

D.4 Starting Problems

D.4.1 Fuel Solenoid Valve

The fuel solenoid valve is located in front of the injection pump. It opens automatically, if the „START“-button is pressed on remote control panel. If the generator is switched to "OFF", the solenoid valve closes. It takes some seconds, before the generator stops.

If the generator fails to start, runs rough, does not reach the proper RPM, or does not stop properly, the first item to suspect in most cases is the fuel solenoid valve and should be inspected first.

A check of the fuel solenoid valve by removing the plug from the fuel solenoid valve for a short period whilst in operation (first remove the small retention screw) and replace it immediately. The motor should "react immediately" by revving high. If the motor does not react sharply to the reconnection of the solenoid wire, it is a sign that the solenoid valve could be faulty.

1. Fuel solenoid valve
2. Ventilation screw

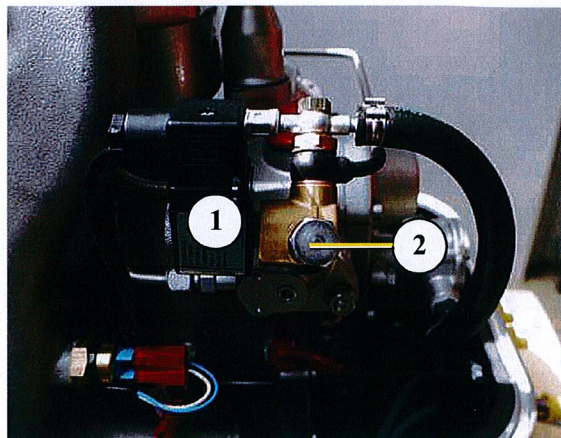


Fig. D.1: Fuel solenoid valve

Damage to starter motor

The starter is fitted with a free wheel or axial rotating spring cog, which prevents the starter being driven externally by means of the motor. The free wheel will be heavily worn, if the starter still operates, thereby causing damage to the springs, roller bearings or cog teeth. This could lead to complete destruction of the starter.

It is important that every person who operates the generator is informed of this situation. This is practically the only handling error that can be made on board that can lead to fatal consequences for both generator and operator.

D.4.2 Troubleshooting Table

For troubleshooting see "Troubleshooting" on Page 97.

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E.1 Troubleshooting

GENERATOR OUTPUT VOLTAGE TOO LOW

For 60Hz versions: less than 100V

Cause	Solution
Generator is overloaded.	Reduce the electrical load. (Switch off load)
Motor is not reaching the rated rpm.	Refer to "motor faults" section.
Defective capacitor(s).	Check capacitors and replace if necessary.

GENERATOR VOLTAGE TOO HIGH (MORE THAN 135V-60Hz)

If the generator is providing excessively high voltage, the following potential causes should be investigated:

Cause	Solution
Over-energizing due to wrong capacitors.	Check capacitors type and replace if necessary.

GENERATOR VOLTAGE FLUCTUATES

Cause	Solution
1. Disturbances on the electrical system/user side. 2. Motor disturbances.	1. Check if electrical load is fluctuating. 2. Refer to section: "Motor runs irregular".

GENERATOR NOT ABLE TO START ELECTRIC MOTOR

Cause	Solution
If the generator is unable supply enough power to start an electric motor, it is usually because the motor draws too much current during starting process.	Check the motor's current draw required for starting Enquire at your nearest Panda dealer or directly at the manufacturer.

DIESEL MOTOR FAILS TO START

Cause	Solution
Starter battery switched "OFF".	Check position of battery switch and switch "ON" (if installed).

Starter battery voltage insufficient (battery too weak).	Inspect battery terminals and cables for a good electrical connection (Inspect against corrosion, tattered wires, etc.).
Starting current disrupted.	During the normal starting process, the battery voltage drops to 11V with a fully charged battery. If the voltage does not drop during starting, the electrical connection is faulty. If the battery voltage drops lower than 11V, then the battery has been discharged.

