

## **BackSwept Propeller**

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General Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions For Aerovent Products

Throughout this manual, there are a number of HAZARD WARNINGS that must be read and adhered to in order to prevent possible personal injury and/or damage to equipment. The signal word "WARNING" is used to indicate the severity of a hazard and is preceded by the safety alert symbol.



#### WADNING

Used when serious injury or death MAY result from misuse or failure to follow specific instructions.

It is the responsibility of all personnel involved in installation, operation and maintenance to fully understand the A Warning procedures by which hazards are to be avoided.

### **Blade Angle Adjustment**

Blades are set to the specified blade angle at the factory. If adjustment in the field is required, use the following method:

- 1. Lay the hub on a horizontal surface with the concave (air leaving) surfaces of the blades facing upwards.
- 2. Loosen the hub bolts until they are finger tight. See ⑤ Figure 2. At this point, the blades should rotate in their sockets when grasped firmly and twisted, but should not turn on their own.
- 3. Place an angle meter or protractor across the two blade angle position marks on a blade. See Figure 1.
- 4. Twist the blade to the desired blade angle.
- 5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the remaining blades.
- 6. Re-tighten the hub bolts to the torque shown in Table 1, making certain that the blades stay positioned at the desired angle. Work in a star pattern, working your way up to the desired torque in steps. Tightening one bolt to the full torque before moving on to the next can crack the hub.



### **WARNING**

Disconnect power before installation and maintenance. Failure to do so can result in severe injury or death.

## Mounting the Propeller Assembly on the Shaft

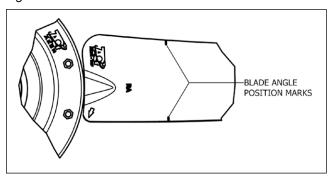
The BackSwept Propellers are furnished with hubs that have a tapered bore. A split-tapered bushing is used for mounting the propeller assembly to the shaft. When properly assembled, the bushing grips the hub and the shaft with a positive clamping action. See Figure 2.

- The bushing barrel and the bore of the propeller hub are tapered. This assures concentric mounting and a true running propeller.
- ② The bushing cap screws, when tightened, lock the bushing in the propeller.
- ③ The bushing is split so that when the bushing cap screws force the bushing into the tapered bore, the bushing grips the shaft with a positive clamping fit. This will withstand vibration and punishing loads without loosening.
- The propeller and bushing assembly is keyed to the shaft and held in place by compression. This gives added driving strength.

Table 1

HUB SIZE	HUB BOLTS ⑤ Nm (ft. lbs)	BUSHING CAP SCREWS ② Nm (ft. lbs)
150mm (6")	5.5 ~ 8 (4 ~5.9)	10.7 (7.9)
225mm (9")	5.5 ~ 8 (4 ~5.9)	21.7 (16)
255mm (10")	30 (22)	21.7 (16)
350mm (14")	30 (22)	39.3 (29)

Figure 1





### **WARNING**

Do not lubricate the bushing cap screws, hub bolts, shaft or bushing barrel.

Put the bushing loosely into the bore of the hub. Do not press or drive. Start the bushing cap screws by hand, turning them just enough to engage the threads in the nut, which are recessed into the hub on the propeller. Do not use a wrench at this time. The bushing should be loose enough in the propeller to move slightly.

Be sure the shaft and keyway are clean and smooth. Check the key size with both the shaft and bushing keyways. Slide the propeller and bushing assembly onto the shaft, making allowance for end play in the shaft to prevent rubbing. Do not force the propeller and bushing onto the shaft. If it does not go on easily, check the shaft, bushing, and key sizes.

Tighten the bushing cap screws progressively with a wrench. Do this evenly as in mounting an automobile wheel. Take a part turn on each bushing cap screw successively until all are tightened to the torque shown in *Table 1*.

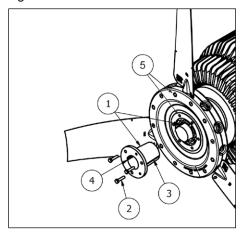
These bushing cap screws force the tapered bushing into the hub, which in turn compresses the bushing on to the shaft.



#### WARNING

Do not attempt to pull the bushing flange flush with the hub end. There should be 1/8" to 1/4" clearance when tightened.





# Removing the Propeller Assembly from the Shaft

The propeller is easily removed from the shaft by inserting and tightening two of the bushing cap screws into the tapped holes in the bushing flange. This forces the bushing loose from the propeller and releases the compression so that the entire assembly will slide off the shaft.

- 1. Remove all the bushing cap screws from the propeller and hub assembly.
- 2. Start the bushing cap screws into the threaded holes in the bushing flange.
- 3. Tighten each bushing cap screw part of a turn successively to force the propeller off the bushing.
- 4. Pull the bushing off the shaft. If the assembly has been in place for some time, it may be necessary to use a wheel puller to remove the bushing. Never use a wheel puller on the propeller.

