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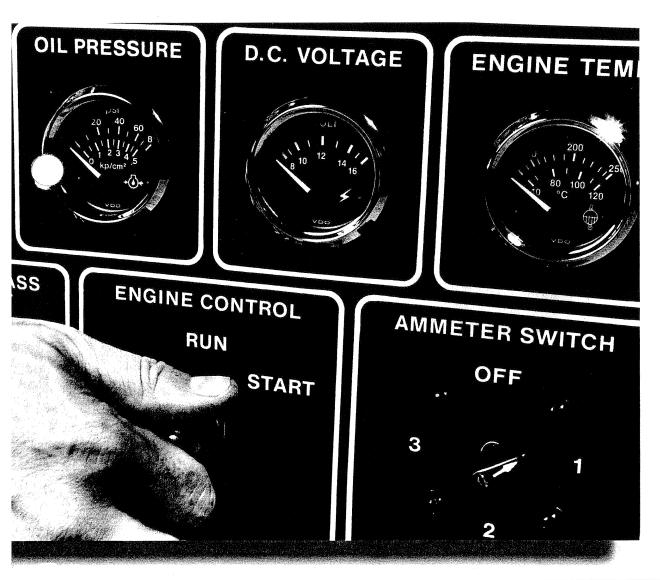


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# **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

# for Northern Lights® M984W Diesel Generator Sets

Read this operator's manual thoroughly before starting to operate your equipment. This manual contains information you will need to run and service your new unit.

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#### Introduction

The servicing of marine engines and generator sets presents unique problems. In many cases, boats cannot be moved to a repair facility. Marine engines cannot be compared to the servicing of automobiles, trucks, or even farm equipment. Failures often occur in remote areas far from competent assistance. Marine engines are taxed far more severely than auto or truck engines; therefore, maintenance schedules must be adhered

to more strictly. Failures begin with minor problems that are overlooked and become amplified when not corrected during routine maintenance.

As operator, it is your obligation to learn about your equipment and its proper maintenance. This is not a comprehensive technical service manual. Nor will it make the reader into an expert mechanic. Its aim is to aid you in maintaining your unit properly.

#### **Unit Identification**

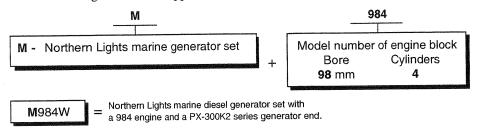
#### **MODELS INCLUDED**

This manual covers the operating instructions for:

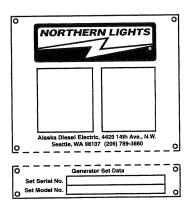
M984W marine generator sets, which use the 984 engine block.

#### **Model Numbers**

Model numbers give the unit's application, block model, aspiration, and RPM:



#### **Serial Numbers**



a plate attached to the valve cover, ② a generator end serial number, and ③ a generator set serial number.

Your set has three serial numbers: 1) an engine number stamped on

NOTE: Always use the generator set serial number when ordering parts or in correspondence. The generator set serial number plate is found on the service side of the generator and resembles the drawing in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Generator set serial number plate.

A warranty registration certificate is supplied with your set. It entitles the original purchaser of our equipment to a warranty covering material or assembly faults. The extent of coverage is described in the Limited Warranty Statement. We recommend that you study the statement carefully.

**NOTE:** If the warranty is to apply, the servicing instructions outlined in this manual must be followed. If further information is needed, please contact an authorized dealer or the factory.

#### Safety Rules



CAUTION: Accident reports show that careless use of engines causes a high percentage of accidents. You can avoid accidents by observing these safety rules. Study these rules carefully and enforce them on the job.

- Never leave engine without proper security.
- Turn the coolant tank cap slowly to relieve pressure before removing. Add coolant only when the engine is stopped and cool.
- Mount a fire extinguisher near engine.
- Always disconnect the battery ground strap before making adjustments.
- Operate engines in properly ventilated areas.
- Keep trash and other objects away from engine.
- Escaping fluids under pressure can penetrate your skin. Use a piece of cardboard or wood, not your hands, to search for leaks.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing without a belt when working around engines.
- Do not oil or grease engine while it is running.

- Use caution in handling fuel. Never refuel a hot or running engine. Do not smoke while filling fuel tank or servicing fuel system.
- Keep your hands, feet, hair and clothing away from power-driven parts.
- Check for any loose electrical connections or faulty wiring.
- Engines should be operated only by knowledgeable, qualified personnel.
- Look completely around engine to make sure that everything is clear before starting.
- Do not operate an engine that isn't in proper working order. If an unsafe operating condition is noted, tag the set and control panel so others will also know about the problem.
- Provide first aid kits.



CAUTION: This symbol is used throughout this book to alert you to possible danger areas. Please take special notice of these sections.

# **M984W Generator Set Component Locations**

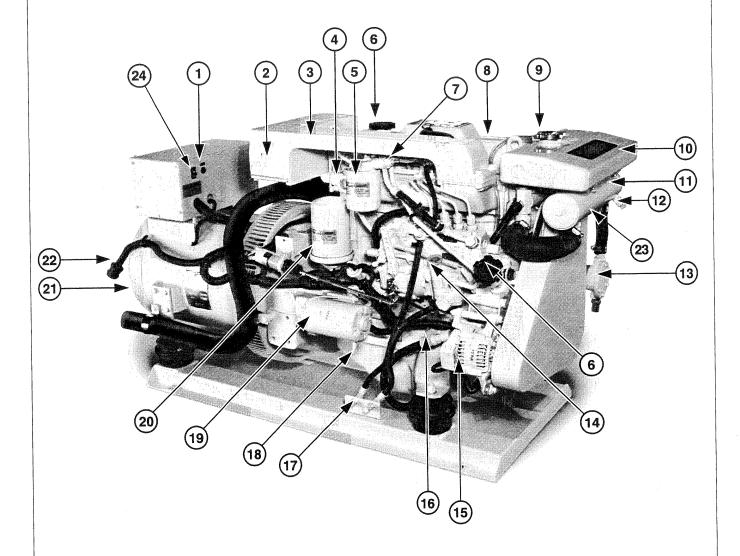


Figure 2: M984W Service Side with PX-300K2 series generator end.

- 1. DC Circuit Breaker
- 2. Air Filter
- 3. Intake Manifold
- 4. Lube Oil Dipstick
- 5. Secondary Fuel Filter
- 6. Lube Oil Fill
- 7. Fuel System Bleed Point
- 8. Exhaust Manifold
- 9. Coolant Fill
- 10. Expansion Tank
- 11. Heat Exchanger
- **12.** Heat Exchanger Raw Water Drain and Zinc
- 13. Raw Water Pump
- 14. Fuel Primer Pump
- **15.** DC Alternator
- 16. Lube Oil Drain
- 17. Fuel Manifold
- **18.** Oil Pan
- 19. Starter
- 20. Oil Filter

- 21. AC Generator
- 22. DC Panel Plug-In
- 23. Heat Exchanger Fresh Water Drain
- 24. AC Circuit Breaker

## **M984W Generator Set Component Locations**

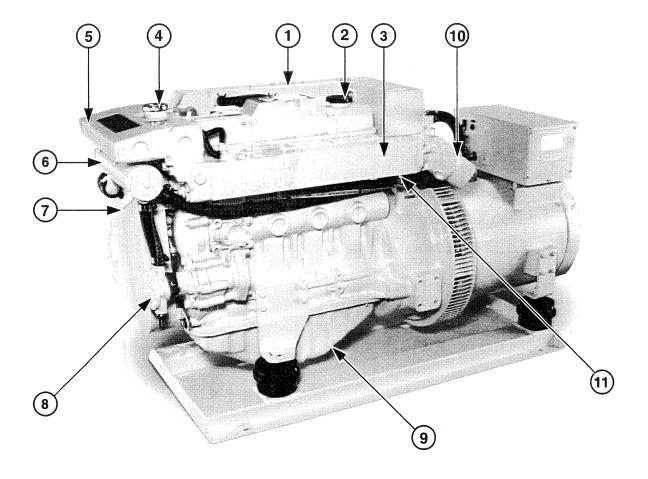


Figure 3: M984W Non-Service Side with PX-300K2 series generator end.

