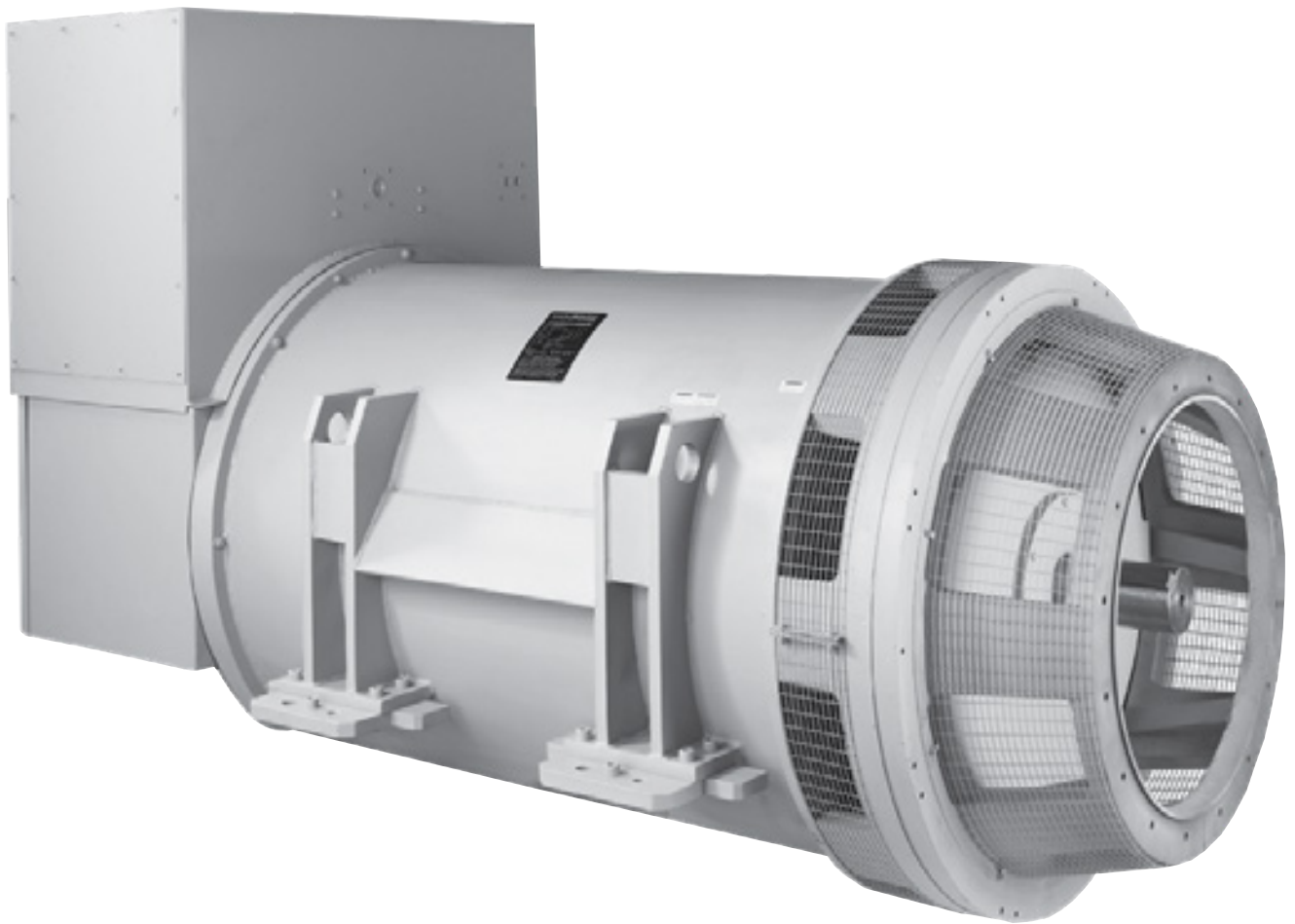


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**Magnapower®**

**Installation, Operation, and  
Maintenance Manual**



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## A Few Words About Safety

**PLEASE REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST.** If you are not sure of the instructions or procedures, seek qualified help before continuing.

This service manual emphasizes the safety precautions necessary during the installation, operation and maintenance of the MAGNAPOWER® generator.

Each section has caution and warning messages. These messages are for your safety and the safety of the equipment involved. If any of the cautions or warnings are not readily understood, seek clarification from qualified personnel before proceeding.

Before any service work is done, disconnect all power sources and, where appropriate, lock out all controls to prevent an unexpected start-up of the generator set. Proper grounding in compliance with local and national electrical codes must be provided. These safety precautions are necessary to prevent potential serious personal injury, or even death.

The hazards associated with lifting or moving the MAGNAPOWER® generator are pointed out in the installation and service sections; incorrect lifting or moving can result in personal injury or property damage.

Whenever the generator is running, always assume and proceed as if voltage is present. Residual voltage is present at the generator leads and at the regulator panel connections, even with the regulator fuse removed. Caution must be observed. Otherwise, serious personal injury or death can result.

Whenever solvents, cleaners, or flammable liquids are present, adequate ventilation must be available to avoid fire, explosion, and health hazards. always avoid breathing vapors and use suitable personal protective equipment to prevent personal injuries (such as eyes, face, and hand protection).

This manual is not intended to be a substitute for properly trained personnel. Repairs should only be attempted by qualified, trained people. The cautions and warnings point out known conditions that are potentially dangerous. Each installation will create its own set of circumstances. no manual can cover every possible situation.

### WARNING

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### Mechanical Design

#### General

All single and two bearing units are manufactured with cast iron end brackets and adapters and fabricated steel frames. Flexible drive discs and SAE adapters are machined to SAE standards. Prelubricated, regreasable, shielded ball bearings are used on magnapower® generators. Standard units are fully guarded. Dripproof shields are available as an option.

#### Conduit Box

Assembly is optimized for customer flexibility. Various access panels and a low voltage control section are provided. The external load leads can enter the conduit box from the top, bottom, or side. Furthermore, the conduit box is designed to accept various auxiliary devices (potential and current transformers, etc.) while maintaining a compact generator outline. All models are equipped with an end-mounted conduit box as standard. Optional conduit box designs are available to meet customer requirements.

#### MAGNAPOWER® Uni-rotor Construction

Laminations are 4-pole, one piece laminations which are shrunk fit and keyed to the shaft. No dovetails, cross bolts or other pole to shaft connecting devices are used. An amortisseur winding is standard. The cast unidirectional aluminum alloy ventilating fan provides even air distribution to maximize cooling and generator efficiency.

#### Adapters and Drive Discs

All single bearing units are available with several adapter and drive disc arrangements. These can be shipped to order or can be changed in the field with standard shop tools. When changing flexible drive discs, spacers are used between the discs and the cast iron hub to maintain SAE standard dimensions.

### Electrical Design

#### General

all standard products have 2/3 pitch main windings to eliminate the third harmonic. This serves to lower operating temperatures, give lower harmonic content and better wave form, and extend the overall life of the generator. The phase sequence is ABC when rotated counterclockwise viewing exciter end.

#### Temperature Rise

all ratings and frame sizes are based on NEMA Class F and Class H temperature rises on both the rotor and stator windings. Ratings for British, German, French, IEC, and all popular marine agencies are available.

#### Standby Generator

Synchronous generators used on emergency backup power can have temperature rises up to 25°C above those for continuous operation (NEMA MG1-22.40 and MG 1-22.84).

#### Premium Insulation System

All magnapower® generators are built with class f or better insulation materials. All standard generators are suitable for continuous duty at class f temperature rise and will give equivalent or better winding life expectancy to generators supplied with class a or b insulation systems operated within their temperature limits. Magnapower® form coil generators are manufactured with an epoxy vacuum pressure impregnated (vpi) insulation system and form-wound coils, which make the standard winding fungus-resistant and suitable for high humidity and abrasive environments. The magnapower® rotor is wet-wound with thermosetting epoxy applied between each layer, plus a final coating of epoxy for moisture and abrasion resistance.

#### Power Factor

All standard generators are designed for operation at rated kVA at 0.8 lagging power factor but can be operated at rated kVA over the 0.8 to 1.0 Power factor range.

#### DVR® Voltage Regulator

The standard voltage regulator is a fully encapsulated, static type with a solid state build up circuit. Standard features include 3 phase RMS sensing, paralleling, adjustable underfrequency protection, and overexcitation protection. The regulator meets EMI suppression to Mil Std-461C, part 9. An optional feature is adjustable armature current limiting. See the regulator manual for more information.

### How to Read a Model number

It is extremely important to properly identify the machine when requesting parts or service.

Always have available the generator model number and serial number when requesting information from the factory. We cannot help you without this information. It is also beneficial to know the mounting arrangement code.

### An Example for MAGNAPOWER® Generators

Example:    1020    FSL    5000  
                 ①        ②③④        ⑤⑥

- ① Frame number
- ② F – Form Wound  
R- Random Wound
- ③ S – 1 Bearing  
D– 2 Bearings
- ④ L – Up to 480 volts  
S– 600 volts  
M– 1000-6600 volts  
H– 6900-13,800 volts
- ⑤ Style
- ⑥ Type

### Receiving Your MAGNAPOWER® Generator

Upon receipt of the generator, it is recommended that it be carefully examined for possible damage incurred in shipment. The generator was given to the freight company in good condition, and they are responsible for the product from our dock to yours. Any damage should be noted on the freight bill before accepting the shipment. Claims for damage must be promptly filed with the freight company.

### Unpacking and Handling

Read all instruction cards carefully. When lifting, attach an overhead crane to the lifting lugs on the generator frame. Apply lifting forces in a vertical direction.

**⚠️ WARNING** The lifting lugs on the generator are designed to support the generator only. Do not lift complete generator set by means of lifting lugs on generator. Personal injury or equipment damage may result.

### Storage

In the event that the generator is not to be installed on the prime mover immediately, it is recommended that it be stored in a clean, dry area which is not subject to rapid changes in temperature and humidity. See Section 10 for more information.

### Preparation for Use

Although the generator is carefully inspected and tested in operation before it leaves the factory, it is recommended that the unit be thoroughly inspected. The insulation on the wire should be inspected and all bolts should be checked for tightness.

Remove all shipping tapes, bags, blocks, and skids which are used to prevent vibration and rotor movement during shipment. Dry, low-pressure compressed air of approximately 30 psi (206 KPA) can be used to blow out the interior of the generator. In the case of two bearing machines, it is possible to turn the rotor by hand to make sure that it rotates smoothly without binding.

If the machine has been in storage for a year or longer, it is recommended that it be lubricated according to

the lubrication instructions and chart found in Section 5. If the machine has been exposed to damp, humid conditions, the insulation resistance should be checked. Refer to Section 8.

### Generator Mounting – Single Bearing

Single bearing generators are provided with an SAE flywheel adapter and flexible drive discs. Very close tolerances are maintained in the manufacture of the generator so that the alignment procedure is extremely simple. A coupling hub of nodular iron is shrunk onto the shaft and special steel drive discs are bolted to the hub. Holes are provided in the periphery of the coupling disc which correspond to tapped holes in the flywheel. The outside diameter of the discs fits in a rabbet in the flywheel so that concentricity is assured in all cases.

**⚠️ WARNING** Do not apply any force to generator fan for lifting or rotating generator rotor. Disregarding these instructions may cause personal injury or equipment damage.

**⚠️ CAUTION** Grade 8 capscrews and heavy series lockwashers or grade 8 placebolts and hardened washers are recommended to mount the drive discs to the flywheel.

The SAE adapter and the flywheel housing are designed to match each other with no further alignment necessary. Shims may be necessary under the feet of the generator to insure a solid mounting. See section 6 for more information.

### Generator Mounting – Two Bearing

Two bearing generators are provided with a shaft extension and keyway. For direct-coupled units, the assembler furnishes a flexible coupling which is installed between the driver and the generator shaft.

**Important:** Aligning the two machines as accurately as possible will reduce the vibration, increase bearing life, and insure minimum coupling wear. It may be necessary to shim the generator feet for proper support and alignment. Consult the coupling manufacturer's instructions for alignment specifications and procedures.

### Environmental Considerations

Dirt, moisture, heat, and vibration are enemies of electrical equipment. Excessive exposure to the elements will shorten the life of the generator. The ambient temperature should not exceed the value shown on the generator nameplate. The magnapower® is built in a NEMA open type enclosure. Generators for outdoor application should be protected from the elements by housings with proper openings for ventilation. This protection should be designed to prevent the direct contact of wind driven rain, snow, or dust with the generator. In moist or humid areas, such as the tropics and marine service, additional protection is recommended. Although the standard windings are humidity and moisture resistant, special insulations and accessories such as space heaters can increase generator life significantly. In extremely dirty and dusty environments, a means of providing filtered cooling air to the generator is recommended. Refer to Marathon Electric for more information.

### Electrical Connections

The generator conduit box construction allows conduit to enter the top, bottom, or either side of the box. A hole-saw or any suitable tool can be used to provide for the conduit entrance. Protect the interior of the generator from shavings when drilling or sawing. An approved connector must be used in conjunction with the conduit.

To minimize the transmission of vibration, it is essential that flexible conduit be used for all electrical entrance to the generator.

Refer to the connection diagram supplied with the generator and/or the proper diagrams shown in this section. Install all intercomponent and external wiring in accordance with the regulations of the national and local electrical codes. Clean all contact surfaces to assure good electrical bonding with the generator lugs or bus bars. Use heavy duty terminal lugs or good quality clamps for making all connections. Insulate all connections in accordance with national and local regulations.

Be sure the generator frame is grounded to all the other components of the system with a ground wire in accordance with national and local regulations.

### Generator Lead Connections

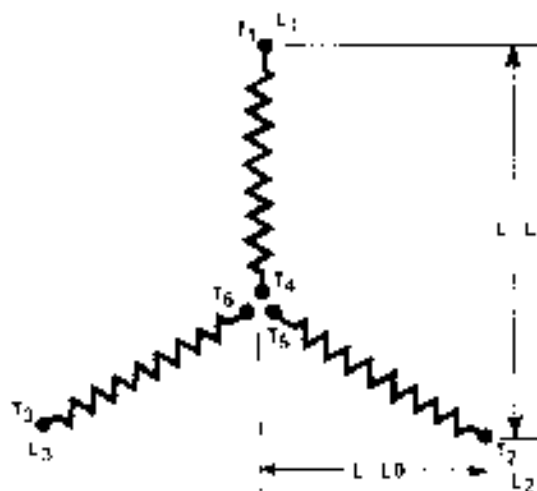
The electrical connections in the conduit box should be made in accordance with the appropriate "connection diagram." Use the diagram appropriate for the number of leads and voltage range required. Refer to the drawings supplied with the generator and to drawings in this section.

The final voltage setting is established within the selected range by an adjustment of the voltage regulator.

**⚠ CAUTION** Some generators have multiple, identically marked cables for each lead. Connect all identically marked cables together when making connections.

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## 6 Lead Wye

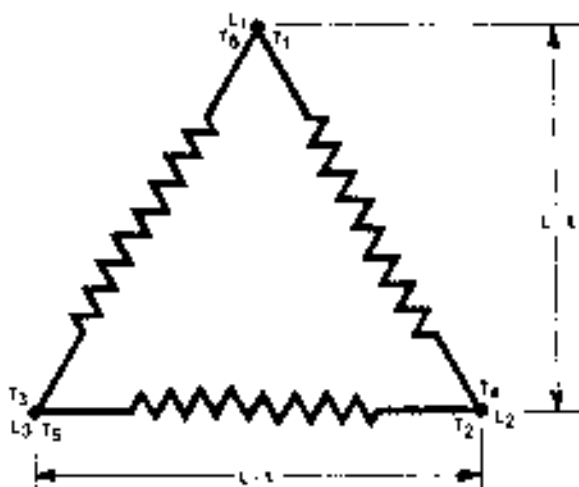


Six lead generators have 3 coil groups with 6 or 12 cables or bus bars coming out of the generator.

