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BCT-200J Instruction Manual

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Battery Load, Charging System, Starting System and Voltage Drop Tester for Truck Maintenance Optional J1708 Hookup

Complement your battery testing with complete system test including a voltage drop test that measures the voltage drop of the starting and charging circuit. The BCT-200J is automated and menu driven with simple hook-up methods for testing the negative and positive legs in one operation. Special tests are included for the magnetic switch circuit.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have purchased one of Auto Meter's hand-held Voltage Drop Analyzers. It is designed to test each circuit of a trucks starting and charging circuit with speed and accuracy. If you should have any questions about your tester or the testing procedures please see back cover for contact information.

BCT-200J

Test Capacity	120 Amp algorithmic load
Battery sizes	200-1600 CCA
Digital Display with backlight.	1" x 2.5" - 4 line x 16 character
Volt Ranges	Digital 0-40V
Cooling	Vented
Load Clamps	4 ft., 6 Gauge
External Leads	20ft 16 Gauge
Size	6" x 9 1/2" x 1 7/8"
Memory	stores the last 80 tests
Internal Battery	9 Volt Alkaline
Post Adapter Kit	For group 31 batteries
Optional AC-25	6 pin to 9 pin J1708 Adapter
Optional AC-26	J1708 Cable
Optional AC-15	Infrared printer
Optional AC24J	carrying case
Optional AC-10	PC Interface adapter cord
Optional AC-27	Alternator Adapters
Optional AC-28	PC download program
Weight	4.27 lbs.

What to Expect from the BCT-200J:

Immediately recognize a bad battery. Also perform a complete voltage drop test analysis on 12 and 24 Volt systems. Load test 12 Volt batteries, load a 12 Volt alternator and do a check on a 24 Volt alternator. The BCT-200J is a portable full-featured menu-driven battery tester and voltage drop tester that provides guick, professional load results using Auto Meter's advanced algorithmic load. The BCT-200J has the option of using a J1708 cable. It is professionally accurate and detailed test results are LCD displayed after each test and can be reviewed and printed from memory.

CAUTION: The BCT-200J grill may get hot after repeated use. Be sure to hold the unit from the side grips only. Keep hands away from the grill.





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LIMITED WARRANTY

1 YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE CABLES 90 DAYS

The manufacturer warrants to the consumer that this product will be free from defects in material or workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of original purchase (90 Days for cables).

Products that fail within this 1 year warranty period will be repaired or replaced at the manufacturer's option to the consumer when determined by the manufacturer that the product failed due to defects in material or workmanship. This warranty is limited to the repair or replacement of parts the necessary labor by the manufacturer to effect the repair or replacement of the product. In no event shall the manufacturer be responsible for special, incidental or consequential damages or costs incurred due to the failure of this product.

Improper use, accident, water damage, abuse, unauthorized repairs or alterations voids this warranty. The manufacturer disclaims any liability or consequential damages due to breach of any written or implied warranty on its test equipment.

WARRANTY AND SERVICE INFORMATION

Warranty claims to the manufacturer's service department must be transportation prepaid accompanied with dated proof of purchase. This warranty applies only to the original purchaser is non-transferable. Shipper damage incurred during return shipments is not covered under this warranty. It is the responsibility of the shipper (the customer returning the Test Equipment) to package the tester properly to prevent any damage during return shipment. Repair costs for such damages will be charged back to shipper (customer returning the Test Equipment). Protect the product by shipping in the original carton. Add plenty of over-pack cushioning such as crumpled up newspaper.





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SAFETY

- Carefully read all operating instructions before operating the BCT-200J
- Wear eye protection when working on batteries.
- Be sure each test is complete before removing load clamps to prevent arcing and potential explosion from battery gases. Never remove load clamps while testing. Keep sparks, flames or cigarettes away from battery.
- Keep hair, hands, and clothing as well as tester leads and cords away from moving blades and belt.
- Provide adequate ventilation to remove exhaust.
- In extremely cold temperatures check for frozen electrolyte fluid or swelled case before applying load. Do not attempt to Load Test or charge a battery under 20° F. (-7°C.). Allow the battery to warm to room temperature before testing or charging.
- Warning! BCT-200J can only be attached to a Delco Remy Bench Tester and used in prescribed manner. It should never be attached to any other tester or charging unit. Damage may result.

CAUSE OF BATTERY FAILURE

- Incorrect Application: Wrong size battery may have inadequate cold cranking rating for original vehicle specifications.
- Incorrect Installation: Loose battery hold-downs cause excessive vibration, which can result in damage to the plates.
- Improper Maintenance: Low electrolytic fluid and corrosion on battery connections can greatly reduce battery life and effect battery performance.
- Internal Connections: Make sure internal connections of entire charging system meet proper specifications.
- Age of Battery: If the date code on the battery is old, test failure may indicate the need of replacement.
- **Overcharging:** Overcharging caused by a high voltage regulator setting or incorrect battery charging can cause excessive gas, heat and water loss.
- Undercharging: Undercharging caused by a faulty charging system or low voltage regulator setting can cause lead sulfate to gradually build up and crystallize on the plates, greatly reducing the battery's capacity and ability to be recharged.
- **Cycling:** Excessive drain on battery when alternator is not operating.



ABOUT



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Gives the version of the software.

The program can be updated to the most recent version by reflashing the memory. Before turning the unit on hold the (N Exc.) and the (Y Enter) key down simultaneously. The following will appear.

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READY (V3.08)



When a computer can be attached to the unit in the same way the test data can be downloaded. "REFLASHING!" will then appear.