- 1. Intake Manifold
- 2. Lube Oil Fill
- **3.** Exhaust Manifold
- 4. Coolant Fill
- 5. Expansion Tank
- 6. Heat Exchanger
- 7. Heat Exchanger Raw Water Drain and Zinc
- 8. Raw Water Pump
- 9. Oil Pan
- 10. Wet Exhaust Elbow
- 11. Manifold Drain

#### **Control Panels**

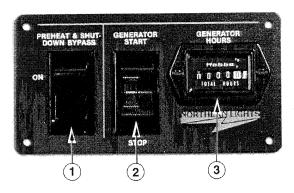


Figure 4-A: Series 1-B Generator Control Panel

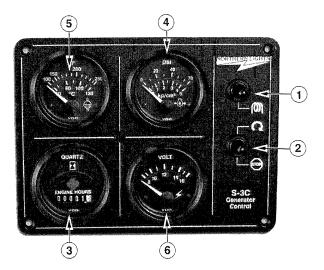


Figure 4-B: Series 3 Generator Control Panel

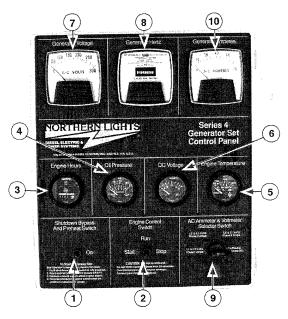


Figure 4-C: Series 4 Generator Control Panel

#### 1. PREHEAT/ SHUTDOWN BYPASS

This switch serves two functions:

- 1. Preheats fuel before beginning the starting process. Press switch for 10-20 seconds before attempting startup.
- 2. Bypasses the safety shutdown feature during the starting process. Keep switch engaged while starting engine, and for 2 to 3 seconds afterwards, allowing oil pressure to build beyond shutdown setpoint.

#### 2. ENGINE CONTROL SWITCH

To start the engine, hold this switch in the START position until the engine is running. After the engine starts, release the switch and it will return to RUN position. To stop the engine, hold the switch in the STOP position.

NOTE: The rocker switch is used on Series 1 panels only, and has a light that glows when the set is running.

#### 3. HOUR METER

Keeps track of engine running time.

#### 4. OIL PRESSURE GAUGE

Shows the oil pressure in the engine lubricating system.

#### 5. WATER TEMPERATURE GAUGE

Registers the temperature of the cooling water.

#### 6. D.C. VOLTMETER

When the engine is stopped, the voltmeter indicates the condition of the battery. When the engine is running, the voltmeter indicates the voltage output of the alternator.

#### For Series 4 Control Panels only:

#### 7. A.C. VOLTMETER

Shows the generator output voltage.

#### 8. FREQUENCY METER (Hertz)

The frequency meter indicates alternating current frequency: 60 Hz (1800 rpm) or 50 Hz (1500 rpm).

#### 9. AMMETER/VOLTMETER SELECTOR

Used to check the voltage and current of each phase. Return to "Amps Off" position when not monitoring.

#### 10. A.C. AMMETER

Shows the generator load on each phase. The phase is selected with the Ammeter Selector switch (#9).

#### **Operating Procedures**

#### **BREAK-IN PERIOD**

- 1. The first 100 hours on a new or reconditioned engine are critical to its life and performance.
- 2. Constantly check the engine temperature and oil pressure gauges.
- 3. Oil consumption is greater during break-in as piston rings take time to seat.
- 4. Break-In Oil Changes: Change engine oil and filter at 50 hours. Change oil and filter again at 100 hours (consult Lubricants section for oil recommendation).

#### **Operating Instructions:**

Maintain at least a 75% load on your generator set for the first 100 hours. If this is not possible, maintain no less than a 50% load to ensure proper seating of the piston rings. Vary the load to help seat the rings.

#### **BEFORE STARTING**

1. Check the water level by removing the pressure cap from the expansion tank. In order to give the cooling water an opportunity to expand, the level should be about 1 in. (2.5 cm) below the filler cap sealing surface when the engine is cold.



CAUTION: Use protective clothing and open the filler cap carefully when the engine is warm to prevent burns.

- 2. Check the oil level in the crankcase with the dipstick. The oil level must be between high and low marks on the stick. Never allow the level to go below this area. Always add the same viscosity of oil as is already in the crankcase.
- 3. Check the fuel tank level and open any fuel valves on the tank and at the secondary fuel filter.
- 4. Close the sea-cock, check and clean the sea strainer, and reopen the sea-cock.
- 5. Marine Sets: place the battery switch in the ON position.

NOTE: The battery switch must always be kept ON while the engine is running. If the switch is turned OFF while the engine is running, the battery charging alternator could be damaged.

#### **Operating Procedures**

#### **STARTING**

- 1. Hold the Shutdown Bypass switch in the ON position.
- 2. While holding the Shutdown Bypass switch in the ON position, push the Engine Control switch to the START position.
- 3. As soon as the engine starts, release both switches. Do not crank the starter for more than 20 seconds consecutively. If the engine fails to start with the first attempt, be sure that it has stopped completely before re-engaging the starter.
- NOTE: Excessive cranking of the starter on marine sets equipped with a water lift muffler can cause engine damage. If the engine does not start after 3 consecutive 20-second cranks, remove the impeller from the seawater pump. This will prevent the muffler from filling with water and backfilling the exhaust line and engine. Once the engine starts, shut if off immediately and reinstall the impeller. Restart and check the exhaust overboard outlet for gushes of water.

#### **OPERATING**

- 1. Units with Series 3 and Series 4 Control Panels: check gauges often. Oil pressure must be above 15 PSI. The D.C. voltmeter should read between 11 and 15 volts at 80° F (25° C) ambient temperature. The water temperature gauge must be below 200° F (94° C). Check the A.C. voltage and frequency meters (Series 4 panel). If the gauges deviate from normal levels, shut down the generator set and investigate.
- 2. Let the unit run unloaded for a three to five minute warm-up period.
- 3. Add electrical load.

#### **STOPPING**

- 1. Remove electrical load from the generator set.
- 2. Run the engine for a three to five minute cool-down period.
- 3. Move the Engine Control switch to the STOP position until the engine stops completely.
- 4. Shut off seacock, fuel valve, and battery switch.

#### **Operating Procedures**

#### SHUTDOWNS AND ALARMS

- 1. Your unit is fitted with a system to protect it from high water temperature or low oil pressure.
  - a. Generator sets have shutdown systems to stop the engine. They have no warning horns.
  - b. Other alarms and shutdowns are available as optional equipment.

NOTE: If your unit is equipped with optional shutdowns and alarms, do not rely on your warning or shutdown system to the exclusion of careful gauge monitoring. Watching your gauges can prevent damage to the unit and dangerous power losses.

- 2. Do the following when your warning or shutdown system is activated:
  - a. Check the temperature gauge. If above 205° F (96° C), shut off the engine immediately.
  - b. Use the Trouble Shooting Guide on page 26 to isolate the cause of the overheat.



CAUTION: Do not remove the water fill cap of an overheated engine. Escaping high temperature steam can cause severe burns. Allow the engine to cool and then remove the cap slowly using protective clothing.

- c. Make repairs and restart after the temperature gauge registers below 200° F (94° C).
- d. Watch the temperature gauge regularly and turn off the unit if the temperature rises above 205° F (96° C). Repeat troubleshooting.
- 3. If shutdown is activated and the temperature gauge shows temperature within normal temperature range:
  - a. Check the engine crankcase oil level.
  - b. If the oil level is low, fill with recommended lubricating oil and restart. Watch the oil pressure gauge carefully and shut off the engine if it does not show a normal reading (20-60 PSI) after a few seconds of operation.
  - c. If the oil level is normal, DO NOT restart the engine. Call your dealer for assistance.

#### **SPARE PARTS**

- 1. ADE recommends that you keep the following spare parts on hand for field service. The parts are available from your local Northern Lights dealer. Some marine models may already have "On-Board Kits," a handy box that contains the most common parts you will need.
  - a. Primary and secondary fuel filter elements
  - b. Oil filters
  - c. Air filter elements
  - d. Alternator belt
  - e. Thermostat and gaskets
  - f. Seawater pump impeller and gaskets
  - g. Glow plugs
  - h. Injector and washer
- 2. If your set is operating a long distance from a servicing dealer, add the following:
  - a. Complete set of injectors
  - b. Copper washers for injector change
  - c. Compelete set of glow plugs
  - d. Fuel lift pump

#### **Servicing Schedule Chart**

The Servicing Schedule Chart below shows the service schedule required for proper maintenance of your generator set. More detailed coverage of each Service Point (SP) is listed on the page noted in the 'page' column.

