

2012 - Mazda6 - Engine

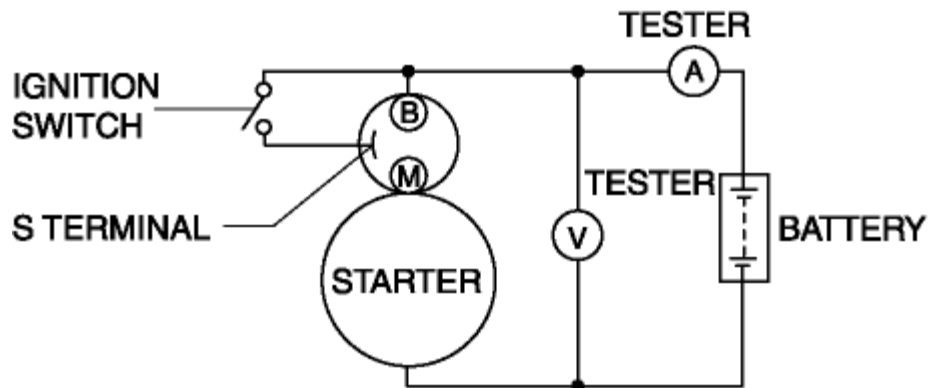
STARTER INSPECTION [MZI 3.7 V6]

On-vehicle Inspection

1. Verify that the battery is fully charged.
2. The starter is normal if it rotates smoothly and without any noise when the engine is cranked.
 - If the starter does not operate, inspect the following:
 - Remove the starter, and inspect the starter unit.
 - Inspect the related wiring harnesses, the ignition switch, and the transaxle range switch.

No-load Test

1. Verify that the battery is fully charged.
2. Connect the starter, battery, and a tester as shown in the figure.



3. Operate the starter and verify that it rotates smoothly.
 - If the starter does not rotate smoothly, inspect the starter unit.
4. Measure the voltage and current while the starter is operating.
 - If not within specification, replace the starter.

Starter no-load test voltage

- 11 V

Starter no-load test current

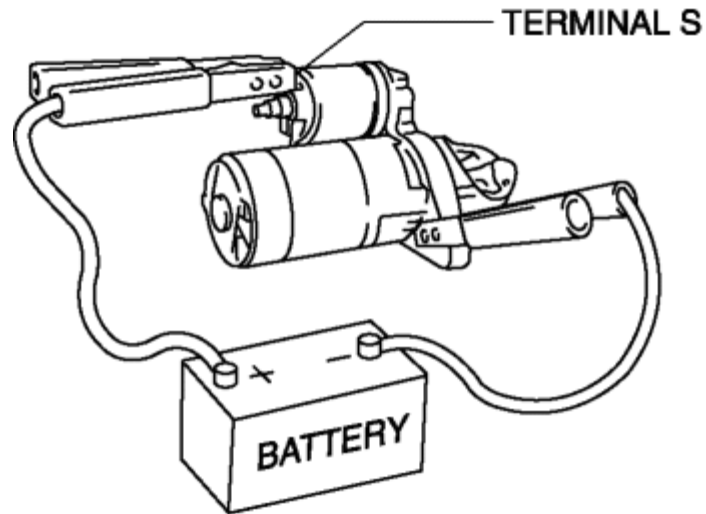
- 90 A or less

Magnetic Switch Operation Inspection

Pull-out test

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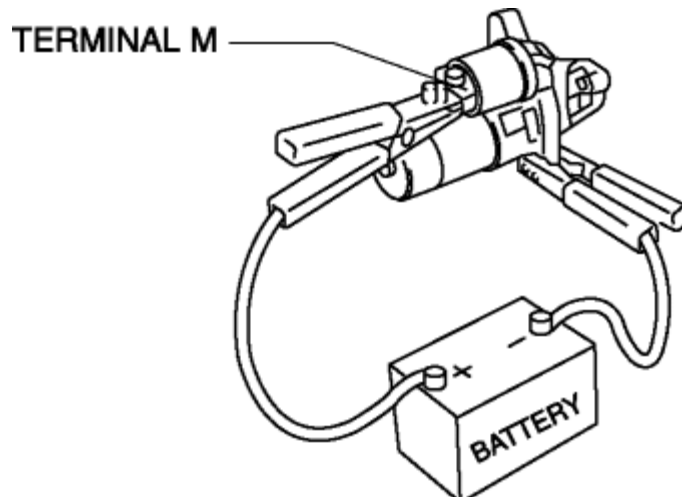
- Depending on the battery charge condition, the starter motor pinion may rotate while in an extended state. This is due to current flowing to the starter motor through the pull-in coil to turn the starter motor, and does not indicate an abnormality.
- Verify that the starter motor pinion is extended while battery positive voltage is connected to terminal S and the starter body is grounded.



- If the starter motor pinion is not extended, repair or replace the starter.