Voltage		Connect	L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>3</sub>	Neutral
	L-L					
60 HZ	480	T <sub>4</sub> T <sub>5</sub> T <sub>6</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>	T <sub>4</sub> T <sub>5</sub> T <sub>6</sub>
	3300					
	4160					
	6600					
	7200					
	12470					
	13200					
50 HZ	13800					
	400					
	3300					
	6600					
	11000					
	11500					

Figure 3-1

## 6 Lead Delta



Six lead generators have 3 coil groups with 6 or 12 cables coming out of the generator.

Voltage		Connect	L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>2</sub>	L <sub>3</sub>
	L-L				
60 HZ	2400	T <sub>1</sub> T <sub>6</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>
	4160	T <sub>2</sub> T <sub>4</sub>			
	7200	T <sub>3</sub> T <sub>5</sub>			
50 HZ	1905				
	6600				

Figure 3-2



## Typical System Diagram

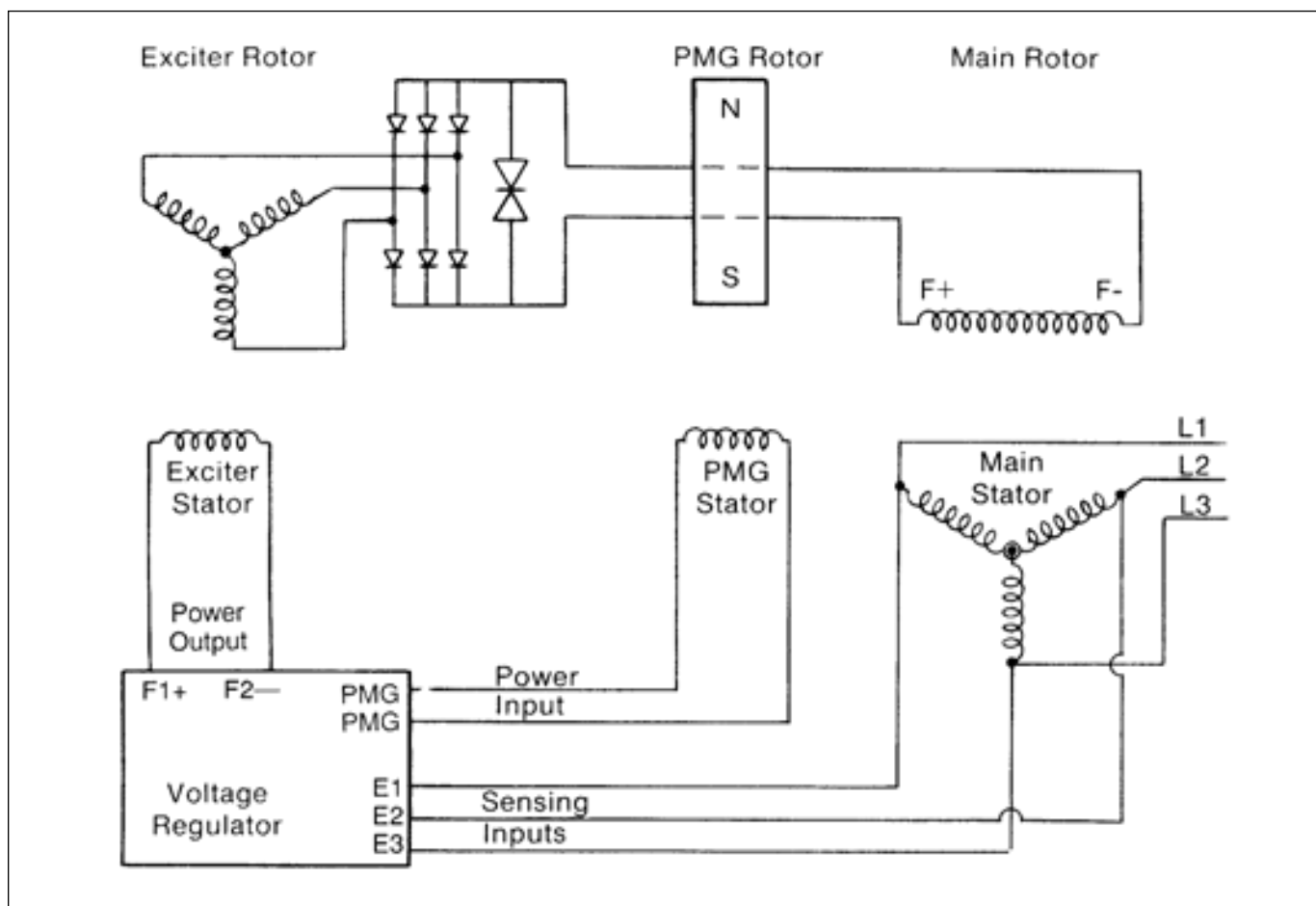


Figure 3-3

### Paralleling Operations

MAGNAPOWER® generators come standard with amortisseur windings. This exclusive uni-rotor construction makes all MAGNAPOWER® generators suitable for paralleling operations when the proper control equipment is added. Paralleling with other generator sets and/or with the utility power grid offers a number of advantages. Multiple unit installations increase power capacity; they can be added or removed from the line depending on the load requirements; they can be better maintained and repaired (since single source breakdown would mean total loss of power), and they often provide more reliable, efficient, and economical operation.

Successful parallel operation means that the generators deliver power to the external system without delivering power to each other, or accepting power from the load bus or power grid. Additional equipment is necessary to insure safe and successful operation.

#### Prime Mover

The prime mover provides the speed and torque which will be necessary to keep the machines in synchronized operation. The governor will directly control the watt or kW load and frequency of the unit. The prime mover speed is controlled by a governor. The governor must have special paralleling provisions to permit parallel operation with the other machines.

#### Voltage Regulator

The voltage regulator controls the generator output voltage and the reactive power supplied by the generator. When two or more AC generators operate in parallel, the voltage regulator must have paralleling provisions (either internally or external to the regulator) to allow the voltage regulator to control the reactive or VAR load while it is in parallel operation. A separate paralleling current transformer is required to sense the reactive current and signal the voltage regulator. This additional paralleling circuitry is absolutely necessary to control the reactive current flowing between the generator sets.

#### Switchgear

There are additional relays and breaker controls which are necessary to insure safe, trouble free operation

of paralleled units. Reverse power relays monitor the direction of power flow to insure that the generator is delivering the power, not accepting it. These power relays control breakers, which are a means of connecting and disconnecting the generator from the load. The total system can include over-voltage, overcurrent protection, under frequency protection, power factor correction provision and various associated control equipment from manual switchgear to microprocessors. The amount of control gear and level of sophistication will be determined by the needs and requirements of the particular application.

#### Paralleling Basics

The following points are basic criteria which must be met before two units can be paralleled. THIS IS NOT MEANT TO BE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARALLELING OPERATION.

1. Additional paralleling circuitry
  - A. Voltage regulator-paralleling provisions
  - B. Paralleling current transformer(s)
  - C. Paralleling provisions on governor controls
  - D. Switchgear
2. The voltage and frequency must be the same for all sets with voltages in phase.
3. The voltage regulation characteristics of the individual generators should be similar.
4. The generators must have the same phase rotation.
5. The driving engines should have the same speed regulation characteristics and the governors should be adjusted to give the same speed regulation.

Before operating generator sets in parallel, each set should be checked by starting, operating, and adjusting the sets as individual units before attempting paralleling.

#### Reactive Load Control

When two identical generators are operating together in parallel and an unbalance occurs in field excitation, circulating currents begin to flow between the generators. This current will appear as a lagging power factor or inductive load to the highly excited generator, and as a leading power factor or capacitive load to the

generator with the lower field current. This is known as the reactive circulating current, and there are two methods of controlling it in parallel operation:

1. Reactive droop compensation (formerly known as parallel droop compensation) – the bus voltage droops, or decreases, as the reactive lagging power factor load is increased.
2. Reactive differential compensation (formerly known as cross current compensation) – the reactive differential compensation circuit allows parallel generators to share reactive loads with no decrease or droop in generator voltage. The circuit must meet the following criteria:
  - A. All paralleling current transformers for all the generators being paralleled must be included in the secondary interconnection loop.
  - B. When different size generators are paralleled, all paralleling current transformers must have the same or proportional ratios that give approximately the same secondary current.
  - C. Voltage regulator paralleling circuitry must be the same.
  - D. Current transformer secondaries and the generator lines must be isolated electrically. Because of the preceding criteria, reactive differential compensation cannot be used when paralleling with the utility power grid. There is no limit, however, in the number of generators that can be included in this type of circuit.
  - E. It is also desirable to have an auxiliary contact on the main generator breaker to short the parallel CT secondary when that breaker is open (not connected to the load bus).

### Paralleling Circuitry

Because of the number of variables involved in paralleling generator sets, every installation will have its own circuitry and methods or procedure of bringing paralleled units on line. There are numerous ways of connecting paralleled units and an almost unlimited variety of applications and associated equipment.

When parallel operation is desired, it is important that the control manufacturer, the generator manufacturer, and the systems engineer work together to insure the proper selection of all components. Please refer to Marathon Electric for application assistance.

### Thyristor or SCR Loading

Solid state electronic control devices which utilize thyristors or SCR firing circuits (such as variable frequency induction motor controls, precision motor speed controls, no-break powered battery chargers, etc.) can introduce high frequency harmonics which adversely affect or destroy the normal waveform of the generator. This creates additional heat in the generator stator and rotor and can cause overheating. These devices can and do present problems to non-utility power generating equipment or any limited power bus system. The problems which can occur are not limited to the generator itself, but can effect the solid state control device, the equipment it controls, other associated loads, monitoring devices, or a number of combinations over the entire system.

MAGNAPOWER® generators can supply power to thyristor or SCR loads when properly applied. When SCR loads are more than 25% of the total load, select the generator based on the 80°C R/R rating. The standard voltage regulator is PMG powered and senses 3 phase RMS voltages for maximum stability against severely distorted wave forms. SCR type applications such as cranes, shovels, etc., require special consideration of the generator insulation system due to greater dielectric stress and severe environmental conditions. It is important that the control manufacturer, the generator manufacturer, and the systems engineer work together to insure the proper selection of all components. Please refer to Marathon Electric for application assistance.

### Pre-Start Inspection

Before operating the generator for the first time, the following checks are recommended:

1. A visual inspection should be made to check for any loose parts, connections, or foreign materials. Refer to section 8.
2. Check for clearance in the generator and exciter air gap. Be sure the generator set turns over freely. Bar the generator over by hand at least 2 revolutions to be sure there is no interference

**⚠️ WARNING** . Do not apply any force to generator fan when rotating generator rotor. Disregarding these instructions may cause personal injury or equipment damage.

3. Check all wiring against the proper connection diagrams and make sure all connections are properly insulated. Support and tie leads to keep them from being damaged by rotating parts or by chafing on sharp corners.
4. Be sure the equipment is properly grounded.
5. Inspect for any remaining packing materials and remove any loose debris, building materials, rags, etc., that could be drawn into the generator.
6. Check fasteners for tightness.
7. Check to be sure no tools or other hardware have been left inside or near the machine.
8. Install and check to be sure all covers and guards are in place and secure.

**⚠️ WARNING** Residual voltage is present at the generator leads and at the regulator panel connections, even with the regulator fuse removed. Caution must be observed or serious personal injury or death can result. Consult qualified personnel with any questions.

### Starting Up the Generator

The following procedure should be followed for starting up the generator for the first time:

1. The generator output must be disconnected from the load. Be certain that the main circuit breaker is open.
2. Disable the voltage regulator by removing the fuse.

**⚠️ WARNING** Do not overspeed the generator. excessive centrifugal forces could damage the rotating fields. be prepared for an emergency shutdown.

3. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and start the prime mover. Check the speed and adjust to the rpm shown on the generator nameplate.
4. Replace the regulator fuse and adjust the voltage to the required value (figure 4-2). Check all line to line and line to neutral voltages to be sure they are correct and balanced. If the voltages are not correct, shut down immediately and recheck all connections. See section 3.
5. Close the main circuit breaker and apply the load
6. Monitor the generator output current to verify it is at or below nameplate amps.
7. Adjust engine speed at full load to 1800 rpm for 60 Hz, 1500 rpm for 50 Hz (refer to prime mover/governor instruction manuals).
8. Before stopping the engine, remove the load by tripping the main circuit breaker.

## Voltage Adjustments

The generator output voltage is controlled by the voltage regulator. There is a cover to access the control panel on the side of the generator conduit box (figures 4-1 and 4-2). Refer to the regulator manual for detailed information. In cases where special or remote mounted regulators are used, refer to instructions supplied by the generator set assembler and to the voltage regulator manual.

## Other Adjustments

Depending upon application, adjustments to other protective and control gear may be required. Refer to instructions supplied by the generator set manufacturer.

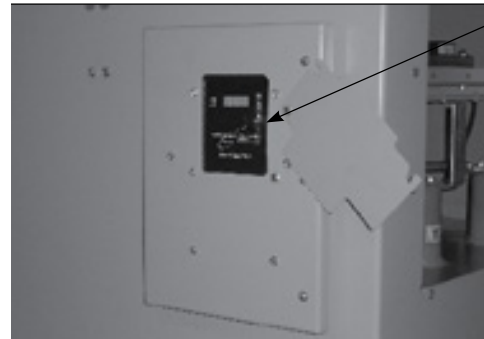
The standard MAGNAPOWER® voltage regulator also has many protective and control circuits built in. Refer to the regulator manual for further details.

## Field Flashing

The standard MAGNAPOWER® generator is supplied with a PMG (permanent magnet generator). It will never require field flashing.

In rare cases where a special generator may be furnished without a PMG, refer to the factory for more detailed information. Include the complete generator model and serial number (see page 3).

## Regulator Access



See Figure 4-2 for back view and connections of this area.

Figure 4-1

## Standard Marathon Electric Regulator



Figure 4-2

### Maintenance – General Information

Dirt, heat, moisture, and vibration are common enemies of a generator. Keeping the generator clean and dry, maintaining proper alignment of the generator and its prime mover, and preventing overloads will result in efficient operation and long life.

Generators that are outdoors should be protected from the elements by suitable houses or enclosures.

Dirt and dust will conduct electricity between points of different electrical potential. Moisture will aggravate the problem further. Insulation system failure can result if corrective action is not taken. The condition of the insulation system can be tested by measuring insulation resistance (see section 8 - Generator Testing).

Insulation resistance should be checked when putting the generator into service after it has been in storage and any time contamination by moisture and dirt is suspected. normally, moisture buildup is not a problem when the generator is running since heat produced internally will tend to keep it dry. Moisture can collect in the generator when it is shut down. The problem will be worse in humid environments or in areas where extreme temperature changes cause condensation (dew) to form inside the generator. Space heaters, air filters, and premium insulation systems, such as our VPI process, should be considered in difficult environments.

Accumulations of dust and dirt not only contribute to insulation breakdown, but they can also increase temperature by restricting ventilation and by blocking the dissipation of heat. Some machines are exposed to accumulations of materials such as talc, lint, rock dust, or cement dust which may obstruct the ventilation. The most harmful type of foreign materials include carbon black, metallic dust and chips, and similar substances which not only impede the ventilation, but also form a conductive film over the insulation, increasing the possibility of insulation failure. Machines operating in dirty places should be disassembled and cleaned periodically.

