



Installation and Troubleshooting Guide

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SIERRA P/N: 18-99237

This unit replaces the following P/N's: 398-3587, 398-3618, 398-3633, 398-4792, 398-4793, and 398-5232.
This unit replaces CDI P/N: 174-4793

Warning! This product is designed to be installed by a professional marine mechanic. Dometic cannot be held liable for injury or damage resulting from improper installation, abuse, neglect, or misuse of this product.

INSTALLATION

1. Disconnect the Negative battery cable.
2. Disconnect the Stator wires from the Rectifier/Regulator.
3. Remove the flywheel according to the service manual for your engine.
4. Mark the position of the mounting screws in relation to where the Stator wires come out of the old Stator.
5. Remove the old Stator.
6. Orient and install the new Stator (using a good thread-locker applied to the bolts) in the same position as the old Stator.
7. Install the flywheel according to the service manual for your engine.
8. Connect the new Stator to the Regulator/Rectifier.
9. Reconnect the Negative battery cable.

TROUBLESHOOTING

BATTERY CHARGING ISSUES:

1. Regardless of whether the charging issue is overcharging or not charging at all, the #1 cause of all charging issues is the battery often due to improper style and/or charging neglect. #2 is the battery's connections. #3 is the Regulator/Rectifier. #4 is the Stator.
2. The recommended type of battery for outboards is a single (NOT more than one) 850+ CCA dual purpose or cranking/starting **non-maintenance-free battery**.
3. Non-maintenance-free batteries (lead-acid flooded cell; has vent caps on its top) have heavy, thick plates. They're ideal for outboards, where batteries are commonly drained by accessories while fishing, etc. when there is no charge applied to a battery while the battery is in use. Its heavy plates can withstand constant discharging and charging. These batteries have much more reserve time and are much more suited for this behavior.

NOTE: Some Maintenance free batteries will have vented caps on top. When in doubt, change the battery to a non-maintenance free type.

4. Maintenance-free batteries should **NEVER** be used in an Outboard application. A new, fully charged maintenance-free battery may work fine at first but their life span is dramatically shortened due to the constant charging and discharging. This activity will cause the cells to become weak, and/or the cells will become dead. When this happens, the battery is unable to accept a full charge, thus putting the Rectifier/Regulator at extreme risk of failure. Therefore, maintenance-free style batteries commonly cause charging issues shortly after installation.
5. Check all battery connections, particularly at engine ground. Make sure that all connections are tight and free of corrosion. Do **NOT** use wing nuts as they tend to loosen over a period of time from vibration. A loose connection **WILL** cause a premature battery and/or Regulator/Rectifier failure(s).
6. If there is no change, try a single (**NOT** more than one) known good fully charged battery that is 850+ CCA Dual Purpose, or a cranking/starting battery that is non-maintenance free. Make sure the battery is a lead acid flooded cell battery (has vent caps on its top).
7. Measure the DVA across the Stator's Yellow battery charge wires, while connected to the Regulator/Rectifier. At idle the DVA will normally be between 8-25 DVA. If not, disconnect the Yellow wires from the Regulator/Rectifier and retest. DVA will normally be 17-50 DVA at idle. If the voltage is low, the Stator is possibly faulty. Perform a visual of the Stator for browning and varnish dripping. These are signs that the Stator has overheated. If the visual inspection shows any of these signs, replace the Stator.

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MAXIMUM OUTPUT TEST:

1. Install an ammeter capable of reading at least 12 Amps between the Red wire and the starter solenoid battery post.
2. Connect a load bank to the battery.
3. In the water or on a Dynamometer, start the engine and bring the RPM up to approximately 4500 RPM in gear.
4. Turn on the load bank switches to increase the battery load to equal 9 Amps.
5. Check the ammeter.
6. If the amperage is low,
 - a) Check the load bank connections and meter for battery draw.
 - b) If the output is still low, check and clean all connections between the battery and the Regulator/Rectifier. Inspect the Stator windings for burned or discolored windings.
7. If the amperage is correct, but the battery voltage remains low, replace the battery.

TACHOMETER TESTS

1. Measure the DVA across the Stator's Yellow battery charge wires, while connected to the Regulator/Rectifier. At idle the DVA will normally be between 8-25 DVA. If not, disconnect the Yellow wires from the Regulator/Rectifier and retest. DVA will normally be 17-50 DVA at idle. If the voltage is now within specification, the Regulator/Rectifier is likely defective.
2. Disconnect the Regulator's Gray wire. At 800-1,000 RPM, check the DVA on the Gray wire FROM THE REGULATOR/RECTIFIER measured to engine ground. The reading should be 8 DVA or more. If not, replace the Regulator/Rectifier.
3. If at least 8 DVA, run a jumper wire from the Gray wire out of the harness to one of the Stator's Yellow wires.
4. If still no tachometer signal, try a known good tachometer.
5. If still no tachometer signal, replace the Stator.

OVERCHARGING:

1. Clean all battery terminals, cables, and mounting bosses.
2. Check the voltage on the battery with a multi meter and compare it to the dash meter.
3. Compare the voltage at the Regulator/Rectifier with the voltage at the battery. If the voltage is ok at the Regulator/Rectifier and not good at the battery, you have a bad connection somewhere. Clean the battery posts and terminals.
4. Replace the battery with a known good Maintenance type flooded wet lead acid marine battery. If the battery voltage remains ok, install a new Maintenance type flooded wet lead acid battery.