Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

Save This Manual Keep this manual for the safety warnings and precautions, assembly, operating, inspection, maintenance and cleaning procedures.

Keep this manual and the receipt in a safe and dry place for future reference.



6 VOLT / 12 VOLT

BATTERY LOAD TESTER



When unpacking, make sure that the product is intact and undamaged.

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Tools required for assembly and service may not be included.

AWARNING

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. SAVE THIS MANUAL.

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WARNING SYMBOLS AND DEFINITIONS		
A	This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.	
▲ DANGER	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.	
AWARNING	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.	
ACAUTION	Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.	
NOTICE CAUTION	Addresses practices not related to personal injury.	

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO A RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK, OR INJURY TO PERSONS

WARNING – When using tools, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Wear ANSI-approved safety goggles during set up and use of the Battery Tester.
- Test in a well ventilated area.
 Explosive gases may be produced during testing.
 Do not smoke, cause sparks, or strike matches near the battery when testing.
- Refer to the user manual of the Battery being tested for testing instructions and precautions prior to using the Battery Tester.
- 4. Do not connect in reverse polarity.
- 5. Do not expose this product to rain or wet conditions.
- Maintain this product. Check for breakage of parts and any other condition that may affect this product's operation. If damaged, have the unit repaired before use.

- Use this product in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.
 Use of this product for operations different from those intended could result in a hazardous situation.
- 8. This product is not a toy. Keep it out of reach of children.
- 9. Maintain labels and nameplates on the unit. These carry important safety information.
- 10. People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use. Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. Caution is necessary when near coil, spark plug cables, or distributor of running engine. Engine should be off during distributor adjustment.
- Undercharged lead-acid batteries will freeze during cold weather.
 Do not test or charge a frozen battery.

- 12. When connecting the Battery Cables to the battery, avoid creating sparks; especially when the battery is being charged. Explosive gases are created during charging. Sparking could also damage the vehicle electrical system.
- 13. Do not touch the cooling vents on the Battery Tester during or immediately after testing the battery. They become very hot.
- 14. When placing the Battery Tester in the vehicle's engine compartment, take special care that the metal housing of the Tester does not come in contact with either terminal of the battery or other electrical connections.
- 15. Be certain of the test battery polarity before connecting the test Cable Clamps. The red Cable Clamp goes to the positive terminal of the battery. The black Cable Clamp goes to the negative terminal of the battery. Reversing Battery Tester Cable Clamps on the battery will damage the tester.

- 16. Do not drop the Battery Tester as it may affect proper operation.
- 17. Do not smoke or have open flames near the battery.
- Do not connect the Battery Tester to the battery while the engine is running. Turn the engine off before connecting.
- 19. The warnings and precautions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.



Specifications

Testing Capability	6 and 12 VDC battery tester
Load Test Capacity	100 amps; 500 ~ 1000 cold cranking amps
Display Meters	Analog, 0 ~ 16 VDC (max.)
Test Cycle	10 seconds per test with 1 minute cool down; 3 tests in 5 minutes
Battery Cable	16-3/4 IN. long including clamps
Clamps	Copper plated clamps

Operating Instructions



Read the <u>ENTIRE</u> IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

Testing the Battery

- 1. To help ensure a good connection, wipe the battery terminals with a cloth to remove any dirt and grease.
- 2. Connect the red (positive) Cable Clamp to the positive terminal (+) on the 6 or 12V lead-acid battery.
- 3. Connect the black (negative) Cable Clamp to the negative terminal (–) on the battery. Turn clamps slightly to ensure a good connection.
- 4. With the clamps connected, the tester's gauge will show the battery's current charge. If it is less than 12V, disconnect the battery and recharge before testing.

- If the recharging will not bring the reading above 12V, the battery is defective. If it shows no reading, verify that the tester is connected properly. If the tester is connected properly, the battery is defective.
- 5. Press (and hold) the Switch for at least 5 seconds to simulate an actual load on the battery.
- View the Meter Display and read the battery condition. Refer to the "Battery Condition Analysis" chart on page 5.
- 7. Release the Switch and remove the Cable Clamps from the battery.

Testing the Charging System

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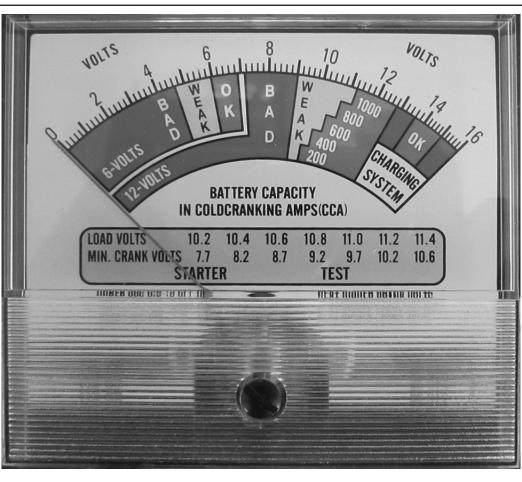
AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. This gas comes from the vehicle's exhaust and is colorless and odorless. It can cause SERIOUS INJURY or DEATH if inhaled.

