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Overhead Concealed Door Closers
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Introduction
Overhead concealed closers provide an aesthetically appealing way to close a door. In situations where a closer is needed but concealment in the frame header is required or desired, the Norton® 7900 closer is the ideal solution for door control. Once installed, only the solid one-piece arm is visible when the door is open; therefore, this unit provides a high degree of vandal resistance. When the door is closed, the closer, arm and slide track are fully concealed. For applications where concealment is required and security is the main concern, the 7970 should be used.

This heavy-duty, durable closer package includes a steel track, steel slider, polymer slider pads and dress plates. The steel track and slider offer additional strength to the unit, while the polymer pads provide quiet operation and easy assembly. Standard features include rack and pinion operation, adjustable sweep and latch, and adjustable backcheck cushioning and positioning.

The 7900 overhead closers are best suited for high-profile applications such as office buildings or conference centers. The 7970 security closers offer the necessary concealment and tamper resistance required in detention and psychiatric facilities. Used in conjunction with the door position switch (DPS) they provide the ability to monitor door status remotely.
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Steel track
Steel slider
Polymer slider pads
Fully adjustable, multi-point hold open (7900)
Dress plates furnished standard
Shock absorbing door stop
Aluminum alloy shell
Rack & pinion operation
Non-critical valves
Adjustable sweep speed
Adjustable latch speed
Adjustable backcheck cushioning
Adjustable backcheck positioning

FEATURES

Delayed action option
Enhanced backcheck option
Power choices
  Sized closer (4, 5, 6)
  Multi-size closer (0)
ANSI A156.4, Grade 1
Models available to meet ADA/A117.1
UL listed
Torx® screws furnished standard (7970 only)
Door Position Switch (DPS) option (7970 only)
10-year limited warranty
Door sizing information is based on installation on standard weight doors hung on anti-friction hinges or pivots and operating under normal conditions. For doors in excess of 7'6" or on extra-heavy doors, where draft conditions exist or where door swings beyond 150°, use next larger size closer.

Ball-bearing or anti-friction hinges or pivots are always recommended for use with doors having door closers. They are required for fire door applications, except where a door manufacturer has a specifically listed fire door assembly.

When requesting templates, specify door hanging hardware (i.e. B= butt hinges, CP= center hung pivots, OP= offset pivots).

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Order sprayed and plated finishes by BHMA designations.
Concealed Transom Mounting:
Closer is concealed in the header of hollow metal, aluminum or wood frames. Installation requires a minimum 4” (102mm) high frame header. A removable frame stop furnished by the frame supplier is required where doors are less than 2” (51mm) thick. A dust/grout box 2” x 4” (51 x 102mm) x required length furnished by the frame supplier where conditions warrant the need for one. Consult factory for wood header installations.

Door Thickness: 1-3/4” - 2-1/4” (44-57mm) thick doors

Top Rail Mounted Slide Track:
Slide track is mounted into a recess prepared in the top rail of wood, aluminum or hollow metal doors. Depth of cutout at top of door 1-3/16” (30mm).

Fire Block Door Liner:
Available for use in 20-minute fire door assemblies where recognized by the local authority having jurisdiction.

Standard Door Hanging Hardware:
Closer and slide track can be installed on doors hung with butt hinges, offset pivots or center pivots. Hinges or pivots furnished by others.

Concealed Arm:
Closer arm is concealed when the door is closed. Requires a 3/8” (9.5mm) deep stop side door cutout for arm clearance.

Shock-Absorbing Door Stop:
Non-hold open and hold open units have a shock-absorbing adjustable position stop in the slide track. Use of auxiliary door stop is always recommended, not supplied.

Hold Open:
Sliding mechanism in channel changes position of hold open. The range of hold open points is dependent upon how the door is hung:
- 85° to 110° for doors hung on butt hinges
- 85° to 95° for doors hung on offset pivots
- 85° to 100° for doors hung on center pivots

Adjustable Hold Open Tension:
Hold Open tension can be increased or decreased by adjusting the tension on the slide track spring with a hex-key drive adjusting screw; or the hold open function can be totally eliminated by this same means.

Aluminum Alloy Shell:
Series 7900 closer bodies are constructed of a special aluminum alloy carefully selected to accommodate individual closer characteristics and operating conditions.

Rack & Pinion Operation:
A smooth power transmission through entire opening and closing cycle is provided by a long addendum gear form.

Spring Power Adjustment:
- 50% power adjustment for closer sizes 4, 5 and 6. Each closer can be adjusted by 50% over the minimum closing force for each size.
- Multi-sized power adjustment for closer sizes "0".

Adjustable Sweep Speed:
An independent, hex-key operated regulating valve permits adjustment of the general closing speed.

Adjustable Latch Speed:
An independent, hex-key operated regulating valve permits adjustment of the door’s speed for approximately the last 5 degrees of the closing cycle.

Adjustable Backcheck Cushioning:
An independent, hex-key operated regulating valve provides an adjustable hydraulic cushion to the door opening speed toward the end of the opening cycle.

Adjustable Backcheck Positioning:
An independent hex-key operated regulating valve allows adjustment of the point in the door’s opening cycle at which backcheck cushioning takes effect. It provides a range of 20° within which backcheck can be set.

Non-Critical Valves:
All control valves for sweep/latch speed, backcheck control and delayed action closing are non-critical and are adjusted by a standard 1/8” hex-key.