Return test

- Disconnect the motor wire from terminal M.
- Connect battery positive voltage to terminal M and ground the starter body.

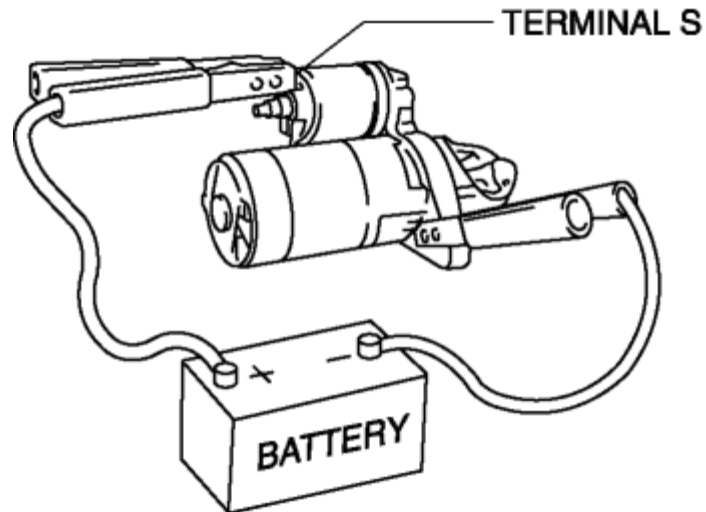


3. Pull out the drive pinion with a screwdriver. Verify that it returns to its original position when released.

- If it does not return, repair or replace the starter.

Pinion Gap Inspection

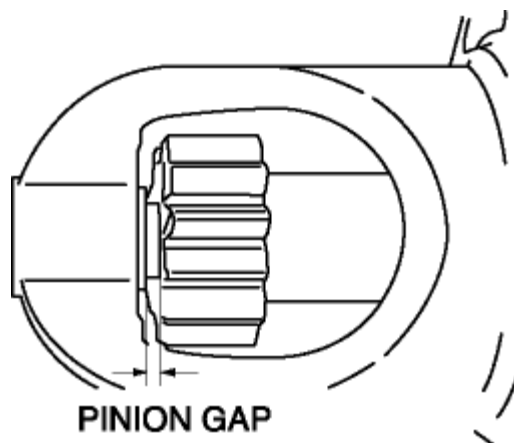
1. Pull out the drive pinion with the battery positive voltage connected to terminal S and the starter body grounded.



CAUTION:

- Applying power for more than 10 s can damage the starter. Do not apply power for more than 10 s.

2. Measure the pinion gap while the drive pinion is extended.



- If not as specified, adjust with an adjustment washer (between drive housing front cover and magnetic switch).

