

SUBJECT: Repair Instruction for K1 New Alternator with EL Regulator and external Cooling Fan.



General Description.

The Bosch K1 New alternator is a 3 phase type, incorporating a rotor having 6 pole pairs fitted with a single cooling fan. Rotor current is conveyed to the rotor winding by a pair of sliprings and carbon brushes via the voltage regulator. The unit is designed for negative earth operation.

The output from stator winding is rectified by 6 rectifier diodes connected in a 3 phase configuration to provide a positive output to the B+ terminal. Three additional positive diodes are connected to the stator the common output is connected to the D+ terminal.

Explanation of type Inscription.

Example: K1 > 28V 14- 55A

K = Code for Stator OD (126mm OD).

> = Direction of rotation (clockwise).

28V = Alternator Operating Voltage.

14 = Stabilised output at 25°C at 1800 RPM. /27.0 Volts.

55A = Stabilised output at 25°C at 6000 RPM. /27.0 Volts.

Alternator Connections.

B+ : Battery Main Connection (battery positive).:

D+ : Warning lamp (via warning lamp to Ignition switch).

Operation

With the Ignition switch turned "ON", current is supplied via the warning lamp to the D+ terminal of the regulator. The D+ terminal is internally connected to one end of the rotor winding. The other end of the rotor winding is connected to the field drive transistor collector then via the emitter to earth. The drive transistor is biased in the on state therefore a small amount of current will flow through the rotor winding. This small current establishes a magnetic field around the rotor. When the rotor rotates this field cuts the conductors in the stator at right angles inducing a AC voltage into the stator winding. The exciter diodes rectify this voltage and the DC voltage level on the D+ terminal increases. This increasing voltage causes more rotor current to flow. The voltage in the stator also increases. The main diodes also rectify the AC voltage in the stator supplying the B+ terminal connected to the battery.

When the voltage at the D+ terminal rises to the regulator set point usually 28.5 volts, the field transistor is turned off and the voltage falls on both the D+ and B+ terminals. As the voltage falls the internal comparator circuit turns the field transistor back on, the voltage rises again. This cycle is repeated to maintain a constant voltage output to charge the battery. Negative Temperature compensation is provided to ensure that as the alternator temperature rises the voltage set point is reduced slightly to prevent the battery boiling and loss of electrolyte.

Before testing or dismantling the alternator please observe the following points:

1 When testing the diodes with AC type testers the RMS. voltage output must not exceed 24.0 volts, it is recommended that the stator should be disconnected during this test.

2 Where zener power diodes are used, the breakdown voltage should be tested to ensure all diodes have the same zener voltage.

3 Insulation tests on the rotor and stator should use a voltage not exceeding 110v for a series test lamp. The rectifier must be disconnected from the stator prior to testing.

4 When carrying out repairs to the charging system always disconnect the battery negative first, and reconnect it last.

5 During current output tests please make sure that the ammeter is securely connected into the charge circuit.

6 Some battery powered timing lights can produce high transient voltages when connected or disconnected. Only disconnect or connect timing lights when the engine is switched off.

7 Make sure the warning lamp circuit is functioning normally before commencing tests.

8 Battery isolation switches must only be operated when the engine is stopped.

9 To protect the charging system when using 240 volt chargers it is recommended that the battery is disconnected whilst charging.

10 Due to the very low resistance value of the stator winding it may not be possible to obtain accurate readings without special equipment.

11 No loads apart from the warning lamp can be connected to the "D+" terminal . The "W" terminal is provided for Tachometer connection.

Dismantling the unit. (see illustration at rear of instruction)

1 Mark the relative positions of the end housings in relation to the stator assembly to aid reassembly. Use a permanent marking pen do not use centre punches as this can cause misalignment of the housings.

2 Remove the EE regulator from the slipping end housing by removing the two screws. Tilt the regulator slightly from the plug connection until the regulator clears the housing, then lift clear.

3 Remove the four through bolts (21).

4 Carefully remove the stator assembly (18) along with the slipping end housing (11) taking care not to put strain on the stator wires.

5 To disconnect the stator from the rectifier assembly, grasp the stator wires close to the wire loop with a pair of long nosed pliers, heat the joint with a soldering iron, when the point becomes plastic apply a slight twisting motion to the wires, then pull upwards to release the wires. Remove the stator.

This procedure opens the wire loop to release the stator connections easily.

6 To remove the rectifier remove the three retaining screws and the B+ terminal nut and washers.

7 To remove the pulley, mount an 8mm Allen key in the vice with the short end upwards, place a 24mm ring spanner on the pulley nut, position the internal hexagon of the rotor shaft onto the Allen key, loosen the nut and remove the pulley.

8 The drive end plate should be supported in a press and the rotor (6)carefully pressed out.

9 Remove the bearing retaining plate (3) by removing the retaining screws then remove the bearing noting the position of the shield.

10 Remove the slipping end bearing using a suitable puller.

Cleaning the components.