Non-Hold Open and Hold Open Arms:
Arm is 13” (330mm) long with an offset bend to permit door openings to 180°. Arm is handed. A special arm is furnished when hold open is required and the door is hung on center hung pivots. This straight arm is 16” long and non-handed.

Separate Hinges/Pivots:
Door is hung with butt hinges, 3/4” offset pivots or center pivots (by others). There is no need to open the door closer packaging to supply the hinges/pivots to the job or the door supplier. This eliminates problems with coordination of the hardware with other trades and reduces the probability of lost hardware.
Enhanced Backcheck:
Adjustable backcheck intensity beginning at approximately 15° of the door opening cycle. It is intended for use in situations where the standard backcheck beginning at approximately 75° of opening allows too much unrestricted door travel to obtain control of the door without the fear of peripheral damage to the door closer, door, frame, hinges or pivots; or adjacent walls or structures. Specify EBC when ordering. Offered in lieu of standard backcheck and backcheck positioning.

Door Position Switch (7970 only):
This switch is Single Pole Double Throw (SPDT) momentary contact, with one normally open and one normally closed set of contacts. The three switch terminals are wired to the integral conduit box for connection to incoming wiring. The switch and wiring are for operation with 6 to 24 VAC/DC systems.
- **Door Position Switch Adjustment:** Can be made at the opening without removing the closer from the frame. The door position adjustment test socket is accessible during installation for easy adjustment of the switch cam. Test probes from a volt meter are inserted into the test socket while using 1/8” hex wrench to adjust the position switch adjustment.
- **Test Socket:** Volt meter or test light may be connected to test socket to test normally open circuit or normally closed circuit at the door opening. The door position switch may be adjusted at the same time without removal of closer from door.
- **Adjustable Delayed Action Closing:** An optional hydraulic feature that adds a third speed range to the closing control cycle. This feature becomes effective when the door is opened and released at any point beyond 70°. This delayed closing enables traffic to clear the opening before the normal closing cycle starts. This feature is advantageous to the handicapped, elderly or wheeled traffic. Order by suffixing “DA” to the model number.

Accessibility Code Closer:
These closers provide reduced opening forces to conform with barrier code requirements (as specified in ANSI A117.1) for the handicapped while still providing acceptable door control. Specify 7900 or 7970.
SUGGESTED SPECIFICATIONS

Closers for exterior (and) interior doors shall be full rack and pinion type with cast aluminum alloy shell. Closers shall be concealed in a 4" (102 mm) high frame header. The slide track shall be concealed in the top rail of the door. Hydraulic fluid shall be non-gumming and non-freezing. (Closer shall be provided with a fire-blocking door liner to permit installation in 20-minute wood fire door assemblies.) Closer shall have (four) (five) noncritical valves, hex-key operated, to independently regulate sweep speed, latch speed, backcheck cushioning (and backcheck positioning) (and delayed action closing). (Closer shall be sized units (4, 5 or 6)].

[Closers shall have power adjustment to permit a 50% increase in power over the minimum closing force for any size.] [Closers shall have multi-sized adjustment for (interior doors)(exterior doors)]. Closer shall conform to Accessibility Code specifications. Degree of stop shall be field adjustable.

Slide track shall have a built-in cushioning shock absorber mechanism. (Hold open mechanism shall be capable of release when holding function is not required. Hold open mechanism shall have an adjustable range 85°-110° of door opening and shall release with a manual pressure on the edge of the door in the direction of closer). Closer to be Norton® [Series 7900] [Series 7970] (with Norton® #790 Fire Block). 7970/7970DPS shall be supplied with Torx® lobular drive fasteners having a center security pin.

7970 DPS
Closer to have a door position switch to indicate “Door Open/Door Closed” condition.

STANDARDS

ADA
The 7900 and 7970 door closers are designed to comply with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A) and ANSI standard A117.1.

ANSI/BHMA/Federal Specs
All series 7900/7970 closers comply with ANSI A156.4 Grade 1 Specifications, Federal FF-H-121D Specifications (CO5030,CO5040, CO5050 w/o PT4B-4C-4D) and FF-H-121c Specifications (3210-3215-3220).

NYC Listing
These closers are also listed with New York City Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division [41-60-SM].

U.L. Listing
All Norton series 7900/7970 closers with non-hold open arms are listed by Underwriters’ Laboratories Inc. and Underwriters’ Laboratories of Canada for use on labeled fire doors.

WHI
The Norton Fire Block door liner is listed with Warnock Hersey International for use in 20-minute (wood) fire doors that are listed with WHI, when used with the Series 7900 door closer. Specify model number 790. The combination of a 7900 door closer installed in a UL labeled hollow metal door frame and a Norton Fire Block installed in a WHI labeled 20-minute (wood) fire door, which has the tested preparation, may qualify as a 20-minute fire door assembly. Always consult local authorities to determine the acceptance and proper application of fire door and hardware applications.
### Dimensions for Center Hung and Offset Pivots
Dimensions for center hung and offset pivots vary from those shown. Consult templates.

### Note:
- Left hand door shown
- Minimum door width 27"  
- 1-3/4" to 2-1/4" thick doors  
- Maximum width hinge is 5"  
- Contact factory if door weight exceeds 250 lbs.