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1 Introduction

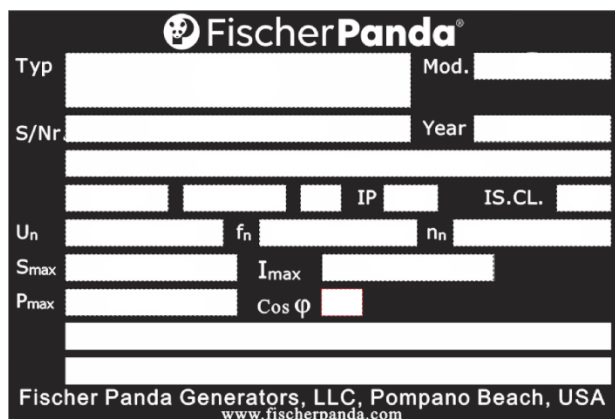
1.1 How To Use This Manual

To provide the greatest generator performance and customer satisfaction, this manual should be read and understood completely by all operators.

1.2 Serial Number Placard

There are two identical serial number placards on each generator. One is located on the primary alternator and the other on the outside of the capsule base.

The serial number placard provides information that identifies the generator along with performance characteristics, see Figure 1.



Typ Mod.

S/Nr. Year

IP IS.CL.

Un fn nn

Smax Imax

Pmax Cos ϕ

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Figure 1: Serial number placard

Typ = Generator Type

S/Nr. = Serial Number

Year = Year of Manufacture

Un = Nominal Voltage

fn = Nominal Frequency

nn = Nominal Engine RPM

Smax = Maximum Apparent Power

Pmax = Maximum Real Power

Imax = Maximum Current

Cos ϕ = Rated Power Factor

1.3 How To Obtain Parts and Service

To locate your nearest service dealer, visit <https://fischerpanda.com/marine/dealer-locator/>

For parts, call 1-800-508-6494.

When contacting the parts department or your service dealer, have the following information available.

Generator Type

Serial Number

Operating Hours

Description of part or issue

1.4 Generator Overview

The images on the following pages will familiarize you with the generator. The images depict the standard nomenclature used throughout the manual.

1.4.1 Front View

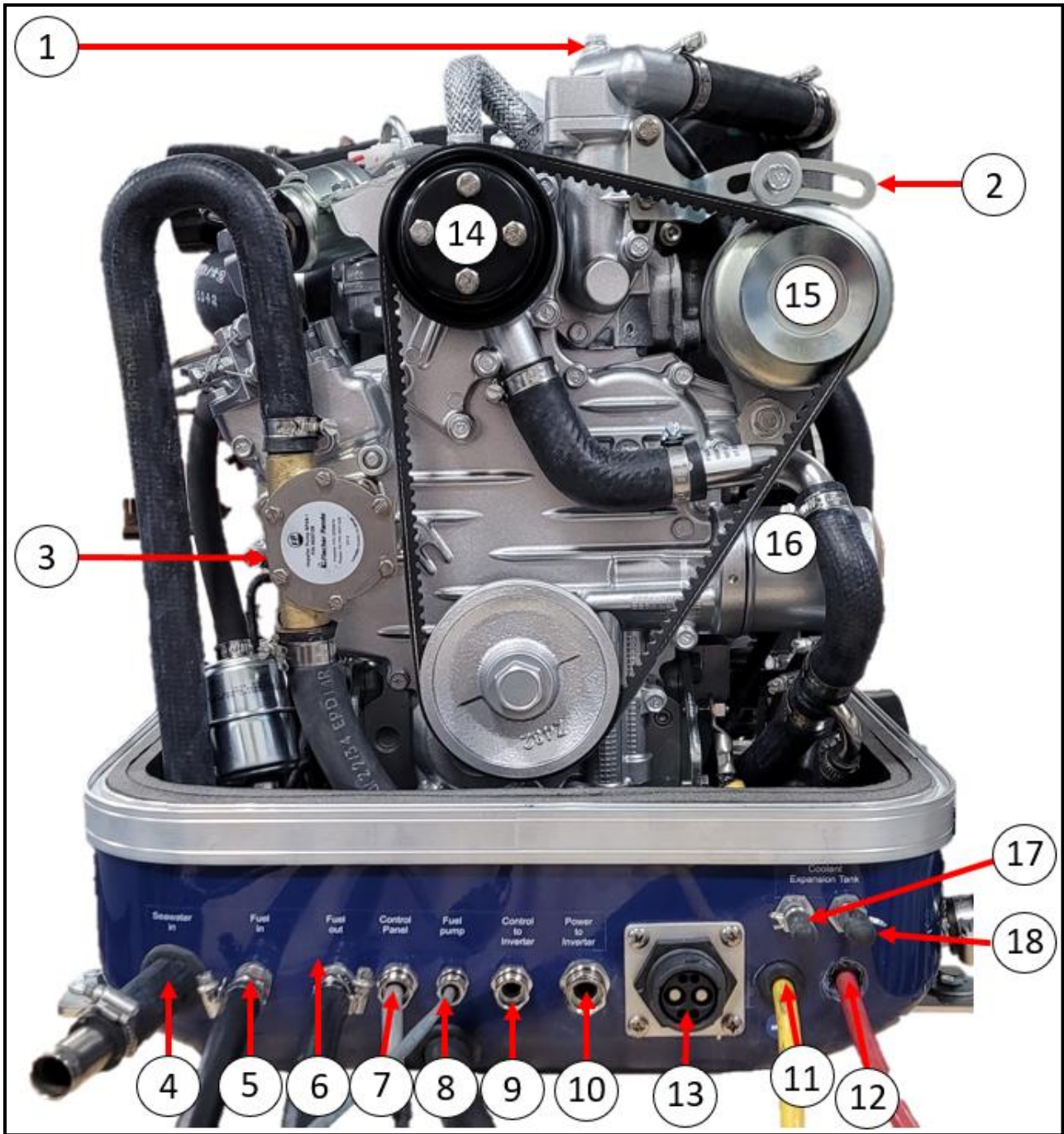


Figure 2: Front View

1. Thermostat Coolant Bleed Screw	10. N/A
2. Tensioner Pulley Adjustment Bracket	11. Starter Battery Negative Cable
3. Raw Water Pump	12. Starter Battery Positive Cable
4. Raw Water	13. Main Output Battery Connection
5. Fuel In	14. Coolant Pump Pulley
6. Fuel Out	15. Tensioner Pulley
7. Control Panel Cable	16. Oil Filter
8. Fuel Pump Cable	17. Coolant Out
9. Raw Water Valve Cable (if equipped)	18. Coolant In

1.4.2 Service Side View

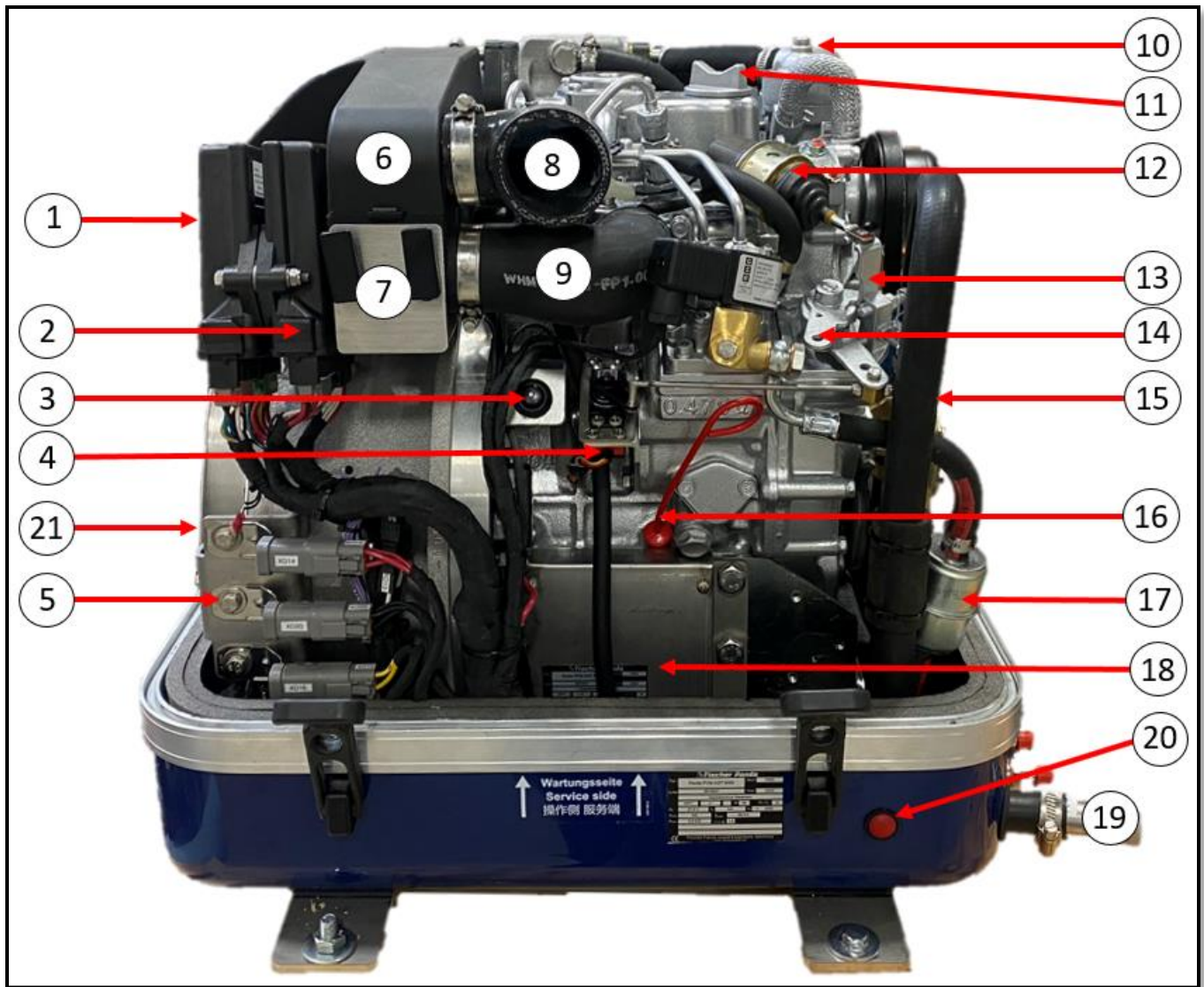


Figure 3: Service Side View

1.VCS	12.Energize to Run Solenoid
2.CT Board	13.Stop Lever
3.Failure Bypass Button	14.Speed Control Lever
4.Actuator	15.Raw Water Intake Hose
5.Bussing Connectors	16.Oil Dipstick
6.Air Intake Box	17.Fuel Filter
7.Air Intake Filter Cartridge	18.KL board Cover
8.Air Intake	19.Raw Water Intake Connection
9.Aire intake Hose to Engine	20.Push to Stop Button
10.Thermostat Coolant Bleed Screw	21.Primary Alternator
11.Oil Fill Cap	

