

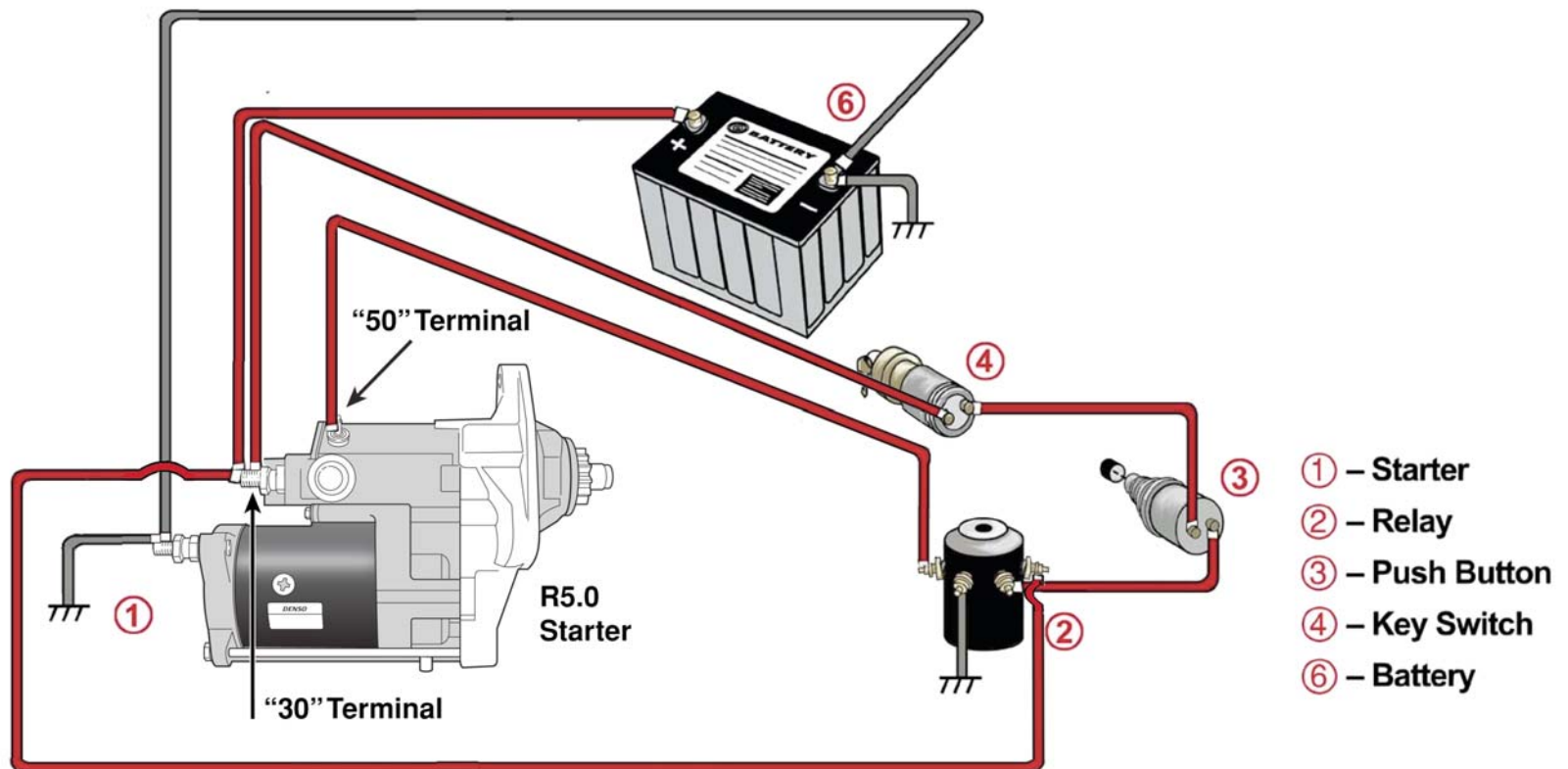
## Starter and Alternator Troubleshooting & Diagnostics

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# Starting System Troubleshooting

Starting problems may be electrical (e.g., faulty switch) or mechanical (e.g., faulty ring gear, wrong engine oil viscosity). System problems, their possible cause and the action required to correct them follow.



