Installation and Service Instructions for Series 86,000; 86,100; 86,400 and 86,600

Important
Please read these instructions carefully before installing, operating, or servicing your Stearns brake. Failure to comply with these instructions could cause injury to personnel and/or damage to property if the brake is installed or operated incorrectly. For definition of limited warranty/liability, contact Rexnord Industries, LLC, Stearns Division, 5150 S. International Dr., Cudahy, WI 53110, (414) 272-1100.

Caution
1. Installation and servicing must be made in compliance with all local safety codes including Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). All wiring and electrical connections must comply with the National Electric Code (NEC) and local electric codes in effect.
2. Use of this brake in atmospheres containing explosive gases and dusts must be in accordance with NEC article 501. This brake is not suitable for use in certain atmospheres containing explosive gases and dusts. HazLoc inspection authorities are responsible for verifying and authorizing the use of suitably designed and installed HazLoc equipment. When questions arise consult local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).
3. To prevent an electrical hazard, disconnect power source before working on the brake. If power disconnect point is out of sight, lock disconnect in the off position and tag to prevent accidental application of power.
4. Make certain power source conforms to the requirements specified on the brake nameplate.
5. Be careful when touching the exterior of an operating brake. Allow sufficient time for brake to cool before disassembly. Surfaces may be hot enough to be painful or cause injury.
6. Do not operate brake with housing removed. All moving parts should be guarded.
7. Installation and servicing should be performed only by qualified personnel familiar with the construction and operation of the brake.
8. For proper performance and operation, only genuine Stearns parts should be used for repairs and replacements.
9. After usage, the brake interior will contain burnt and degraded friction material dust. This dust must be removed before servicing or adjusting the brake.

DO NOT BLOW OFF DUST using an air hose. It is important to avoid dispersing dust into the air or inhaling it, as this may be dangerous to your health.

a) Wear a filtered mask or a respirator while removing dust from the inside of a brake.

b) Use a vacuum cleaner or a soft brush to remove dust from the brake. When brushing, avoid causing the dust to become airborne. Collect the dust in a container, such as a bag, which can be sealed off.

General Description
The 86,000 Series is a spring-set, electrically released disc brake for controlled stopping and holding of a load. It is self-adjusting for friction disc wear and mounts directly to a NEMA C-face motor with 16” or 16-1/2” (AK) register and a 14” or 14-1/2” (AJ) bolt circle, machine with same register or Stearns foot mounting bracket. The nominal static torque is factory preset and should not be altered.

Note: Fan-guard mounted brakes requiring IP44 & IP55 protection may require additional sealing measures beyond seals provided with this brake. Pressurized sprays aimed at the fan and brake hub surfaces can result in fluid migration along the motor shaft and keyway, and into the brake. The use of an appropriate sealant such as RTV or a forsheda seal is advised.

Operation
Each brake assembly consists of two, three or four molded or carrier ring friction discs fitted over a splined hub attached to and driven by a motor shaft. The friction discs are located alternately between an endplate, stationary disc(s) and a pressure plate. The stationary disc(s) and pressure plate are restrained from rotating through splines in the endplate. Two solenoids, lever systems and pressure springs are located on a support plate. A fitted housing, attached to the endplate, encloses the working parts. The housing also provides location and support for manual release levers.

The release of the brake occurs when the solenoid coils are energized causing the solenoid plungers to travel a specified distance and, through the lever systems, overcome the pressure springs force. The lever systems in their travel disengage from the pressure plate which permits the friction discs to rotate when the motor is energized. When the motor and solenoid coils are de-energized the pressure springs move the lever systems toward the pressure plate, applying a force to stop the rotation of the friction discs.

When the motor is off and the load is to be moved without energizing the motor, the manual release rods should be used. This removes the holding torque from the motor shaft, allowing it to be rotated by hand, however drag may be noted. The brake will remain in the manual release position until the release rods are returned manually to their set position, or until the brake is re-energized electrically and the release rods return to their set position automatically.

Note: The motor should not be run with the brake in the manual release position to avoid overheating of friction discs.

I. Installation Procedure
(See Figure 1)

Note 1: For optimum results, position brake so that solenoid plungers (29) are above the frames (79) when installed. The brake may be mounted horizontally with the solenoid plunger above the frame, or if specifically modified, vertically above or vertically below the motor. If motor is to be ceiling or horizontally wall mounted, brake must be oriented so the brake plungers are above frames when motor is installed.

Note 2: If foot mounted, secure foot mounting bracket to foundation. The use of dowels to insure permanent alignment is recommended. Foot, machine or C-face mounted brake must be carefully aligned within .007” on concentricity and face runout. Shaft runout should be within .002” T.I.R. Maximum permissible shaft endfloat is .020”.