1.4.3 Exhaust Side View

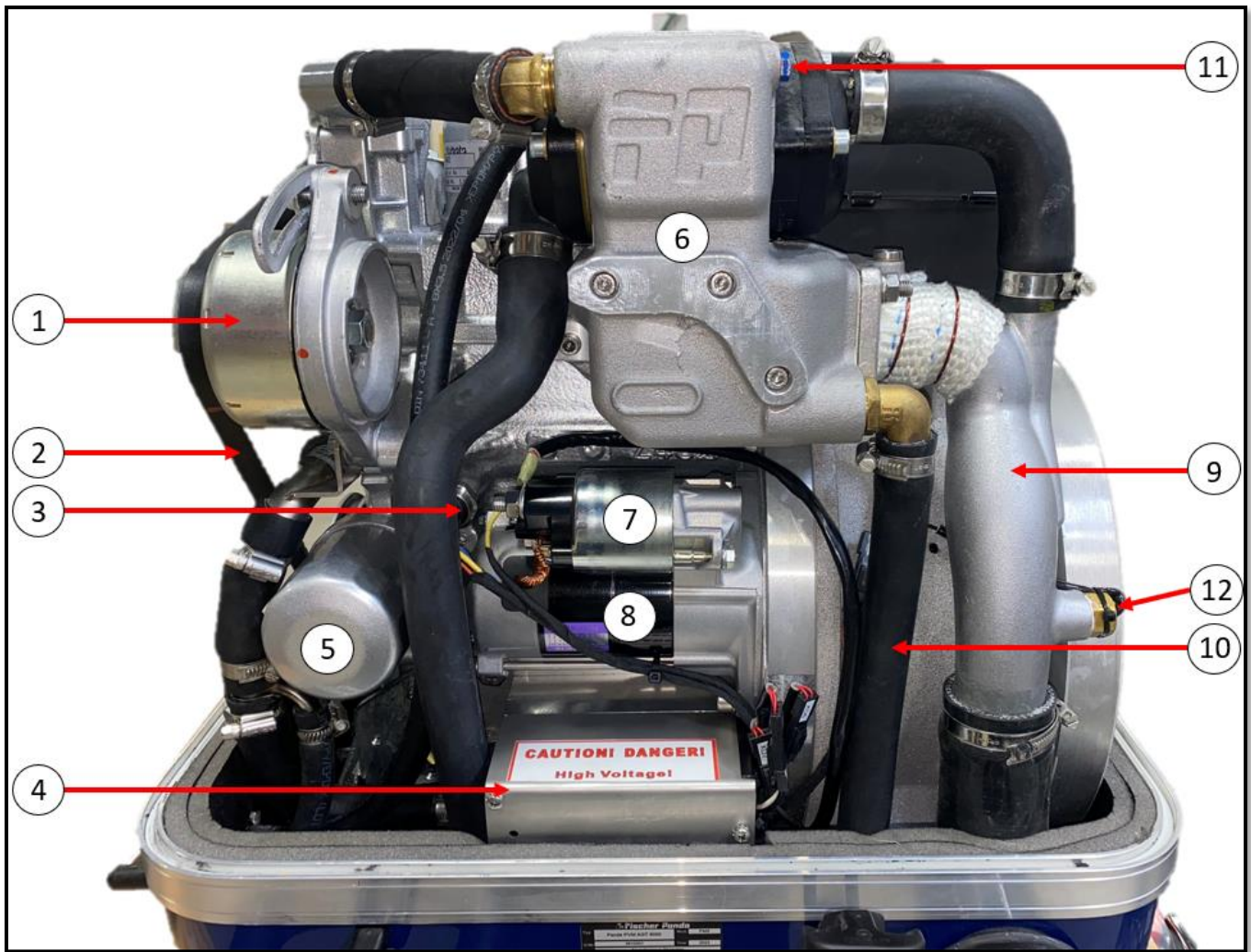


Figure 4: Exhaust Side View

1. Tensioner Pulley	7. Starter Motor Solenoid
2. V-Belt	8. Starter Motor
3. Oil Pressure Sensor	9. Wet Exhaust Mixing Elbow
4. Diode Block Cover	10. Coolant Return Line
5. Oil Filter	11. Exhaust Manifold Coolant Bleed Screw
6. Heat Exchanger/Exhaust Manifold	12. Exhaust Temperature Sensor

1.4.4 Top View

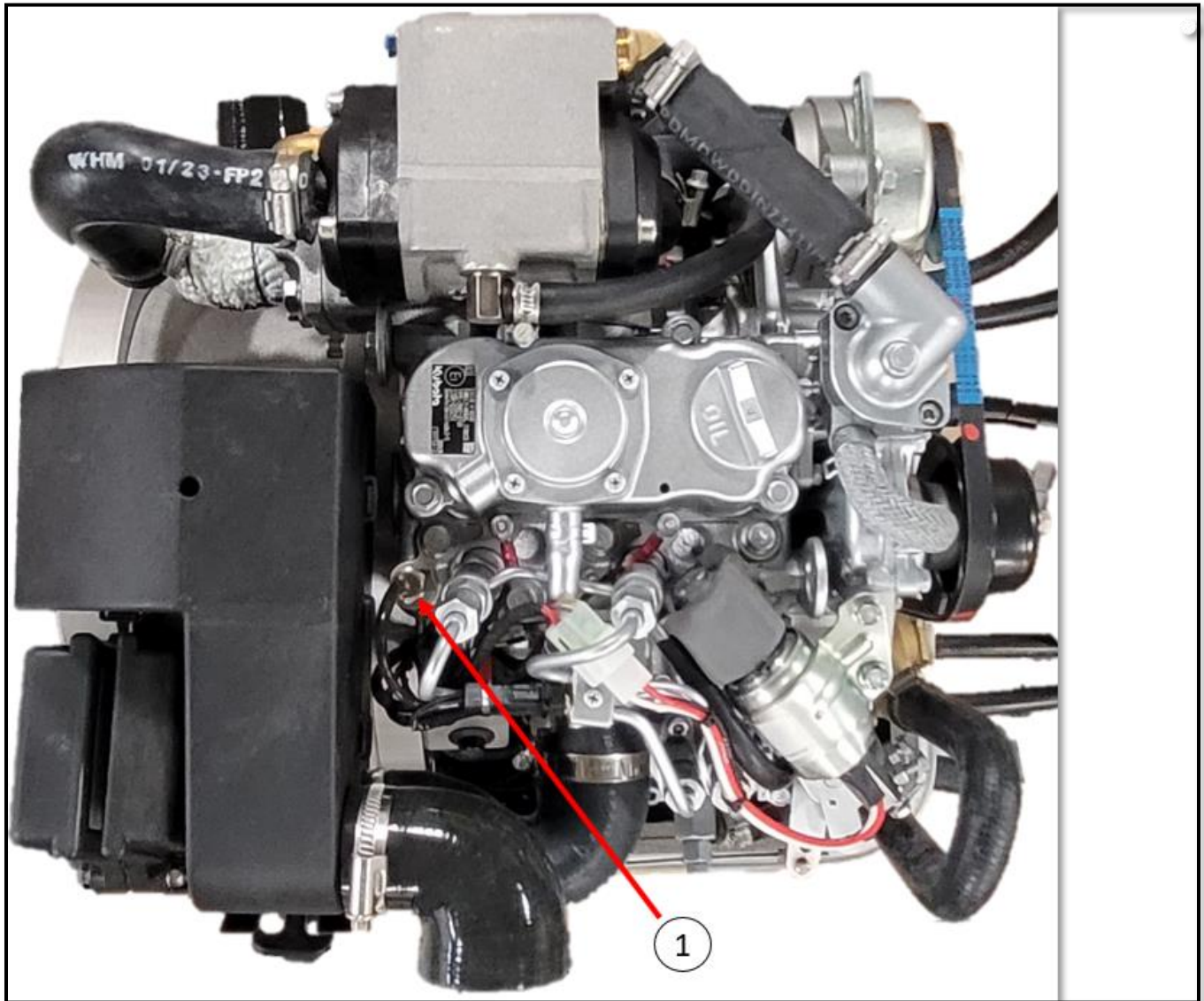


Figure 5: Top View

1	Cylinder Head Temperature Sensor
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1.4.5 Diode Block Assembly

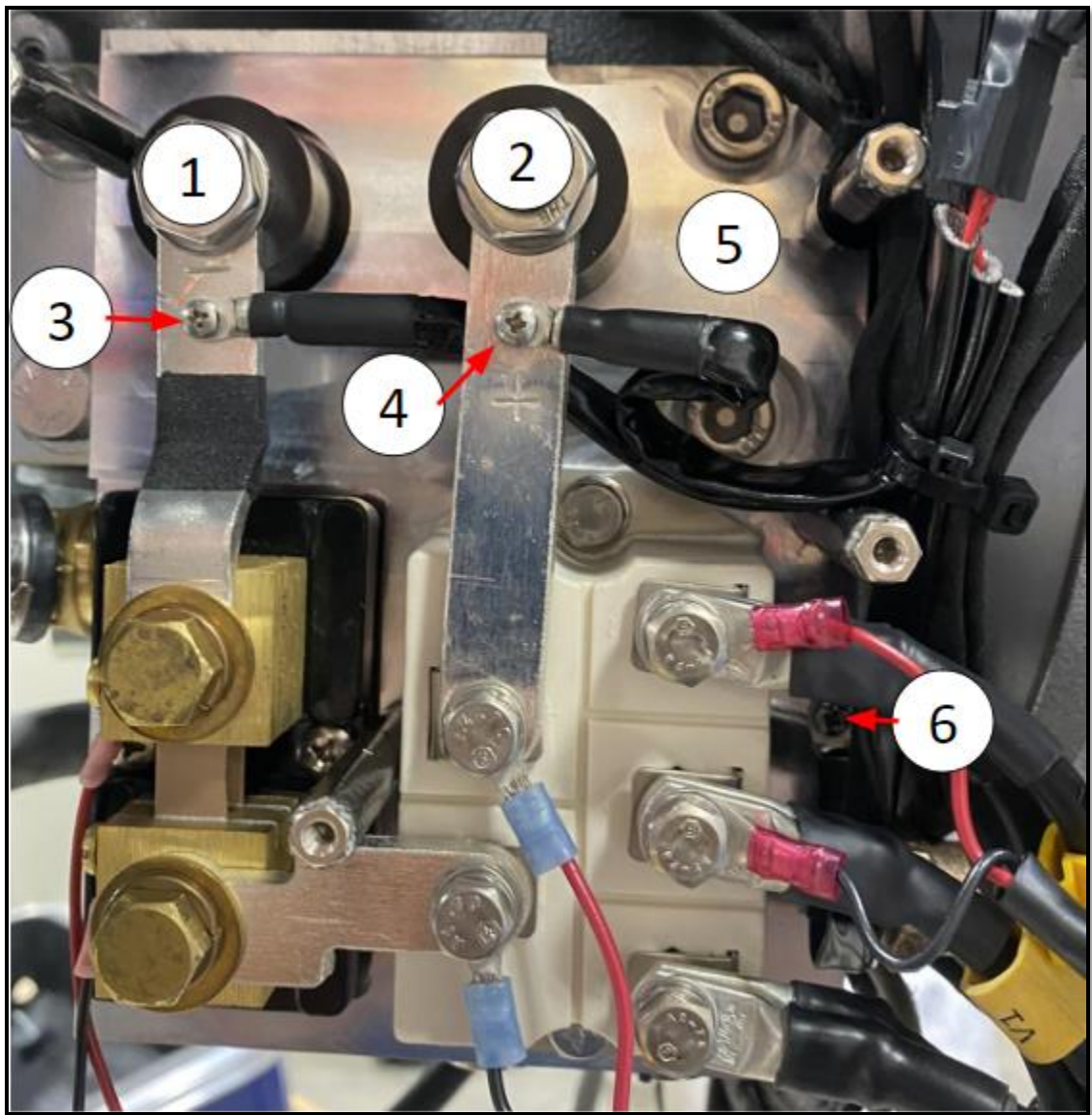


Figure 6: Diode Block Assembly

1.	Main Output Connection Negative (-)	4.	Positive Bus Bar Temperature Sensor
2.	Main Output Connection Positive (+)	5.	Heatsink
3.	Negative Bus Bar Temperature Sensor	6.	Heatsink Temperature Sensor

2 Safety

2.1 Symbols

Below are explanations of the symbols that are found throughout this manual to identify safety hazards.

 **Danger:** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

 **Warning:** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

 **Caution:** Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in moderate injury or property damage.

2.2 Safety Information

In this section you will find general safety information that pertains to the generator.

 **Danger:** Carbon monoxide is deadly. All internal combustion engines produce carbon monoxide. All inside cabin compartments should have functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed. See ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council) TH-22—Educational Information About Carbon Monoxide for more information on the dangers of carbon monoxide.

 **Danger:** Diesel Fuel is flammable. When working with diesel fuel, shut off all generators, engines, appliances, and other sources of ignition. Do not allow smoking, flames, or sparks.

 **Danger:** Gasoline and battery vapors are explosive. Ventilate compartments around batteries, gasoline tanks, gasoline hoses, and gasoline filters before performing any maintenance in those areas. Do not allow smoking, flames, or sparks.

 **Danger:** High Voltage. 48V System. Contact with high voltage will cause death or serious injury. Shut off generator, disconnect starter battery, disconnect all load batteries, and disconnect all other power prior to removing any covers.

