# **A6 Electricity & Electronics 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**

# **Chapter 22 Charging System Diagnosis and Service**

**Opening Your Class** 

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
Introduce Content	This course or class covers operation and service of <b>Automotive Electricity and Electronics Systems.</b> It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and NATEF.
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.	<ol> <li>Explain the chapter learning objectives to the students.</li> <li>Discuss the various methods to test the charging system.</li> <li>Discuss the alternator output test.</li> <li>Explain how to disassemble an alternator and test its component parts.</li> <li>This chapter will help you prepare for the ASE Electrical/Electronic Systems (A6) certification test content area "A" (General Electrical/Electronic System Diagnosis).</li> </ol>
Establish the Mood or Climate	Provide a WELCOME, 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.

# **ICONS** DEMO



2. SLIDES 2-3 EXPLAIN OBJECTIVES

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# Charging Circuit Volt Drop Ground Side Charging Circuit Volt Drop Power Side

- **4. SLIDE 4: EXPLAIN** CHARGING SYSTEM TESTING & SERVICE
- **5. SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN Figure 22-1** The digital multimeter should be set to read DC volts, with the red lead connected to the positive (+) battery terminal and the black meter lead connected to negative (-) battery terminal.
- **6. SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN Figure 22-2** A scan tool can be used to diagnose charging system problems.
- 7. SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN FIGURE 22–3 Before replacing an alternator, the wise technician checks that battery voltage is present at the output and battery voltage sense terminals. If not, then there is a fault in the wiring.

DEMONSTRATION: SHOW SCHEMATIC DIAGRAMS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT VEHICLES AND POINT OUT THE CIRCUIT PROTECTION DEVICES TO THE STUDENTS. TRY TO FIND EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMS USING MAXI FUSES, FUSIBLE LINKS, AND MEGA FUSES. SHOW HOW TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF DEVICES.

- 8. SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN DRIVE BELT INSPECTION/ADJUSTMENT
- 9. SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN Figure 22-4 This accessory drive belt is worn and requires replacement. Newer belts are made from ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM). This rubber does not crack like older belts & may not show wear even though ribs do wear & can cause slippage.

<u>DEMONSTRATION</u>: SHOW THE STUDENTS HOW TO USE A STETHOSCOPE TO ISOLATE A BELT/BEARING NOISE CONCERN. FIGURE 22-4



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DEMONSTRATION: SHOW & DISCUSS
INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SERVICE BULLETINS
AND PRACTICE OF CHECKING FOR SERVICE
BULLETINS AS PART OF DIAGNOSING CHARGING
SYSTEM CONCERNS. POINT OUT THAT SERVICE
BULLETINS CAN CONTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT
PROBLEMS SUCH AS PATTERN FAILURES WITH
REGARD TO WIRE HARNESS ROUTING AND
CONTROL MODULE CALIBRATIONS.

- **10. SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN Figure 22-5** Check service information for the exact marks where the tensioner should be located for proper belt tension.
- 11. SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN FIGURE 22–6 This overrunning alternator dampener (OAD) is longer than an overrunning alternator pulley (OAP) because it contains a dampener spring as well as a one-way clutch. Be sure to check that it locks in one direction.
- 12. SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN: AC RIPPLE VOLTAGE CHECK
- 13. SLIDE 13 EXPLAIN Figure 22-7 Testing AC ripple at the output terminal of the alternator is more accurate than testing at the battery due to the resistance of wiring between the alternator and battery. The reading shown on meter, set to AC volts, is only 78 mV (0.078 V), far below what reading would be if a diode were defective.
- 14. SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN: TESTING AC RIPPLE CURRENT

# **SHOW VIDEO:** TESTING CHARGING SYSTEM OUTPUT VIDEO:

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- 15. SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN FIGURE 22–8 Charging system voltage can be easily checked at the lighter plug by connecting a lighter plug to the voltmeter through a double banana plug.
- 16. SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN Figure 22-9 mini clamp-on meter can be used to measure alternator output as shown here (105.2 Amp). Then meter can be used to check AC current ripple by selecting AC Amps on the rotary dial. AC ripple current should be less than 10% of the DC current output.

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DEMONSTRATION: DEMONSTRATE WAYS TO DO AN ALTERNATOR OUTPUT TEST. SHOW STUDENTS **HOW TO PERFORM CARBON PILE TEST WITH AVR** OR EQUIVALENT TOOL. HAVE STUDENTS INTERPRET RESULTS BY COMPARING THEM TO OEM SPECIFICATIONS.



