# SECTION 9

## CRANKING SYSTEM

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9-1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

CRANKING CIRCUIT
The cranking circuit consists of the battery, starting motor, ignition switch, clutch switch and related electrical wiring. These components are connected electrically as shown in Fig. 9-1. Only the starting motor will be covered in this portion.

STARTING MOTOR
The starting motor consists of parts shown in Fig. 9-2 and has field coils mounted in starting motor yoke (frame).

The magnetic switch assembly and parts in the starting motor are enclosed in the housings so that they will be protected against possible dirt and water splash.

In the circuit shown in Fig. 9-1, the magnetic (motor) switch coils are magnetized when the ignition switch is closed. The resulting plunger and pinion drive lever movement causes the pinion to engage the engine flywheel gear and the magnetic switch main contacts to close, and cranking takes place. When the engine starts, the pinion overrunning clutch protects the armature from excessive speed until the switch is opened, at which time the return spring causes the pinion to disengage.
1. Drive housing cover
2. Drive bushing
3. Drive housing
4. Armature ring
5. Armature stop ring
6. Over-running clutch
7. Pinion drive lever
8. Magnetic switch
9. Commutator end cover
10. Brush spring
11. Brush holder
12. Brush
13. Washer
14. Commutator end bushing
15. Armature
16. Starting motor yoke
A: Hold-in coil
B: Pull-in coil

Fig. 9-2
### 9-2. SPECIFICATIONS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Voltage output</td>
<td>12 volts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rating</td>
<td>30 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direction of rotation</td>
<td>Clockwise as viewed from pinion side</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brush length</td>
<td>17 mm (0.67 in.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of pinion teeth</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No-load characteristic</td>
<td>60 A maximum at 11.5 volts, 6,600 r/min minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Load characteristic</td>
<td>150 A maximum at 9 volts and 0.29 kg-m torque, 1,900 r/min minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Locked rotor current</td>
<td>500A maximum at-5 volts, 1.15 kg-m minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Magnetic switch operating voltage</td>
<td>8 volts maximum</td>
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9-3. LUBRICATION

The starting motor does not require lubrication except during overhaul. When the motor is disassembled for any reason, lubricate as follows:

Grease
Bearing grease
SUZUKI SUPER GREASE A
99000-25010

Fig. 9-3 Starting motor greasing points

9-4. REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Use following procedure to remove starter:
1) Disconnect negative battery lead at battery.
2) Disconnect magnetic switch lead wire (BLACK/YELLOW) and battery cable from starting motor terminals.
3) Remove two starting motor mount bolts.
4) Remove starting motor.
5) To install, reverse the above procedure.

Fig. 54 Starting motor mounting
9-5. DISASSEMBLY

NOTE:
Before disassembling starting motor, be sure to put match marks at two locations (A and B) as shown in the figure below so that any possible mistakes can be avoided.

1) Remove nut securing the end of field coil lead to terminal on the head of magnetic switch.

2) Take off magnetic switch ① from starting motor body by removing two mounting screws.

3) Loosen 2 bolts and 2 screws to remove commutator end cover.

4) Separate drive housing and armature from yoke.

5) Draw brushes out of holder.

6) Draw off over running clutch, as follows:
   (1) Draw stop ring ① toward clutch side.
   (2) Remove armature ring ② and slide off clutch.
96. STARTING MOTOR INSPECTION

1) Inspect Commutator
Inspect commutator for dirt or burn. Correct with sandpaper or lathe, if necessary.

Check commutator for uneven wear. If deflection of dial gauge pointer exceeds limit, repair or replace.

NOTE:
Below specification presupposes that armature is free from bend. Bent shaft must be replaced.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Comutator</th>
<th>Standard</th>
<th>Limit</th>
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<tr>
<td>out of round</td>
<td>0.05 mm (0.0019 in.) or less</td>
<td>0.4 mm (0.015 in.)</td>
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Inspect commutator for wear. If below limit, replace armature.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comutator outside diameter</th>
<th>Standard</th>
<th>Limit</th>
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<tr>
<td>32 mm (1.26 in.)</td>
<td>31 mm (1.22 in.)</td>
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Inspect commutator for mica depth. Correct or replace if below limit.

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<tr>
<th>Comutator mica depth</th>
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<tr>
<td>0.4 — 0.6 mm (0.015 — 0.023 in.)</td>
<td>0.2 mm (0.0076 in.)</td>
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</table>
Ground test
Check commutator and armature coil core. If there is continuity, armature is grounded and must be replaced.