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# Starting System Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>Engine will not crank</b>	<b>Dead battery</b>	<b>Check battery state of charge. Recharge if possible. Replace if necessary</b>
	<b>Melted fusible link</b>	<b>Replace fusible link</b>
	<b>Loose connections</b>	<b>Clean and tighten connections</b>
	<b>Key switch or start switch contacts in poor condition</b>	<b>Polish contacts if possible, replace switch as necessary</b>
	<b>Solenoid hold-in coil open. Pull-in coil open or shorted.</b>	<b>Replace solenoid or starter</b>
	<b>Solenoid contacts worn away</b>	<b>Replace solenoid or starter</b>
	<b>Mechanical problem in engine</b>	<b>Check engine</b>

# Starting System Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>Engine cranks too slowly to start</b>	<b>Weak battery</b>	<b>Check battery. Recharge if possible. Replace if necessary</b>
	<b>Loose or corroded connections</b>	<b>Clean and tighten connections</b>
	<b>Faulty starter</b>	<b>Test starter, Replace if necessary</b>
	<b>Improper engine oil viscosity or problem with engine</b>	<b>Change oil. Check engine</b>
<b>Starter spins, but engine will not crank</b>	<b>Faulty over-running clutch</b>	<b>Check over-running clutch, replace starter if necessary</b>
	<b>Damaged or worn starter pinion gear or engine ring gear.</b>	<b>Check gears for damage or wear. Replace starter or ring gear</b>

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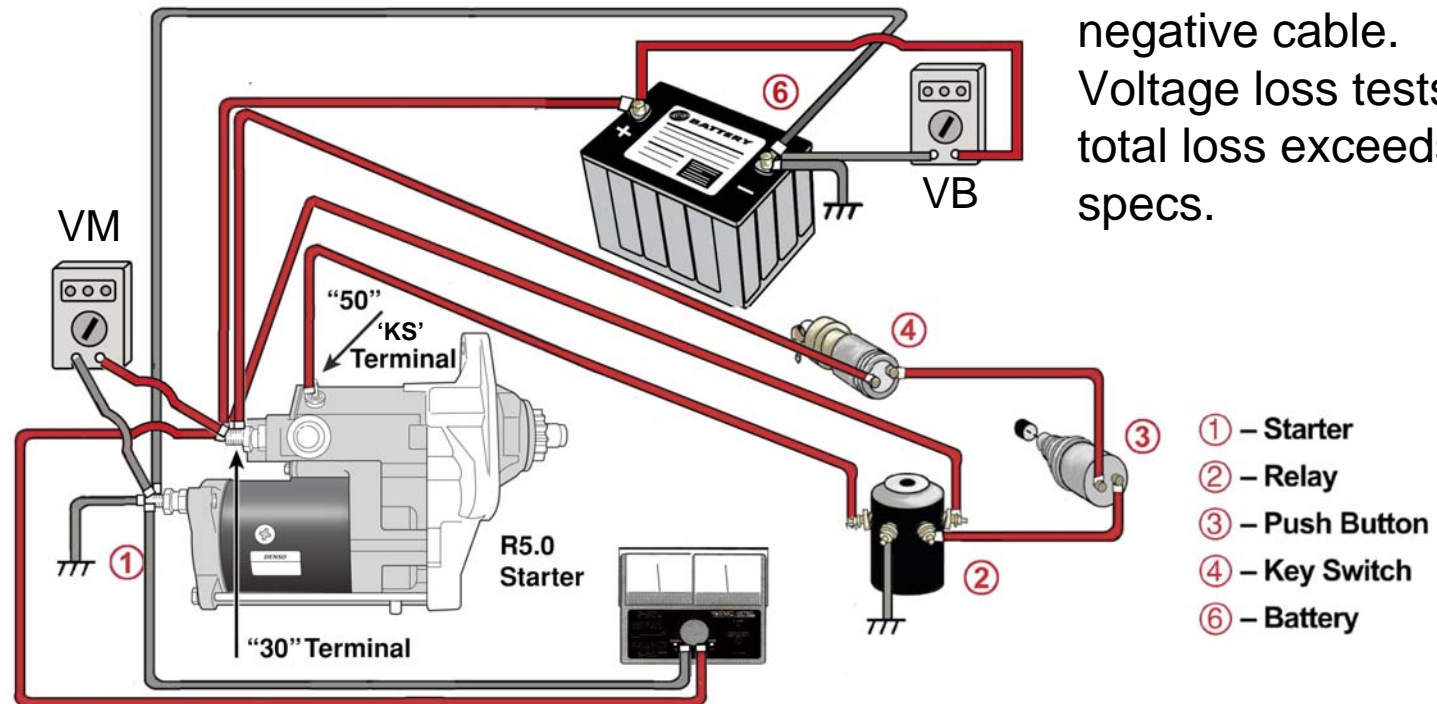
Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>Starter does not engage / disengage properly</b>	Faulty starter solenoid,	Test starter. Replace if necessary
	Damaged or worn starter pinion gear or engine ring gear	Check gears for damage or wear. Replace starter or ring gear
<b>Starter does not stop running</b>	Key switch, start switch or starter relay contacts keep closing or stick.	Replace faulty component
	Over-running clutch sticks to shaft	Replace starter

# Starting System

## System Voltage Loss Test

1. Adjust load to be 500 A. Record VB value.
2. Adjust load to 500 A. Record VM.
3. Subtract (-) VM from VB. Loss not to exceed 0.5V.

