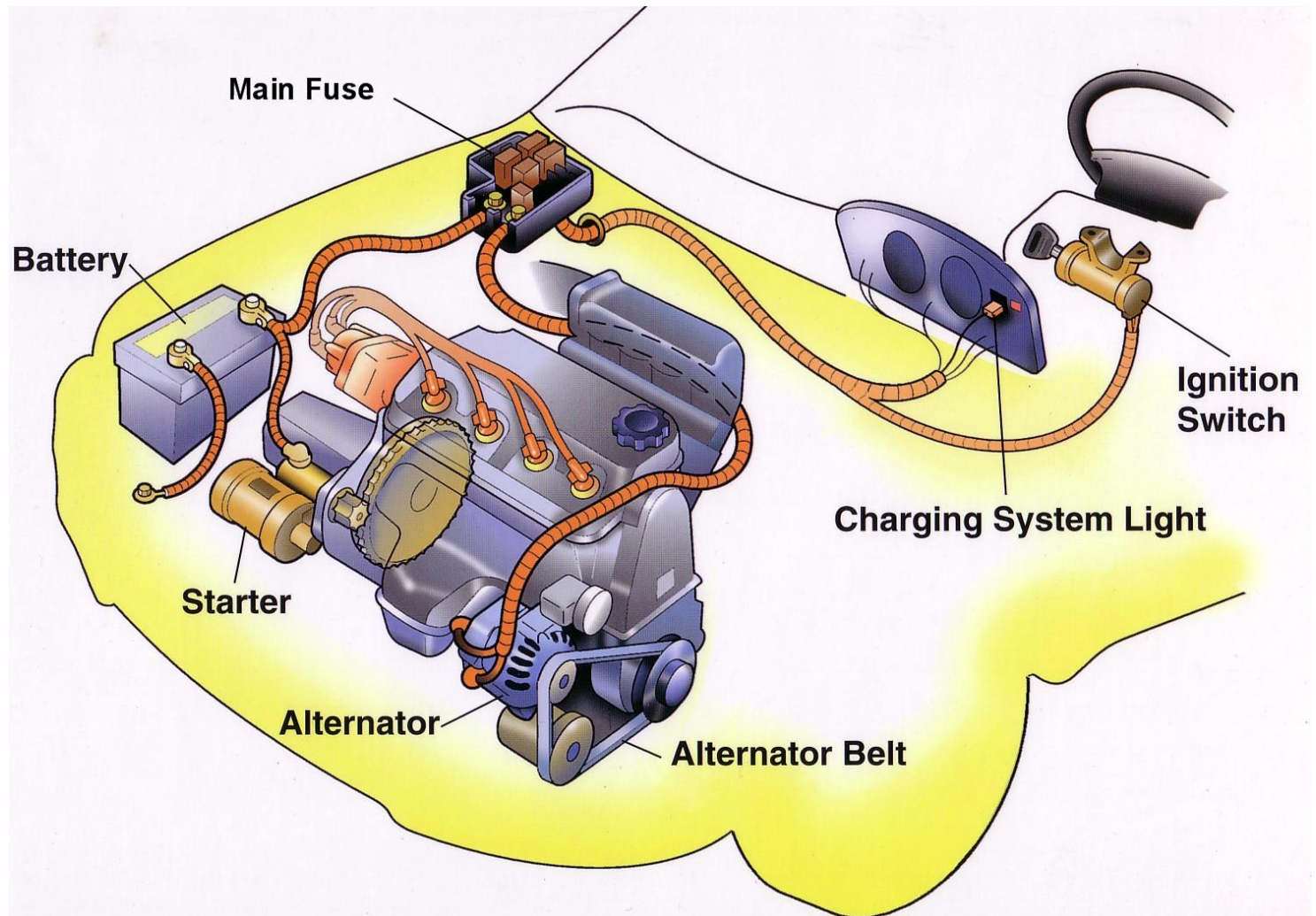


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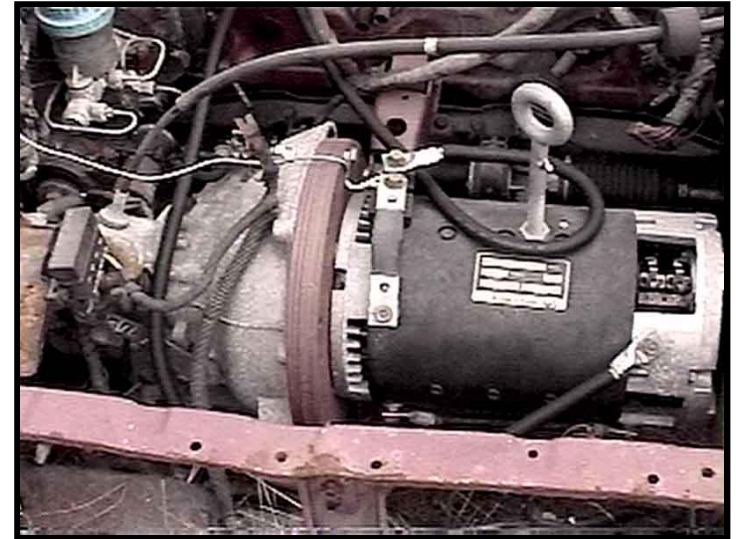
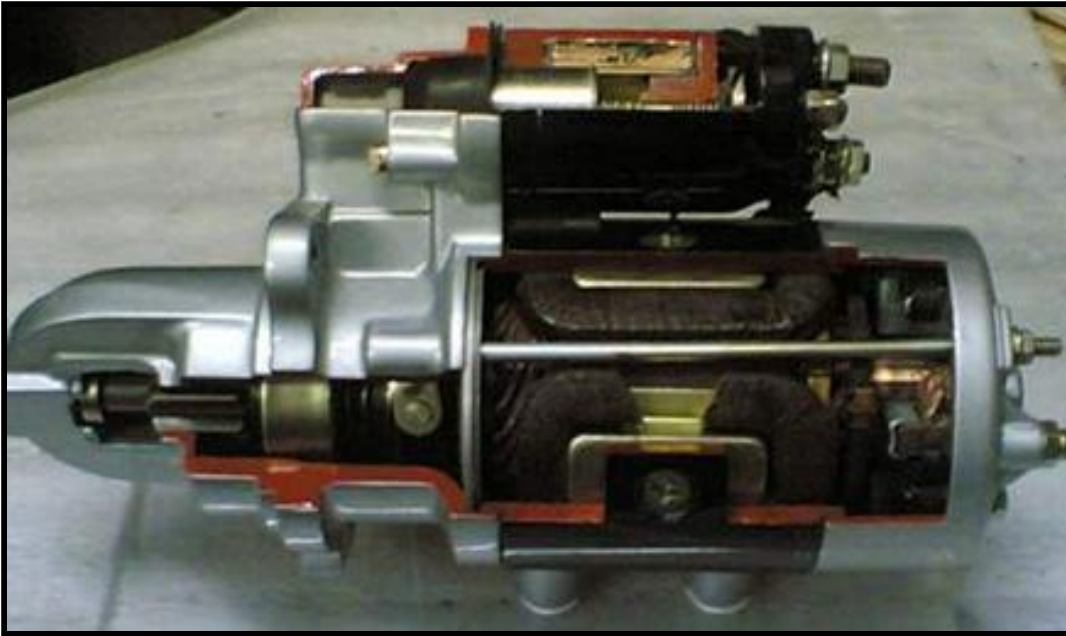
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1. Electric \_\_\_\_\_ are used to start the engine & in hybrids are used to move the vehicle. Motors are also used to operate many different accessories requiring either linear or rotary motion.



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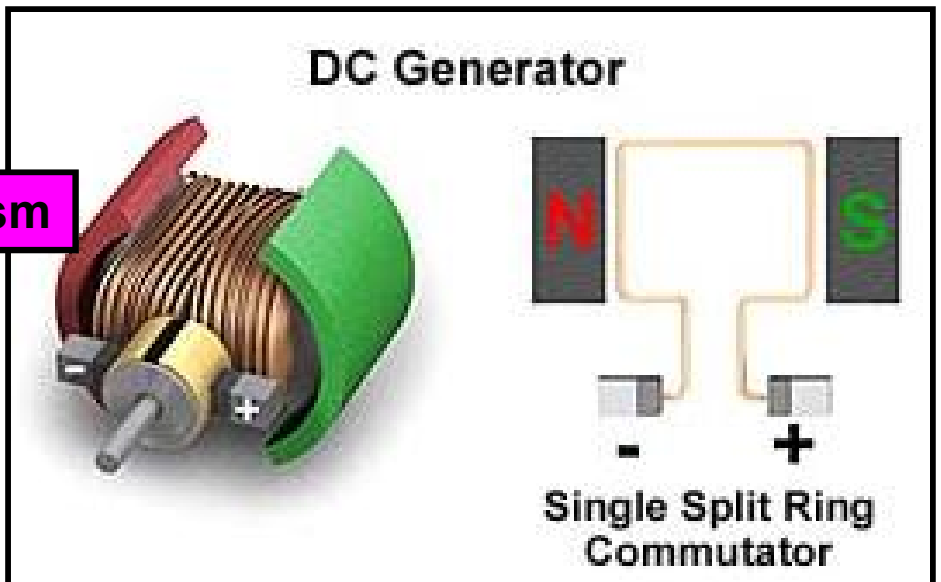
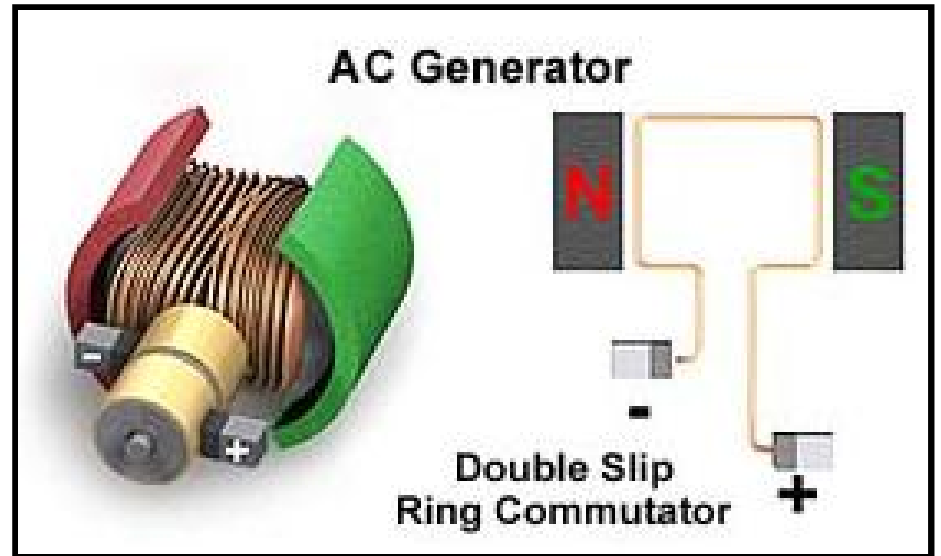
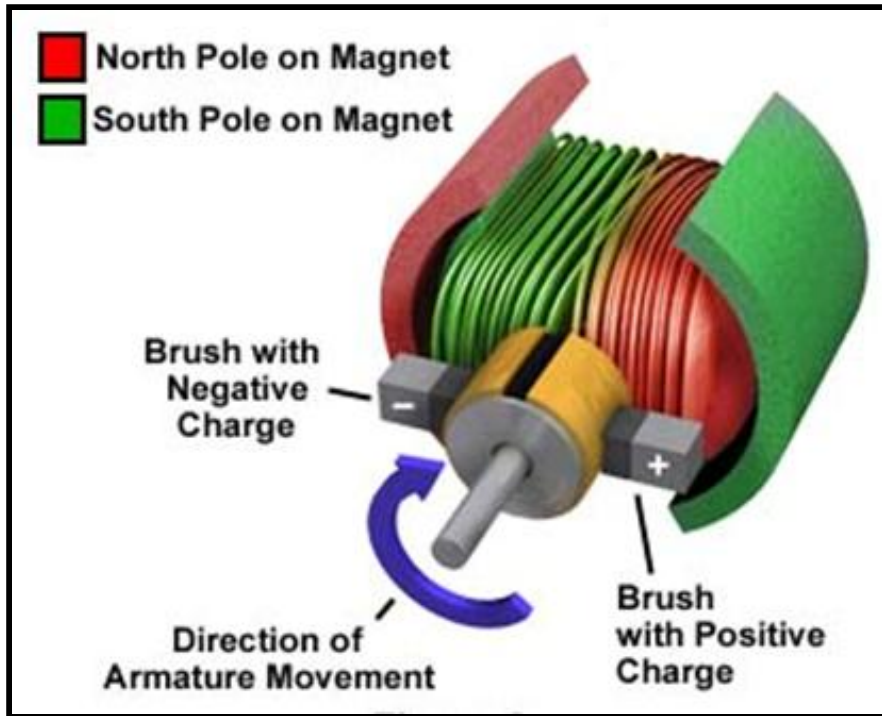
2. Starter motors & accessory motors use \_\_\_ voltage while traction or drive motors use \_\_\_ voltage.

Low, High  
High, Low  
Medium, Medium

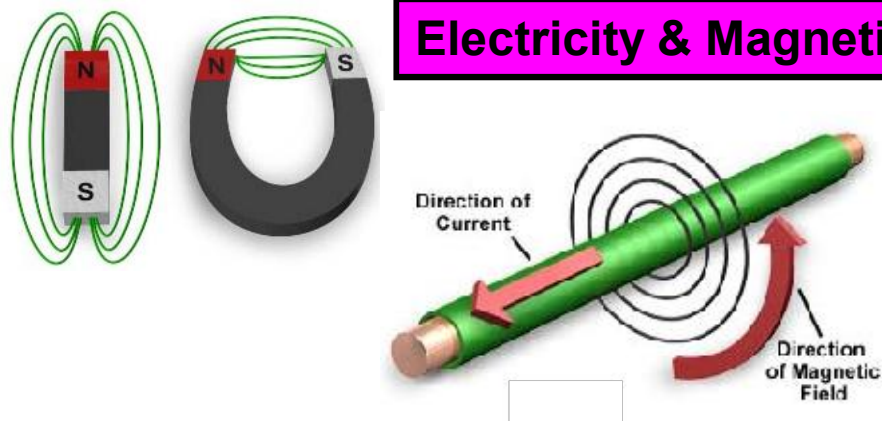


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3. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ are closely related because one can be used to create the other.

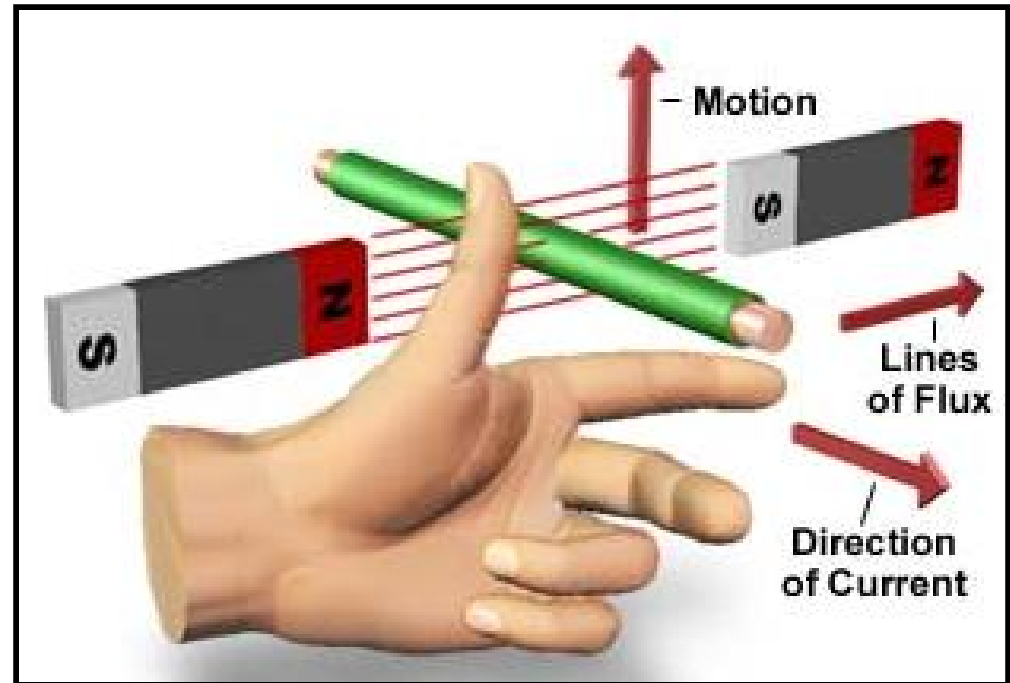
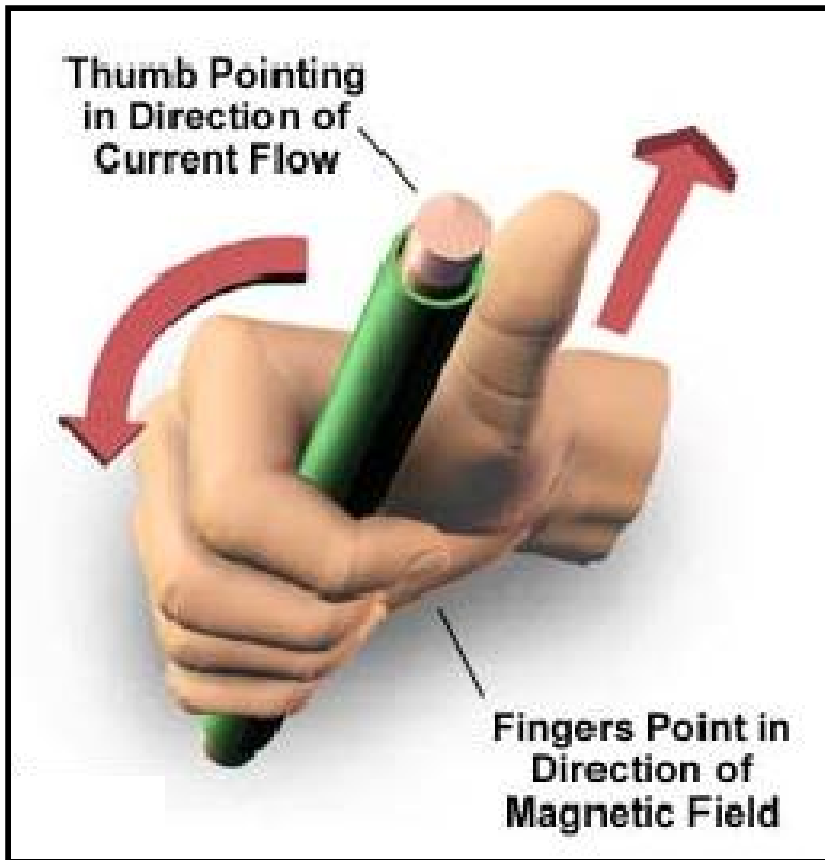


## Electricity & Magnetism



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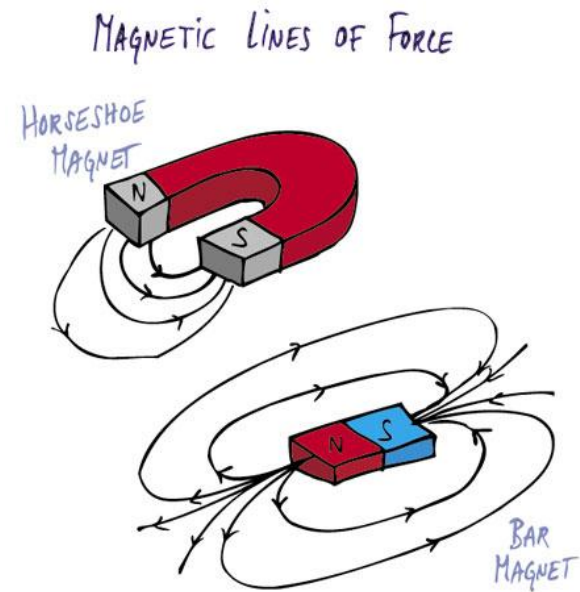
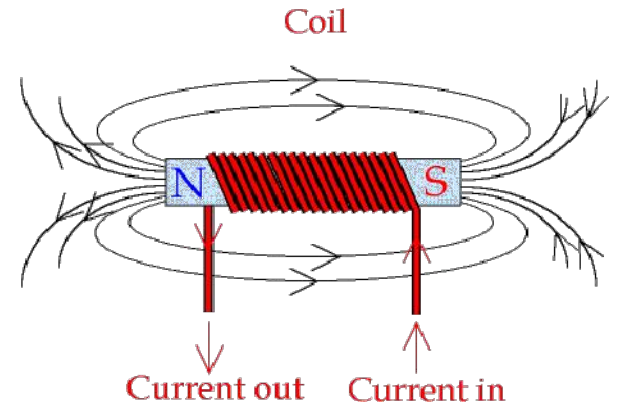
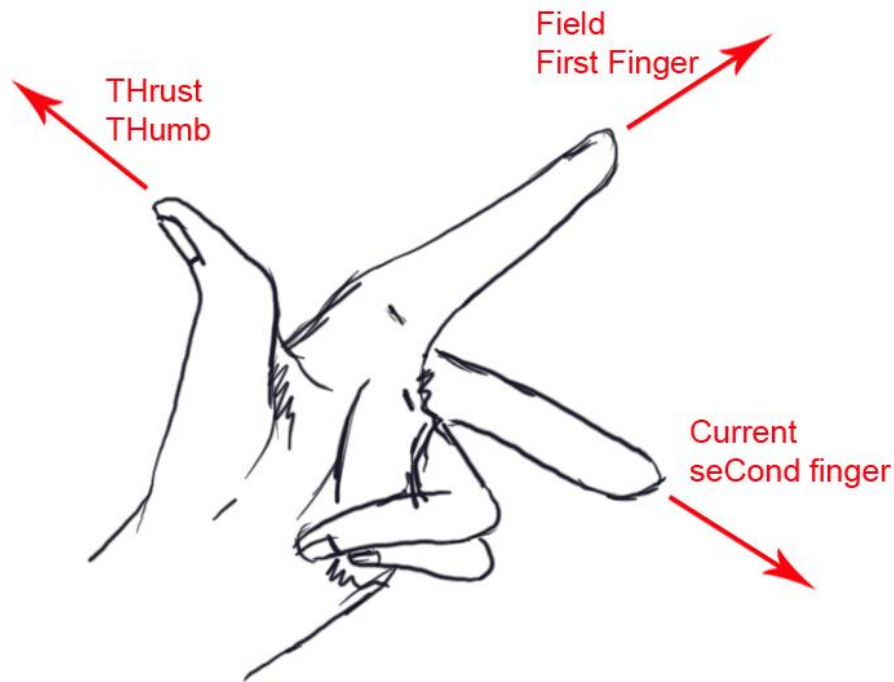
4. \_\_\_\_\_ flow through a wire creates a magnetic field & moving a \_\_\_\_\_ through a magnetic field creates current flow in the wire.  
*Coils or loops of wire just intensify that effect.*



Voltage, Magnet  
Current, Coil  
Voltage, Coil

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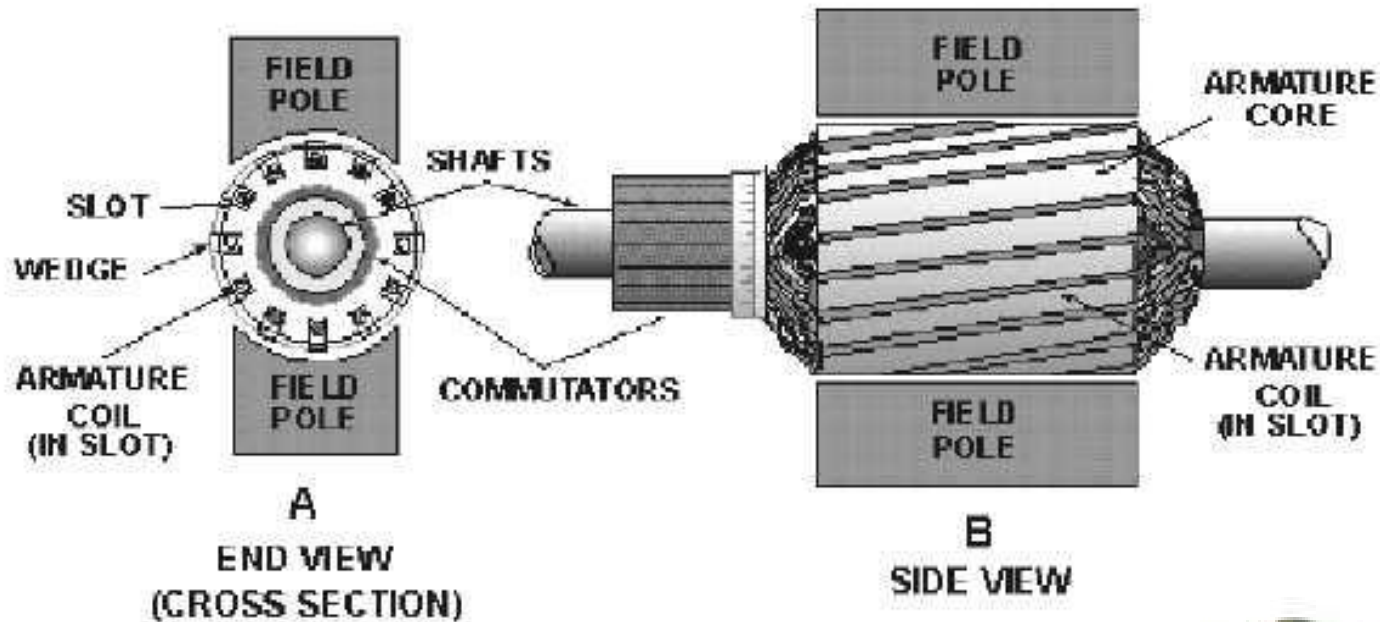
5. A magnetic field called, called a \_\_\_\_\_, exists around every magnet.



Flux Field  
Plowed Field  
Flux Density

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6. Temporary magnets (*armatures*) are made of \_\_\_\_\_ iron.  
Permanent magnets require hard iron.

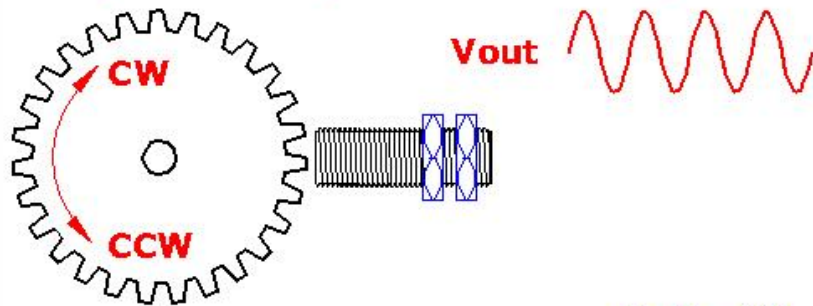


Hard  
Medium  
Soft

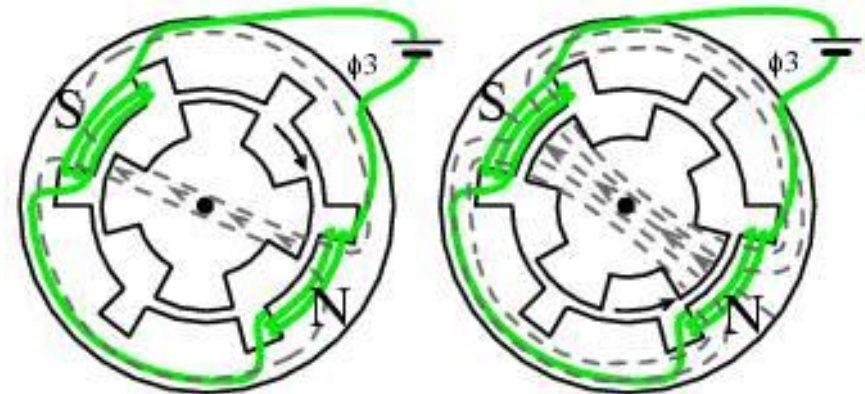
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7. The resistance that a material offers to passage of magnetic flux lines is called \_\_\_\_\_.

Passive, 2-wire, Sinusoidal Speed-Dependent Output

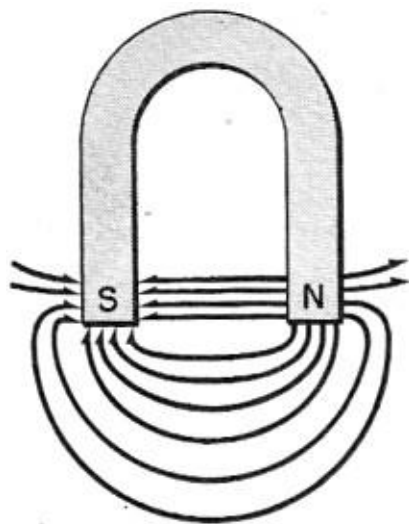


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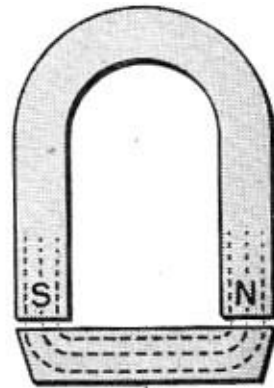


high reluctance

low reluctance



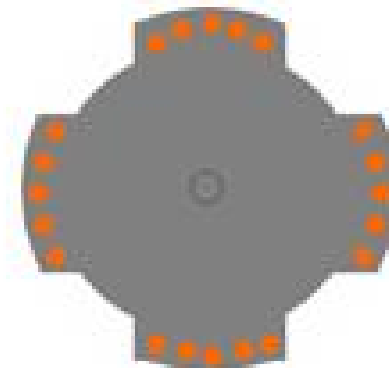
A



KEEPER

B

Resistance  
Reactance  
Reluctance

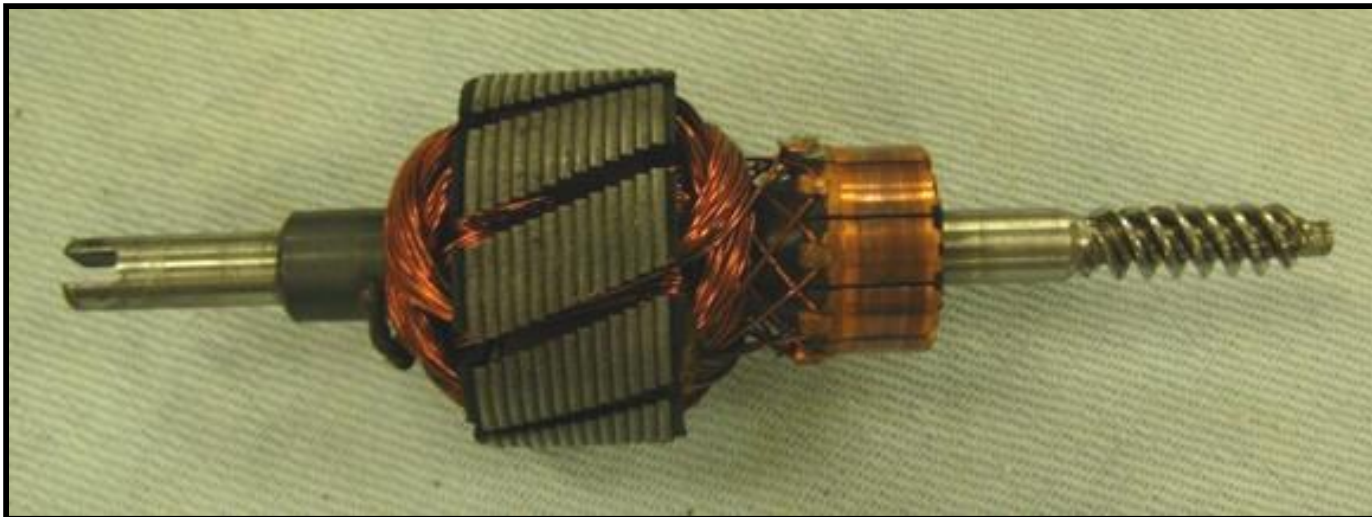


Rotor of Synchronous Reluctance Motor

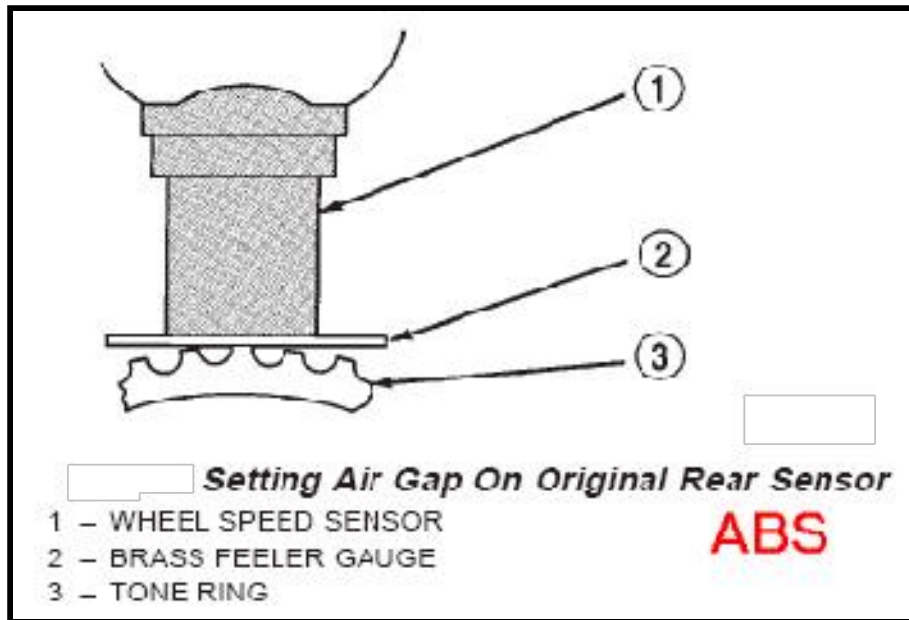


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8. Air has \_\_\_\_\_ reluctance.  
Soft iron cores & armatures have \_\_\_\_\_ reluctance.

