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Bench Test for Case-Grounded Window Lift Motors

Application

Problem

Cause

Replacement motor seems to be shorted right out of the box.

Typical 2-terminal bench testing methods create a short, giving the appearance of a faulty motor.

Solution

Most 2-terminal or 2-wire motors are bench tested simply by applying positive and negative voltage to the respective terminals. If the motor runs in any direction and draws typically less then 5 amps (no load), it is a good motor. Because the motors listed above use the motor housing as a common ground, if power supply power and ground are applied directly to the terminals a short may result. Instead, for these motors, battery ground is applied to the housing, then +12 volts DC is applied to either terminal. When that circuit is completed, the motor should run continuously in one direction. Now put the +12 volts to the other terminal, the motor should run in the other direction.

Vehicles with electric windows using the following window motors: 42-11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20.



Case-grounded Bench Test

Minimum power supply requirements: 12 volts DC, 5 amps. This test is performed with motor out of the vehicle.

- 1. Connect power supply ground (-12 VDC) to motor housing for all tests.
- 2. Connect +12 VDC to one motor terminal; the motor runs continuously in one direction.
- 3. Disconnect +12 VDC and connect to the other motor terminal. Motor now runs continuously in the other direction.
- 4. Disconnect wires. Test complete.

If motor passes bench test, check the vehicle wiring and switch. Check the window lift mechanizium for proper operation.

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