### Air Intake and Exhaust

Check the area around the air intake and exhaust openings to be sure they are clean and unobstructed. Remove all foreign material and clean all screens (figure 5-1).

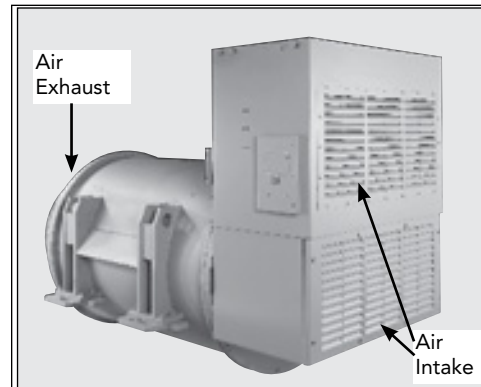


Figure 5-1

### Electrical Connections and Windings

Inspect for loose or contaminated connections. Check wires for cracked or frayed insulation. Tighten connections and replace defective or oil-soaked insulation.

If inspection shows that varnish coatings on the windings have deteriorated, they should be recoated with insulating varnish. Please refer to Marathon Electric for insulation system requirements.

### Lubrication

All generators are lubricated before leaving the factory and are ready for operation. As a general rule, bearings should be relubricated annually or at the indicated intervals in table 5-3, whichever occurs first. Unusually severe operating conditions, such as high ambient or dusty environments, require more frequent lubrication (every six months or one-half the table intervals, whichever occurs first).

Use Exxon® Polyrex® EM or equivalent anti-friction type, high quality grease with a lubrication temperature range of -22° to +350°F (-30° to +175°C).

During an overhaul, the grease reservoir should be thoroughly cleaned and new grease added. The reservoir should be 1/3 to 1/2 filled with new grease.

**NOTE:** ExxonMobil, Mobil and Polyrex are registered trademarks of Exxon Mobil Corporation or one of its subsidiaries.

**CAUTION** Be sure to use a grease that is compatible with sri. Noncompatible lubricants can break down the grease and cause bearing failure.

## Lubrication

To add or renew grease, proceed as follows:

1. Stop unit.
2. Wipe clean the grease plugs and surrounding parts.
3. Remove fill and drain plugs (figure 5-2).
4. Insert 1/8" N.P.T. grease fitting in fill pipe.
5. Free drain hole of any hard grease, using a piece of wire if necessary.
6. Using a low pressure grease gun, add grease according to the amounts in table 5-3.
7. Start unit with drain plug removed – fill pipe may be open or closed. allow unit to run 15 minutes to allow excess grease to drain.
8. Stop unit, wipe off any drained grease, and replace filler and drain plugs.

**CAUTION** Use only clean grease from clean, closed containers and keep it from being contaminated while regreasing

The amount of grease added is very important! Only enough grease should be added to replace the grease used by the bearing

**CAUTION** Too much grease can be as harmful as insufficient grease – use the proper amount.

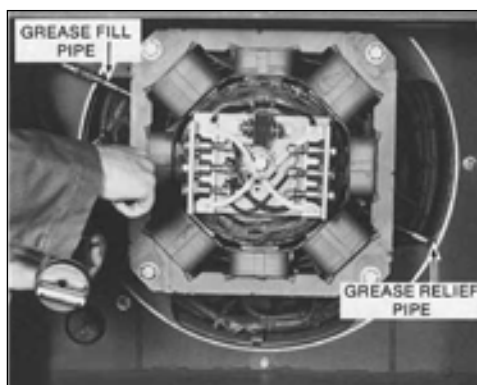


Figure 5-2

Table 5-3

Type	Frame Size	Bearing Size	Amount of grease		Intervals ①	
			Ounces	Cubic Inches	60 Hz	50 Hz
Single Bearing Units	1020	326	2.3	4.2	4000	4800
Double Bearing Units	1020 1030	326	2.3	4.2	4000	4800
	1040	330	2.3	4.2	4000	4800

①Hours of running time or annually, whichever occurs first.



### Drying Electrical Insulation

Electrical components must be dried before placing in operation if tests indicate that the insulation resistance is below a safe value (see section 8 – generator testing for test procedure).

Machines that have been idle for sometime in unheated and damp locations may have absorbed moisture. Sudden changes in temperature can cause condensation or the generator may have become wet by accident. Windings should be dried out thoroughly before being put into service. The following are recommended drying methods.

#### Space Heaters

Electric space heaters can be installed inside of the generator. When energized (from a power source other than the generator), they will heat and dry the inside of the generator. If an alternate source of electricity is not available, enclose the generator with a covering and insert heating units to raise the temperature 15–18°F (8–10°C) above the temperature outside of the enclosure. Leave a hole at the top of the enclosure to permit the escape of moisture.

#### Forced Air

A portable forced air heater can be used by directing heat into the air intake (conduit box) and running the generator with no load and without excitation (this can be accomplished by removing the regulator fuse). Heat at point of entry should not exceed 150°F (66°C).

#### “Short Circuit” Method

The generator can be dried out quickly and thoroughly by using this method.

**⚠ WARNING** Be sure that all of the following steps are performed and all precautions taken as personal injury or serious damage to the generator could result.

1. Disconnect exciter leads F1 and F2 from the regulator.
2. Connect a battery or other DC power source of approximately 20–35 volts to the exciter leads F1 and F2. an adjustable voltage source is desirable, however a rheostat (rated approximately 2 amps) in series with the DC power source will work.
3. Short circuit the generator output lead wires to each other (L1 to L2 to L3). If using jumpers, be sure they are large enough to carry full load amperage.
4. Start the generator and measure the current through the output leads with a clip-on ammeter.
5. Adjust the voltage source to produce approximately 80% of the rated AC nameplate amps, but in no case exceed nameplate amps. If an adjustable source is not available and current is excessive, use a lower DC source voltage or a larger resistor in series with the source. Running time will be determined by the amount of moisture present in the machine. Insulation resistance checks should be taken every one to four hours until a fairly constant value is obtained (see section 8 – Generator Testing for instructions on measuring insulation resistance).
6. After the generator is dry and the insulation resistance is brought up to specifications, remove the short circuit from the line leads, disconnect the DC source, and reconnect the F1 and F2 leads at the regulator. Be sure all connections are tight and correct before attempting to run the generator.



## Cleaning Methods

When electrical components get dirty, the insulation must be cleaned. There are a number of acceptable methods for cleaning the generator, each of which will necessitate disassembly of the unit. The method of cleaning will be determined by the kind of dirt and when the unit must be returned to service. Drying after cleaning is necessary.

Whenever the generator is disassembled, the windings should be given a thorough inspection and the insulation cleaned, if necessary. The inspection should include the connection of the windings, insulation, and varnish coverage. Check the winding ties and coil supports. Look for any signs of coil movement or looseness and repair as required.

An electric motor repair shop in your area can normally assist with the proper cleaning of the generator windings. They may also be experienced in special problems (such as seacoast, marine, oil rig, mining, etc.) that may be peculiar to a certain area.

### Solvents

A solvent is usually required to remove accumulated soil containing oil or grease.

Only petroleum distillates should be used for cleaning electrical components.

Petroleum solvents of the safety type with a flash point greater than 100°F (38°C) are recommended.

**CAUTION** Winding varnishes are epoxy or polyester based. a solvent that does not attack these materials should be used.

**WARNING** Adequate ventilation must be available to avoid fire, explosion, and health hazards where solvents are used. Avoid breathing solvent vapors. Rubber gloves or other suitable protection for the hands should be used. Wear eye protection.

Apply the solvent with a soft brush or rag. Be careful not to damage the magnet wire or insulation on the windings.

Dry components thoroughly with moisture-free, low pressure compressed air.

### Cloth and Compressed Air

Cleaning with a dry cloth may be satisfactory when components are small, the surfaces are accessible, and only dry dirt is removed.

Blowing dirt out with compressed air is usually effective particularly when the dirt has collected in places which cannot be reached with a cloth. Use clean dry air at 30 psi (206 KPa).

### Brushing and Vacuum Cleaning

Dry dust and dirt may be removed by brushing with bristle brushes followed by vacuum cleaning. **Do not use wire brushes.** Vacuum cleaning is an effective and desirable method of removing dry and loose dirt.

### Shell Blasting

Air blasting with ground nut shells may be satisfactory for removal of hard dirt deposits from insulation. Use mild abrasives such as 12–20 mesh ground walnut shells.

### Steam Cleaning

If the generator is completely disassembled, including bearings and electronic components, steam cleaning of the major parts and windings is very effective. However, before the generator can be put back into service, the machine must be thoroughly dried in an oven to remove all moisture.

### Removal from Prime Mover

**⚠ WARNING** Be sure all power is off before servicing. Failure to follow all safety instructions can result in serious personal injury or death.

**Note:** Before disconnecting any electrical wiring, be sure it is marked and can be identified for reinstallation. Remark as required.

1. Remove conduit box covers (figures 6-1 and 6-2).
2. Disconnect all external wiring from the generator leads (or bus bars) inside the conduit box.
3. Remove all conduit or ducting from the conduit box.
4. Attach a suitable hoist to the generator lifting lugs
5.
  - a. For single bearing generators, remove the bolts mounting the screen assembly to the SAE adapter and remove the screen (figure 6-3). (**Note:** Do not remove the dripcover from the screen assembly if so equipped.) Remove the capscrews attaching the drive discs to the flywheel and remove the capscrews attaching the SAE adapter to the flywheel housing.
  - b. For two-bearing generators, disconnect the coupling or sheave and belts between the generator and prime mover (follow the coupling manufacturer's instructions for disconnection).



Figure 6-1



Figure 6-2

**⚠ WARNING** Do not apply any force to the generator fan for lifting or rotating the generator rotor. Disregarding these instructions may cause personal injury or equipment damage.

6. Remove the mounting bolts which secure the generator to the base. To make reinstallation easier, note the position of and save any shims that were used under the feet for alignment.
7. Raise the generator slightly and move the generator away from the prime mover. Raise or lower the generator to take pressure off of the drive discs so they slide easily out of the flywheel.
8. On single bearing generators, if generator is to be shipped, see Shipping Instructions (section 10) for proper rotor support.

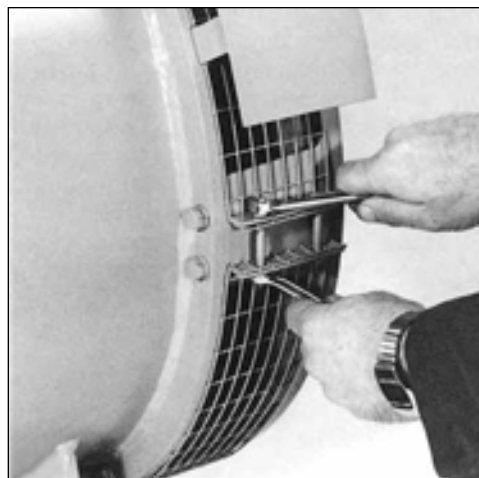


Figure 6-3

### Conduit Box Removal

1. Note the location and markings (remark as required) and remove connections from voltage regulator, capacitor, and any other conduit box mounted control (figures 6-4 and 6-5).
2. On generators equipped with bus bars, mark all connections and disassemble main stator (power) leads from the generator side of the bus bars.
3. Remove bolts holding conduit box in place (figure 6-6).
4. Remove conduit box (figure 6-7).



Figure 6-6



Figure 6-4

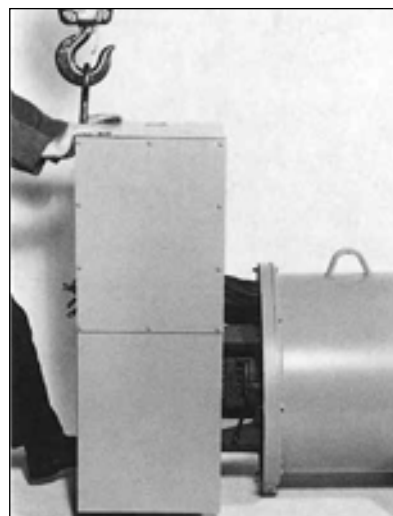


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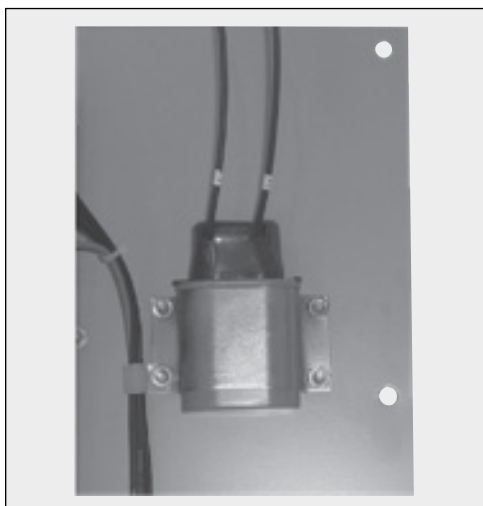


Figure 6-5

### Exciter Stator (Field) Removal

1. Disconnect F1 and F2 leads from the corresponding F1 and F2 terminals on the regulator.
2. Remove all cable ties so the F1 and F2 leads can be removed with the exciter stator. Remove the four capscrews and belleville washers holding the exciter stator in place (figure 6-8). Remove the exciter stator using a lifting strap or fixture (figure 6-9).

### Exciter Armature (Rotor) Removal

1. Note markings and disconnect the main rotor leads coming out of the aluminum standoff plate lead hole from the rectifier aluminum angle (figure 6-10).
2. Remove the capscrew and belleville washer which holds the exciter (rotor) armature to the generator shaft (figure 6-11).
3. Use a six inch, UNF capscrew for a puller (see section 9). The hole that the mounting bolt goes through is threaded. Screw the puller bolt into the hole and it will push against the end of the shaft (figure 6-12). Carefully feed the main rotor leads through the hole as the exciter armature is removed (figure 6-13).