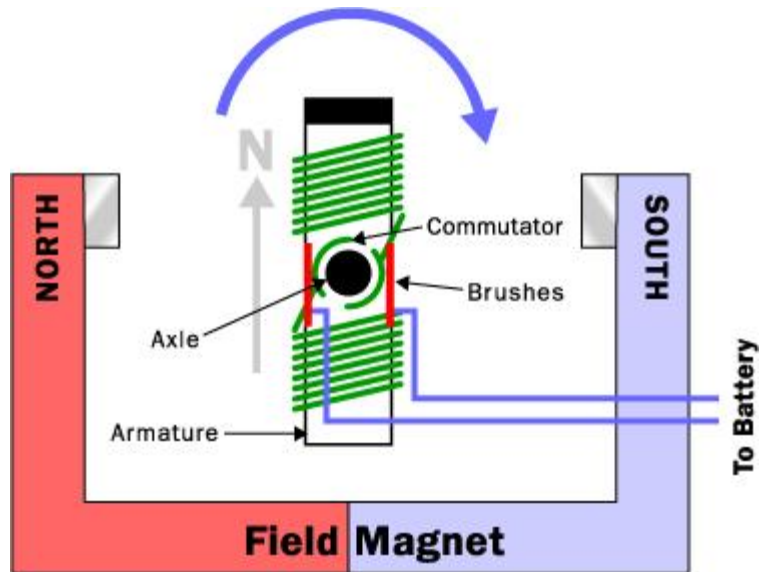


Low, High  
High, Low  
Medium, Medium



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9. An electric motor converts \_\_\_\_\_ energy into \_\_\_\_\_ energy.



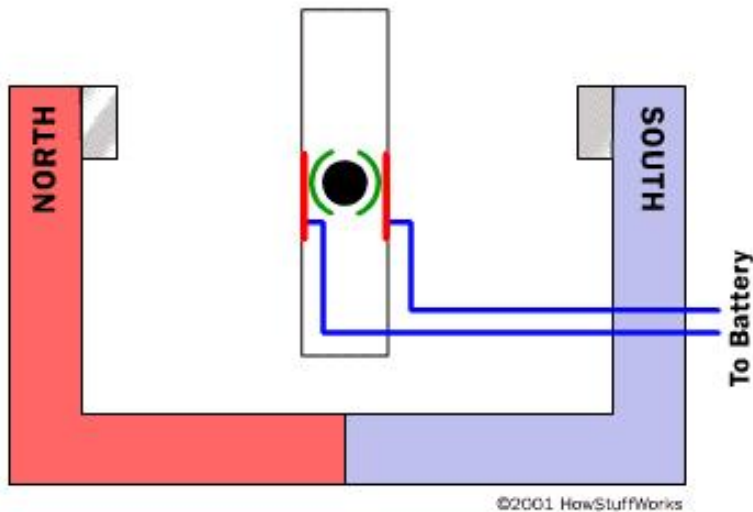
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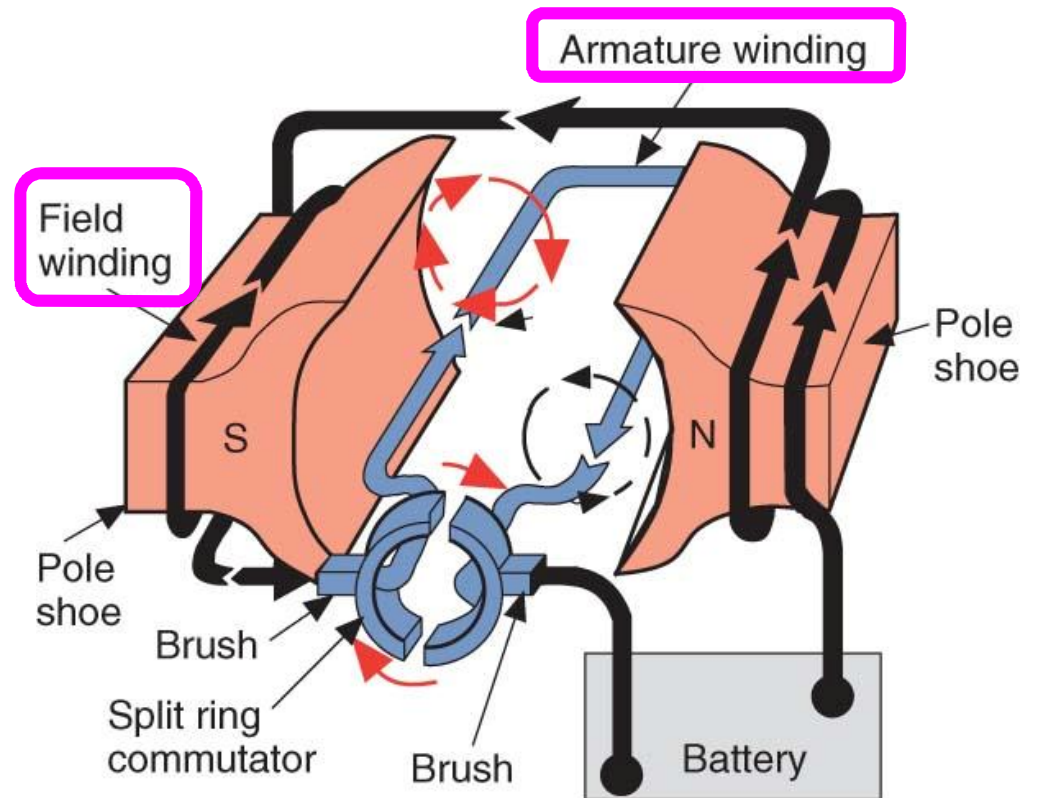
Chemical, Mechanical  
Electrical, Mechanical  
Heat, Light

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10. Basic components of a motor are the stator or \_\_\_\_\_ windings, & the rotor or \_\_\_\_\_.



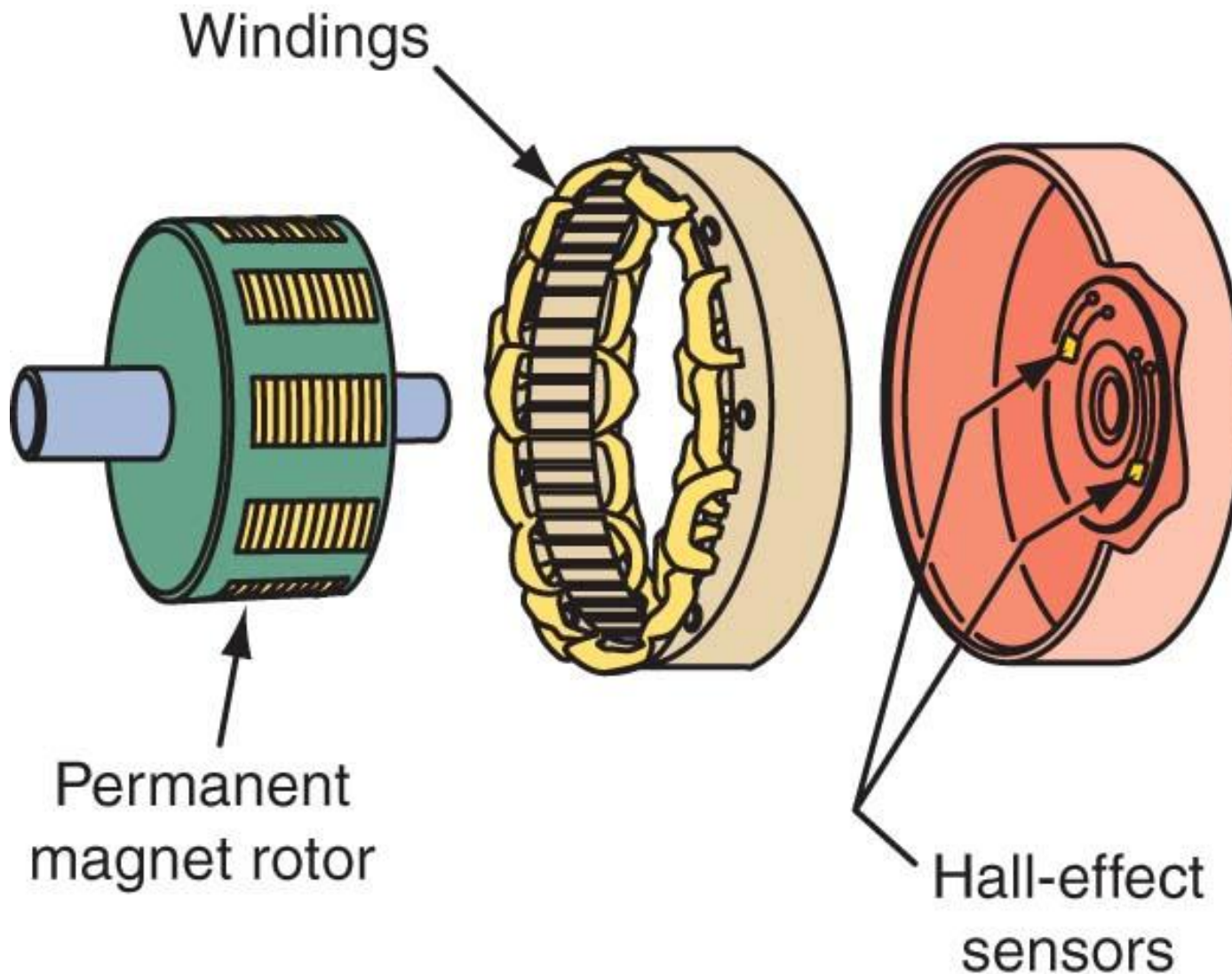
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Field, Armature  
Armature, Field  
Rotor, Stator

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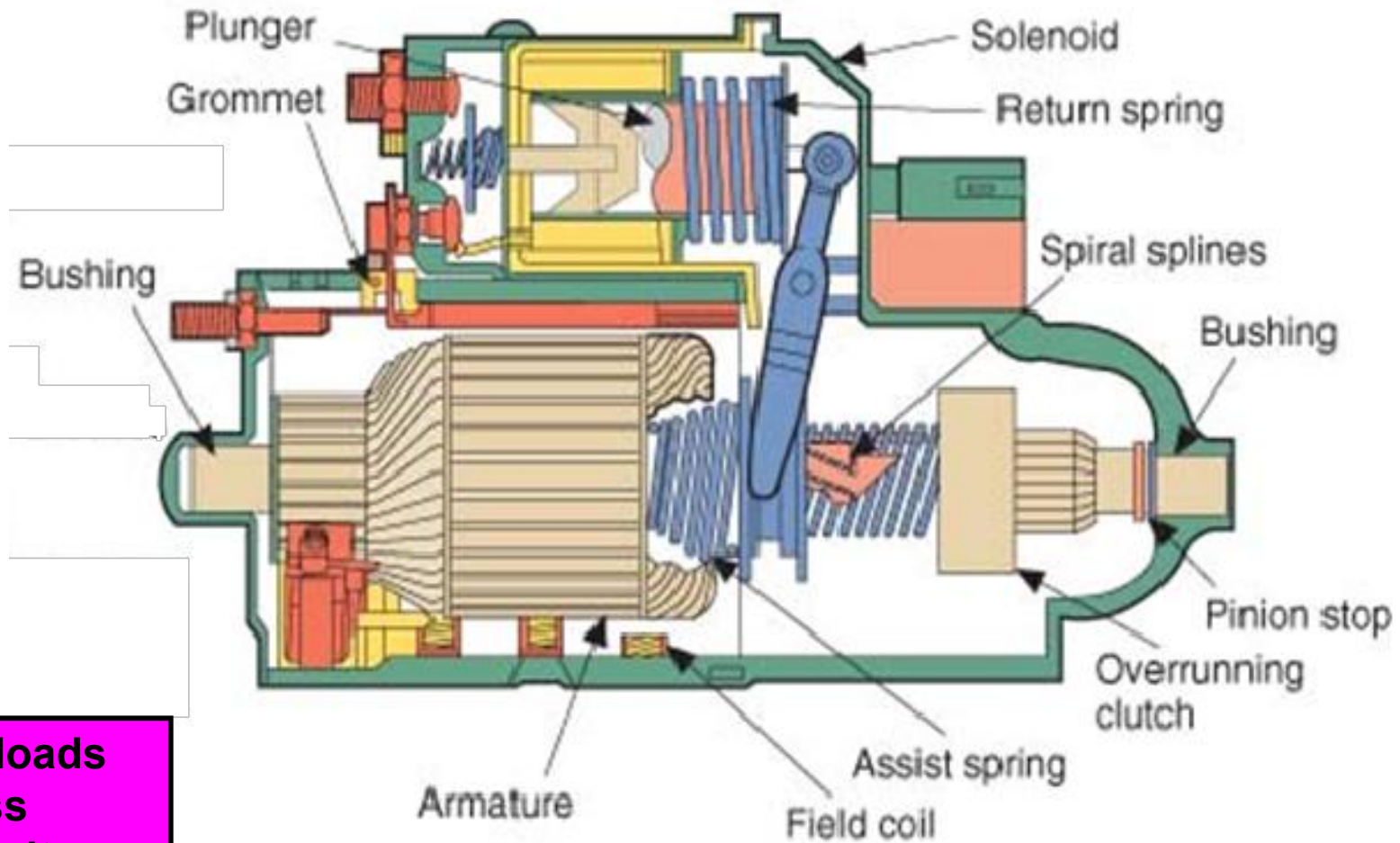
11. Either the field windings or the armature can be made of \_\_\_\_\_ magnets, but not both.



Permanent  
Electro  
Ceramic

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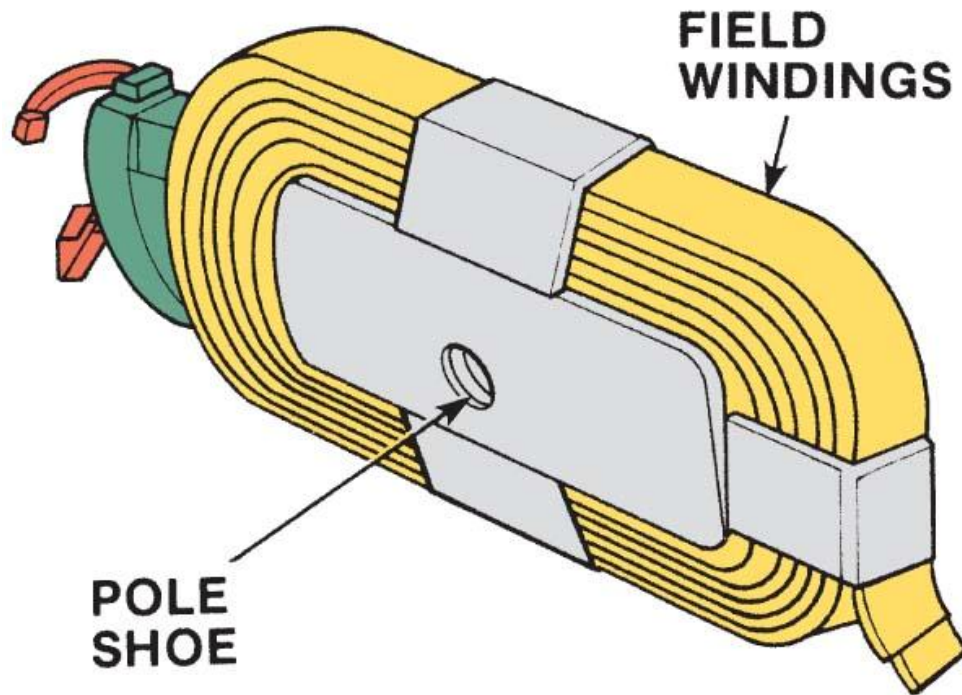
12. The starting motor is designed to operate under great \_\_\_\_\_ for short periods of time.



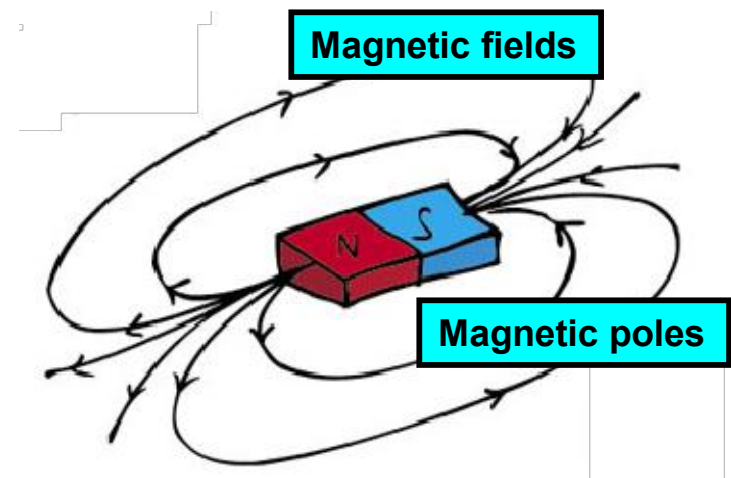
Overloads  
Stress  
Capacitance

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13. The starter frame holds the stationary \_\_\_\_\_ coils (*flat copper*) & their \_\_\_\_\_ shoes (*soft iron*).

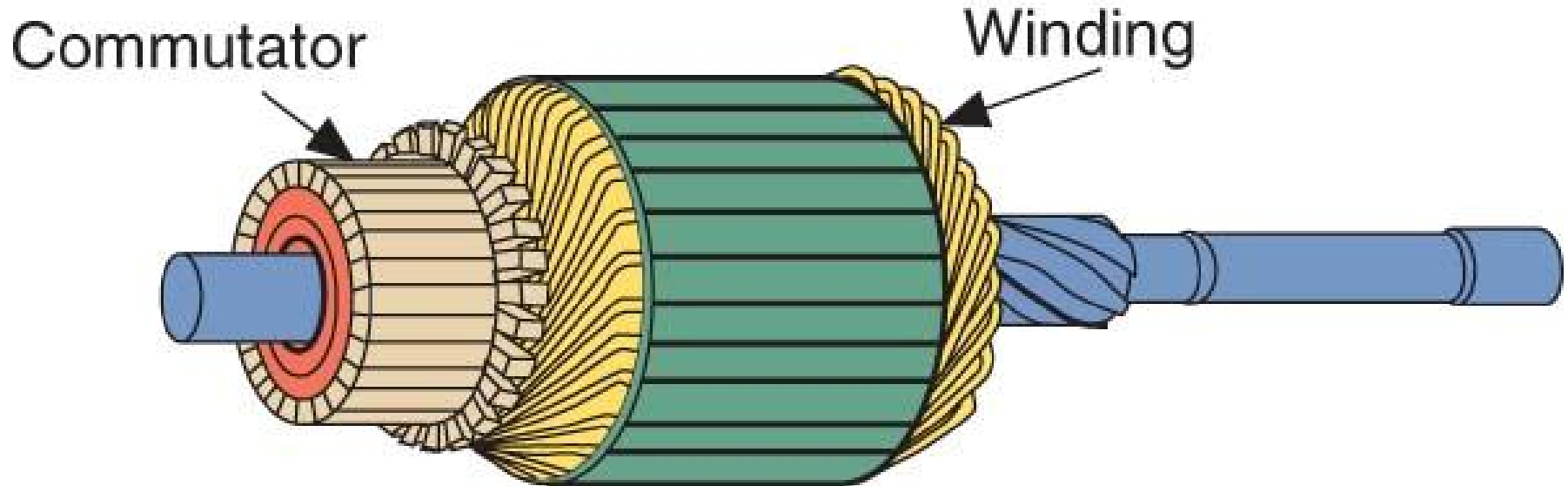


Pole, Vault  
Field, Event  
Field, Pole



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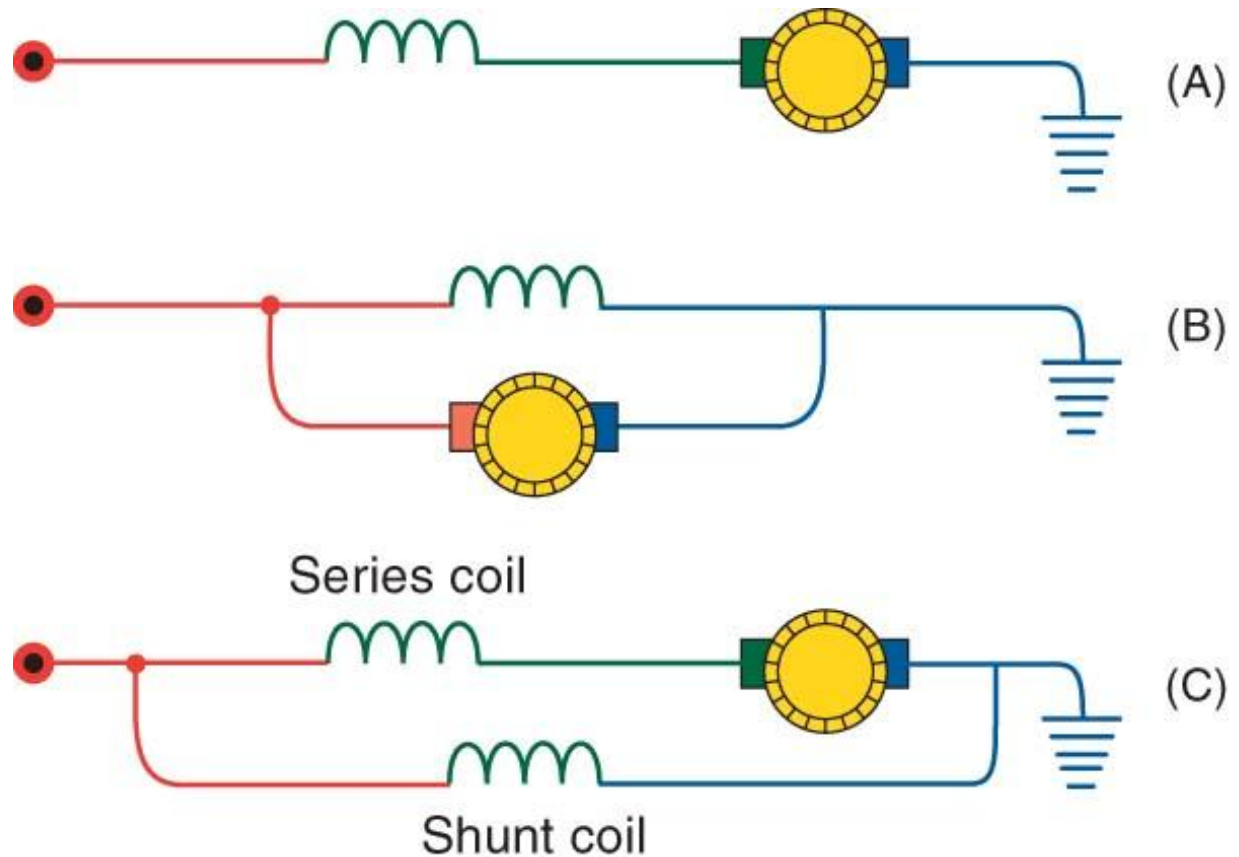
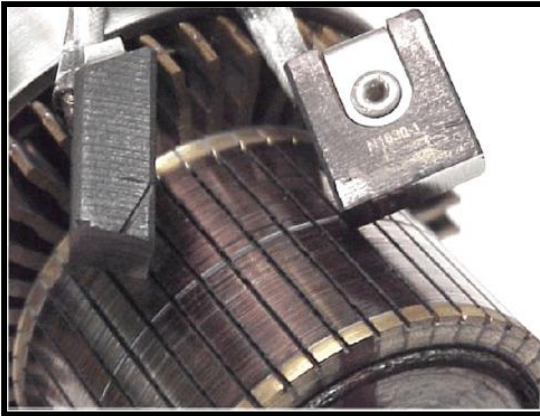
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the rotating part of the starter, made up of windings and the commutator.



Armature  
Rotor  
Stator

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15. Starter \_\_\_\_\_ connect the armature & the field coils in either a series or parallel arrangement.



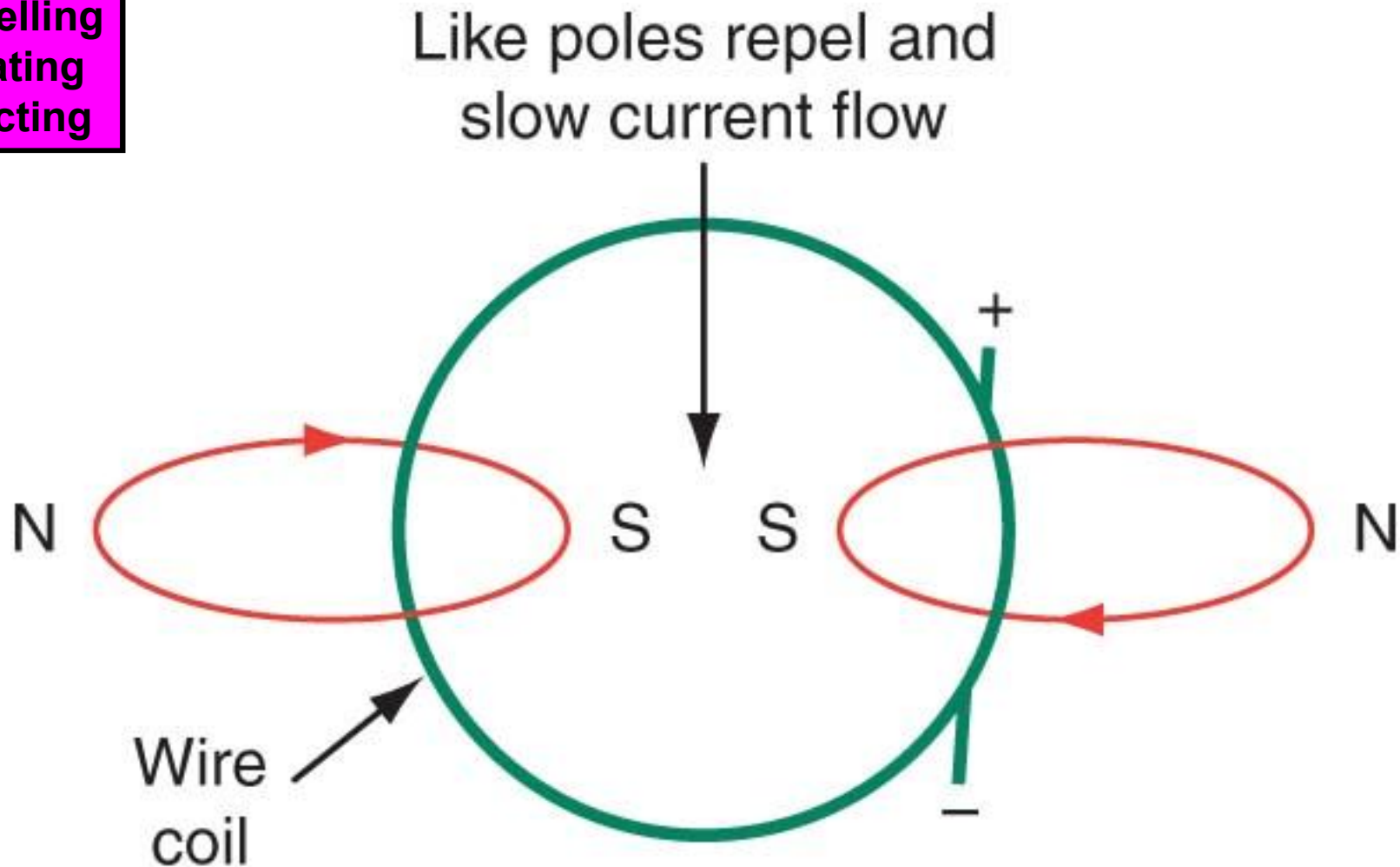
Clutches  
Brushes  
Bushings



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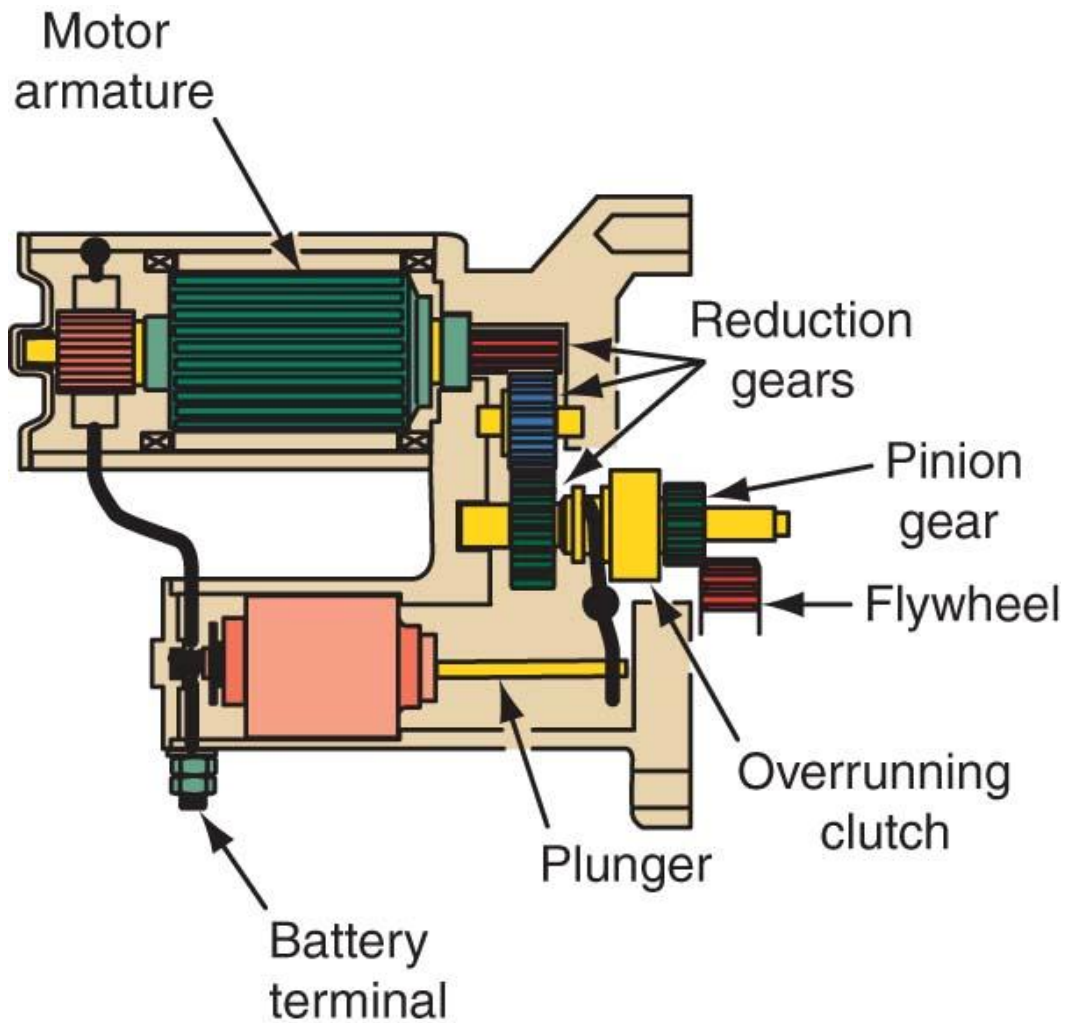
16. \_\_\_\_\_ magnetic fields cause the motor armature to rotate.