#### DAILY:

SP1 Check oil level in engineSP8 Check primary fuel filterSP14 Check cooling water level

Check sea strainer

#### AFTER FIRST 50 HOURS:

SP2/3 Change engine oil and filter SP5 Check V-belt tension

SP7 Adjust valves

SP19 Check electrolyte level in batteries

#### **EVERY 50 HOURS:**

SP5 Check V-belt tension

SP19 Check electrolyte level in batteries

#### **AFTER FIRST 100 HOURS:**

SP2/3 Change engine oil and filter

#### **EVERY 200 HOURS:**

SP2/3 Change engine oil and filter

SP4 Check air cleaner

SP9 Change primary fuel filter element

SP10 Change secondary fuel filter

SP18 Check zinc electrodes

#### **EVERY 600 HOURS:**

SP6 Check valve clearances

SP12 Check injectors

SP15 Check and flush cooling system

SP17 Change impeller

SP20 Check state of charge of batteries

#### **EVERY 2400 HOURS:**

SP13 Check fuel injection pump

SP16 Check and clean heat exchanger

SERVICE POINT	PAGE	OPERATION	DAILY	50 Hours	100 Hours	200 Hours	600 Hours	2400 Hours
ENGIN								
SP1	12	Check oil level	•					
SP2	12	Change engine oil <sup>1, 5</sup>				•		
SP3	13	Change lube oil filters <sup>1, 5</sup>				•		
SP4	13	Check air cleaner <sup>1, 4</sup>				•		
SP5	13	Check V-belt tension <sup>1</sup>		•				
SP7	14	Check valve clearances <sup>5</sup>					•	
A EILE	YSTEM	•						
SP8	15	Check primary filter <sup>2</sup>	•					
SP9	15	Change primary filter element <sup>2, 3</sup>				•		
SP10	15	Change secondary fuel filter <sup>1, 3</sup>				•		
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SP12	17	Check injectors <sup>1</sup>					•	
SP13	18	Check fuel injection pump					A. 100 CONT.	•
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SP15	20	Check and flush cooling system					•	ļ
SP16	21	Check and clean heat exchanger					<u> </u>	•
SP17	21	Change impeller in raw water pump1,3					•	
SP18	21	Check zinc electrodes <sup>4</sup>				•		
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SP23	23	Winterizing or out-of-service <sup>3</sup>						

- 1) Perform all maintenance once a year even if hour level has not been reached.
- 2) Consult manufacturer's maintenance schedule, note on chart.
- Whenever necessary.

- 4) More often if necessary.
- 5) After first 50 hours.
- 6) Adjust at first 100 hours.

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SP19	Check electrolyte in batteries						
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SP2	Change engine oil						
SP3	Change lubricating oil filters						
SP4	Check air cleaner						
SP8	Change primary filter element (Racor)						
SP10	Change secondary fuel filter						
SP18	Check zinc electrodes						
EVERY	600 HOURS						
SP7	Check valve clearances						
SP12	Check injectors						
SP15	Check and flush cooling system						
SP17	Change impeller in seawater pump						
SP20	Check condition of batteries with hydrometer						
2400 H	OURS						
SP13	Check fuel injection pump						
SP16	Check and clean heat exchanger						
SP22	Check and clean oil cooler on reverse gear						
Service	Service Notes:						

#### **LUBRICATION - GENERAL**

- 1. Use only clean, high quality lubricants stored in clean containers in a protected area.
- 2. These lubricants are acceptable:
  - a. API Service CC/CD/CE single viscosity oils.
  - b. API Service CC/CD/SF multi-viscosity oils.
- 3. Use the proper weight oil for your average operation temperature.

Air Temperature	Single Viscosity	Multi- Viscosity
Above 32° F (0° C)	SAE 30W	SAE 15-40W
-10° to 32° F (-23° to 0° C)	SAE 10W	SAE 10-30W

Figure 5: Lube Oils

4. Never put additives or flushing oil in crankcase.

#### SP1. CHECKING OIL LEVEL

1. While the engine is stopped, check the oil level in the crankcase with the dipstick daily. The oil level must be between the high and low marks on the stick. Fill with the recommended oil, and fill only to the high mark on the dipstick. Follow the lubrication recommendations in Figure 5.

#### SP2. OIL CHANGES

- The set is delivered with special break-in oil.
   Change the engine oil and oil filter after 50 hours of operation. Use Service CC 30 weight oil during the first 100 hours.
- 2. Change the oil and filter again at 100 hours using the oil recommended in the above diagram. After this, change oil and filter every 200 hours.
- 3. During intermittent cold weather operation, change oil every 100 hours or six weeks, whichever comes first.
- 4. Change oil at any seasonal change in temperature when a new viscosity of oil is required.
- 5. Change oil when engine is warm but not hot.
- 6. Dispose of waste oil in an approved manner.
- 7. Never use a flushing oil.
- 8. Loosen clamp on oil change tube. Remove cap. Drain oil. Replace cap and tube.
- 9. Refill engine with recommended oil.

#### SP3. CHANGING LUBE OIL FILTER

- 1. Change the lube oil filter every 200 hours.
- 2. Use a filter wrench to remove old filter. Dispose of filter in approved manner.
- 3. Make sure the gasket from the old filter is removed and discarded. Clean mount face.
- 4. Spread a thin film of engine oil on the rubber gasket on the new filter and screw it on nipple until gasket meets the sealing surface.
- 5. Using hands only no wrench tighten filter one-half turn farther. Overtightening can do damage to filter housing.
- 6. Fill engine with recommended oil. Start engine and check for leakage. Stop engine, wait 3 minutes, and check oil level. Add additional oil if necessary.
- 7. Oil filter part number is:

  Model 984W .....#24-05401

#### SP4. AIR CLEANER

- 1. Visually inspect air cleaner every 200 hours. In dusty conditions, check more often.
- 2. Remove the plate on the bottom of the air intake manifold. Remove and inspect the foam element. If dirty, wash element in soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly before reinstalling.
- NOTE: Make absolutely sure no impurities enter the engine while changing the element, and do not run the engine with the air cleaner removed.

Do not clean the filter with diesel fuel, solvent, or gasoline. Serious engine damage can result.

#### SP5. V-BELTS

- 1. Check the tension and wear on the V-belt after every 50 hours.
- 2. Use your thumb to press on the belt at the midpoint between the crankshaft and alternator pulleys. The tension is correct if the belt can be depressed about 3/8 in. (10 15 mm) with 22 lbs. (10 kg) force.

#### SP7. VALVE CLEARANCES

- 1. Readjust valve clearance after first 50 hours of operation. Adjust valves every 600 hours thereafter.
- 2. Warm up the engine to 167° F 185° F (75° C 85° C). Shut off fuel and battery.
- 3. Rotate the crankshaft in a clockwise direction to set cylinder No. 1 to the top dead center. Top dead center (TDC) is when notch "TDC" on the pulley aligns with the pointer and the two valves on cylinder No. 4 "rock". Rocking is when the rocker arms (for the two valves on a given cylinder) are moving in opposite directions, one up closing the valve and one down opening the other valve. The moment when the two rocker arms are exactly aligned with each other is when they "rock".

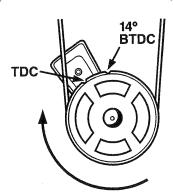


Figure 7: Timing Marks

4. Measure the valve clearance for each of the valves (shown as in Figure 8).

Standard valve clearances for a hot engine are:

Intake (IN) ........... 0.006 - 0.009 in. (0.15 - 0.25 mm)

Exhaust (EX) ....... 0.013 - 0.016 in. (0.31 - 0.41 mm)

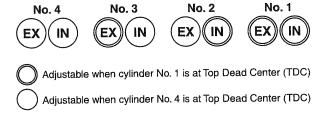


Figure 8: Valve Sequence

5. To adjust valve clearance, loosen the lock nut on the adjustment screw. Insert a feeler gauge between the rocker arm and the valve stem cap. Adjust until the feeler gauge slides with a slight drag. Tighten the lock nut and recheck the clearance (Figure 9).

