

Codes 10705 and Below

COMMANDER 500 ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING FLOWCHARTS

HOW TO USE THIS FLOWCHART BOOK

It's important to note that these flowcharts may not lead the troubleshooter to an exact cause of a problem, only to a general area where the exact cause may be found. Some additional troubleshooting without this manual may be required.

In the "Complaints" section, find the Table of Contents. Find the complaint that closest fits the problem with the machine you are working on, and go to that flowchart. The flowchart will direct you to make actions and decisions to help find the root cause of the complaint. The flowchart may also ask you to go to another flowchart in the "Components" section. When this happens, go to the Table of Contents in the "Components" section, and locate the flowchart that you need. Perform the actions and decisions in that flowchart, and when finished, go back to the flowchart in the "Complaints" section, and proceed to the next step. Once the root cause of the failure is found, troubleshooting is done, there is no need to follow the rest of the flowchart.

If none of the complaints in the "Complaints" Table of Contents fits your problem, proceed to the "Components" Table of Contents and locate the Component that you feel may be at fault. Go to that Component flowchart, and perform the actions and decisions in that flowchart. When finished, record your new complaint in the "Complaints" Table of Contents, what Component flowchart was used to fix the problem, and the exact component that failed. The new complaint will now be there for future reference.

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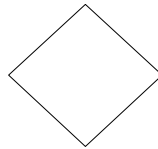
FLOWCHART BASICS

If you have never used a flowchart before, the first sight of a flowchart can be intimidating. Flowcharts are nothing more than roadmaps that use symbols and arrows to direct the user to perform tasks and make decisions to achieve an end result. In this case, that end result is finding the cause of failure in a failed Commander 500. Look at each symbol in the flowchart, read its contents and follow them. Then, when done, follow the arrow to the next symbol and repeat. There are only three types of symbols used in these flowcharts. They are as follows:



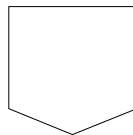
PROCESS SYMBOL

This symbol tells the troubleshooter that some action needs to take place. The text inside this symbol will tell you what task needs to be performed before proceeding to the next step in the flowchart.



DECISION SYMBOL

This symbol tells the troubleshooter that a “yes” or “no” decision needs to take place. The text inside the symbol will ask the question. Make your “yes” or “no” decision, then follow the arrow in the direction of your answer.



OFF-PAGE CONNECTOR

This symbol tells the troubleshooter to jump to another flowchart in the “Components” section. The text inside the symbol will tell you what flow chart to use. When you are finished with the flowchart you jumped to, return back to the flowchart in the “Complaints” section and proceed to the next step in the flowchart.