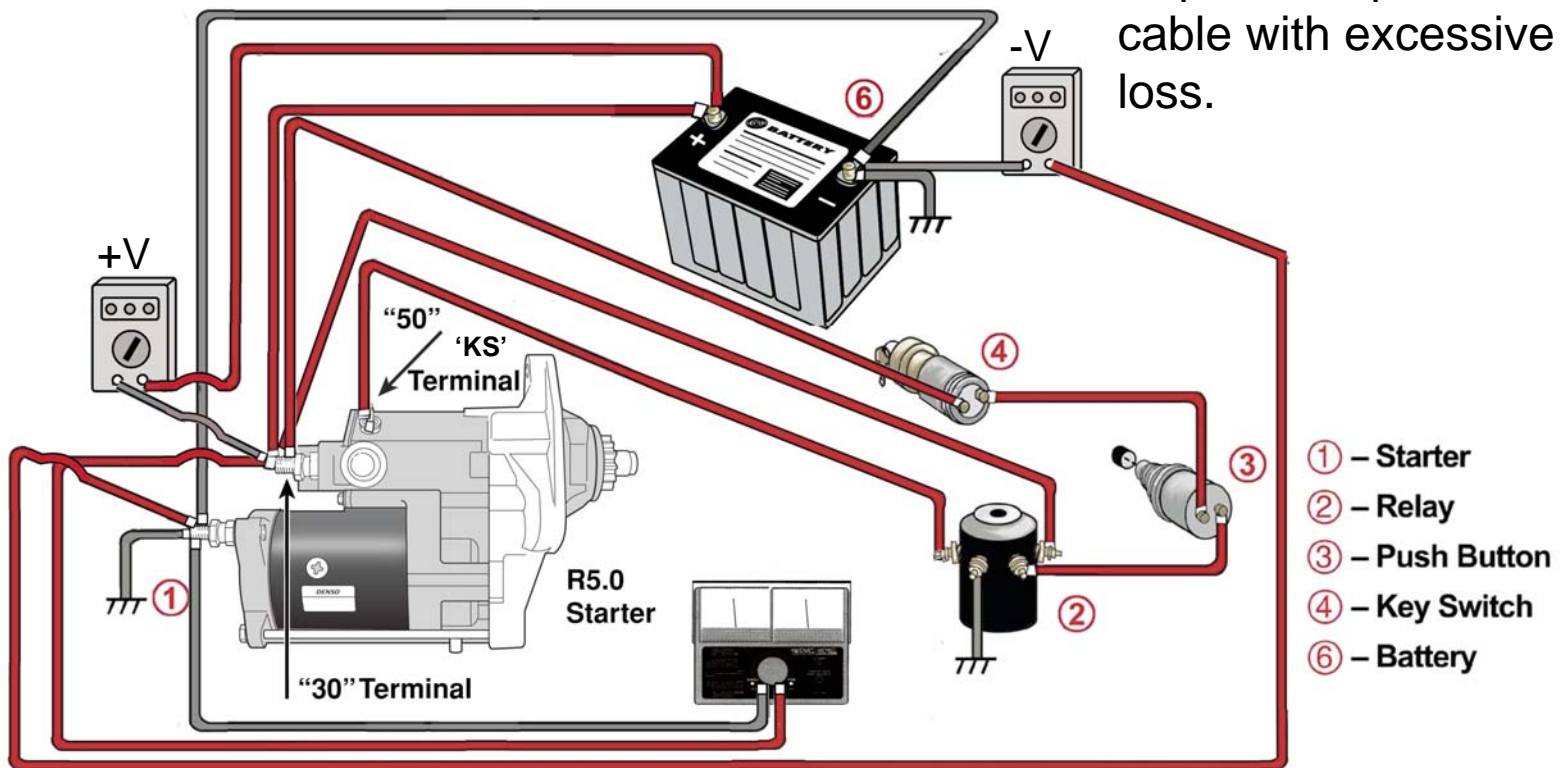
❖ Proceed to positive & negative cable. Voltage loss tests if total loss exceeds specs.



# Starting System

## Cable Voltage Loss Tests

1. Adjust load to 500 A. Record +V value.
2. Adjust load to 500 A. Record -V.
3. Add +V and -V.
4. Total loss not to exceed 0.5V.  
Repair or replace cable with excessive loss.