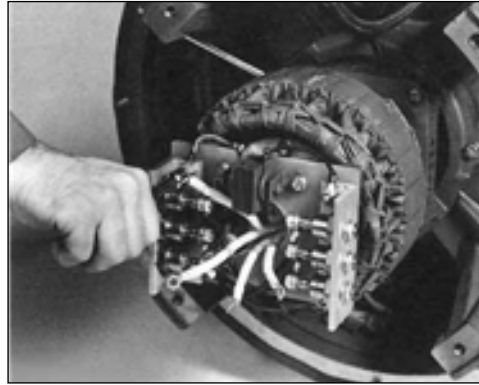


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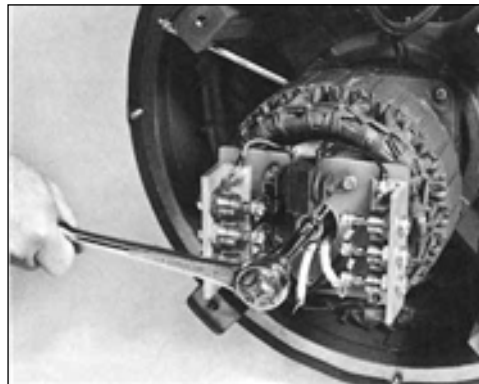


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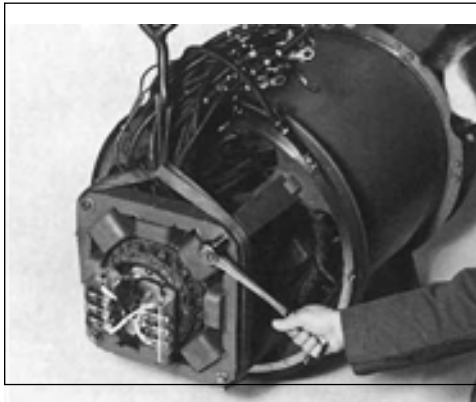


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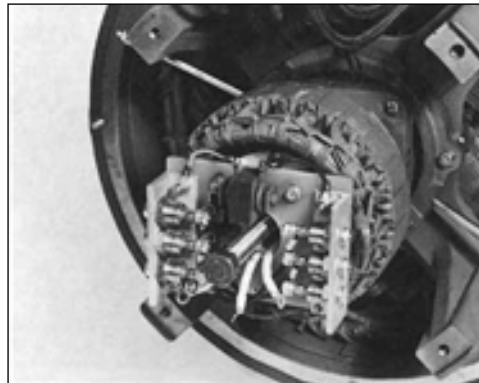


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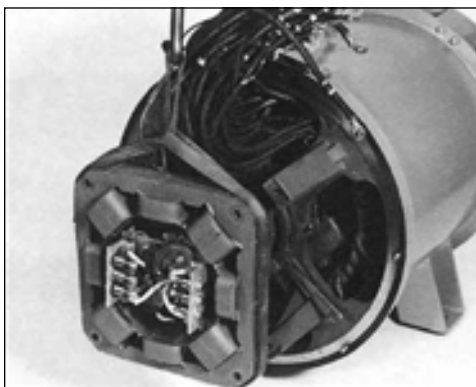


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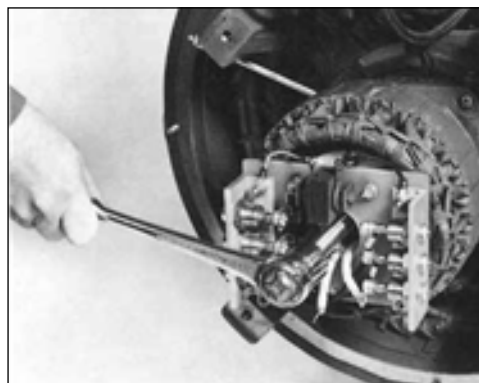


Figure 6-13

**CAUTION** Do not tighten the puller bolt beyond the end of the threads. If a bolt with sufficient thread length cannot be found, use a piece of threaded rod with a nut welded on the end.

### PMG Stator Removal

1. Remove exciter armature (follow instructions found earlier in this section).
2. Remove the PMG output leads from the capacitor (figure 6-14) and loosen all cable ties so the leads can be removed with the PMG stator.
3. Note the position of the PMG stator leads which exit at the left inboard side or mark the stator so it can be reinstalled in the same position.
4. Remove the four mounting capscrews (see figure 6-15).
5. Carefully remove the PMG stator from its mounting pads and slide over the PMG rotor. The magnets used in the PMG are very strong. They will resist removal of the PMG stator (figure 6-16).

### PMG Rotor Removal

1. Remove the exciter armature and PMG stator (follow instructions found earlier in this section).
2. Remove the snap ring which holds the PMG rotor in place on the shaft (figures 6-17 and 6-18).

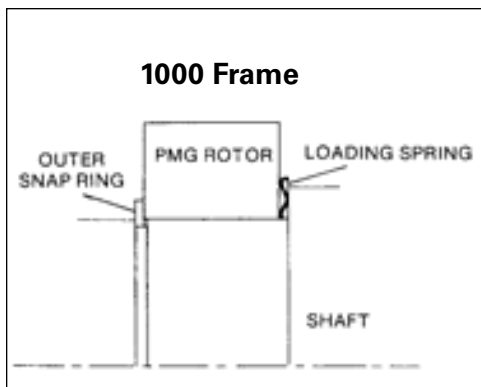


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Figure 6-14

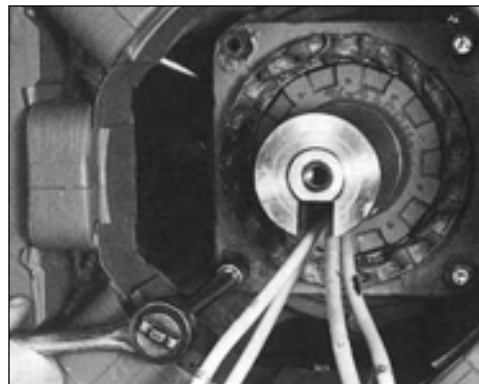


Figure 6-15



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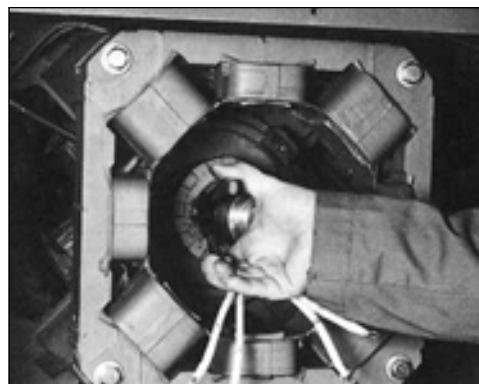


Figure 6-17



3. Slide the PMG rotor off of the shaft (figure 6-19)
4. Remove the loading spring (if the loading spring is not on the shaft, check to see if it is stuck on the back of the PMG rotor).



Figure 6-19

### Front End Bracket Removal

1. Remove front bracket mounting screws (figure 6-20).
2. Remove the front end bracket from the main stator assembly (figure 6-21).

**CAUTION** On large generators, a hoist and lifting strap should be used to assist in the front end bracket removal.



Figure 6-20

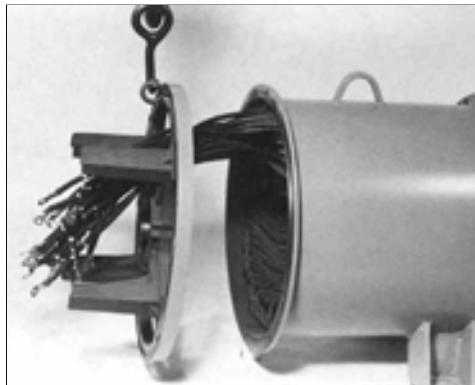


Figure 6-21

**Exciter Inspection****A. Exciter Stator**

1. Clean dust and dirt from the stator winding (see figure 6-32 and section 5).
2. Check the exciter stator for a loose, frayed, or burnt winding. Measure winding resistance and insulation resistance (see section 8). Repair or replace as necessary. If field repair of the winding is necessary, contact Marathon Electric for special winding procedures and materials.
3. Look for score marks in the bore of the exciter core caused by rubbing (this could indicate bearing or assembly problems and should be investigated).

**B. Exciter (Rotor) armature**

1. Clean dust and dirt from the exciter armature and rectifier assembly (see figure 6-22 and section 5).
2. Check the exciter armature for burrs on the mating surfaces.
3. Check the rectifiers and surge protector for proper operation (see section 8). Replace defective parts.

**CAUTION** Three forward polarity and three reverse polarity diodes are used. Be sure you have the correct part installed in the correct location. The surge suppressor is polarized. Observe polarity markings when changing the surge suppressor (figure 6-24).

Torque mounting nuts to 80 in-lb.

Torque lead terminal nuts to 25 in-lb.

Never torque against the diode terminal – use a 7/16 inch wrench to support the terminal (figure 6-25).

4. Check the exciter armature and rectifier assembly for a loose, frayed, or burnt winding or loose connections. Measure winding resistance and insulation resistance (see section 8). DO NOT megger diodes or surge suppressor. Repair or replace as necessary. If field repair of the winding is necessary, contact Marathon Electric for special winding procedures and materials.
5. Look for score marks on the outside diameter of the armature core caused by rubbing (this could indicate bearing or assembly problems and should be investigated).

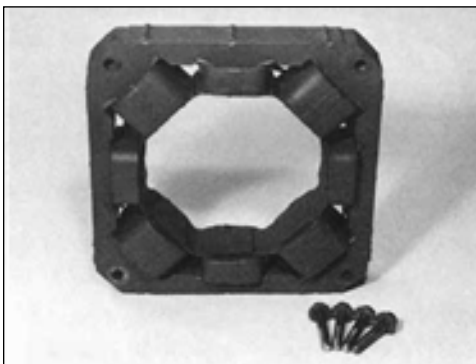


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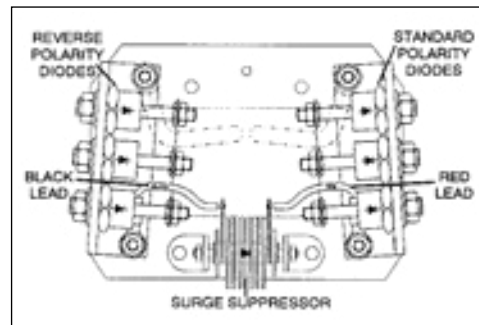


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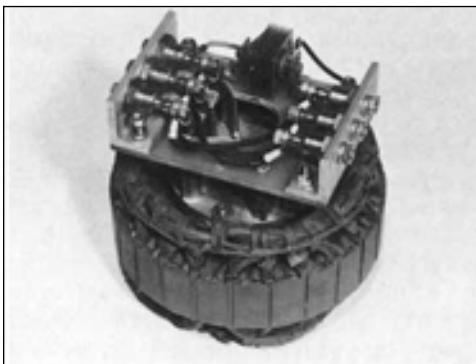


Figure 6-23



Figure 6-25

### PMG Inspection

#### A. PMG Stator (figure 6-26)

1. Clean dust and dirt from the PMG stator winding (see section 5).
2. Check PMG stator for a loose, frayed, or burnt winding. Measure winding resistance and insulation resistance (see section 8). Repair or replace as necessary. Contact Marathon Electric for special winding procedures and materials.
3. Look for score marks in the bore caused by rubbing (this could indicate bearing or assembly problems and should be investigated).

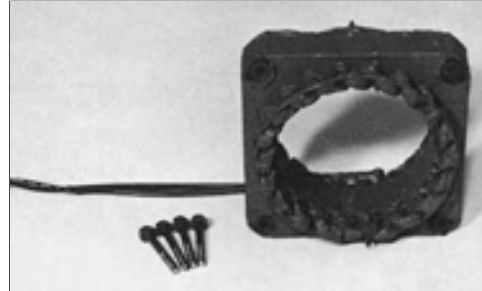


Figure 6-26

#### B. PMG Rotor (figure 6-27)

**⚠ WARNING** the PMG rotor uses very strong magnets. Keep away from iron and steel parts that could be drawn to the magnets. Keep away from other components that can be damaged by strong magnetic fields.

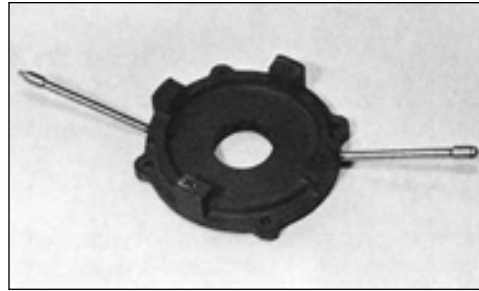
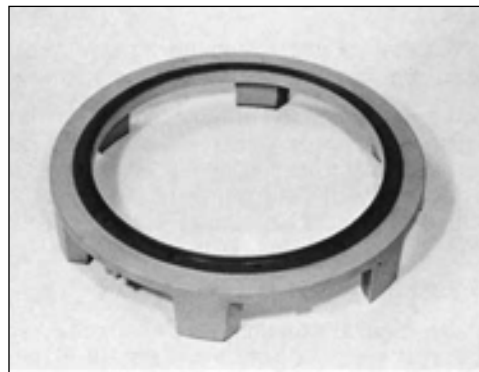
1. Clean dust and dirt from the PMG rotor (see section 5).
2. Check to be sure all magnets are tightly bonded to the PMG rotor.
3. Check for burrs or corrosion in the bore and keyway where the rotor mounts to the shaft.
4. Look for score marks on the outside diameter caused by rubbing (this could indicate bearing or assembly problems and should be investigated).
5. Inspect snap rings and loading spring; replace as required.

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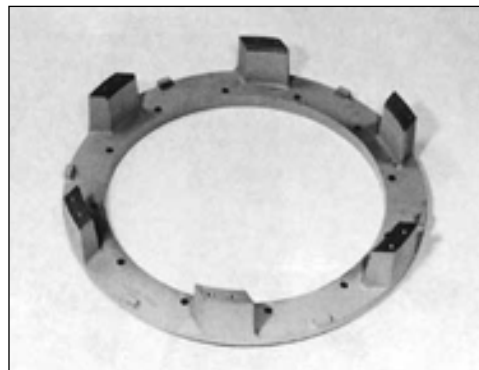


**Front (Exciter) End Bracket Inspection**

1. Remove the filler and drain grease pipes and the grease plugs from outer bearing cap (figure 6-37).
2. Clean the end bracket, outer bearing cap, grease pipes, and capscrews to remove all dust, dirt, and grease.
3. Inspect the capscrews for stripped threads and replace if defective.
4. Inspect the end bracket for stripped threads, cracks, and burred or rough mating surfaces. Inspect the bearing bore for burrs or wear. If the bracket shows excessive bearing bore wear, it should be repaired or replaced (figure 6-38).
5. Inspect the mounting pads for the PMG stator and exciter stator. Be sure they are smooth, clean, and free of any burrs or rust that could interfere with proper alignment (figures 6-27 and 6-28).
6. Reassemble the grease pipes and fittings to the bearing cap.

**Figure 6-27****Figure 6-28****Figure 6-29****Drive End Bracket or SAE Adapter Inspection**

1. For two-bearing generators, remove the grease plugs from the bracket.
2. Clean the bracket or adapter, capscrews, and screen assembly to remove all dust, dirt, and grease.
3. Inspect the capscrews for stripped threads and replace if defective.
4. Inspect the bracket or adapter for stripped threads, cracks, and burred or rough mating surfaces (figures 6-29 and 6-30).
5. For two-bearing generators, inspect the bearing bore for burrs or wear. If the drive end bracket shows excessive bearing bore wear, it should be repaired or replaced.

**Figure 6-30**

### Main Stator Inspection

1. Clean dust and dirt from the stator frame and winding (see figure 6-31 and section 5).
2. Inspect the frame for stripped threads, cracks, burred mating surfaces, or other damage.
3. Inspect the stator for a loose, frayed, or burnt winding. Measure winding resistance and insulation resistance (see section 8). Repair or replace as necessary. If field repair of the winding is necessary, contact Marathon Electric for winding data.



Figure 6-31

### Front End Bracket Installation

1. Install two guide pins (threaded rod can be used) into the generator side of the end bracket mounting holes. align the guide pins with the holes in the generator frame and slide the bracket onto the frame (figure 6-32). Install bracket mounting capscrews (figure 6-33).

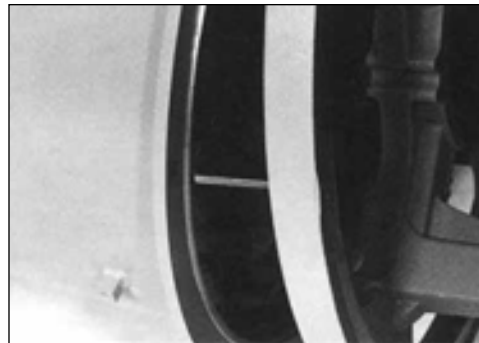


Figure 6-32

**CAUTION** On large generators, a hoist and lifting strap should be used to assist in the front end bracket installation.

2. Remove the two guide pins and insert the remaining capscrews and torque to specifications given in section 11.



Figure 6-33

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**PMG Installation**

1. Install inboard snap ring (430 frame generators) and loading spring on shaft (figure 6-34).
2. Slide PMG rotor onto shaft (figure 6-35).
3. Install snap ring (figure 6-36). Use a piece of pipe slightly larger than the shaft (2-3/4 inches) to push the rotor back against the loading spring until the snap ring seats in the slot (figure 6-37).
4. Install the PMG stator on its mounting pads, with the leads in the left (9 o'clock) inboard position, and secure with the four mounting capscrews and belleville washers (figures 6-38 and 6-41). Torque to 4 ft-lb (5 N-m).
5. Route and secure PMG stator leads away from moving parts.