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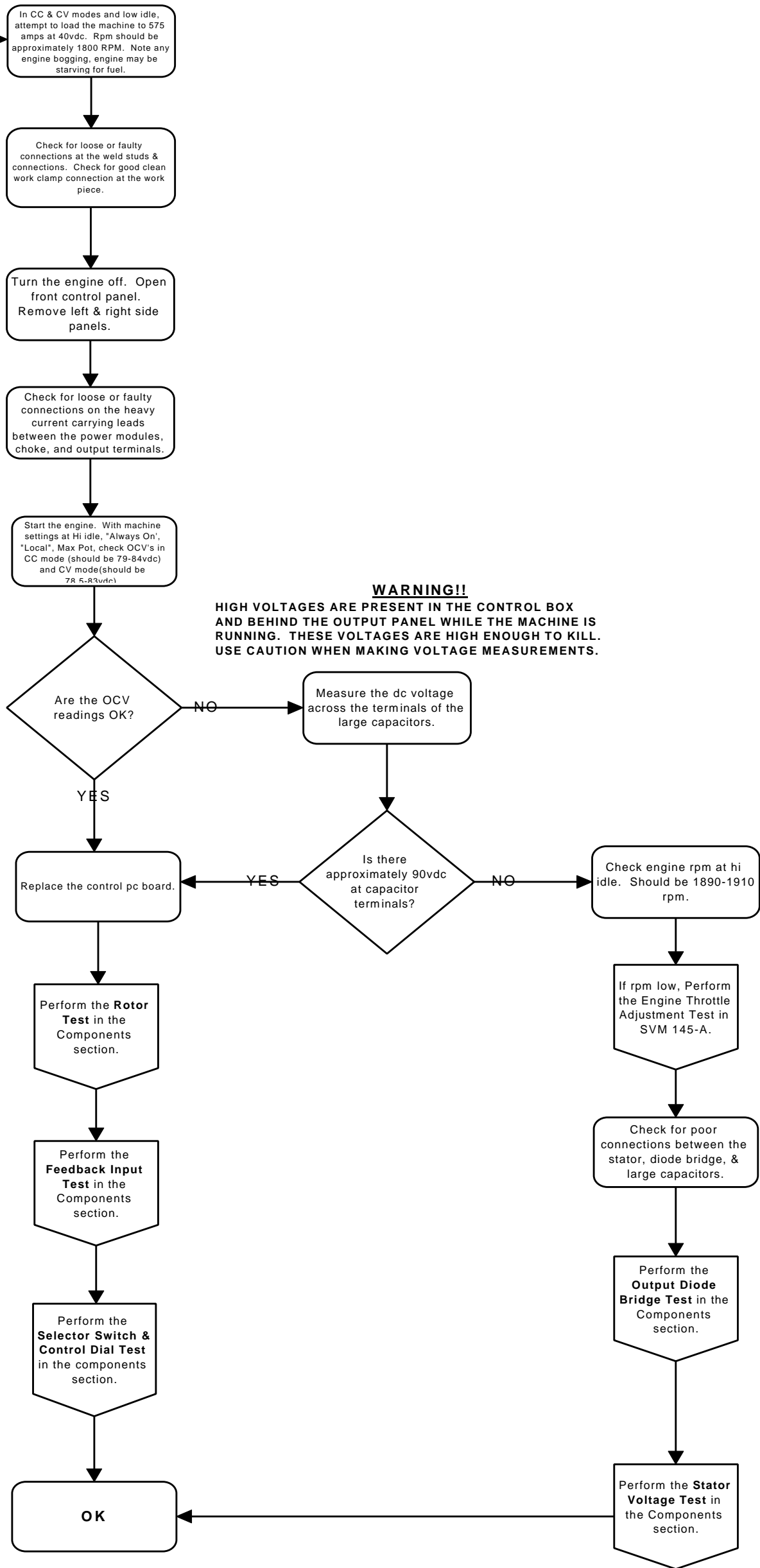
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MACHINE WON'T MAKE
MAX WELD OUTPUT.