Repelling  
Rotating  
Reacting



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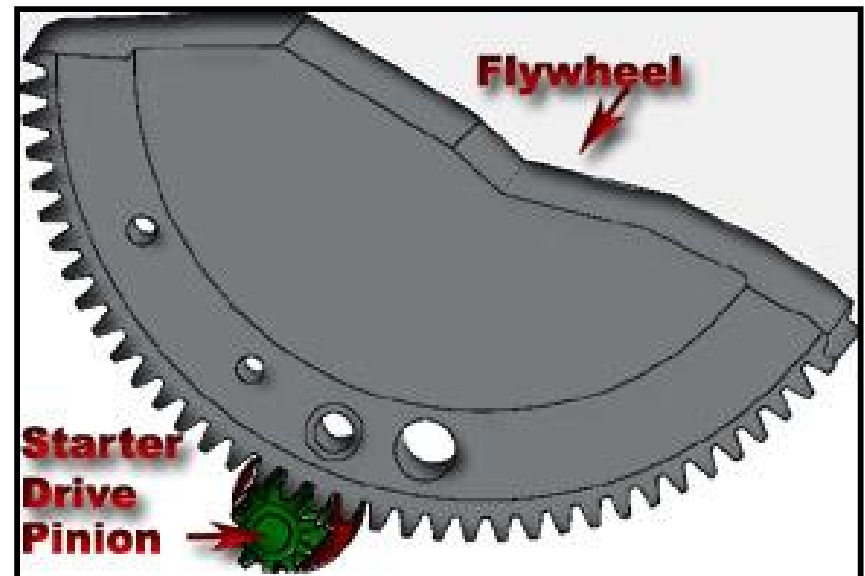
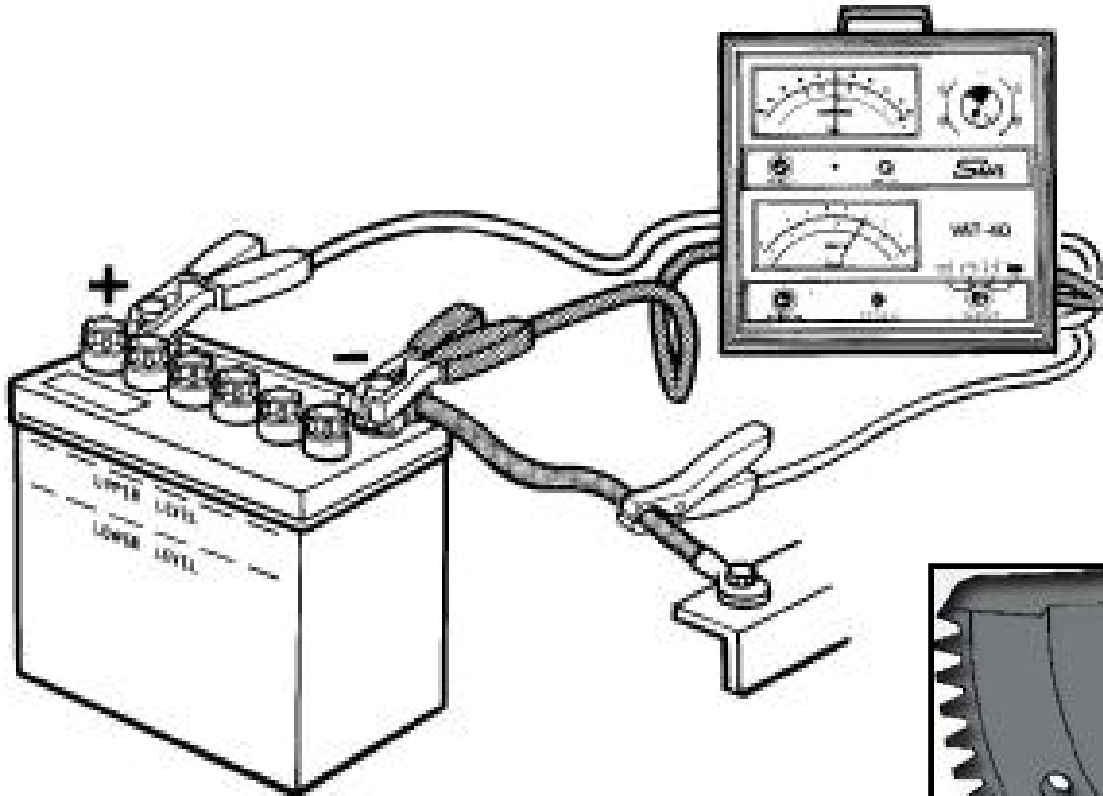
17. \_\_\_\_\_ magnet starter motors may have a planetary gear reduction to increase torque.



Permanent  
Temporary  
Electro

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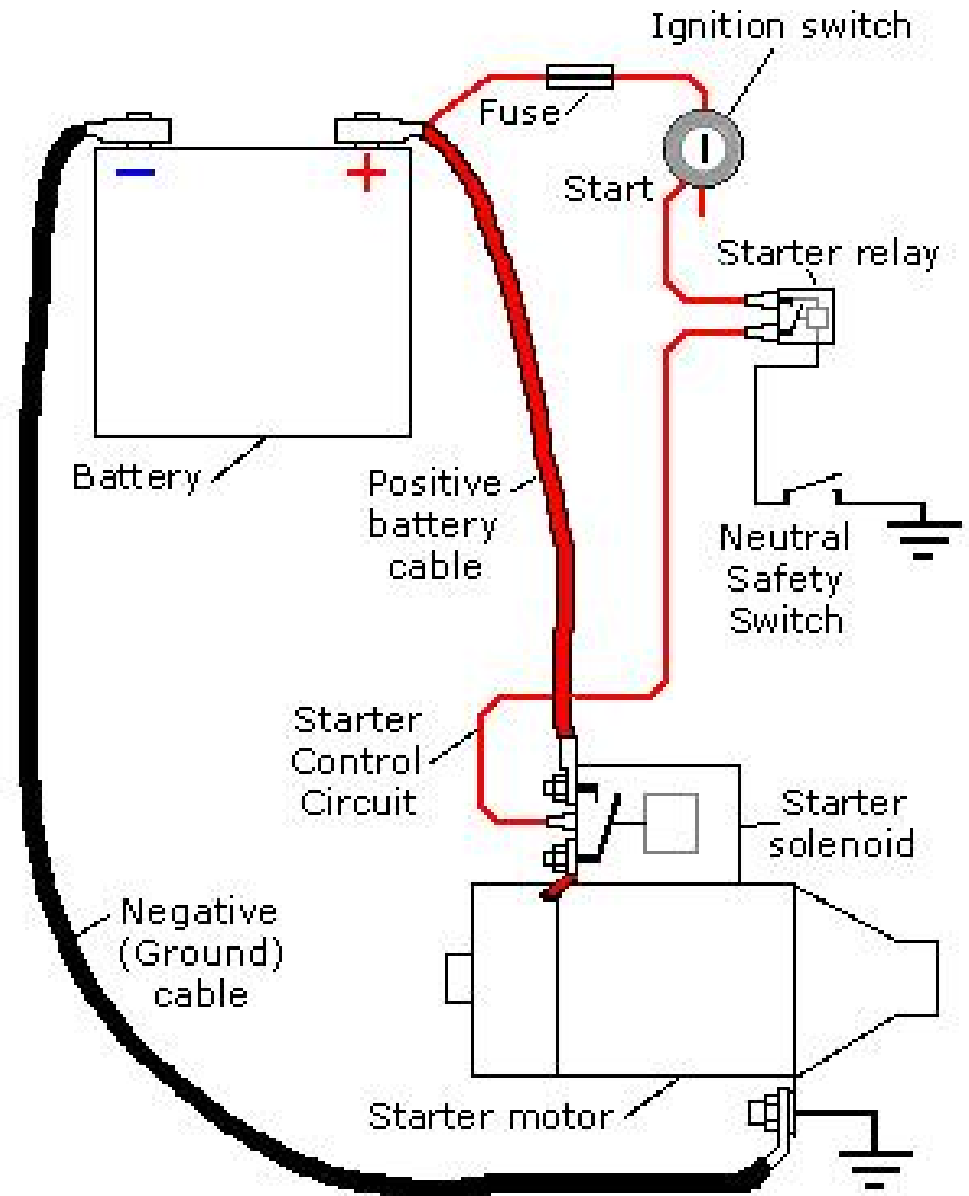
18. The slower the motor turns, the \_\_\_\_\_ current it will draw.  
Maximum current is drawn when it is engaged, but armature is not rotating.



Less  
Same  
More

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19. The starting system has two distinct circuits:  
1) the \_\_\_\_\_  
(*motor feed-high amps*) circuit,  
2) the \_\_\_\_\_  
(*low amps-switching*) circuit.

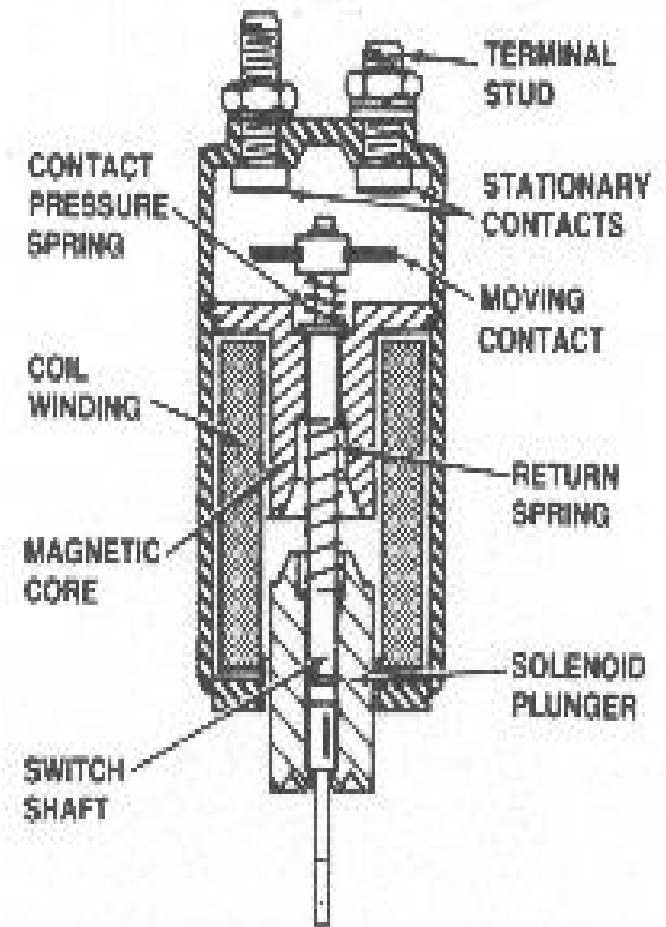
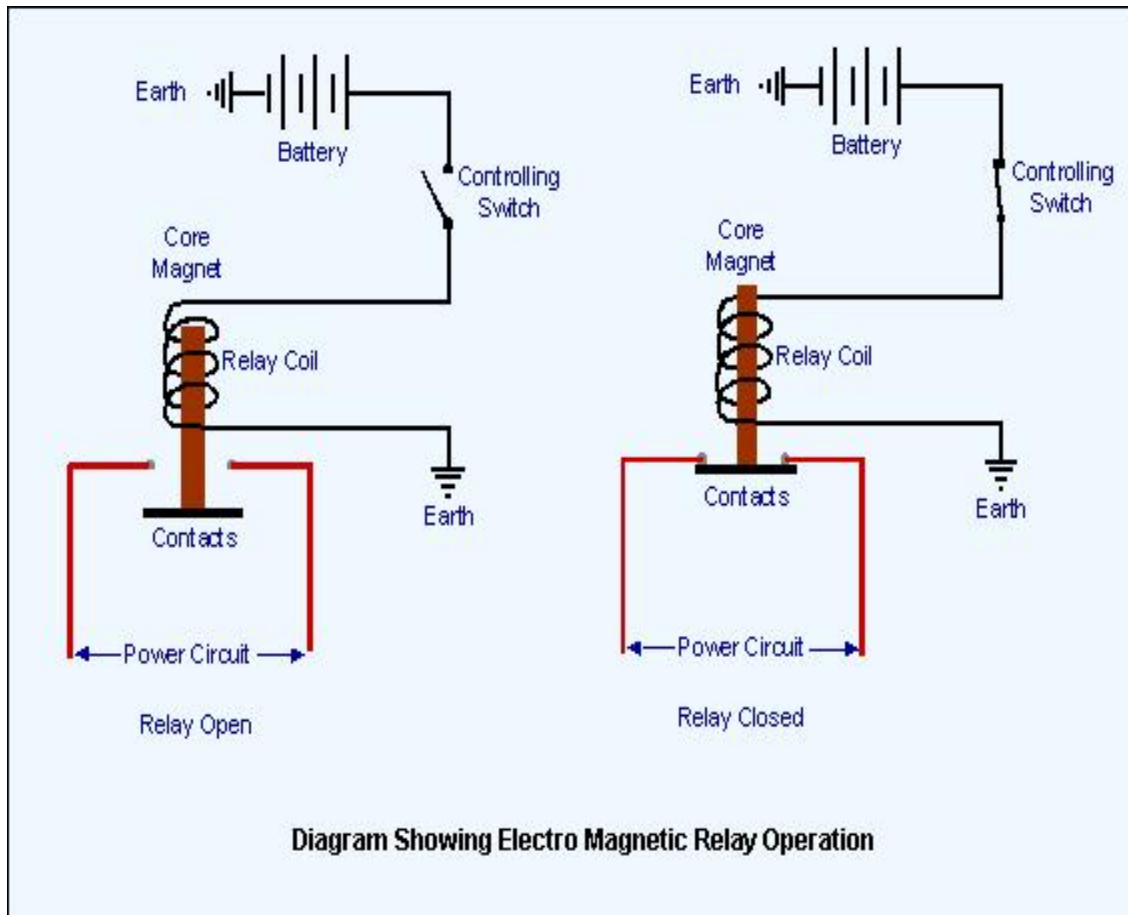


Starter, Control  
Starter, Solenoid  
Solenoid, Control

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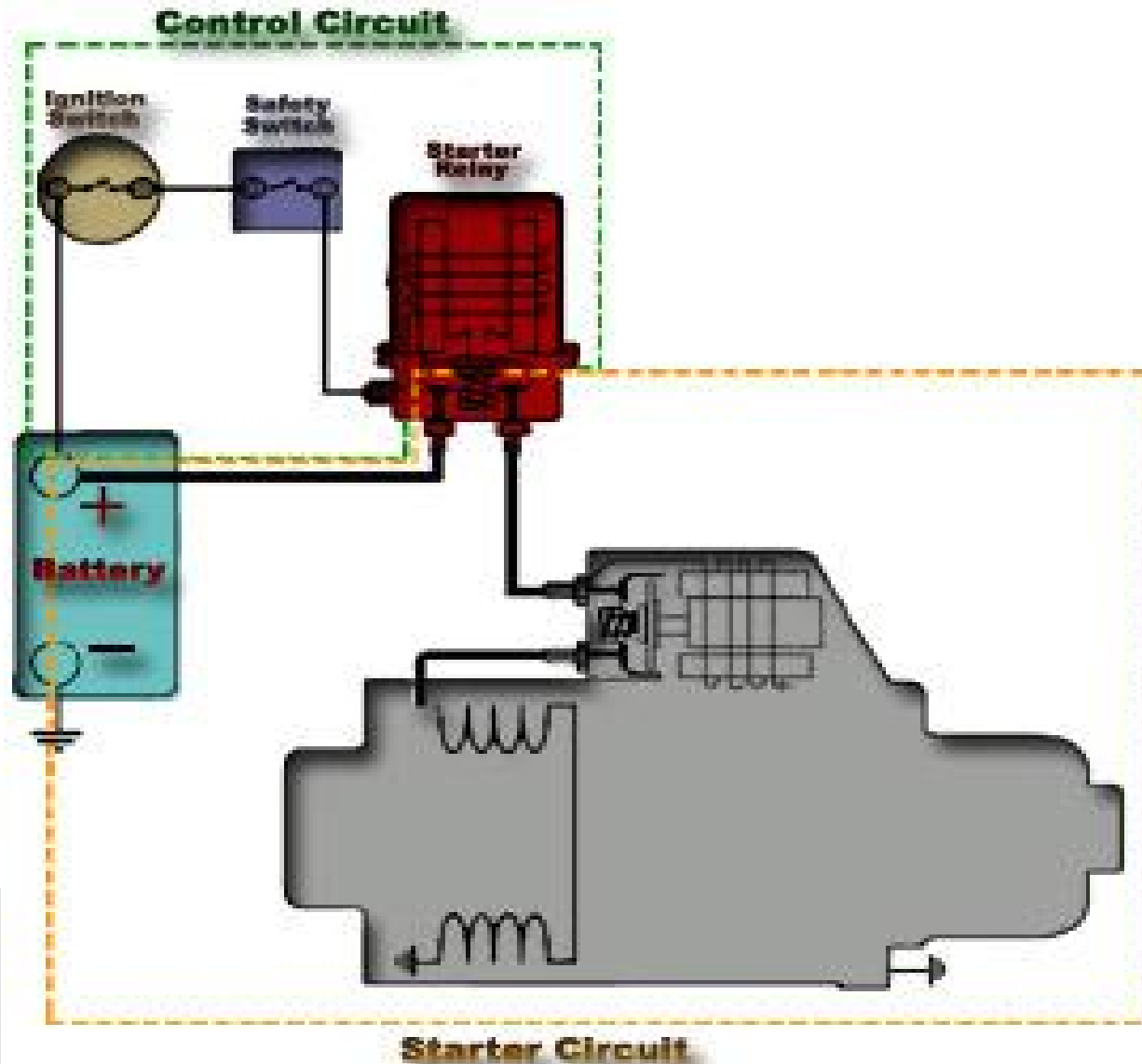
**\*\* Explain how a starter solenoid can be part of both circuits:**

**The Pull-in Winding is part of the control circuit.  
The Plunger Contacts are part of the motor feed circuit.**



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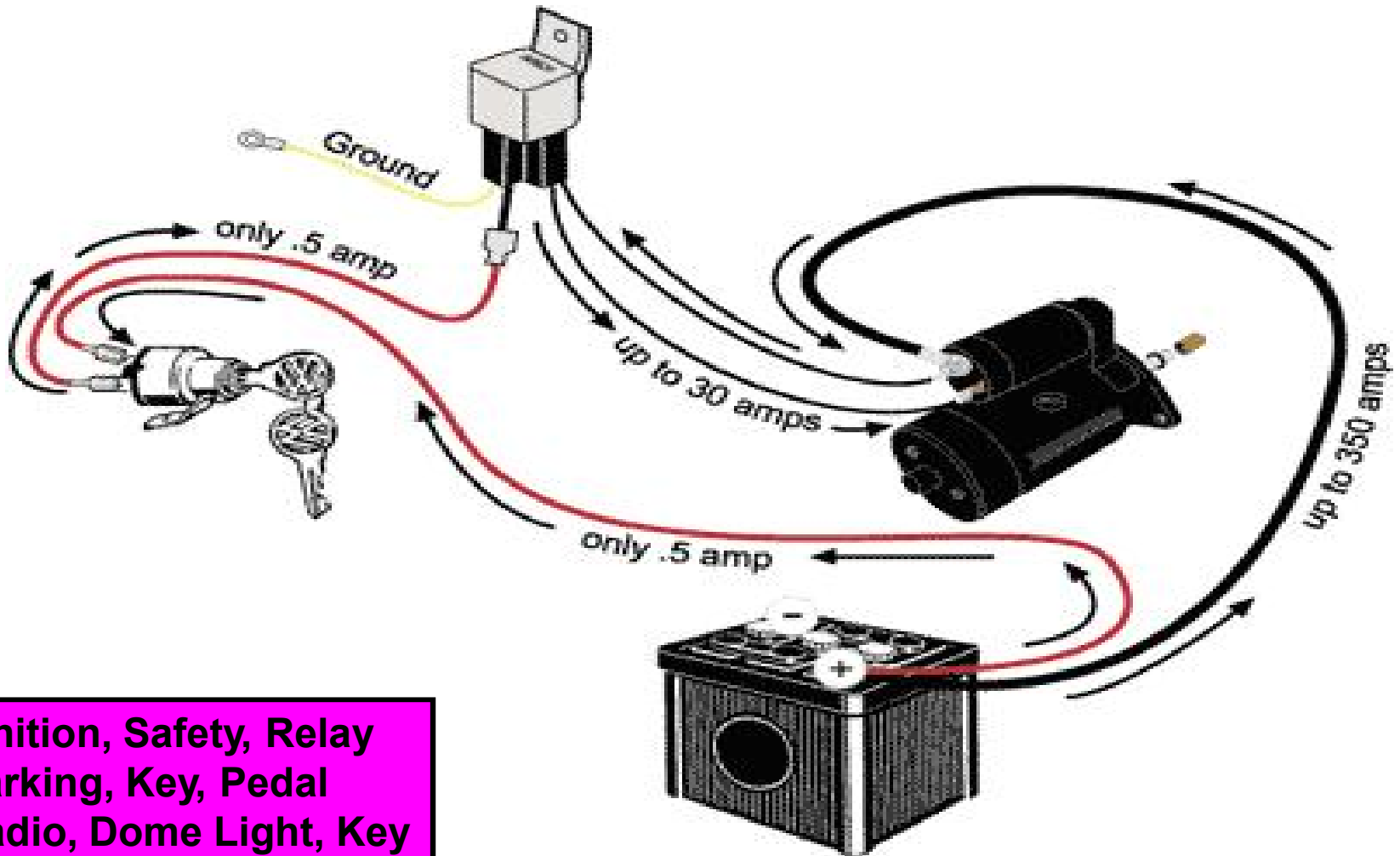
20. The motor feed circuit contains the battery & cables, the \_\_\_\_\_, & the starter motor.



Relay  
Solenoid  
Fusible Link

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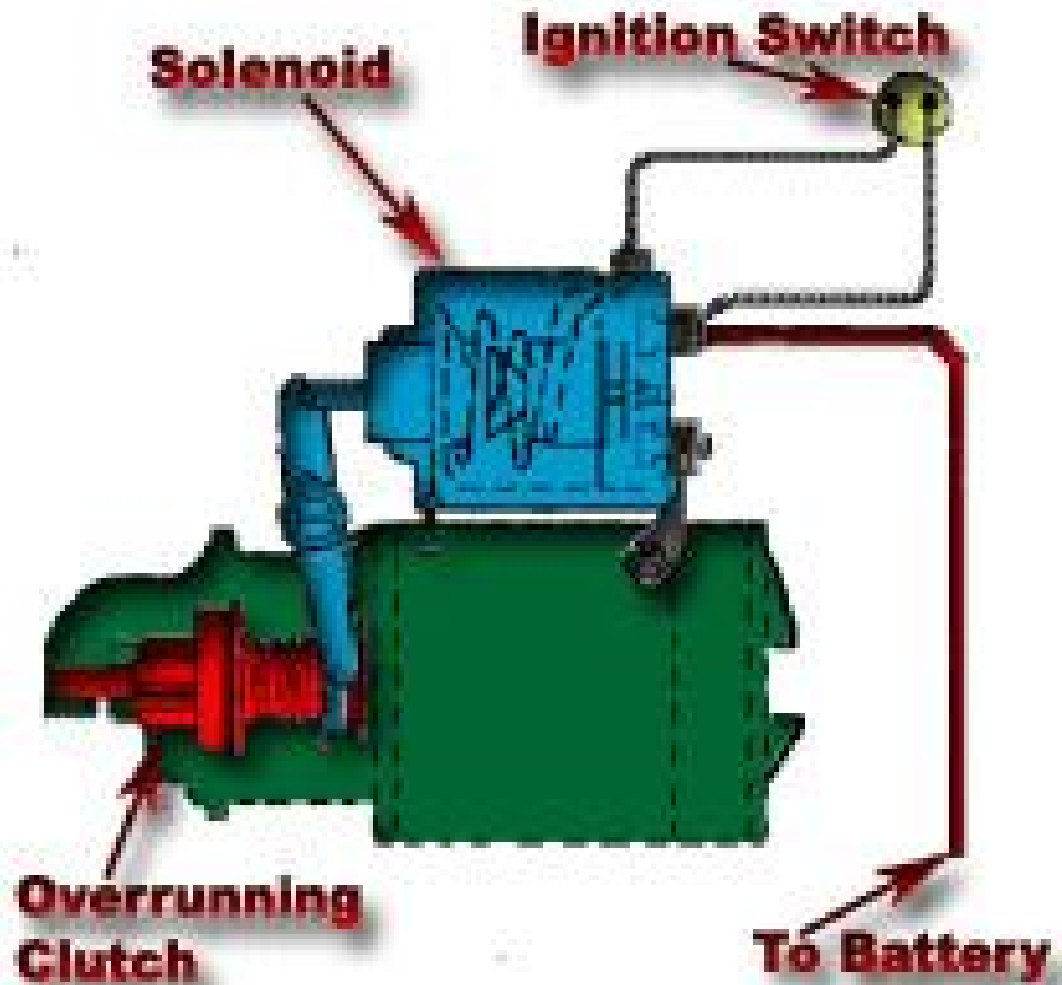
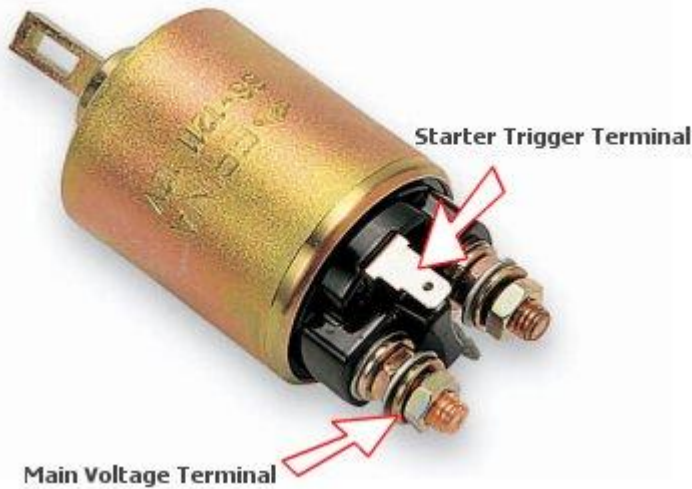
21. The control circuit contains the \_\_\_\_\_ switch, starting \_\_\_\_\_ switch, a \_\_\_\_\_ or a solenoid (*to use low amps to control higher amps*), the battery, fuses, and normal-gauge wiring.



Ignition, Safety, Relay  
Parking, Key, Pedal  
Radio, Dome Light, Key

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22. The \_\_\_\_\_ plunger is used to move the starter pinion gear & its contacts serve as a relay switch to energize the motor once the *drive pinion* engages the flywheel/flex plate ring gear.