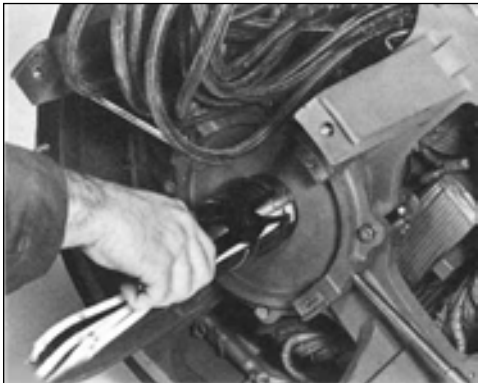


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Figure 6-35

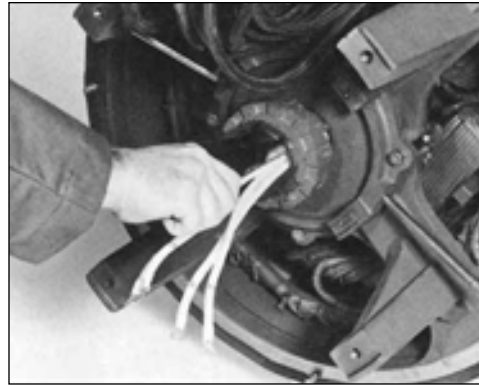


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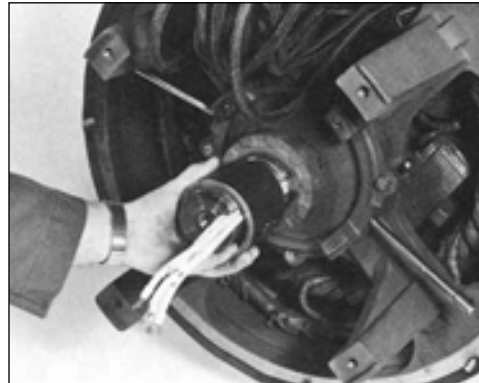


Figure 6-37



Figure 6-38

### Exciter Installation

1. Attach a wire to the main rotor leads and feed the wire through the armature bore and out the lead hole in the aluminum standoff plate. On larger exciters, it will be helpful to install a guide pin in the end of the shaft to support the armature while fishing the rotor leads through (figure 6-39). align the key in the armature bore to the keyway in the shaft. Slide the armature on the shaft while feeding the main rotor leads through the lead hole in the aluminum standoff plate (figure 6-40)

Insert the capscrew and belleville washer (figure 6-41) through the mounting hole in the aluminum standoff plate and secure to the shaft (figure 6-42). Tighten the capscrew until the armature seats on the shaft. Torque to 84 ft-lb (114 N-m) for 1/2" bolt or 300 ft-lb (407 N-m) for 3/4" bolt.

2. Observe the polarity markings and connect the main rotor leads to the rectifier assembly (figure 6-43). Torque the nuts to 4 ft-lb (5.4 N-m).
3. Position the exciter field leads at the left (9 o'clock) inboard position. Using a suitable lifting device, mount the exciter stator on the front end bracket mounting pads and align the mounting holes (figure 6-44). Mount with the capscrews and belleville washers (figure 6-41). Torque the cap-screws to 60 ft-lb (81 N-m). Route and secure the exciter stator leads away from any moving parts.

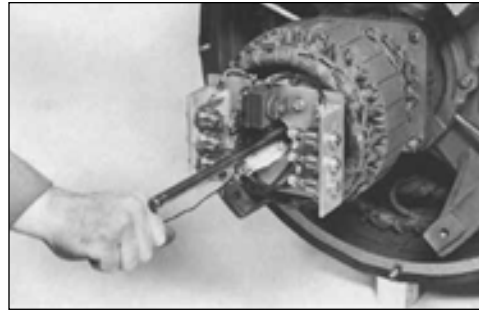


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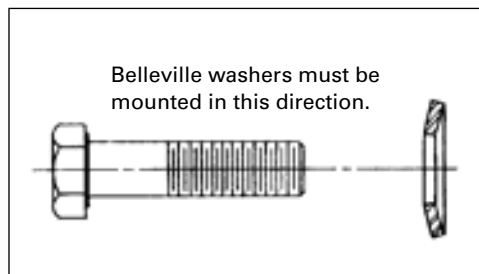


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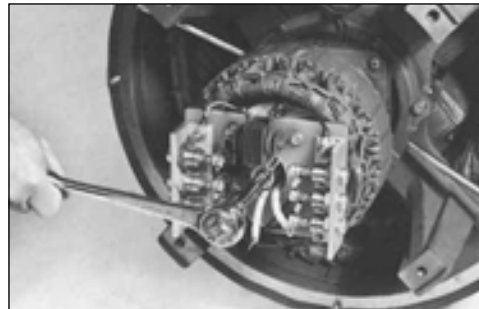


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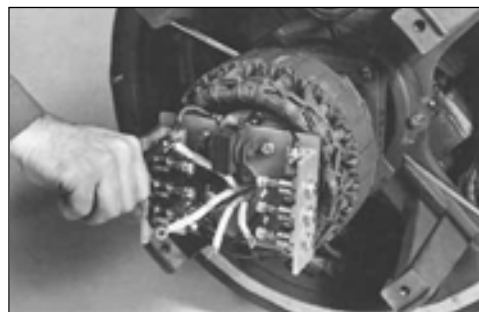


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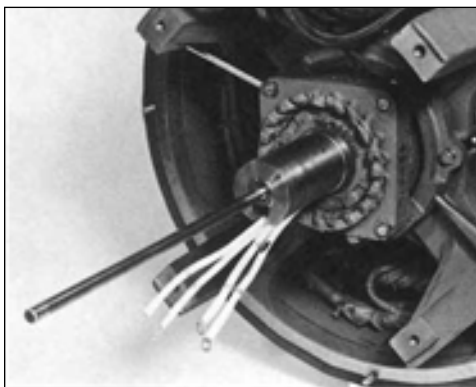


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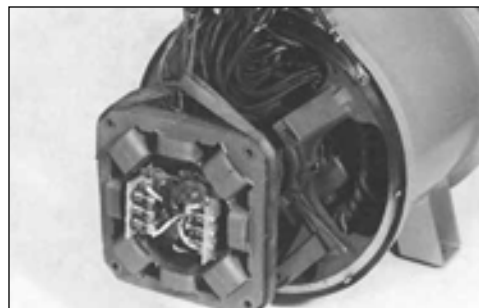


Figure 6-44

## Conduit Box Installation

1. Install the conduit box over the main stator leads (be sure leads are in upper compartment). Secure with bolts and lock washers (figures 6-45 and 6-46).
2. On generators with bus bar assemblies, reassemble main stator leads and insulating blocks to bus bars (figure 6-47).
3. Reconnect exciter leads, PMG leads, and other accessories according to the connection diagrams and markings installed before disassembly.

## Assembly to Prime Mover

1. Attach a suitable hoist to the generator lifting lugs and move the generator until the generator foot mounting holes are aligned with the base and slightly above.
2. a. For single bearing generators, if the screen assembly is mounted on the adapter, remove

the mounting bolts and remove the screen (figure 6-48). (**Note:** Do not remove the drip cover from the screen assembly if so equipped.) Insert two guide pins in the flywheel and two in the flywheel housing. adjust the generator position until the drive discs are piloted in the flywheel. Remove the guide pins and secure the discs with Grade 8 place bolts and hardened washers or Grade 8 capscrews and heavy series lockwashers. Torque per specifications given in section 11.

**⚠ WARNING** Do not apply any force to the generator fan for lifting or rotating the generator rotor. Disregarding these instructions may cause personal injury or equipment damage.

Position the generator so that the SAE adapter mates with the flywheel housing.

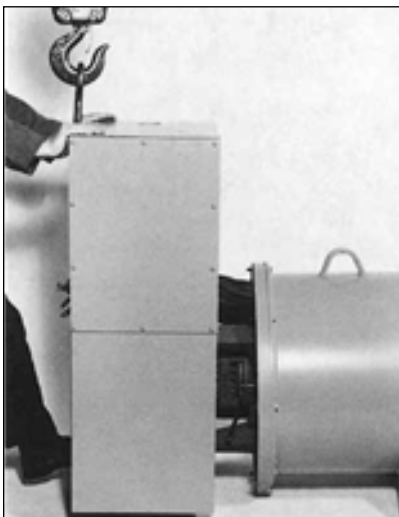


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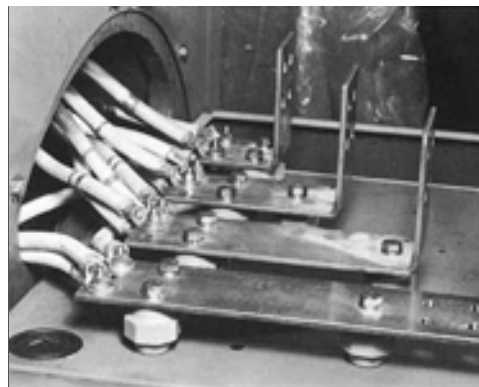


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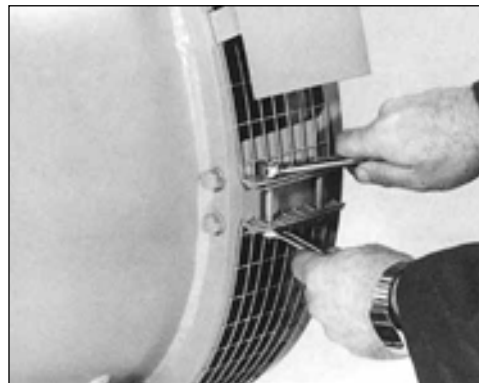


Figure 6-48



**⚠ CAUTION** Do not force the alignment of the units. Shift the generator from side to side or raise or lower with a lifting device as necessary.

It may be necessary to use shims under the mounting feet of either the generator or the prime mover to obtain proper alignment; use the same shims as removed under disassembly or proceed as follows: using the extreme bottom four capscrews, mount the SAE adapter to the flywheel housing. With a .0015 to .002 inch feeler gauge placed at the extreme top of the adapter, between the adapter and flywheel housing, raise the generator or lower the prime mover until the gauge is snug. Relieve just enough to release the feeler gauge and torque the remaining SAE adapter capscrews to the flywheel housing (torque specifications given in section 11).

Mount the screen assembly and tighten the mounting bolts.

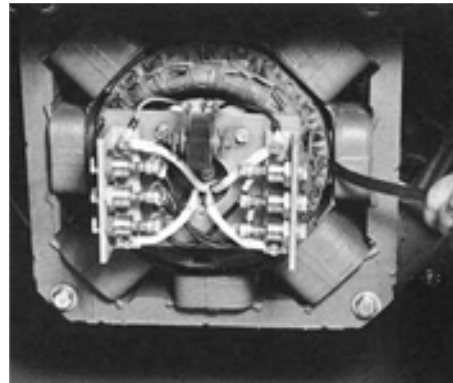
b. For two-bearing generators, align the coupling halves or sheaves between the generator and the prime mover by adding shims under the feet.

3. Shim under the generator feet for proper support, ensuring that the generator mounting surfaces are level.
4. Install the mounting bolts which secure the generator to the base.
5. For two bearing generators, assemble the coupling halves or sheave belts between the generator and the prime mover (follow the coupling manufacturer's instructions for assembly and alignment).
6. Connect all existing conduit or ducting to the conduit box.
7. Connect all external wiring to the generator inside the conduit box.

8. Check the exciter air gap (gap between the exciter armature and stator) by inserting a .010 inch feeler gauge in the gap and rotating it around the armature diameter to ensure that a minimum air gap is available (see figure 6-49). If the feeler gauge cannot be rotated one full revolution, then check for a "cocked" exciter stator or loose stator mounting capscrews.

**Note:** On single bearing units, the exciter air gap cannot be checked properly until the generator is mounted to the prime mover.

9. Install the conduit box covers.



**Figure 6-49**

### Introduction

This section is intended to suggest a systematic approach to locating and correcting generator or regulator malfunctions. The sections are arranged according to the symptoms of the problem. The steps in each section have been arranged in an attempt to:

1. Do the easy checks first.
2. Prevent further damage when troubleshooting a disabled machine.

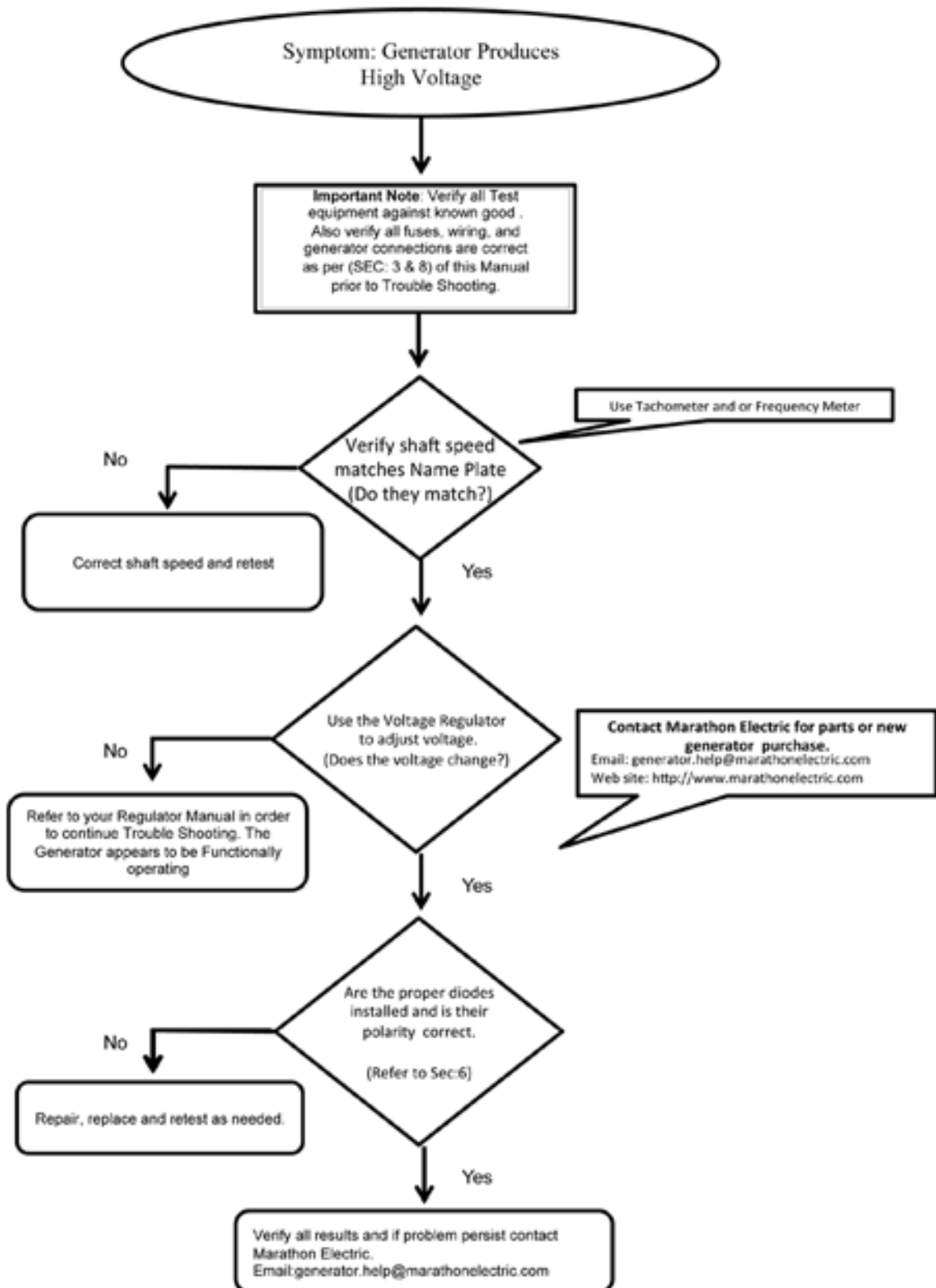
The first and perhaps most important step of troubleshooting should be to gather as much information as possible from personnel who may have been present during the failure. Information on how long the generator had been running, what loads were on the line, weather conditions, what protective equipment operated, etc., can help isolate the problem.

