

The “Hands On” Vehicle Testing Reference

A guide for the professional vehicle technician as well as the interested DIY. Over 800 photos and illustrations show "How To" test: batteries, computer/modules and sensors, continuity, current paths, connections, switch contacts, fuses, fusible links, circuit breakers, generators (alternators), relays, starters, shared current paths (the vehicle base system), engine compression, cylinder leak, fuel, fuel pumps, fuel injectors, as well as miscellaneous tests from "How To" use a mechanic's stethoscope to six different ways to check for a blown head gasket. Detailed information about the DVOM - digital-volt-ohmmeter and where and "How To" place the meter probes to do effective troubleshooting is included as well as amp draw testing with a DVOM and "How To" correctly read and use the inductive pick up.

This book was designed as an illustrated “hands on ready reference”. Its purpose is to save you time by giving you illustrated clear examples of the tests, while informing and helping you understand each test as you do them; and above all, to help you improve your electrical, electronic, as well as some mechanical troubleshooting skills. Each test can be quickly located and used at the vehicle with the “Quick Index” that begins on page 4.

The book clearly explains voltage drop and how to find its root cause. Whether you work on gasoline or diesel engines, you will find this book helpful in honing and improving your troubleshooting skills.

If you have just picked this book up and are trying to determine if it can help you troubleshoot, I encourage you to look over the index - pages 4 though 15. I know you will be glad you added this ready reference to your tool box.

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