 **Warning:** Fingers, hands, arms, clothing, and hair may get entangled in moving components which will cause severe personal injury. Normal operation requires the capsule to be closed. Operation with the capsule open should only be done by authorized service technicians.

⚠Warning: High voltage AC and DC currents can be deadly. Keep all guards, shields, and covers in place while operating the generator. Only allow certified electrical technicians to make changes to the electrical systems.

⚠Caution: 48V, Fire and Burn Hazard shorting contacts can cause sparks, fire, and burns. Shut off generator, disconnect starter battery, disconnect all load batteries, and disconnect all other power sources prior to removing cover.

⚠Warning: Loose and corroded electrical connections can heat up and cause fires. High current electrical connections should be checked frequently and protected from corrosive elements.

⚠Caution: Using the generator as a step may cause damage to the generator or personal injury. When entering and exiting the compartment where the generator is located, do not use the generator as a step. No part of the generator is suitable for use as a step.

⚠Warning: Hot engine components and coolant may cause severe burns. Do not touch the generator while it is hot. Do not open the coolant expansion tank if the generator is hot. The hot coolant could boil and overflow causing burns.

⚠Caution: Too many consecutive failed start attempts will cause severe engine damage. Failed start attempts cause water to accumulate in the exhaust system. If enough water accumulates, it will enter the engine through the exhaust manifold. Contact an authorized Fischer Panda Service Dealer if more than 3 consecutive failed start attempts occur.

3 Operation

3.1 Preoperational Checks

The following items should be checked once daily or before starting the generator for the day. Performing these checks will help ensure maximum performance and long life of your generator. If any issues are found, correct the issue immediately. More details about the inspection task may be found in the preventive maintenance, Section 5, of this manual.

⚠Warning: Hot engine components and coolant may cause severe burns. Do not touch the generator while it is hot. Do not open the coolant expansion tank if the generator is hot. The hot coolant could boil and overflow causing burns.

1. Ensure generator is shut down.
2. Remove the generator capsule top.
3. Inspect for evidence of leaks. Locations that are of particular importance are hoses, hose connections, fuel filter, and raw water pump. Also check for exhaust leaks. Fix and clean immediately.
4. Check Engine Oil Level – Keep topped off to maximum level on dip stick.
5. Check Coolant level in expansion tank.
6. Visually inspect motor and generator mounting screws for tightness.
7. Check sea strainer for debris. Clean as necessary.
8. Visually inspect motor and generator for signs of corrosion.
9. Reinstall capsule top.
10. Check fuel level.

3.2 Starting The Generator

1. Open fuel valve (if equipped).
2. Open raw water valve.

3. Press and release the On/Off button on the control panel. This turns on the Control Panel, VCS board, and CT board. The On/Off LED illuminates. The generator will also communicate through NMEA port at this time.
4. Verify on the control panel that no values display “---”. Press up or down arrow buttons to cycle through all three screens.
5. Press and release the Start/Stop button on the control panel. The Start/Stop LED flashes. The engine will automatically preheat for 0 to 20 seconds depending on the temperature of the engine. Next, the starter will engage. The control system automatically detects when the engine has started and disengages the starter. As soon as engine rpm is detected, the Start/Stop LED illuminates solid.

⚠Caution: Raw water may be ingested by the engine causing severe engine damage. More than 4 failed start attempts may result in water being ingested by the engine through the exhaust manifold. Damage to the engine due to water ingestion through the exhaust manifold is not covered under warranty.

6. If the generator fails to start, the shutdown message “Start Attempt Failed” will be displayed on the control panel. See Section 6, Troubleshooting, for more information on shutdown messages.

3.3 Running

The engine will increase in rpm until the target voltage or current is reached. The generator automatically switches between a voltage control mode and a constant current mode.

Voltage Control Mode: If the current is below programmed maximum, the control system will adjust engine speed to maintain the programmed target voltage. Voltage control mode will cease if the current reaches or exceeds the programmed maximum.

Current Control Mode: If the current is at or above the programmed maximum, the control system will adjust engine speed to maintain the programmed maximum current. Current control mode will cease if the voltage reaches or exceeds the target voltage.

Extended light loading will cause increased engine oil consumption. Always try to load generator to greater than 30% of rated load.

3.4 Performance Reductions

The generator is rated for power output at 68°F (20°C) and sea level. Higher temperatures and altitude cause a reduction in engine output power. Also, higher temperatures reduce the efficiency of the cooling systems. The generator's rated output is reduced by 1% for every 100 meters of altitude above sea level and 2% for every 5°C of air temperature above 20°C. If operating at a higher temperature or altitude, it may be necessary to reduce the electrical load on the generator.

3.5 Warning And Shutdown Messages

Warning Message: A warning message is an indication that an operating parameter is approaching a shutdown limit. It is displayed as black text with a green background at the bottom of the control panel, see Figure 7. The message will go away as soon as the operating parameter is within the acceptable limits.



Figure 7: Warning Message: Dark text with a light background.

Shutdown Message: A shutdown message is an indication that an operating parameter has reached a Shutdown limit. It is displayed as green text with a black background at the bottom of the control panel, see Figure 8. The generator will shut down shortly to help protect it from damage. The control panel beeper will sound and the Alarm Out relay will close. The Start/Stop LED will flash.



Figure 8: Shutdown Message: Light text with a dark background.

To silence the beeper press and release the Alarm Mute button on the control panel.

The message for a shutdown will stay on the screen until the Start/Stop button is pressed to acknowledge it.

If a warning or shutdown message appears, the generator is operating outside of its design limits. Please consult Section 6 Troubleshooting of this manual. It may also be necessary to contact an authorized Fischer Panda service dealer.

 **Caution:** Operation outside of the limits will cause damage to the generator. Resolve the cause for any warning or shutdown messages before resuming operation.

3.6 Shutting Off the Generator

Allow the engine to run at a light load for two minutes prior to shutdown. This allows the engine and primary alternator to cool down.

Press and release the Start/Stop button on the control panel. After the engine stops, the light above the Start/Stop button will turn off

Press and release the On/Off button on the control panel to shut off the control panel, VCS and CT. The LED above the On/Off button will slowly fade on and off. NMEA communication from generator will stop.

3.7 Post Operational Checks

Perform the post operational checks daily after shutting off the generator. Performing these checks will help ensure maximum performance and long life of your generator. If any issues are found, correct them immediately.

 **Warning:** Hot engine components and coolant may cause severe burns. Do not touch the generator while it is hot. Do not open the coolant expansion tank if the generator is hot. The hot coolant could overflow causing burns.

1. Ensure the generator is shut down.
2. Disconnect the starter battery
3. Open generator capsule top.
4. Inspect for evidence of leaks. Locations that are of particular importance are hoses, hose connections, fuel filter, and raw water pump. Also check for exhaust leaks. Fix and clean immediately.
5. Reinstall capsule top.

3.8 Control Panel

The Control Panel allows the operator to start and stop the generator. It also provides information that is important during operation and troubleshooting. For more in-depth information about the Control panel and Control System, refer to the following Manuals:

- D00076 – Service Notification
- D00089 – General Datasheet
- D00094 – NMEA Interface Description
- D00097 – Programming Data Structure

4 Installation

4.1 Requirements

The installation of a generator must be performed by a trained Fischer Panda technician or a Fischer Panda authorized service point.

4.2 Location

Install the generator in a place where common maintenance parts are accessible. Both covers of the capsule must be removable. Parts of the generator that easy access is needed to properly maintain and troubleshoot are the Oil fill, Oil Filter, Oil Dipstick, Raw Water Impeller, VCS, CT, Fuses, and Coolant Pump Belt.

The air intake vent is located on the service side of the capsule. Ensure that there are no blockages to the intake vent. The generator releases hot air from the bottom of the capsule. It is recommended to have the generator mounted with a minimum clearance of 1/8-1/4 inch below the fiberglass capsule bottom.

If the generator is mounted under the seam of a deck hatch, a canvas cover is needed to cover the generator for water protection. Maximum compartment ambient air temperature is 122°F (50°C).

4.3 Sound

Avoid placing the generator next to thin walls or floors. The vibrations from the generator can be amplified by thin surfaces. If it is unavoidable, consider using sound-dampening techniques to reduce the noise. If the generator must be mounted to a thin surface, it is recommended that ribs be attached to the bottom to provide sturdiness to the structure, such as in the Figure 9.

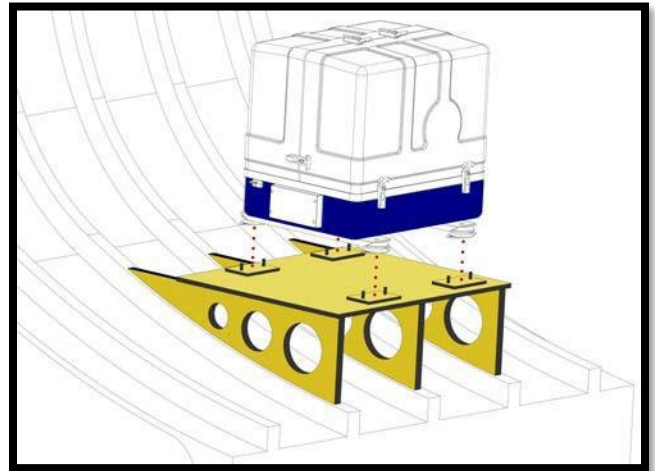


Figure 9: Noise Dampening Installation

4.4 Raw Water System

The raw water system shall not have any 90° elbows or sharp bends between the thru hull and the raw water strainer. The sea strainer needs to be mounted at or below the waterline. There needs to be a seacock installed on the thru hull. Verify that no positive pressure is present on the raw water connection when the generator is off and the boat is underway. Verify there is no excessive negative pressure while underway on the raw water in connection (-10inHg gauge is the minimum accepted; 0 psig is the max. allowed relative to the waterline). The boat manufacturer is responsible for putting the boat in worst-case positive and negative pressure cases when testing the system. If pressure is too high or low, the thru hull may need to be changed or tuned for the boat. Ensure there are no obstructions fore of the generator thru hull that may cause turbulence while underway. The flow of water should be relatively bubble free at all speeds.

4.5 Thru Hull Fitting

All installations require a thru hull. Figure 10 shows the two common thru hulls used are mushroom style (left), or high-speed style (right). High speed style thru hulls needs to be in forward facing position. No forward-facing scoop thru hulls as they will generate a positive pressure. Any thru hull used must meet the pressure requirements mentioned in Section 4.4.



Figure 10: Types of Thru Hulls

4.6 Installing Siphon Break

A Siphon Break must be installed on the siphon break loop, if the engine exhaust ports are less than 600mm (24in.) above the water line. On the exhaust side of the generator, there is a loop in the raw water line. The loop needs to be cut, as show in the figure below.



Figure 11: Cutting the Siphon Break Loop

The siphon break needs to be installed on both ends of the cut tubing (or remove the tubing and install the loop on the two tubing unions coming out of the capsule), and installed on the boat where both ends are 600mm (24in.) above the waterline. Connect both ends to the siphon break. This valve will prevent water from siphoning into exhaust system when the generator is off. Failure to install the siphon break correctly, will cause the engine to fill with water causing engine damage. An installation example is in Figure 12.

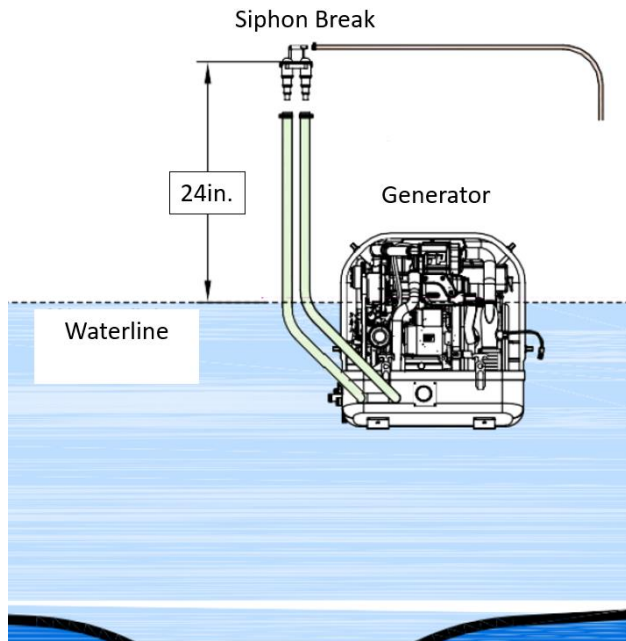


Figure 12: Siphon Break Installation

4.7 Installation of Coolant System

The Generator comes with an external coolant expansion tank. The tank needs to be installed so that the lower edge of the tank is 24in. above the highest point of the generator. If that is not possible, the tank needs to be removable and be able to be lifted above the generator during the bleeding procedure. An example of the installation of the coolant tank is show in Figure 13. Failure to install the system correctly will allow air into the coolant system causing the engine to overheat. Pay particular attention to ensure the larger hose barb connects to the bottom of the coolant expansion tank.

