



# POWER TAKE-OFF ROTATING ARMATURE GENERATORS

## INSTALLATION, OPERATION, and MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS



15KW-SERIES 15PTOF (1 PHASE)  
20KW-SERIES 20PTOF (3 PHASE)



25KW-SERIES 25PTOC

**Attention:** Read all instructions in this manual before attempting to install, operate, or service your WINCO generator. This manual covers all WINCO Rotating Armature Type PTO Generators.

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## General Information

### Description

These rotating armature power take-off generators are designed primarily for farm use as a standby electrical power supply, utilizing the power take-off of a tractor or truck as the prime mover. The generator can be permanently installed on a foundation or mounted on a trailer. The portable trailer-mounted unit can be used to provide electrical power to machinery and outbuildings where commercial power is not accessible.

Before any generator is shipped from the factory, it is thoroughly checked for peak performance. The generator has been run a minimum of 20 minutes to seat the brushes for good electrical contact. The generator has been loaded to its full rated capacity, and the voltage, frequency, and current checked.

**NOTE:** The prime mover which drives the generator must be capable of delivering approximately 2.2 H.P. per 1000 watts output from the generator.

### Safety Information

#### CAUTION: Possible damage to equipment



Caution notes indicate any condition or practice, which if not strictly observed or remedied, could result in damage or destruction of the equipment.

#### WARNING: Personal danger



Warning notes indicate any condition or practice, which if not strictly observed, could result in personal injury or possible loss of life.

 Despite the safe design of this generator, operating it imprudently, neglecting its maintenance, or being careless with it can cause serious injury or death. This generator is powerful enough to deliver a fatal electric shock. Allow only a responsible and capable person to operate this generator.

1. Do not allow anyone to operate the generator without proper instruction.
2. Guard against electric shock.
3. Avoid touching live terminals or receptacles.
4. Be extremely careful if operating this generator in rain or snow.
5. Do not make or break electrical receptacle connections under load.
6. Use only grounded receptacles and extension cords.
7. This generator must be properly grounded.
8. Hot engine parts, moving parts, and generator output all can seriously injure the generator operator. The operator must use caution and remain alert when using this generator.
9. Provide safety guards for all drive systems.
10. Keep all safety guards and power shields in position and tightly secured.
11. When operating this generator, do not wear neckties, loose articles of clothing, or anything else that can be caught in moving parts.
12. Engine exhaust fumes are poisonous. Do not inhale them. Provide adequate ventilation if prime mover for generator is gas or diesel engine. Be sure generator itself is well ventilated.
13. The generator manufacturer recommends that only qualified electrical technicians be allowed to service (install, maintain, repair, or replace parts) this generator, and that only factory approved repair parts be used in it.
14. Do not work on this generator when fatigued.
15. Use extreme caution when working on electrical components. High generator output can cause injury or death.
16. Installing and wiring a home-standby generator installation is not a "do it yourself" project. Consult a qualified, licensed electrician or contractor. The installation must comply with all national, state, and local codes.
17. Excessive noise is tiring, and continual exposure to it can cause some degree of temporary and permanent hearing loss. Muffle engine noise with the best available noise suppression equipment; wear noise protection devices when necessary.
18. Keep the generator and the area around it clean. Remove all material that can create slippery conditions, such as grease, water, ice, and snow. Also remove oily rags and other flammable material from the area.
19. Keep a fire extinguisher near the generator. Extinguishers rated ABC by the NFPA are appropriate for this use. Consult the local fire department if you have questions regarding fire extinguisher ratings. Keep the extinguisher properly maintained and be familiar with its proper use.

## Unpacking

**NOTE: DO NOT invert generator during unpacking. Gearcase contains oil.**

Unpack the generator as follows:

1. Remove strapping from carton.
2. Lift off carton.
3. Remove the small subpack carton.
4. Open the subpack carton and make sure it contains:
  - a. One generator instruction manual
  - b. One octopus plug (disassembled, in bag) model 25PTOC. One range/welding plug, 15 and 20 PTO models.
  - c. One quality control inspection tag.

