

Suggested Alternator Installation on Vehicle Testing

ALTERNATOR INSTALLATION PART#: _____ DATE: _____

BASIC CHARGING SYSTEM - TECHNICIAN Evaluating _____ UNIT# _____

ENGINE-OFF TESTING

- 1) Environment, visual check for External Contaminants such as oil _____
- 2) Mounting Hardware (Bolts) & Surfaces _____
- 3) Alignment, Pulley & Belt Alignment _____
(NOTE: Misaligned belts, or pulleys can cause vibration at certain RPM & stress bearings, castings & mounts.)
- 4) Pulley, Grooves & Alignment _____
(NOTE: Check for worn grooves & correct alignment. ie) check for correct spacing between fan & pulley)
- 5) Belts, Check for wear, glazing and oil soaked _____
- 7) Is Alternator belt driven from crank pulley or auxiliary pulley, if so check auxiliary belts _____
- 8) Belt Tensioner, Check for wear, resistance-stiffness & sticking _____
- 9) Battery Load Test, Disconnect to test Individually

Battery #1	Battery #2	Battery #3	Battery #4
Load Test _____	Load Test _____	Load Test _____	Load Test _____
- 10) Battery Voltage (State of Charge)

Battery #1	Battery #2	Battery #3	Battery #4
Volts _____	Volts _____	Volts _____	Volts _____

NOTE: REPLACE DEFECTIVE or SWOLEN BATTERIES
DO NOT RUN ALTERNATOR IF BATTERY VOLTAGE IS LESS THAN 12.4V (24.8V)
- 11) Cables & Terminal Ends at Alternator _____
Must be clean & Tight – no corrosion – not frayed – not swollen - file or sand good but dirty terminal ends

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- 12) **Adapter plug ends** must be clean & tight fitting with no heat marks or order replacement adapter plug _____
- 13) **Cables & Terminal Ends at Battery** _____
Must be clean & Tight – no corrosion – not frayed – not swollen -, file or sand good but dirty terminal ends

ENGINE-ON TESTING (Start Engine Increase to High Idle about 1500RPM)

- 14) **Alternator Voltage** _____ (should be between 13.8 & 14.7 Volts, 27.5 & 29.4 Volts for 24V system)
Connect Test Leads On Alternator Output & Ground Terminals On Alternator – All Accessories Off
- 15) **Battery Voltage** _____ (should be between 13.4 & 14.7 Volts, 26.8 & 29.4 Volts for 24V system)
Connect Test Leads On The Batteries–Test under same conditions as previous test, Accessories Off
- 16) **Voltage Differential (Drop)** _____ (Maximum Allowable Differential is .5 Volt)
(Alternator Voltage #14 minus Battery Voltage #15) (If a loss (drop) of more than .5 volt is present repair and/or replace existing circuits and/or supplement existing cables with additional cables from alternator positive and negative posts to battery).
- 17) **Integrity of Cab Gauge Reading Volts** _____ (Note differential if any from actual readings at Batteries & in Cab gauge Reading. Poor Gauge & Cabling To Cab, Dash & Gauge can result in misdiagnosis)
- 18) **Additional Tests To Consider:** 1) AMP output test 2) Stationary draw Test
3) Alternator Temp - excessive heat (no-load).

IMPORTANT: The information contained in this sheet is for trained, professional technicians with proper tools, equipment & training to perform the maintenance described above. The above is suggested only; you should not assume the above applies to your equipment.