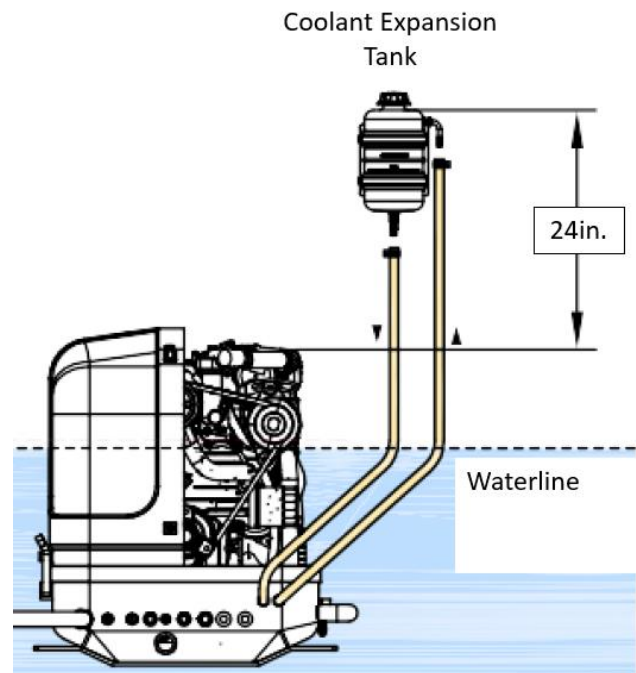


Figure 13: Coolant Expansion Tank Installation

4.8 Installation of the Exhaust System

The generator requires a designated exhaust outlet on the boat. There should be no dips/raises in the wet exhaust hose. All water should drain away from the generator. The waterlift muffler has a specific flow direction, make sure to install correctly. After the waterlift muffler, a horizontal run should be kept at a minimum before the exhaust loop. The exhaust loop must be 24in. above the waterline. Dry or dry/wet exhaust must discharge above the waterline. If using a water separator, the thru hull should have a valve if below the waterline. A Carbon Monoxide detector must be present per ABYC A24.7 if the boat has an enclosed accommodation compartment(s). If the boat is towed, please protected against water intrusion from the exhaust port. An example of an exhaust system installation is in Figure 14.

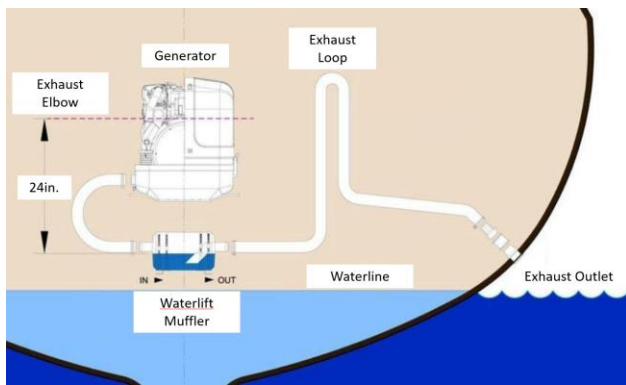


Figure 14: Exhaust System Installation

4.8.1 Installation of Waterlift Muffler

The position of the waterlift muffler is important to prevent damage to the generator. For sail boats, the waterlift muffler shall be placed 24in. below the center of the generator, as shown in Figure 14.

For power-boats, the waterlift muffler shall be placed 6in below the generator and aft.

4.8.2 Waterlift Muffler Size

The size needed for the waterlift muffler is determined by the volume of the exhaust hose past the muffler, before the exhaust loop, shown in Figure 15. To find the volume needed for the waterlift muffler, Take the length of the hose from the back of the muffler to the top of the Exhaust loop, and multiply that to the area of the inner hose.

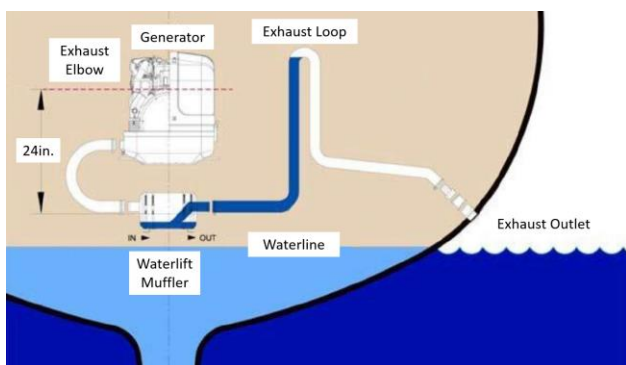
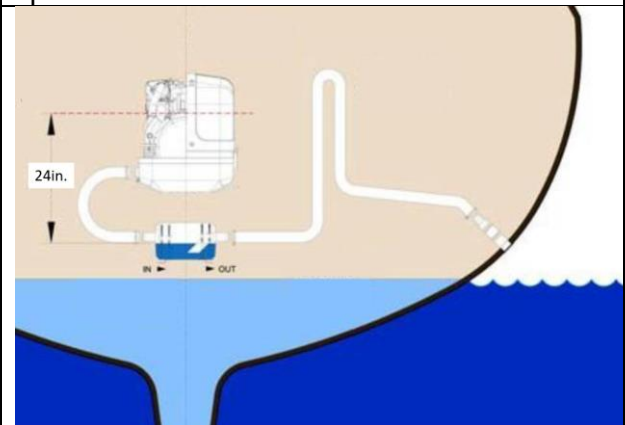


Figure 15: Waterlift Muffler Size Determination

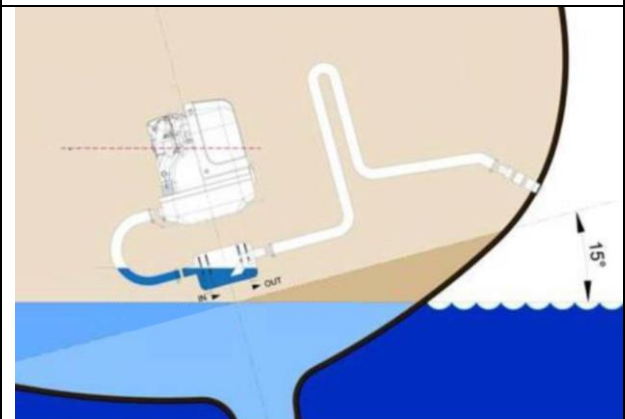
4.8.3 Waterlift Muffler Position Examples

The following diagrams will explain the benefits for the proper installation location.

When the boat is flat, the water in the exhaust system will be held in the waterlift muffler, given the installation is done correctly per specifications.



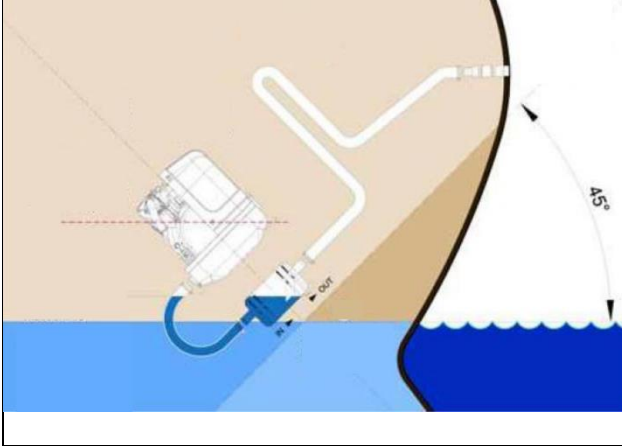
When tilted 15°, the water will exit out of the waterlift muffler and move towards the generator, but will not be near entering the Exhaust Elbow.



When tilted 30°, the water will travel closer to the generator, but still will not enter the Exhaust Elbow.



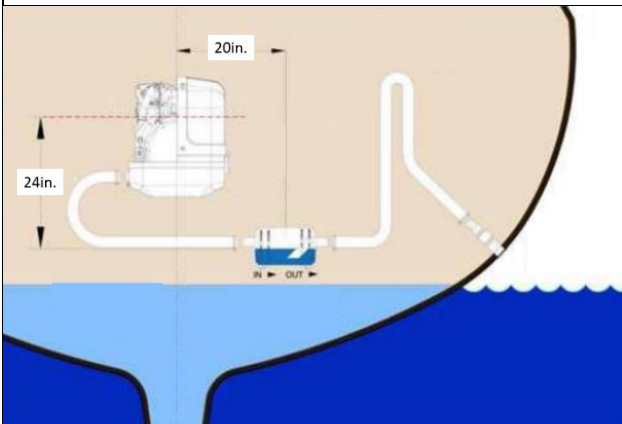
When tilted at 45°, the water will progress closer to the generator, but will not enter the exhaust elbow.



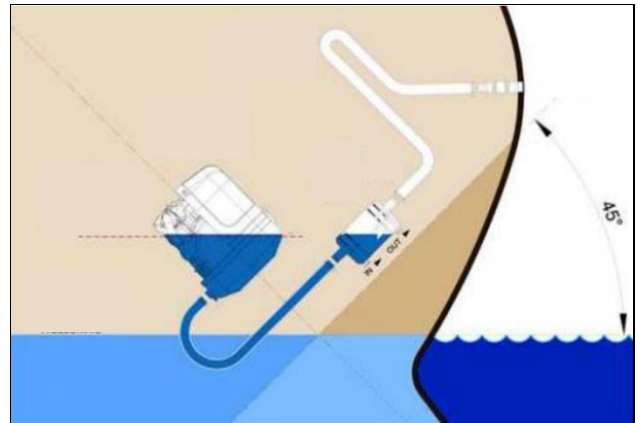
4.8.4 Examples of Off-Center Waterlift Installations

The following shows examples of waterlift muffler installations that are off-center from the generator, and show the effects from it.

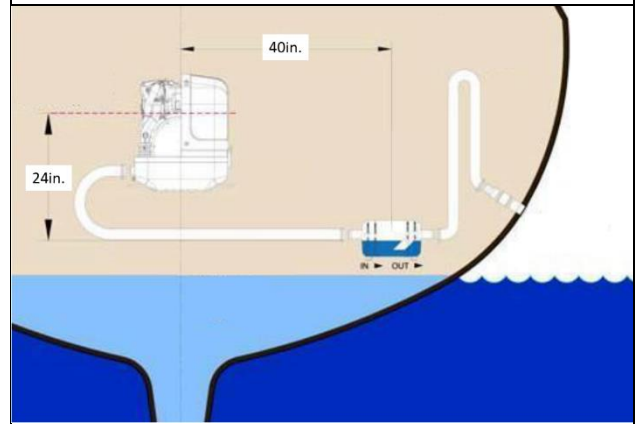
Example 1: The Waterlift Muffler is installed 24in. below the generator, but 20in. off-centered.



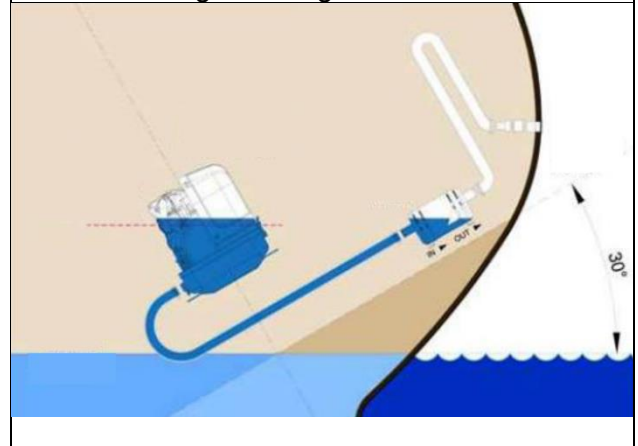
When the boat is tilted to 45°, water intrusion is inevitable. The water reaches the exhaust elbow (Critical point), potentially leading to severe damage to the generator.