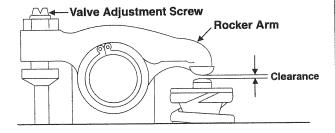


Figure 9: Valve Adjustment

- 6. Rotate the crankshaft in clockwise direction one full turn to set cylinder No. 4 to top dead center (TDC).

  Adjust the remaining valves (shown as in Figure 8).
- 7. Replace the rocker arm cover.

#### **FUELS - GENERAL**

- Use only clean, high quality fuels of the following specifications, as defined by ASTM designation D975 for diesel fuels:
  - a. Use grade No. 2 diesel at ambient temperatures above freezing 32° F (0° C).
  - b. Use grade No. 1 at ambient temperatures below freezing.
  - c. International fuel specifications: ISO-8217-DMA
     BS 2869 Part 1 Class A1
     BS 2869 Part 2 Class A2
- 2. Use fuel having less that 1% sulphur (preferably less than 0.5%).
- 3. The cetane number should be a minimum of 45.
- 4. DO NOT use these unsuitable grades of fuel:
  - a. Domestic heating oils, all types.
  - b. Class B engine.
  - c. Class D domestic fuels.
  - d. Class E, F, G or H industrial or marine fuels.
  - e. ASTM-D975-60T No. 4-D and higher number fuels.
- 5. Storing fuel:
  - a. Keep dirt, scale, water, and other foreign matter out of fuel.
  - b. Avoid storing fuel for long periods of time.
  - c. Fill the fuel tank at the end of each day's operation. This will reduce condensation.

#### SP8-10. FUEL FILTERS

- 1. Your generator set should have a primary fuel filter installed. We recommend the Northern Lights brand of fuel filter-water separators.
  - a. Check the primary fuel filter daily as recommended by the filter manufacturer.
     Empty the collection bowl as necessary.
  - b. Change the element as often as necessary or every 200 hours.
  - c. If the bowl fills with water, change the primary and secondary element immediately.



Figure 10: Primary Fuel Filter

2. Change secondary fuel filter every 200 hours.

# NOTE: The fuel filter on the engine is considered the "secondary fuel filter".

- a. Remove the spin-on filter by turning it counterclockwise with a filter wrench. Fill the new cartridge with fuel and install it after applying engine oil to the gasket surface. Screw on the filter until the gasket surface comes into contact with the sealing surface of the filter base. Then, tighten it two-thirds of a turn by hand. Do not overtighten.
- b. Fuel filter part number is:

  Model 984W .....#24-52020

#### SP11. BLEEDING THE FUEL SYSTEM



CAUTION: Escaping diesel fuel under pressure can penetrate skin causing serious personal injury. Before disconnecting lines be sure to relieve all pressure. Before applying pressure, be sure all connections are tight and lines, pipes and hoses aren't damaged. Fuel escaping from a very small hole can be almost invisible. Use a piece of cardboard or wood, rather than hands, to search for suspected leaks. If injured by escaping fuel, see a doctor at once. Serious infection or reaction can develop if proper medical treatment isn't administered immediately.

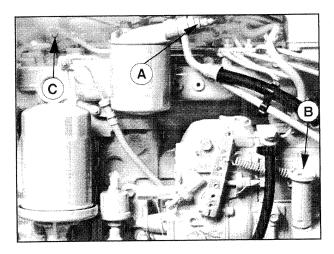


Figure 11: Fuel System

- 1. The fuel system is self-bleeding. However, any system may need manual bleeding when:
  - a. A new fuel filter is installed;
  - b. The engine has run out of fuel;
  - The fuel lines, injection pump or any other fuel system component has been removed and installed.
- 2. Loosen bleed nipple (Figure 11-A) on top of the fuel filter. Pump hand primer (Figure 11-B) on fuel lift pump until pure fuel (no bubbles) escapes from the bleed nipple (Figure 11-A). Tighten bleed nipple.
- 3. If the engine does not start after this bleeding process, loosen a fuel line at the injector (Figure 11-C) while cranking the engine with the starter motor until pure fuel escapes. Then tighten the connection. Do each line **one-at-a-time**.
- 4. After the engine has started, use a piece of cardboard to look for fuel leaks.

#### SP12. INJECTOR SERVICE

1. Injectors should be checked every 600 hours. This check should be made by a Northern Lights dealer or local injection repair station.



CAUTION: Escaping diesel fuel under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin causing serious personal injury. If injured by escaping fuel, see a doctor at once.

#### 2. Injector removal:

- a. Clean loose dirt from around the injectors and the fuel lines.
- Relieve high pressure in the fuel lines by loosening the delivery line flare nuts at each injector.
- c. Remove delivery lines (Figure 13-B) by
  disconnecting from injectors and injection pump.
   Remove all lines as an assembly; do not remove
  the spacers. Cover the ends of the lines, the injector
  inlets and injection pump outlets to keep dirt out.

NOTE: On some models it is necessary to remove the air filter housing to access the fuel injection lines.

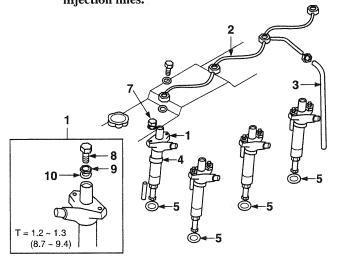


Figure 12: Injectors

- d. Remove the return line retaining bolts (Figure 12-8), washers, and return line.
- Loosen the injector retaining nuts equally (Figure 12-7), a little at a time. Remove the injector.
- Remove the injector seat (Figure 12-5). Cover the holes to prevent debris from entering the cylinders.

# NOTE: Do not use pry bars to remove injectors from the cylinder head.

- 3. Injector repair and cleaning:
  - Take injectors to your Northern Lights dealer or local injection repair station for testing and service.
- 4. Injector installation:
  - a. Install new injector seal washer seat and injector. Evenly tighten the injector retaining nuts (Figure 12-7) to 16.2 24.3 ft/lbs.
     (2.24 3.36 k/gm). Do not overtighten.
  - b. Reinstall the return line (Figure 12-2) using new sealing washers (Figures 12-9 and 12-10). Tighten bolts (Figure 12-8) to 8.7 9.4 ft/lbs (1.2 1.33 k/gm).

#### NOTE: Overtightening can damage injectors.

- c. Reinstall injection lines (Figure 13-B). Tighten flare nuts at injection pump to 18.2 25.3 ft/lbs (2.5 3.5 k/gm). Leave the lines loose at injectors for bleeding.
- d. Bleed the injection lines (Figure 13-B). Crank the engine to fill the lines. Tighten flare nuts at injectors to 18.2 25.3 ft/lbs (2.5 3.5 k/gm).
- e. Start the engine and check for leaks using a piece of paper or cardboard. Do not use your hand to check for leaks.

#### SP13. INJECTION PUMP

- 1. Since operating conditions may vary considerably, it is difficult to give a definite interval for checking the injection pump. But as a rule, pump settings, maximum speed, idle speed and exhaust smoke should be checked after every 2400 hours of operation. Service of the fuel injection pump should only be done if checks indicate pump malfunction.
- 2. Black smoke can be an indication of pump malfunction. Before servicing the pump, check other possible causes:
  - a. Check cleanliness of the air filter.
  - b. Check valve clearances.
  - c. Clean and check injectors.

3. Any repair which involves disassembly of the injection pump must be carried out by specially trained mechanics with the proper tools and test equipment.

NOTE: All warranties on the engine become null and void if the injection pump seals are broken by unauthorized persons.