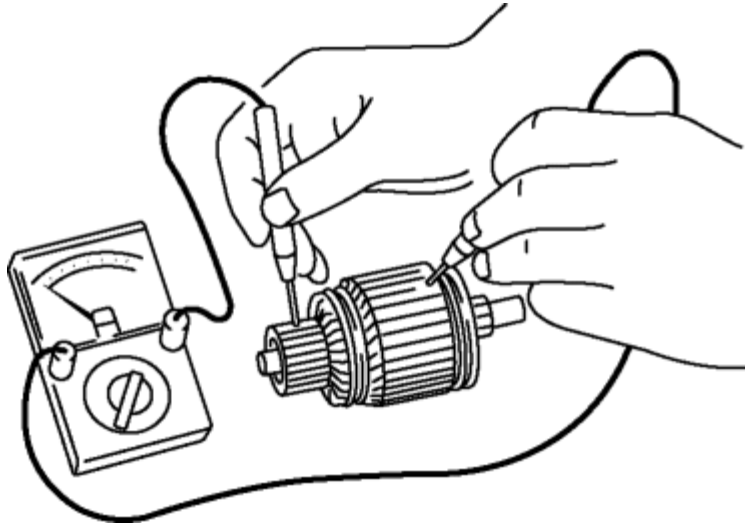
Starter pinion gap

- 0 mm {0 in}

Starter Inner Parts Inspection

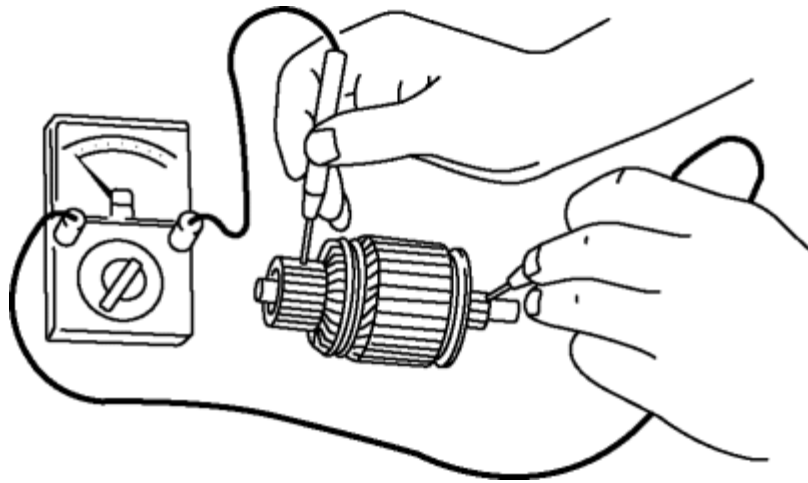
Armature

1. Verify that there is no continuity between the commutator and the core at each segment using a tester.



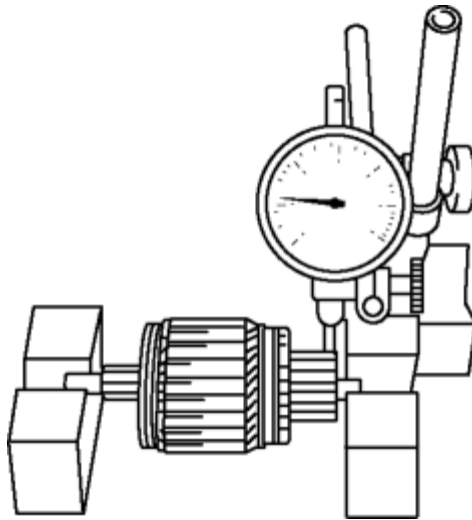
- If there is continuity, replace the armature.

2. Verify that there is no continuity between the commutator and the shaft using a tester.



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3. Place the armature on V-blocks, and measure the runout using a dial indicator.

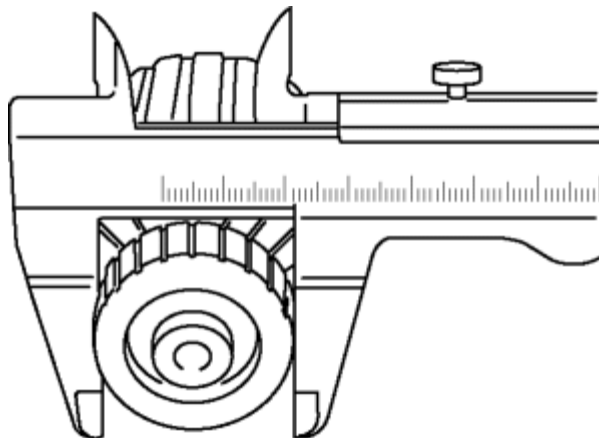


- If not within specification, replace the armature.

Starter armature runout

- 0.1 mm {0.004 in} max.

