

# Automotive Technology 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Chapter 52 CRANKING SYSTEM

### Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
<b>Introduce Content</b>	This Automotive Technology 6th text provides complete coverage of automotive components, operation, design, and troubleshooting. It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and ASEEducation (NATEF) and emphasizes a problem-solving approach. Chapter features include Tech Tips, Frequently Asked Questions, Case Studies, Videos, Animations, and ASEEducation (NATEF) Task Sheets.
<b>Motivate Learners</b>	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.
<b>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.</b>	Explain learning objectives to students as listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the parts and operation of a cranking circuit and explain computer-controlled starting.</li> <li>2. Discuss how a starter motor converts electrical power into mechanical power.</li> <li>3. List the different types of starter motors.</li> <li>4. Describe gear reduction starters.</li> <li>5. Describe the function of starter drives and solenoids.</li> <li>6. This chapter will help prepare for the ASE Electrical/Electronic Systems (A6) certification test content area "C" (Starting System Diagnosis and Repair).</li> </ol>
<b>Establish the Mood or Climate</b>	Provide a <b>WELCOME</b> , Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
<b>Complete Essentials</b>	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
<b>Clarify and Establish Knowledge Base</b>	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: Lesson plan is based on 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Chapter Images found on Jim's web site @ [www.jameshalderman.com](http://www.jameshalderman.com)**

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2. **SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-1 typical solenoid-operated starter.
3. **SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-2 Some column-mounted ignition switches act directly on the electrical ignition switch itself, whereas others use a link from the lock cylinder to the ignition switch.
4. **SLIDE 4 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-3 To prevent engine from cranking, an electrical switch is usually installed to open circuit between ignition switch & starter solenoid.

**DISCUSSION: Have the students discuss difference between engine cranking and engine starting. What is required for an engine to start?**

**HANDS-ON TASK: Have half the students locate and label system components with numbers. Have other half identify the components by number.**

5. **SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-4 Instead of using an ignition key to start engine, some vehicles are using a start button which is also used to stop engine
6. **SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-5 top button on this key fob is the remote start button.

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7. **SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-6 series-wound electric motor shows the basic operation with only two brushes: one hot brush and one ground brush. The current flows through both field coils, then through the hot brush and the loop winding of the armature, before reaching ground through the ground brush.
8. **SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-7 interaction of the magnetic fields of armature loops and field coils creates a stronger magnetic field on right side of conductor, causing the armature loop to move toward left.

**DISCUSSION:** Have the students discuss the principles of magnetism. What causes a stronger magnetic field?

**DEMONSTRATION:** Use two bar magnets to show the students how like magnetic charges repel while opposite charges attract.

9. **SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-8 armature loops rotate due to the difference in the strength of the magnetic field. The loops move from a strong magnetic field strength toward a weaker magnetic field strength.
10. **SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-9 Magnetic lines of force in a four-pole motor.
11. **SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-10 pole shoe/field winding
12. **SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-11 This wiring diagram illustrates the construction of a series-wound electric motor. Notice that all current flows through the field coils, then through the armature (in series) before reaching ground.
13. **SLIDE 13 EXPLAIN** Figure 52-12 This wiring diagram illustrates the construction of a shunt-type electric motor, and shows the field coils in parallel (or shunt) across the armature.

**DISCUSSION:** Have students discuss principle of CEMF (Counterelectromotive Force).

How is torque of a shunt motor affected by CEMF?

**DISCUSSION:** Have students discuss characteristics of a series motor. What is relationship between the strength of magnetic fields and Starter torque?

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14. **SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN Figure 52-13** A compound motor is a combination of series and shunt types, using part of the field coils connected electrically in series with the armature and some in parallel (shunt).
15. **SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN Figure 52-14** A typical starter motor showing the drive-end housing.
16. **SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN Figure 52-15** Pole shoes and field windings installed in the housing.
17. **SLIDE 17 EXPLAIN Figure 52-16** A typical starter motor armature. The armature core is made from thin sheet metal sections assembled on the armature shaft, which is used to increase the magnetic field strength.
18. **SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN Figure 52-17** armature showing how its copper wire loops are connected to the commutator.
19. **SLIDE 19 EXPLAIN FIGURE 52-18** A cutaway of a typical starter motor showing the commutator, brushes, and brush spring.