Always make a thorough visual inspection to check for any obvious problems before attempting to run the generator.

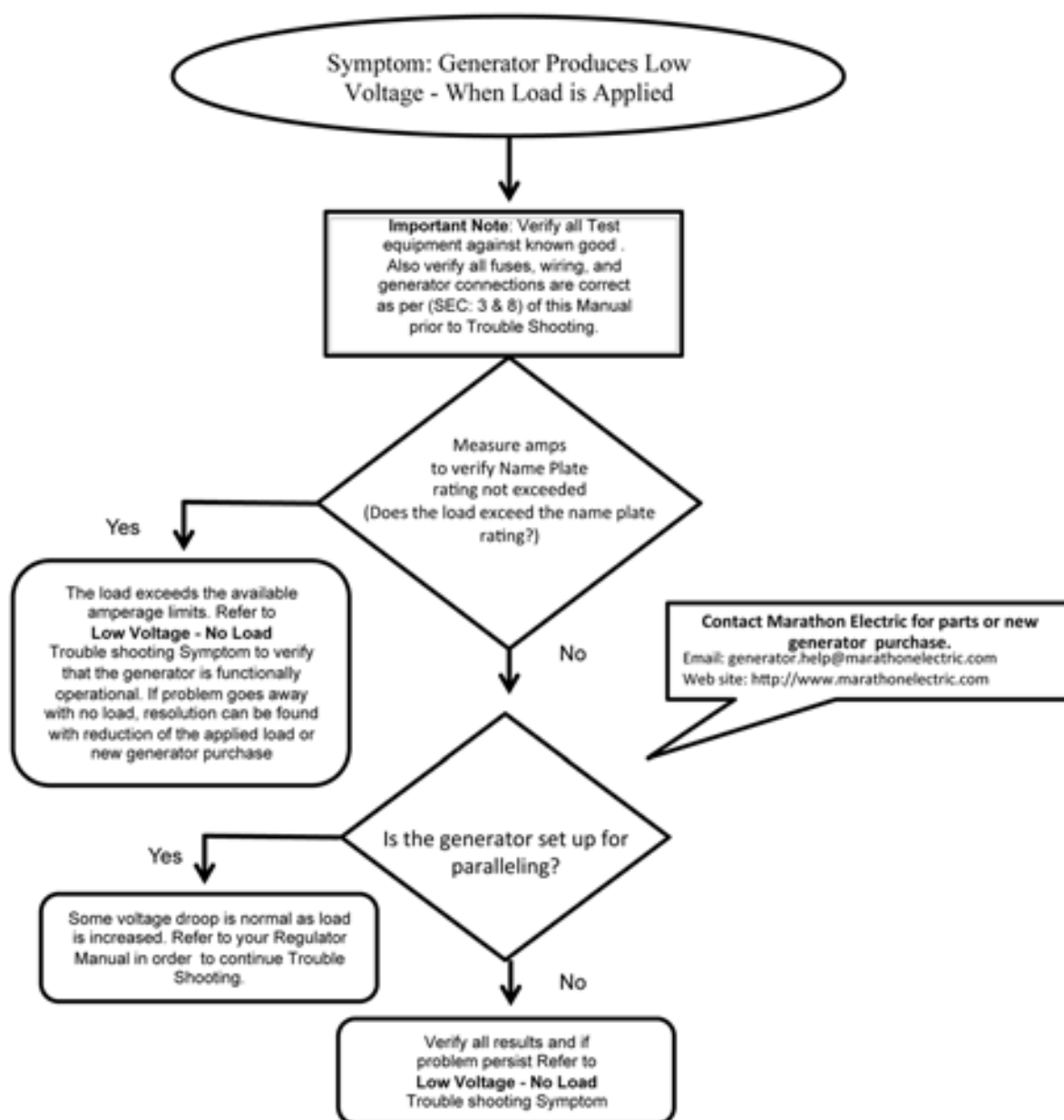
**⚠ WARNING** High voltages can be present at the generator and regulator terminals. High residual voltages can be present even with the regulator disconnected or its fuses removed. Some equipment (such as space heaters) may be energized when the generator is off. tools, equipment, clothing, and your body must be kept clear of rotating parts and electrical connections.

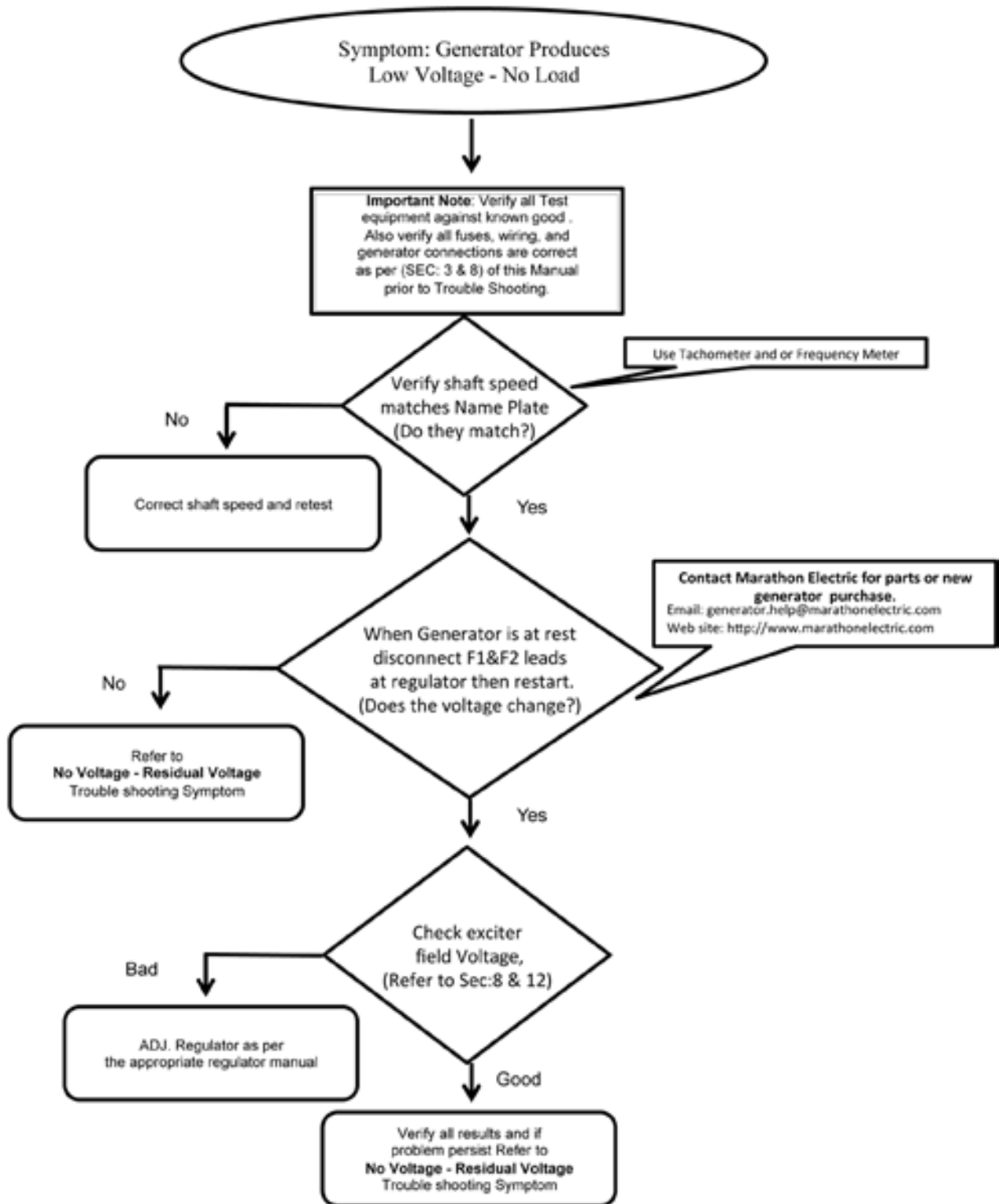
**⚠ WARNING** Special caution must be taken during troubleshooting since protective covers and safety devices may be disabled to gain access and make tests.

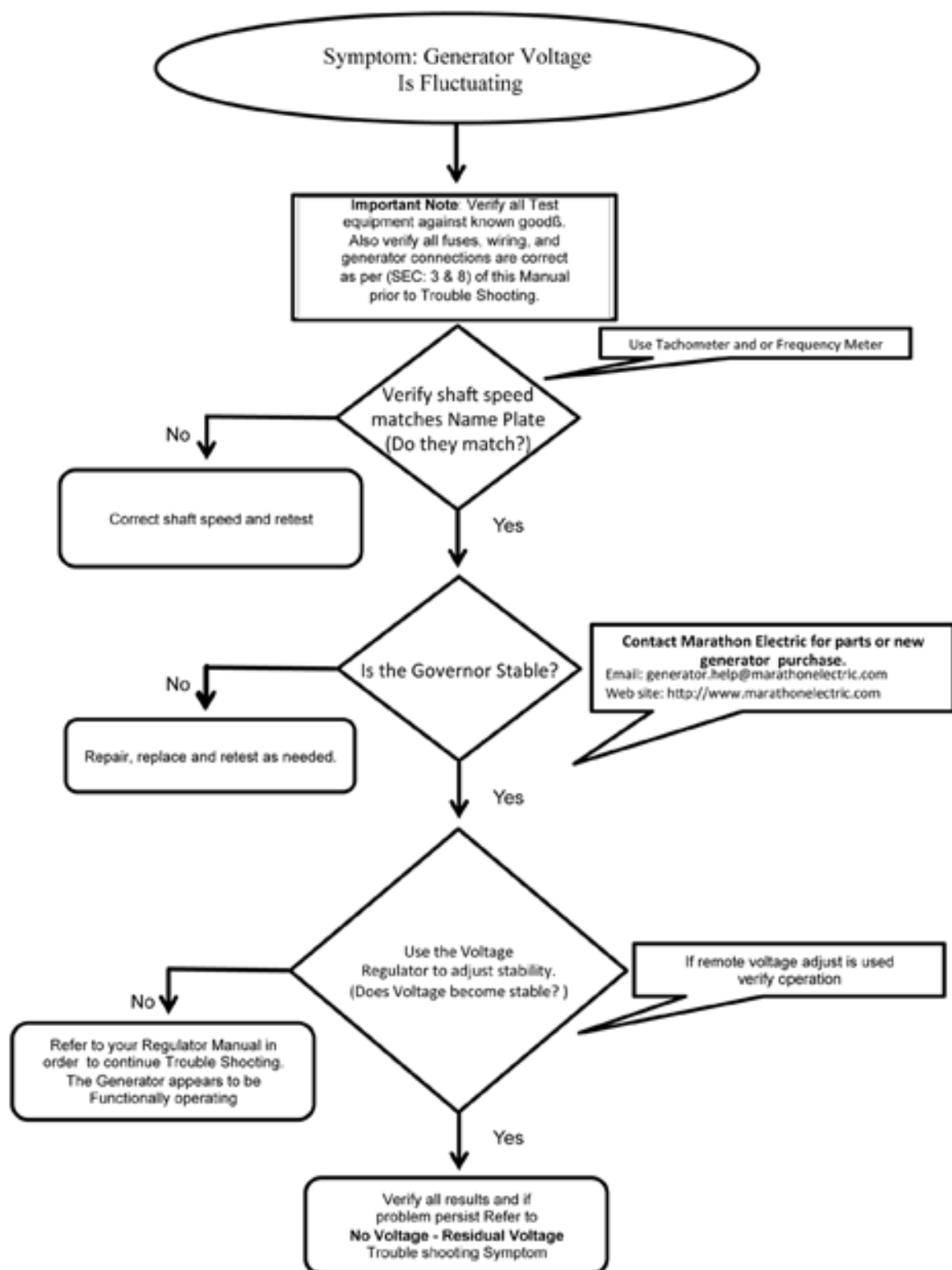
**⚠ WARNING** Be careful. Serious personal injury or death can result from these hazards. Consult qualified personnel with any questions.