4. Measure the commutator diameter.

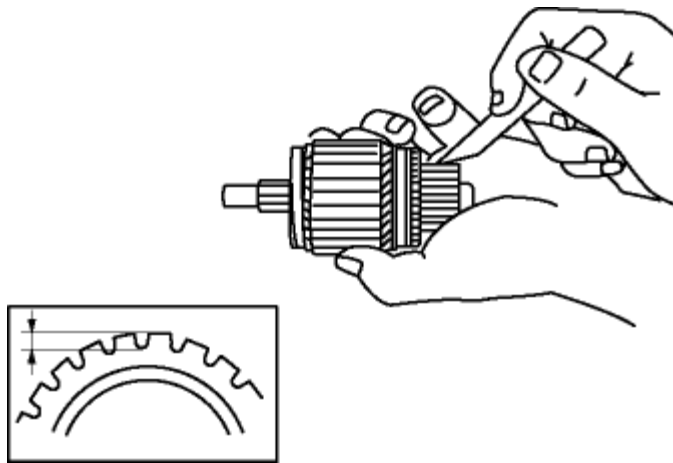


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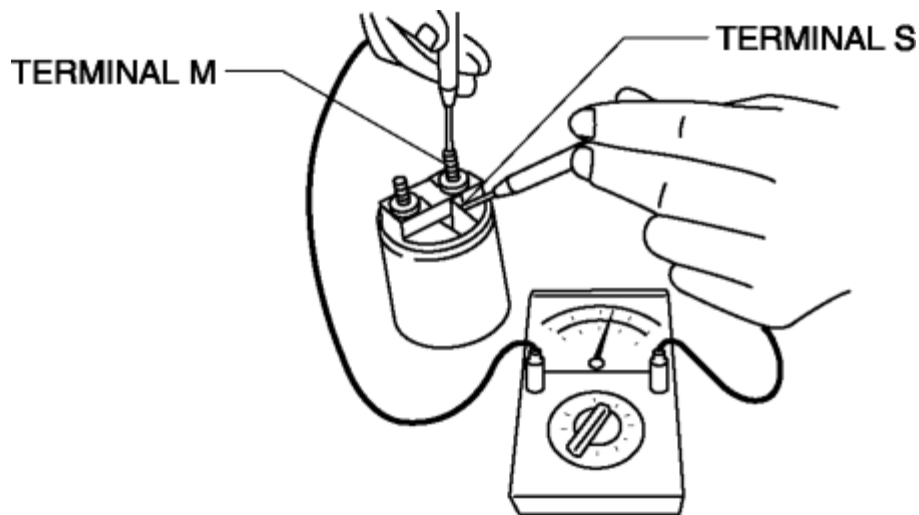
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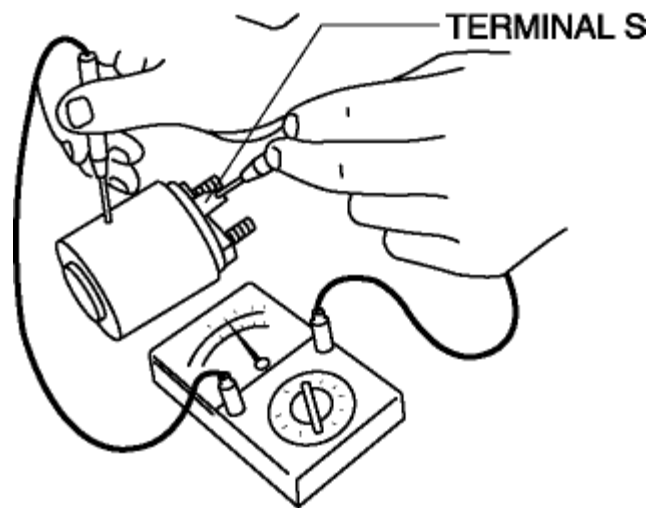
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- Minimum: 0.2 mm {0.008 in}

Magnetic switch

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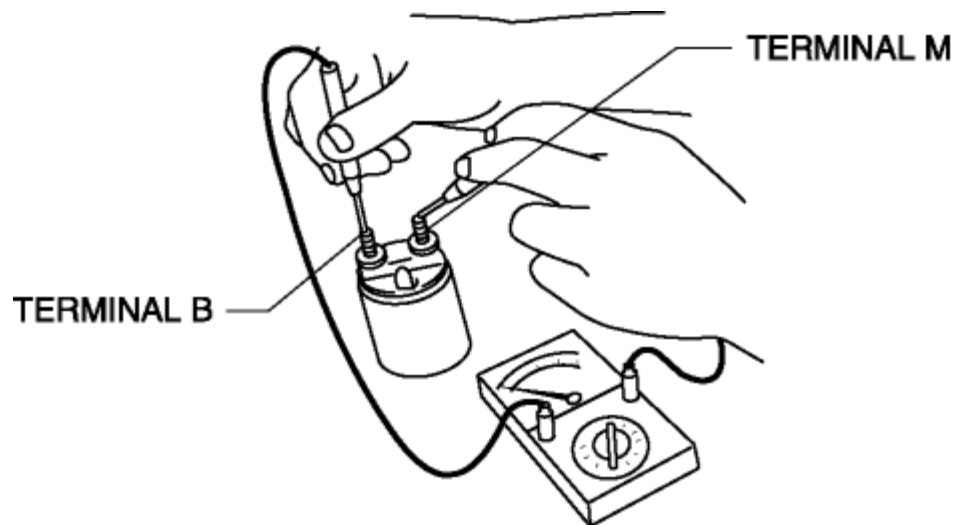


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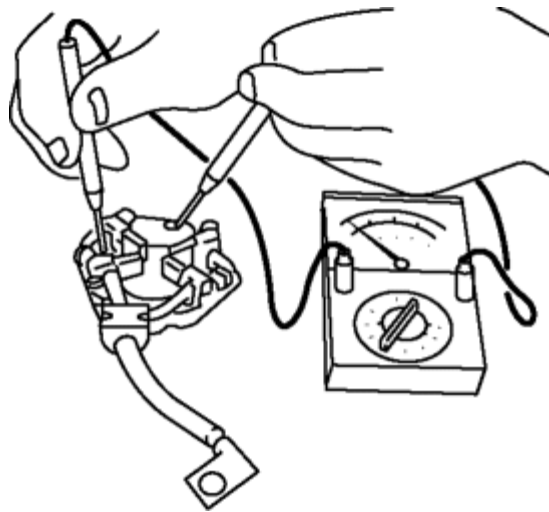
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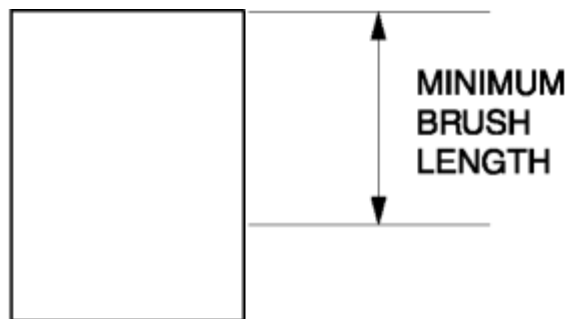
Brush and brush holder

1. Verify that there is no continuity between each insulated brush and plate using a tester.



- If there is continuity, replace the brush holder.