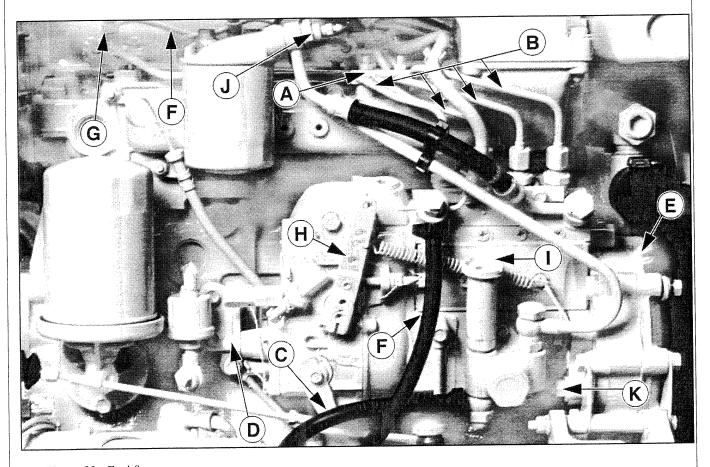


Figure 13: Fuel System

- A. Injection Line Clamps
- B. Fuel Injection Lines
- C. Fuel Feed Line
- D. Pump Support Bracket
- E. Timing Mark Plug
- F. Fuel Return Line
- G. Injector
- H. Throttle Lever
- I. Hand Priming Pump
- J. Air Vent Point
- **K.** (4) Mounting Nuts

#### 4. Injection Pump Removal:



CAUTION: Escaping diesel fuel under pressure can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin, causing serious personal injury. If injured by escaping diesel fuel, see a doctor at once.

 a. Clean the injection pump, hoses, and area around the pump with a cleaning solvent or steam cleaner.

# NOTE: Never steam clean or pour cold water on an injection pump while the engine is running or the pump is warm.

- b. Remove the injection lines (Figure 13-B) from the pump and injectors. Remove all lines as an assembly. Do not remove the spacers. Cover the ends of the lines, the injector inlets, and the injection pump outlets to keep dirt out of the injectors, lines, and pump.
- c. Remove the pump support bracket (Figure 13-D) on rear of pump.
- d. Remove the plug (Figure 13-E) from the timing case cover. Use an indelible marker to put a mark on the injection pump gear through the plug hole. You will use this mark to align the pump during reassembly. Do not rotate the crankshaft after marking.
- e. Remove the 4 mounting nuts (Figure 13-K). Two (2) are found on the back side of the injection pump, and two (2) are found on the front side.
- f. Take the pump to your Northern Lights dealer or an injection repair station for testing and service.

#### 5. Injection Pump Installation:

- a. Reverse the removal process.
- b. Make sure the mark on the gear shows through the plug hole.
- c. Torque mounting bolts to 21.7 32.5 ft/lbs (3.0 4.5 k/gm).

#### INJECTION PUMP TIMING

- The injection pump is timed at the factory and the pump body and mounting flange are marked. If pump timing is questionable, follow the procedure below.
- 2. Check Injection Pump Timing:
  - a. Bleed air from the fuel system (see page 16).
  - b. Remove the fuel injection line from the No. 1 fuel delivery valve on the injection pump (Figure 14).

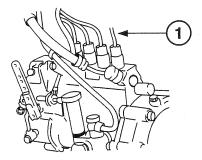


Figure 14: Fuel Injection Lines

- c. Pressurize the system with the hand primer pump (Figure 13-I).
- d. Slowly rotate the crankshaft by hand in clockwise direction until fuel just begins to rise in the No. 1 delivery valve.
- e. The crankshaft pulley notch mark for 14° Before Top Dead Center (BTDC) should now align with the timing pointer (Figure 15). If it does not, the injection pump needs to be timed.

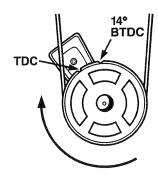


Figure 15: Timing Marks

#### **COOLING SYSTEM - GENERAL**

NOTE: Be sure to close the sea-cock before working on the engine cooling system.



CAUTION: The cooling water in the engine reaches extremely high temperatures. You must use extreme caution when working on hot engines to avoid burns. Allow the engine to cool before working on the cooling system. Open the filler cap carefully, using protective clothing when the engine is warm.

#### SP14. CHECK THE COOLANT LEVEL

- 1. Check the coolant level each day before starting the engine.
  - a. Check the water level by removing the pressure cap from the radiator. In order to give the cooling water an opportunity to expand, the level should be about 1 in. (2.5 cm) below the filler cap sealing surface when the engine is cold.
  - b. The pressure valve in the filler cap releases when the pressure is approximately 7 PSI (0.5 kg/cm²). Use a cap pressure tester to check cap if you suspect it is faulty.

#### SP15. COOLING SYSTEM FLUSHING

- 1. Flush the cooling system every 600 hours or every 12 months, whichever comes first.
- 2. Remove fill cap and open drains on engine block.

  The hex-headed engine block drain is on the service side of the engine below the intake manifold, next to the flywheel housing.
- 3. Pour clean water into the engine until water coming from engine is clear of discoloration. Close drains and refill the engine with recommended coolant mixture.
- 4. Use 50% water / 50% ethylene glycol antifreeze mix. Antifreeze mixture is recommended as a good year-round coolant.
- 5. Check hoses and connections and repair any leakage.
- Start the engine and check for leaks. Run the engine for five minutes, then shut it down. Let engine cool, and then check the coolant level in the engine. Add coolant as needed.

NOTE: Be sure to open the sea-cock after working on the engine cooling system and starting the engine.

#### SP16. HEAT EXCHANGER

- 1. Clean the heat exchanger core once a year or after 2400 hours of operation.
- 2. Drain the expansion tank and heat exchanger.
- 3. Remove the heat exchanger end covers.
- 4. Clean the inside of the exchanger core tubes using a metal rod. Flush, inspect, and clean again if necessary.
- 5. Reassemble the heat exchanger. Fill the cooling system. Start the engine and check for leaks.

#### SP17. RAW WATER PUMP

- 1. Change the raw water pump impeller every 600 hours, or as needed.
- 2. Remove the pump cover. Pry out the impeller using needle-nose pliers or two screwdrivers. Be sure to remove all pieces of the failed impeller.

NOTE: Place some kind of protection under the screwdrivers in order to not damage the pump housing.

- 3. Clean the inside of the housing.
- 4. Press in the new impeller and place the sealing plug in the outer end of the impeller center if this has not already been done.

NOTE: Make sure that there is always an extra impeller and cover gasket in reserve on board.

#### SP18, ZINC ELECTRODES

- A zinc electrode is installed in the heat exchanger cooling system to protect the engine from electrolysis. Check it faithfully every 200 hours. If you are in warm saltwater, or where electrolysis is a known problem, check it more often.
- 2. Remove the zinc holder from the bottom of the exchanger (Figure 2-12). This will drain raw water from the exchanger.
- 3. Scrape or steel brush the zinc electrode clean. If more than 50% of the electrode is corroded away, replace it with a new zinc. The electrode screws out of the holder.
- Reinstall the zinc holders. Be sure the threads are clean for good metal-to-metal contact. Do not use thread sealant.
- 5. Refill the cooling system. Start the engine and check for leaks.

#### **PTO**

There are no servicing requirements for the Optional PTO with electric clutch.

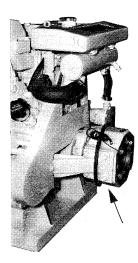


Figure 15: Optional PTO with electic clutch

#### **GENERATOR END**

The maintenance and operation recommendations for the generator end are in a separate Owner's Manual. If you do not have one of these manuals, contact your local dealer.

#### **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM - GENERAL**

- 1. Never switch the battery switch off or break the circuit between the alternator and the batteries while the engine is running. Alternator damage can result.
- 2. Do not reverse the polarity of the battery cables when installing the battery.

#### **BOOSTER BATTERIES**

CAUTION: Battery gas can explode. Keep all flames and sparks away from batteries.

- 1. Before changing or using booster batteries, check the battery electrolyte level. Add distilled water if necessary.
- 2. Booster and main batteries must have the same voltage rating.
- 3. First, connect the positive (+) terminal of the booster battery to the positive (+) terminal of the main battery. Then, connect the negative (-) terminal of the booster battery to ground on the engine block (Figure 16).
- 4. Remove the booster battery after starting the engine.
- Sealed Batteries:
   See the manufacturer's charging and booster instructions.

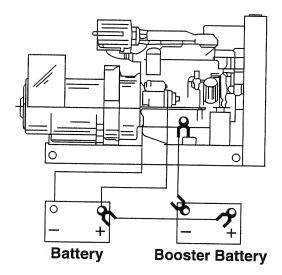


Figure 16: Booster Battery Connections

#### SP19-20. BATTERY CARE

- 1. Check the electrolyte level every 50 hours, or once a month. Add distilled water to the manufacturer's recommended level.
- Batteries, cables, and cable terminals should be checked and cleaned every 100 hours. Clean corrosion with a water and baking soda solution. Flush with clean water. Tighten terminals and grease them to inhibit future corrosion.
- 3. Check the battery condition with a hydrometer every 600 hours.

