

**Model: BT-100**  
**Battery Load Tester/Charging System Analyzer**  
**For 6 and 12 Volt Batteries**



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**TESTING THE CHARGING SYSTEM**

1. Connect the tester.
2. Start the engine and run it at 1200 to 1500 rpm. CAUTION: Stay clear of moving engine parts.
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**IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

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**WARNING:** This product contains one or more chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

- Read the entire manual before using this product. Failure to do so could result in serious injury.
- Use the tester in a well-ventilated area.
- This tester is not intended for use by children.
- Do not expose the tester to rain or snow.
- Do not operate the tester if it has received a sharp blow, been dropped or otherwise damaged in any way; take it to a qualified service person.
- Inspect the battery for a cracked or broken case or cover. If the battery is damaged, do not use the tester.
- Do not disassemble the tester; take it to a qualified service person when service or repair is required. Incorrect reassembly may result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
- Follow these instructions and those published by the battery manufacturer and the manufacturer of any equipment you intend to use in the vicinity of the battery. Review the cautionary markings on these products and on the engine.

**PERSONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

- Wear complete eye protection and protective clothing when working near lead-acid batteries. Always have someone nearby for help.
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- Never smoke or allow a spark or flame in the vicinity of the battery or engine.

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1. Turn off the ignition, all accessories and any loads.
2. Clean the battery terminals.
3. Clip the red clamp to the positive (POS, P, +) battery terminal.
4. Clip the black clamp to the negative (NEG, N, -) battery terminal.

**6V BATTERY ANALYSIS**

1. Read the meter and confirm the battery voltage is in the green "OK" area (see illustration).
2. Press and hold the load switch "on" for a maximum of 10 seconds and read the meter with the load still on. The needle should remain in the green area. If it doesn't, the battery is weak or bad.

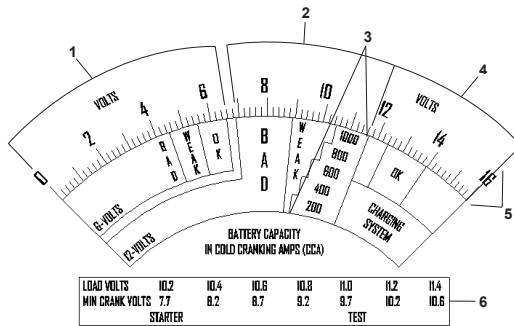
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**12V BATTERY ANALYSIS**

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4. Crank the engine and note the voltage reading during engine cranking.
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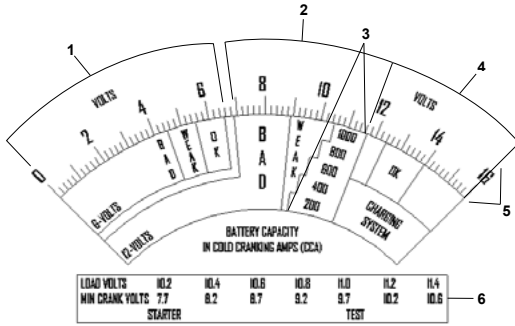
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