2. Measure the brush length.



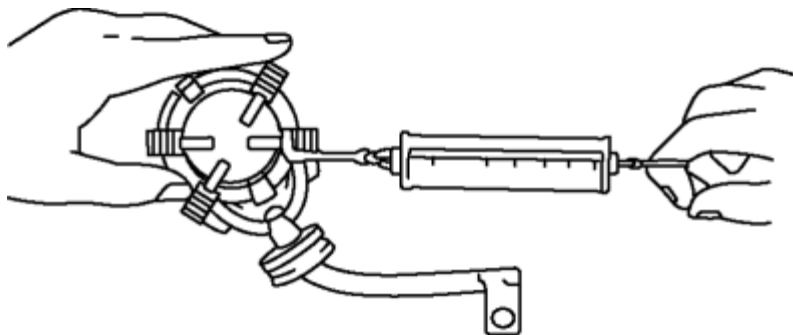
CONTACT FACE WITH COMMUTATOR

- If any brush is worn almost to or beyond the minimum specification, replace all of the brushes.

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3. Measure the brush spring force using a spring balance.



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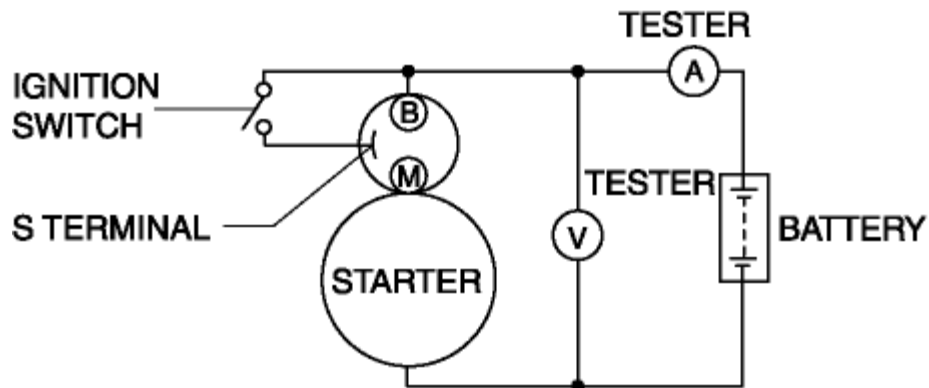
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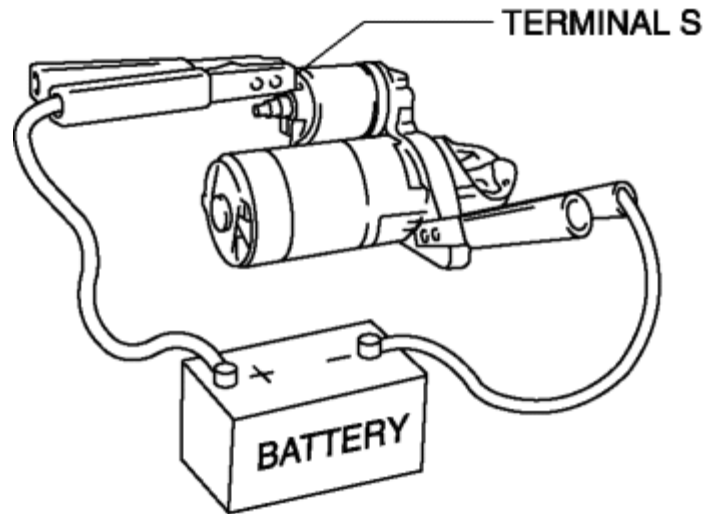
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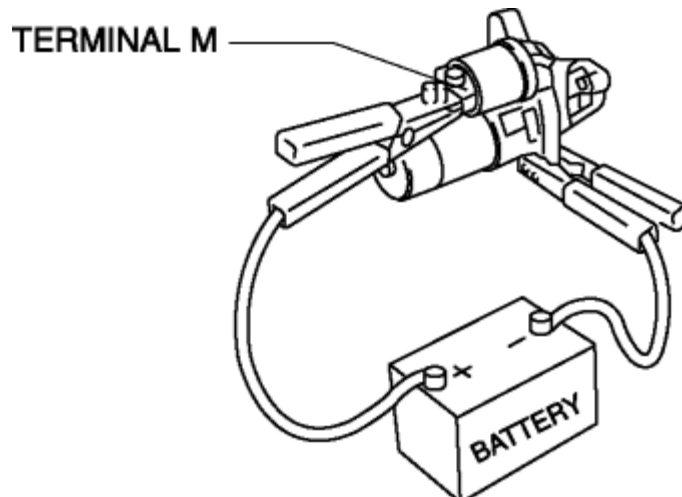
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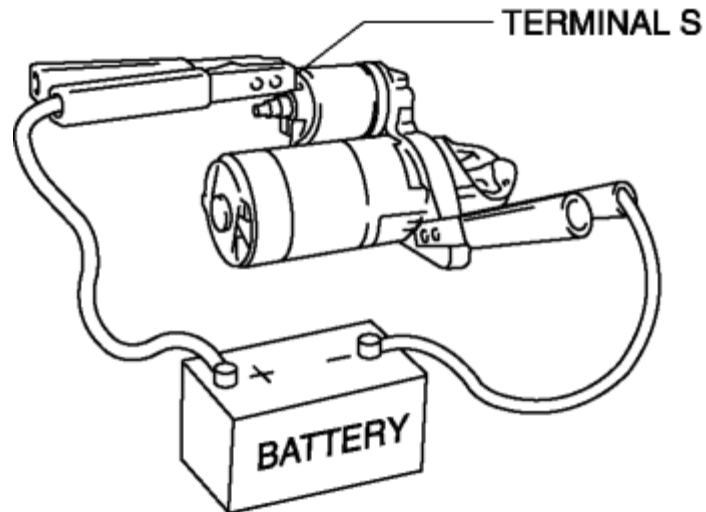


