

Automotive Technology 5th Edition

Chapter 58 Horn, Wiper, & Blower Motor Circuits

Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
Introduce Content	This course or class provides complete coverage of the components, operation, design, and troubleshooting. It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and NATEF and emphasizes a problem-solving approach. Chapter features include Tech Tips, Frequently Asked Questions, Real World Fixes, Videos, Animations, and NATEF Task Sheet references.
Motivate Learners	Explain how the knowledge of how something works translates into the ability to use that knowledge to figure why the engine does not work correctly and how this saves diagnosis time, which translates into more money.
State the learning objectives for the chapter or course you are about to cover and explain this is what they should be able to do as a result of attending this session or class.	Explain learning objectives to students as listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe how the horn operates, and diagnose faulty horn operation. 2. Explain the testing and diagnosis of windshield wipers and windshield washers. 3. Explain the operation and diagnosis of a blower motor.
Establish the Mood or Climate	Provide a <i>WELCOME</i> , Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
Complete Essentials	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
Clarify and Establish Knowledge Base	Do a round robin of the class by going around the room and having each student give their backgrounds, years of experience, family, hobbies, career goals, or anything they want to share.

NOTE: This lesson plan is based on the 5th Edition Chapter Images found on Jim's web site @ www.jameshalderman.com

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1. **SLIDE 1 Ch58 HORN, WIPER, & BLOWER MOTOR CIRCUITS**
2. **SLIDE 2 EXPLAIN Figure 58-1** Two horns are used on this vehicle. Many vehicles use only one horn, often hidden underneath the vehicle

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DEMONSTRATION: Using different tuning forks, demonstrate how different frequency vibrations produce different sound

You can use a test light to diagnose continuous horn operation complaints. Connect test light in place of horn. Light will go out when problem located.

3. **SLIDE 3 EXPLAIN Figure 58-2** A typical horn circuit. Note that the horn button completes the ground circuit for the relay.
4. **SLIDE 4 EXPLAIN Figure 58-3** Horns typically mount to the radiator core support or bracket at the front of the vehicle.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to use a DMM to test horn relay

HANDS-ON TASK: Have the students use DMM to test various horn system components such as fuses and switches.

HANDS-ON TASK: Provide students with a vehicle that has an inoperative horn. Have them use test equipment to diagnose and repair the horn circuit. Grade students on their troubleshooting techniques and ability to diagnose & repair circuit

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5. **SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN Figure 58-4** A circuit diagram is necessary to troubleshoot a windshield wiper problem.
6. **SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN Figure 58-5** motor and linkage bolt to body and connect to the switch with a wiring harness.
7. **SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN Figure 58-6** typical wiper motor with the housing cover removed. The motor itself has a worm gear on shaft that turns small intermediate gear, which then rotates gear and tube assembly, which rotates the crank arm (not shown) that connects to wiper linkage.
8. **SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN Figure 58-7** A wiring diagram of a two-speed windshield wiper circuit using a three-brush, two-speed motor. The dashed line for the multifunction lever indicates that the circuit shown is only part of the total function of the steering column lever.
9. **SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN Figure 58-8** A wiring diagram of a three-speed windshield wiper circuit using a two-brush motor, but both a series-wound and a shunt field coil.
10. **SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN Figure 58-9** A variable pulse rate windshield wiper circuit. Notice that the wiring travels from the passenger compartment through pass-through grommets to the underhood area.

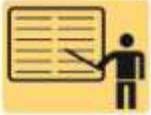
DEMONSTRATION: Show students inner workings of an electric wiper motor and how to inspect the motor for defects

DISCUSSION: discuss difference between series-wound field & shunt field motors. How are electrical connections made to each?

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how wiper/washer operates

DISCUSSION: Discuss what controls actual operation of the wiper. What else could come on when the wipers are on?

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DISCUSSION: DISCUSS how wiper motors may be made to operate at more than one speed. Ask students to explain low & high-speed operation.

DISCUSSION: Discuss different windshield wiper modes of operation. Why are there variations among wiper systems and circuits?