### Octopus Plug Assembly

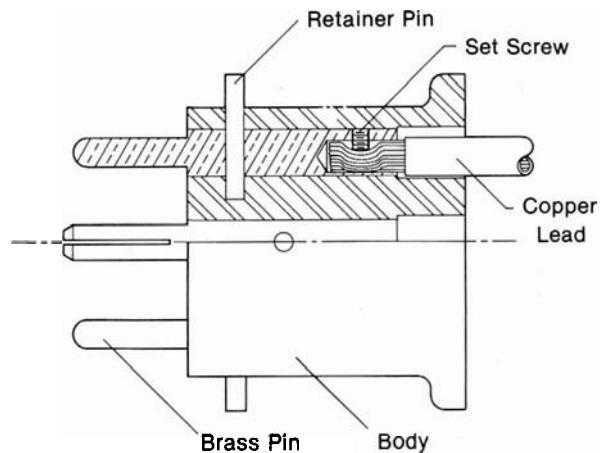


Figure 1

5. Remove the four bolts which hold down the generator feet to the pallet. (A six inch crescent wrench is suitable for this job.)
6. Lift the generator from the pallet by means of the lifting eye on the top of the generator.
7. Inspect the generator carefully for freight loss or damage. If loss or damage is noted at time of delivery, require that the person making the delivery make note of the loss or damage on the freight bill, or sign the consigner's memo of the loss or damage. Contact the carrier for claim procedures.

When loss or damage is noted after delivery, segregate the damaged material, and contact the carrier for claim procedures.

"Concealed damage" means damage to the contents of a package which is not evident when the package is delivered by the carrier, but which is discovered later. The carrier or carriers are responsible for merchandise lost or damaged in transit. The title to

the goods rests with the consignee when the goods are shipped FOB factory, and only the consignee can legally file claims. Two years are allowed in which to file suit after a claim is disallowed in writing by the carrier.

### Assembly

The only assembly required after unpacking the generator is to assemble and/or wire the plugs packed in the subpack carton, packed in the generator carton. The octopus plug provided with the 25PTOC is packed in a bag.

The bag contains an instruction sheet, a plug body, three brass pins (large pin for neutral), and a manila envelope. The envelope contains an allen wrench, three retainer pins, and three set screws.

To assemble and wire the octopus plug, proceed as follows. See *Figure 1*.

1. Cut lead cables to the required length.
2. Strip off insulation 7/8" back from one end of each cut-to-length cable.
3. Start a set screw into each pin.
4. Insert the stripped end of one cable fully into one of the brass pins, and tighten the set screw firmly to secure the cable end in the pin.

#### CAUTION

If cable-to-pin connection is loose, arcing and heat damage to equipment can result.

5. Insert the brass pin (with cable) into the plug body, and line up the retainer pin holes in the brass pin with those in the plug body.
6. Insert the retainer pin, and tap it firmly into place. The retainer pin will protrude approximately 3/8" when fully seated. See *Figure 1*.
7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 for each brass pin. Make sure to connect the neutral lead (cable), identified and color coded in conformance with the applicable local electrical codes, to the large diameter pin ("N") on the plug.



During the next step, the octopus plug should not be plugged into its receptacle. Also, make sure that the equipment to which the plug leads are being connected is not energized (live).

8. Strip the insulation off the free end of each of the plug leads and connect them to the load transfer switch (or directly to the load).

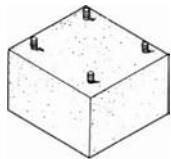
## Installation

### Foundation Mounting

Mount the generator on a foundation if it is to be used as a leave-in standby power source.

See *Figure 2*. When planning a new foundation, consider the following points:

#### Foundation, for Permanent Installation



*Figure 2*

1. The foundation location should enable aligning the tumbling bar (coupling shaft) in a straight (or nearly straight) line with the power take-off and the generator input shaft. (Misalignment must be less than 15 degrees even though the mechanical design of the tumbling bar would allow greater misalignment.)
2. The foundation must be solid enough to absorb generator starting and reflected load torque during operation.
3. The foundation surface should be flat.
4. Space is required around the generator for mounting switching devices, making connections, and for servicing.

All four generator mounting pads must rest firmly on the foundation. Install shims if necessary to even out the foundation under the mounting pads, then bolt the generator firmly in place.

### Trailer Mounting

Mount the generator on a trailer if you plan to use it as a portable power source.

See *Figure 3*. When selecting or building a trailer to mount the generator, consider the following points:

1. The trailer construction must be strong enough to support the generator.
2. The design of the trailer must enable the trailer to remain stable during operation, and to resist tipping caused by generator starting and reflected load torque.

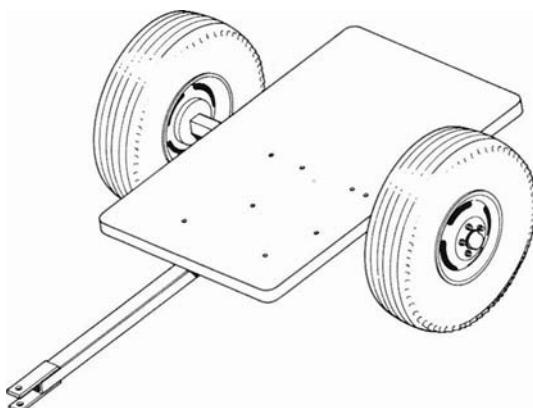


Trailer may tip over and cause injuries if wheels are not spaced far enough apart.