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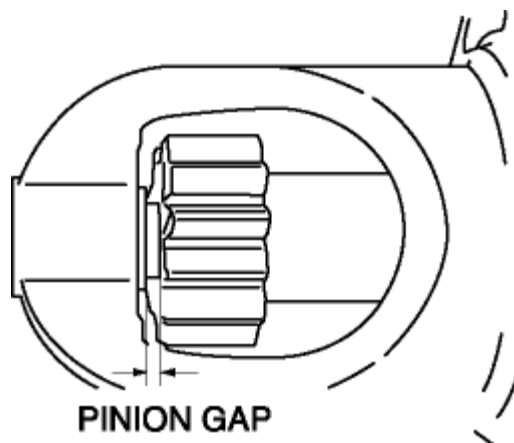
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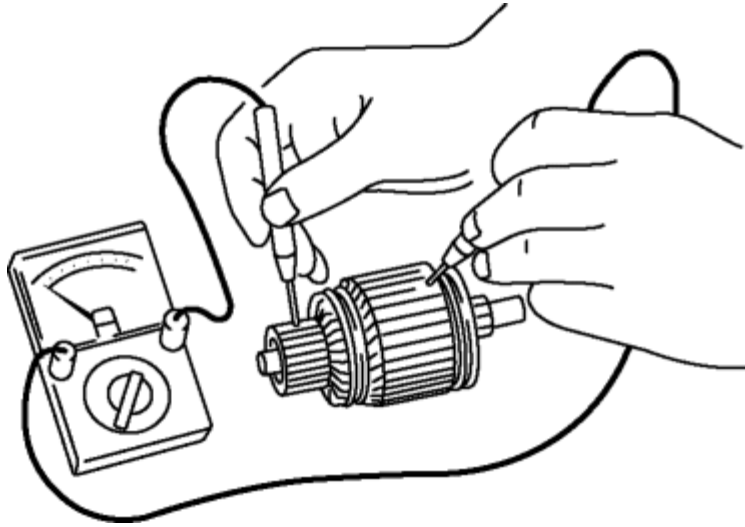
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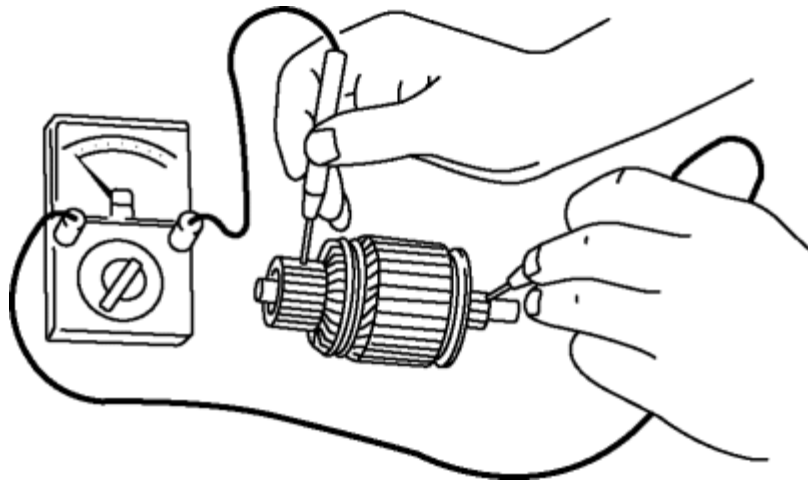
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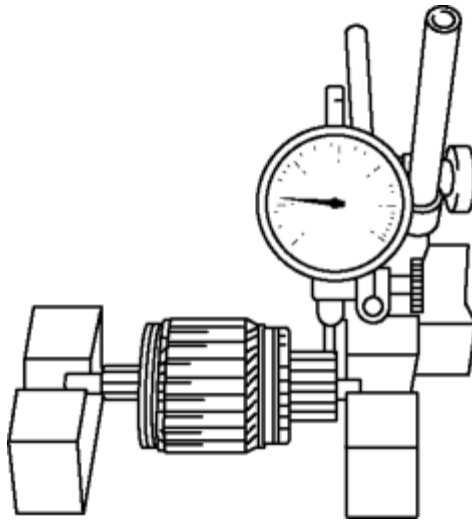
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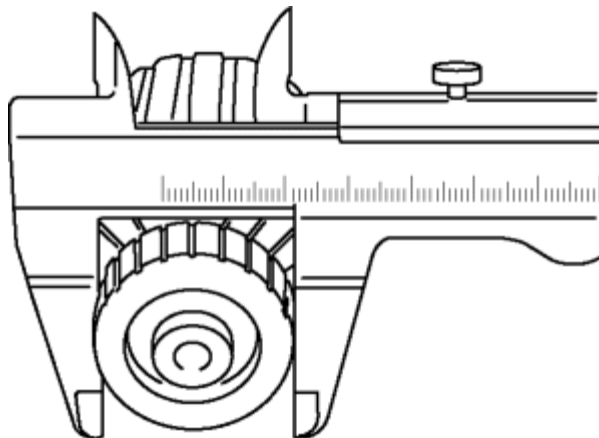