A. Unscrew manual release knobs (148), housing screws and washers (15 and 15W) and remove housing (7).

B. Depress solenoid plungers and pull release rods (146) back to lock brake mechanism in manual release position or plungers may be tied down to their frame.

C. Remove entire support plate assembly (142) by evenly unscrewing and removing screws and lock washers (142S and 142W).

D. Remove retaining rings (61R), pressure plate (5), friction discs (4), stationary disc(s) (3) and centralizing springs (62).

Note 3: Vertically mounted brakes will have pins which guide spacer springs and, in some cases, spring washers. (Check service sheet 8-078-936-05). Note color coded sequence of springs and location of washers, if used, or refer to factory for proper assembly. Observe disc pack match marks during reassembly.

E. Attach endplate assembly (2) to mounting face of motor using four socket head cap screws (not supplied) torque per manufacturer’s specifications. (Head of mounting bolts must not project above friction surface.)

F. Position hub (16) and key (not supplied) on the motor shaft so that face of hub will protrude outward approximately 1/8” to 3/16” beyond the face of the last outward friction disc. (Position may be determined by assembling friction discs and stationary disc(s) only onto hub, noting hub position, and removing disc(s). Do not assemble springs when measuring for hub location. On some applications, particularly in vertical position, a set screw dimple drilled into shaft is recommended. Tighten the two hub set screws (165).

Torque set screws as follows: 1/2” diameter – 620 lb-in (70 Nm)
5/8” diameter – 1325 lb-in (150 Nm)
3/4” diameter – 2150 lb-in (240 Nm)
7/8” diameter – 5200 lb-in (585 Nm)
1” diameter – 7100 lb-in (800 Nm)

Note 4: Brakes with tapered bore hubs - follow motor manufacturer torque recommendations for tightening the jamb-nut.

G. Assemble friction discs, centralizing springs and stationary disc(s) alternately. Pressure plate completes disc pack assembly. If vertical style, replace springs and washers. Replace retaining rings.

Note 5: Friction discs should be free to slide on hub and the stationary disc(s) and pressure plate should be free to slide in endplate.

H. Mount support plate assembly drawing screws down evenly. Be sure the assembly is mounted with the solenoid plungers above the solenoid frames on horizontally installed brakes. The two pressure buttons (17B) of lever arm must line up with the bosses on pressure plate (5). (See Installation, Note 1.) Torque 1/4” screws with conical spring washer to 50 in-lbs. Torque 5/16” screws with lock washers to 150 lb-in.

Note 6: If release rods are not in manual release position and has allowed the mechanism to overadjust and the support plate will not seat against the endplate, it will have to be reset. In this case, the lever arm (17) throats will be near, or touching, the pinions (32) teeth. Loosen pressure spring nuts (19) until pressure springs (11) are free. Mount support plate and retighten spring nuts until tight against the spring spacer. Do not overtighten. Lift plungers to maximum travel and release.

I. Disengage manual release levers by depressing plungers sufficiently to allow release rods to retract or remove plunger to frame tie-downs.

J. Manually depress solenoid plungers into the solenoid frames and release. Repeat this process several times to set solenoid air gaps. (Check Self-Adjust Maintenance Section for proper air gap measurement or corrective action for loss of gap.)

K. Connect all internal electrical hardware. (See Section on Electrical Connection of Brake.)

L. Check that friction discs rotate freely when the solenoid plungers are held firmly against the solenoid frames. If binding or sticking occurs, recheck Steps E, F & G.

M. Replace housing, screws, lock washers, and manual release knobs. On DTWP install gasket provided.

II. Electrical Connection

CAUTION 1: Inverter Motor and Special Control Systems. This brake contains either a single phase AC coil or DC coil that requires instantaneous power within ±10% of rating at the coil. A separate power
source is required when this brake is used in conjunction with a motor or control system that limits voltage or current input (i.e. inverter motors) or causes a ramping of the power supply.

CAUTION 2: Class H coils with terminals. Do not bend lead wire cramped connection as this causes a fatigue in the metal which may break under vibration.

Note 1: Consult factory for inrush current on 115 or 230 volt, AC or DC coils so adequate switch and power supply is provided.

Note 2: The two coils, AC or DC, are to be connected in parallel, see Figure 2.

Figure 2

A. AC coils, single voltage
The single voltage coils are to be connected to any two leads on three-phase motors of the same voltage as the brake. Refer to brake nameplate and coil number for correct voltage and frequency. The brake can also be wired to external switch contacts providing proper voltage to the coils. Normally the motor and brake contacts are interlocked.

Note 3: On brakes with space heater, connect to appropriate power source. Heater is to be energized continuously including storage periods.

Note 4: Be sure lead wires to coils are not tight or pinched, and that leads will not be rubbed by friction disc, trapped between solenoid plunger and frame, caught between lever arm and endplate, or by linkage.