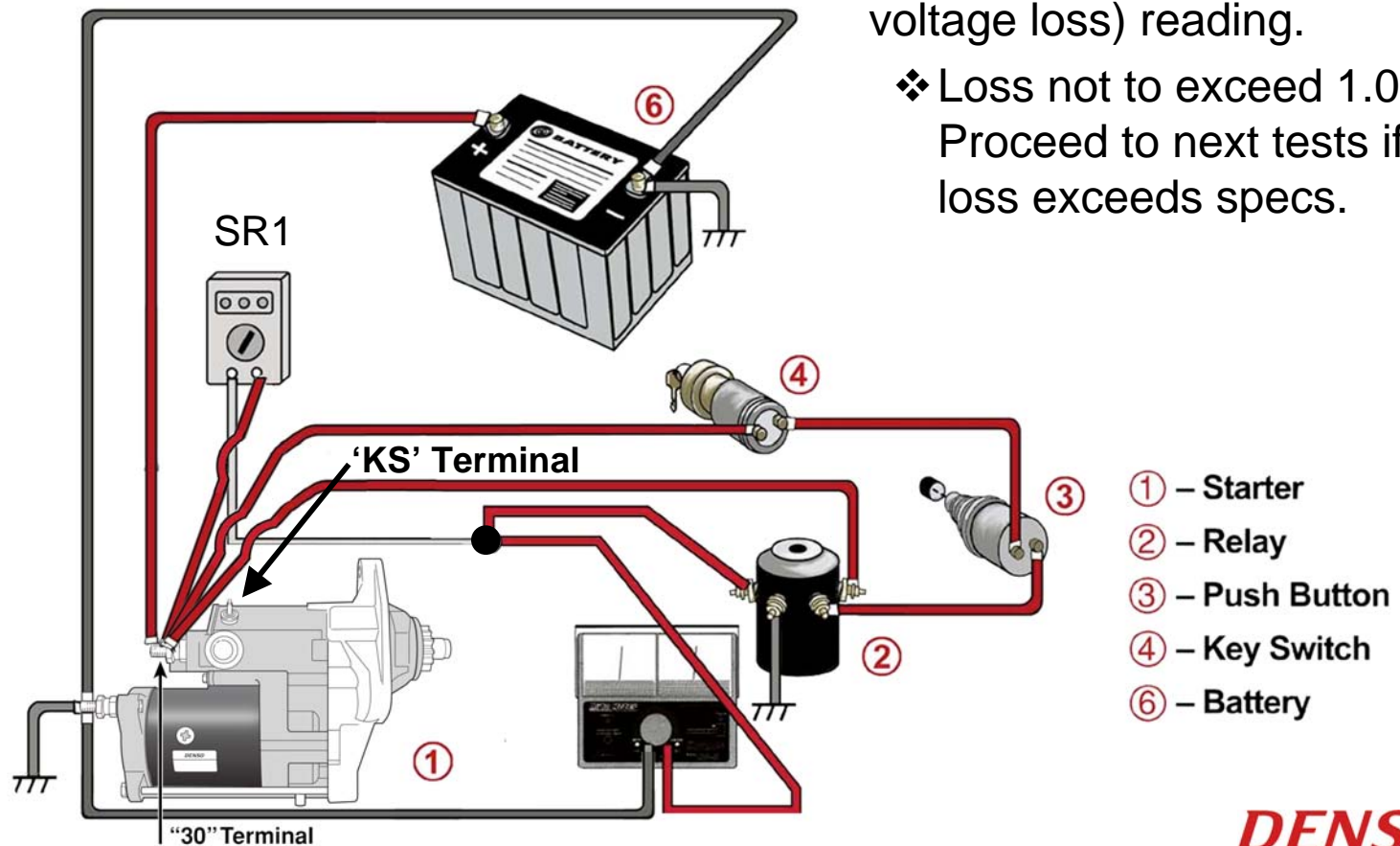


# Relay Circuit Voltage Loss

1. Disconnect "KS" terminal from starter relay as illustrated.
2. Connect load tester and voltmeter as illustrated.
3. Turn on key switch, press start button. Listen for relay to close. Adjust load to 100 amps.