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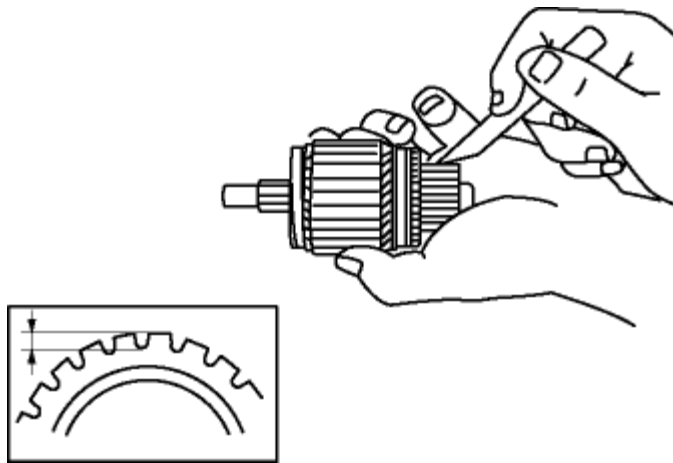


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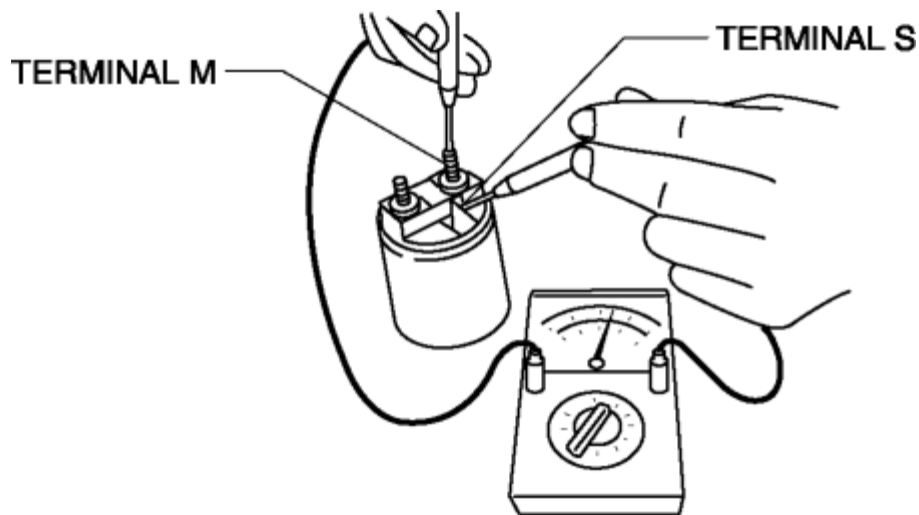
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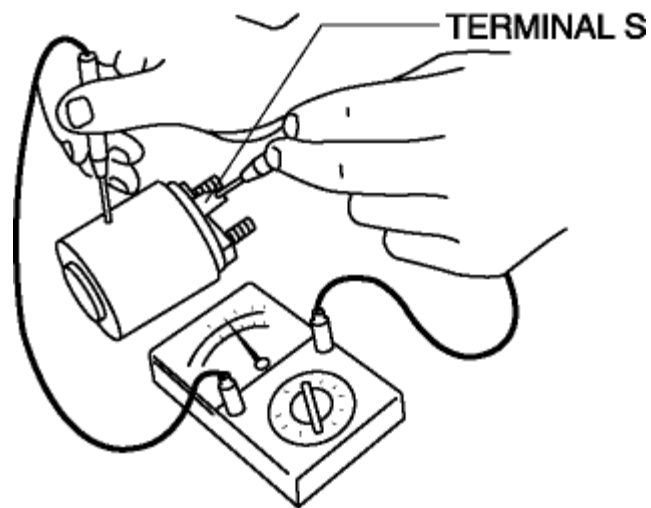
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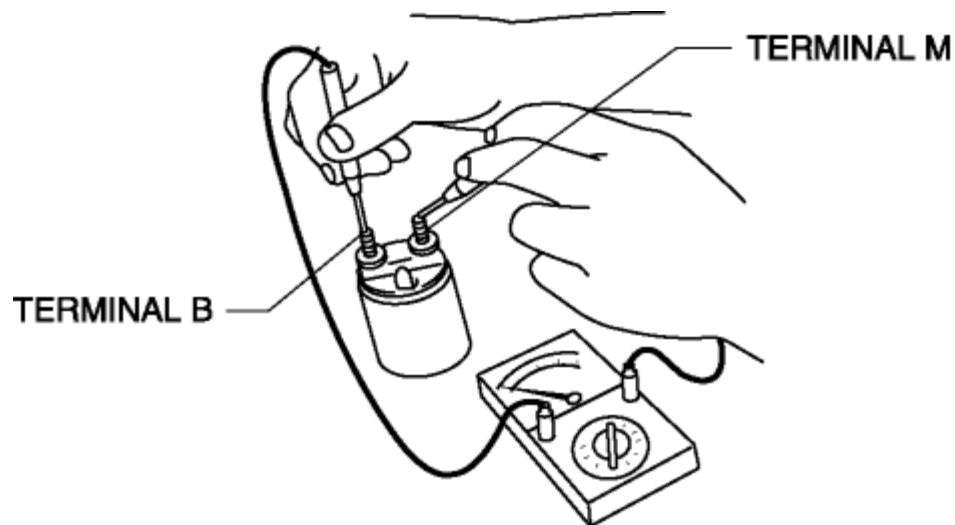