Example 2: The Waterlift Muffler is installed 24in. below the generator, but 40in. off-centered.



When the boat is tilted to 30°, water intrusion also happens. The water reaches the exhaust elbow (Critical point), potentially leading to severe damage to the generator.



4.8.5 Exhaust/Water Separator

An optional exhaust/water separator can be installed in the exhaust system. The installation will be near the thru hull fitting. This will also serve as an exhaust loop in the system.

4.9 Fuel System Installation

When installing the fuel system, please make sure the order of components are as follows: fuel tank, fuel pump with prefilter, fuel filter with separator, then generator, as shown in Figure 16.

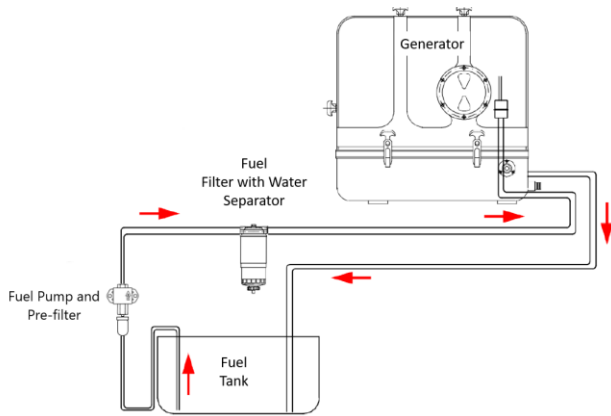


Figure 16: Fuel System Order

The fuel pump needs to be located as close to the tank as possible. Fuel pumps are better at pushing than sucking. It is preferred that the fuel pump be installed at a 45° angle, with the outlet higher than the inlet. The fuel pump needs to be mounted below the top of the tank. The fuel return should be to the bottom of the tank if the bottom of the tank is below the level of the injection pump. Figure 17 shows an example of a DC fuel pump with a pre- filter.



Figure 17: DC fuel Pump

4.9.1 Fuel Filter/Water Separator

A fuel filter/water separator should be installed between the fuel pump and the generator. Figure 18 shows an example of a fuel filter with water separator. The fuel filter/water separator should be rated for the maximum fuel pump pressure.



Figure 18: Fuel Filter/Water Separator

4.9.2 Fuel Tank Connections

The outlet and return fuel lines will be on separate connectors at the tank. The return line should be installed at the same height as the suction line. This will help prevent fuel returning to the tank when the generator is off.

4.10 Starter Battery Connections

The size and type of the output cables should meet local regulations such as ABYC. Cables need to be of the correct size and type to handle the current and voltage of the system.

Position the starter battery as close to the generator as possible, as this will minimize voltage drop. A battery switch must be installed on the positive wire between the battery and the generator. A fuse or circuit breaker is recommended between the battery and the battery switch. Prior to connecting the cables to the generator, ensure the battery switch is off and the battery is disconnected. All battery cables inside the capsule shall be protected with sleeving and routed to prevent chaffing. Ensure all connections are tightened securely for a reliable connection. Connect the negative cable through the “Battery -” grommet (see Figure 19) at the front of the generator and attach it to the front engine. Use a bolt or stud to secure the negative cable. This point is marked with a yellow circle in Figure 20.

Connect the positive cable through the “Battery +” grommet (Shown in Figure 19) at the front of the generator and attach it to the positive connection point on the starter motor solenoid. It shall be protected with a boot. This point is marked with a red circle in Figure 20.



Figure 19: Starter Battery Cable Openings on Capsule

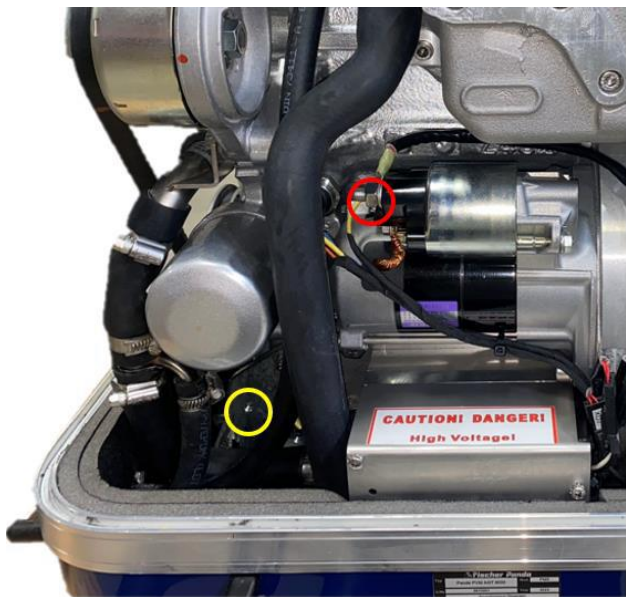


Figure 20: Starter Battery Cable Attachment Points

It is recommended that the generator has its own starter battery. A secondary means of charging the starter battery is required while the generator is running. The generator does not directly charge the starter battery. If the generator shares a battery with an outboard engine, start up the outboard and measure the voltage drop between the battery positive at the generator starter and the negative battery connection at the generator. Start the generator and measure the voltage drop between the battery positive at the generator starter and the negative battery connection at the generator.

4.11 Main Output Connections

A diagram to demonstrate the overall layout of the output connections of the generator is shown in Figure 21. The size and type of the output cables should meet local regulations such as ABYC. Cables need to be of the correct size and type to handle the current and voltage of the system.

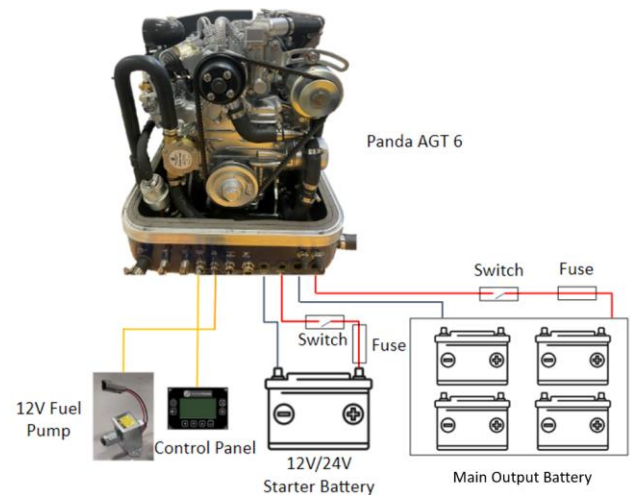


Figure 21: Generator Output Connections

4.11.1 24V Output

Check polarity of the Main Output Battery Connections using a multimeter prior to connecting to generator.

A switch and a fuse or circuit breaker must be installed on the positive line for the main output

Disconnect batteries and shut off battery switch before installing cables. The main output connections for the 24V system attached directly to the diode block assembly inside the generator capsule. Refer to section 1.4.4 in this manual to view the layout of the diode block assembly. The main output connects directly to the bus bars on the diode block assembly for the 24VDC output systems. Install the positive cable through the grommet on the front of the capsule, labeled DC Output. Route the cable along the exhaust side of the capsule to the diode block assembly. Cables need to be routed through the capsule in a way to prevent chaffing and protected with sleeving inside the generator capsule. Remove the cover from the diode block assembly and remove the nut from the positive post. Secure the cable with the nut using a torque spec. of 46 Nm. Repeat the previous process with the negative cable except it will be attached to the negative post.

⚠ Danger: High Voltage. 48V System. Contact with high voltage will cause death or serious injury. Shut off generator, disconnect starter battery, disconnect all load batteries, and disconnect all other power.

⚠ Caution: 48V, Fire and Burn Hazard shorting contacts can cause sparks, fire, and burns. Shut off generator, disconnect starter battery, disconnect all load batteries, and disconnect all other power sources prior to removing cover.

4.11.2 48V or Higher Output

Check polarity of the Main Output Battery Connections using a multimeter prior to connecting to generator.

A switch and a fuse or circuit breaker must be installed on the positive line for the main output.

Disconnect batteries and shut off battery switch before installing connector. The output connections for the 48V system utilizes the connector on the front of the capsule, see Figure 22.



Figure 22: 48V or Higher Main Output Connector

Figure 23 shows the location and the polarity of the main output connections for the vessel side of the connector.

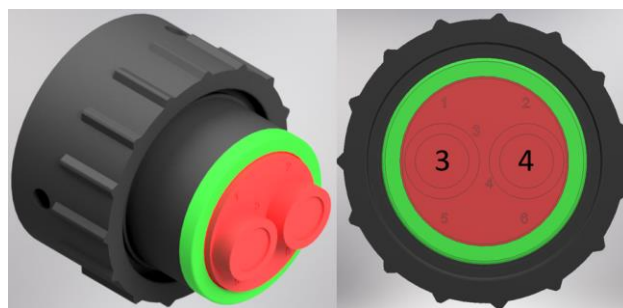


Figure 23: Main Output Mating Connector

Pin 3	Positive (+)
Pin 4	Negative (-)

5 Preventative Maintenance

5.1 Preventative Maintenance

Preventative maintenance is required to ensure trouble free operation and top performance. Maintenance should be performed at intervals per the Preventative Maintenance Schedule at the end of this section. Keep a log of engine hours, date, and maintenance performed.

5.1.1 Capsule Top Removal

1. Ensure the generator is shut down.
2. Disconnect main output and starter battery.
3. Open generator capsule top.

⚠Warning: Fingers, hands, arms, clothing, and hair may get entangled in moving components which will cause severe personal injury. Normal operation requires the capsule to be closed. Operation with the capsule open should only be done by authorized service technicians.

5.1.2 Fuel Level and Allowable Fuels

Before operating, verify adequate fuel supply is available for operation. A general rule of thumb is 0.4 liters per kWh or 0.11 gallons per kWh.

No. 2 S15 or No. 1 S15 Diesel are required when operating in US EPA regulated areas.

⚠Danger: Diesel Fuel is flammable. When working with diesel fuel, shut off all generators, engines, appliances, and other sources of ignition. Do not allow smoking, flames, or sparks.

5.1.3 External Fuel Filter with Water Separator

Check for signs of water in the fuel. Most fuel filter/water separators have a small drain screw at the bottom that allows for water drainage. Dispose of water contaminated with fuel according to local regulations. More frequent draining and/or replacement may be necessary if poor quality fuel is used. Fuel system will require bleeding following water drainage, filter element replacement, or the tank being run out of fuel. See Fuel Bleeding in section 5.1.5. Ensure that there are no fuel leaks after draining or replacing the fuel filter.

⚠Danger: Diesel Fuel is flammable. When working with diesel fuel, shut off all generators, engines, appliances, and other sources of ignition. Do not allow smoking, flames, or sparks.

5.1.4 Internal Fuel Filter

To change the internal fuel filter, first put rags under the filter to catch any spilled fuel. Loosen hose clamps on each end of the fuel filter and remove the filter. Install a new filter in the bracket ensuring flow direction arrow points up. Reinstall hoses and hose clamps. Dispose of rags and old filter according to local regulations. More frequent replacement may be necessary if poor quality fuel is used. Fuel system will require bleeding following replacement. See fuel bleeding in this section. Ensure that there are no fuel leaks after replacing the fuel filter.

5.1.5 Fuel Bleeding

It is necessary to bleed the fuel system in the following cases.

1. Replacement of any fuel system component including hoses, filters, and fittings.
2. Draining of fuel filter/water separator.
3. Running the engine out of fuel.
4. After extended periods of storage.

Fuel Bleeding Procedure:

1. Stop Generator. Turn on control panel.
2. Press the fuel primer button (left arrow in Figure 24) for 3 minutes.
3. Check for air in the fuel by opening the fuel bleeder screw (right arrow in Figure 24) at the injection pump while pressing the fuel primer button.
4. Close fuel bleeder screw.
5. If air is noted, repeat steps 2 and 3 until no air is observed.
6. Press the fuel primer for an additional 30 seconds. Verify no leaks are present.
7. Turn off the control panel.