B. DC coils
1. All Stearns DC coils are single voltage and have dual windings. A high current pull-in winding is initially energized to start solenoid plunger movement, while a low current holding winding is momentarily short circuited via a normally closed switch mounted on each solenoid frame. When the solenoid plunger is almost seated, an actuator arm, wedged to it, opens the switch, removes the short circuit from the holding winding, and connects it in series with the pull-in winding. Due to the high initial current demand of a DC solenoid, a separate DC power source of adequate current capacity is usually required.

Caution! Never use a series resistor to drop power supply voltage to solenoid coils as brake malfunction will result!

2. Connect proper power source to two terminals of each coil or the two free leads (red and black) of four lead coil, see Note 2. Polarity is immaterial. Two coil leads are preconnected at factory to a DC switch on solenoids, in parallel with arc suppression module.

III. General Maintenance

Warning! Any mechanism or load held in position by the brake should be secured to prevent possible injury or damage to equipment before any disassembly of the brake is attempted or the manual release knobs are operated on the brake. Observe all cautions listed at the beginning of this manual.

Note: Do not lubricate any part of the brake as this may cause a malfunction and/or a loss of torque.

A. Coil replacement
1. Unscrew manual release knobs (148), housing screws (15) and washers (15W) and remove housing (7).
2. Disconnect coils (12A) from circuit.
3. Remove solenoid link screw (13C), link (13) and lift plunger (29) from frame (79).
4. For metallic plunger guides (82) remove plunger guide screws (84) and lock washers (84W). Remove both plunger guides (82) by prying up on the flanges. Discard plunger guides.
   a) To remove non-metallic plunger guides (82), remove screws (84) and lock washers (84W). Insert shim stock or other thin gauge material at top center of coil between coil and solenoid frame. Push to release lock tab while lifting up on plunger guide. Repeat for other plunger guide.
5. Slide coil (12A) out from solenoid frame (79) in the direction of the coil leads or terminals. If necessary, tap coil lightly with a soft hammer. If solenoid coil had burned out, be sure to remove all foreign material from the solenoid plunger (29) and solenoid frame.
6. Install new coil (12A) into solenoid frame with same relative position as old coil. Install coil, alternate (12A), with lead wires upward on inboard side of solenoid. Assemble new metallic plunger guides (82), plunger guide screws (84) and lock washers (84W) (if used).
   a) Assemble new non-metallic plunger guides (82) by inserting into position and pushing down until lock tab snaps under top bar of solenoid frame. On coil (12A) with terminals, check that lock tab face is flush with inside surface of guide. If not, file chamfer (about 1/16" by 45") on coil at lock tab area. Install plunger guide screw (84) and lock washers (84W) (if used).
7. Reassemble plunger into solenoid by reversing Steps 3 and 2.

B. Renewal of friction discs
Note: Disc pack should be replaced when total wear of the disc pack reaches .375" or any one individual disc has worn beyond .188.

1. Follow Steps A through D of the Installation Procedure.
2. Follow Steps G through M of the Installation Procedure.
3. Should air gap have decreased or disappeared, the solenoid lever and pinion assembly (8) may have become contaminated due to lubrication or residue as a result of overheating of brake. Cleaning is required. Remove support plate assembly following Steps B and C of Installation Procedure. Loosen pressure spring nuts (19) until pressure springs (11) are free. Remove retaining rings (131R) from solenoid lever pivot pin (131). Note sequence of washer type bearings (138) and push pivot pin out to free assemblies. Remove retaining ring (32R) from assembly and remove pinion (32) by rotating as it is pulled out. Remove sleeve (54). Remove wrap spring from solenoid lever by gently pulling and rotating. Parts should be thoroughly cleaned in a clean solvent that does not leave a film (M.E.K. or equivalent). Dry all parts thoroughly and reassemble. Be sure wrap spring is tight against side face of solenoid lever and the end of the last turn touches, without preload, a square stop which protrudes out of solenoid lever for width of this turn. Reassemble in reverse order of Steps in this Paragraph. Follow Steps H through M of Installation Procedure.
4. Check condition and position of each pinion and rack (part of lever arm assembly [17]). If pinion shows excessive wear, replace entire solenoid lever and pinion assembly (8) or (8A) following above procedure. If rack shows excessive wear, remove and replace lever arm assembly as follows:

   a) Loosen pressure spring nut until pressure spring is free. Remove nut, spring and pressure spring spacer (134).

   b) Remove retaining ring (152R) and washer type bearing (138A) from spring stud pivot pin (152P) and remove pin and spring stud (152).

   c) Remove retaining ring (131R), bearing type washers (13B), pivot pin (130) and lever arm (17). Remove two set screws (17S) and eccentric sleeve (17E) from lever arm.

   d) Install new lever arm following Steps c and b in reverse order. Do not tighten pressure spring nut. Snug the two set screws (17S) for eccentric sleeve (17E) with hole in sleeve in line with set screws.