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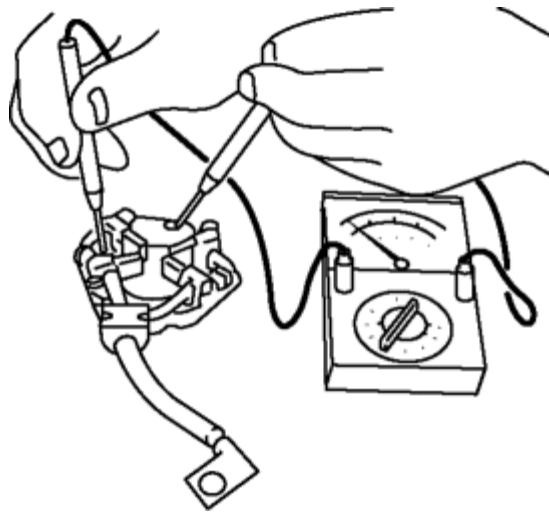
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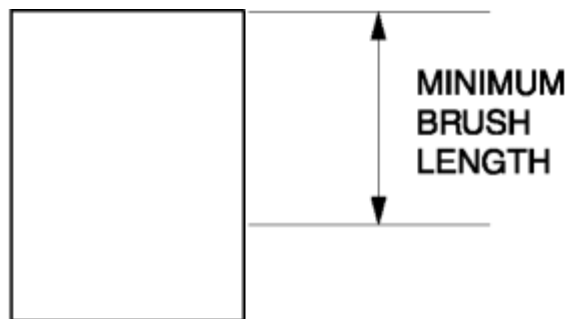
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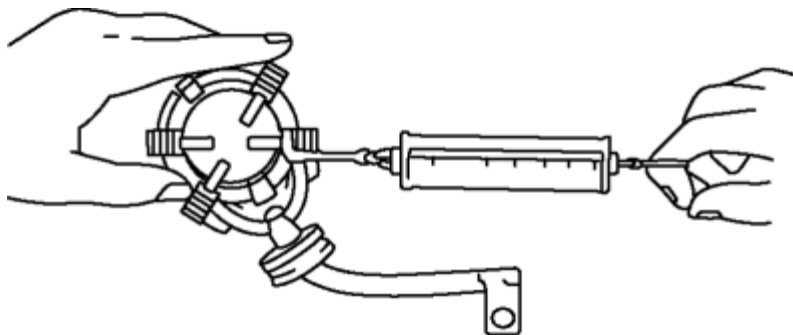
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