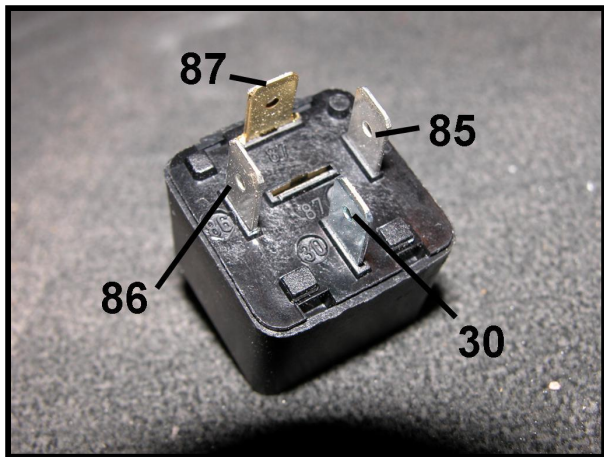
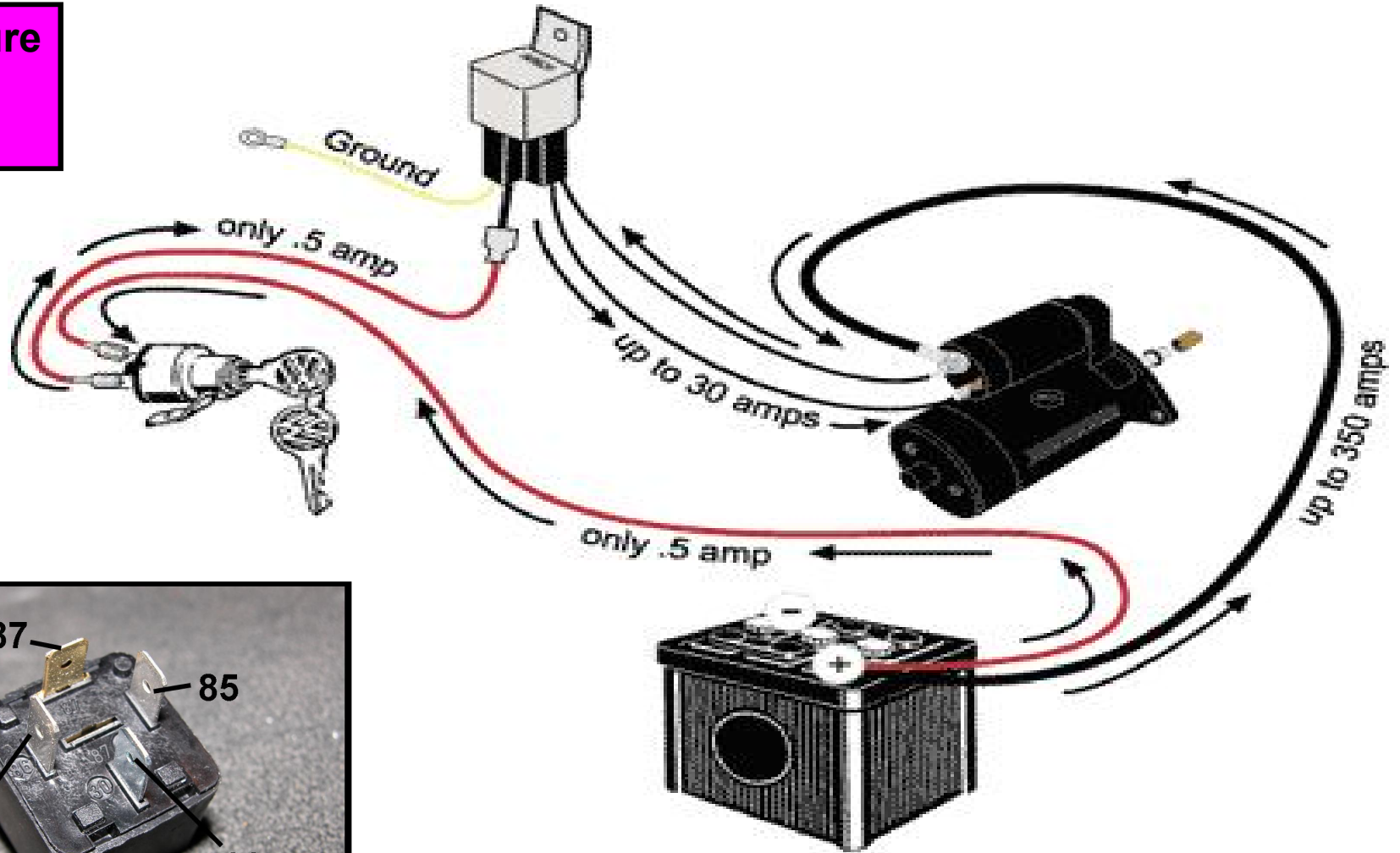
Solenoid  
Relay  
Stator



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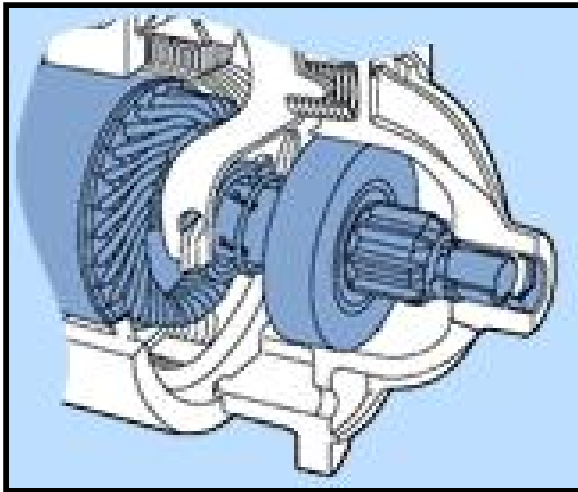
23. A starter \_\_\_\_\_ is similar to a solenoid, switches high current using low current, but does not pull-in a plunger to actuate a starter drive.

Armature  
Relay  
Stator



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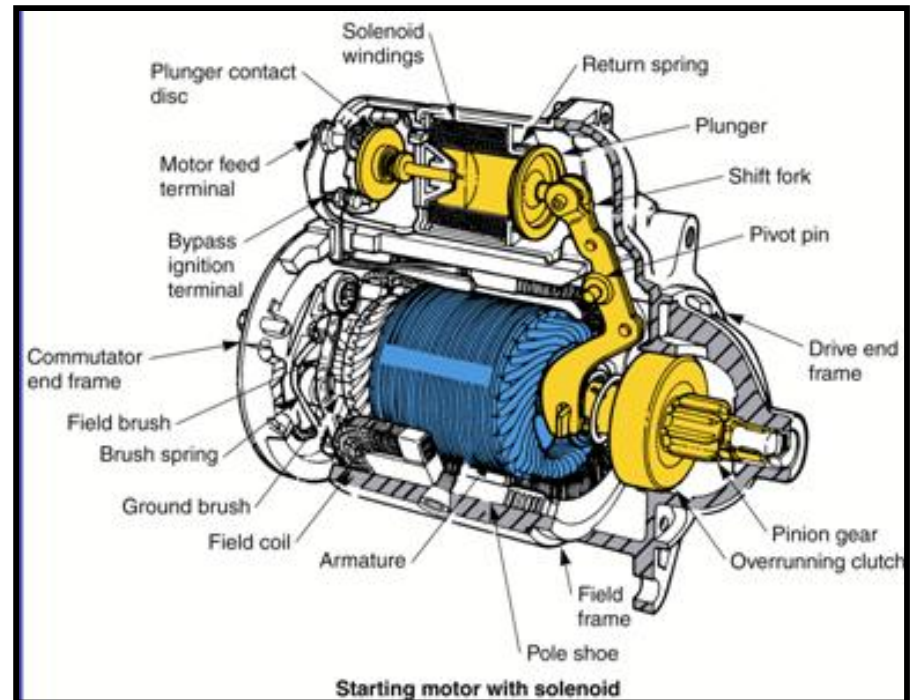
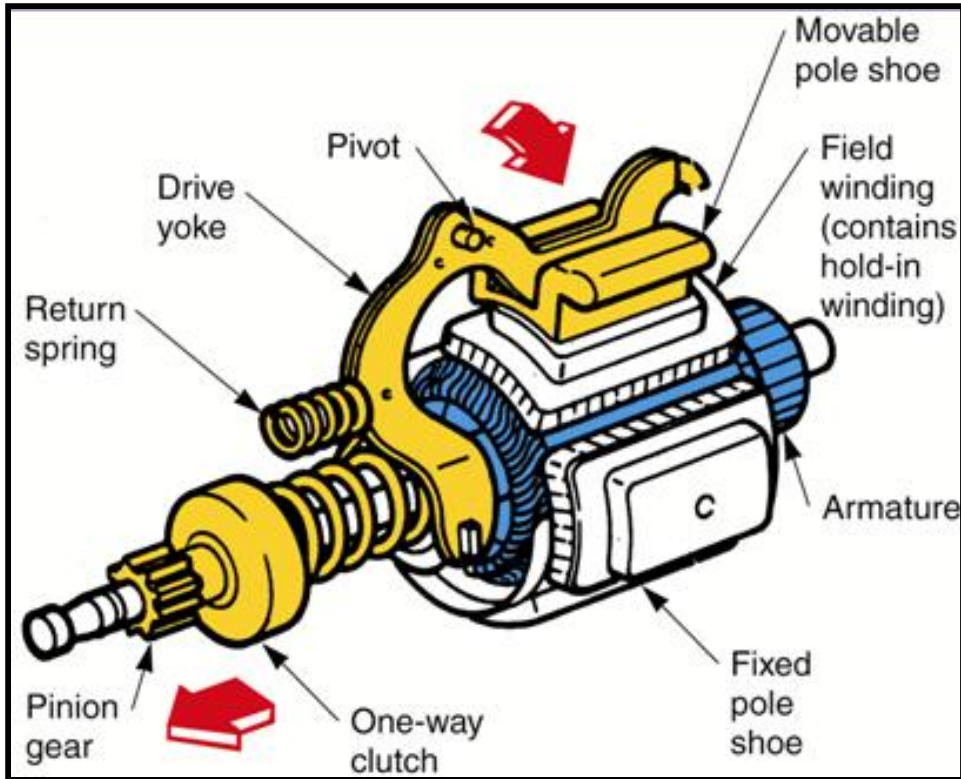
24. A movable \_\_\_\_\_ starter does not use a starter motor mounted solenoid.



Pole Shoe  
Brake Shoe  
Horse Shoe

Mustang  
Monthly

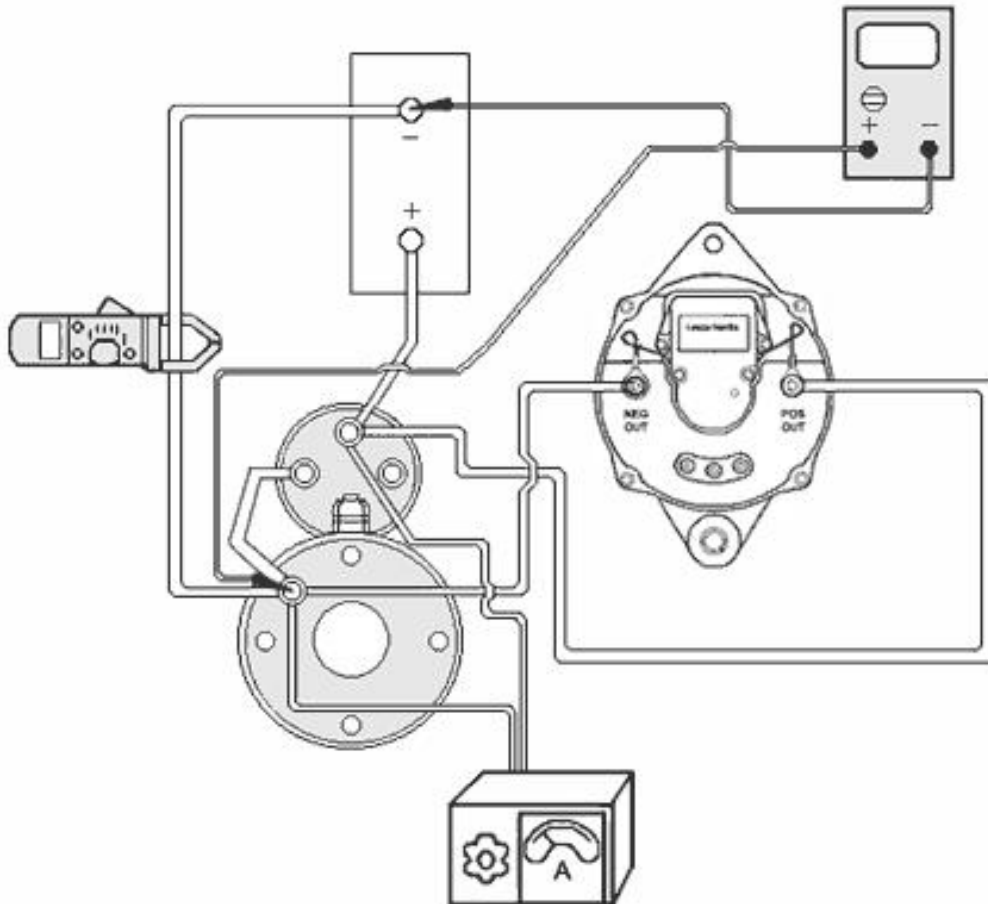
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**Note: Corroded battery cables can lead to increased resistance and a voltage drop in the motor feed circuit.**

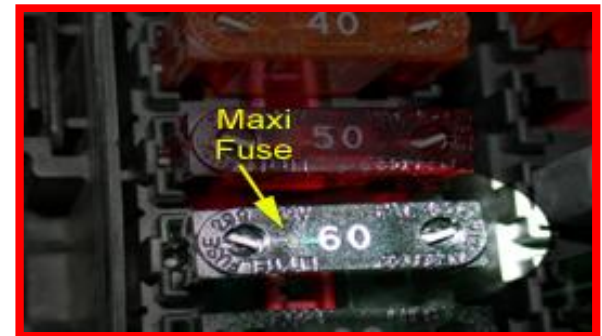
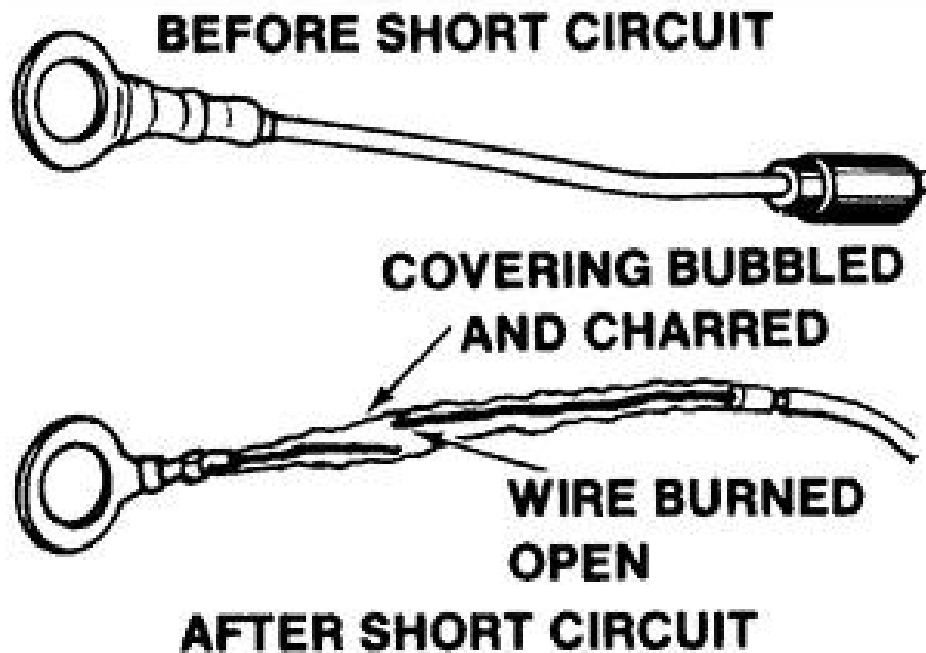
**Frayed positive cables can lead to a short to ground and serious electrical damage.**



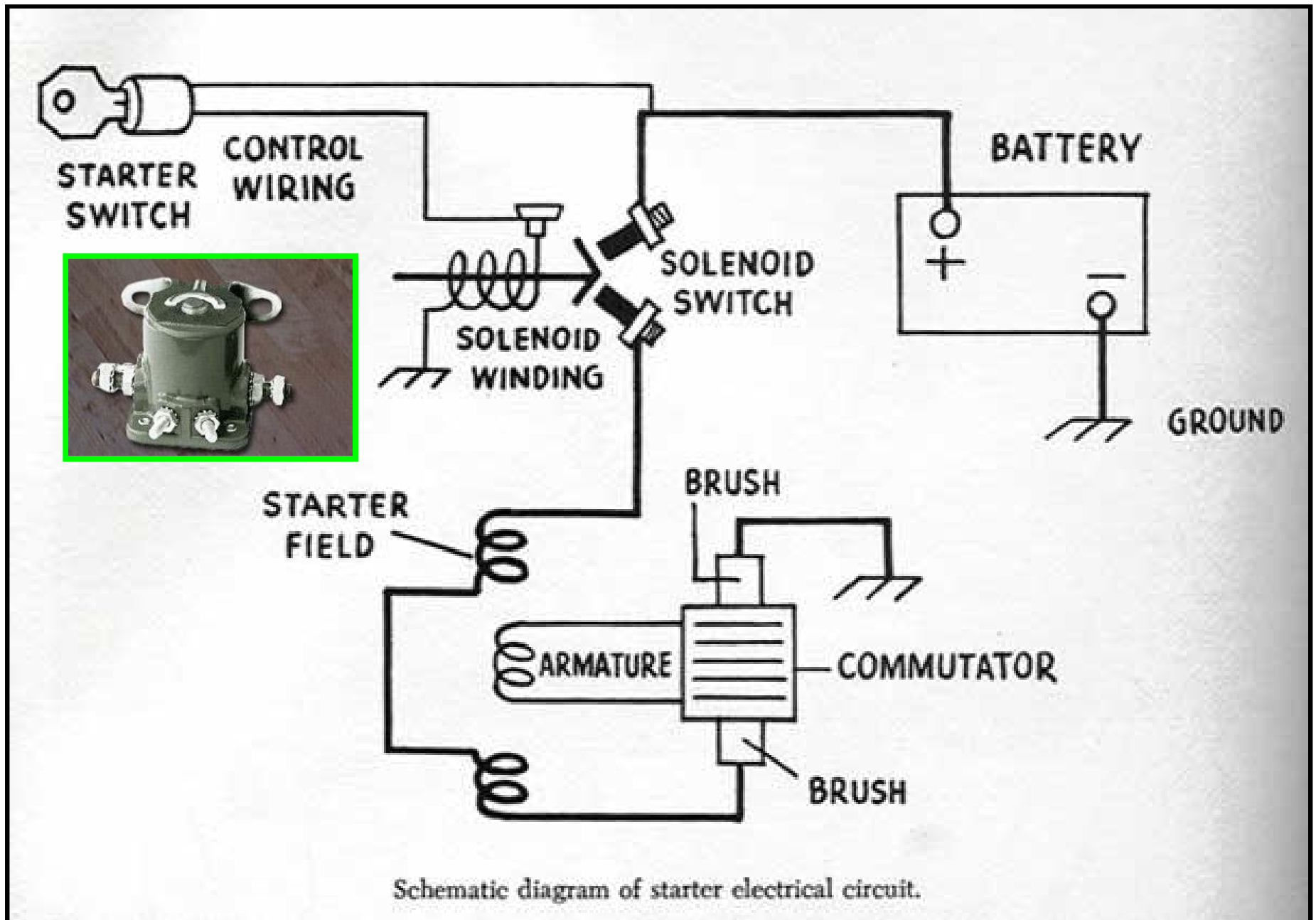
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Note: A fusible link or a maxi-fuse in the motor feed circuit *never blows without a reason...*

...The reason is increased amperage flow due to a decrease in resistance (like a short to ground).



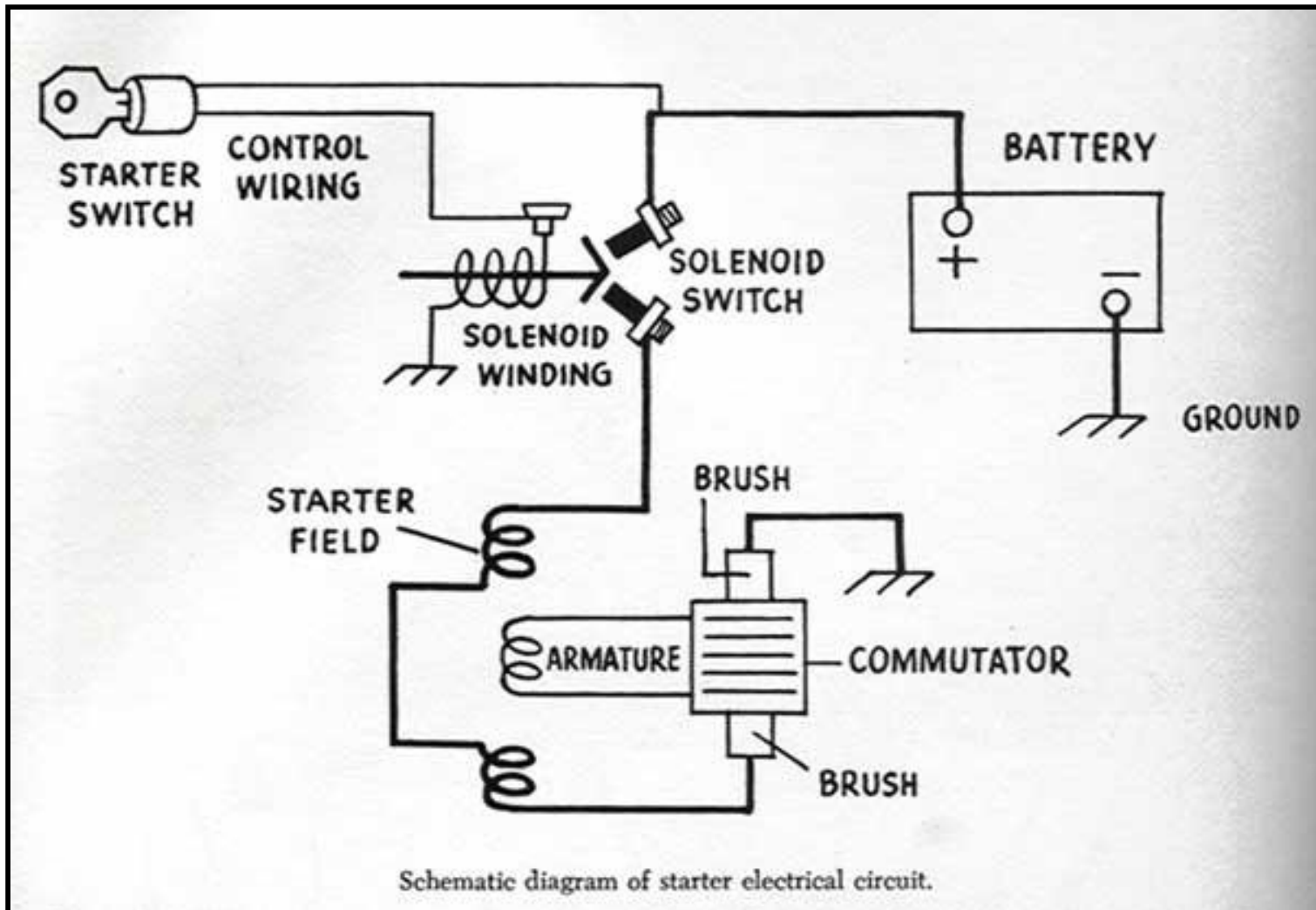
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**\*\* Explain how a solenoid is similar in operation to a relay:**

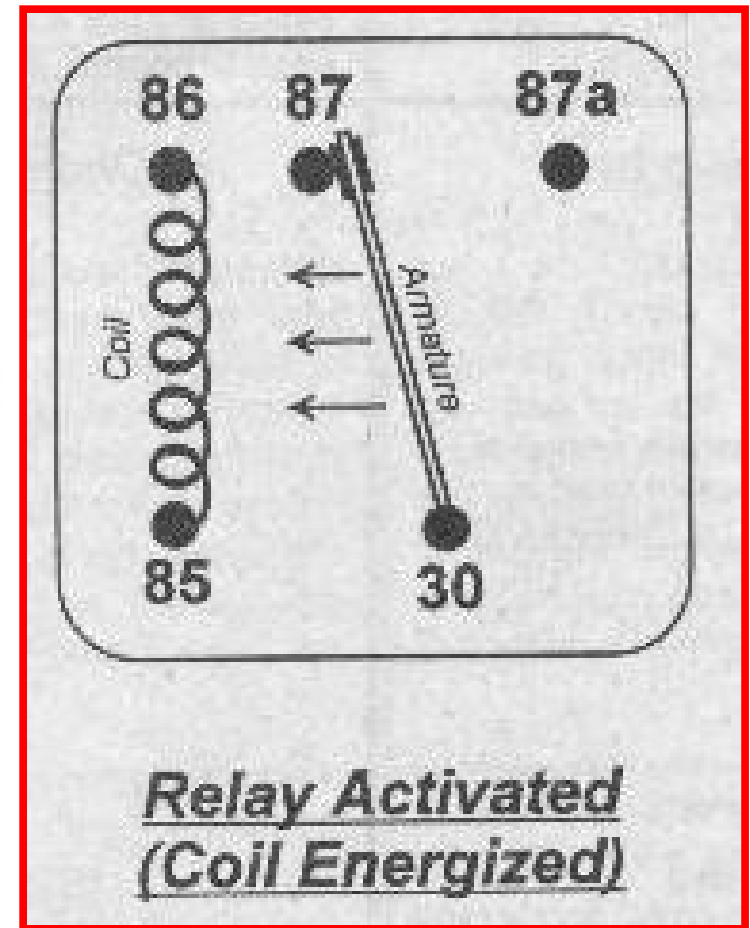
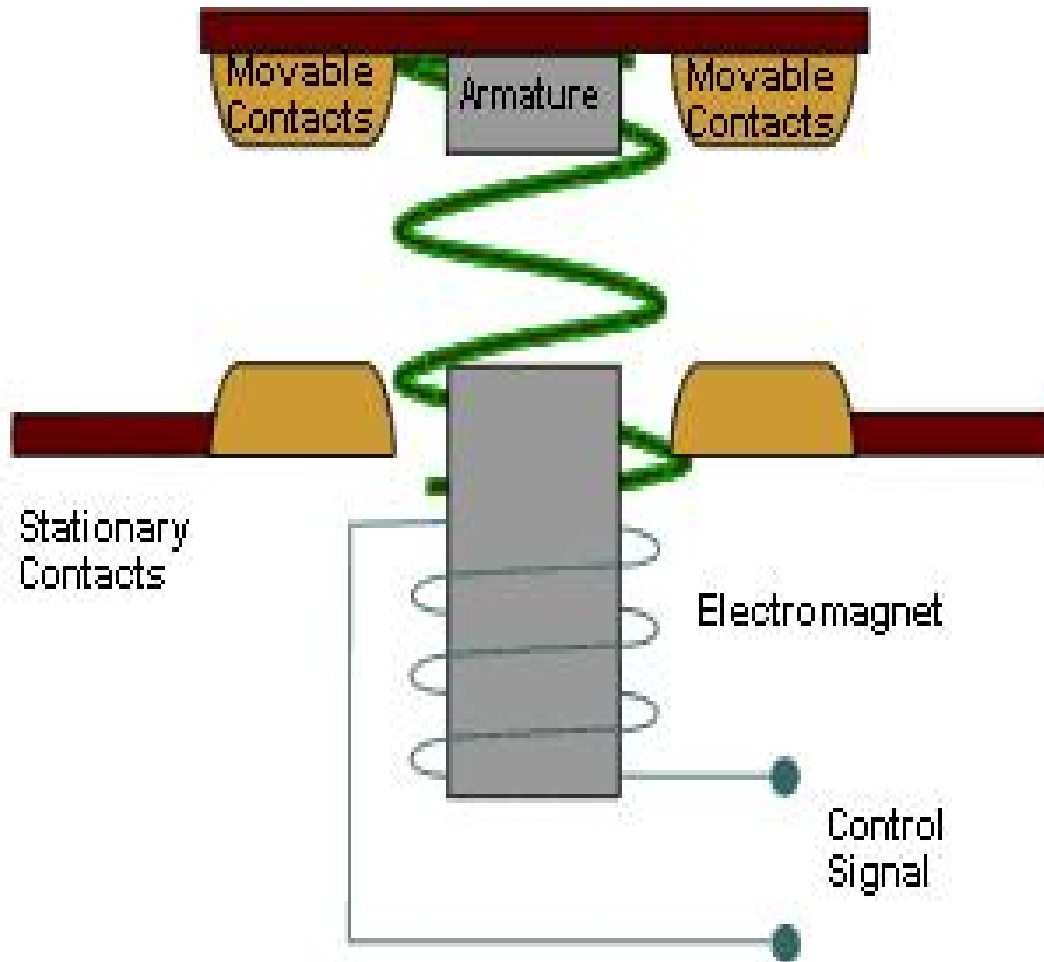
**Both solenoids & relays energize a low amps coil to close a circuit that will switch higher amps.**



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**\*\* Explain how as solenoid differs from a relay:**

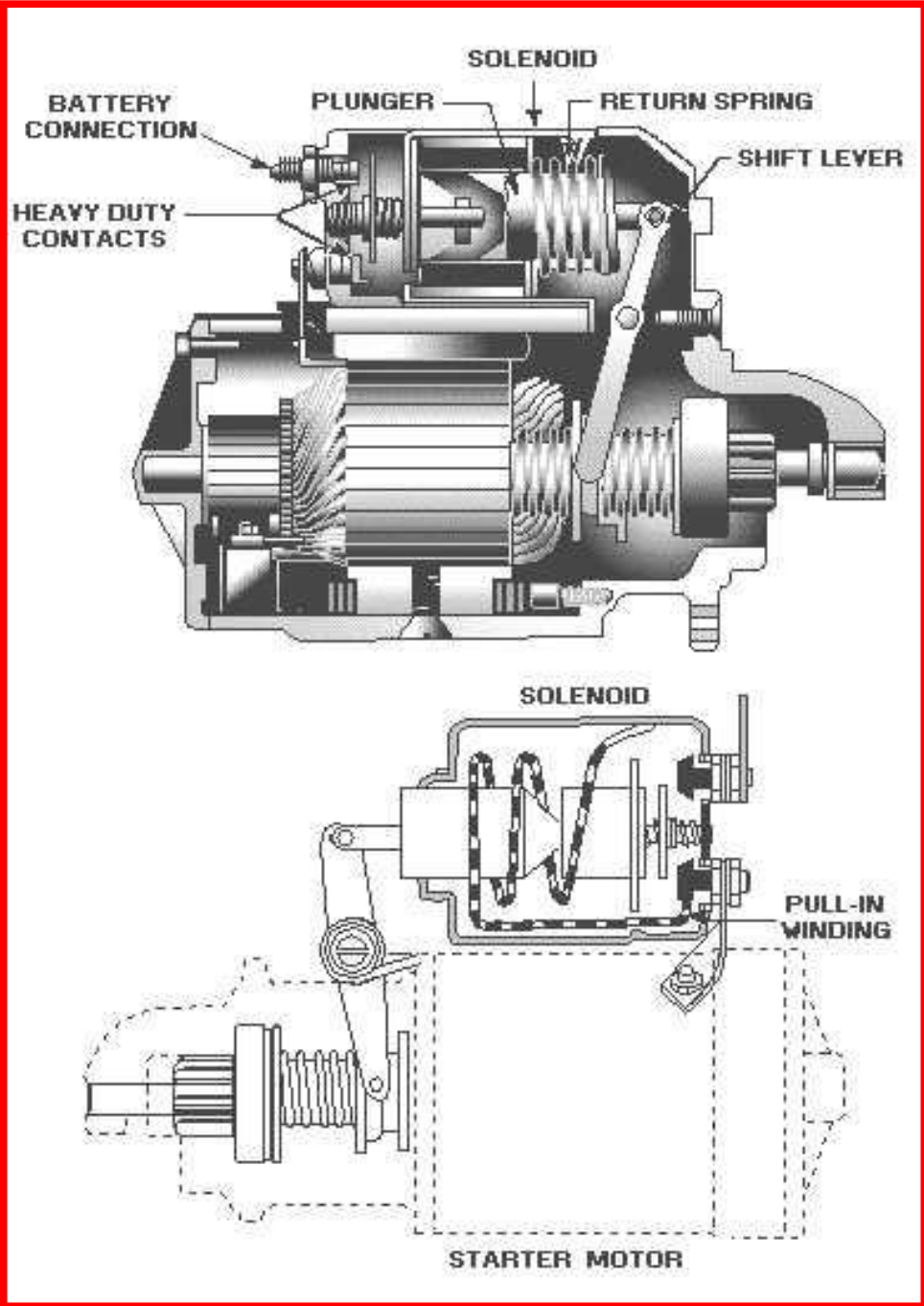
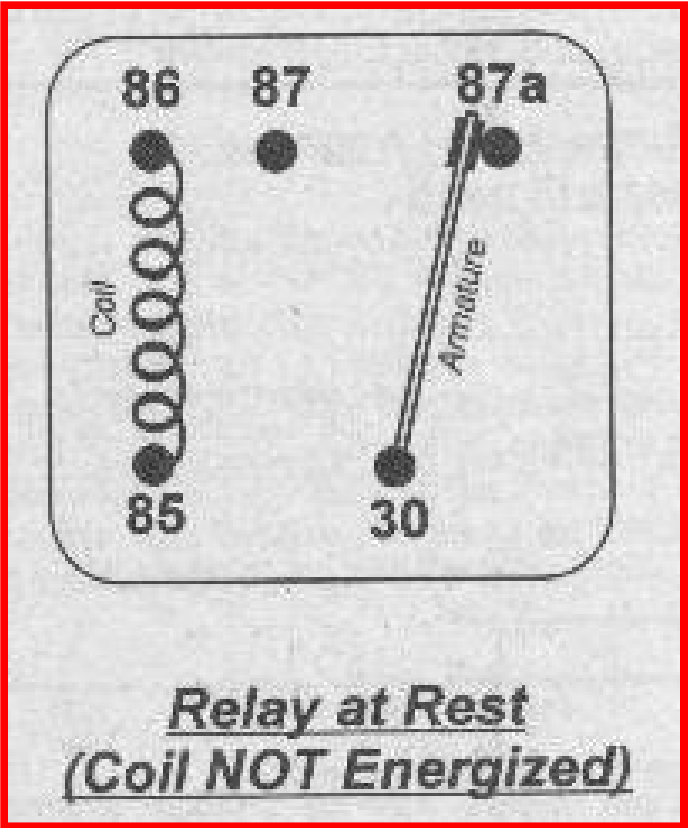
**The starter relay uses a coil & contact points & switches smaller amps.  
The starter solenoid uses a hollow coil & a plunger & switches higher amps.**





Solenoid may also move a starter drive into mesh with the flywheel ring gear.