3. The trailer height and mounting position of the generator on the trailer should enable aligning the tumbling bar (coupling shaft) in a straight (or nearly straight) line with the power take-off and generator input shafts. (Misalignment must be less than 15 degrees even though the mechanical design of the tumbling bar would allow greater misalignment.)

4. The generator mounting area of the trailer bed should be flat.

#### Trailer, for Portable Installation



*Figure 3*

All four generator mounting pads must rest firmly on the trailer bed. Install shims if necessary to even out the bed under the mounting pads, then bolt the generator firmly in place.

### Output Power and Load Determination

The power take-off generators are supplied with control boxes, receptacles, fuses or circuit breakers. The maximum load which should ever be applied to the generator is the KW (kilowatt) or wattage rating of the generator. This rating is stamped on the generator identification nameplate. Depending on the generator model, this maximum load will only be available at the octopus plug or the fuse block located inside the control box. The receptacles provided are restricted to their design voltage and amperage rating. Some models have circuit breaker/fuse protection for the receptacles. Use the formulas on page 7 to find the load current of different appliances.

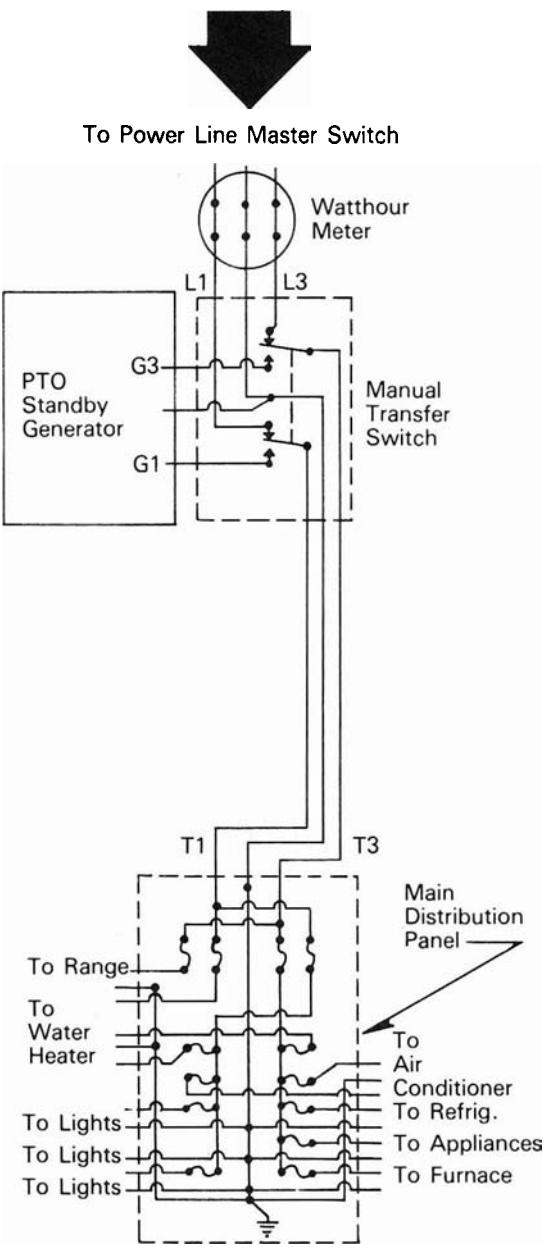
## Electrical Connections

**NOTE:** Only qualified electricians should install electrical wiring. Wiring must conform to all applicable national, state, and local codes. (Reference: National Fire Protection Association Manual No. 70, National Electrical Code.)

If the generator is to be used as a standby power plant wired into the existing commercial system, a disconnect switch must be installed which will isolate the generator from the commercial power whenever the generator is not operated, and will isolate the commercial power from the generator when the generator is operating. See Figure 4.

**IMPORTANT: When making standby service hook up, make sure load to be transferred to standby generator will not exceed generator rating.**