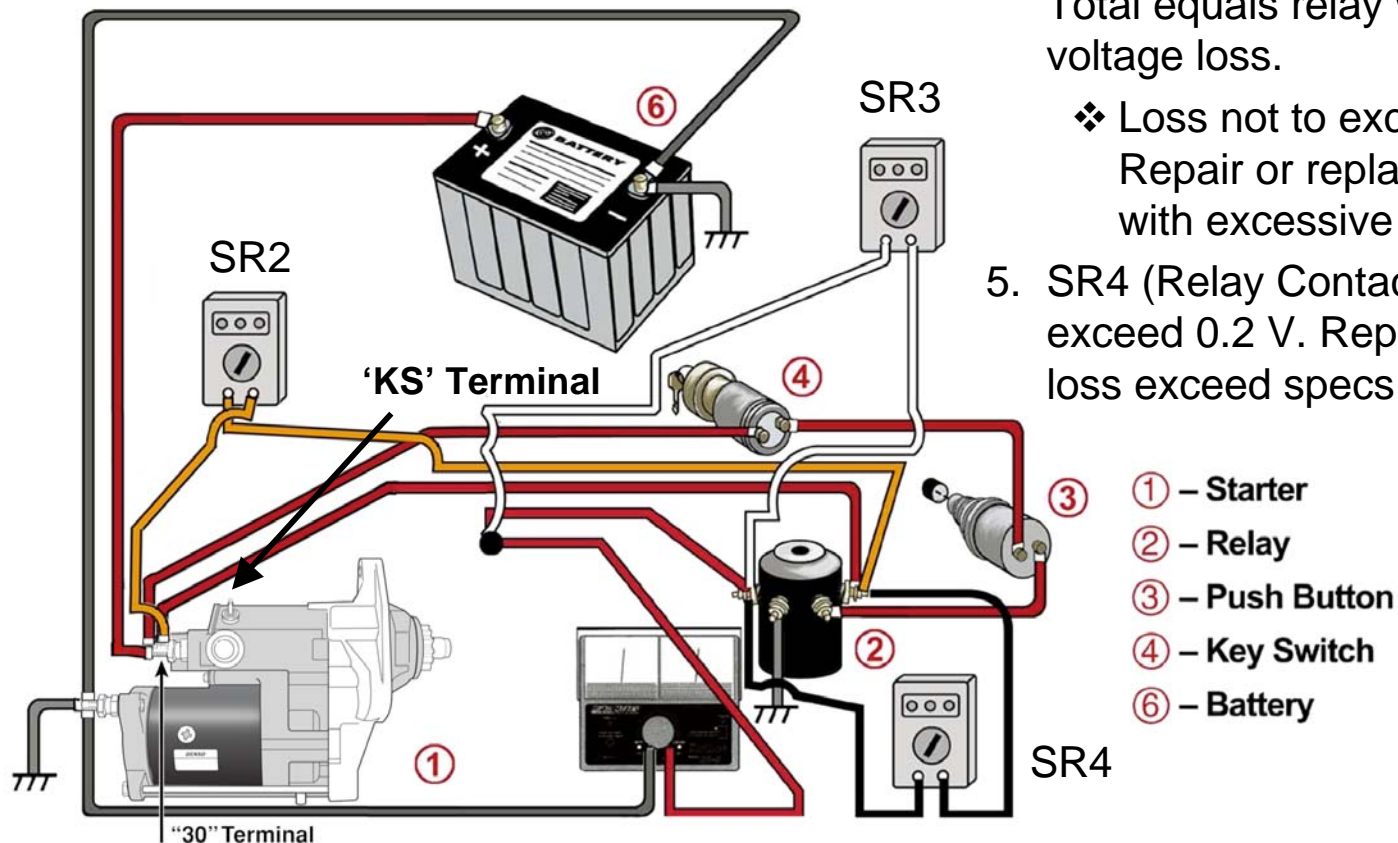
4. Record SR1 (starter relay voltage loss) reading.

❖ Loss not to exceed 1.0 V.  
Proceed to next tests if loss exceeds specs.