Relay doesn't have the plunger or the power to move a starter drive



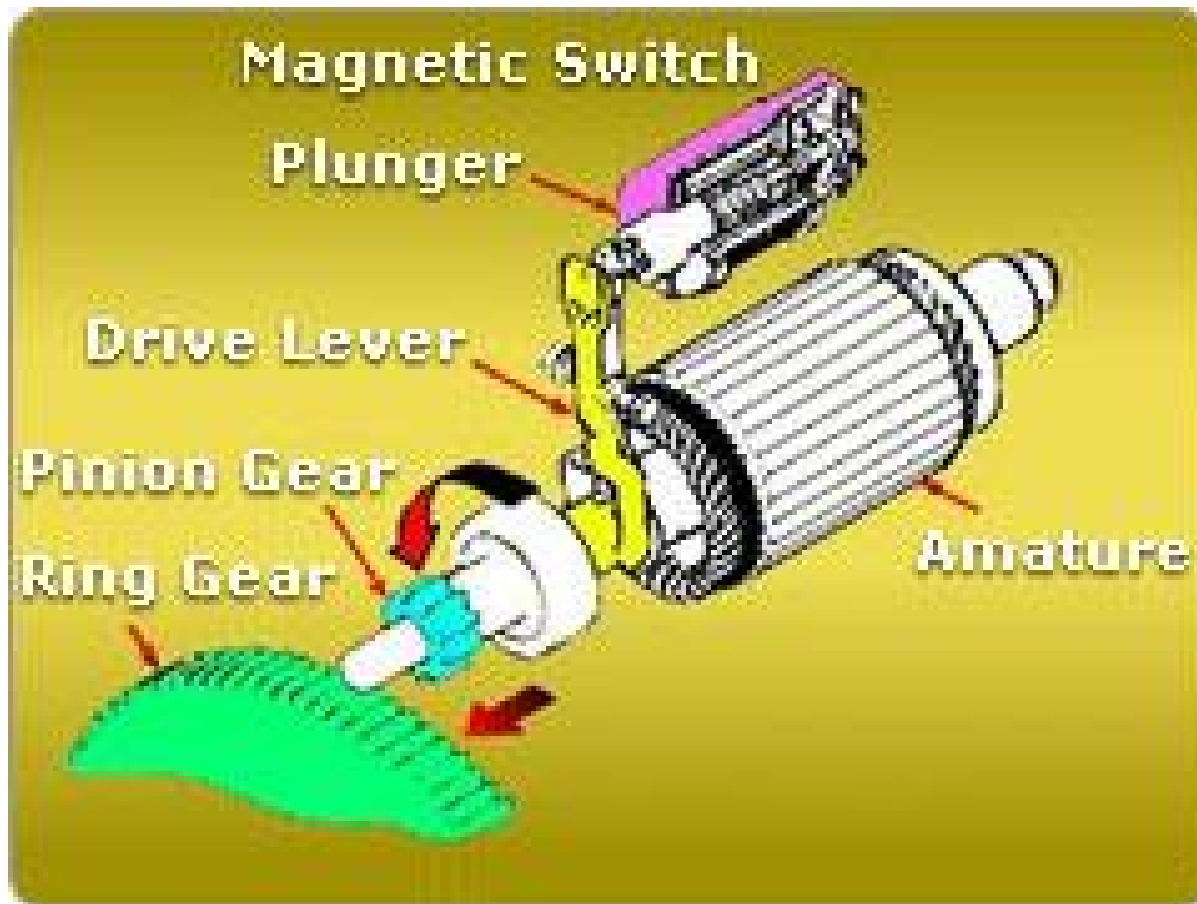
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15 Teeth on Pinion

150 Teeth on Flywheel

10:1 Gear Reduction

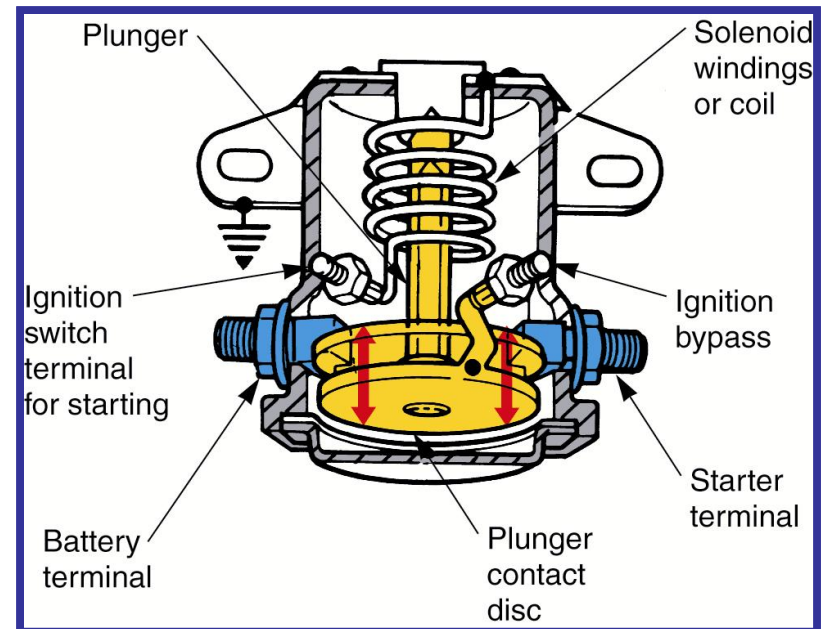
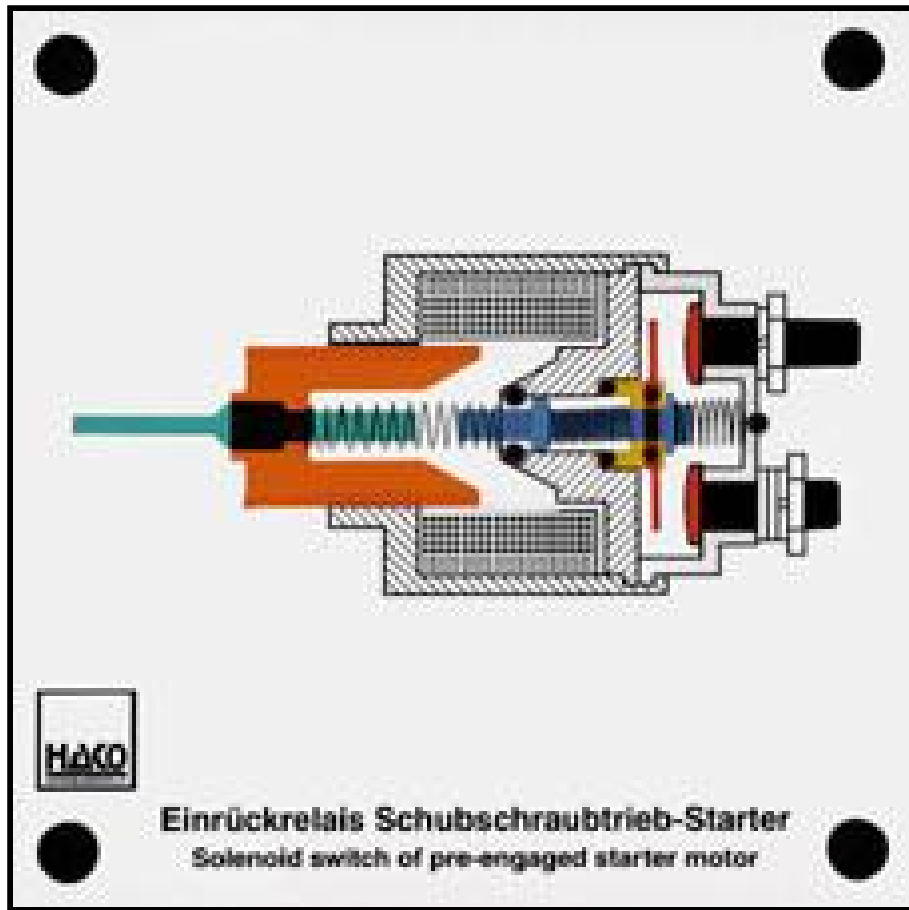
Reduction in Speed  
Gain in torque



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Note: Solenoids *may have both a pull-in and a hold-in winding.*

Cranking systems *may use both a starter relay and a starter solenoid.*

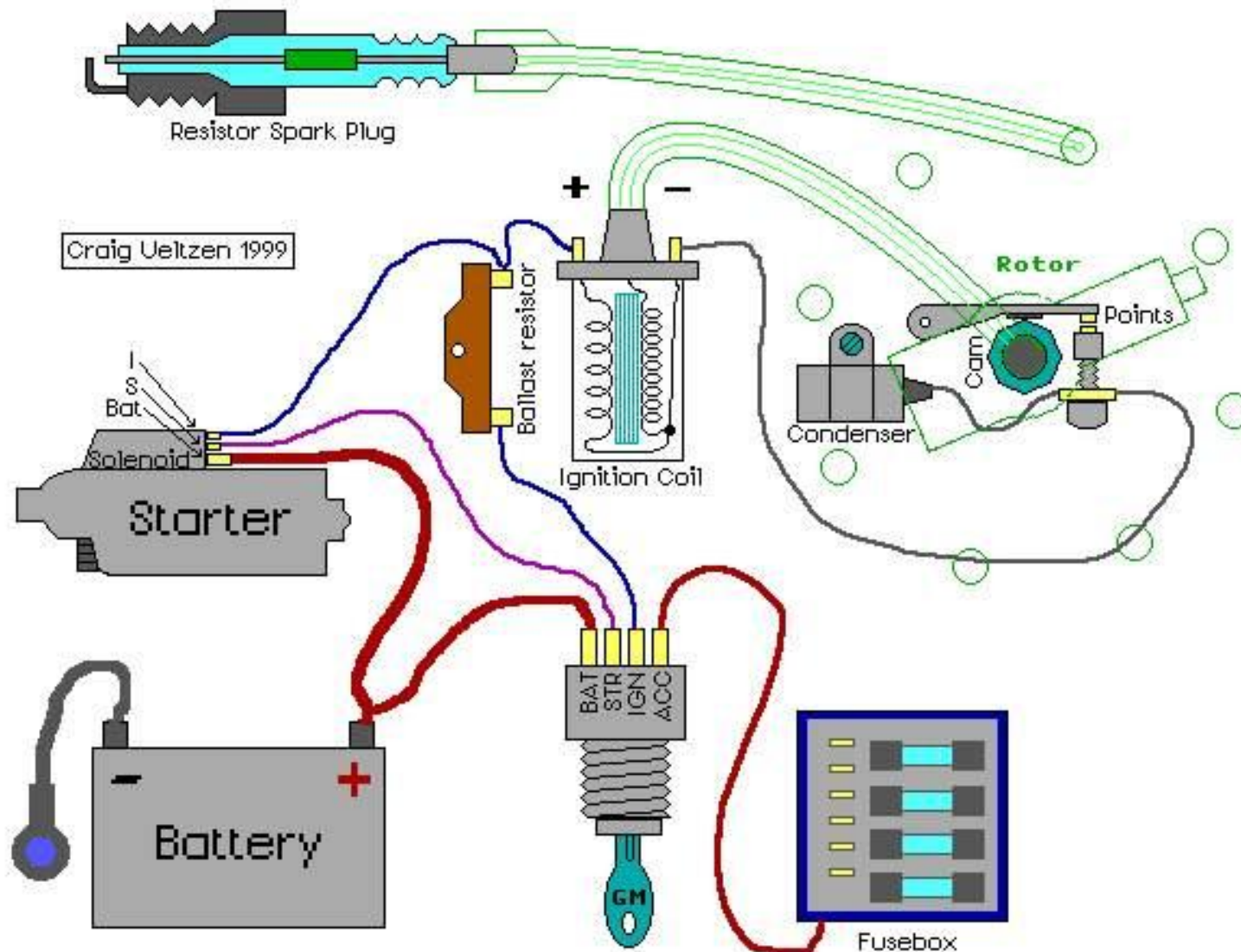


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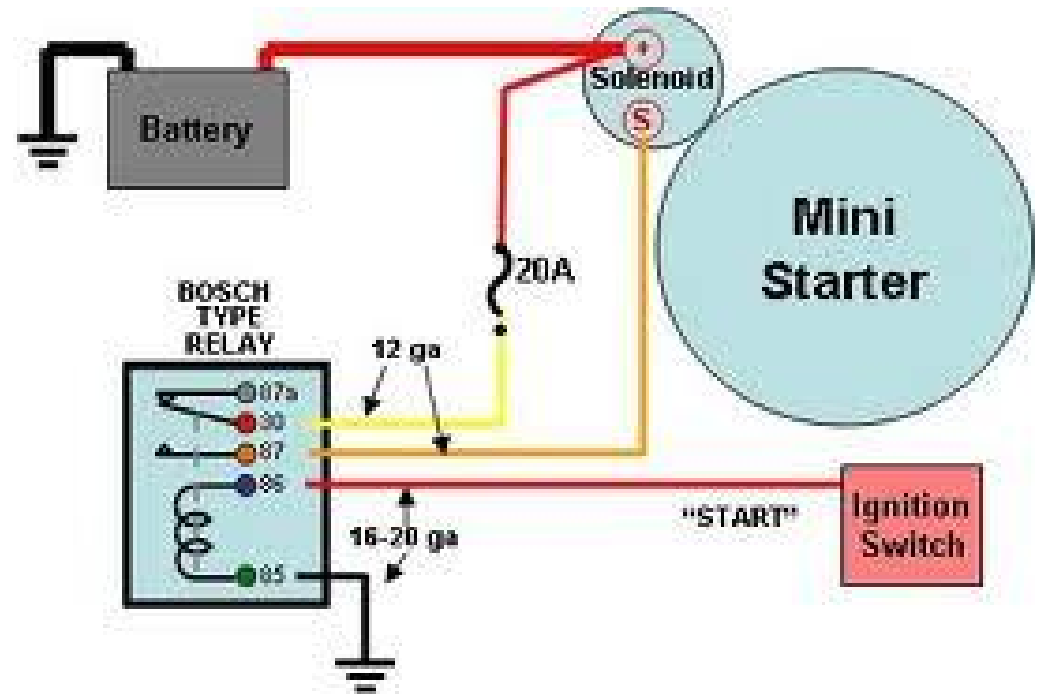
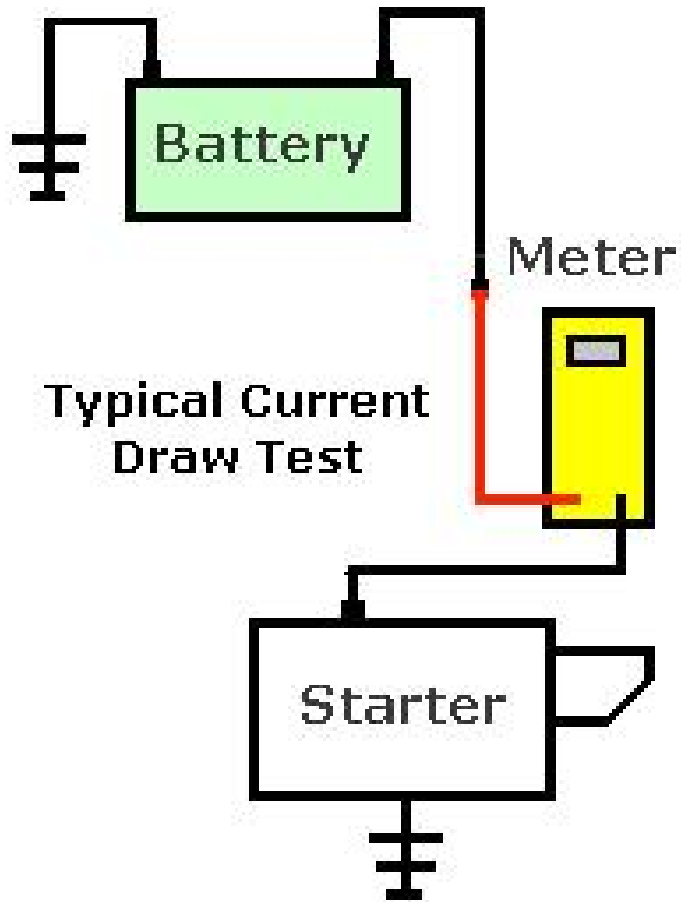


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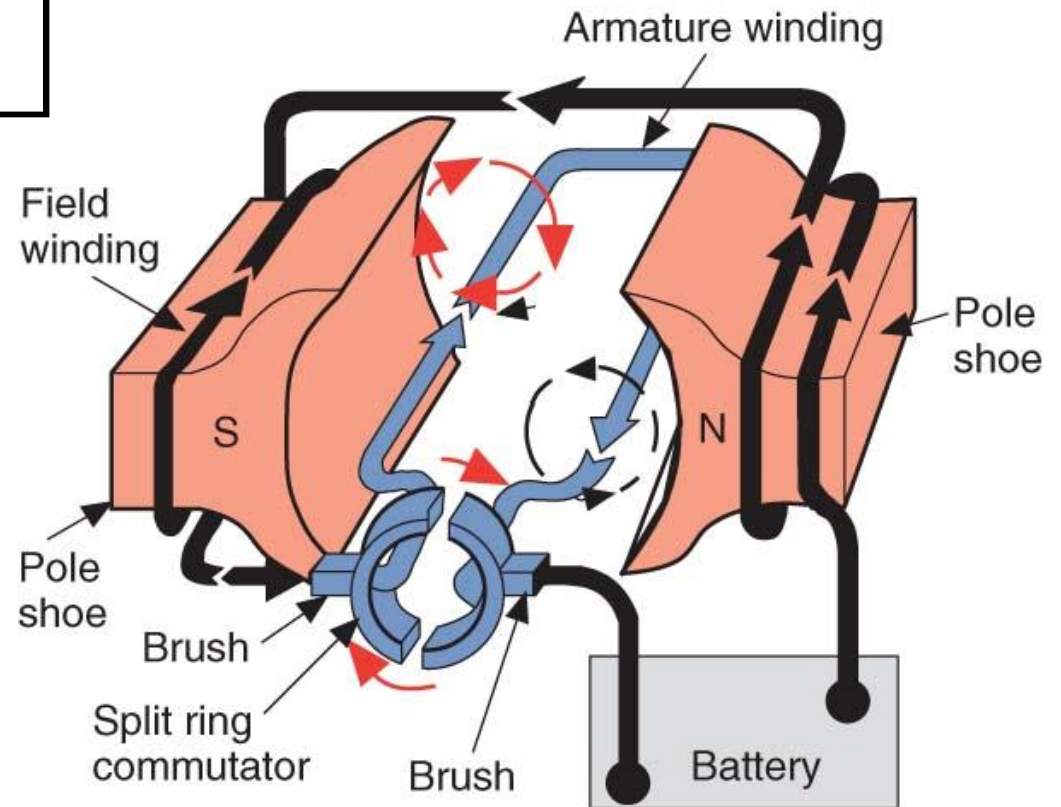
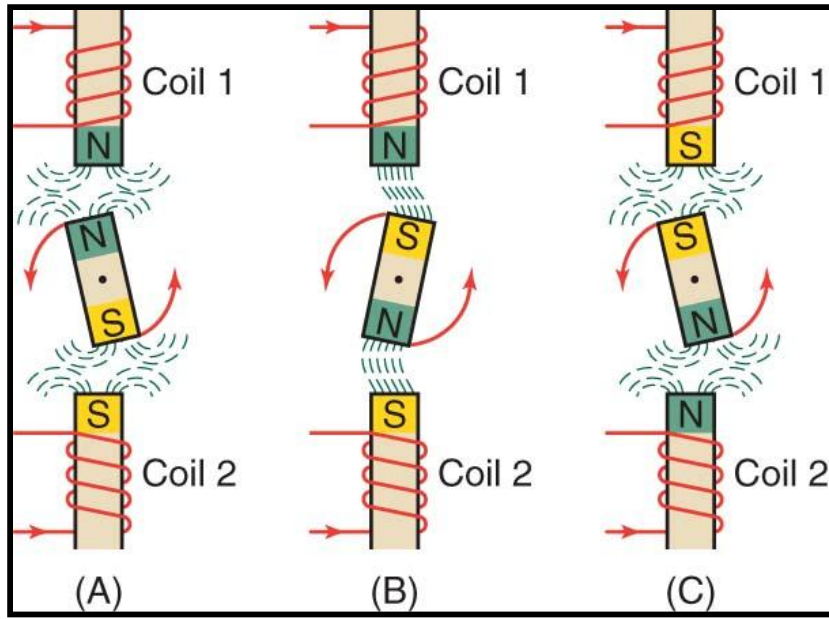
**Note: Some solenoids (older cars) provide a 12-volt source to the ignition coil during cranking.**



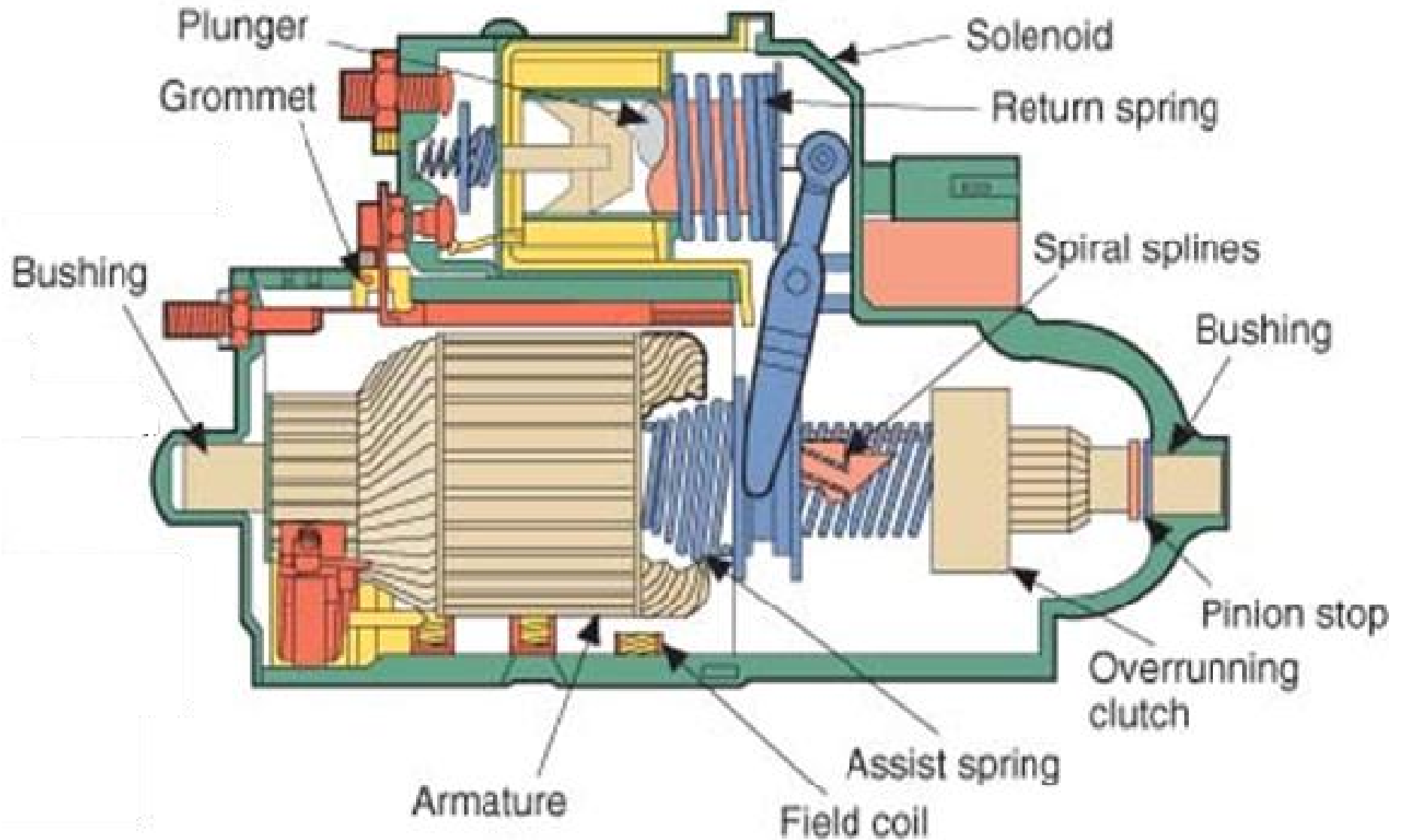
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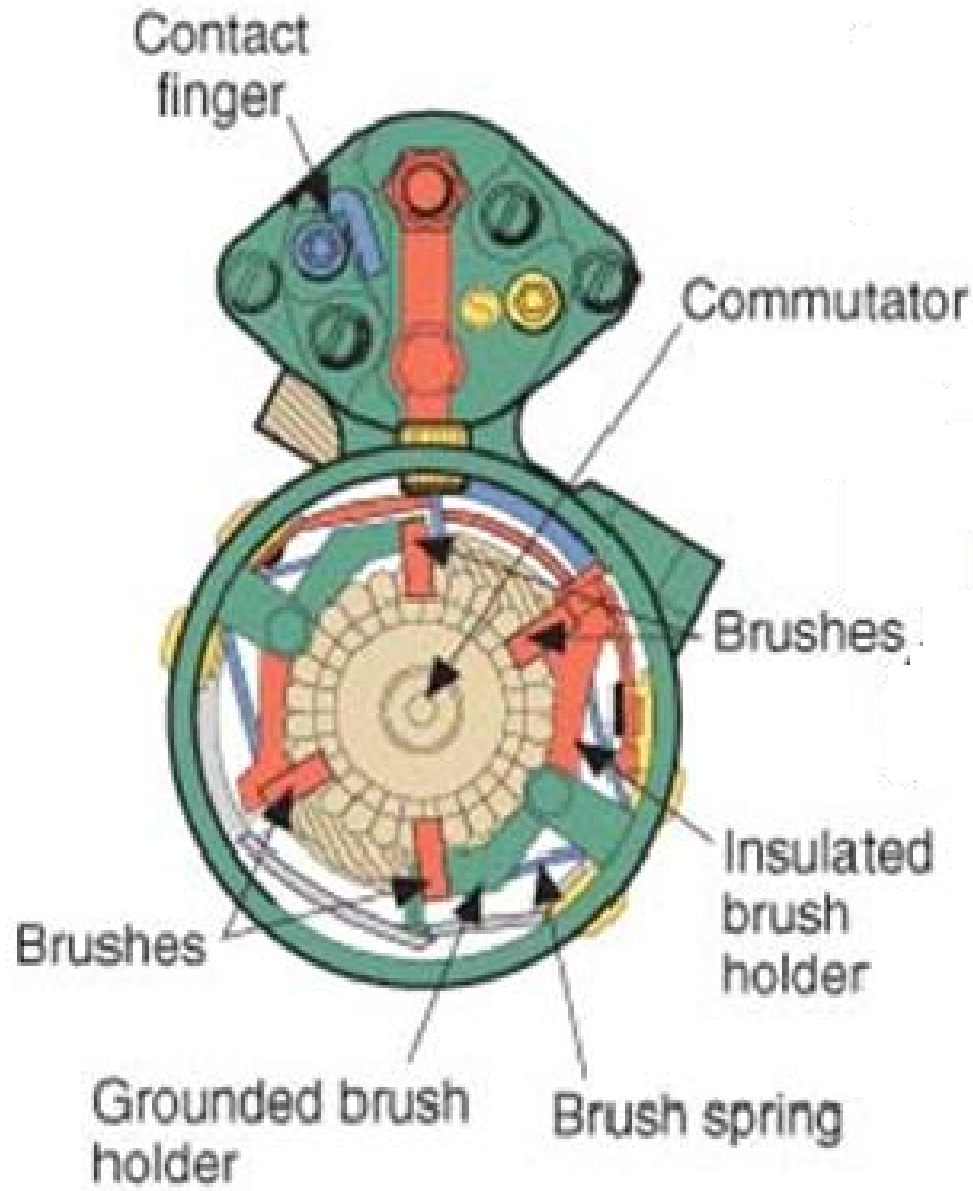