The software will be available from a CD or can be downloaded from our website. Contact Auto Meter for more information.

CAPTURING TEXT

5. Using Microsoft Excel

Note: For other software applications consult your software manual.

- Make sure menu is displayed as shown in illustration page 20 step 3.
- Select "Capture Text" in the Transfer Menu.
- Type in c:\my documents\download.txt and then select "Start."
- Press "1" to download. When finished select Capture Text again from the Transfer Menu then select Stop.
- Launch Microsoft Excel and select open file.
- Under "Files of Type" at the bottom of the open file window select All Files (*.*).
- Highlight your "*download.txt*" file then select Open.
- Select "Delimited" and start at row 1 then "Next"
- Select "Comma" then "Next"

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- Under Column Date Format select "General" then "Finish"
- After the file is loaded you can delete unwanted rows and format columns as desired. The following are labels for identifying the 8 columns of information.

BCT-200J

Test Labels

Date Code	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Condition	Tech ID	Vehicle ID	VIN	Time/Date
Date Code	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Condition	Tech ID	Vehicle ID	VIN	Time/Date
Date Code	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Condition	Tech ID	Vehicle ID	VIN	Time/Date
Engine Speed	R-Term	Engine Speed	N/A	N/A	Code	N/A	Tech ID	Vehicle ID	VIN	Time/Date
Engine Speed	R-Term	Engine Speed	N/A	N/A	Code	N/A	Tech ID	Vehicle ID	VIN	Time/Date
Oil Temp	Amb. Temp	N/A	N/A	N/A	Code	N/A	Tech ID	Vehicle ID	VIN	Time/Date

INSPECTION

Valid automotive electrical system testing depends on all the components being in good operating condition. In addition, the battery MUST have sufficient charge for testing. Carefully perform the following before attempting electrical diagnosis.

VISUAL CHECK

Inspect Battery for terminal corrosion, loose broken posts, cracks in the case, loose hold-downs, low electrolyte level, moisture, and dirt around the terminal.



- Important Note: <u>A known defective battery must be replaced</u> <u>before proceeding with any test on the charging or starting</u> <u>system.</u>
- Inspect Belts for cracks, glazed surface and fraying. Tighten loose belts. Inspect auto-tensioner for proper belt tension.
- Inspect Starting System. Check starter, solenoid, and alternator for loose connections, loose mounts and frayed or cracked wires.

CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS

LCD:

Displays menus and test results.

KEYS:

When each key is pressed, a beep sounds to assure contact has been made.

On/Off Key:

This is the manual on/off key.

Y Enter Key:

This key selects the next menu. the cursor line item and answers 'yes' to a test progression.

+Up Key:

This key moves the cursor up in order to select a menu line item. It also increments a value.

-Down Arrow Key:

This key moves the cursor down in order to select a menu line. It also decrements a value.

Remy BCT-200J AUTO METER/REMY INTELLI-CHECK2J 03/19/06 10:32AM FOR MENU On/Off Print ┿ Up Ν Υ Esc. Enter Down INTELL'-CHECK 2" Battery • Alternator • Voltage Drop with Data Bus Communication Engineered & Auto Manufactured bv Meter 2511-2089

N Esc Key:

This key cancels a test or progression. It also returns to the previous menu.

Print Key:

When the BCT-200J is pointed toward or at the optional AC-15 printer, pressing the print key will cause the test results to be printed.



Infrared Print Light: Data is sent to the infrared printer when the print button is pressed.

Download Jack: Adapter cord inserts here.

J1708 and PC

Retractable Hanging Hook: Hang unit at various points to free hands for clamp attachment.

DOWNLOAD TEST INFORMATION

4. PC Screen Menu

- If the BCT-200J is properly connected to your PC and the LCD shows "CONNECT ANALYZER TO A PC" the menu should automatically be displayed in Hyper Terminal.
- Press "1" to download the stored data.

To save the information displayed see "Capture text into Microsoft Excel." See BCT-200J test labels below for identification.

- Press "Enter" to return to Menu.
- Press "Enter" to return to Menu.
- Press "3" to Exit.



BCT-200J Test Labels

Battery Bank	Beginning Volts	Loaded Volts	Rated CCA	# of Batteries	Temperature	N/A	Amb. Temp
12V Battery	Beginning Volts	Loaded Volts	Rated CCA	Est. CCA	Temperature	1ST CCA	Amb. Temp
24V Battery	Beginning Volts	N/A	N/A	N/A	Temperature	N/A	Amb. Temp
12V Alter.	Beginning Volts	Loaded Volts	mVAC	Peak Volts	mVAC	Rated Current	R-Term
24V Alter.	Beginning Volts	Loaded Volts	mVAC	Peak Volts	N/A	Rated Current	R-Term
12V Starter	Beginning Volts	Loaded Volts	Ext Volts	Pos Drop	Cranking Volts	Pos Drop	Draw

USING WINDOWS 98/2000/NT/XP

Note: The BCT-200J will interface with any basic (ANSI) terminal emulation software. Most operating systems contain a program that will do this. Following are instructions for Windows. For other operating systems consult the Manual for that system.

3. Opening Windows HyperTerminal:

- Select Windows Start
- Then "Programs"
- Then "Accessories"
- Then "Communications"
- Then Click "Hyper-Terminal"
- Double Click "Hypetrm.exe" application
 Type in a name for your connection
- Select an icon for future identification
- Select "OK"
- Select the COM port number you have previously identified in step 1.
- Select "OK" and select the following from the pull down menus:

Bits per second9600Data bits8ParityNoneStop Bits1Flow ControlHardware

Select "OK"



SYSTEM TEST INTRODUCTION

When the tester is turned on, the following will appear.