TYPICAL HOOK UP FOR SUPPLYING ALL CIRCUITS WITH EMERGENCY POWER



TYPICAL HOOK UP FOR SUPPLYING ONLY ESSENTIAL CIRCUITS WITH EMERGENCY POWER

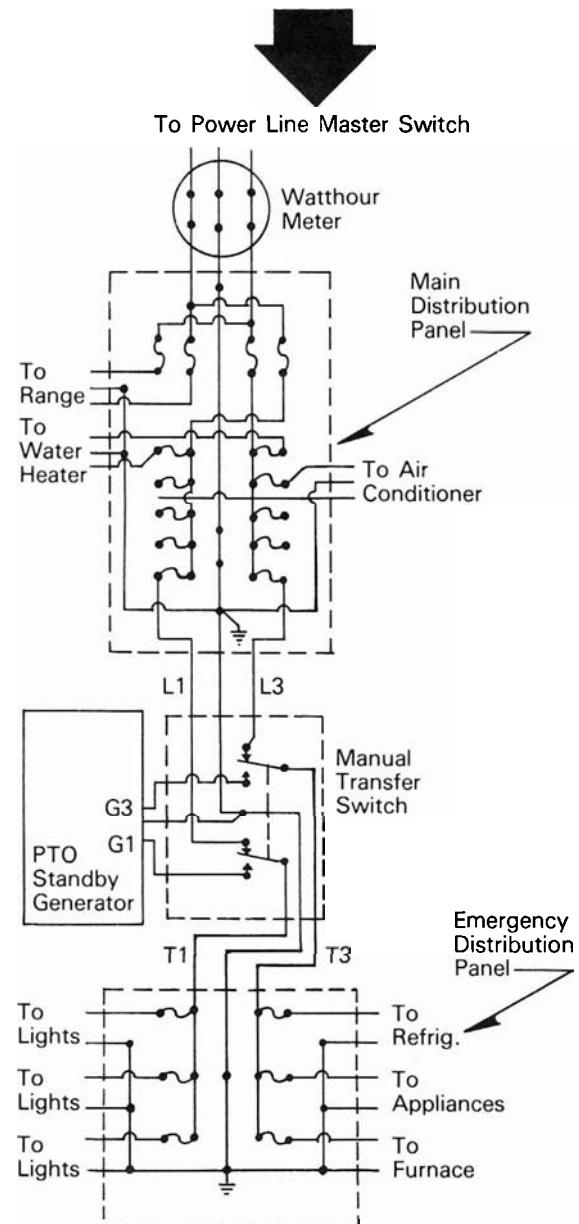


Figure 4

Typical Connection Methods for Generator Standby Power Service

Load Wattage Rating = Load current in amperes  
120 volts

*Example:*

Food freezer requires 300 watts  
 $\frac{300 \text{ watts}}{120 \text{ volts}} = 2.5 \text{ amps.}$

Refrigerator requires 325 watts  
 $\frac{325 \text{ watts}}{120 \text{ volts}} = 2.7 \text{ amps.}$

Ten 100 watt light bulbs require 1000 watts  
 $\frac{1000 \text{ watts}}{120 \text{ volts}} = 8.3 \text{ amps.}$

Freezer = 2.5 amps.  
Refrigerator = 2.7 amps.  
Lights = 8.3 amps.  
Total Load = 13.5 amps.

Use the same method to figure the load current for the 240 volt electrical loads.

**NOTE:** Check appliance/motor nameplate for voltage, current, and wattage specifications when figuring load current.

### Use of Electric Motors

Electric motors require much more current to start than to run. Most fractional horsepower motors take about the same amount of current to run them whether they are of the Repulsion-Induction, Capacitor, or Split-Phase type. Starting current, however, varies greatly. Repulsion-Induction motors are the easiest to start and usually require 1½ to 2½ times as much current to start as to run them. Capacitor start motors usually require 2 to 4 times as much current to start them as to run them. Split-phase motors are hardest to start, with starting currents about 5 to 7 times the running current.

**NOTE:** In applications where several motors are to be started, excessive overload may be avoided by starting them one at a time, starting the motor that requires highest running and starting current first.

### Pre-Start Checks



When working on or around this generator, do not wear loose fitting clothing or any articles that may get caught in moving parts.

1. Visually inspect the generator. Check for:
  - a. correct mounting
  - b. physical damage
  - c. debris in cooling vents and screens (could cause generator to overheat).

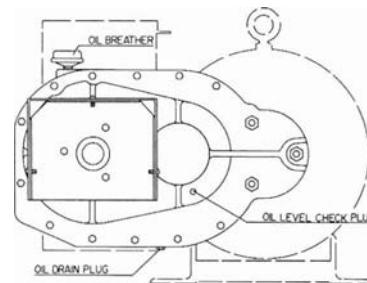
**CAUTION**

If the generator has been stored for any length of time it is recommended that the control box cover and the end cover be removed, and the generator inspected for rodent nests or other foreign objects that could cause binding or overheating of the generator. See "Cleaning" generator maintenance for procedures.

2. Check gear case oil level. See *Figure 5*. Case should be filled with oil to plug marked "OIL LEVEL." Fill or remove oil as required.

**CAUTION**

Either too little or too much oil can harm the equipment. See "Lubrication" portion of Maintenance for oil specifications.



*Figure 5*

3. Make sure tumbling bar (coupling shaft) is assembled with its universal joint knuckles "synchronized," as illustrated in *Figure 6*. If knuckles are not synchronized, the bar will chatter when rotating, which will cause the generator output voltage to fluctuate.