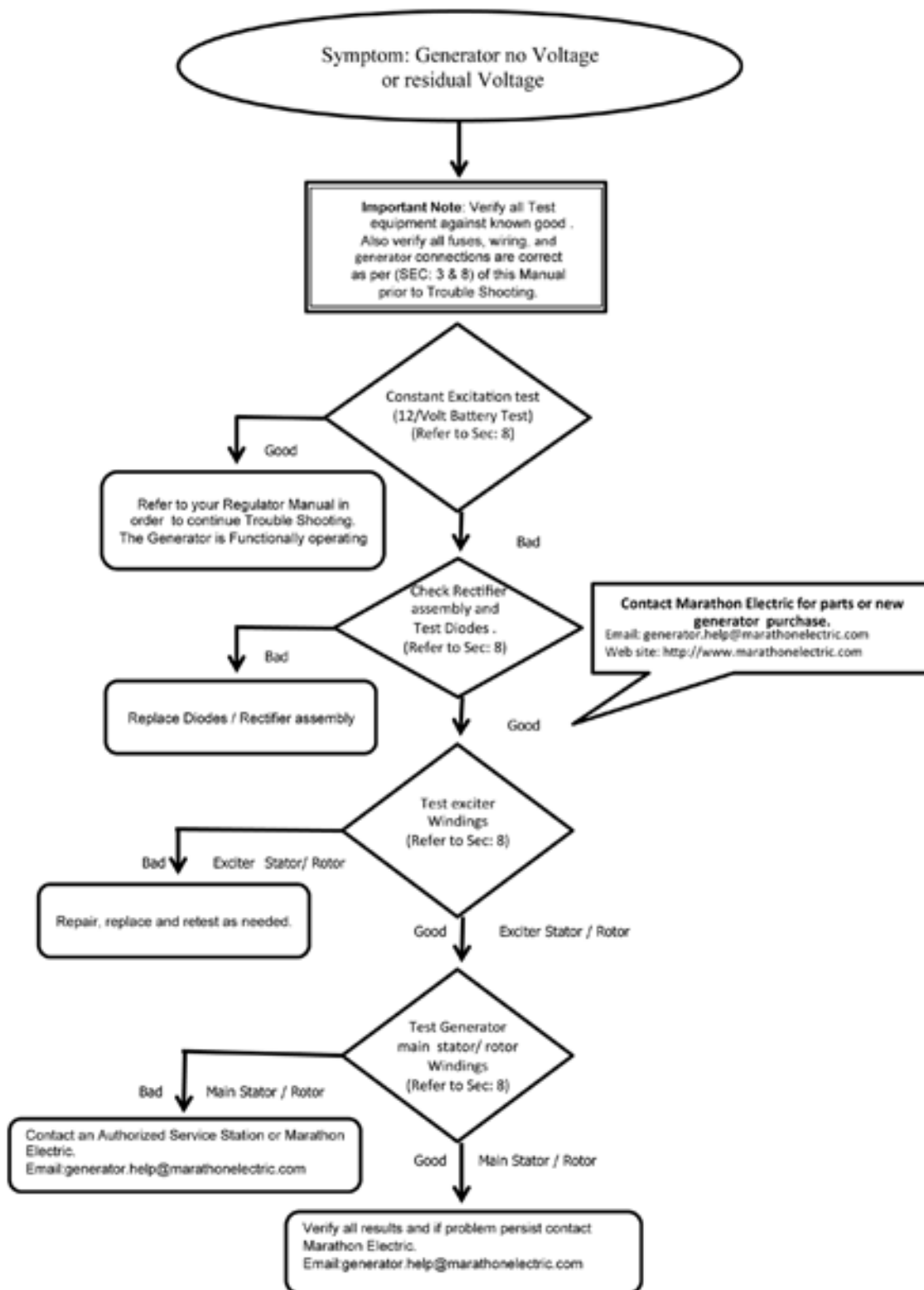


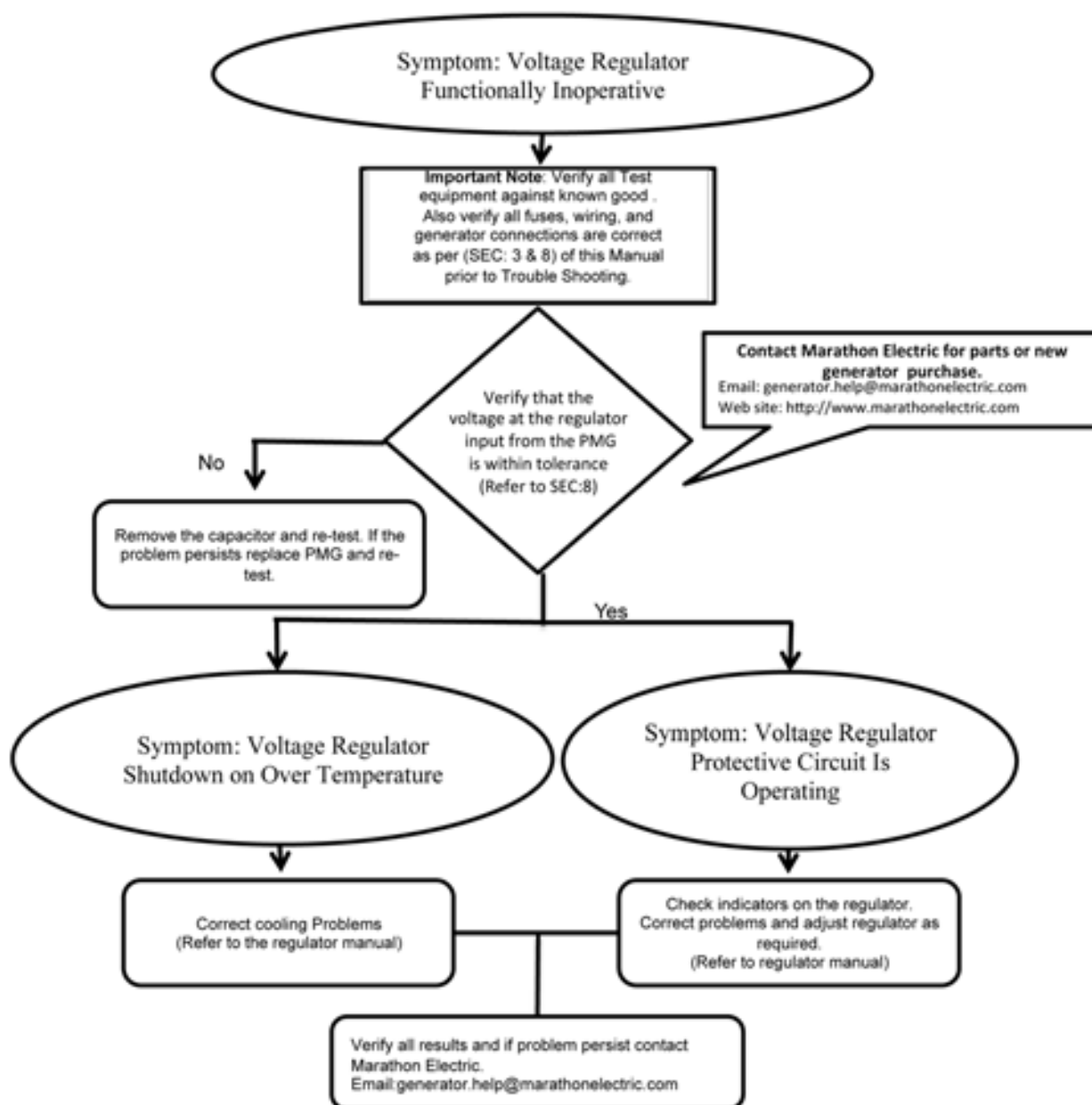


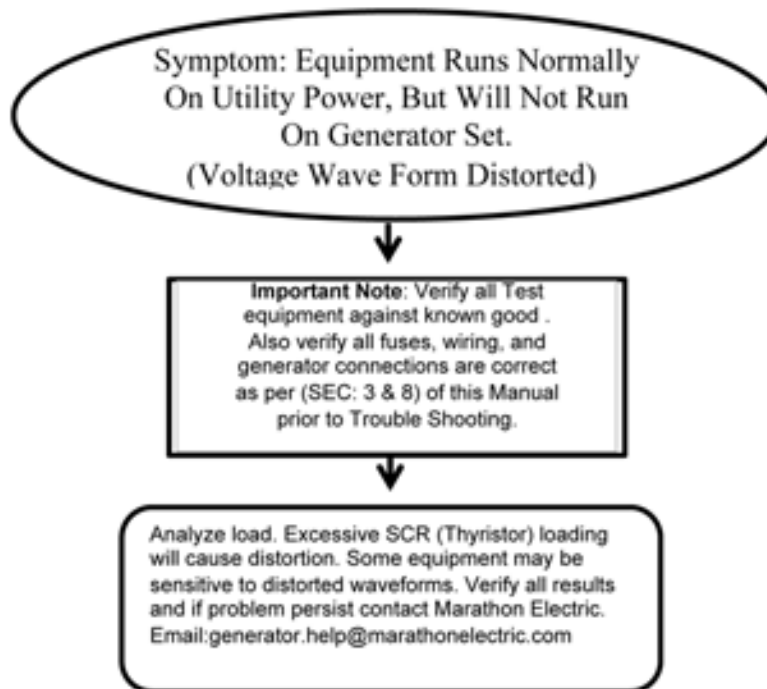












### Visual Inspection

Whenever testing and troubleshooting a generator set, it is always a good practice to make a thorough visual inspection. Remove covers and look for any obvious problems. Burnt windings, broken connectors, leads, mounting brackets, etc., can usually be identified. Look for any loose or frayed insulation, loose or dirty connections, and broken wires. Be sure all wiring is clear of rotating parts.

Verify that the generator is connected for the voltage required. This is especially important on new installations.

Check for any foreign objects, loose nuts, bolts, and electrical connectors. Clear paper, leaves, building materials, etc., that could be sucked into the generator. (Generator is air cooled; air enters the lower portion of the conduit box.) Check the air gap for clearance or obstructions (main generator and exciter).

If possible, rotate the generator rotor by hand to be sure it turns freely.

If serious problems can be identified before attempting to operate the machine, additional damage can be avoided.

### Constant Excitation (12V Battery) Test

**theory:** The generator output voltage is dependent on generator speed, generator design, load, and exciter input current. If the generator speed and exciter input are known, the output voltage at no load can be measured and compared to the design value. Problems can be isolated to either the generator or regulator system by using this test.

#### Test Procedure:

1. Shut the generator set down.
2. Connect a voltmeter to the generator output.
3. Disconnect the F1 and F2 leads at the regulator.
4. Connect a 12 volt battery capable of supplying 1 amp to the F1 and F2 leads. F1 is plus (+), F2 is minus (-).



**Beware of arcing when connecting leads. Stay clear of battery vents. Escaping hydrogen gas can explode. If hazardous conditions exist, use a suitable switch to connect or disconnect the battery.**

5. With no load applied to on the generator (main breakers open), run generator at rated speed (1800 rpm – 60 Hz or 1500 rpm – 50 Hz).
6. Measure the generator output voltage.
7. Shut generator down.
8. Disconnect battery (see preceding CAUTION statement).
9. Contact factory for voltage specification.

**Conclusion:** If voltage readings are normal, the main generator and exciter are operating properly. Troubleshooting should continue with the regulator. If readings are not normal, the problem is in the generator. Continue testing diodes, surge suppressor, and windings.

### Measuring Voltages

When testing the generator and regulator, the most frequent (and usually easiest) measurement will be a voltage. The generator will need to be running at rated speed and may have some of the protective guards and covers removed. **Be Careful.** Keep yourself and your test leads out of the way. It is best to shut the unit down when connecting meters. When using alligator clips or push-on terminals, be sure the leads are supported so vibration does not shake them loose when running the generator set.

See figure 8-1 for measurement points and expected meter range settings. When in doubt, start with a higher range and work down.

Consult meter instruction manual to verify its operation and limitations.

**Figure 8-1: Typical Voltage Measurements**

Voltage Measurement	test Point	Meter/range Selection requirement
Generator Output Voltage	Output “T” leads or bus bars, also main circuit breaker “line” side.	System voltage – volts AC (see generator nameplate and connection diagram).
Regulator Output (Exciter Stator Input)	F1 and F2 terminals at the regulator.	200 volts DC range. F1 is plus (+) and F2 is minus (–).
Regulator Sensing Voltage	E1, E2, and E3 terminals at the regulator.	Usually the same as the system voltage (generator output volts); however, in some cases, sensing is taken from winding center taps or instrument potential transformers. Maximum 600 volts AC. <b>example:</b> Center tap of 480 volt system would give 240 volts at E1, E2, or E3. <b>example:</b> a 4160 volt system must use a transformer to step voltage down below 600 volts. See the connection diagram supplied with generator set.
Regulator Input Volts (PMG Output Volts)	“PMG” leads at the regulator or capacitor.	200-240 VAC 300 Hz @ 1800 rpm 180-220 VAC 250 Hz @ 1500 rpm

### Current (Amp) Measurements

Current measurements (aC) can be easily taken with a clamp-on type meter.

**Note:** Most clamp-on ammeters will not measure DC.

When measuring generator output current, be sure the clamp is around all cables **for each phase**. If the physical size of the conductors or the capacity of the meters will not permit all cables to be measured at once, each one can be measured individually. Add the individual readings together to get the total. Compare readings to the generator nameplate (nameplate ratings are always given per phase).

Amperage should never exceed the nameplate rating when running the intended load (amperage may go above nameplate momentarily when starting large motors).

When measuring exciter field amps (F1 and F2 leads), a DC meter is required. The maximum field current under full regulator forcing is 6.5 amps DC. normal full load reading is approximately 3 amps DC.

### Measuring Resistance

The generator windings can be measured and compared to the values shown in the performance data sheet.

#### Main Stator

The main stator winding resistance is very low. a meter capable of readings in the milliohm range would be required; however, a standard VOM (volt ohm meter) can be used to check for continuity, shorts, or grounds.

**Example:** with leads disconnected, a measurement from T1 to T4 should be very low (continuity on most VOMs). Measured from T1 or T4 to any other lead should be infinite. Measure from the “t” lead to the generator frame to check for grounds (reading should be infinite).

#### Exciter Stator

The exciter stator resistance is measured by disconnecting the F1 and F2 leads at the regulator. Measure the resistance between the leads (this value is 22–24 ohms on standard generators). Measure from the leads to the frame to check for grounds.



**Main rotor**

Note markings and disconnect the main rotor leads (F1 leads and F2 leads) from the rectifier assembly. Measure the resistance of the main rotor winding. Compare reading to value shown in the performance data sheet. Measure from the leads to the exciter mounting bolt to check for grounds.

**Exciter Rotor**

Disconnect the exciter rotor leads at the diodes (leave leads disconnected if proceeding to check diodes). Measure resistance between phases. Compare value to the performance data sheet. Measure from the leads to the exciter mounting bolt to check for grounds.

**Testing Diodes (Rectifiers)**

Diodes perform the function of an “electrical check valve.” They conduct in one direction only and are used to “rectify” AC current into DC current. To test, measure the resistance first in one direction and then reverse the leads and test in the other direction. The reading should be high in the reverse direction and low in the forward direction. a shorted diode will read low in both directions. an open diode will read high in both directions.

**Notes:**

1. Two different polarities of diodes are used. The only difference is in the way the device is mechanically placed in the case. When changing diodes, be sure the correct polarity is used (refer to section 6, figure 6-34).
2. Some meters do not have enough voltage output from their internal batteries to turn the diode on (about 0.6 volts is required), and the voltage can change with different range settings. Consult the instruction manual for your meter.
3. Polarities supplied by the meter’s internal battery may or may not correspond to the (+) (–) markings on the meter.

**Insulation Resistance – General**

Insulation resistance is a measurement of the integrity of the insulating materials that separate the electrical windings from the generator’s steel core. This resistance can degrade over time or due to

contaminants (dust, dirt, oil, grease, and especially moisture). Most winding failures are due to a breakdown in the insulation system. In many cases, low insulation resistance is caused by moisture collected when the generator is shut down. The problem can be corrected simply by drying out the windings (see section 5).

Normally the resistance of the insulation system is on the order of millions of ohms. It is measured with a device called a “megger” which is a megohm meter (meg is for million) and a power supply. The power supply voltage varies, but the most common is 500 volts. a megger voltage over 500 is not recommended, except for measuring medium voltage (2400/4160) stators only.

**⚠ CAUTION** First disconnect any electronic components. Regulators, diodes, surge protectors, protective relays, etc., Will be destroyed if subjected to the high megger voltages.

To measure insulation resistance, connect the red or positive megger lead to the leads for the winding to be tested, connect the black or negative megger lead to the generator frame. Be sure the leads of the part being tested are not touching any metal parts of the generator (if the neutral is grounded, it must be disconnected). Take megger reading (refer to the manual for the megger).

**Insulation Resistance – Main Stator**

**⚠ CAUTION** Be sure the regulator, and any other electric components, metering, protective relays, etc., Are disconnected before meggering. High megger voltages will destroy these parts.

All stator leads must be isolated from ground and connected together (on most systems with grounded neutrals, the neutral can be isolated from ground and used as a test point). Connect the positive megger lead to the main stator leads. Connect the negative megger lead to the generator grounding stud. Take the megohm reading (refer to instructions for the megger).

The minimum acceptable value for random wound coils is 5 megohms. For form wound coils, the value is 100 megohms.

If the reading is below the recommended value, the winding must be dried out or repaired.

### Insulation Resistance – Main Rotor

Disconnect the main rotor leads from the diode bridge on the exciter rotor. Connect the leads together with the positive megger lead. Connect the negative megger lead to a good ground on the rotor assembly such as the exciter mounting bolt. Take the megohm reading (refer to instructions for the megger).

The minimum value is 5 megohms.

If the reading is low, the winding must be dried out or repaired.

### Insulation Resistance – Exciter Stator

Disconnect the exciter leads F1 and F2 from the regulator. never subject the regulator to a megger. Connect F1 and F2 together with the positive megger lead. Connect the negative megger lead to the ground stud. Take the megohm reading (refer to instructions for the megger).

The minimum value is 1.5 megohms.

If the reading is low, the winding must be dried out or repaired.

### Insulation Resistance – Exciter Rotor

Disconnect the exciter rotor windings (6 leads from the diodes). Connect all leads together with the positive megger lead. Connect the negative megger lead to a good ground on the rotor assembly such as the mounting bolt. Take the megohm reading (refer to the instructions for the megger).