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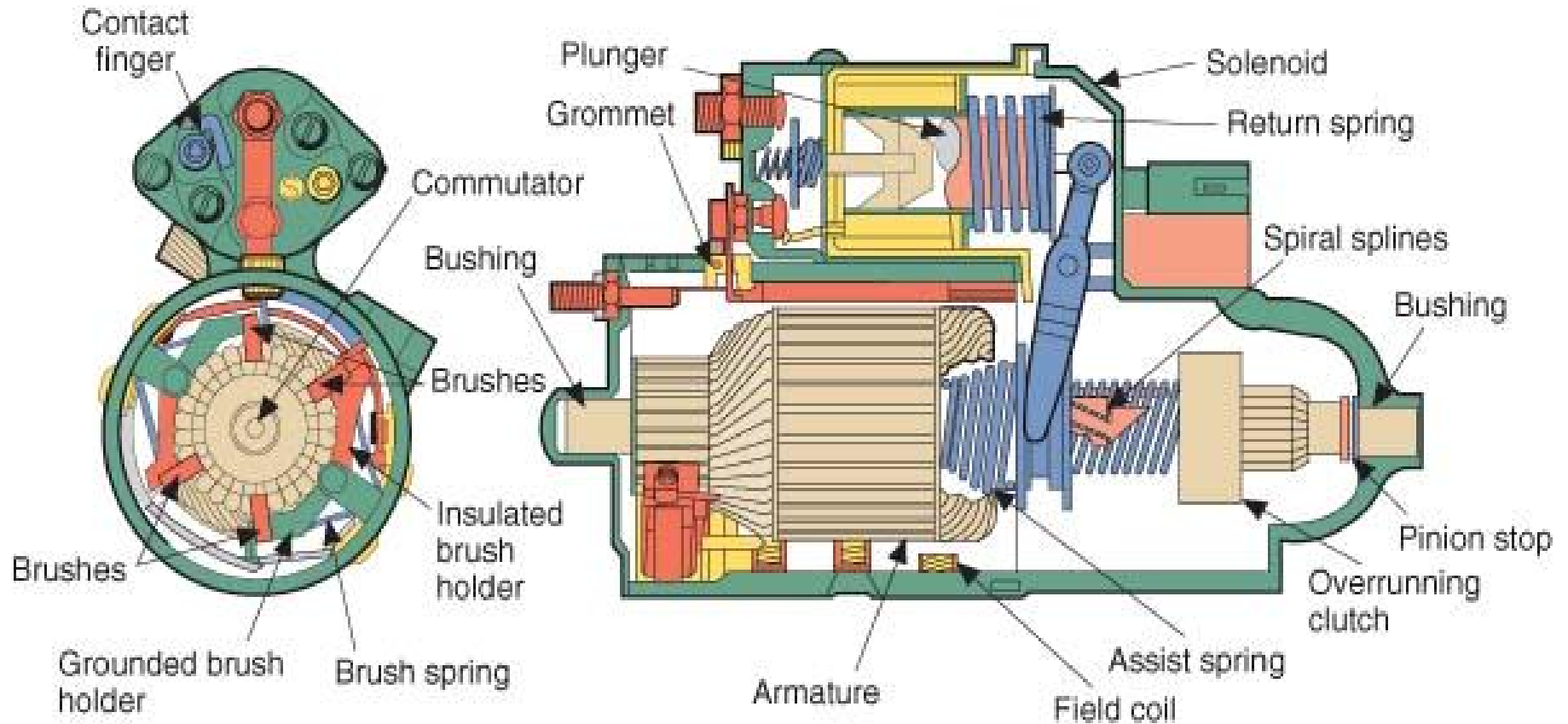




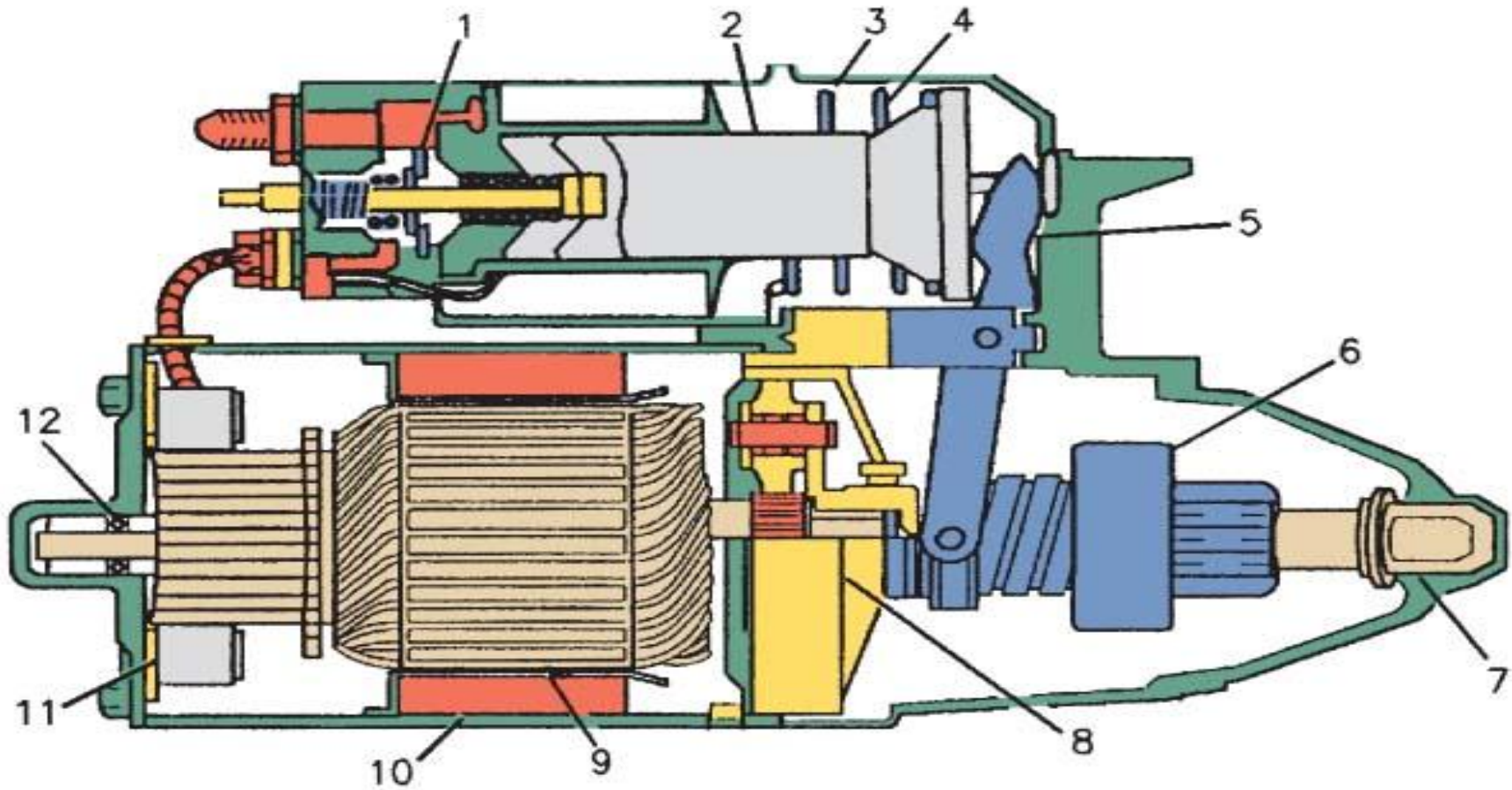
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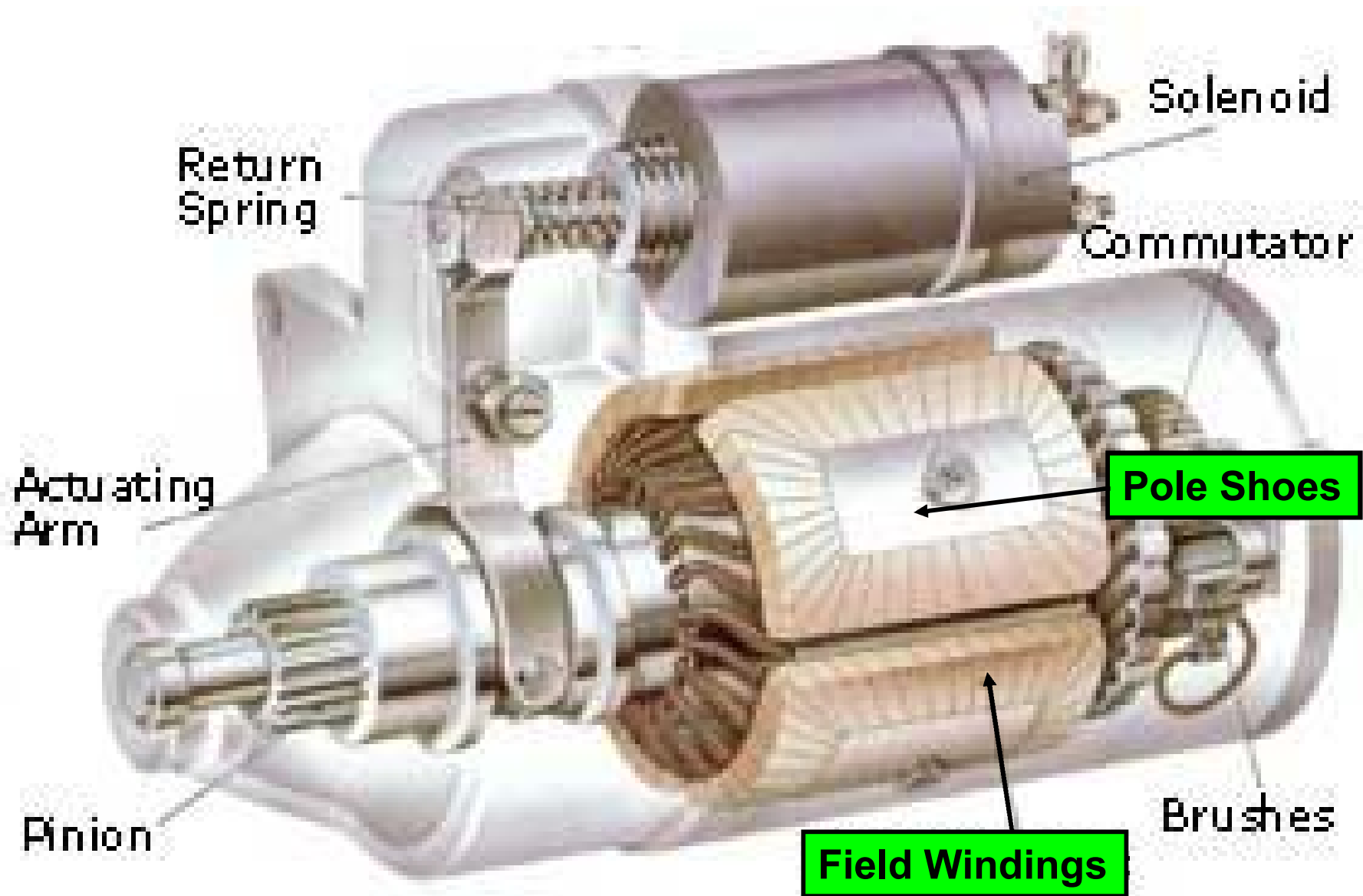


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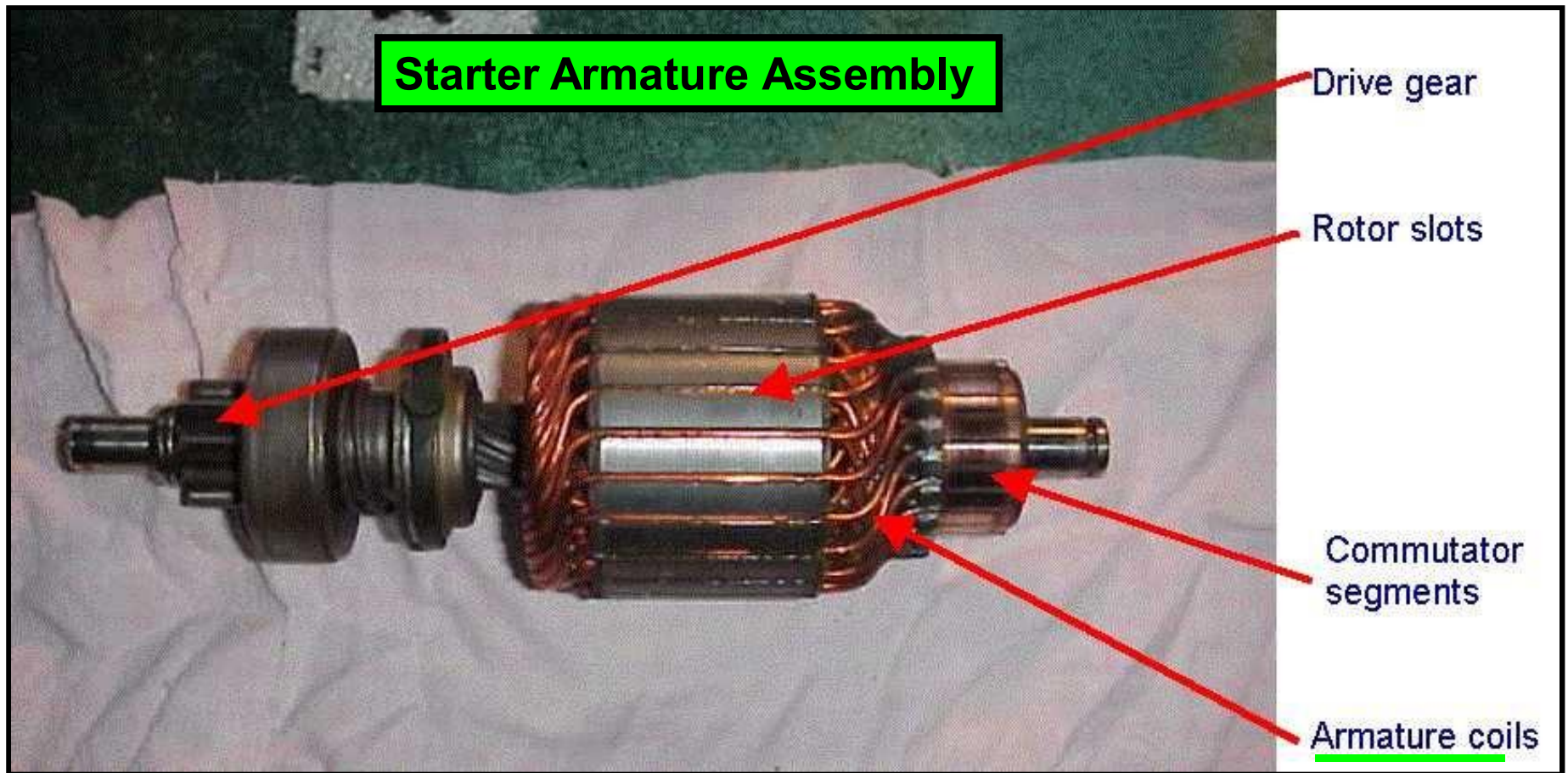


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|---|----------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | CONTACT DISC   | 8  | PLANETARY GEAR REDUCTION ASSEMBLY |
| 2 | PLUNGER        | 9  | ARMATURE                          |
| 3 | SOLENOID       | 10 | PERMANENT MAGNETS                 |
| 4 | RETURN SPRING  | 11 | BRUSH                             |
| 5 | SHIFT LEVER    | 12 | BALL BEARINGS                     |
| 6 | DRIVE ASSEMBLY |    |                                   |
| 7 | ROLLER BEARING |    |                                   |

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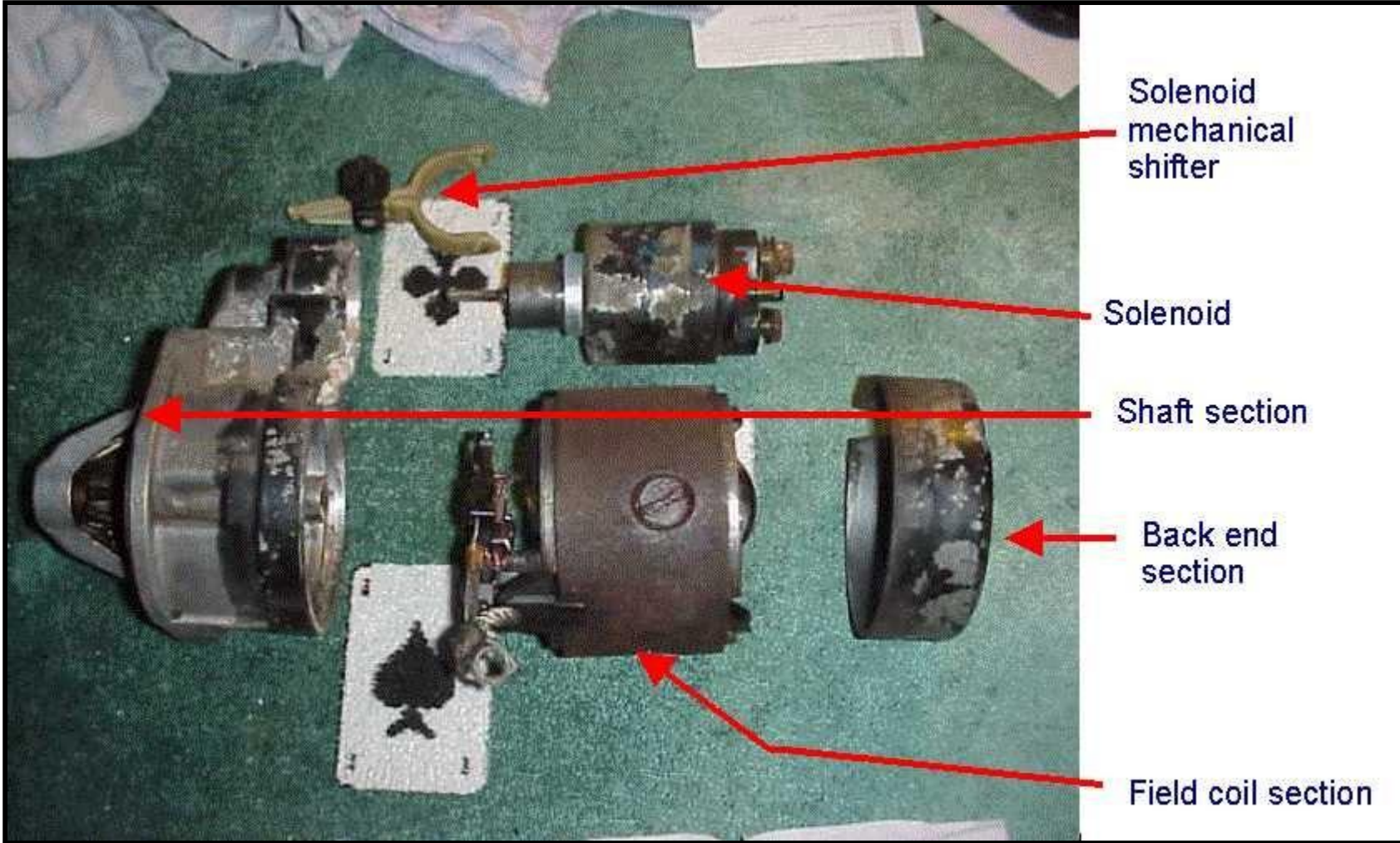


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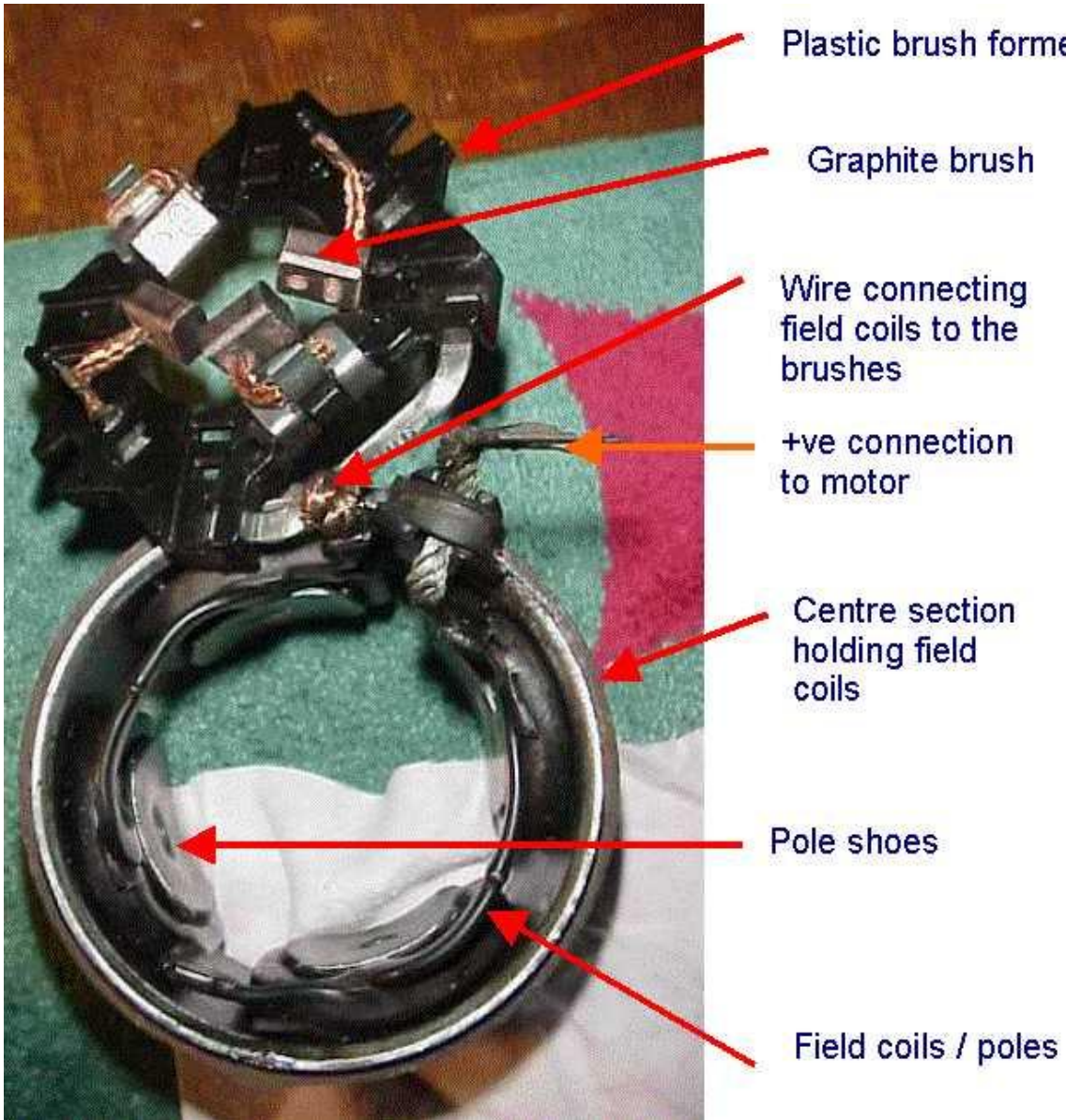


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Note: The starter motor has both a drive end frame (*casting*) and a brush end frame (*metal cap*).



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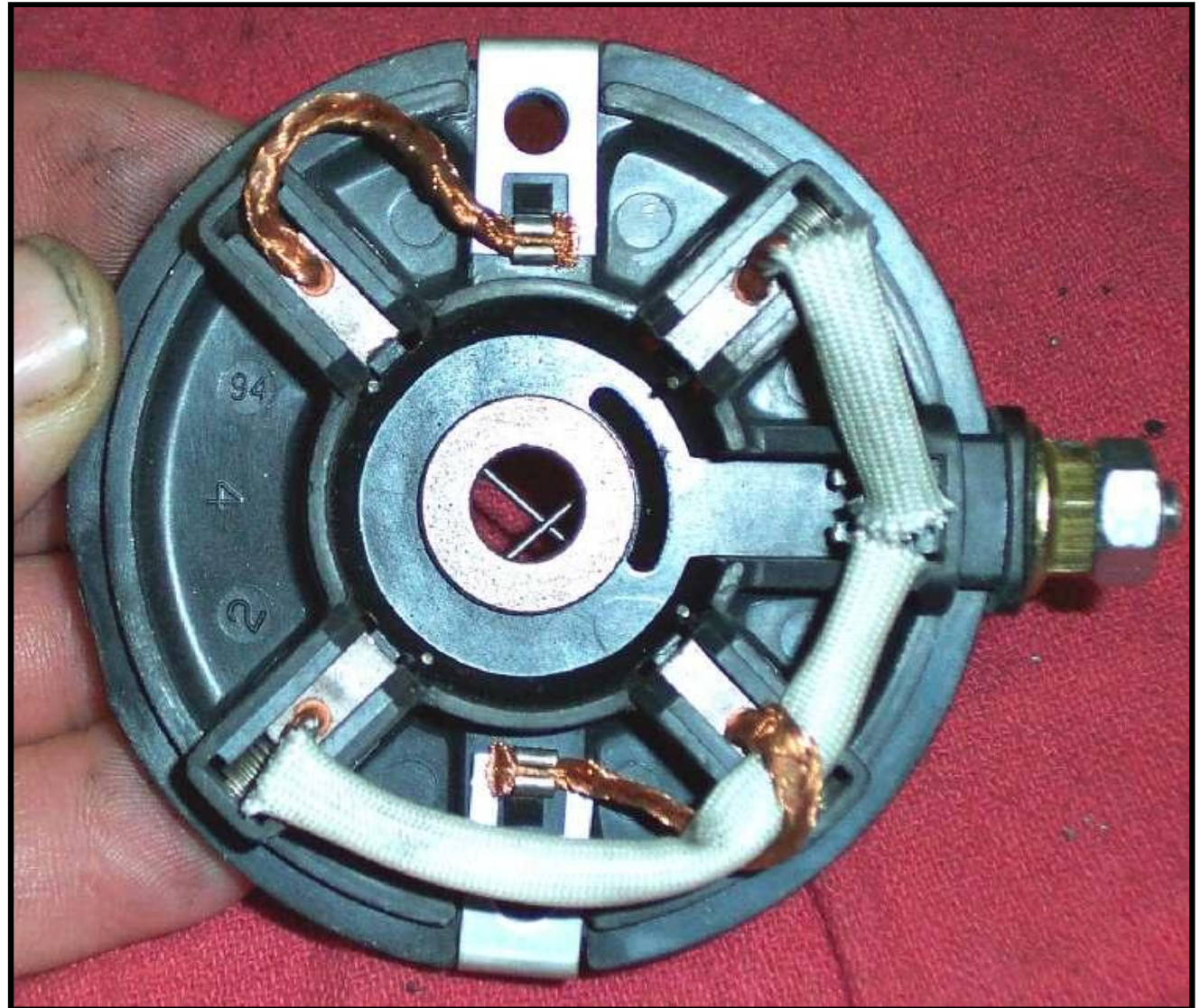


The stationary magnetic fields the field windings repel the armature windings to create rotary motion.

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Note: The slower a starter motor turns, the more current it will draw (*CEMF*).

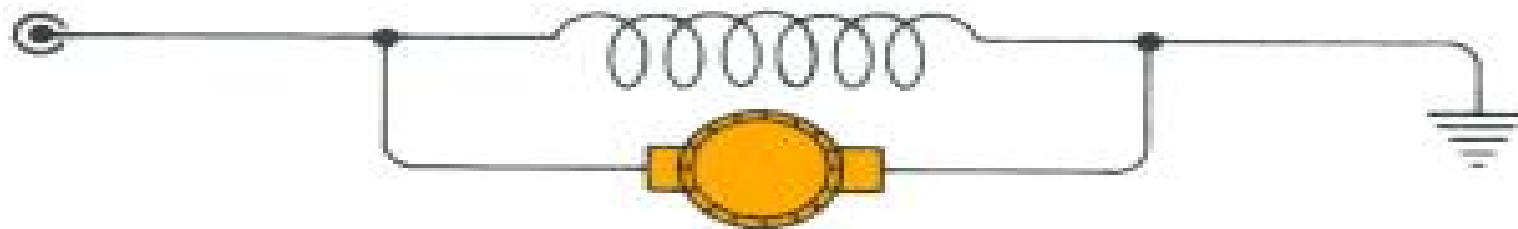
Copper Brushes are used to carry lots of amps with very little resistance.





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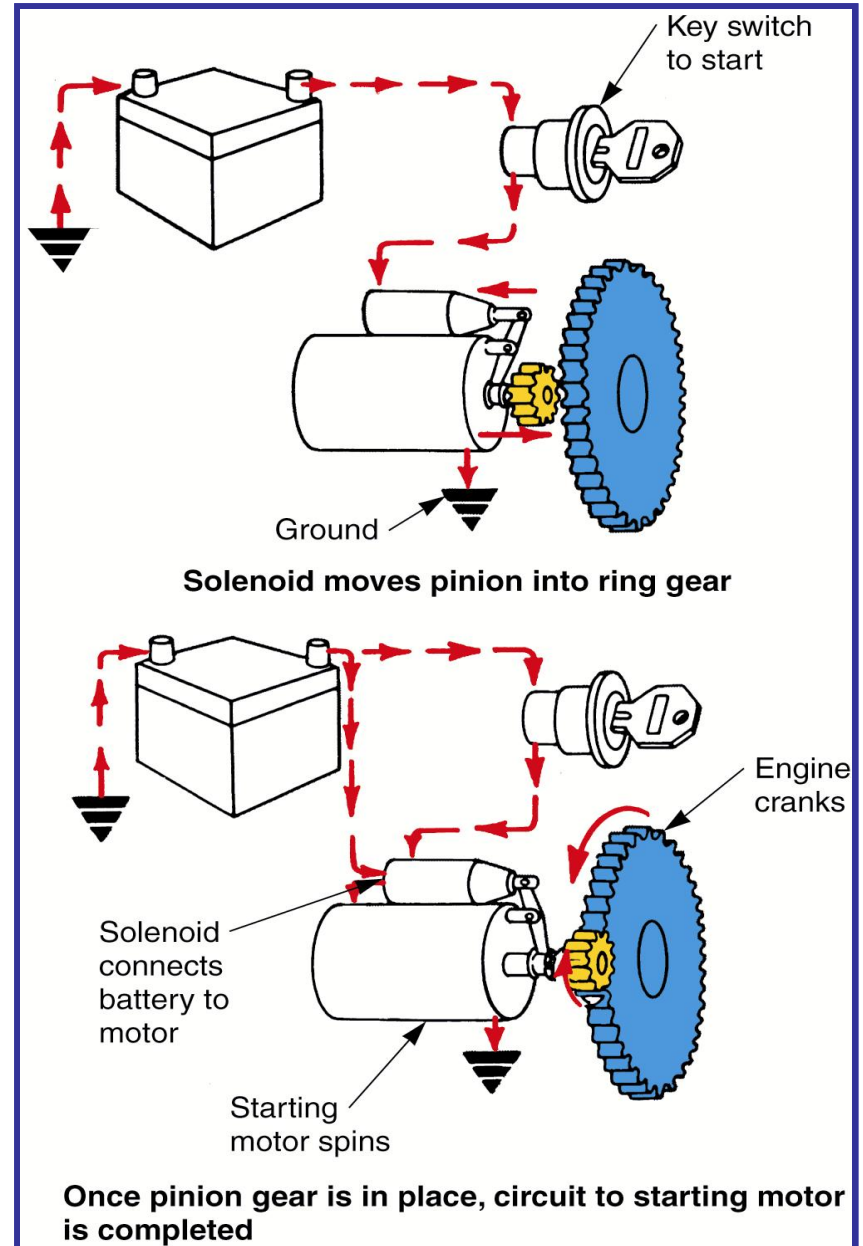
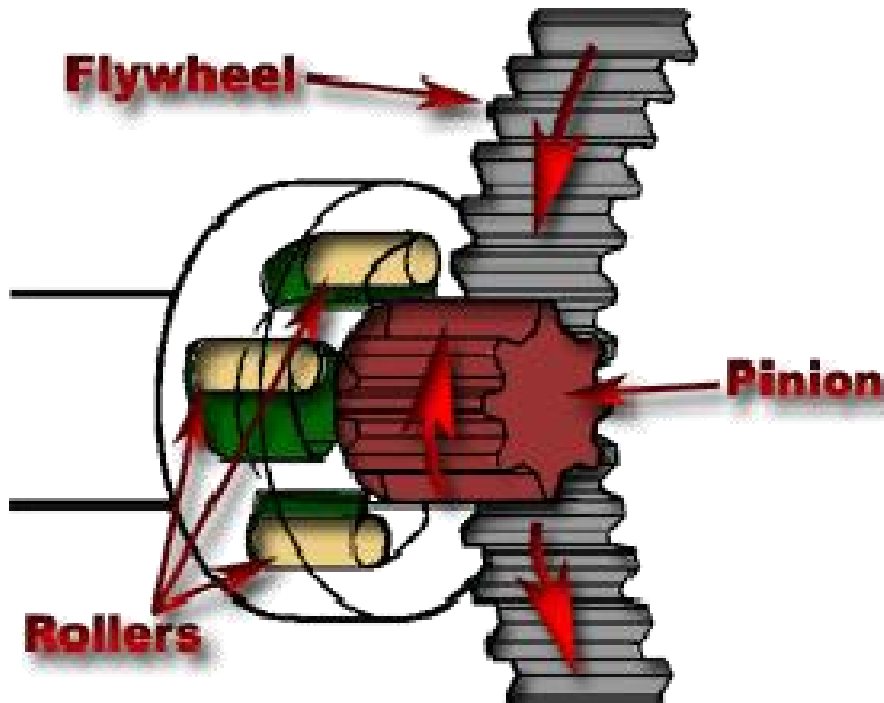
Note: Series -wound motors develop maximum torque at startup.  
Shunt or parallel-wound motors develop less torque at start-up but maintain a constant speed at all operating loads.