The date and time can be accurately set in the setup section. A wrong date and time will affect your print-out records.

If the internal battery is low "REPLACE INTERNAL BATTERY SOON!" will be displayed instead. See section on battery replacement for instructions. If the date and time are correct, press ('Y' Enter) for the main menu.

When the main menu appears you can scroll down for additional tests and to SETUP to change the date and other settings. It is a good idea to read the SETUP section before proceeding with any test.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The difference between a system test and the individual component test that follows in the menu is that each system test, whether it be the battery bank, the charging system or the starting system; prompts you through each prerequisite test including the cables and battery before the individual component is tested. The purpose is to avoid component replacement when the problem may be in the cables of the component being tested. The system test also allows error results that prompt specific action. This manual includes detailed menu prompts and instructions for the system test, but when it comes to the individual component test of a battery, alternator, starter, cables or magnetic switch you will be instructed to a certain segment of the system test to avoid needless repetition.

It is advisable to use only the system test until you become proficient and have good reason to test individual components. However, you still must test batteries, the cables and then the component in that order. Testing out of order can result in misdiagnosis.



With the > to the left Press ('Y' Enter) to select System Test.



SYSTEM TEST BATTERY BANK

When System Test is selected, the last test selection will appear. You have a choice of BATTERIES, CHARGING or STARTING.

NOTE: When selecting CHARGING or STARTING the system test will automatically run the battery test first to make sure the battery bank passes. Therefore, you need only use the battery bank test for testing the battery bank only. System battery test is designed for preventitive maintenance only. If, there is an electrical problem you should test each battery individually.



HTTHCH J1708 DATA CABLE 'N' TO CANCEL

Attach the Optional J1708 Data Cable Hook Up

If another test appears in the LCD such as the STARTING and you want BATTERY, simply use the (+) or (-) key to select BATTERY and then press ('Y' Enter).

If the following appears, it means that a previous test is incomplete. Press ('Y' Enter) to complete the previous test or ('N' Esc.) to begin a new test.

You will be asked to enter the number of batteries in the system. The number selected in the last test will appear. Simply use the (+) or (-) key to select the correct number. Then press ('Y' Enter) to continue.

You will be asked if the vehicle has a J1708 data port. Answer Yes or No. These instruction will assume the answer is yes. If not or you don't have the J1708 cable, skip the J1708 data port hookup.

If the cable is not correctly attached the test will not continue. Check the connection at the tester and the vehicle. J1708 connection is usually under the dash.



PC INTERFACE

1. Scroll down the main menu to DOWNLOAD. Press (Y Enter) to select.



CONNECT ANALYZER

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'N' TO ĆANĊEL.

TO A P.C.

Using Auto Meter's optional adapter cord AC-10 insert the plug into the jack on the BCT-200J (see page 6) and then plug the serial adapter into a free serial port on your computer.

Note: Most computers are configured with at least one serial port (identified as COM 1), and some have a second serial port, usually identified as (COM 2). Check your computer manual to locate and identify a serial port connector. Even if you have a physical COM port you need to make sure it is working properly before you proceed. Consult your computer manual. If your computer serial port is configured for 25 pin you will need to obtain an adapter from your computer store. If your computer does not have an available serial port and you're planning on using *Windows HYPER Terminal* as illustrated below, you will need to buy and install an adapter card with a serial port.

2. Using Auto Meter's AC-28 Application Program

By purchasing Auto Meter's PC Application Program, information that is stored and collected in the BCT 200J can be easily downloaded into a PC program format for storage. The AC-28 comes with a PC cable, installation and user instructions.

SETUP CONT.



BATTERY BANK CONT.





such as the oil temperature will be used in calculating test results. Press (Y Enter). NOTE: The screen will show the

The vehicles data will appear.

Much of the information accessed.

first 10 digits. However, all 17 digits are available on printout.

You will be instructed to connect the large leads. Connect the red clamp to the main positive cable coming to the bank and the black clamp to the main negative cable leaving the bank.

Red Clamp at Positive Main



Black Clamp at Negative Main

Connect large alligator clips as far apart as possible.

Battery Bank of 3 Batteries



>ENTER SINGLE CCA 650 12.390 'Y' TO BEGIN



Using the (+) or (-) key adjust the temperature in units of 10 degrees. This should be the temperature of the battery(S). Consider where the vehicle has been before adjusting.

Using the (+) or (-) key adjust the CCA of an individual battery. If each battery varies in CCA approximate an average. If the CCA is unknown consider that most truck batteries range from 625-950 CCA.

Press (Y Enter) to begin the test and wait for results. Example is at the top of page 10 (Individual Battery Test).



INDIVIDUAL BATTERY TEST

SETUP



TEST SEPARATELY 12.38V CHRG 66%





>INSPECT POSTS

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AND CONNECTIONS

TO CONTINUE

When the test results appear as GOOD BATTERIES after running the system battery bank test there is no need to run the individual battery test. Press (Y Enter) to return to menu.

If the battery bank test results are low you will be instructed to test each battery separately. In this case you will be instructed to test each battery based upon the number of batteries you entered in the system battery bank test. (Press (Y Enter) to continue.

You can also select BATTERY TEST from the main menu. The same sequence below will follow, but the tester will assume there is only one battery to test.

Always check for dirt and cracks or leaks in the battery.