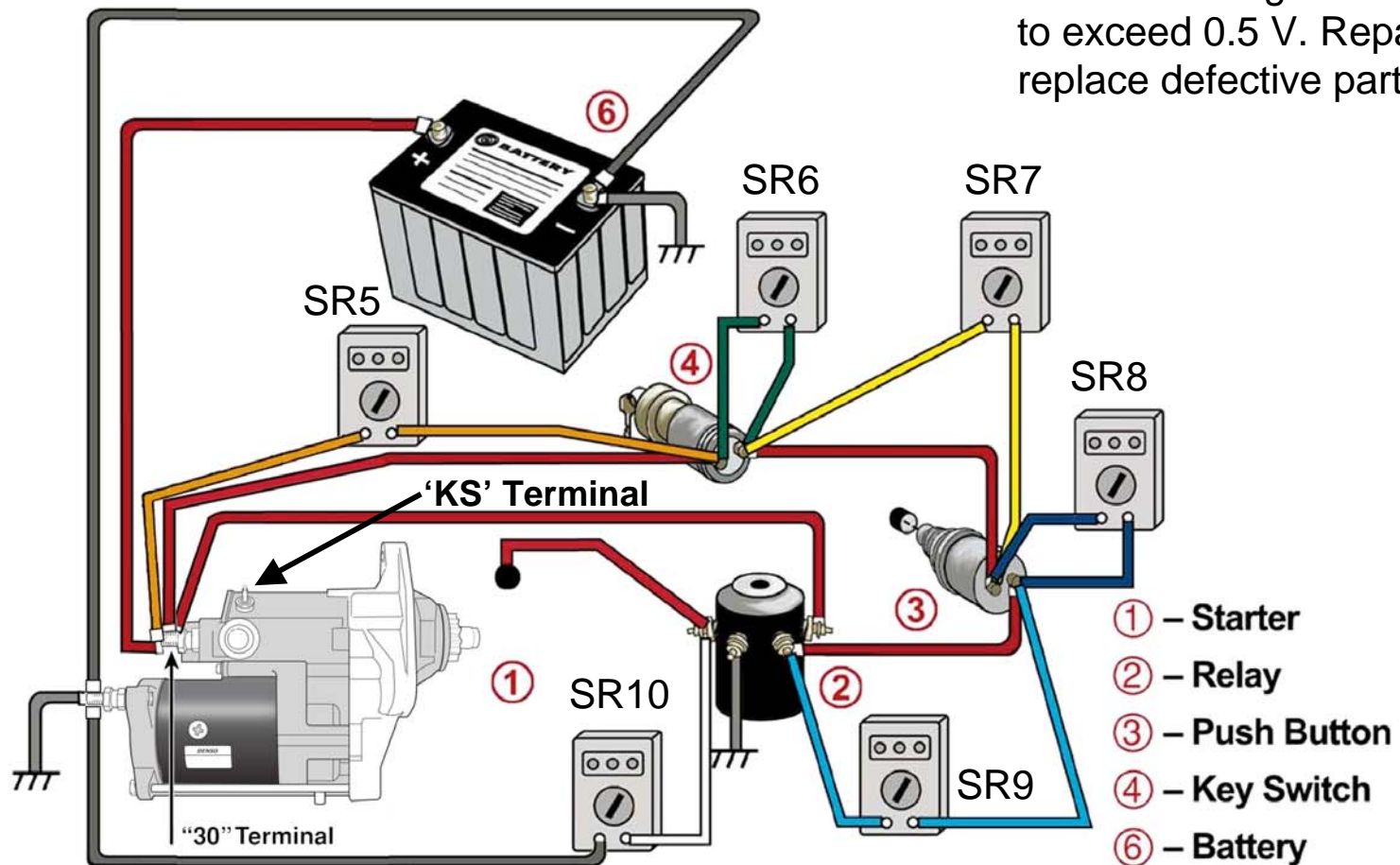
# Relay Circuit Voltage Loss

1. Connect load tester as illustrated (same as previous test)
2. Turn on key switch, press start button. Adjust load to 100 amps.
3. Connect volt meter to test points as illustrated. Record voltage reading at SR2, SR3 and SR4.
4. Add readings SR2 and SR3. Total equals relay wire voltage loss.
  - ❖ Loss not to exceed 0.8 V. Repair or replace wire with excessive loss.
5. SR4 (Relay Contact) not to exceed 0.2 V. Replace relay if loss exceed specs.



# Relay Circuit Voltage Loss

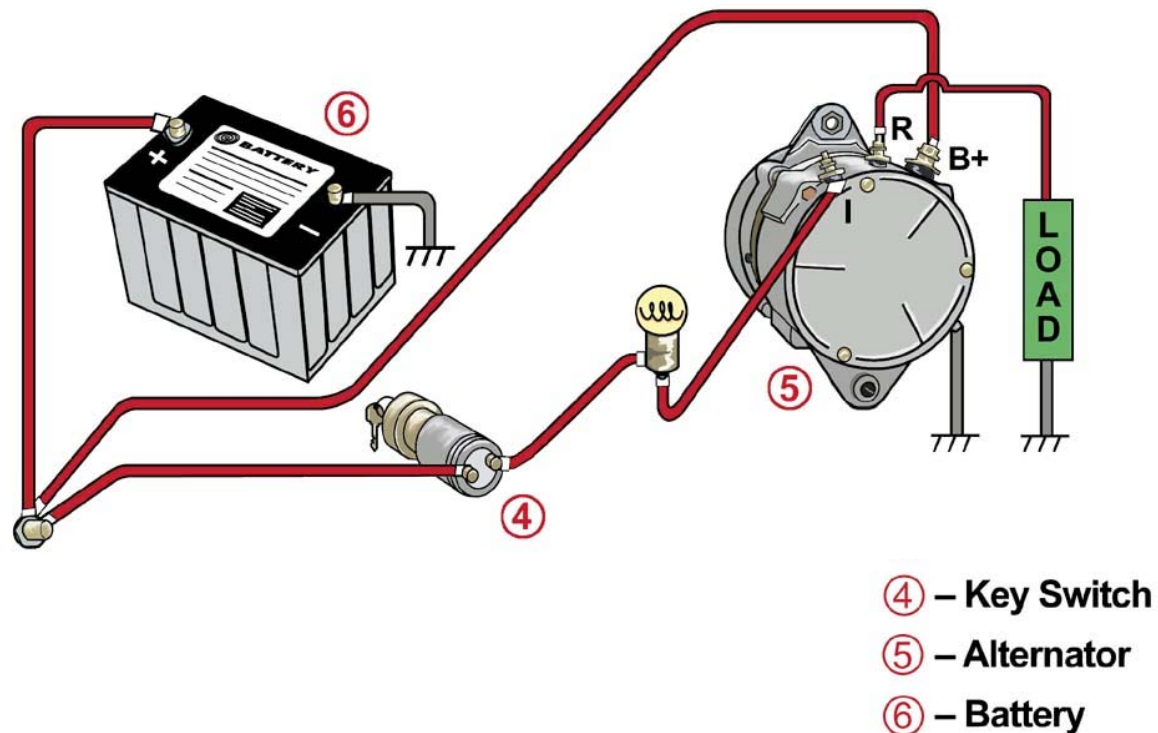
1. Disconnect "KS" terminal wire
  2. Turn key switch on, press start button.
  3. Connect voltmeter to test points SR5 – SR10.
  4. Record voltage readings at specified test points.
- ❖ Add all readings. Total not to exceed 0.5 V. Repair or replace defective part.