Upon completion of installation of new lever arm it will be necessary to check and/or adjust the backlash between the rack and pinion.

   a) The backlash at either end of the rack should not exceed .003 and the movement of the rack over the pinion should be smooth and free of binding. Check as follows:

   b) Lift solenoid plunger to its maximum position and advance lever arm forward toward the pinion. Position the lever arm so the first two teeth of the rack will be engaged with one tooth of the pinion when the plunger is reseated against the solenoid frame. The one tooth of the pinion should be over the centerline of the solenoid lever pivot pin.

   c) Holding the plunger in the seated position move lever arm back and forth and determine backlash.

   d) Lift lever to its maximum position and advance lever arm until the last two teeth of the rack are engaged with one tooth of the pinion, when the plunger is reseated against the solenoid frame. The one tooth of the pinion should be over the centerline of the solenoid lever pivot pin.

   e) Holding the plunger in the seated position move lever arm back and forth and determine backlash.

   f) To adjust backlash loosen lever arm set screws (17S). To reduce backlash rotate lever arm eccentric sleeve (17E) counterclockwise. To increase backlash rotate eccentric sleeve clockwise.

   g) After backlash adjustment has been completed, tighten lever arm set screws to 87 in-lbs torque.

Do not tighten spring nut until support plate assembly is mounted on the endplate. Follow Steps H through J of Installation Procedure. Adjust solenoid air gaps following Step 2 of Self-Adjust Maintenance. Complete assembly of brake by following Steps K through M of Installation Procedure.

IV. Troubleshooting

Warning! Any mechanism or load held in position by the brake should be secured to prevent possible injury or damage to equipment before any disassembly of the brake is attempted or the manual release knobs are operated on the brake. Observe all cautions listed at the beginning of this manual.

A. If brake does not stop properly, coastal, or overheats:

1. Check that manual release knob(s) are not in released mode.

2. Check for excessively worn, charred, or broken friction discs.

3. Check that hub has not loosened and hinged on motor shaft.

4. Check that friction discs slide freely over hub. Clean hub and/or file burrs and nicks if required.

5. Check that stationary disc(s) and/or pressure plate can move freely in endplate and that they are not warped from overheating.

6. Check endplate splines for wear in the areas where stationary disc(s) and/or pressure plate make contact. Grooves in splines can prevent free disc movement and result in torque loss or friction disc breakage.

7. On vertically mounted brakes, check that springs are installed correctly and that stationary disc(s) can slide freely over vertical mounting pins. Also check for wear on plunger guide bracket.

8. Check that pressure spring nut (19) was properly tightened. Correct compressed spring height should be approximately 5-5/32” with new friction discs. Measurement is from top face of support plate to bottom of the spring nut.

9. Check solenoid air gap and other items per Self-Adjust Maintenance, Section III-C. Adjust if necessary.

10. Check that solenoid linkages can move freely. It requires approximately 28 lbs of pressure to seat solenoid plunger to frame see A-10.

11. Check voltage reading at coil terminals against coil voltage rating.

12. Check that brake coils are energized at the same time as, or prior to, motor and de-energized at the same time, or after, motor.

13. If stopping time exceeds 1 second, or if the application requires more than five stops per minute, check the thermal requirements to stop load against the thermal capacity rating of the brake.

14. If throat of lever arms (17) are near or touching pinion teeth (32), friction discs (4) are to be replaced.

B. If brake hums, solenoid pulls in slowly, or coil burns out:


2. Check if shading coils are broken.

3. Check for worn plunger guides or if plunger rubs on solenoid frame laminations.

4. Check for worn solenoid plungers and frames.

5. Check if solenoid is dirty.

6. Check if solenoid mounting screws have loosened.

7. Check for worn or binding linkage. For normal pressure required to seat solenoid plunger to frame see A-10.

8. Check for excessive voltage drop in motor line when motor is started. Check wire gauge of supply line against motor starting current and solenoid inrush current. Measure voltage drop at solenoid coil terminals during maximum inrush current condition. To accomplish this, insert a block of wood, or other non-magnetic material, between each solenoid plunger and frame. Block thickness should approximately equal solenoid air gap. Energize motor and brake simultaneously, take reading and immediately shut down. This is to prevent motor, brake, or solenoid burnup.

C. If brake is noisy during stopping and/or friction discs shatter:

1. Check for worn motor bearings allowing shaft runout.

2. On foot mounted brakes, recheck alignment.

3. On either style brake, check hub position on shaft. The outboard face of hub should protrude 1/8” to 3/16” beyond face of outboard friction disc.

4. On any mounting style, check motor shaft endfloat. It should not exceed 0.020”.