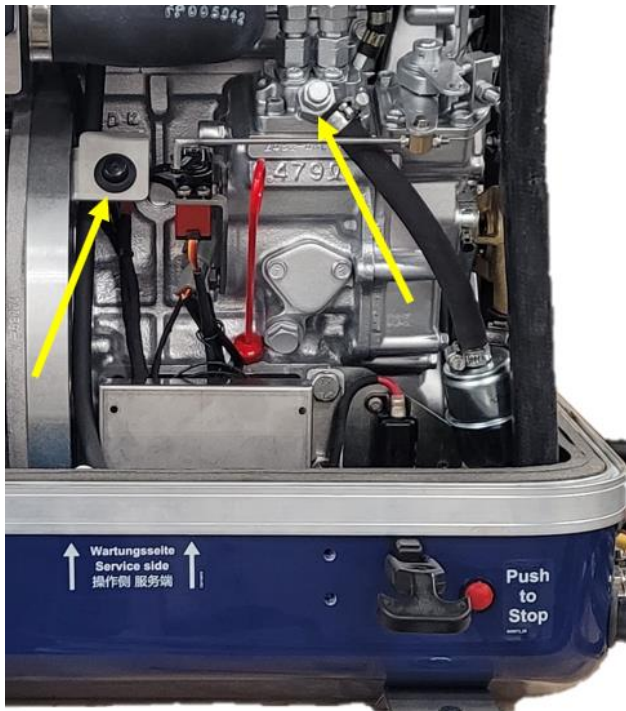


Figure 24: Failure bypass switch.

Rarely, it is required to bleed the high-pressure lines. To do this, the high-pressure lines must be loosened at the injectors. Two wrenches must be used when loosening or tightening the high-pressure lines at the injectors to provide counter torque. Failure to do so will result in the bridging pipe between the injectors being damaged. Shut off the raw water valve prior to cranking the engine. After fuel is verified to be coming out of each injector, retighten the high-pressure lines at the injector with two wrenches to provide counter torque.

5.1.6 Engine Oil

Checking: Check the engine oil with the dipstick either with a cold engine or after the engine has been stopped for 5 minutes. Engine must be level side to side and front to back. Remove the dipstick and wipe clean. Fully insert the dipstick, wait at least 2 seconds, then remove. Immediately position the dipstick horizontally to prevent a miss-reading. Engine oil should be maintained at or near the maximum mark on the dipstick, see Figure 25, to ensure adequate lubrication if the boat is heeling or trimming. Do not overfill or under-fill the engine oil as engine damage may occur.



Figure 25: Engine Oil Dip Stick

Adding: Add engine oil through the oil fill port on the valve cover, see Figure 26. Engine oil should be maintained at or near the maximum mark on the dip stick (See Section 5.1.6 Engine Oil). Clean up any spilled oil immediately. Do not overfill the engine oil as engine damage may occur.

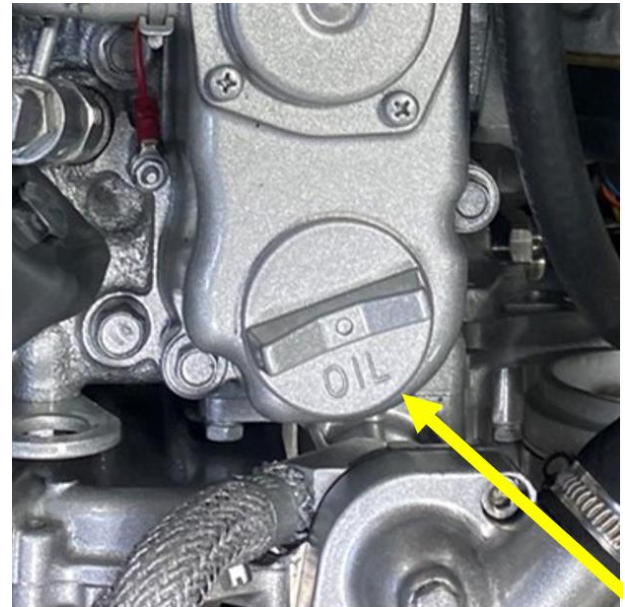


Figure 26: Oil filler cap

⚠ Warning: Spilled oil could result in fire. Clean up any spilled oil immediately.

Changing: Run the generator under load until it reaches normal operating temperature. Remove the load, shut off the generator and disconnect the starter battery. To drain the engine oil, remove the oil cap in Figure 26, and the cap on the oil drain hose at the front of the engine. A pump may be hooked to the hose if it is more convenient. Once completely drained, replace oil drain hose cap. Refill the engine oil to the maximum mark on the dipstick. Do not overfill the engine oil, as engine damage may occur. Dispose of used engine oil according to local regulations.

California Proposition 65

⚠ Warning: Used engine oil contains products known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

5.1.7 Engine Oil Filter

Replace engine oil filter, see Figure 27, according to the preventative maintenance schedule. Place oil absorbent pads under oil filter to catch remaining oil from oil filter. Ensure area around the filter is free of dirt and debris. Remove used filter. On new filter, place a light coating of new oil on top of the seal. Screw on filter until the seal contacts the surface. Continue tightening by hand an additional 3/5 of a turn. Dispose of used engine oil and filter according to local regulations.

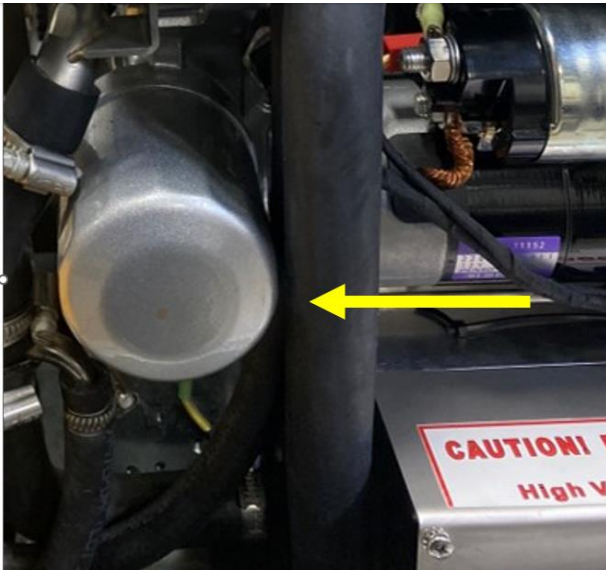


Figure 27: Oil filter

5.1.8 Engine Oil Leaks

Inspect for signs of oil leaks. Specific locations to inspect are around the rear main seal, oil pan, crankshaft pulley, cylinder head seal, valve cover seal, oil filter, timing chain cover, oil drain hose, and oil dip stick.

5.1.9 Charging Starter Battery

Before starting, ensure the starter battery is well charged which is greater than 12 volts. After starting, ensure that the charger is functioning by looking for an increase in battery voltage over time. Battery should be maintained in accordance with the battery manufacturer's instructions. The generator does not start the battery.

5.1.10 Coolant Hoses, Raw Water Hoses, Fuel Hoses, Exhaust Hoses, And Siphon Break.

Inspect all hoses for signs of leakage or brittleness both inside and outside of the capsule. Also inspect for signs of abrasion or cracking. Replace hoses before running the generator if any signs of deterioration or leakage are noticed. Replace siphon break if leakage is found.

5.1.11 Exhaust Leaks

Inspect for signs of exhaust leaks. Exhaust leaks are usually evident because of the black soot that accumulates near the leak. Locations to check are the exhaust manifold, exhaust elbow, capsule exhaust outlet, muffler, exhaust water separator (if equipped), and exhaust thru hull.

⚠ Danger: Carbon monoxide is deadly. All internal combustion engines produce carbon monoxide. All inside cabin compartments should have functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed. See ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council) TH-22—Educational Information About Carbon Monoxide for more information on the dangers of carbon monoxide.

5.1.12 Coolant Level

Check coolant level in coolant expansion tank. Coolant level should be between the bottom band and the "max" mark when the coolant is cold, see Figure 28. Always use the correct coolant mixture for the temperature expected when refilling, see Section 5.5 for coolant specifications.



Figure 28: Coolant Expansion Tank

Warning: Hot engine components and coolant may cause severe burns. Do not touch the generator while it is hot. Do not open the coolant expansion tank if the generator is hot. The hot coolant could boil and overflow causing burns.

5.1.13 Coolant Bleeding

Air in the coolant system will cause the coolant not to circulate. The coolant system will need to be bled upon initial installation. The coolant system may need to be bled anytime the engine has overheated.

1. Engine must be cool.
2. Remove cap on coolant expansion tank and lower tank below thermostat housing.
3. Open bleed points, see Figure 28. Gravity will force coolant from the engine into the tank.
4. Elevate coolant expansion tank above thermostat housing; gravity will force coolant back into the engine (DO NOT ALLOW TANK TO EMPTY).

5. Watch bleed points, see Figure 29, until only coolant is flowing (no bubbles). The thermostat bleed point will bleed first (left arrow below) then heat exchanger bleed point (right arrow below).
6. Close bleed points and secure cap on expansion tank.
7. Run generator for 1 min.
8. Repeat steps 3-7 two more times.

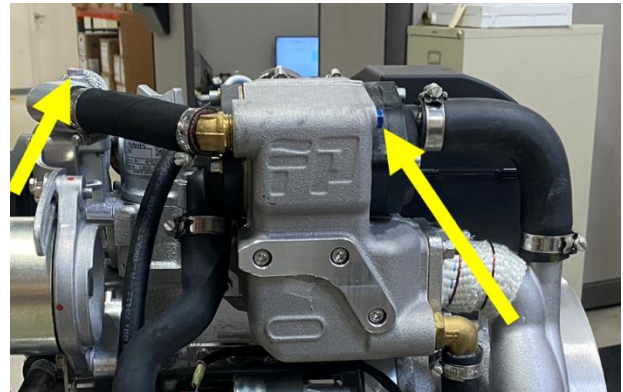


Figure 29: Coolant bleed screws

5.1.14 Mounting Fasteners

Mounting fasteners may come loose due to vibration. Fasteners may be checked by trying to move the washer under the cap screw or nut. The washer should not move. Also, look for gaps or signs of relative movement which indicate a loose fastener. Specific fasteners include actuator, stop solenoid, starter, generator to capsule interface, capsule to boat interface, engine to mounting bracket interface, engine to primary alternator interface.

5.1.15 Isolation Mounts

Isolation mounts may deteriorate because of age or exposure to oil, fuel, or UG light. If there is excessive movement of the engine, and all fasteners are tight, it may be necessary to replace the mounts. Inspect for signs of deterioration such as cracking or brittleness. There are three to four isolation mounts between the generator assembly and the capsule. There are usually another four isolation mounts between the capsule and the boat.

5.1.16 Engine Sensors

Only the Coil Temperature sensor should be displaying "---" on the control panel screen. Once the coil temperature is 105°F or higher, the "---" will change to numbers, see Figure 30. On all other sensors, "---" indicates the sensor is either not connected or is malfunctioning. The sensor should be repaired immediately, because the control system can no longer help protect the generator from overheat or low oil pressure. The generator will not start if the exhaust elbow or cylinder head temperature sensor is missing.

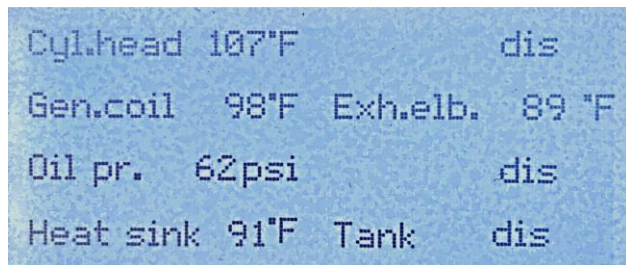


Figure 30: Control Panel Temperature Page

⚠Caution: Running the generator without a sensor could result in severe generator damage. The control system is no longer able to help protect the generator from overheat or low oil pressure.

⚠Caution: Operation outside of the limits will cause damage to the generator. Resolve the cause for any warning or shutdown messages before resuming operation.