IMPORTANT

Poor connections may be the reason for battery bank failure. Clean posts and connections are essential when checking each battery. Make sure batteries not being tested are disconnected.

Note! When testing batteries individually each battery should be disconnected. Avoid improper results and damage to the posts by using the included post adapters on threaded post batteries.



Connect the large red clamp to the positive and the large black to the negative battery terminal. If the clamps are connected improperly you will be prompted to correct the problem. The tester will then revert back to the beginning or main menu. Be sure to use post adapters on threaded steel posts as illustrated on the next page then press (Y Enter).





From the main menu select SETUP.

Select the temperature in Fahrenheit or Centigrade.



You can require the entry of a vehicle identification number for each test. Use the (+) or (-) key to change the displayed request.

Note: The ID number will not be requested again as long as the unit is not turned off

If answered YES the above screen will appear at the beginning of the first test for a vehicle. Each digit, with a total of 6. requires increment or decrement to the desired number. The requested digit to change is flashing. By pressing (Y Enter) the next digit is selected. On the last enter the displayed number will be accepted and remain in memory.



To require technician numbers change YES or NO using the (+) or (-) key. Press (Y Enter) to select.



CHECKS? NO USE +/-. 'Y' TO CONTINUE

To require visual checks change YES or No using the (+) or (-) key. Press (Y Enter) to select.

To require battery date codes change YES or No using the (+) or (-) key. Press (Y Enter to select).

VOLT METER



J1708 DATA



Press (Y Enter) to switch between screens.

This gives the user a chance to check the J1708 connections and obtain pertinent information such as the ambient temperature for later use in testing the battery. Keep in mind that the ambient temperature may not be the actual temperature of the battery unless the vehicle battery has been in the place sufficient time for the battery to reach the surrounding ambient temperature. A low oil temperature would add a greater demand on the starter. This information is used by the BCT-200J to calculate the condition of the starter.

INDIVIDUAL BATTERY TEST CONT.



FIVE TEST RESULTS

GOOD BATTERY

The battery has passed the load and capacity tests and is at a high enough state of charge to continue all electrical test or operate.

MARGINAL BATTERY

The battery has lost capacity and should be replaced if in a critical or harsh situation.

BAD BATTERY

The battery was at a high enough state of charge to test and failed. Replace battery.

GOOD, NEEDS CHARGING

Battery tested good, however it needs to be charged before going into operation, normal vehicle operation might not charge this battery(s). All batteries need to leave the repair facility at or near 100% state of charge for good electrical performance.

CHARGE AND TEST

The battery is at a low state of charge and can not be accurately tested unless it has been charged, Depending on the charger model, several hours may be needed to fully recharge and be ready to test.

PRINTING TEST RESULTS

AC-15

Point the BCT-200J in the direction of the optional AC-15 printer (in or out of the case) with the printer's IR receiver pointed in the direction of the BCT-200J. Press (Print). You should be within 40 ft. of the printer. Wait for the screen to clear before moving the BCT-200J. It takes a moment to send all the test data. The BCT-200J also operates the AC-14 printer installed in Auto Meter's XTC-150 tester/charger or BVA-2100 heavy duty tester/analyzer.



Multiple Test Printing: Pressing the print button repeatedly (up to six times) will automatically.

Make sure the Infrared Printer

automatically print the test in review and the previous tests.

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REVIEW TESTS

From the main menu select REVIEW/PRINT



The last test will be displayed.

Press (+Up) or (-Down) key to select the desired test. Press

(N Esc.) to select MAIN MENU.

OPTIONAL INFRARED PRINTER

The optional AC-15 printer receives an infrared beam from the BCT-200J up to 40 ft. No connection cords are needed. For more instructions on how to operate the printer consult the printer manual.

Printer Type ------Thermal Print Speed ------24-char. line per second Paper------2.25 in x 80 ft. roll (included)* Power ------ AC Adapter

Note: Thermal Paper can be purchased at any office supply.



CHARGING SYSTEM TEST

The System Test Introduction also applies to the Charging System Test. See page 7. It is advisable to use only the system test until you become proficient and have good reason to test an individual component.





From the main menu and with the > to the left Press ('Y' Enter) to select System Test.

When System Test is selected, the last test selection will appear. You have a choice of BATTERY, CHARGING or STARTING.

Simply use the (+) or (-) key to select CHARGING and then press ('Y' Enter).

NOTE: When selecting CHARGING or STARTING the system test will automatically run the battery bank test first to make sure the battery bank passes. See Battery Bank Test for instructions. This section covers the CHARGING SYSTEM TEST section only.



If the following appears, it means that a previous test is incomplete. Press ('Y' Enter) to complete the previous test or ('N' Esc.) to begin a new test.

Enter rated alternator output. Simply use the (+) or (-) key to change the rating in units of 5 Amps. Press ('Y' Enter).



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Connect large leads to the Alternator then press ('Y' Enter) to continue.



CHARGING CABLE VDROP™ TEST

ALTERNATOR HOOKUP

Red to Positive

Black to Ground -

Connect the large leads to the alternator pos. on output terminal and neg. on case.





Connect the small leads to the battery bank - the red on the positive main and the black on the negative main and not to an individual battery. The added small external leads will check the cables before the alternator is tested. This is the individual VDrop Test

Black Clamp at Negative Main

BATTERY HOOKUP





This same test and hookup can be run individually by selecting VDrop Menu



...and then Charging Cables.

