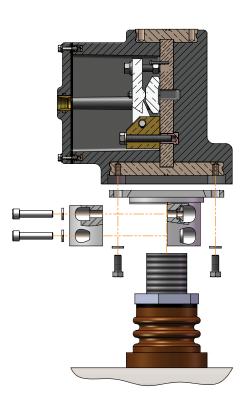


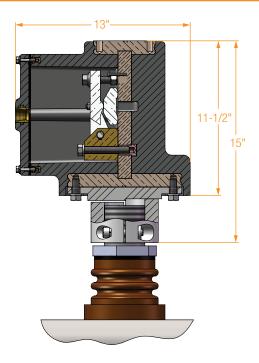
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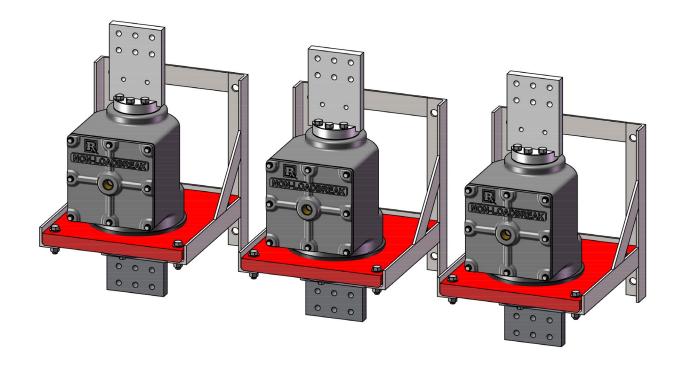


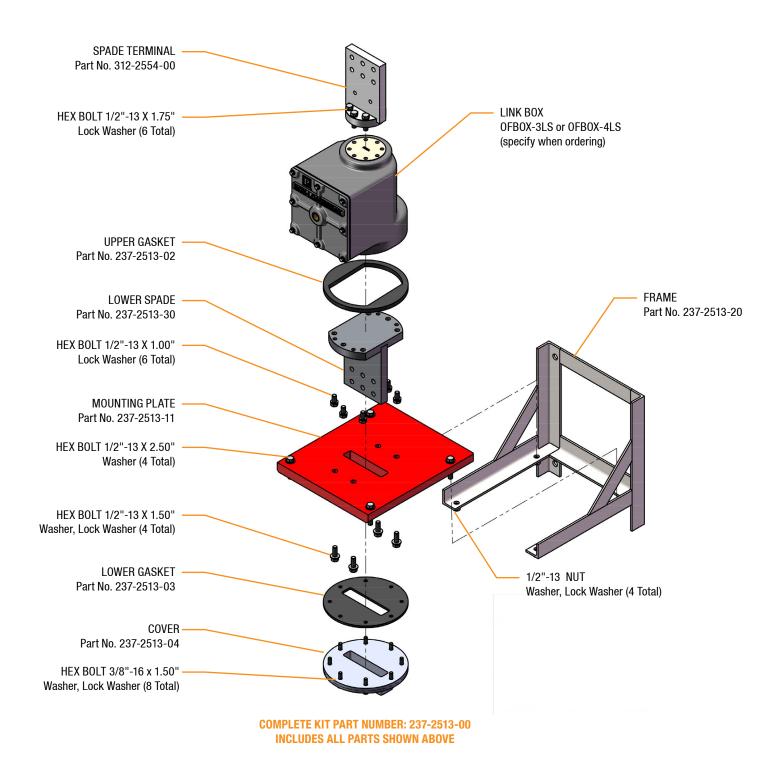


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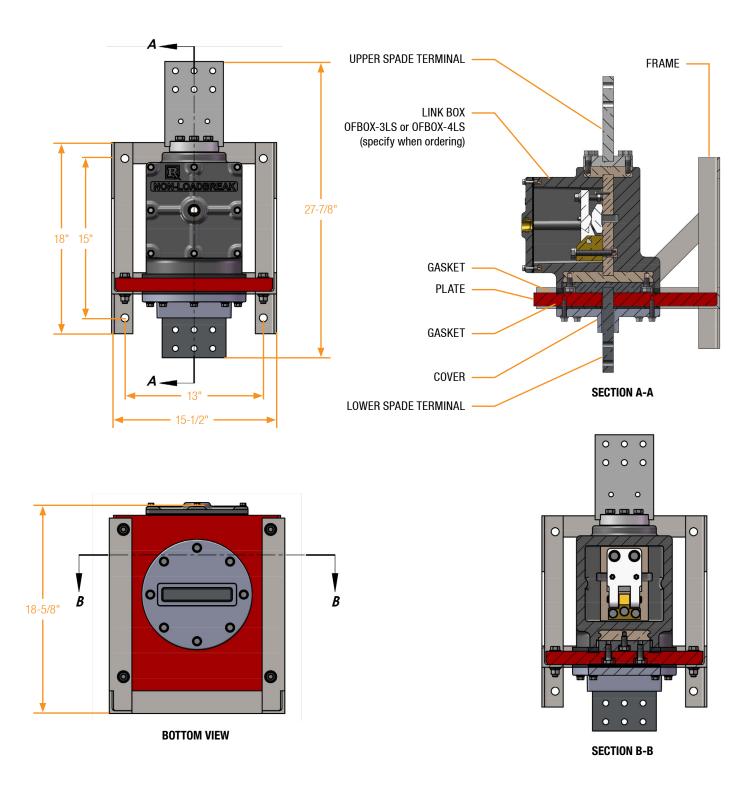