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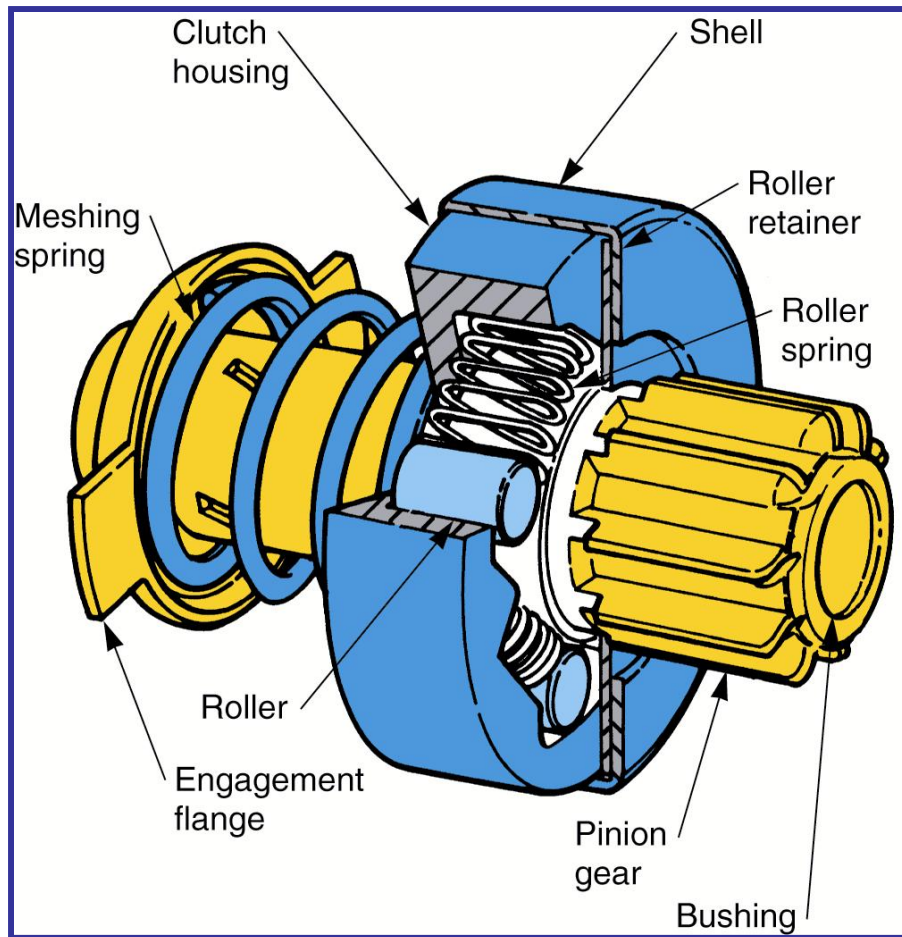
The starter drive pinion gear meshes with the flywheel or flex plate ring gear to provide the necessary gear reduction to crank the engine.

*Ratio is greater than 1:1 with a gain in torque & a loss of speed*

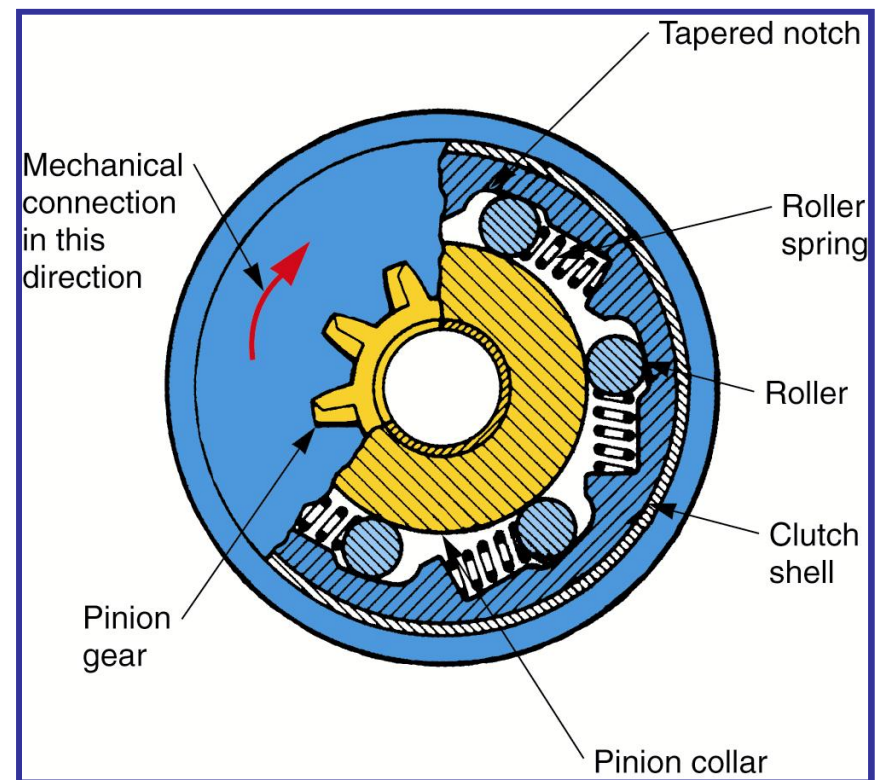


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25. To prevent the pinion gear from driving the armature at engine speed an \_\_\_\_\_ clutch is built into the starter drive mechanism.

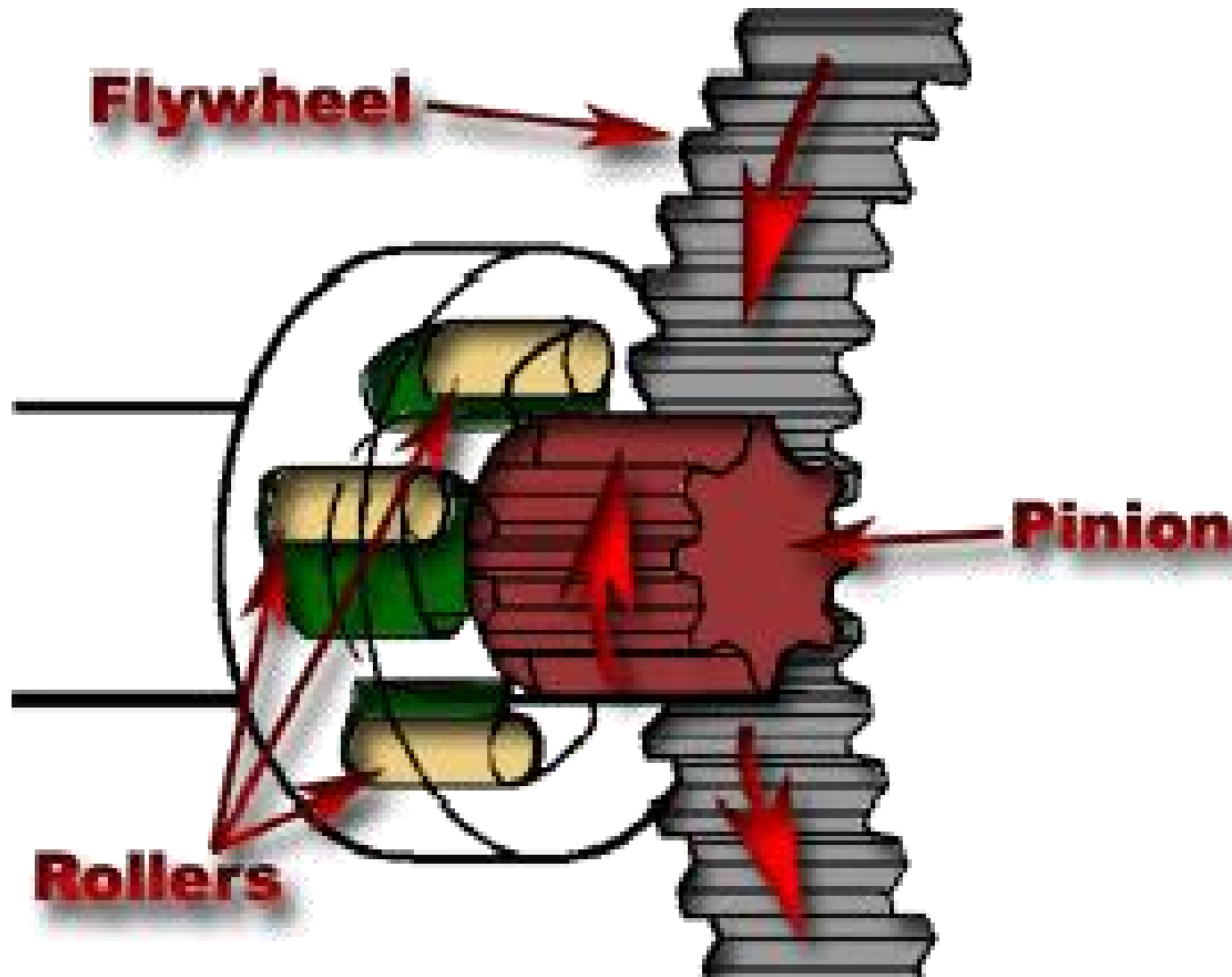


**One-Way  
Overrunning  
Roller**



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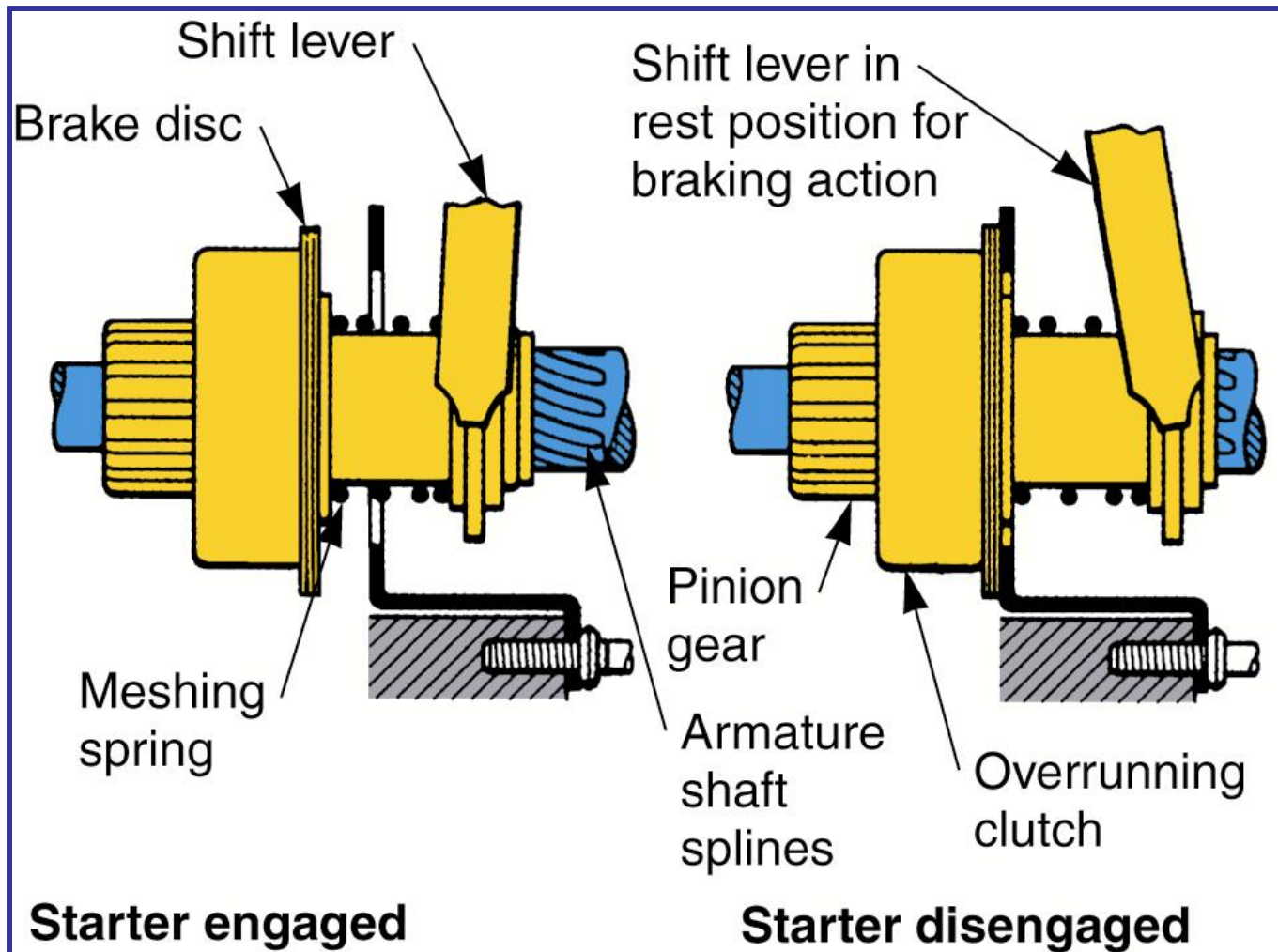
26. Starter drive-to-ring gear ratio is a gear reduction to provide a torque increase. *True or False*



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**Note:** The starter drive fork or lever and the solenoid spring are responsible for pulling the pinion out of engagement after cranking.

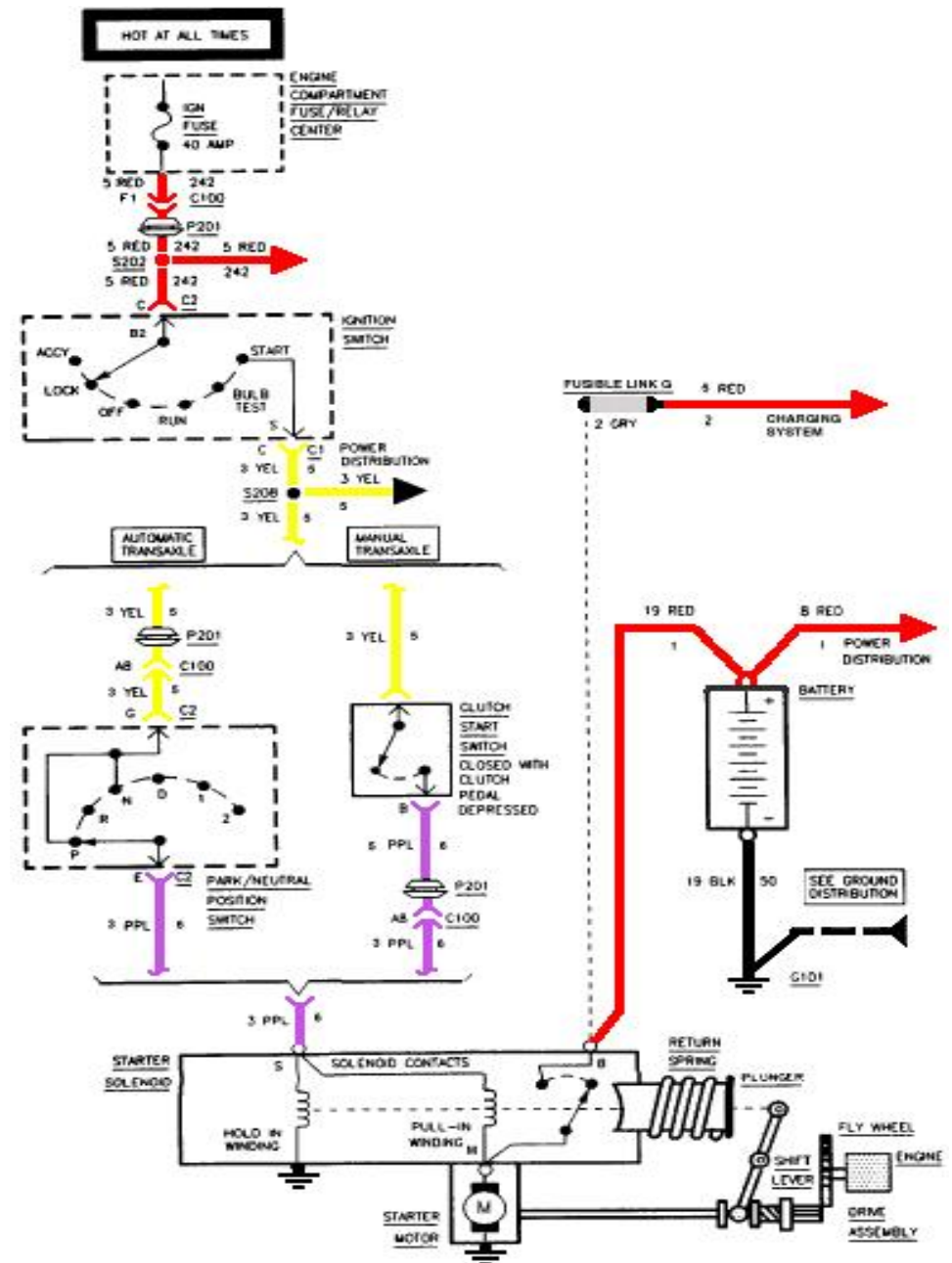
*15:1 is the approximate starter pinion : flywheel ring gear ratio*



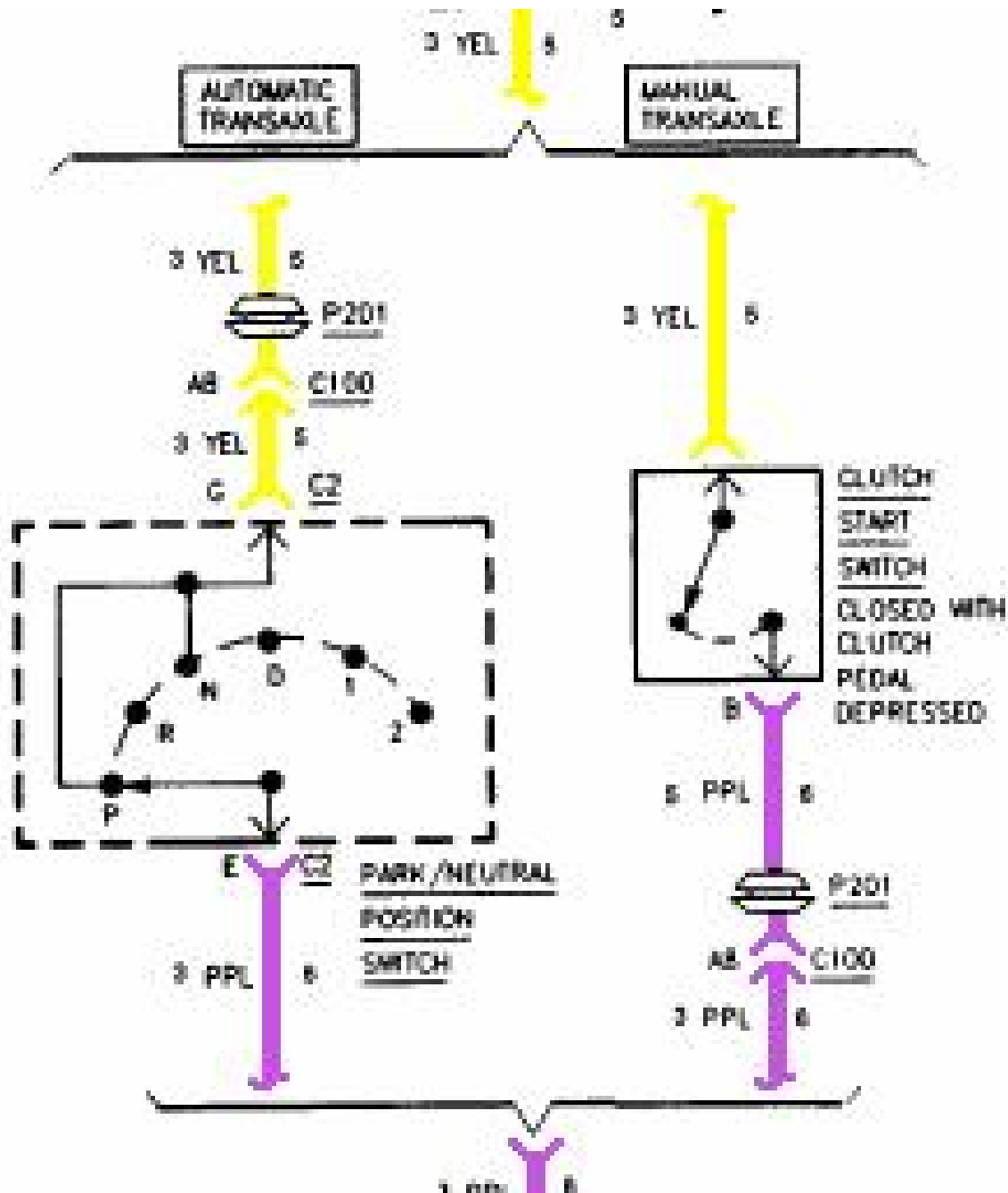
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27. The *starting safety switch* allows the control circuit to be energized only if the automatic trans is in either the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ position and only if the manual transmission has the clutch pedal fully pushed to the floor to disengage the transmission from the engine.

1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Park or Neutral  
Park or Reverse



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28. Perform a \_\_\_\_\_ load test before performing any starting system tests. *Note: Loose or dirty connections will cause excessive voltage drops in the motor feed circuit.*



Battery  
Parasitic  
Accessory





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29. Battery volts should not drop below \_\_\_\_\_ volts during the 15 seconds of cranking voltage test.



12.0 volts  
9.6 volts  
3.0 volts

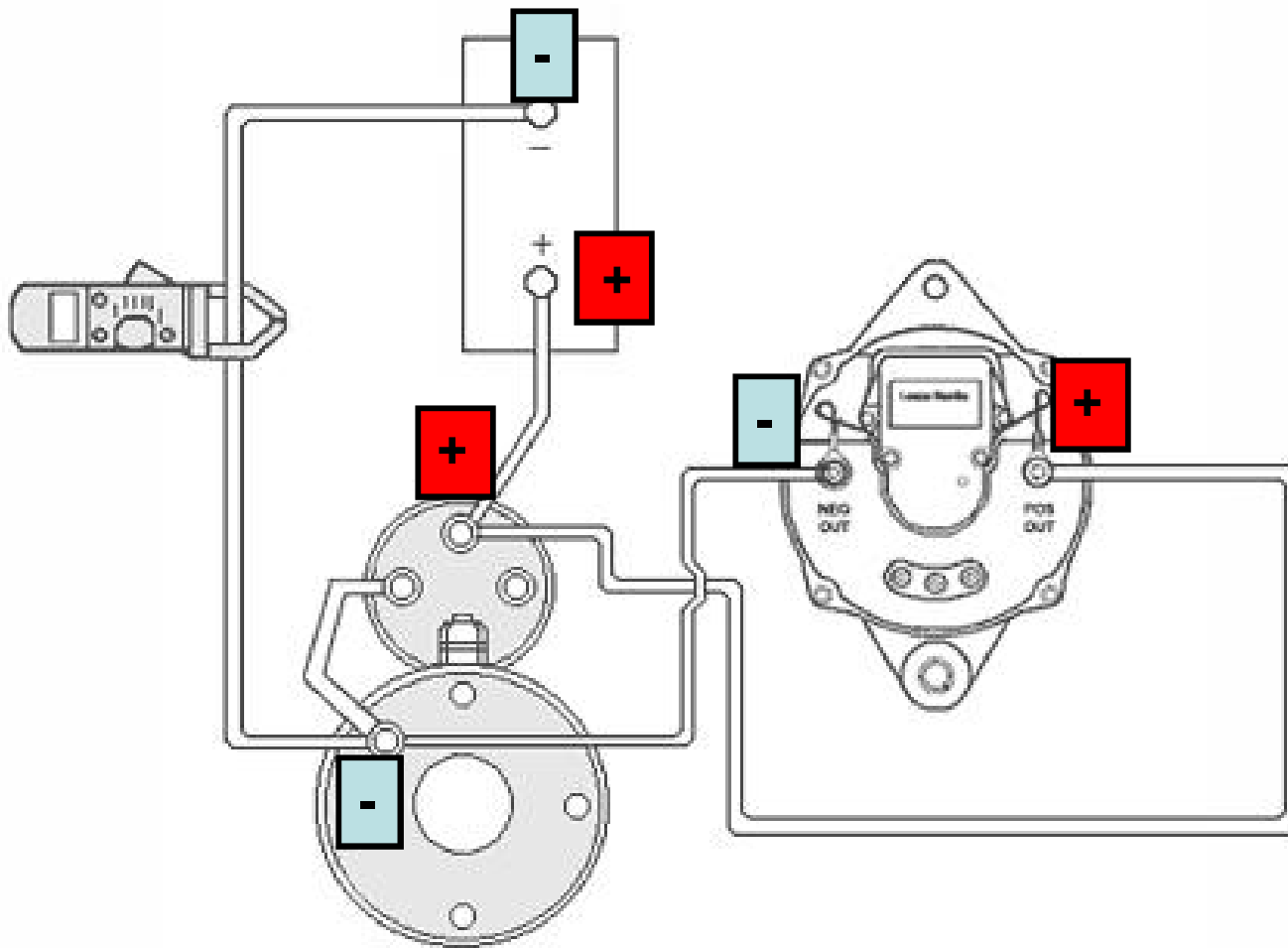
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30. Cranking current (*amperage*) should be between 100-250 amps for most gas engines. *True or False*



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31. A voltage drop test of both the \_\_\_\_\_ side (+ to+) and the ground side (- to -) of the motor feed circuit should show between 0.2 to 0.6 volts if the battery/starter cables are in good condition.