- 1. Connect the Cable Clamps to the battery as previously described.
- Outside, or in a well ventilated area, start the vehicle engine and run at fast idle speed.
- View the Meter Display and read the charging system condition (far right on the gauge). Refer to the "Battery Condition Analysis" section to the right.
- 4. Turn vehicle's engine off, then remove Cable Clamps.

Testing the Starter

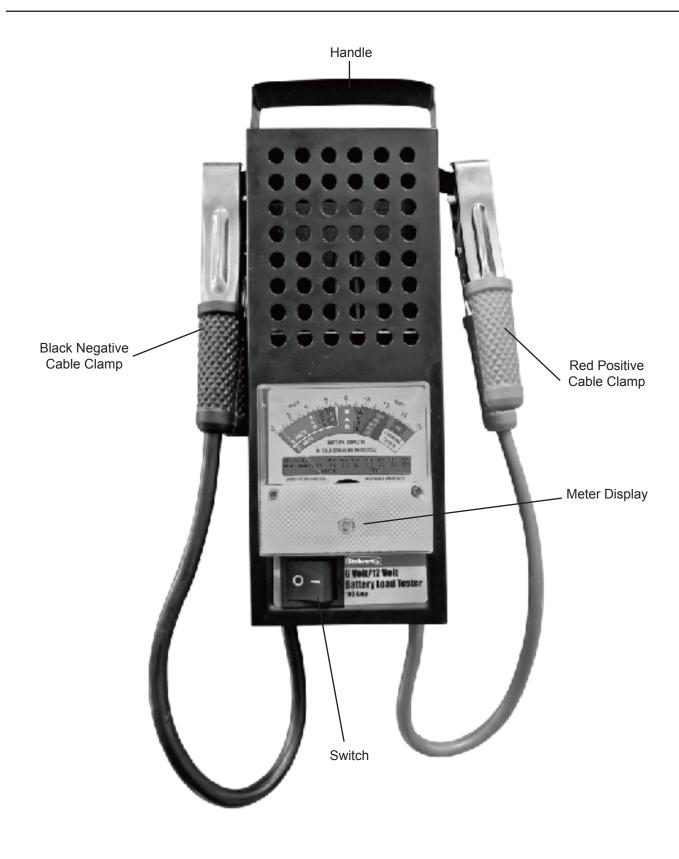
NOTE: The engine should be at normal operating temperature and the battery should be **fully charged** before doing this test.

- 1. Connect the Cable Clamps to the battery as previously described.
- 2. Disable the ignition so the engine will not start. (Refer to your vehicle's manual.)
- Have an assistant crank the engine. Note the voltage reading during cranking.
- 4. View the Meter Display and read the voltage. A reading of 9 Volts or less indicates excessive current draw. This may be due to a poor connection, a failing starter, or a battery of insufficient size for the motor.
- 5. When finished, disconnect the Cable Clamps, restore ignition and store tool in a clear, dry location away from children.



Meter Display

Load Test / 15 Seconds (Display Reading)	Battery Condition
OK (Green Area)	Battery capacity is good. May or may not be fully charged. Check the charge state by testing the Specific Gravity (SG) with a Hydrometer (not included). If SG is less than full charge, check for possible charging system trouble. Recharge to full level.
Weak (Yellow Area)	If the Display Meter needle is steady, the battery capacity is not good. Battery may be defective or partly discharged. Check SG. If over 1.225, the battery is defective. If below 1.225, recharge battery and retest. If there is a difference in SG between cells over 2 points (0.025), a particular cell may be damaged. If charging does not bring SG to full charge level, then battery is either sulfated or has lost its active material.
Bad (Red Area)	If the Display Meter needle is falling, the battery is defective or has a bad cell. For a quick check, release the load Toggle Switch and note Display Meter reaction. If voltage recovers to its full potential after only a few seconds, the battery is probably defective. If the voltage recovers slowly, the battery may only be run down. Check SG, recharge and retest.
Charging System (Alt. & Reg Test)	If the Display Meter needle reads OK, charging system is functional. If it falls on the low red or high red areas, charging system may be malfunctioning.



User-Maintenance Instructions



Procedures not specifically explained in this manual must be performed only by a qualified technician.

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TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL OPERATION: Do not use damaged equipment. If abnormal noise or vibration, occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.

Inspection, Maintenance, and Cleaning

Note: These procedures are <u>in addition to</u> the regular checks and maintenance explained as part of the regular operation of the air-operated tool.

- 1. Periodically check all nuts, bolts, and screws for tightness.
- 2. Store in a clean, dry location.
- 3. Clean the outside of the unit with a damp cloth. Never use solvents to clean any parts of this tool. **Allow tool to dry completely before use.**
- 4. Use compressed air to blow out debris from the load vents.
- 5. After each use, clean the Cable Clamps of any possible battery electrolyte. Apply a thin coat of silicon grease to prevent corrosion.