5.1.17 Raw Water Impeller

Close raw water seacock, remove cover, and inspect raw water impeller for cracks, chips, wear, or missing vanes. If the impeller is removed, it must be replaced. Any missing vanes must be located and removed. They may block the flow of the raw water causing overheating. Vanes that are missing may be located anywhere in the raw water system between the raw water strainer and the heat exchanger. This includes the hoses, fittings, siphon break, and heat exchanger end cap. The raw water pump shaft seal should be replaced anytime the impeller is replaced. Replacement impellers are packaged with lubricant. To prevent immediate damage to the impeller, the lubricant must be used for installation. Install impeller in pump and reinstall cover with a new gasket. Operating in areas with aggregates such as coral or sand may increase the frequency of impeller failure. Replace impeller and seal more frequently in such cases.

5.1.18 Raw Water Pump Maintenance

Inspect raw water pump housing for signs of leakage, see Figure 31. After removing impeller inspect housing for signs of wear. If excessive wear or leakage is noted, replace entire raw water pump. Be sure to do daily routine check before starting the unit. Check for signs of corrosion, moisture, or salt crystallization. Failure to do so will cause raw water leak to spray inside the capsule and the water will damage generator coils, engine, and electrical wiring. Any water on the inside of the capsule should be dried up immediately. Failures can be avoided by following the steps below.

1. Replace raw water impeller every 150 hours or annually.
2. Replace water pump shaft seal at the same time the impeller is replaced
3. Inspect raw water pump screws. If signs of corrosion are present, replace the screws immediately.
4. Clean corrosion on outside of raw water pump.

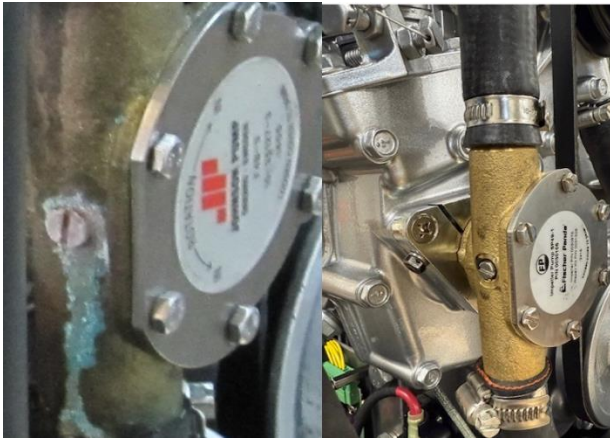


Figure 31: Leaking raw water pump (left), Good raw water pump (right)

5.1.19 Raw Water Flow

The raw water flow should be measured at the generator exhaust outlet from the boat. A bucket or similar container may be used to catch the exhausted water. The flow should be measured for one minute. The flow of raw water should be between 16 to 28 Liters per minute (4.2 to 7.4 gallons per minute).

5.1.20 Air Filter

Ensure the generator is off. Remove the service side of the top capsule. The Air Intake Box on top of the generator towards the rear (shown in Section 1.4.2). Flip the release tabs on the Air Intake Filter Cartridge. Once the tabs are flipped outwards the cartridge will be free to be pulled out. The filter is a fiber element inside of the Air Intake Filter Cartridge. Replace according to the maintenance schedule or if it is dirty. Operation in dirty or dusty environments will require more frequent changing of the air filter.

5.1.21 Coolant Pump Belt

The coolant pump is driven from a v-belt on the front of the engine. Inspect the belt for cracks and fraying. Replace if necessary. Check fan belt tension between the tensioner pulley and the crankshaft pulley. Moderate thumb pressure may be used to check the tension. The belt should move 7 to 9 mm (0.28 to 0.35 in) with 10kgf (22 lbs) applied perpendicular to the axis of the belt. If the belt is loose or tight, adjust the tensioner pulley until the correct tension is achieved.

5.1.22 Valve Clearance

See Kubota Workshop Manual.

5.1.23 Electrical Cable Connections

Electrical cable connections may produce heat when loose. Ensure the high current electrical connections to the diode block, shunt, starter, engine ground, and batteries are tight and corrosion free.

⚠Warning: Loose and corroded electrical connections can heat up and cause fires. High current electrical connections should be checked frequently and protected from corrosive elements.

5.1.24 Current and Voltage

Main alternator output current and voltage should be checked occasionally. Calibrated instruments in good working order should be used to verify current and voltage.

Voltage: Measure the voltage where the output cables connect to the boat. The measurement should be performed with little to no load on the generator. Compare the measured voltage to the voltage displayed on the control panel.

Current: Current should be measured with a current clamp suitable for measuring DC current. It may be measured on the negative main output cable just outside of the capsule. The generator should be loaded to at least 50% of rated load. Compare the measured current to the current displayed on the control panel.

Adjustments should be made if either reading is off by more than $\pm 5\%$

5.1.25 Corrosion

Open capsule and check for signs of corrosion. Corrosion should be dealt with immediately. To reduce corrosion, keep the generator clean and dry. Some possible causes of corrosion:

5. Leak inside of the capsule
6. External leak on top of the capsule
7. High bilge water

5.1.26 Foreign Debris

Check the inside of the capsule for foreign debris. Depending on how the generator was stored, animals may have brought foreign debris such as grass or trash inside the capsule.

⚠Warning: Foreign debris in the capsule may result in a fire. After any storage period, inspect the capsule and remove any foreign debris.

5.1.27 Actuator Adjustment

Verify that actuator cycles between the 4 o'clock position to the 8 o'clock position when the panel is turned on, shown in Figure 32. Verify that all the mounting bolts are tight. The bolts on the actuator rod will have slight clearance to allow free movement of the speed control lever. If necessary, the two nuts on the actuator rod may be adjusted to eliminate any excess movement.

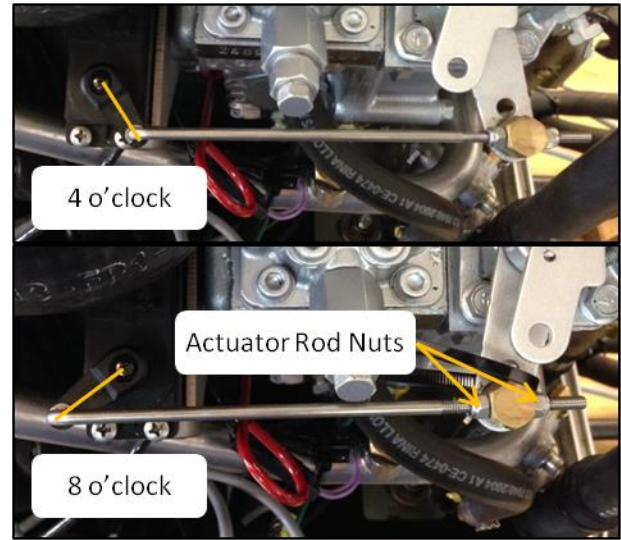


Figure 32: Actuator Adjustment

5.1.28 Hose Clamps.

Inspect hose clamps for tightness and signs of corrosion. Replace if corroded or damaged.

5.1.29 Engine Stop Solenoid

Verify engine stop solenoid causes the engine to stop immediately. Adjust as necessary.

Energize to Run: The control system applies voltage to the solenoid whenever the engine starts. This extends the piston and pushes the engine stop lever to the run position. To stop the generator, the control system stops applying voltage to the solenoid. The spring in the solenoid pulls the engine stop lever to the stop position. The solenoid has two circuits. The first is a high-power push circuit that pushes the piston out. The second is low power hold circuit that holds the piston out once it is pushed all the way out.

5.1.30 Injector Nozzle Condition

See Kubota Workshop Manual

5.1.31 Injection Timing

See Kubota Workshop Manual

5.1.32 Injection Pump

See Kubota Workshop Manual

5.2 Short Term Storage

The items below should be performed anytime the generator is being stored for greater than 1 month. If below freezing temperatures are expected, perform long term storage.

1. Charge batteries and disconnect.
2. It is recommended to start the generator at least once per month and allow it to run for 10 minutes.

5.3 Long Term and Winter Storage

The items below should be performed anytime the generator is being stored for greater than 3 months or if below freezing temperatures are expected.

1. Add correct amount of diesel stabilizer to the fuel tank.
2. Check engine coolant mixture to verify the mixture is sufficient for the lowest temperature expected.
3. Run generator for 15 minutes with fresh water flowing through the raw water system.
4. Allow the engine to run an additional 5 minutes with non-toxic anti-freeze circulating in the raw water system. Even if below freezing temperatures are not expected, it contains corrosion protectants. Observe local regulations for the disposal of antifreeze.
5. Remove impeller to completely drain water. It is recommended to always replace with a new impeller. If it is necessary to reuse, cover the impeller with petroleum jelly and store in a sealed plastic bag.
6. Change engine oil and filter.
7. Change fuel filters.
8. Charge batteries and disconnect.
9. Fill diesel tank to prevent condensation.
10. Close all generator seacocks.
11. Apply low tact duct tape to generator intake hose and exhaust outlet to prevent rodents or other animals from entering the generator capsule. Apply tape to any capsule air intakes or openings.

12. Drain raw water system if below freezing temperatures are expected. Disconnect siphon break lines at capsule. Disconnect exhaust at low points to allow water to drain. Drain muffler or other low points in the exhaust system.
13. Clean and dry any moisture in capsule. Paint any exposed metal to prevent corrosion. Fix any corrosion noticed.
14. If possible, store the boat in a humidity-controlled environment. Too high of humidity causes mold, bacteria, and rotting. Too low of humidity causes rubber parts to dry out.
15. Remove injectors and spray fogging oil in each combustion chamber. Turn the engine by hand for a couple revolutions. Reinstall injectors.

5.4 Recommissioning

The items below should be performed before resuming operation after long term or winter storage.

1. Reconnect raw water hoses.
2. Remove tape on air intakes and exhaust.
3. Charge batteries and reconnect.
4. Install raw water impeller.
5. Perform any scheduled preventative maintenance not performed before long-term storage.
6. Turn the engine over by hand for a couple revolutions.
7. Perform Pre-operational Checks. Section 3.1
8. Start engine.
9. Check for exhaust, fuel, and water leaks.

5.5 Fluids And Capacities

Engine Oil: Oil should meet MIL-L-2104C or API class CF or higher. See Table 1 for oil weights depending on expected ambient temperature. Oil capacity is 2.5 Liters (2.6 Quart).

Temperature and Oil Weight		
Below 0°C (32°F)	0°C (32°F) to 25°C (77°F)	Above 25°C (77°F)
SAE 10	SAE 20	SAE 30
SAE 10W-30		
SAE 15W-40		

Table 1: Ambient Temperature and Oil Weight

Engine Coolant: Coolant should be ethylene glycol type with corrosion inhibitors. It should be listed as safe for use with aluminum. Mix according to the chart below for expected minimum temperature. Use distilled water in the mixture. Tap water contains impurities that may cause corrosion. Coolant capacity is 3.8 Liters (1 gallon).

Volume		Freezing Point	
% Water	% ethylene glycol	°C	°F
70	30	-14	7
60	40	-24	-10
50	50	-37	-34
40	60	-52	-63

Table 2: Freezing Point of Ethylene Glycol and Water Solution

Diesel Fuel: It is important to use good quality, clean diesel fuel. Fuel should meet EN590 or ASTM D975. No 1 and No 2 diesel are acceptable. It is mandatory to use Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (less than 15 ppm sulfur content) in the United States to meet EPA emissions requirements. Always use fuel to comply with emissions regulations in the area operated. Never use fuel with sulfur content greater than 1000 ppm. Minimum cetane rating is 45. Cetane rating must be greater than 50 when operated above 1500 m (5000 ft). Do not use alternative fuels because the quality is unknown.