11. **SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-10 A wiper motor connector pin chart.
12. **SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-11 The wiper motor and linkage mount under the cowl panel on many vehicles.
13. **SLIDE 13 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-12 A single wiper arm mounts directly to the motor on most rear wiper applications

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to use a wiring diagram to trace current flow through a typical wiper circuit.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to trace current flow through windshield wiper combination/multifunction switches

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students download a wiper system wiring diagram and using a highlighter trace the current flow.

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to correctly remove trim panels to gain access to rear wiper motors without damaging the mounting clips/hardware.

HANDS-ON TASK: Have students gain access to wiper linkage used to lube components and inspect it for proper operation.

DISCUSSION: Discuss how to determine whether inoperative wiper concerns are caused by mechanical or electrical malfunctions. What is indicated by determining whether voltage is available or not?

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DEMONSTRATION: Show the students how to connect a scan tool to retrieve information regarding systems controlled by BCM. Explain how rain sense module uses diodes & photocells to measure moisture levels on windshield.

DISCUSSION: discuss different methods used to control intermittent (pulse) wiper operation. What does the variable resistor, or rheostat, control?

14. **SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-13 Circuit diagram of a rheostat-controlled, electronically timed interval wiper
15. **SLIDE 91 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-14 Disconnect the hose at the pump and operate the switch to check a washer pump.
16. **SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-15 Washer pumps usually install into the reservoir and are held in place with a retaining ring

DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to inspect washer systems for line- and squirt-nozzle blockage.

You can add a little washer fluid to a completely empty reservoir & check it for leaks before completely filling it. This will prevent wasting washer fluid on systems that have a leaking reservoir.

DISCUSSION: Discuss the windshield washer reservoir. How can you tell the windshield washer & coolant overflow reservoirs apart?

DISCUSSION: Discuss using windshield washer fluid instead of regular water. What can happen in freezing weather if pure water is used?

17. **SLIDE 17 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-16 A typical rain sensing module located on the inside of the windshield near the inside rearview mirror.
18. **SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN** Figure 58-17 The electronics in the rain sense wiper module can detect the presence of rain drops under various lighting conditions.

Rain Sensing (View) (Download)

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DISCUSSION: Have the students discuss how the rain sense module works. What happens when wiper switch is left on sense position all of time?

HANDS-ON TASK: Have the students explain how wiper motors may be made to operate at more than one speed. Grade students on their ability to explain low & high-speed motor operation.

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19. **SLIDE 19 EXPLAIN Figure 58-18** A squirrel cage blower motor. A replacement blower motor usually does not come equipped with the squirrel cage blower, so it has to be switched from the old motor.

20. **SLIDE 20 EXPLAIN Figure 58-19** A typical blower motor circuit with four speeds. The three lowest fan speeds (low, medium-low, and medium-high) use the blower motor resistors to drop the voltage to the motor and reduce current to the motor. On high, the resistors are bypassed. The “high” position on the fan switch energizes a relay, which supplies the current for the blower on high through a fusible link.

Blower (View) (Download)

Blower Control, Manual (View) (Download)

Blower Control, PWM (View) (Download)

DISCUSSION: Have the students discuss methods used to control blower motor speed. What usually causes failure of high-speed fuse on relay?

DEMONSTRATION: Show the students how to properly test blower motor resistor packs using a DMM

HANDS-ON TASK: Provide the students with a blower motor circuit complaint and a wiring diagram of the circuit. Have them determine possible causes, using only their knowledge of circuit operation and the wiring diagram. Grade students on their ability to narrow down possible causes without performing circuit tests.

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21. **SLIDE 1 EXPLAIN Figure 58-20** A typical blower motor resistor pack used to control blower motor speed. Some blower motor resistors are flat and look like a credit card and are called “credit card resistors”.
22. **SLIDE 22 EXPLAIN Figure 58-21** brushless DC motor that uses the body computer to control the speed.
23. **SLIDE 23 EXPLAIN Figure 58-22** Using a mini AC/DC clamp-on multimeter to measure the current draw of a blower motor.

DEMONSTRATION: Show the students how to use a voltmeter to measure voltage drop throughout a blower motor circuit.

HANDS-ON TASK: Have the students locate, inspect, and test a blower motor using common test equipment.

ON-VEHICLE NATEF TASK Diagnose static and weak or no reception; determine necessary action. **(P-3) Page 176**

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