2) Inspect Field Coil
Open circuit test
Check for continuity between brush and bare surface. If there is continuity, field windings are grounded. The field coil must be replaced.

Open circuit test
Check for continuity between segments. If there is no continuity at any test point, there is an open circuit and armature must be replaced.

3) Inspect Brush
Check brushes for wear. If below limit, replace brush.

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<th>Brush length</th>
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<tr>
<td>17 mm (0.67 in.)</td>
<td>11.5 mm (0.45 in.)</td>
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4) Inspect Brush Holder and Spring
Check movement of brush in brush holder. If brush movement within brush holder is sluggish, check brush holder for distortion and sliding faces for contamination. Clean or correct as necessary. Check for continuity across insulated brush holder (positive side) and grounded brush holder (negative side). If continuity exists, brush holder is grounded due to defective insulation and should be replaced.

![Fig. 9-19](image)

Inspect brush spring for wear, damage or other abnormal conditions. Replace if necessary.

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<tr>
<th>Brush spring tension</th>
<th>Standard</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.6 kg (3.53 lb)</td>
<td>1.0 kg</td>
<td>1.0 kg (2.20 lb)</td>
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![Fig. 9-20](image)

5) Inspect Drive Lever
Inspect drive lever for wear. Replace if necessary.

![Fig. 9-21](image)

6) Inspect Pinion
Inspect pinion for wear, damage or other abnormal conditions. Check that clutch locks up when turned in direction of drive and rotates smoothly in reverse direction. Replace if necessary.

![Fig. 9-22](image)

Inspect spline teeth for wear or damage. Replace if necessary. Inspect pinion for smooth movement.

![Fig. 9-22](image)

7) Inspect Armature Shaft Bush
Inspect bushes for wear or damage. Replace if necessary.

![Fig. 9-23](image)

![Fig. 9-24](image)
8) Inspect Magnetic Switch

Push in plunger and release it. The plunger should return quickly to its original position. Replace if necessary.

![Fig. 925](image1)

Pull-in coil open circuit test

Check for continuity across magnetic switch ‘S’ terminal and ‘M’ terminal. If no continuity exists, the coil is open and should be replaced.

![Fig. 926](image2)

Hold in coil open circuit test

Check for continuity across magnetic switch ‘S’ terminal and coil case. If no continuity exists, the coil is open and should be replaced.

![Fig. 927](image3)

**REASSEMBLY**

Reverse disassembly procedure, using care on following points.

- When installing pinion drive lever, refer to Fig. 9-2 for its installation direction.
- When installing brush holder, be careful of brush position.

![Fig. 9-27-1](image4)

1. Brush holder
2. Yoke
3. Brush positions

*Fig. 9-27-1*
9-7. PERFORMANCE TEST

**IMPORTANT:**
These tests must be performed within 3 - 5 seconds to avoid burning out the coil.

1) Pull-in Test
Connect battery to magnetic switch as shown.
Check that plunger moves outward.
If plunger does not move, replace magnetic switch.

![Fig. 9-28](image)

2) Hold-in Test
While connected as above with plunger out, disconnect negative lead from terminal M.
Check that plunger remains out.
If plunger returns inward, replace magnetic switch.

![Fig. 929](image)

3) Check Plunger Return
Disconnect negative lead from switch body.
Check that plunger returns inward.
If plunger does not return, replace magnetic switch.

![Fig. 930](image)

4) No-load Performance Test
a) Connect battery and ammeter to starter as shown.
b) Check that starter rotates smoothly and steadily with pinion moving out. Check that ammeter reads the specified current.

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<td>Less than 60 A at 11.5 V</td>
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![Fig. 9-31](image)
9-8. CLUTCH SWITCH

Install clutch switch in such a way that clearance between thread end of clutch switch and clutch pedal (distance 3 in Fig. 9-32) satisfies following specification when clutch pedal is depressed fully.

Tighten clutch switch lock nut to specified torque.

| Clutch switch thread end-to-clutch pedal clearance | 1.0 – 1.5 mm (0.04 – 0.06 in) |

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<tr>
<th>Tightening torque for clutch switch lock nut</th>
<th>N·m</th>
<th>kg·m</th>
<th>lb·ft</th>
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<tr>
<td>10 – 15</td>
<td>1.0 – 1.5</td>
<td>7.5 – 10.5</td>
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Fig. 9-32