#### SP23. WINTERIZING / OUT-OF-SERVICE

NOTE: Remember to close the sea-cock before opening drain cocks.

- 1. Change the crankcase oil and filter.
- 2. Drain fresh water and seawater cooling systems completely. Flush fresh water systems and refill with the proper antifreeze mixture.
- 3. Drain the water supply lines and wet exhaust line.
- 4. Loosen the seawater pump cover and drain the pump.
- 5. Loosen the alternator belt.
- 6. Disconnect and clean the battery. Remove the battery to a warm storage place if possible.
- Clean the outside of the unit. Paint any scratched or chipped surfaces. Put corrosion preventative on all exposed metal surfaces.

## DC ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDATION(S)
Battery Will Not Charge	Loose or corroded connections	Clean and tighten battery connections.
	Sulfated or worn out batteries	<ul><li> Check specific gravity of each battery.</li><li> Check electrolyte level of each battery.</li></ul>
	Loose or defective alternator belt	<ul><li>Adjust belt tension.</li><li>Replace belt.</li></ul>
Starter Inoperative	Check DC circuit breaker	• If the breaker is tripped, reset it.
	Loose or corroded connections	<ul> <li>Clean and tighten loose battery and harness plug connection.</li> </ul>
	Low battery condition	<ul><li> Check specific gravity of each battery.</li><li> Check electrolyte level of each battery.</li></ul>
	Defective electrical system ground wire:	• Repair or replace.
Starter Cranks Slowly	Low battery condition	Battery is too small.     Battery cables are too small.
	Check specific gravity of each battery	• Replace battery if necessary.
	Check electrolyte level of each battery	• If low, fill cells with distilled water.
	Crankcase oil too heavy	• Fill with oil of appropriate viscosity.
	Loose or corroded connections	• Clean and tighten loose connections.
Entire Electrical System	Check DC circuit breaker	• If breaker is tripped, reset it.
Does Not Function	Faulty connection	<ul> <li>Clean and tighten battery and harness plug connections.</li> </ul>
	Sulfated or worn out batteries	<ul> <li>Check specific gravity and electrolyte level of each battery.</li> </ul>

If you cannot correct problems with these procedures, see your Northern Lights dealer.

#### **ENGINE**

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDATION(S)
Engine Hard to Start or Will Not Start	Improper starting procedure	• See starting section of this manual. Take special note of Bypass Switch operation.
	No fuel	• Check level of fuel in fuel tank.
	Low battery condition	• Check electrolyte level and condition.
	Excessive resistance in starting circuit	Clean and tighten all battery connections.
	Crankcase oil too heavy	• Use oil of proper viscosity.
	Improper type of fuel	<ul> <li>Consult fuel supplier and use proper type of fuel for operating condition.</li> </ul>
	Water, dirt or air in fuel system	• Drain, flush, fill and bleed system.
	Clogged primary fuel filter element	• Clean or replace filter element.
	Clogged secondary fuel filter element	• Replace filter element.
	Dirty or faulty injection nozzles	Have your dealer check injection nozzles.
Engine Runs Irregularly	Below normal engine temperature	Remove and check thermostat.
or Stalls Frequently	Clogged primary fuel filter element	• Clean or replace filter element.
	Clogged secondary fuel filter element	• Replace secondary filter element.
	Water or dirt in the fuel system	• Drain, flush, fill and bleed system.
	Dirty or faulty injection nozzles	• Have your dealer check injection nozzles.
	Air in fuel system	<ul> <li>Inspect clamps and hoses on suction side of fuel pump for air leak.</li> </ul>
	Improper type of fuel	• Consult fuel supplier and use proper type of fuel for operating condition.
Lack of Engine Power	Engine overloaded	• Reduce the load.
	Intake air restriction	• Service air cleaner.
	Clogged primary fuel filter element	Clean or replace filter element.
	Clogged secondary fuel filter element	• Replace filter element.
	Improper type of fuel	<ul> <li>Consult fuel supplier and use proper type of fuel for operating conditions.</li> </ul>
	Overheated engine	• See "Engine Overheats" in next category.
	Below normal engine temperature	• Remove and check thermostat.
	Improper valve clearance	• Reset valves. Best done by dealer.
	Dirty or faulty injection nozzles	<ul><li>Replace injectors. Best done by dealer.</li><li>See your local dealer.</li></ul>

## **ENGINE**

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDATION(S)
Engine Overheats	Engine overloaded	Reduce the electrical load.
	Low coolant level	<ul><li>Fill tank or radiator to proper level.</li><li>Check hoses for loose connections and leaks.</li></ul>
	Keel cooling tubes (marine sets) have been painted	• Remove paint from tubes.
	Cooling system needs flushing	• Flush cooling system.
	Defective thermostat	• Remove and check thermostat.
	Defective temperature gauge	• Check water temperature with thermometer and replace gauge if necessary.
	Water pump impeller worn or broken	• Check the impeller and replace if necessary.
Engine Knocks	Insufficient oil	• Call your dealer.
	Injection pump out of time	• Call your dealer.
	Below normal engine temperature	<ul><li> Check your thermostats.</li><li> Check water temperature to see if temperature gauge is working properly.</li></ul>
	Faulty fuel injector	• Call your dealer.
	Engine overheating	• See "Engine Overheating" section.
High Fuel Consumption	Improper type of fuel	Use correct fuel for temperature.
	Clogged or dirty air cleaner	• Service air cleaner.
	Engine overloaded	• Reduce the electrical load.
	Improper valve clearance	• See your dealer.
	Injection nozzles dirty	• See your dealer.
	Injection pump out of time	• See your dealer.
	Engine not at proper temperature	<ul><li> Check your thermostats.</li><li> Check water temperature with thermometer and replace gauge if necessary.</li></ul>
Below Normal	Thermostats not working properly	• Check thermostats.
Engine Temperature	Temperature gauge not working properly	• Check water temperature with thermometer.
Low Oil Pressure	Low oil level	Fill crankcase to proper level.
	Improper type of oil	• Drain and fill crankcase with correct oil.
	Partially plugged oil filter	• Replace filter.

#### **ENGINE**

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDATION(S)
High Oil Consumption	Break-in period	<ul> <li>Oil consumption decreases after break in.</li> </ul>
	Crankcase oil too light	• Use proper viscosity oil.
	Oil leaks	<ul> <li>Check for leaks in lines around gaskets and drain plug.</li> </ul>
	Crankcase over full	• Remove excess oil.
Engine Emits Black	Clogged or dirty air cleaner	Service air cleaner.
or Gray Exhaust Smoke	Defective muffler (back pressure too high)	Have dealer check back pressure.
	Improper fuel	• Use correct fuel for temperature.
	Engine overloaded	• Reduce the electrical load.
	Injection nozzles dirty	• See your dealer.
	Engine out of time	• See your dealer.
Engine Emits	Improper fuel	• Use correct fuel for temperature.
White Smoke	Cold engine	<ul> <li>Warm up engine to normal operating temperature.</li> </ul>
	Defective thermostat	<ul> <li>Remove and check thermostat.</li> </ul>
	Engine out of time	• See your dealer.
	Low Compression Pressure	• See your dealer.