Power take-off must be disengaged at this time.

4. Couple the generator drive (power take-off) to the generator with the tumbling bar. Couple the tumbling bar to the generator input shaft first, then to the power take-off shaft. Check alignment: power take-off shaft, tumbling bar, and generator input shaft should form a straight (or nearly straight) line, with less than 15° misalignment between the shafts. Misalignment will cause generator output voltage to fluctuate.



Make sure that all tumbling bar lock pins are engaged and that all safety shields are in place.

5. Make sure no binding exists in generator or gear box by rotating tumbling bar by hand. If binding is found, locate the cause and correct it before proceeding.
6. Make sure that the electrical loads connected will not draw more current than the rating of the generator or receptacle being used.
7. Check all electrical connections in the system to be energized by the generator. Make sure the connections are correct and are tight.
8. Make sure all loads are turned off.



Do not start the generator under load.

speed governor, it may automatically readjust the throttle as the load changes and keep the generator output at 240V. However, some governors are not sensitive enough to maintain 240V output under changing load, and in such cases the throttle will have to be manually readjusted.

#### Generator Shutdown Procedure

1. Switch off electrical load.
2. Reduce speed of engine driving generator to idle.
3. Disengage power take-off drive, and allow generator to coast to a stop.



Never try to manually stop the generator—let it coast until it stops!

4. Disconnect tumbling bar (coupling shaft) power take-off end first, then generator end.

#### Tumbling Bar (Coupling Shaft) Universal Joints: Synchronized vs. Unsynchronized

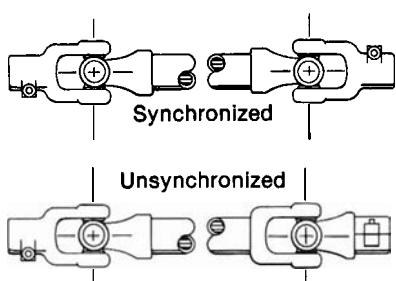


Figure 6

#### Trouble Shooting

The following chart lists various symptoms of poor generator operation with possible causes for them and the appropriate corrective action. You will need a volt-ohm meter or test light to check some of the causes. For some of the other causes you will need to check generator speed. To check generator speed you can use a frequency meter, a tachometer, or a 120V-60Hz electric clock and a correctly operating wrist watch. (Run the electric clock on generator power and compare the clock's second hand movement with that of the wrist watch. They should run at the same speed. If clock runs faster, generator speed is too high, and vice versa.)

#### Generator Starting Procedure

1. With the power take-off drive disengaged, start the engine which will drive the generator. Run the engine long enough to warm it up before proceeding, so that it will run smoothly and achieve full power under generator load.
2. With engine idling, engage the power take-off drive.
3. Watch the voltmeter on the generator and slowly increase engine speed until the output reaches approximately 260 volts (in green portion of voltmeter scale).
4. With engine and generator running smoothly, switch on the electrical load while watching the voltmeter.

Readjust engine throttle to keep generator output under load at 240V (in green portion of voltmeter scale). If engine is equipped with a



Most electrical equipment in North America operates satisfactorily at frequencies between 59 and 61 Hz (cycles per second). Operating the generator at frequencies outside that range may cause damage to the generator and/or to electrical equipment driven by the generator.

## Troubleshooting Table

Symptom	Cause(s)	Corrective Action
No output voltage.	Circuit breaker/fuse open.	Reset circuit breakers; replace if defective; replace fuse element.
	Defective voltmeter.	Check output with another meter, replace meter if defective.
	Short circuit in the load.	Disconnect the load. Check voltage at receptacle. Check motors, appliances and load leads for short circuit. Repair short.
	Defective receptacles.	Remove panel cover and check for voltage to the receptacles. Replace defective receptacles.
	Loose (or broken) wires or connections in the control box.	Remove panel cover and check all wiring and connections. Tighten and/or repair where necessary.
	Defective rectifier.	Test rectifier. Replace if defective.
	Dirty slip rings.	Clean and polish. Use 00 sandpaper and crocus cloth, <b>never</b> emery paper.
	Brushes binding in holders.	Check brushes for swelling; replace defective brushes; clean brush holders.
	Shorted or open armature.	Replace armature if open or shorted.
	Shorted or open field coils.	Measure between leads for open or short. Replace coil(s) if defective.
Low voltage.	Engine speed too slow.	Check engine speed. Increase RPM if necessary.
	Generator overloaded.	Reduce load if it is higher than the rated capacity of the generator. (See generator nameplate.)
	Inadequate engine horsepower.	Generator requires 2.2 H.P./1000 watts output. Obtain larger engine if necessary.
	Incorrect field excitation.	Check input AC voltage to rectifier. Check rectifier output DC voltage.
	Brushes not seated properly, or dirty brushes and slip rings. (Remove brushes; check for uneven wear or dirt on brushes or slip rings.)	Clean slip rings and seat brushes with sandpaper. (See Maintenance).
High voltage.	Engine speed too fast.	Check engine speed for correct input RPM.
Output voltage flickering or fluctuation.	Tumbling bar (coupling shaft) misalignment.	Reduce tumbling bar misalignment to less than 15 degrees.
	Engine speed not constant.	Engine governor may be worn or improperly adjusted. Set or repair defective governor.
	Loose connection in field circuit.	Check and tighten connections.
	Tumbling bar U-joints not synchronized.	Reassemble tumbling bar.
Excessive vibration.	Power take-off misalignment excessive.	Correct misalignment. It should be less than 15 degrees.
	Loose mounting nuts and bolts or hold-down studs.	Tighten mounting nuts and bolts; repair hold-down stud mountings.
	Universal joints in coupling shaft worn or dry.	Repair or replace defective parts.
	Defective bearings.	Check for possible causes. Replace defective bearings.
Generator overheating.	Poor ventilation.	Clean ventilation and cooling fan screens.
	Generator overloaded.	Reduce load, then check voltage and current.
	Shorted turns in field or armature.	Replace defective components.
Oil leak.	Loose plug in gear case.	Tighten plug.
	Defective seal, gasket, or plug in gear case.	Replace seal(s), gaskets or plugs. Maintain correct oil level.