# Charging System Troubleshooting

## Precautions

- Do not operate the alternator with its B+ terminal disconnected.
- Do not disconnect the battery while the alternator is rotating.
- Never ground the alternator B+ terminal, It has battery voltage at all times.
- Never use a Mega-Ohm tester on an alternator.
- Never expose the alternator to water.



# Charging System Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Indicator lamp does not light with key switch on	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Blown fuse</li><li>2. Lamp burned out</li><li>3. Wiring connections loose</li><li>4. Defective relay</li><li>5. Defective regulator</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check charge, Ignition and Engine fuses, replace as needed.</li><li>2. Replace lamp</li><li>3. Tighten loose connections</li><li>4. Check relays, if used, for continuity and proper operation</li><li>5. Replace regulator or alternator</li></ol>

# Charging System Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>Batteries not charging</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Insufficient belt tension</li><li>2. Defective battery(s) or battery connections</li><li>3. Blown fuse or fusible link</li><li>4. Defective wiring</li><li>5. Faulty alternator</li><li>6. Excessive electrical load</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tighten or replace</li><li>2. Check battery(s) and battery terminal connections</li><li>3. Check fuse and fusible link; replace as needed</li><li>4. Check voltage drop</li><li>5. Replace alternator</li><li>6. Reduce load by turning off all unnecessary accessories</li></ol>

# Charging System Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>Constantly overcharging (battery electrolyte is depleted in a short time)</b>	Battery Poor contact at voltage detection point of alternator Faulty voltage regulator	Faulty battery; replace Clean contact area Replace regulator or alternator
<b>Abnormal Noise</b>	Insufficient belt tension Faulty bearing	Tighten or replace Replace alternator