MAINTENENCE

CLAMP INSPECTION

IMPORTANT: Both jaws of each clamp must firmly engage all terminals. The copper jaw contains the smaller gauge wire that reads the voltage and the silver jaw contains the larger conducting wire that draws the load in each test. Jaw insulation is necessary for accurate readings. Damaged clamps or loose wires will affect the readings. Keep clamps clean and in good repair. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPLACE CLAMPS WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN AUTO METER CLAMPS.



BATTERY CLAMP REPLACEMENT

Over time the battery clamps will need to be replaced if the following are indicated:

- CCA values seem to be way off.
- If there is continuity between the silver and copper jaw.
- If there is excessive damage or corrosion to the cables or clamps.

PROCEDURE

- Disconnect the back cover.
- Remove the battery to prevent shorting.
- Disconnect the two small wires from the PC board.
- Remove the large cables from the copper busses.
- Carefully pull each wire through the grommets.
- Reverse the procedure in replacing new clamps.
- Caution: Make sure the red clamp wires are attached to the positive buss and the black clamp is attached to the negative buss. Putting a little mineral spirits on the new cable ends will increase ease of insertion through the grommets.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT

When the LCD indicates a low internal battery. Remove the back cover and replace the battery with a 9 volt Alkaline battery.

ALTERNATOR BENCH TESTING CONT.

The Charging System Test performs this individual VDrop LOADING (#48 12V BENCH BAD Test before allowing you to test PLEASE WAIT ... the alternator's output. ALTERNATOR HIGH RIPPLE If all connections are correct press (Y Enter) to begin VDrop Test. Wait REG. 14.39V for a load to be applied. **#7 CHRG CABLES #8 CHRG CABLES** This result indicates the alternator #147 12V ALTER. is in good working order PASSED @ 130A OUT OF SPEC a GOOD REG. 14.15V GOOD TO 192A 135A GOOD TO 123A GOOD DIODE 0.16POS 0.46NEG. 0.15POS 0.19NEG GOOD OUTPUT The results will vary depending upon the conditions of the cables. Both the positive and negative circuit results will be indicated. If the test does not pass, correct the This is a defective alternator. It #149 12V ALTER. connection or replace the cable and run the test again. The BCT-200J will automatihas a defective component and is cally resume the test after it is disconnected. Just answer 'YES' when prompted. LOW REG. 12.74V producing high ripple BAD DIODE Determining if the charging circuit is a "single" or "dual" system LOW OUTPUT This is a defective alternator. Not only #151 12V ALTER. does it have defective components HIGH REG. 15.02V - the regulation set point is high. BAD DIODE Single has one cable PARTIAL OUTPUT from the alternator output terminal. This is a defective alternator. The #148 12V ALTER. output and regulation are low. Defective LOW REG. 12.74V batteries can cause this condition LOW OUTPUT To vehicle loads Defective alternator. It can not handle #150 12V ALTER. the load and it is regulating high. HIGH REG. 15.02V GOOD DIODE Dual system has two LOW OUTPUT cables attached to the output terminal. Every load that the tractor and trailer utilize must be subtracted from the amount of current that

CHARGING CABLE VDROP™ CONT.

can go to the batteries.

CHARGING CABLE VDROP™ CONT.

ALTERNATOR BENCH TESTING CONT.

VDROP ERROR MESSAGES

One of the following may appear during any drop test sequence. Correct the situation before continuing.



One or both of the large leads are not connected.



Tester detected that one of the large leads does not have a good connection.

ERROR: CHECK LARGE BLACK LEAD 'Y' TO CONTINUE

TO CONTINUE

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RED LEAD

CHECK LARGE

SMALL LEADS

SMALL LEADS

REVERSED

NOT CONNECTED

Tester detected that the large black lead is not connected properly

Tester detected that the large red lead is not connected properly

Note: On the large leads, both sides of the jaws must make a good connection

One or both of the small external leads is not connected

The tester detected that the small leads are hooked up backwards the tester should also beep when it occurs

ALLOWING VOLTAGE TO STABILIZE 14.47V. PLEASE WAIT	
TESTING ALTERNATOR 14.47V. PLEASE WAIT VERIFY THAT BELT IS AROUND LARGE PULLEY.	lf this altern goes benc is us
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TURN MOTOR SWITCH OFF. "Y" TO CONTINUE.	
TURN BATTERY SWITCH OFF.	
"N" TO CANCEL	
TURN BENCH POWER SWITCH OFF. "Y" TO CONTINUE	After altern the b to be
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#45 12V BENCH GOOD ALTERNATOR GOOD REG. 14.47V	Aft BC of t

If this prompt shows up during the alternator test then verify that the belt goes around the large pulley on the bench motor and that the correct pulley is used on the alternator. If the correct pulleys are being used then press Y/ Enter to continue otherwise press N/Cancel and use the correct pulleys.

After the BCT-200J has tested the alternator it will prompt for the motor, the battery switch and the bench power to be turned off.

After the bench is turned off the BCT-200J will report the condition of the alternator.

ALTERNATOR BENCH TESTING CONT.



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STANDARD ALTERNATOR OUTPUT TEST

If the battery bank and the charging main cables pass then the Charging System Test will take you to the individual Alternator Test.



>INSPECT BELT CONDITION. 'Y' TO CONTINUE

>INSPECT BELT TENSION. (Y' TO CONTINUE



Inspect cables and connections before alternator rating is entered.





This test can also be selected from the main menu by selecting Alternator Test then press (Y Enter).

If the unit is setup to require visual checks you will be asked to inspect belt condition...

See picture below

...and tension.