Thoroughly clean all components except the rotor and stator with an approved cleaning agent. Ensure that all traces of oil and dirt are removed. If an abrasive cleaner is used to remove scale and paint from the housings take care not to abrade the bearing and mounting spigot surfaces. The rotor and stator must be cleaned with compressed air only, the use of solvents could cause damage to the insulating materials.

Testing the individual parts.

1 Rectifier assembly. The following test equipment is required. The rectifier assembly is not repairable and must be replaced if a faulty diode is detected during testing.

(a) **A diode tester** where the DC output at the test probes does not exceed 28 volts or in the case of AC testers 24 volts RMS. This is to ensure that when testing rectifiers fitted with zener power diodes the forward and reverse checks are completed and are not masked by the diode turning on due to the zener breakdown voltage.

(b) **A zener diode tester** with a DC output in excess of 30 volts, the tester should also incorporate internal current limiting set to 5 Ma. to prevent high currents during testing.

(c) Diodes can be destroyed during service due to high temperature and overload, open circuits are usually a result of excessive voltage.



Diode connections

1.1 Testing the Power Diodes.

Apply the negative test probe of the diode tester or a multimeter with a diode test feature to the positive heatsink and the positive probe alternatively to A, B, C, a low resistance reading, or the forward voltage drop across the diode should be obtained. Reverse the test probes, a high resistance reading or a higher reverse voltage should be obtained.

Now connect the positive test probe to the negative heatsink and the negative probe alternatively to D, E, F, a low resistance or forward voltage drop across the diode should be obtained.

Reverse the test probes, a high resistance reading or higher reverse voltage reading should be obtained.

For 8 diode rectifier plates tests for G and H should be included. When the reverse voltage test is done the applied voltage should be less than 14 volts DC or 12 volts RMS for AC testers.

Reverse Voltage 10uA	Code number	Diode type
225V	353	ED7 35A Positive
	354	ED7 35A Negative
	363	ED7 35A Positive
	364	ED7 35A Negative
	365	ED7 35A Positive
	366	ED7 35A Negative
425V	357	ED7 35A Positive
	358	ED7 35A Negative
225V	413	ED7 25A Positive
	414	ED7 25A Negative
	445	ED7 25A Positive
	446	ED7 25A Negative
	447	ED7 25A Positive
	448	ED7 25A Negative
425V	417	ED7 25A Positive
	418	ED7 25A Negative

Note: Diode number is stamped on the rear of the diode.

2 Testing the Stator

Test the stator insulation resistance to ground with an insulation tester or a series test lamp up to 110 volts. The insulation resistance must be greater than 1 megohm.

The winding resistance is measured between phases using a low reading ohmmeter designed for the purpose, the values are given at the rear of this instruction.

3 Testing the Rotor

Test the rotor for insulation resistance to ground using an insulation tester or a series test lamp up to 110 volts.

The insulation resistance must be greater than 1 megohm.

Measure the rotor resistance between the sliprings using an ohmmeter or apply 12 volts across the sliprings and measure

the rotor current draw, then divide 12 by the measured current, the result is the rotor resistance in ohms.

The values are given at the rear of this instruction.

If the sliprings are worn or out of round they must be re-machined to a minimum diameter of 26.7mm and should have a runout not exceeding 0.060mm. If the slipring is below these limits it must be replaced with a new one.

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4 Replacing the brushes (inbuilt regulator)

Check the brushes for length, this is measured from the brush holder to the end of the brush along it's centre line. Also inspect for any sideways wear. If worn replace both brushes.

The minimum length is 3.8mm. Inspect the brush springs for signs of corrosion or loss of tension or uneven tension.

Replacing the brushes, using a soldering iron apply heat to the soldered joints on the rear of the brush holder of the regulator, using a small lever prise up the retaining tabs to release the brush lead and spring. Thread the new brush lead up the brush holder along with the spring, pull the lead through the tabs until the brush is protruding 12mm from the holder. Bend down the tabs and solder the brush lead taking care not to allow the solder to run up the lead which will reduce flexibility. Use 60/40 resin cored solder.

5 Ball Bearings

Please note the bearings used in this K1 alternator are a high tolerance type, only bearings of the same specification are to be used as replacements. It is recommended that the bearings be replaced during the reconditioning process to restore the unit to original specification.

6 Regulator

The regulator can only be tested when fitted into an alternator.

**For test voltages refer to Alternator output testing section.
See also additional information on regulator function earlier in this instruction.**

7 Reassembly of alternator

(a) Press new bearing onto slipping end of the rotor taking care to apply the force to the bearing inner race only, otherwise the bearing will be noisy and it's life will be shortened.

(b) Fit a new bearing to the drive end housing, fit the bearing plate, and four retaining screws, press the rotor into the bearing, using a support tool to take the thrust against the bearing inner. The support is fitted from the pulley side of the bearing. In this way the thrust is not taken by the drive end housing.