## Preventive Maintenance

### General

Routine preventive maintenance minimizes costly repairs and generator down-time. Before each use, inspect the generator: gear case oil level should be correct, cooling vents and screens should be clear, and generator mounting hardware should be tight. Clean and inspect the generator after storing it for long periods, and after using it in extremely dusty conditions or in severe weather, such as rain or blowing snow.

**CAUTION**

The manufacturer strongly recommends running the generator under load at least once a month in order to evaporate any accumulated moisture condensation.

### Lubrication

The generator bearings are factory lubricated and sealed, and require no further lubrication.

The splined generator input shaft should be cleaned and lubricated with a thin film of grease before and after each use of the generator.

The coupling shaft (tumbling bar) requires greasing. Keep the universal joints in the coupling shaft free from grease and dirt buildup.

**CAUTION**

Do not overlubricate the universal joints.

See *Figure 7* for recommended lubrication schedule for tumbling bar.

Check the generator gear case oil level before each use of the generator. Maintain the oil level at oil level plug height. *Figure 5* illustrates oil level plug location. The generator is shipped with lubricant in the gear case. Specifications for gear case lubricant are:

API Service: GL-5  
Grade: SAE 85W-90-140  
Amount: 1 quart

The following kinds of oil are recommended for use in the generator gear case: Mobil SAE 85W-90-140 API Service GL-5, Sunoco/DX XL80-90-140, Kendal Three Star 85W-140, Amoco 85W-140, or equivalent.

**CAUTION**

Do not overfill generator gear case. Overfilling causes overheating and oil seal failure.

Change the oil at least once every six months. Change it more often if you use the generator in bad weather.

Use the following procedure to change generator gear case oil. See *Figure 5*.

1. Remove gear case breather. Soak breather in cleaning solvent, then allow it to dry.
2. Remove oil level check plug.
3. Remove the oil drain plug. Drain the oil into a clean oil resistant container, one quart or more capacity. Check the oil for metal. Fine metal dust in the oil does not indicate trouble, but metal chips do. Dismantle the gear case and look for damaged gears if you find metal chips in the oil.
4. Replace the oil drain plug. Refill the gear case through the breather port with new oil of the recommended type. Fill the case up to oil level check plug height. (It will take about one quart.)
5. Replace the oil level check plug.
6. Replace the breather.

### Cleaning and Inspecting the Generator

Use a vacuum cleaner or dry low pressure compressed air (regulated at 25-30 PSI) to clean the generator periodically.



Do not clean the generator while it is running.

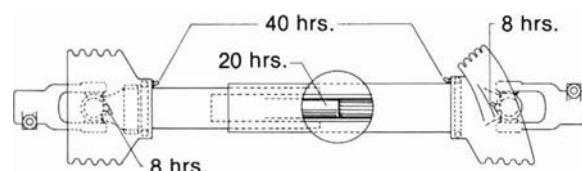
Proceed as follows:

1. Remove control box cover. Vacuum or blow dust or debris from the control box. Inspect all wiring for correct routing, fraying insulation, and secure connections.
2. Remove end cover. Vacuum or blow dust and debris from the inside of the generator. Inspect wiring for loose connections, fraying insulation and correct routing.
3. Replace end cover and control box cover.

### Generator Storage

Before storing the generator, apply a heavy coat of grease to the splined input shaft. Store the generator in sheltered area, where it is protected against snow, rain, and excessive dust.