Red to output terminal and Black to ground / case output adapters recommended.

Check the alternator tag or housing and use the +/- key to select the rated output

STANDARD ALTERNATOR OUTPUT TEST CONT.





Non Remote Sense (empty port)







See photo of non remote sense alternator alternator below "N" for Non-remote sense alternator

Non Remote Sense Alternator



If vehicle is equipped with a J-1708 port and you have the optional cable. Select "Y". If vehicle is not equipped with J-1708 data port or you don't have an optional J-1708 cable select "N"

If NO skip the next two steps.

Attach the cable from the tester to the data port on the vehicle.

NOTE: if the tester does not detect it is hooked to the data port it will not go beyond this screen

Once it detects it is hooked up properly it will prompt you to turn the ignition key to the run position

ALTERNATOR BENCH TESTING CONT.









If the prompts are skipped over by pressing the +/Up key then a prompt is displayed indicating that the alternator and the tester should at this point be connected to the bench. After verifying that the setup is correct press the Y/ Enter key to continue.

Some alternators have a remote sense post to enable the alternator to regulate the voltage at the battery instead of at the alternator. If the alternator has a remote sense post then the remote sense post must be attached to the output post of the alternator to test the alternator on the bench. Otherwise the alternator's regulator will not be connected and the alternator's output voltage will be high.



Note: Output terminal and ground post adapters utilized. Model AC-27

ALTERNATOR BENCH TESTING CONT.

STANDARD ALTERNATOR TEST RESULTS



"Y" TO SCROLL

Align the belt so that it is straight and will not come off.

Make sure the belt is tight so that it will be able to properly turn the alternator under load.



Securely attach the black bench lead to the alternator's casing or to the ground adapter post (if the alternator has a ground post instead of a case ground).

ATTACH BLACK TESTER LEAD TO	
ALTERNATOR. "Y" TO SCROLL	

Also attach the black lead from the BCT 200J to the alternator's casing or to the ground post (if the alternator has a ground post instead of a case ground).



The AC-28 adapter makes it possible to attach the red lead from the bench and the red lead from the BCT 200J to the alternator output post. Be sure to thread the adapter completely onto the output post of the alternator and tighten.







Connect the single alligator clip from the AC-26 J1708 cable to the R terminal on the alternator.

Output terminal adapter utilized



Make sure all is clear. Start engine and run at fast idle - 1,000 RPM



You MUST allow voltage to stabilize for an accurate test. If, voltage is low, tester will start a one minute clock to ensure proper test.



Rev the engine to governed speed for 10 seconds. If no results appear press (Y Enter).

STANDARD ALTERNATOR TEST RESULTS

TESTING ALT. PLEASE WAIT ...

GOOD OUTPUT

Wait for test to complete its testing cycle.

This is a defective alternator. It

producing high ripple

has a defective component and is

#147 12V ALTER. GOOD REG. 14.15V GOOD DIODE

#149 12V ALTER. LOW REG. 12.74V BAD DIODE LOW OUTPUT

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#148 12V ALTER.

LOW OUTPUT

LOW REG. 12.74V

This is a defective alternator. The output and regulation are low. Defective batteries can cause this condition

This is a defective alternator. Not only does it have defective components

- the regulation set point is high.



Defective alternator. It can not handle the load and it is regulating high.

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ALTERNATOR BENCH TESTING

The Bench Test is used to test the alternator that has been removed from the vehicle and setup on an alternator test bench.



From the main menu select Bench Test and press Y/Enter.

PRESS "Y" TO SCROLL THROUGH BENCH SETUP OR "+" TO SKIP

Press "Y" to scroll through the prompts for connecting the alternator to the bench or press the +/Up key to skip over the prompts to attach the alternator and the test leads.

REMOVE THE ALTERNATOR PULLEY "Y" TO SCROLL



ALTERNATOR TO THE

АТТАСН ТНЕ

"Y" TO SCROLL

LARGE BENCH

"Y" TO SCROLL

ROUTE BELT OVER

BENCH.

PULLEY.

If the pulley that is on the alternator is a different size or different style than the pulley that comes with the bench, then remove the pulley from the alternator and attach the pulley that goes with the bench to the alternator.

Utilize the proper size pulley that works with the tester.

Securely mount the alternator to the bench following the instructions for the bench.

It is important that the belt go around the large pulley that is attached to the bench motor. If the small pulley on the bench motor is used or if a larger pulley is used on the alternator then the bench will not spin the alternator at full speed.

DEFINITIONS - SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

REMOTE SENSE ALTERNATOR OUTPUT TEST

BATTERY TEST

During each battery test the BCT-200J uses various results that are displayed after each test. The definition of those results are as follows:

- % Charge = an approximate amount of charge the battery is currently holding. This is based upon the batteries voltage.
- Est. CCA = is the approximate CCA of the fully charged battery.
- GOOD BATTERY = a battery that is good and is charged.
- **GOOD NEEDS CHARGE =** a battery that is good but is low on charge.
- MARGINAL BATTERY = a battery that has passed the load test but the estimated CCA is getting low or the battery is approaching its end of life.
- **CHARGE and RETEST =** a battery with insufficient charge to provide accurate test results.
- **BAD BATTERY =** a battery that is bad and should be replaced. A bad battery is a battery that failed the load test or had an estimated CCA below about 70% of the rated value

VOLTAGE DROP TESTS

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The specifications for those tests are listed below.