Uninsulated  
Insulated  
Resistive

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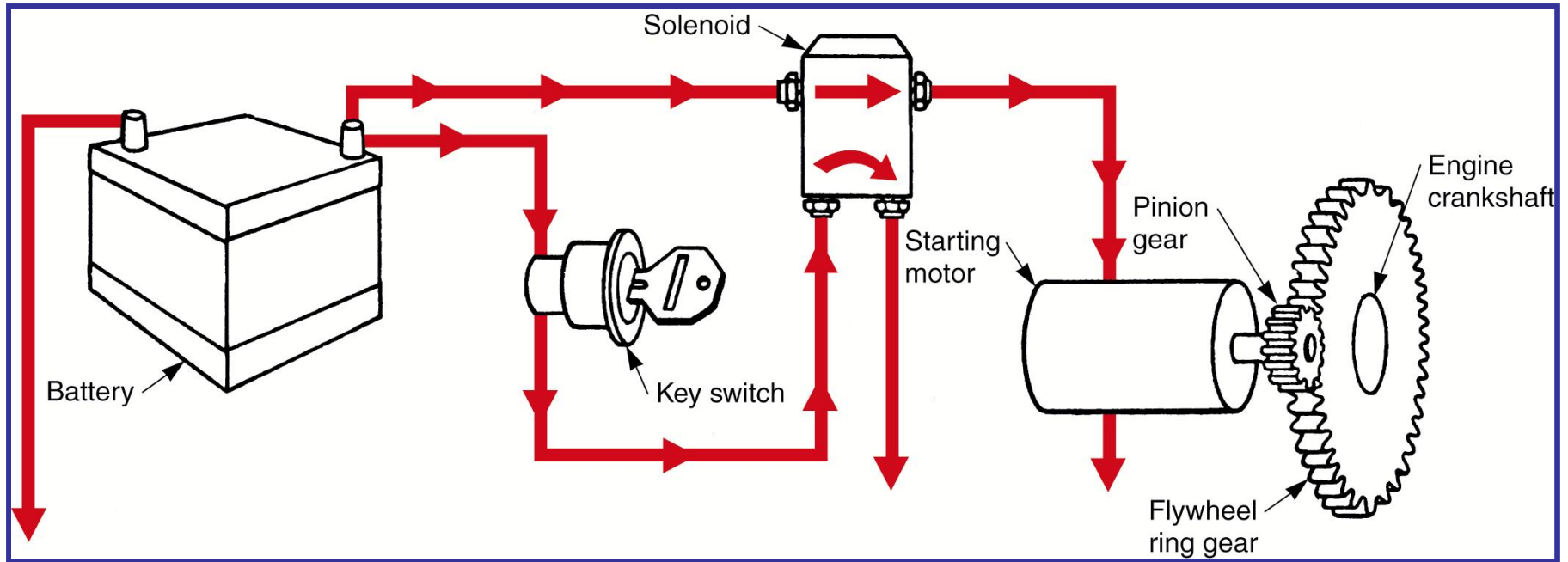
32. Starter solenoids can be by-passed or jumped to verify their condition.  
*True or False*

## Typical Ignition Switch & Starter Circuit



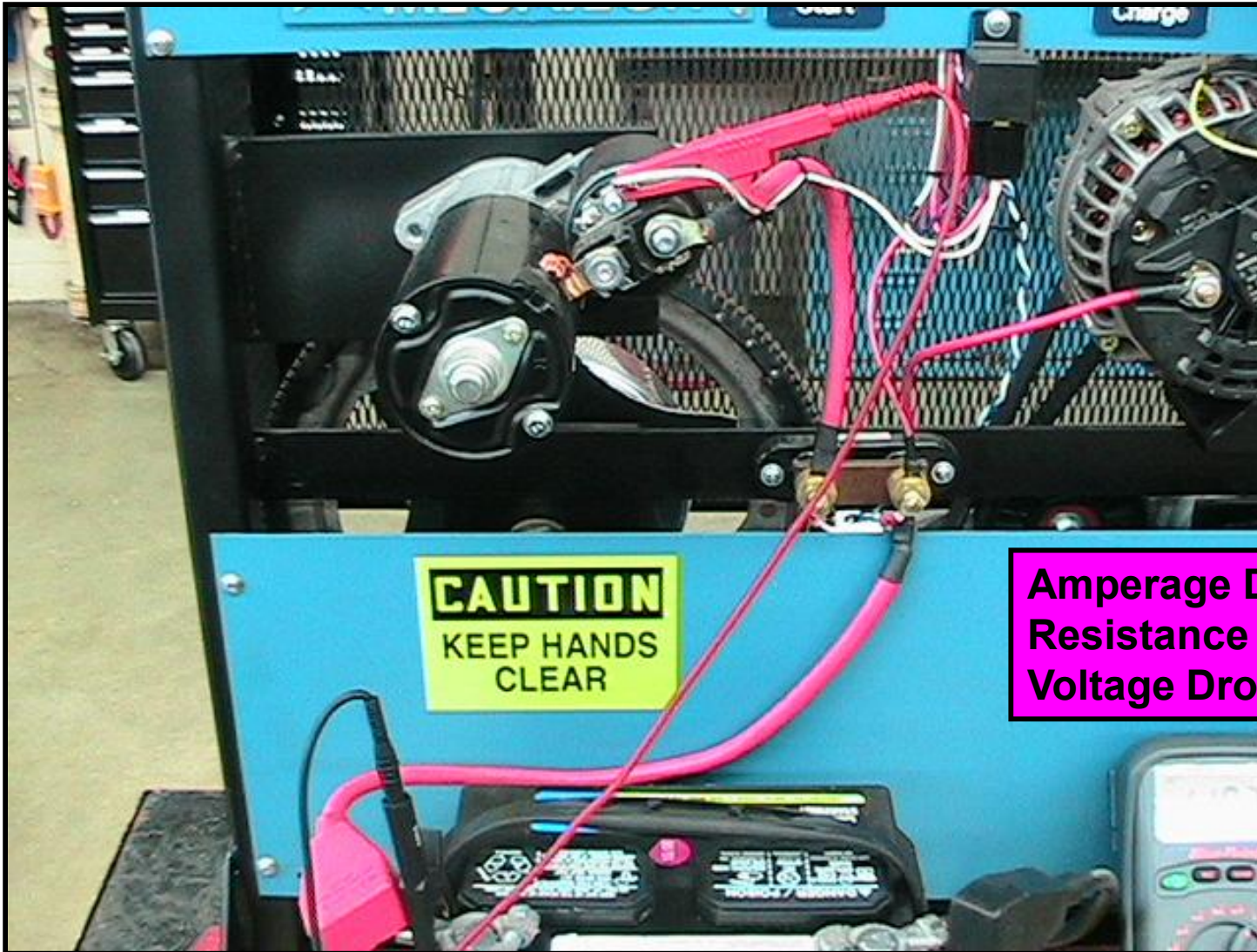
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33. Ignition switches can be by-passed or jumped to verify their condition. *True or False*



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34. Even the low amps, control circuit can be \_\_\_\_\_ (+ to +) tested *during cranking* to determine the condition (*resistance*) of the wiring. *Good, low amps circuits should be under 0.2 VD.*



Amperage Drop  
Resistance Drop  
Voltage Drop

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33. A starter no-load or free speed bench test can be low on RPM's if a pole \_\_\_\_\_ drags against the armature. This could be caused by a loose shoe or by worn drive and brush end bushings.



Shoe  
Pad  
Drum

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34. When testing an armature with a growler, a vibrating strap indicates a \_\_\_\_\_ armature, continuity from commutator bars to the armature frame indicates a *prematurely grounded motor*, and no continuity from commutator bar to commutator bar indicates an \_\_\_\_\_ condition which will result in “dead spots” during cranking.

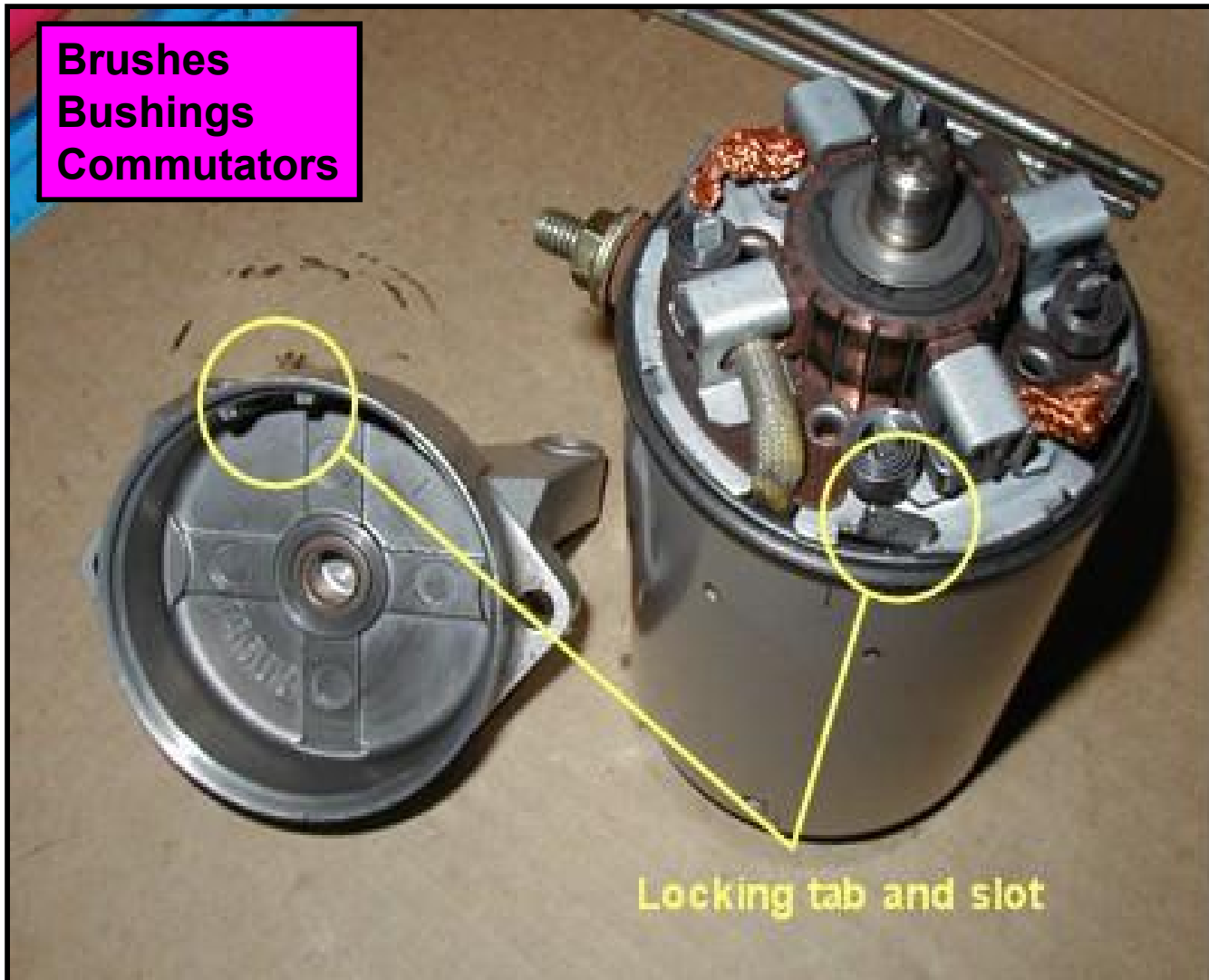


Open  
Shorted  
High Resistance



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35. \_\_\_\_\_ should be of the proper length, commutator bars should be smooth, and the *mica strips* of insulation between the commutator bars should be properly *undercut* to a uniform depth.

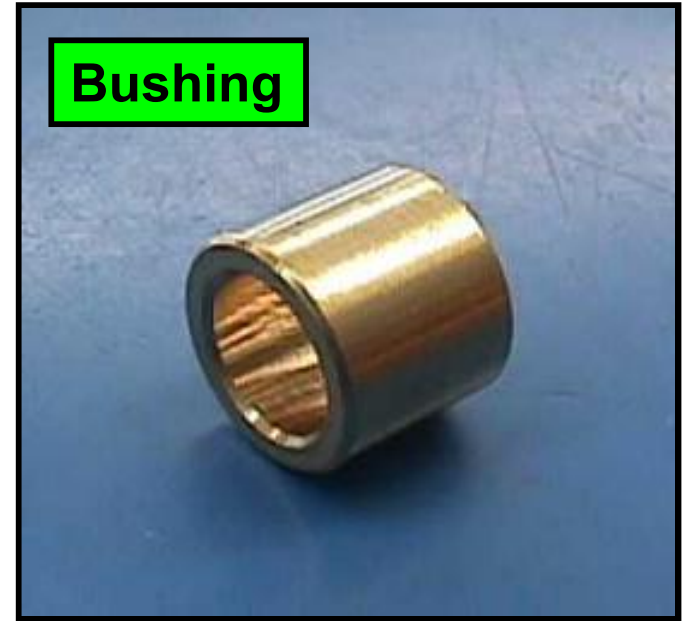


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36. Starter drive \_\_\_\_\_ on the armature shaft and both armature \_\_\_\_\_ should be *lightly lubricated with high temperature grease* during rebuilding procedures.

Splines, Bushings  
Splines, Brushes  
Splines, Commutator Bars

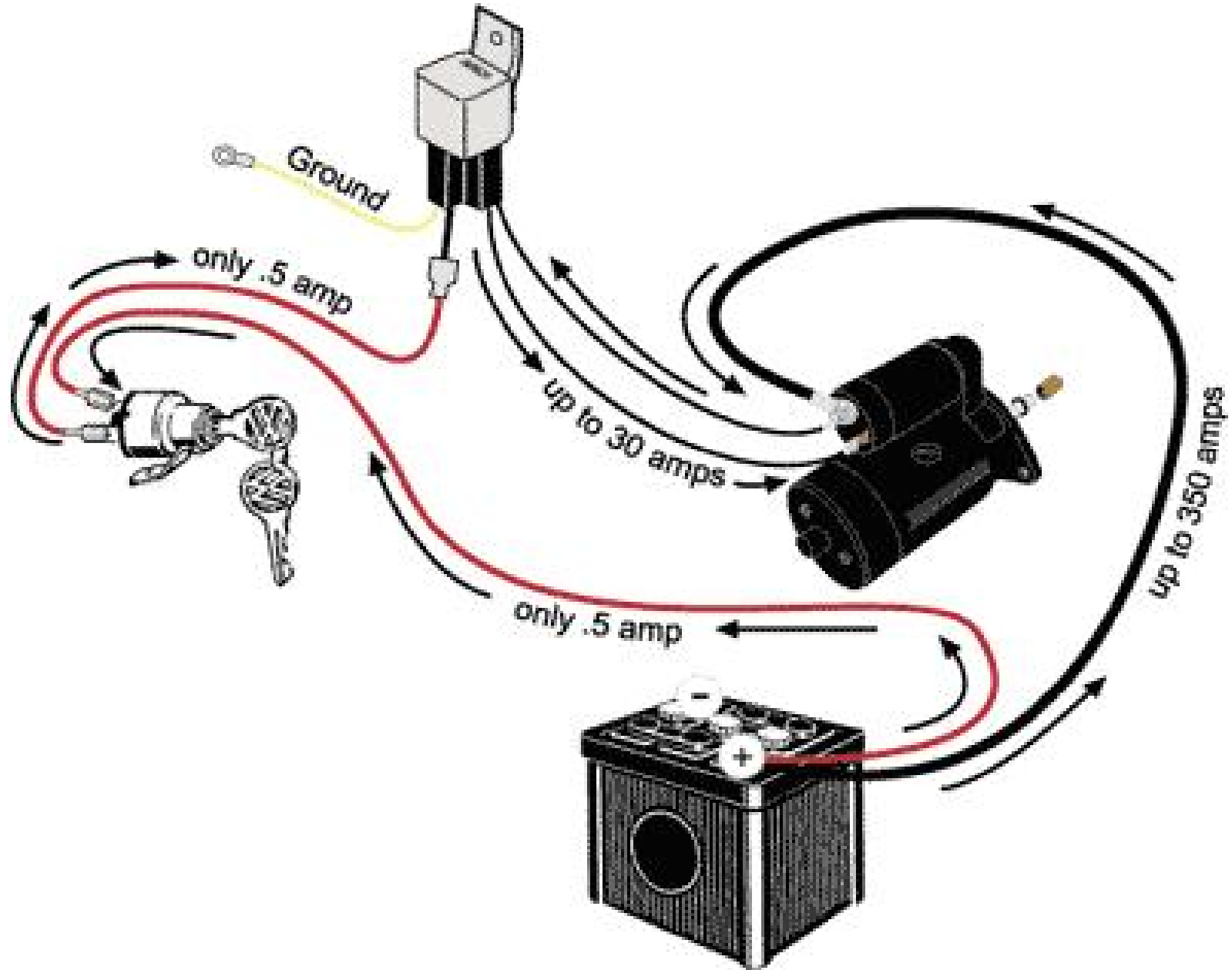
Bushing



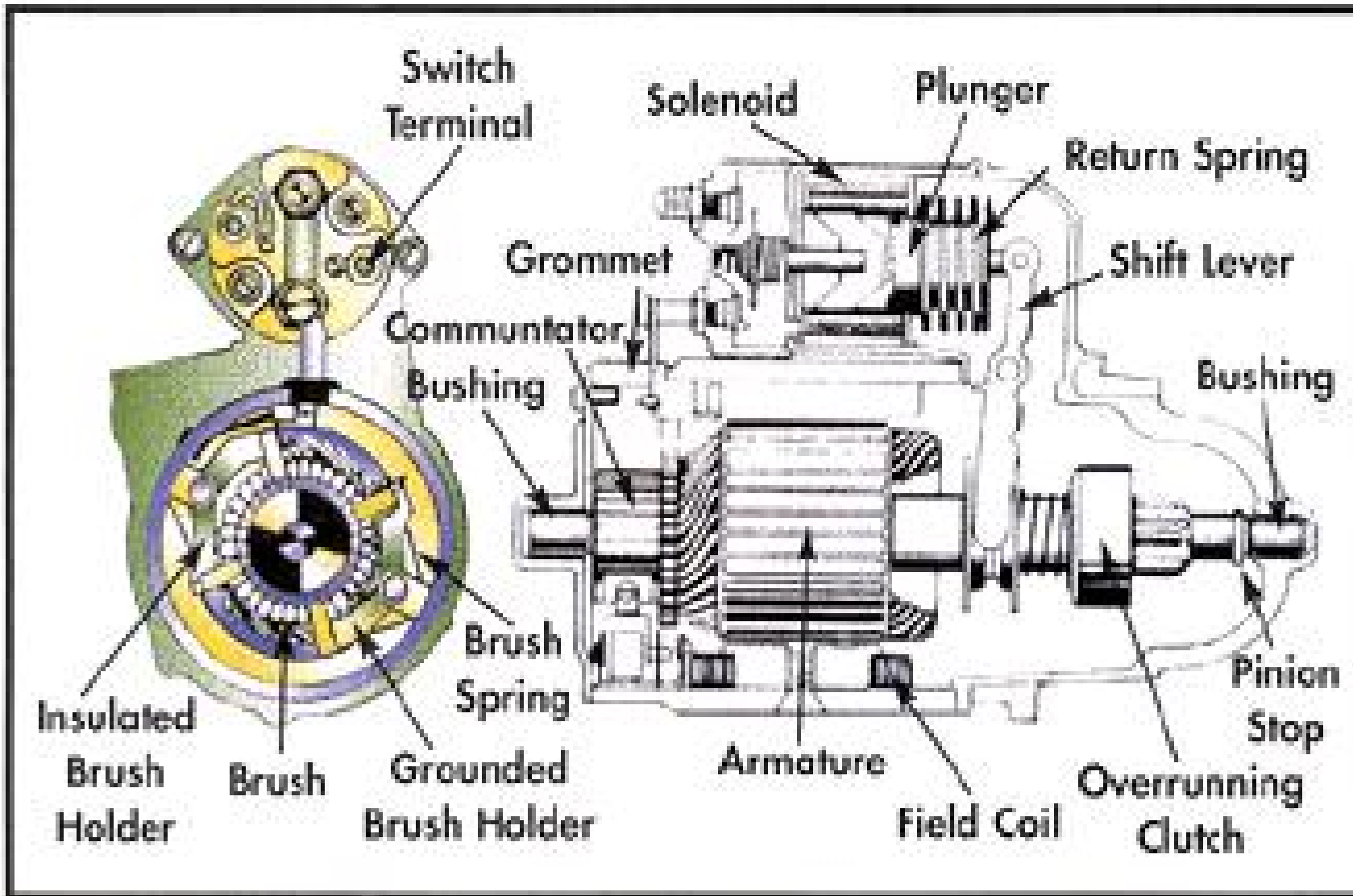
Splines



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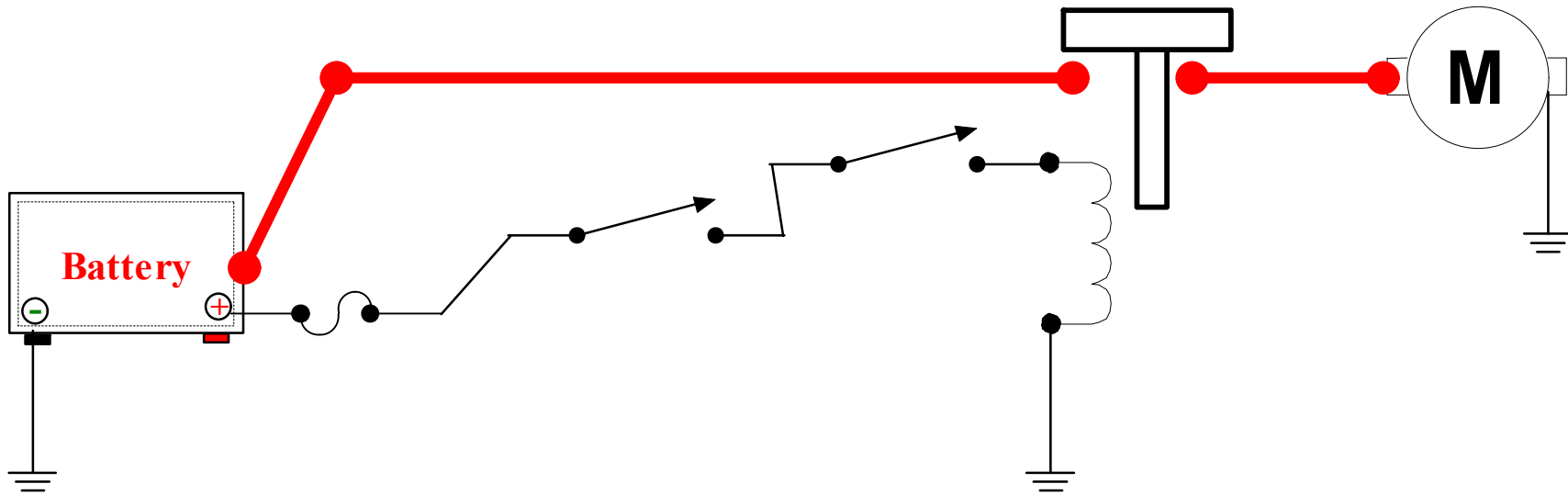


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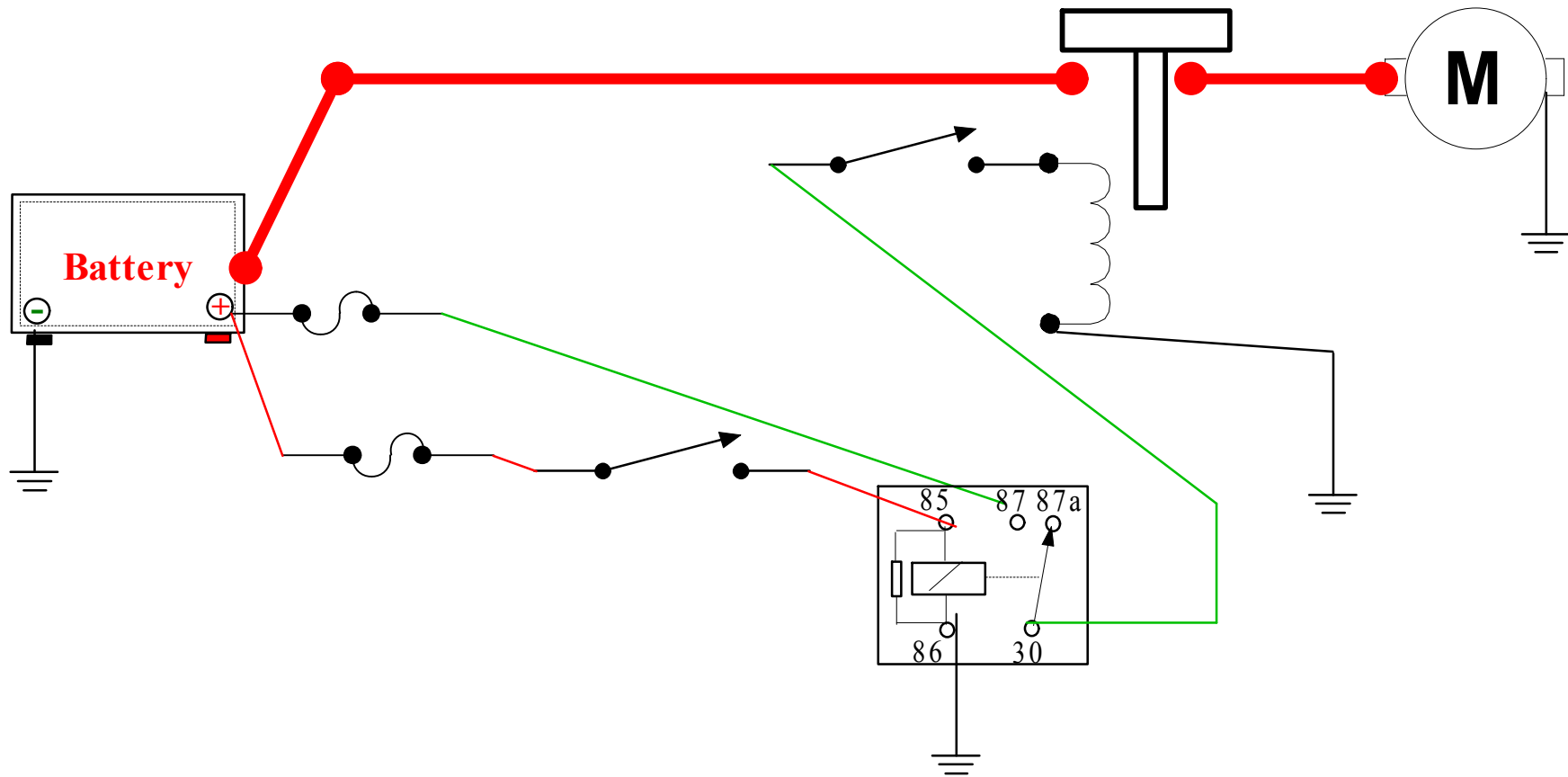
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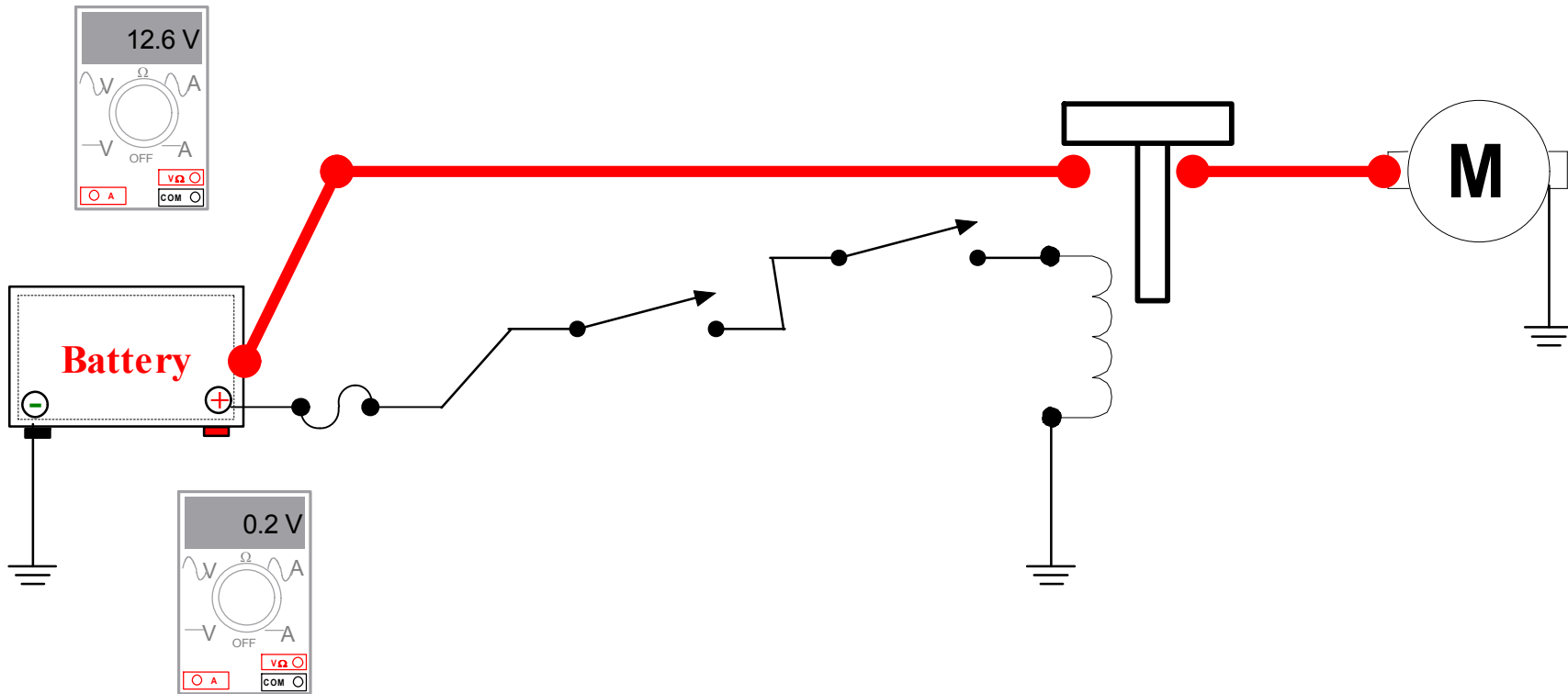
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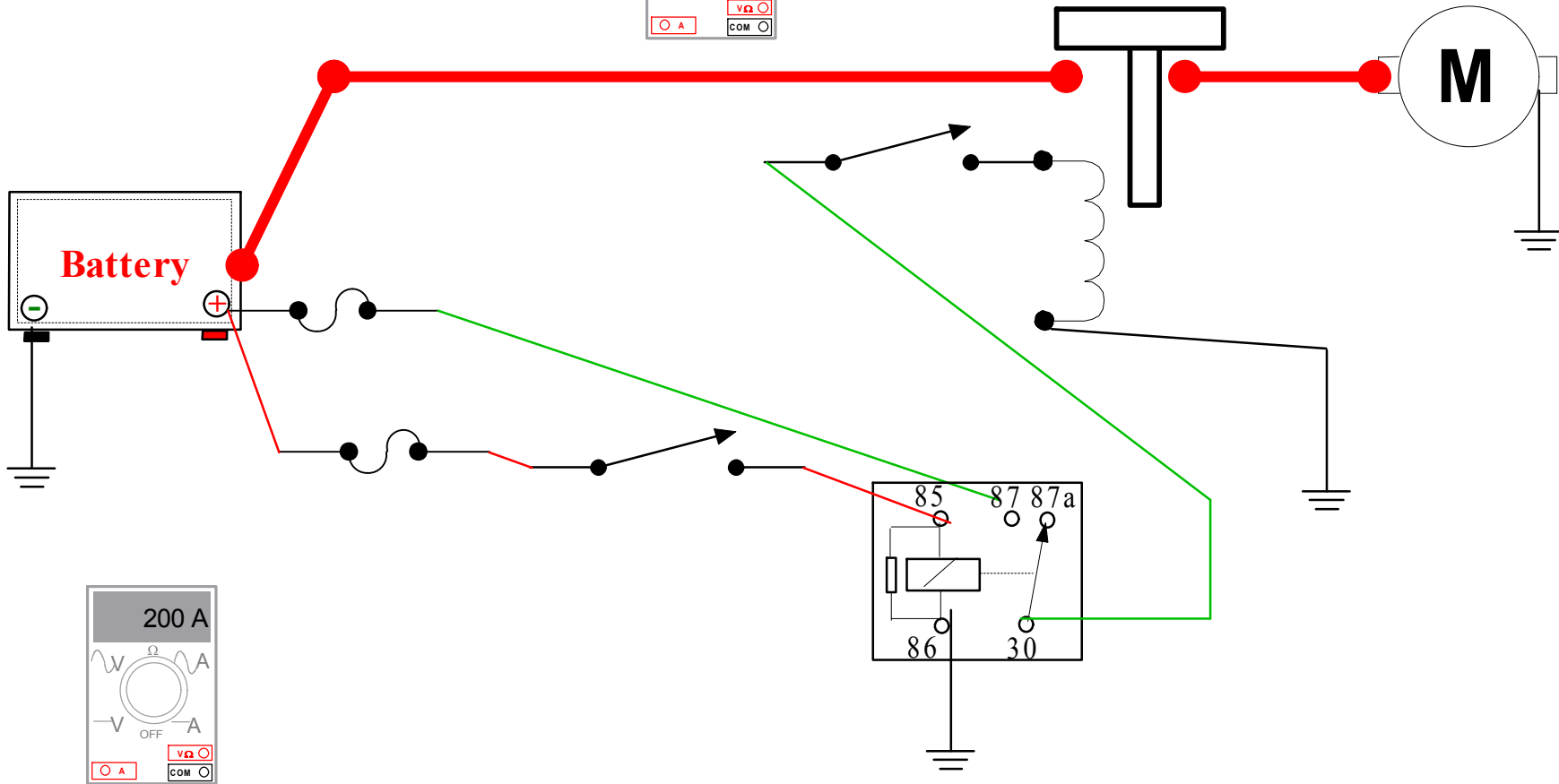
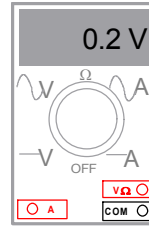
Connect this meter for battery OCV



Connect this meter for control circuit Voltage Drop

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Connect this meter for motor feed voltage drop



Inductively connect this meter to measure starter current draw



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