### Lubrication for Typical Tumbling Bar (Coupling Shaft)



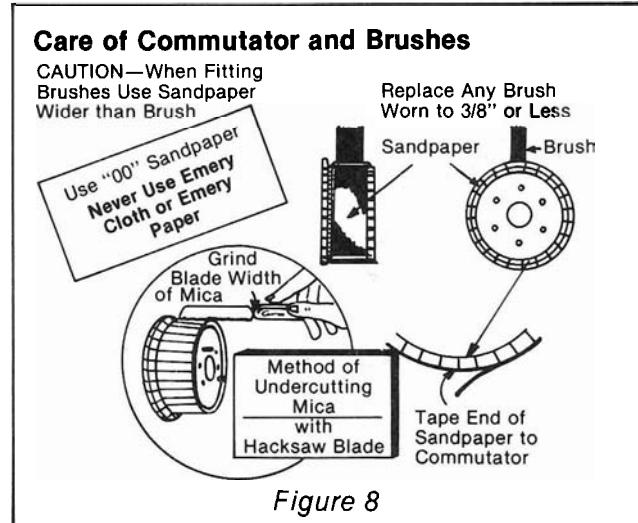
*Figure 7*

## Maintenance and Testing

### Brushes

Under ordinary circumstances, brushes will operate for long periods without requiring replacement. They should be inspected after the first 1000 hours of operation, and after every 100 hours of operation thereafter. Remove brushes one at a time and check for length; be sure that each moves freely in the brush holder. Brushes should be replaced when worn down to 3/8". Replace brushes in complete sets, never singly. When replacing brushes, be careful to reconnect the lead wires properly.

Poor contact (or "skipping") between brush and slip-ring or commutator is caused by oil and grit, on the slip-ring or commutator, or a hard substance in the brush. It can also be caused by the brush not being properly seated or contoured to the slip-ring or commutator. To correct this discrepancy, the brushes can be recontoured by placing 00 sandpaper under the brushes with the abrasive side to the brushes, and work it back and forth until the brushes are seated to the slip-rings or commutator. See *Figure 8*.



### Commutator (3 Phase Models)

Keep the commutator free from all dirt, including carbon dust. Use a lint-free cloth for this purpose. Commutator should be smooth and shiny; its color should be in the copper to chocolate-brown range. If rough or black, polish with a commutator dressing stone or No. 00 sandpaper. **Never use emery cloth on the commutator.**

Hard mica is used as insulation between the commutator bars. It is undercut about 1/32 inch below the surface of the bars. As the copper wears down, the mica, which is harder, forms ridges which cause the brushes to skip, resulting in poor contact. When this occurs, the armature should be removed from the unit, the commutator resurfaced, and the mica should be undercut by a qualified repairman. See *Figure 8*.

Do not use lubricants of any type on the commutator. Lubricant will cause sparking, poor contact, and pitted bars, and will decrease the output of the generator.

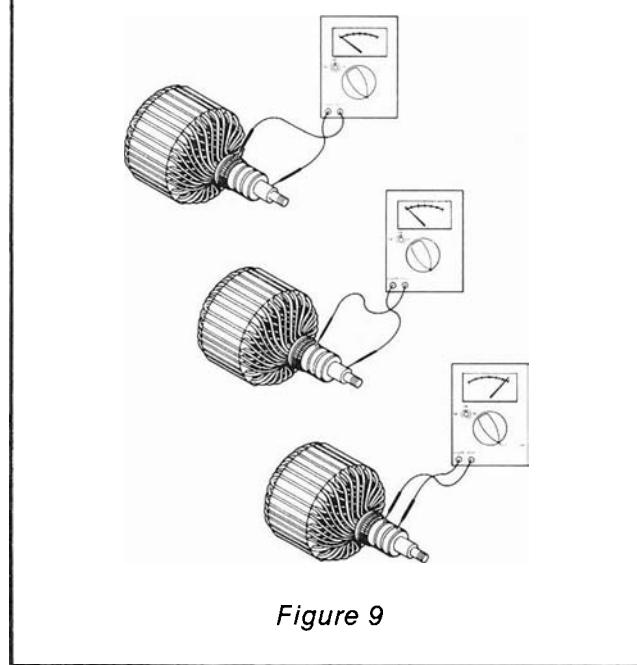
### Collector Rings/Slip Rings

The continuous copper rings located at the end of the armature are the collector rings. For proper generator output, the surface of the collector rings must have a highly polished finish. Polish the ring surfaces occasionally with a crocus cloth to maintain the finish.