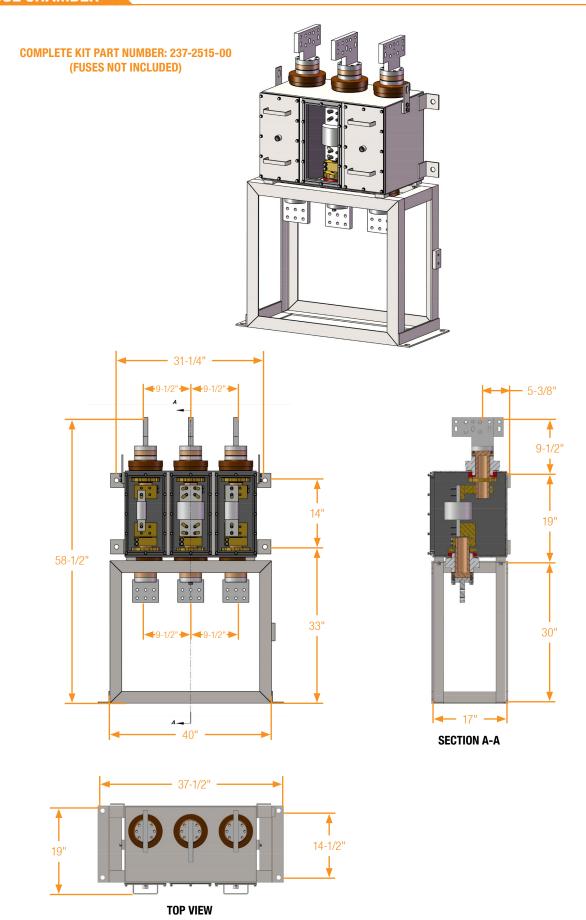




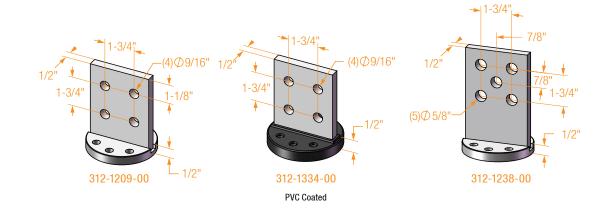


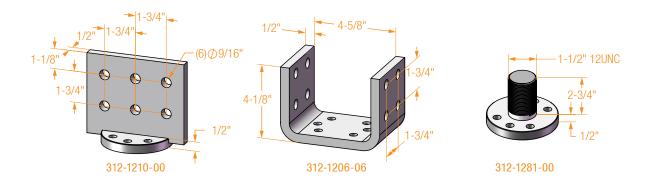


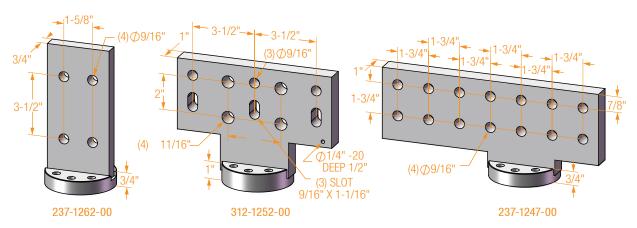
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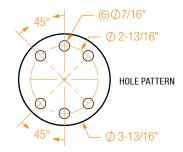


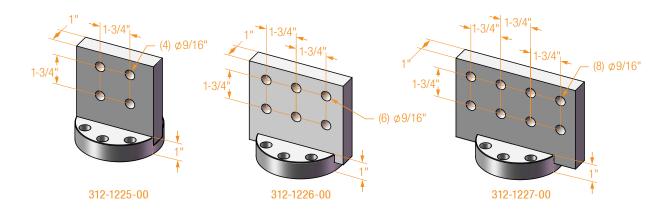


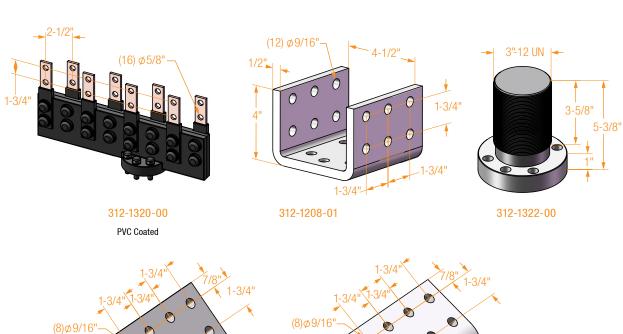
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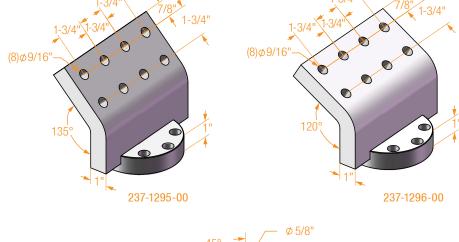
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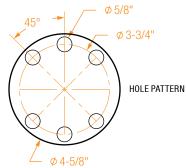
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