SHOW VIDEO: BENCH TESTING ALTERNATOR COMPONENTS VIDEO



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TASK SHEET: DIAGNOSE CHARGING SYSTEM FOR THE CAUSE OF UNDERCHARGE, NO-CHARGE, AND

**OVERCHARGE CONDITIONS.** 



**NATEF TASK SHEET: INSPECT, ADJUST, OR REPLACE GENERATOR (ALTERNATOR) DRIVE BELTS, PULLEYS, AND TENSIONERS; CHECK PULLEY** AND BELT ALIGNMENT.

**REMOVE, INSPECT, AND INSTALL GENERATOR** (ALTERNATOR)









- **18. SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN Figure 22-10** Voltmeter hookup to test the voltage drop of the charging circuit.
- 19. SLIDE 19 EXPLAIN: ALTERNATOR OUTPUT TEST
- 20. SLIDE 20 EXPLAIN Figure 22-11 A typical tester used to test batteries as well as the cranking and charging system. Always follow the operating instructions
- 21. SLIDE 21 EXPLAIN: MINIMUM REQUIRED **ALTERNATOR OUTPUT**



**HANDS-ON TASK:** HAVE STUDENTS LOCATE AMP RATING OF ALTERNATORS ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT VEHICLES. HAVE THEM REPORT WHERE **INFORMATION WAS LOCATED & WHAT RATINGS** WERE.







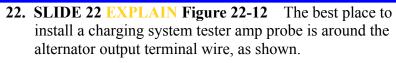
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DEMONSTRATION: DEMONSTRATE HOW TO PROPERLY REMOVE AN ALTERNATOR USING OEM SERVICE PROCEDURES. HAVE THE STUDENTS LOOK UP THE LABOR TIME FOR THE ALTERNATOR R&R OPERATION FOR SEVERAL DIFFERENT VEHICLES AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO CLASS.

- 23. SLIDES 23-24 EXPLAIN Alternator Removal
- 25. SLIDE 25 EXPLAIN FIGURE 22–13 Replacing an alternator is not always as easy as it is from a Buick with a 3800 V-6, where the alternator is easy to access. Many alternators are difficult to access, and require the removal of other components.
- **26. SLIDE 26 EXPLAIN**: ALTERNATOR DISASSEMBLY
- **27. SLIDE 27 EXPLAIN Figure 22-14** Always mark the case of the alternator before disassembly to be assured of correct reassembly.
- 28. SLIDE 28 EXPLAIN Figure 22-15 Explanation of clock positions. Because four through bolts are equally spaced, it is possible for an alternator to be installed in one of four different clock positions. The connector position is determined by viewing the alternator from the diode end with the threaded adjusting lug in the up or 12 o'clock position. Select the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, or 12 o'clock position to match the unit being replaced.

DISCUSSION: HAVE THE STUDENTS DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF CHECKING THE WIRE HARNESS ROUTING BEFORE REMOVING THE OLD ALTERNATOR. WHAT COULD RESULT FROM ROUTING THE WIRE HARNESS INCORRECTLY?

- **29. SLIDE 29 EXPLAIN Figure 22-16** Testing an alternator rotor using an ohmmeter.
- **30. SLIDE 30 EXPLAIN Figure 22-17** If the ohmmeter reads infinity between any two of the three stator windings, the stator is open and, therefore, defective. The ohmmeter should read infinity between any stator lead and the steel laminations. If the reading is less than infinity, the stator is grounded. Stator windings cannot be tested if shorted because normal resistance is very low.





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	31. SLIDE 31 EXPLAIN Figure 22-18 Typical diode trio. If one leg of a diode trio is open, the alternator may produce close to normal output, but the charge indicator light on the dash will be on dimly.
	<b>32. SLIDE 32 EXPLAIN</b> : TESTING RECTIFIER
	<b>33. SLIDE 33 EXPLAIN Figure 55-19</b> typical rectifier bridge contains all 6 diodes in one replaceable assembly
	34. SLIDE 34 EXPLAIN: REASSEMBLING ALTERNATOR
	35. SLIDES 35-37 EXPLAIN: ALTERNATOR INSTALLATION
	38. SLIDE 38 EXPLAIN SUMMARY