### **EXPLAIN TECH TIP: Don't Hit That Starter!**

**In the past, it was common to see technicians hitting starter in their effort to diagnose a no-crank condition. Often shock of blow to starter aligned or moved brushes, armature, and bushings. Many times, starter functioned after being hit, even if only for a short time. However, most starters today use permanent magnet fields, and the magnets can be easily broken if hit. A magnet that is broken becomes two weaker magnets. Some early permanent magnet starters used magnets that were glued or bonded to the field housing. If struck with a heavy tool, the magnets could be broken with parts of the magnet falling onto armature and into the bearing pockets, making starter impossible to repair or rebuild. • SEE FIGURE 52-19.**

20. **SLIDE 20 EXPLAIN Figure 52-19** This starter permanent magnet field housing was ruined when someone used a hammer on the field housing in an attempt to “fix” a starter that would not work

**HANDS-ON TASK: Have the students disassemble a starter motor to inspect its components**

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21. SLIDE 21 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 52–20 A typical gear-reduction starter..
22. SLIDE 22 **EXPLAIN** Figure 52-21 cutaway of a typical starter drive showing all of the internal parts.

**DISCUSSION:** Have the students discuss gear-reduction starters. What is the purpose of a gear reduction starter? Have the students discuss how gear reduction starter construction differs from that of traditional starter motors.

23. SLIDE 23 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 52–22 The ring gear to pinion gear ratio is usually 15:1 to 20:1.

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24. SLIDE 24 **EXPLAIN** Figure 52-23 Operation of the overrunning clutch. (a) Starter motor is driving the starter pinion and cranking the engine. The rollers are wedged against spring force into their slots. (b) The engine has started and is rotating faster than the starter armature. Spring force pushes the rollers so they can rotate freely.

**DISCUSS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:**  
**What Is a Bendix? Older-model starters often used a Bendix drive mechanism, which used inertia to engage starter pinion with engine flywheel gear. Inertia is tendency of a stationary object to remain stationary, because of its weight, unless forced to move. On these older-model starters, small starter pinion gear was attached to a shaft with threads, and weight of this gear caused it to be spun along the threaded shaft and mesh with flywheel whenever starter motor spun. If engine speed was greater than starter speed, pinion gear was forced back along threaded shaft and out of mesh with flywheel gear. The Bendix drive mechanism has generally not been used since the early 1960s, but some technicians use this term when describing a starter drive.**

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**DEMONSTRATION:** Show students how to bench test a starter motor to check for proper operation.

25. SLIDE 25 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 52–24 Wiring diagram of a typical starter solenoid. Notice that both the pull-in winding and the hold-in winding are energized when the ignition switch is first turned to the “start” position. As soon as the solenoid contact disk makes electrical contact with both the B and M terminals, the battery current is conducted to the starter motor and electrically neutralizes the pull-in winding.

### DISCUSS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:

***How Are Starters Made So Small? Starters and most components in a vehicle are being made as small and as light in weight as possible to help increase vehicle performance and fuel economy. A starter can be constructed smaller due to the use of gear reduction and permanent magnets to achieve the same cranking torque as a straight drive starter, but using much smaller components. • SEE FIGURE 52–25 for an example of an automotive starter armature that is palm-size.***

26. SLIDE 26 **EXPLAIN** FIGURE 52-26 Palm-size starter armature.

**Students complete ASE EDUCATION Task Sheet: Research applicable vehicle and service information, such as electrical/electronic system operation, vehicle service history, service precautions, and technical service bulletins. (P-1)**

**HOMEWORK: SEARCH INTERNET: Ask students to research history of starter motor on the [Internet](#). Ask them to identify the first car company to offer electric start, and when it was offered.**