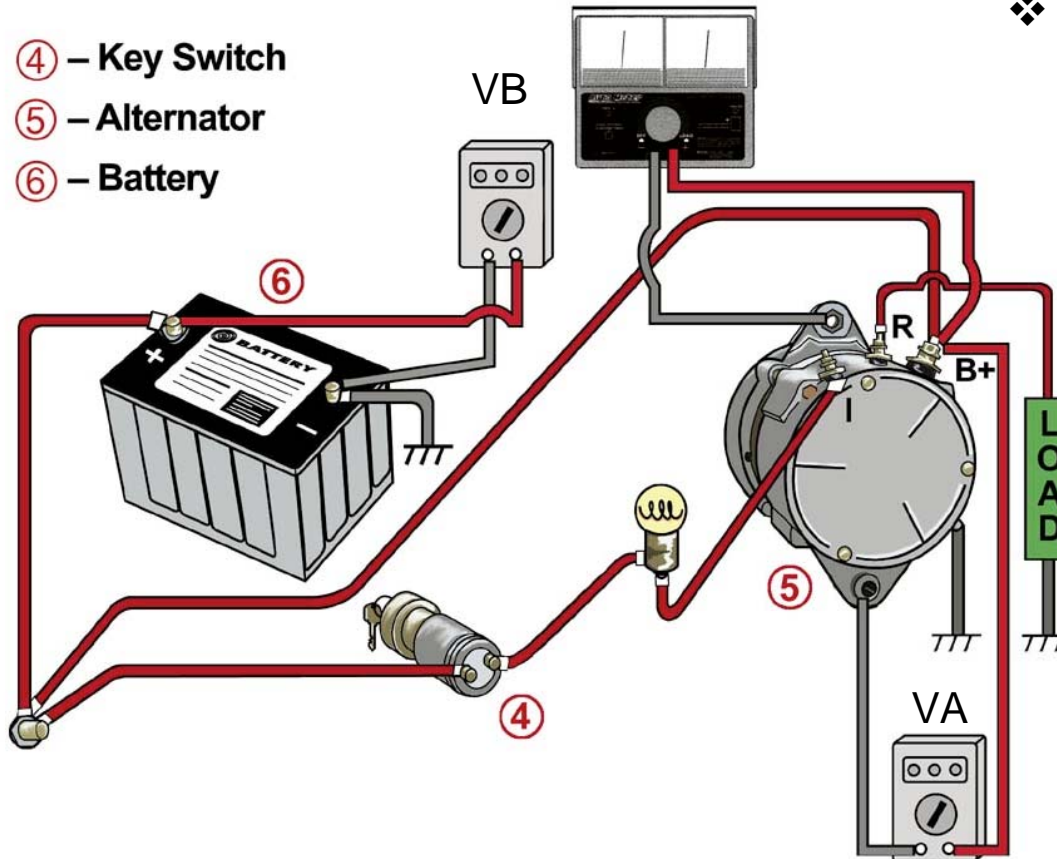
# Charging System

## System Voltage Loss

1. Adjust load to rated alternator output.  
Record VB (Battery Voltage) reading.
2. Adjust load to rated alternator output.  
Record VA (Alternator Voltage) reading.

3. Subtract VA (Alternator Voltage) from VB (Battery Voltage).

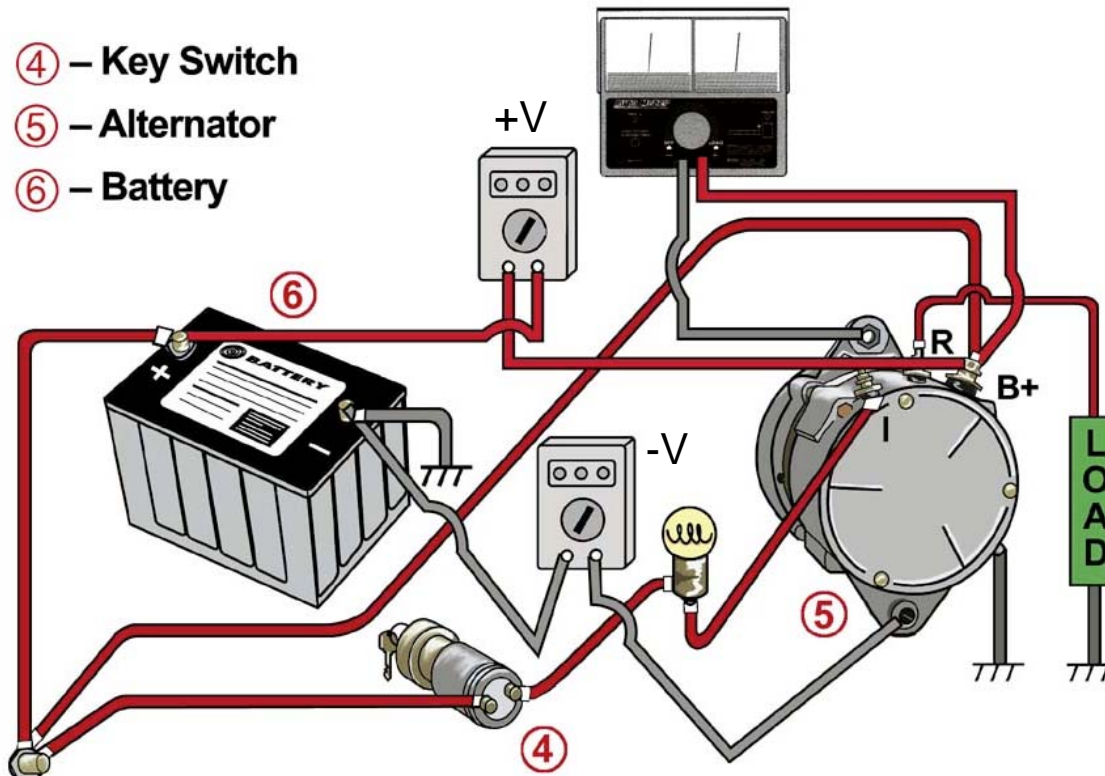
❖ Loss not to exceed 0.5V. Proceed to positive and negative cable loss tests if loss exceeds specs.



# Charging System

## Cable Voltage Loss Test

1. Adjust load to rated alternator output.  
Record +V (Positive Cable Loss) reading.
  2. Adjust load to rated alternator output.  
Record -V (Negative Cable Loss) reading.
- ❖ Loss not to exceed 0.5V.  
Repair or replace cable with excessive loss.



## **New Technology**

The DENSO R5.0 starter does not generate the same amount of heat as our competitors.

**Overcrank protection not necessary.**