TEST	SYSTEM	PASS/FAIL
Charging 12 Volt		Maximum drop at rated alternator output is 0.5 Volts
Cables	24 Volt	Maximum drop at rated alternator output is 1.0 Volts
Main	12 Volt	Maximum drop at 500 Amps is 0.5 Volts
Cables	24 Volt	Maximum drop at 250 Amps is 1.0 Volts
Magnetic Circuit	12 Volt	Maximum drop at 80 Amps is 1.0 Volts
Straight Drive	24 Volt	Maximum drop at 40 Amps is 2.0 Volts
Magnetic Circuit	12 Volt	Maximum drop at 300 Amps is 1.0 Volts
Gear Reduction	24 Volt	Maximum drop at 225 Amps is 2.0 Volts
Generic	12 Volt	Reports the drops at the entered current
Drop Test	24 Volt	Reports the drops at the entered current

The minimum system voltage to run a test is 12.25 Volts for a 12 Volt system and 24.5 Volts for a 24 Volt system.

If the battery bank and the charging main cables pass then the Charging System Test will take you to the individual Alternator Test.



TO CONTINUE

>INSPECT BELT

>INSPECT BELT TENSION.

CONDITION.

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This test can also be selected from the main menu by selecting Alternator Test then press (Y Enter).

If the unit is setup to require visual checks you will be asked to inspect belt condition...

See picture below

...and tension.



Inspect cables and connections before alternator rating is entered.

TO CONTINUE

'Y' TO CONTINUE

AND CONNECTIONS

>INSPECT CABLES



Red to output terminal and Black to ground / case output adapters recommended.

Check the alternator tag or housing and use the +/- key to select the rated output

REMOTE SENSE ALTERNATOR TEST CONT.



See photo of remote sense alternator.

Select "Y" for remote sense

Remote Sense



CONNECT	SMALL
CLIPS T	O THE
REMOTE	TERM/GND
("Y" TO	CONTINUE

Use the small ext leads and connect the red to the remote sense port and the black to the Alt ground.

If the tester does not see battery

voltage this error will appear.

ERROR: FAULTY REMOTE SENSE WIRE "Y" TO CONTINUE



If vehicle is equipped with a J-1708 port and you have the optional cable. Select "Y". If vehicle is not equipped with J-1708 data port or you don't have an optional J-1708 cable select "N" If NO skip the next two steps.



GENERIC VDROP™ TEST (Cont.)

Then connect small leads to the battery or along the circuit being tested as illustrated in the setup and press (Y Enter).

If all connections are correct, wait for a load to be applied.

The results will vary depending upon and the conditions of the cables. Both the positive and negative circuit results will be indicated from the single test.

If the overall voltage drop is not within the desired specifications the small leads can be moved closer along the line being tested and the test run again (see dotted lead on previous page). If the results are desirable, it is the section not included in the last test. If the results are not desirable the problem is most likely in the section being tested. Repair and test the entire section again.

GENERIC VDROP™ TEST

REMOTE SENSE ALTERNATOR TEST CONT.

The generic setup can be used in all the previous applications as well as it can be used to test the entire circuit, or any particular sections of any circuit that includes battery, cables and any load.



Using the (+/-) key adjust Amp rating to that of the generic load device.

Connect large leads to the generic load.



TURN IGNITION SWITCH ON



NOTE: if the tester does not detect it is hooked to the data port it will not go beyond this screen

Once it detects it is hooked up properly it will prompt you to turn the ignition key to the run position





Connect the single alligator clip from the AC-26 J1708 cable to the R terminal on the alternator.

Output terminal adapter utilized





Make sure all is clear. Start engine and run at fast idle - 1,000 RPM

You MUST allow voltage to stabilize for an accurate test. If, voltage is low, tester will start a one minute clock to ensure proper test.

REMOTE SENSE ALTERNATOR TEST CONT.

KEY SWITCH VDROP™ TEST CONT. . . (NON OCP)



Rev the engine to governed speed for 10 seconds. If no results appear press (Y Enter).

Wait for test to complete its testing cycle.

This result indicates the alternator is in good working order

This is a defective alternator. It has a defective component and is producing high ripple

This is a defective alternator. Not only does it have defective components - the regulation set point is high.

This is a defective alternator. The output and regulation are low. Defective batteries can cause this condition

Defective alternator. It can not handle the loa and it is regulating high.



A= will always be the battery ground A to B tests power at key switch A to C tests power out of keyswitch A to D tests power at the push button A to E tests power out of the push button A to F tests ground at the mag switch A to G tests power at mag switch

Note: D & E tests only pertain to vehicles equipped with push button start

Example: Connect small black lead at A and small red lead on B

KEY SWITCH VDROP™ TEST CONT. . . (OCP)



A= will always be the small black lead A to B tests power at key switch A to C tests power out of keyswitch A to D tests power at the push button A to E tests power out of the push button A to F tests ground at the mag switch A to G tests power at mag switch A to H tests ground at starter

Note: D & E tests only pertain to vehicles equipped with push button start



Example: Connect small black lead at A and small red lead on B

Note: For testing the OCP wiring the plug should be removed and a paper clip inserted in the connector body. (see picture)

STARTING SYSTEM MAIN CABLE VDROP™ TEST

The circuit from the battery to the starter junction is being tested. *Note:* If a split battery bank is used go to the Generic Starter Drop Test and perform a split battery procedure. See section 11. By disconnecting each bank and testing the other using the Generic Voltage Drop Test and entering one half the starter draw you can test the starter main cables individually. First of all determine if the system you are going to test is a "split" or "single" system.