(c) To fit pulley, mount an 8 mm Allen key in the vice with the short end upwards, place a 24mm ring spanner on the shaft nut, position the internal hexagon of the rotor shaft onto the Allen key, tighten the nut to the required torque (See torque chart at the rear of this instruction).

(d) Inspect the bearing support ring if used for signs of damage, if in doubt replace the ring by pressing it into the housing by hand, do not use excessive force.

(e) To refit the rectifier, fit the three retaining screws to the rectifier then install into slipping end housing. Tighten the B+ bolt to the required torque.

(f) To refit the stator, make sure the spigot surfaces are clean and free from damage, fit the stator into the slipping end housing noting the correct lead connection positioning. Fit the stator leads into the wire loops in the rectifier. Using a pair of pliers squeeze the loop to retain the stator lead prior to soldering. Repeat for each lead in turn, solder the leads into position using 60/40 resin cored solder. Make sure the leads will be clear of the rotor when it is assembled into the stator.

(g) Carefully install the rotor into the stator/slipring end housing assembly, noting the alignment of the housings and through bolt holes.

Fit the through bolts making sure the stator is seated correctly, tighten the through bolts to the correct torque setting (uneven torque can produce magnetic noise levels above normal).

(h) Fitting the regulator. Compress the brushes into the brush holder by hand, slip the regulator through the opening in the rear of the slipring end housing until the brushes come in contact with the slipring. Press the regulator towards the slipring until the holes are aligned then fit the retaining screws and tighten.

8 Testing the alternator

Before any in field testing can be undertaken it is important that the battery's condition is established and the terminals are clean and tight.

Check the condition of the alternator drive belt and ensure that it is adjusted in accordance with the engine manufacturers recommendations.

Battery Condition: *(Note: This assessment may be difficult with maintenance free assemblies.)*

Test the specific gravity of the individual cells the readings should be within 10 points of each other, it is recommended that the average SG should be 1.260 or higher.

A load test should be carried out to determine the ability of the battery to supply and accept current. This is a good indicator as to the general condition of the battery.

A load equal to the normal starting current should be placed across the battery, the duration of this load test should not exceed 10 seconds, during this time the terminal voltage across the battery should not drop below 9.6 volts. Observe each cell for signs of excessive gas liberation, usually an indication of cell failure.

If the battery test is clear proceed with the Alternator tests as follows.

Care should be taken when making the following connections.

It is recommended that the battery negative terminal be disconnected before the test meters are connected, and reconnecting the negative terminal when the meters are inserted into the circuit under test. The warning lamp in the D+ circuit should not exceed 3 watts.

Regulating Voltage Test on the Vehicle.

Connect a voltmeter to the alternator, the positive lead to the B+ terminal and the negative lead to the alternator casing. Select the voltage range to suit the system, i.e. 40v for 24 volt systems.

Connect an ammeter in series with the main output cable from the B+ terminal on the alternator, the range selected must be capable of reading the maximum output from the alternator.

Note the voltmeter reading before starting the engine. This reading should increase when the engine is running indicating alternator output, start the engine and increase the engine speed until the alternator is running at 4000 rpm, switch on vehicle loads of 5 - 10 A is indicated on the ammeter, the voltmeter should read in a 24 volt system the readings should be 5 -10 A and 27.7 -28.5 volts.

Load Regulation Test

Increase the engine speed until the alternator is running at 6000 rpm, increase the load to 90% of full output, a decrease in the regulating voltage should not exceed 0.70 v for 24v regulators of the readings obtained in the previous test. If so, the regulator is defective.

Alternator Output Test at Full Load.

Increase engine speed until the alternator is running at 6000 rpm, switch on electrical loads until the alternator voltage drops to 26 volts for 24v systems, full output should be obtained under these conditions. It may be necessary to adjust engine speed to maintain alternator speed. If sufficient electrical loads are not available a carbon pile resistance can be connected across the battery and adjusted until maximum output is obtained.

Keep the time for this test to a minimum to avoid undue heating and high engine speeds.

TECHNICAL DATA

Brush wear	-	Minimum Length	3.8 mm
Sliprings	-	Minimum Diameter	26.7 mm
Sliprings	-	Trueness	< 0.06 mm
Pole Claws	-	Trueness	< 0.05 mm (93.25 ± 0.05 mm)

Tightening Torque

Pulley retaining nut	54 - 68 Nm
Capacitor retaining Screw	2.7 - 3.8 Nm
Capacitor whiz nut	1.5 - 2.2 Nm
B+ Terminal Nut M8	7.5 - 8.5 Nm
B+ Terminal Nut M6	
B+ Terminal Rectifier Nut	6.0 - 7.5 Nm
Regulator retaining screws	1.6 - 2.3 Nm
Rectifier retaining screws	1.6 - 2.3 Nm
Bearing retaining plate Screws	2.1 - 3.0 Nm
Through Bolt	3.8 - 5.5 Nm