STARTER IS TURNING MOTOR, BUT FAILS TO START	
Cause	Solution
Fuel inlet solenoid valve not opening.	Check wire connections and circuitry to solenoid valve. (ref. DC wiring diagram: Relay K2, Fuse)
Fuel pump not working.	Check fuel-filter and pump: clean if necessary.
Lack of fuel.	Check fuel supply.
Glow-plugs not working correctly.	Check glow plugs and heating time.
Too much air in fuel lines.	Test fuel system for leakage. Bleed air from fuel system (refer to section C.3, "Ventilating the fuel system," on page 80).
Fuel-filter blocked.	Replace fuel filter.

MOTOR RUNS IRREGULARLY	
Cause	Solution
Faulty centrifugal injector governor.	Have the centrifugal governor inspected by a Farymann-Service technician.
Too much air in fuel lines.	Bleed air from fuel system.


MOTOR DOES ACHIEVE ENOUGH SPEED DURING STARTING PROCESS

Cause	Solution
Starter battery voltage insufficient.	Check battery.
Damaged bearing(s) piston (seized).	Repairs need to be carried out by Farymann-Service. (refer to Farymann motor-manual)
Cooling water in combustion chamber.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turn generator "OFF" at control panel. 2. Remove the glow plug (see Farymann-manual). 3. Rotate the motor by hand carefully. 4. Check if there is water in the oil and change both oil and filter if necessary. 5. Determine cause for excess water in the combustion chamber. The excess water can be caused by a defective air vent in the cooling water system, which should be checked and cleaned, or replaced if faulty.

MOTOR SPEED DROPS

Cause	Solution
Lack of fuel	Check fuel supply system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fuel filter, renew if necessary - check fuel pump - check fuel lines (bleed if necessary)
Lack of intake air.	Check air intake paths. Check and clean air filter (and intake muffler if installed).
Generator overloaded by too many load.	Reduce the electrical load (switch off load).
Generator overloaded by over-energizing.	Check that the proper capacitor type is installed and that they are connected correctly.
Defective generator (windings, bearings, or other).	Generator must be sent to manufacturer for repair of damaged bearings or winding.
Damaged engine.	Repair of bearing damage, etc., by Farymann-Service.

MOTOR RUNS IN OFF POSITION

Cause	Solution
Fuel inlet solenoid valve or throttle shut solenoid is not switching off.	Check wire connections to solenoid. Check valve functions as in the "Fuel Solenoid Valve" or in the throttle shut off solenoid sections. Replace if necessary.

MOTOR STOPS BY ITSELF	
Cause	Solution
Lack of fuel.	Check fuel supply system.
Excess heat in cooling system (thermo switch tripped)-lack of cooling water. Is indicated on the remote control panel.	Check cooling water system flow: water pump, inlet water filter, extra heat exchanger coolant flow.
Lack of oil (oil pressure sensor tripped). Is indicated on the remote control panel.	Check oil-level and if necessary top up. Check motor's oil-pressure and have repaired by Farymann-Service if necessary.

SOOTY, BLACK EXHAUST	
Cause	Solution
Generator is overloaded.	Check electrical load and switch off unnecessary load.
Insufficient intake air.	Check intake air filter; clean if necessary.
Fuel injector faulty.	Replace injector.
Valve clearance incorrect.	Readjust valve clearance to correct value (refer to Farymann-manual).
Poor fuel quality.	Use better quality diesel (recommended: 2-D Diesel).
Poor combustion.	Incorrect AFR (air/fuel ratio) due to motor timing adjustment. Have motor serviced by Farymann.

GENERATOR MUST BE SHUT OFF IMMEDIATELY IF:	
Cause	Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - motor rpm suddenly rises or drops - unusual noise comes from genset - exhaust colour suddenly becomes dark - leakage in the cooling water system. 	Refer to respective section of manual and if necessary, have repaired by Farymann-Service, or Panda representative.