This test can also be selected from the main menu by selecting Starter Test then press (Y Enter). ...select >STR. MAIN CABLES and press (Y Enter).

How to Determine if Single of Dual Cable System Chart

	# of Battery Boxes	# of Positive Cables	Type of System
Α	1	1	Single
в	1	2	Dual
С	2	2	Dual



STARTING VDROP™ MAIN CABLE... SINGLE





>CONNECT SMALL

LEADS TO THE

'Y' TO BEGIN

BATTERY

Starter

Connect large leads to the

Then connect small leads to the battery bank – the red on the positive main and the black on the negative main and not to an individual battery. The added small external leads will check the main cables. Press (Y Enter).

> BATTERY HOOKUP

Black Clamp at Negative Main

Red Clamp at Positive Main

Just as the System Test checks the Magnetic Circuit first it also checks the main starting cables.



If all connections are correct, wait for a load test to be performed.

The results will vary depending upon and the conditions of the cables. Both the positive and negative circuit results will be indicated from the single test. If the test does not pass, correct the connection or replace the cable and run the test again. The BCT-200J will automatically resume the test after it is disconnected. Just answer 'Yes" when prompted.

--VOLTMETER--VOLTS 0.00V EXT. V 12.63V 0.00 POS 0.00 NEG



Should read voltage at ext. V. No voltage at magnetic switch coil with ignition key off.

Turn the ignition key to start position and hold. Observe both volt results Voltage is at magnetic switch coil leads. External V is voltage at starter.

VOLTMETER	
VOLTS	12.15V
EXT. V	12.40V
.15 POS	.10 NEG /

In this example the system passed, the total voltage drop is .25V which is less than the .5V drop allowed.

End of test.

VOLTMETER	
VOLTS	11.08V
EXT. V	12V
.33 POS	1.02 NEG

In this example the system is out of spec. The 1.35 volt drop exceeds the allowable .5 volt drop.

Continue testing each leg of the circuit.

KEY SWITCH VDROP™ TEST CONT.

KEY SWITCH VDROP™ TEST

STARTING MAIN CABLE VDROP™ CONT. . . SINGLE

Note: This is a real time test and the operator must observe and record the data when the key switch is energized.



>VOLTMETER

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S-terminal wire must be removed from the solenoid so that the starter does not engage.

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#11 MAIN CABLES OUT OF SPEC @ 500A GOOD TO 375A 0.21POS 0.36NEG.

STARTING VDROP™ ... SPLIT SYSTEM **TESTING PART A**





Scroll to Voltmeter

Connect large clips to magnetic switch coil.

Connect small leads to starter.

NOTE: Connections are the same for WITH OCP or WITHOUT OCP.



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SPLIT SYSTEM TESTING CONT. . . PART A

MAGNETIC CIRCUIT TEST CONTINUED



The results will vary depending upon and the conditions of the cables. Both the positive and negative circuit results will be indicated from the single test. If the test does not pass, correct the connection or replace the cable and run the test again. The BCT-200J will automatically resume the test after it is disconnected. Just answer 'Yes" when prompted.

MAGNETIC CIRCUIT TEST CONT.



This is the small wire on the starter solenoid that activates the starter

Use the + / - key to select the type of starter you are testing.

Connect the large red clamp (+) to the disconnected ring from the Sterminal magnetic circuit. Connect the large black clamp (-) to the starter ground (See Illustration)

Connect the small red lead (+) to the "B" terminal (+) of the starter solenoid. Attach the small black lead (-) to the starter ground (See Illustration - small clamp position 1).

Reconnect the negative terminal on the battery. Then energize the Magnetic Switch for 3-5 seconds. Note. This can be done by a remote starter or by a second person turning the ignition.

Wait for results.

If voltage drop is within specifications the whole circuit passes. This test should be done THREE TIMES when rotating contact magnetic switches are utilized.

SPLIT SYSTEM TESTING CONT. . . PART B

Now test the other battery pack.



CHARGING CABLES STR.MAIN CABLES MAG. CIRCUIT >GENERIC VDROP



SPLIT SYSTEM TESTING CONT. . . PART B



The results will vary depending upon and the conditions of the cables. Both the positive and negative circuit results will be indicated from the single test. If the test does not pass, correct the connection or replace the cable and run the test again. The BCT-200J will automatically resume the test after it is disconnected. Just answer 'Yes" when prompted.

MAGNETIC CIRCUIT VDROP™ TEST

The Magnetic switch circuit supplies a path for current to the coils of the starter solenoid with minimum voltage drop. The Magnetic circuit is indicated by the dotted line on the illustration below. The Magnetic circuit test is designed to test the voltage drop of this circuit. It has three steps. If it passes the first test the whole circuit passes and there is no need to continue. If the first test fails, the next two tests are completed to obtain results of each leg and the magnetic switch itself. The Magnetic switch is energized by the ignition switch in each test. For safety, disconnect the negative cable from the battery.

Magnetic Circuit 3-Step Setup



NOTE: ON 12 VOLT SYSTEMS THE SMALL BLACK LEAD CAN BE LEFT DISCONNECTED OR CAN BE CONNECTED TO ANY GROUND. ON 24 VOLT SYSTEMS THIS LEAD MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE STARTER GROUND.



This is a continuation of the Starting System Test, but can also be selected from the VDrop Menu by selecting >MAG. CIRCUIT then press Enter. In the individual test you will be asked to disconnect the Magnetic circuit from the "S" terminal on the starter solenoid as explained on the previous page. This is necessary to avoid starting the engine during this test sequence.