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# **Specifications and Dimensions**

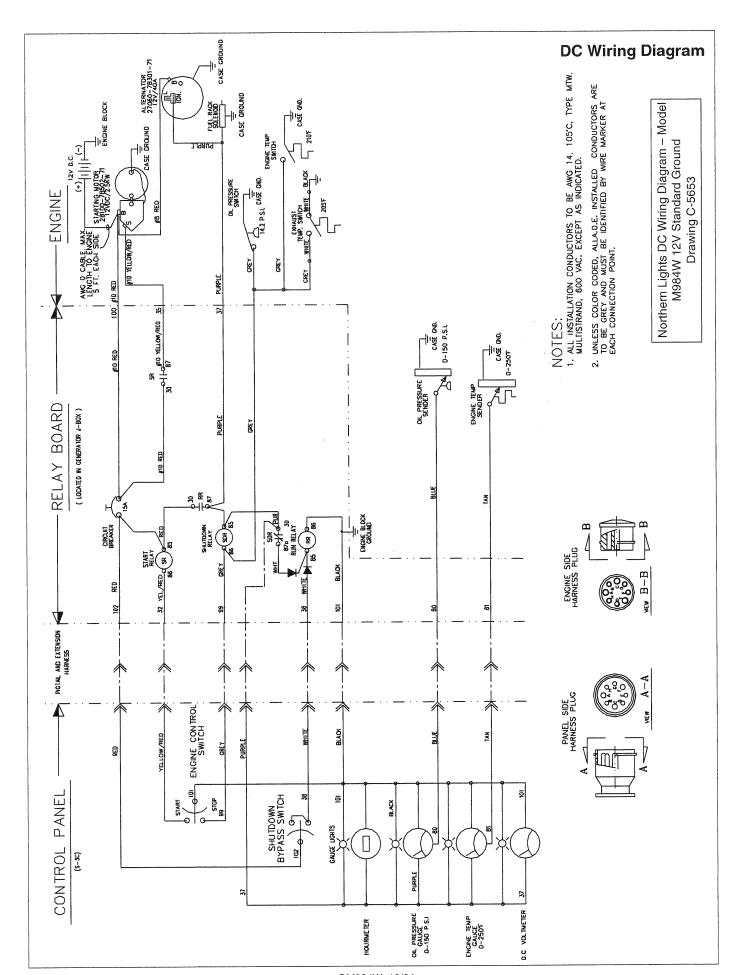
Rated RPM/Frequency Kilowatt Rating	1800/60 Hz 32 kW	1500/50 Hz 25 kW
General Information		
Cylinders	In-line 4	In-line 4
Displacement	212 CID (3.47 ltr)	212 CID (3.47 ltr)
Cycle	4	4
Bore x Stroke	3.85 in (98 mm) x 4.5 in (115 mm)	3.85 in (98 mm) x 4.5 in (115 mm
Rotation (Facing Flywheel)	counterclockwise	counterclockwise
Compression Ratio	18.6:1	18.6:1
Crankcase Capacity (Including Oil Filter)	9.6 qts. (9 ltrs)	9.6 qts. (9 ltrs)
Aspiration	Natural	Natural
Flywheel Housing Size	SAE 4	SAE 4
Flywheel Drive Size	SAE C-110	SAE C-110
Dry Weight Complete Unit		
with Heat Exchanger Cooling	3ø - 1280 lbs., 1ø - 1265 lbs.	3ø- 1280 lbs., 1ø- 1265 lbs.
Height	30.17 in (766 mm)	30.17 in (766 mm)
Width	23.4 in (594.6 mm)	23.4 in (594.6 mm)
Length Carlotte Committee	57.6 in (1463 mm)	57.6 in (1463 mm)
Cooling System		
Approximate Cooling System Capacity		
with Heat Exchanger	3.5 gal (13 ltr)	3.5 gal (13 ltr)
Minimum Through-Hull Diameter	.75 in (19 mm)	.75 in (19 mm)
Sea Water Pump Inlet Hose (Inside Diameter)	.75 in (19 mm)	.75 in (19 mm)
Minimum Sea Water Discharge	.75 in (19 mm)	.75 in (19 mm)
Heat Rejection to Jacket Water	1124 BTU/min	925 BTU/min
Fresh Water Pump Capacity	11.5 gal/min (43.5 ltr/m)	9.5 gal/min (36 ltr/m)
Maximum Sea Water Pump Suction Head	39 in (1 m)	39 in (1 m)
Keel Cooler Tube Length (Turbo Tube)	8 ft (2.44 m)	8 ft (2.44 m)
Keel Cooler Head Diameter	1.25 in (32 mm)	1.25 in (32 mm)
Keel Cooler Water Hose ID Discharge and Suction	on 1.5 in (38 mm)	1.5 in (38 mm)
Electrical		
Minimum Battery Capacity	220 Amp/hour - 640 CCA	220 Amp/hour - 640 CCA
Battery Cable Size	#1/0 up to 10 ft (3 m)	#1/0 up to 10 ft (3 m)
Instrument Harness Length	20 ft (6.1 m)	20 ft (6.1 m)
Starting Voltage, Negative Ground	12 VDC	12 VDC
Air		
Generator Cooling Air Flow, 30 & 10	509 cfm (14.4 m³/m)	424 cfm (12 m³/m)
Air Consumption	100 cfm (2.8 m³/m)	83.3 cfm (2.4 m³/m)
Maximum Engine Room Vent	39 sq in (193 cm²)	39 sq in (193 cm²)
Maximum Exhaust Back Pressure	48 in. H <sub>2</sub> O (1219 mm H <sub>2</sub> O)	48 in. H <sub>2</sub> O (1219 mm H <sub>2</sub> O)
Wet Exhaust Elbow OD	3 in (75 mm)	3 in (75 mm)
Fuel		
Minimum Suction Line	3/8 in (10 mm)	2/9 in /10 m
Minimum Return Line	3/8 in (10 mm)	3/8 in (10 mm)
Maximum Fuel Transfer Pump Suction	39 in (100 mm)	3/8 in (10 mm)
Specific Fuel Consumption at Maximum Load	0.384 lbs/hp/hr	39 in (100 mm)
Approximate Fuel Rate at Maximum Load	2.6 gal/h (9.8 ltr/hr)	0.375 lbs/hp/hr