The minimum value is 1.5 megohms.

If the reading is low, the winding must be dried out or repaired.

### Main Rotor Field AC Impedance Test

**Theory:** the main rotor resistance can be measured with a very accurate meter that is able to measure low (1 ohm) resistance, but it is difficult to determine if there are turn-to-turn shorts in the field pole windings. One shorted turn would only change a resistance reading on the order of one half of one percent.

The AC impedance test measures the impedance (inductance and resistance) of the field pole coils. Shorted turns in the field pole windings change the coil inductance to a much greater degree than the resistance.

#### Procedure:

**Step 1:** The rotor must be supported on a nonmagnetic surface such as a wooden skid. Do not use a steel table that would create a magnetic "short circuit" between the poles.

**Step 2:** Apply 120 volts AC to disconnected main rotor leads F1 and F2.

**Step 3:** Measure and record voltages across each pole. Between points "a" and "B"; "B" and "C"; "C" and "D"; and "D" and "E" (figure 8-1).

**Step 4:** The voltage readings should balance within one volt.

**Results:** If the AC voltages are not balanced ( $30V \pm 1V$  AC with 120V AC input) across each pole, the winding has shorted turns and should be rewound.

Refer to Marathon Electric for further information.

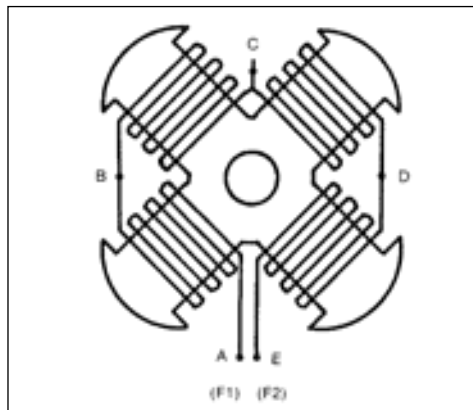


Figure 8-1

# Preparation For Shipment Or Extended Storage

## Section 9

### Shipping Instructions

Shipping and handling will be much easier if the generator is fastened to a suitable shipping skid that will allow handling by a forklift. The skid should extend beyond the generator in all directions. If the original skid is available, it should be used. Marathon Electric will supply shipping skid drawings upon request.

Overseas shipping may require special export crating. Check with your freight carrier.

When installed, single bearing generator rotors are supported on the drive end by the drive discs bolted to the engine flywheel. When the engine is removed, the rotor must be supported by an appropriate fixture to prevent main rotor, main stator, or exciter damage (figure 10-1). Before shipping any single bearing generator, the main rotor must be supported by the adapter using an appropriate fixture.

**CAUTION** Do not attempt to transport any generator without proper rotor support. Extensive equipment damage can occur.

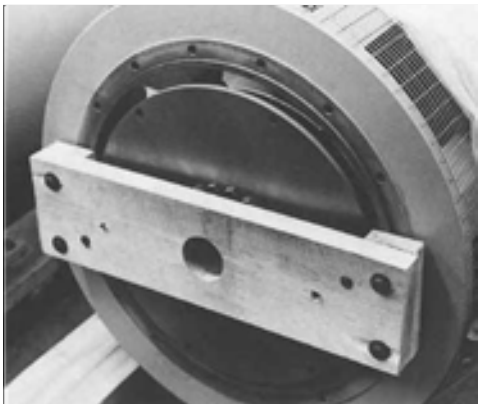


Figure 10-1

### Storage Instructions

If the generator or gen-set is placed into storage, the following precautions should be taken to protect it:

- A. Equipment must be kept clean.
  - 1. Store indoors.
  - 2. Keep covered to eliminate airborne dust and dirt.
  - 3. Cover openings for ventilation, conduit connections, etc., to prevent entry of rodents, snakes, birds, insects, etc.
- B. Equipment must be kept dry.
  - 1. Store in a dry area indoors.
  - 2. Temperature swings should be minimal to prevent condensation.
  - 3. If stored in an unheated or damp building, space heaters will be required to prevent internal condensation.
  - 4. Treat unpainted flanges, shafts, drive discs, and fittings with a rust inhibitor.
  - 5. Check insulation resistance of all windings **before** starting the generator. If readings are low, the windings must be dried (see section 5).
- C. Keep bearings lubricated.
  - 1. Every six months, rotate shaft several turns to distribute grease in bearings.
  - 2. If unit has been stored more than one year, add grease before start-up.
- D. Review and follow instructions in sections 3 and 4 before putting the gen-set into service.

**WARNING** The following statement is only applicable to high voltage generators (above 5000 V). A grounding strap is supplied from the generator neutral to ground. This grounding strap not only bleeds off any voltage potential on the main stator after the high potential test, but also bleeds off any static charge that can build-up on the main stator during shipment and storage. **THIS GROUND STRAP IS NOT A PERMANENT PART OF THE GENERATOR CONSTRUCTION. REMOVE THIS GROUND STRAP ONLY AFTER A PERMANENT GROUND IS INSTALLED ON THE GENERATOR MAIN STATOR (not supplied by Marathon Electric), OR THE GENERATOR FINAL INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE.**

**Table 11-1: MAGNAPOWER® – Fastener & Torque Specifications**

Part Description	Fastener Spec.③	1020 Frame		1030 Frame	
		Size① Dia.–Thread	Torque② Ft-Lb	Size① Dia.–Thread	Torque② Ft-Lb
Front Bracket	Grade 5 capscrews with flat and lock washers	1/2-13	60	1/2-13	60
Bearing Caps	Grade 5 capscrews with lock washers	3/8-16	25	3/8-16	25
Drive Disc	Grade 8 capscrews with hardened washers	5/8-18	192	5/8-18	192
adapter (or Rear Bracket)	Grade 5 capscrews with flat and lock washers	1/2-13	60	1/2-13	60
Conduit Box	Grade 5 capscREW with star type lock washer	1/2-13	60	1/2-13	60
PMG Stator	Grade 5 capscrews with belleville washers	1/4-20	6	1/4-20	6
Exciter Stator	Grade 5 capscrews with belleville washers	1/2-13	60	1/2-13	60
Exciter armature (Rotor)	Grade 8 capscREW with belleville washer	3/4-10	300	3/4-10	300
Cooling Fan	Grade 5 capscrews with belleville washers	1/2-13	60	1/2-13	60
Main Rotor Coil	Grade 8 capscrews with belleville washers	5/8-11	168	5/8-11	168
Rectifier assembly Mounting	Grade 5 capscrews	1/4-20	6	1/4-20	6
Drive Hub Set Screw	Socket head set screw – 1/4 in. hex key	1/2-13	50	1/2-13	50




**NOTES:**

① All fasteners are SAE (American) standard.

② All torque values are for plated hardware which is standard on the MAGNAPOWER  
If hardware is replaced with non-plated, refer to Table 11-2.

③ Always use quality hardware of the grade specified.

**Table 11-2: Capscrew Torque Values**

Capscrew Dia. and Ultimate Tensile Strength (PSI)	To 1/2 – 69,000 PSI To 3/4 – 64,000 PSI To 1 – 55,000 PSI			To 3/4 – 120,000 PSI To 1 – 115,000 PSI			150,000 PSI		
SAE Grade number	1 or 2			5			8		
Capscrew Head Markings									
Capscrew Body Size (Inches) – (Thread)	Torque Ft-Lb (N-m)			Torque Ft-Lb (N-m)			Torque Ft-Lb (N-m)		
	Dry	Oiled	Plated	Dry	Oiled	Plated	Dry	Oiled	Plated
1/4 - 20	5 (7)	4.5 (6)	4 (5)	8 (11)	7 (9)	6 (8)	12 (16)	11 (15)	10 (14)
- 28	6 (8)	5.4 (7)	4.8 (6)	10 (14)	9 (12)	8 (11)	14 (19)	13 (18)	11 (15)
5/16 - 18	11 (15)	10 (14)	9 (12)	17 (23)	15 (20)	14 (19)	24 (33)	22 (30)	19 (26)
- 24	13 (18)	12 (16)	10 (14)	19 (26)	17 (23)	15 (20)	27 (37)	24 (33)	22 (30)
3/8 - 16	18 (24)	16 (22)	14 (19)	31 (42)	28 (38)	25 (34)	44 (60)	40 (54)	35 (47)
- 24	20 (27)	18 (24)	16 (22)	35 (47)	32 (43)	28 (38)	49 (66)	44 (60)	39 (53)
7/16 - 14	28 (38)	25 (34)	22 (30)	49 (66)	44 (60)	39 (53)	70 (95)	63 (85)	56 (76)
- 20	30 (41)	27 (37)	24 (33)	55 (75)	50 (68)	44 (60)	78 (106)	70 (95)	62 (84)
1/2 - 13	39 (53)	35 (47)	31 (42)	75 (102)	68 (92)	60 (81)	105 (142)	95 (129)	84 (114)
- 20	41 (56)	37 (50)	33 (45)	85 (115)	77 (104)	68 (92)	120 (163)	108 (146)	96 (130)
9/16 - 12	51 (69)	46 (62)	41 (56)	110 (149)	99 (134)	88 (119)	155 (210)	140 (190)	124 (168)
- 18	55 (75)	50 (68)	44 (60)	120 (163)	108 (146)	96 (130)	170 (230)	153 (207)	136 (184)
5/8 - 11	83 (113)	75 (102)	66 (89)	150 (203)	135 (183)	120 (163)	210 (285)	189 (256)	168 (228)
- 18	95 (129)	86 (117)	76 (103)	170 (230)	153 (207)	136 (184)	240 (325)	216 (293)	192 (260)
3/4 - 10	105 (142)	95 (130)	84 (114)	270 (366)	243 (329)	216 (293)	375 (508)	338 (458)	300 (407)
- 16	115 (156)	104 (141)	92 (125)	295 (400)	266 (361)	236 (320)	420 (569)	378 (513)	336 (456)
7/8 - 9	160 (217)	144 (195)	128 (174)	395 (535)	356 (483)	316 (428)	605 (820)	545 (739)	484 (656)
- 14	175 (237)	158 (214)	140 (190)	435 (590)	392 (531)	348 (472)	675 (915)	608 (824)	540 (732)
1 - 8	235 (319)	212 (287)	188 (255)	590 (800)	531 (720)	472 (640)	910 (1234)	819 (1110)	728 (987)
- 14	250 (339)	225 (305)	200 (271)	660 (895)	594 (805)	528 (716)	990 (1342)	891 (1208)	792 (1074)

## NOTES:

① Capscrews threaded into aluminum may require reductions in torque of 30% or more.

# Generator Formulas

## Generator Formulas<sup>①</sup>

To Find	Known Values	Three Phase
kW	Volts, Current, Power Factor	$\frac{E \times I \times 1.73 \times PF}{1000} = kVA \times PF$
kVA	Volts, Current	$\frac{E \times I \times 1.73}{1000} = \frac{kW}{PF}$
RkVA	Volts, Current, Power Factor	$\frac{E \times I \times 1.73 \times \sqrt{1 - (PF)^2}}{1000}$
HP – Engine Output	Generator kW Generator Efficiency Radiator Cooling Fan HP Battery Charging Generator HP	$\frac{kW}{\text{Efficiency} \times .746} + \frac{\text{Rad. Cooling Fan HP}}{\text{Efficiency}} + \frac{\text{Bat. Chg. Gen. HP}}{\text{Efficiency}}$
kW – Required for Motor	Motor HP, Eff.	$\frac{HP \times .746}{\text{Efficiency}}$
kVA – Required for Motor	Motor HP, Eff., Power Factor	$\frac{HP \times .746}{\text{Efficiency} \times PF}$
Amps	HP, Volts	$\frac{HP \times .746}{1.73 \times E \times \text{Efficiency} \times PF}$
Amps	kW, Volts, Power Factor	$\frac{kW \times 1000}{E \times 1.73 \times PF}$
Amps	kVA, Volts	$\frac{kVA \times 1000}{E \times 1.73}$
Frequency (Hz)	rpm, Poles	$\frac{rpm \times \text{Poles}}{2 \times 60}$
Poles	Hz, rpm	$\frac{2 \times 60 \times \text{Hz}}{rpm}$
rpm	Hz, Poles	$\frac{2 \times 60 \times \text{Hz}}{\text{Poles}}$
Torque ( ft•lbs)	kW, Eff, rpm	$\frac{kW \times 7037.5}{\text{Efficiency} \times rpm}$

① E = Volts  
I = Current (amps)  
PF = Power Factor



# Warnings & Cautions



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please Read Carefully



This document is not intended to provide operational instructions. appropriate Marathon Electric instructions provided with the generator and precautions attached to the generator should be read carefully prior to installation, operations and/or maintenance of the equipment. Injury to personnel or generator failure may be caused by improper installation, maintenance or operation.

The following  and  information is supplied to you for your protection and to provide you with many years of trouble free and safe operation of your marathon electric product:

### WARNING

- Buyer shall be solely responsible for determining the adequacy of the product for any and all uses to which Buyer shall apply the product. The application by Buyer shall not be subject to any implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose.
- For safety, Buyer or User should provide protective guards over all shaft extensions and any moving apparatus mounted thereon. The User is responsible for checking all applicable safety codes in his area and providing suitable guards. Failure to do so may result in bodily injury and/or damage to equipment.
- Hot oil can cause severe burns. Use extreme care when removing lubrication plugs.
- Disconnect power and lock out drive equipment before working on a generator.
- Always keep hands and clothing away from moving parts.
- The lifting eyes on the generator are not to be used to lift the entire generator set. Only the generator may be safely lifted by the lifting eyes. Do not use the conduit box for lifting or support of the generator.
- Install and ground the generator per local and national codes.
- Discharge all capacitors before servicing the generator.
- Misapplication of a generator in a hazardous environment can cause fire or an explosion and result in serious injury.
- Never attempt to measure the temperature rise of a generator by touch. Temperature rise must be measured by thermometer, resistance, imbedded detector or thermocouple.
- Operation of a generator at higher than its nameplate ratings may result in fire, damage to equipment or serious injury to personnel.
- Do not apply any force to the generator fan when rotating the generator rotor.
- Generators should not be operated faster than their rated speed.
- The following statement is only applicable to high voltage generators (above 5000 V). A grounding strap is supplied from the generator neutral to ground. This grounding strap not only bleeds off any voltage potential on the main stator after the high potential test, but also bleeds off any static charge that can build-up on the main stator during shipment and storage. THIS GROUND STRAP IS NOT A PERMANENT PART OF THE GENERATOR CONSTRUCTION. REMOVE THIS GROUND STRAP ONLY AFTER A PERMANENT GROUND IS INSTALLED ON THE GENERATOR MAIN STATOR (not supplied by Marathon Electric), OR THE GENERATOR FINAL INSTALLATION IS COMPLETE.

### CAUTION

- Mounting bolts should be routinely checked to ensure that the unit is firmly anchored for proper operation.
- Consult qualified personnel with questions. all electrical repairs must be performed by trained and qualified personnel only.
- For inverter applications, follow the inverter manufacturer's installation guidelines.
- Make sure the generator is properly secured and aligned before operation.
- When installing the generator, insure that loose parts or tools do not fall inside the generator.
- When connecting the generator, be sure to follow the correct wiring diagram for the desired voltage. Insure that the voltage regulator is connected per the wiring diagram.

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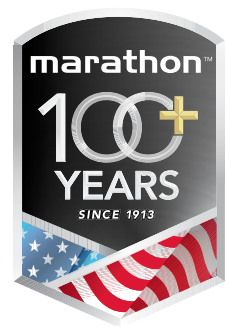
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