5.6 Preventative Maintenance Schedule

Section	Maintenance	Daily	Installation Check	50h initial inspection	every 100 hours or 3 months	every 600 hours or 1 year	every 1500 hours or 2 years	every 6000 hours or 8 years
5.1.2	Fuel Level	Check	Check	-	-	-	-	-
5.1.3	External Fuel Filter/Water Separator	Check/Drain	Check	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.4	Internal Fuel Filter	Check	-	Check	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.5	Fuel Bleeding	-	Check	-	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.6	Engine Oil	Check	Check	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.7	Oil Filter	-	-	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.8	Oil Leaks	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.9	Starter Battery Charge	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.10	Coolant Hoses, Raw Water Hoses, Fuel Hoses, Exhaust Hoses, and Siphon Break	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Replace
5.1.11	Exhaust Leaks	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.12	Coolant Level	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.13	Coolant Bleeding	-	Check	-	-	-	-	-
5.1.14	Mounting Fasteners	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.15	Isolation Mounts	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Replace
5.1.16	Generator Sensors	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.17	Raw Water Impeller	-	-	Check	Check	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.18	Raw Water Pump	-	-	-	Check	Check	Check	Replace
5.1.19	Raw Water Flow	-	Check	-	-	-	-	-
5.1.19	Air Filter	Check	Check	Check	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.21	Coolant Pump Belt	Check	Check	Check	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
5.1.22	Valve Clearance	-	-	-	-	Check	Check	Check
5.1.23	Electrical Cable Connections	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Replace
5.1.24	Current and Voltage	-	Check		-	Check	Check	Check
5.1.24	Corrosion	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.26	Foreign Debris	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check	Check

Section	Maintenance	Daily	Installation Check	50h initial inspection	every 100 hours or 3 months	every 600 hours or 1 year	every 1500 hours or 2 years	every 6000 hours or 8 years
5.1.27	Actuator Adjustment	-	-	-	-	Check	Check	Check
5.1.28	Hose Clamps	-	-	-	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.29	Engine Stop Solenoid	-	-	-	Check	Check	Check	Check
5.1.30	Injector Nozzle Condition	-	-	-	-	-	Check	Check
5.1.31	Injection Timing	-	-	-	-	-	Check	Check
5.1.32	Injection Pump	-	-	-	-	-	Check	Check

6 Troubleshooting

6.1 Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom or Message	Potential Issue	Resolution
Control panel does not power on.	No power to Generator. Poor battery connection or Low Battery.	Turn on battery switch. Check fuses or circuit breakers to the generator. Check connections on back of control panel. Green connector on back of control panel should have full battery voltage between pins 1 and 2. Check fuses on KL board. Check both positive and negative battery connections to generator. Check battery voltage with a multi-meter.
"No comm. to VCS" message displayed and Control Panel shuts off. Other messages that may have similar failure modes: "Lost comm. to CT", "Internal CAN bus failed", and "Lost CAN comm. to VCS"	Loose connection or wire. Failed VCS, CT, or Control Panel.	Check connections on green plug on back of control panel. Ensure each is fully inserted. Ensure all CT board and VCS connectors are securely fastened. Replace components.
Control Panel powers on but generator engine does not crank.	Pending shutdown message displayed on panel. Poor battery connection or low battery. Failed VCS. Engine locked up. Starter failed.	Check control panel for shutdown message. Resolve issue causing message. Check both positive and negative battery connections to generator. Check battery voltage with a multi-meter. Charge or replace as necessary. Replace VCS. Verify by rotating crankshaft by hand. Replace starter.

Symptom or Message	Potential Issue	Resolution
"Starter batt. voltage low" message displayed on control panel.	Poor battery connection or Low Battery.	Check both positive and negative battery connections to generator. Check battery voltage with a multi-meter. Charge or replace as necessary.
"Failed start attempt" message displayed on Control Panel. Engine starts and runs smoothly for more than 4 seconds (No RPMS are displayed on control panel).	Bad AC speed signal connection. Failed CT Board.	Check connection of AC speed signal 1 and 2 on the diode block and CT board. Replace CT board.
"Failed start attempt" message displayed on control panel. Starter turns engine over but engine does NOT start and run smoothly for more than 4 seconds. Limit number of start attempts because of the potential for water ingestion into the engine.	Low fuel level. Clogged fuel filter. Failed fuel pump.	Add fuel. Replace fuel filters. Replace fuel pump.
"Unexpected engine Stop" message displayed on control panel.	Low fuel level. Clogged fuel filter. Failed fuel pump.	Add fuel. Replace fuel filters. Replace fuel pump.
"Exh. m. temp. high" message displayed on control panel.	No or restricted raw (sea) water flow.	Open sea water valve. Clean obstructions in sea water strainer. Check for water flow in exhaust. Replace sea water impeller.

Symptom or Message	Potential Issue	Resolution
"Cyl. h. temp. high", or "Temp. diode HS is high" message displayed on control panel.	Generator overloaded. No or restricted raw (sea) water flow. Low Engine Oil. Low coolant level. Air in coolant.	Reduce electrical load. Open sea water valve. Clean obstructions in sea water strainer. Check for water flow in exhaust. Replace sea water impeller. Fill engine oil to full mark on dipstick. Refill coolant with engine cold. Bleed coolant system.
"Coil temp. high" message displayed on control panel.	Generator overloaded. Primary alternator airflow blocked.	Reduce electrical load. Check for obstructions for primary alternator air intake.
""Temp. neg. bus bar is high" or "Temp. neg. bus bar is high" message displayed on control panel.	Generator overloaded. Loose connection or corroded connection on diode module. Loose connection or corroded connection on shunt	Reduce electrical load. Check connections on diode module and main output for tightness. Clean up any corrosion on diode module. Check connections on shunt and CT board.
"Oil Pressure is Low" message displayed on control panel.	Engine oil low. Oil pressure sensor not connected.	Fill engine oil to full mark on dipstick. Verify oil pressure sensor is connected securely.

Symptom or Message	Potential Issue	Resolution
Engine exhaust is black and sooty	Generator overloaded	Reduce electrical load
	Clogged intake filter	Replace intake filter
	Poor quality fuel	Replace fuel with recommended fuel
	Valve clearance, low compression, injector failure, or injection pump failure	Have engine inspected and serviced.
"DC Voltage is Low" message displayed on control panel.	Generator overloaded.	Reduce electrical load.
	Low fuel level.	Add fuel.
	Clogged fuel filter.	Replace fuel filters.
	Failed fuel pump.	Replace fuel pump.

6.2 Control Panel Messages

Below are the control panel messages listed in alphabetical order with a brief description.

2 static panels conflict: Two control panels are connected to the Fischer Panda CAN network and the remote start switch is set to static.

Act. voltage out of range: Voltage to actuator and oil pressure sensor not within range.

Actuator fault: Calibration of the speed control actuator failed or has another fault.

Aux. output current is high.: A high current was detected on the auxiliary output connection of VCS.

Batt. voltage high: Starter battery voltage is greater than the programmed maximum.

Batt. voltage too low: Starter battery voltage is lower than allowed by the control system.

Battery voltage is low: Starter battery voltage is lower than the programmed minimum.

Bus bar temp. is high: Main output bus bar temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

Cannot stop engine: Control system cannot stop the engine.

CHECK FIRE SYSTEM: If enabled in settings, the remote stop connection on the back of the control panel has detected open contacts.

Check/bleed coolant system: Cylinder head temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

CHK FIRE SYS: If enabled in settings, the remote stop connection on the back of the control panel has detected open contacts.

Coil temp. is high: Coil temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

Cooling down engine: Control system is allowing the engine to cool down for a preset time or until the cylinder head temperature reaches a minimum temperature.

Crank. or run sol. in SC: A short circuit was detected while the starter or run solenoid outputs were on.

Cranking engine: Starter motor is on.

CT board temp. is high: The temperature of the CT board is greater than the programmed maximum.

Engine is idling: Engine is in low idle mode.

Engine speed is high: The measured engine speed is greater than the programmed maximum.

Fire Suppression: If enabled in settings, the remote stop connection on the back of the control panel has detected open contacts.

Fuel pump current high: The fuel pump current (amps) is higher than the programmed maximum.

Fuel pump current low: The fuel pump current (amps) is lower than expected.

Fuel pump is in S.C.: A short circuit was detected while the fuel pump output was on.

Gen. start by dyn. rem.in.: Generator was started with a remote contact to the back of the control panel.

Gen. start by NMEA bus: Generator was started via the NMEA2000 bus.

Gen. start by panel button: Generator was started with the button on the front of the control panel.

Gen. start by static rem.in.: Generator was started with a remote contact to the back of the control panel.

Gen. stop by alarm condition: Generator was stopped via the control system due to an alarm condition.

Gen. stop by dyn. rem.in.: Generator was stopped with a remote contact to the back of the control panel.

Gen. stop by NMEA bus: Generator was started via the NMEA2000 bus.

Gen. stop by panel button: Generator was stopped with the button on the front of the control panel.

Gen. stop by static rem.in.: Generator was stopped with a contact to the back of the control panel.

Generator is stopped: Generator is not running.

Glow plugs in SC: A short circuit was detected while the glow plug outputs were on.

Halon Stop: If enabled in settings, the remote stop connection on the back of the control panel has detected open contacts.

Hold coil in SC: A short circuit was detected while the hold coil output was on.

HW configuration mismatch: The control system has detected that some of the components are not compatible with the programmed settings.

Initializing System: Control system is performing power up tests and calibrating the actuator.

Invalid program data: The programmed settings are not valid.

Lost CT board: The VCS is no longer communicating with the CT board on the Fischer Panda CAN bus.

Lost FP CAN bus connection: The control panel is no longer communicating with the VCS and CT board on the Fischer Panda CAN bus.

Max. No. of failed starts: The maximum number of start attempts has been exceeded.

⚠Caution: Too many consecutive failed start attempts will cause severe engine damage. Failed start attempts cause water to accumulate in the exhaust system. If enough water accumulates, it will enter the engine through the exhaust manifold. Contact an authorized Fischer Panda Service Dealer if more than 3 consecutive failed start attempts occur.

Missing battery bank: There is no battery bank connected to the main output and the setting to require the battery to be connected prior to starting is enabled.

Missing bus bar sensor: The positive and/or negative bus bar is not connected.

Missing cyl.head sensor: The cylinder head temperature sensor is not connected.

Missing engine temp. sensor: Both the cylinder head and coolant in temperature sensors are not connected.

Missing exhaust elbow sensor: The exhaust elbow temperature sensor is not connected.

Missing gen. coil sensor: The coil temperature sensor is not connected.

Missing sensor coolant in: The coolant in temperature sensor is not connected.

Oil pr. reading faulty: The oil pressure sensor reading is greater than the maximum plausible oil pressure reading.

Oil pressure is low: The oil pressure sensor reading is less than the programmed minimum.

Output current high: The main output current (amps) is greater than the programmed maximum.

Output power high: The main output power (kW) is greater than the programmed maximum.

Output voltage high: The main output voltage (volts) is greater than the programmed maximum.

Output voltage low: The main output voltage (volts) is less than the programmed minimum.

Panel in no-start mode: Another panel on the same Fischer Panda CAN bus is on a screen that does not allow the generator to start.

Preparing to start: Control system is preparing to start the engine by running fuel pump and starting aids.

R.W. valve output SC: A short circuit was detected while the raw water output was on.

Remote Stop Panel: If enabled in settings, the remote stop connection on the back of the control panel has detected open contacts.

Remote stop VCS activated: The remote stop connection on the KL board has detected open contacts.

Restart delay: A minimum time has not elapsed since the previous generator shut down.

Running in CC mode: The generator is regulating the generator speed to maintain the target current (amps).

Sea water valve active: Raw water valve output is on.

Start attempt failed: The VCS attempted to start the engine, but no speed signal was detected.

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Start stop conflict: If static remote start is enabled, the generator has shut down, but the remote start switch is still in the run position.

Stop solenoid in SC: A short circuit was detected while the stop solenoid output was on.

Stopping engine: Control system is stopping the engine.

Supply oil pr. sensor faulty: The voltage supply to the oil pressure switch is out of range.

Tank level is low: The generator fuel tank level is low.

Tank sensor failed: The generator fuel tank sensor is not present or out of range.

Temp. cool. in. is high: The coolant in temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

Temp. cyl. h. is high: The cylinder head temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

Temp. diode h.s. high: The heat sink temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

Temp. exh. m. is high: The exhaust elbow temperature is greater than the programmed maximum.

Unacknowledged alarm pending: Generator is stopped. An alarm is pending. The alarm must be acknowledged prior to further operation.

Unexpected engine stop: The VCS has detected a loss of oil pressure and speed signal even though the VCS did not try to stop the engine.

Unknown msg. or al. pending: Control panel does not recognize message or error code. Write down all numbers next to “Code” lines in view more data screen and contact Fischer Panda.

VCS Powered up via CAN bus: The VCS was powered on via the Fischer Panda CAN bus.

Water leak sensor trigger: The water leak sensor has detected water in the capsule.