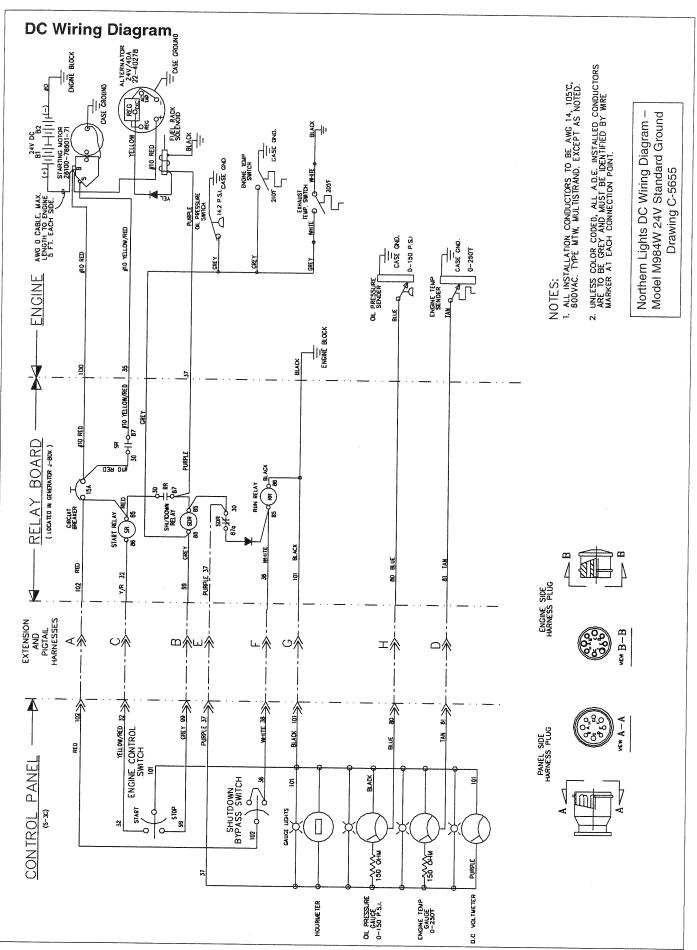
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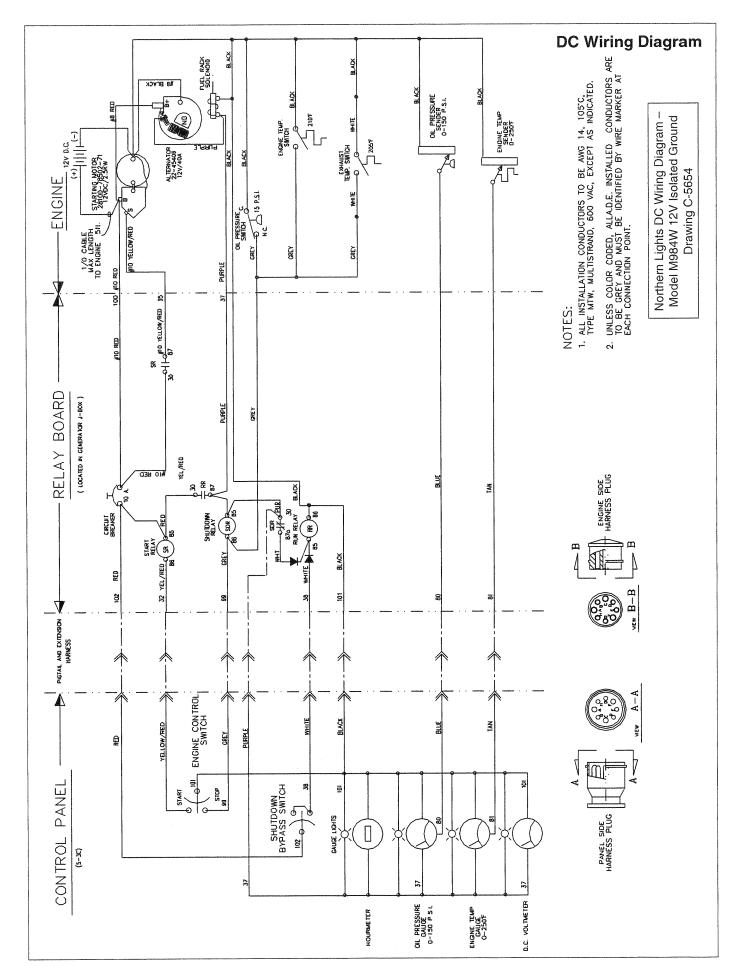
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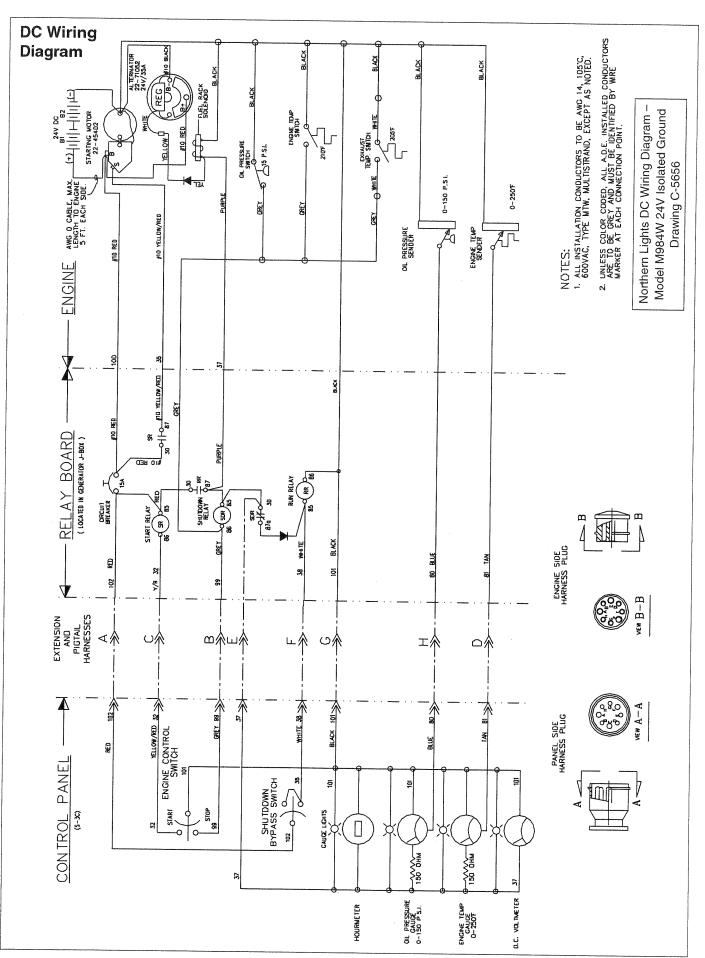
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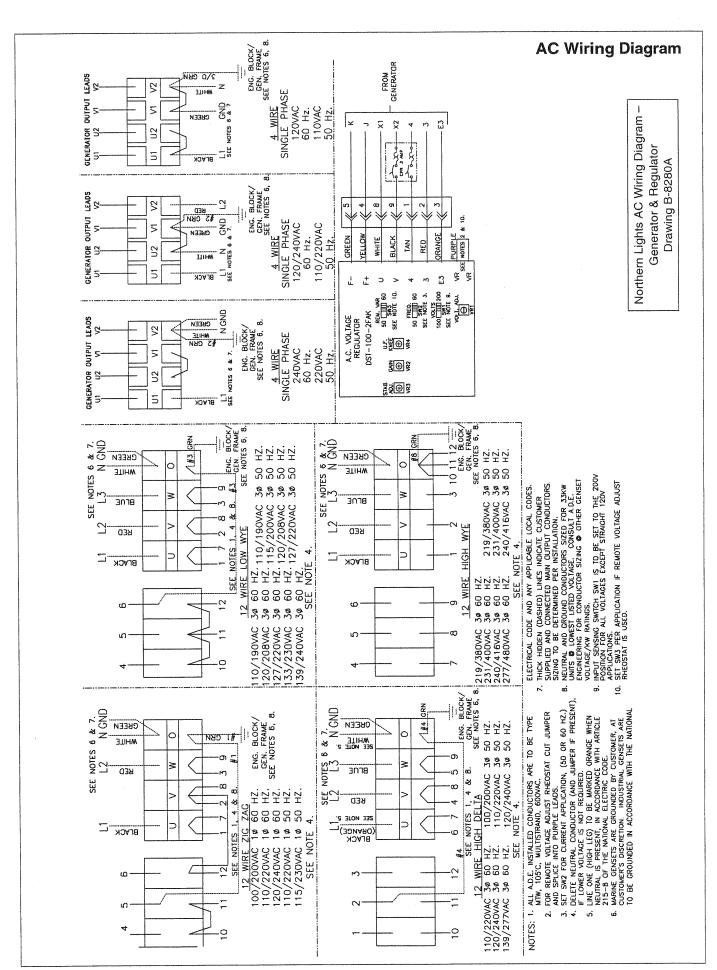
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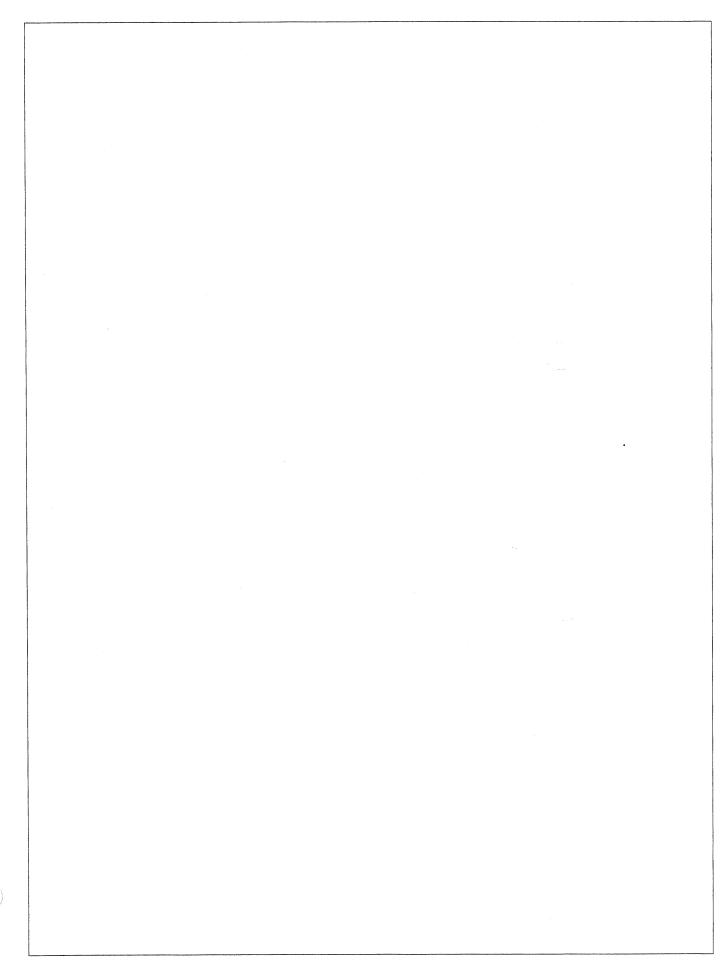








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