### Testing Armature for Opens and Grounds

1. Remove all brushes, AC and DC.
2. **Grounding Test See Figure 9:**  
Set multimeter to read resistance. Holding one meter lead against a clean spot on the armature shaft, touch the other lead to each of the metal bars of the commutator (one at a time) while observing the meter.  
If meter indicates continuity (zero ohms or any reading lower than infinite resistance), the armature is grounded. Dirt on the commutator bars can cause grounding. Carefully clean the dirt off the commutator if grounding was indicated, then recheck it. Replace the armature if it is grounded.
3. Check each of the collector rings for grounding in the same manner as described for checking the commutator in step 2.
4. **Testing for Opens See Figure 9.**  
(Meter still set to read resistance.) Holding one meter lead on surface of collector ring No. 1, touch other meter lead to surface of collector ring No. 2 while observing the meter. Meter should indicate continuity (low resistance). If not (i.e. if meter indicates infinite resistance) part of armature windings are open and armature should be replaced.  
Check for open between collector rings No.'s 2 and 3 in same manner as you did between rings 1 and 2 (previous paragraph).

### Testing Armature for Opens and Grounds



## Testing Generator Field for Opens and Grounds

See Figure 10.

1. Disconnect field leads from DC brush holders or rectifier.
2. Set multimeter to read resistance, and connect the meter leads to the field leads. If field is open, meter will read infinite resistance. Replace field if it is open.
3. Connect one meter lead to the field shell (other lead still connected to one of the field leads). If meter indicates continuity (zero ohms or any reading lower than infinite resistance), the field is grounded and should be replaced.

### Field Coil Testing

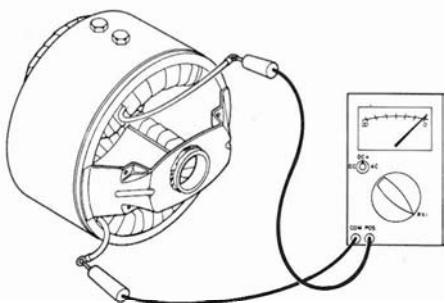
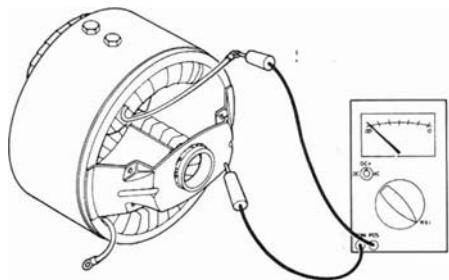


Figure 10

## Testing Rectifiers

See Figure 11.

The Field Excitation rectifier is a full-wave bridge rectifier. This type of rectifier has four terminals, Two AC, a DC positive, and a DC negative. The rectifier is tested in the following manner. Connect one ohmmeter lead to the positive DC terminal, and the other lead to each of the AC

terminals in turn. A high or low resistance reading will be obtained. Reverse the meter leads, and an opposite reading should be observed. Now check from the negative terminal to each of the AC terminals, using the same procedures as above. Check each terminal to the case, and no resistance reading should be observed.

If a battery-powered test light is used, follow the procedures described above. If the rectifier is good, the light will come on in one direction only.

If the rectifier fails any of the above tests, it should be considered defective and replaced.

### Condenser Testing

Condensers are built into the generator circuit to minimize radio interference during operation. If a condenser shorts out, it shorts the generator output. To determine whether a condenser is shorted, stop the generator, disconnect the lead wire from the brush holder to which the condenser is connected, start the generator and check the output. If the generator then provides power, the condenser was at fault and should be replaced. (If the generator did not provide power after the lead wire was disconnected the problem was not caused by that condenser. Reconnect the lead wire.)

Red (+) Test Lead

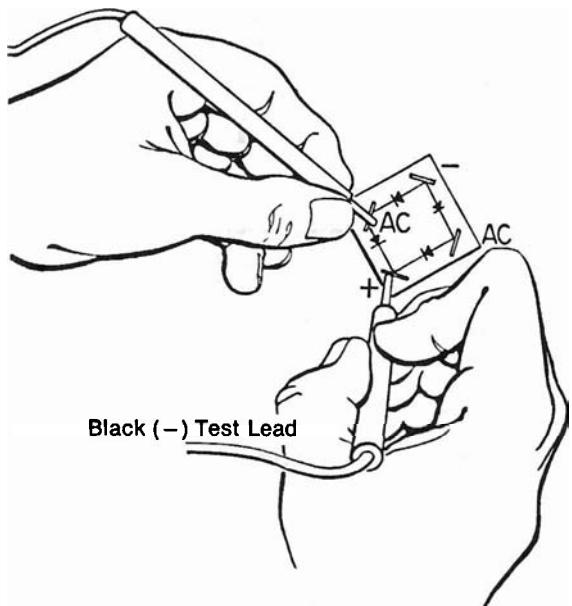


Figure 11