TOOLS NEEDED

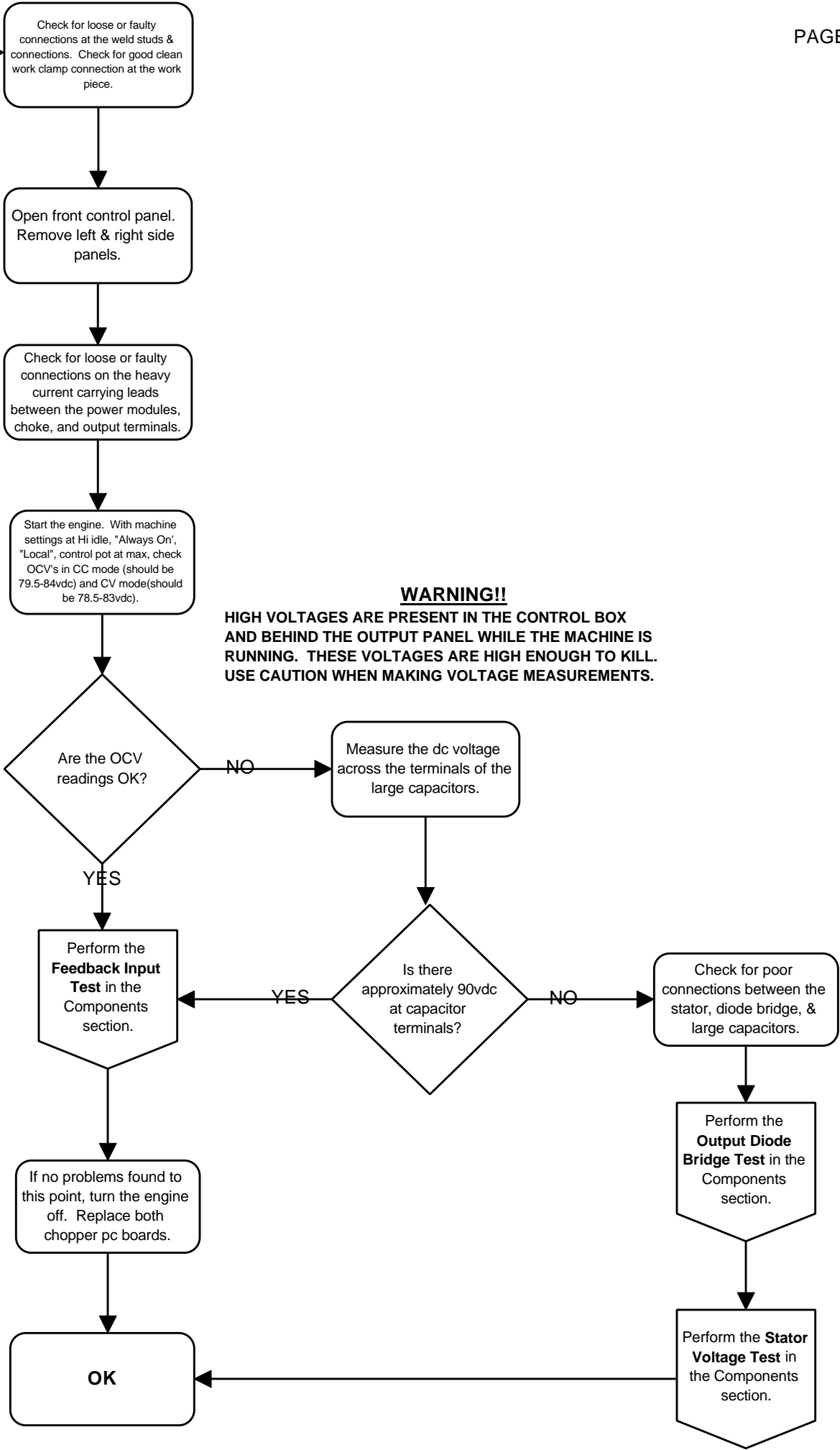
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
7/16" wrench
multi-meter
wiring diagram
tachometer
load grid
ammeter(capable of
measuring 375A)



**WELD OUTPUT FALLS OFF.
AUXILIARY OUTPUT IS NORMAL.**

TOOLS NEEDED

- 3/8" wrench
- 7/16" wrench
- 5/16" nutdriver
- multi-meter
- wiring diagram



**DISPLAY METERS ARE DEAD.
ENGINE OPERATION IS NORMAL.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
isolated 115vac supply

Perform the **Rotor Test** in the Components section.

Perform the **Power Supply Test** in the Components section.

Perform the **Control Transformer Test** in the Components section.

Perform the **Stator Voltage Test** in the Components section.

OK

**ARC CUTS OUT.
- OR -
INTERMITTENT ARC.**

**AUXILIARY OUTPUT IS
NORMAL.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
weld grid
ammeter(capable of
measuring 575A)

Check for loose or faulty connections at the weld studs & connections. Check for good clean work clamp connection at the work piece.

Open front control panel.
Remove left & right side panels.

Check for loose or faulty connections on the heavy current carrying leads between the power modules, choke, and output terminals.

Remove the output panel. Inspect the weld choke for broken insulators at the choke mountings. Also look for turn to turn shorts, or coil grounds to lamination.

Perform the **Rotor Test** in the Components section.

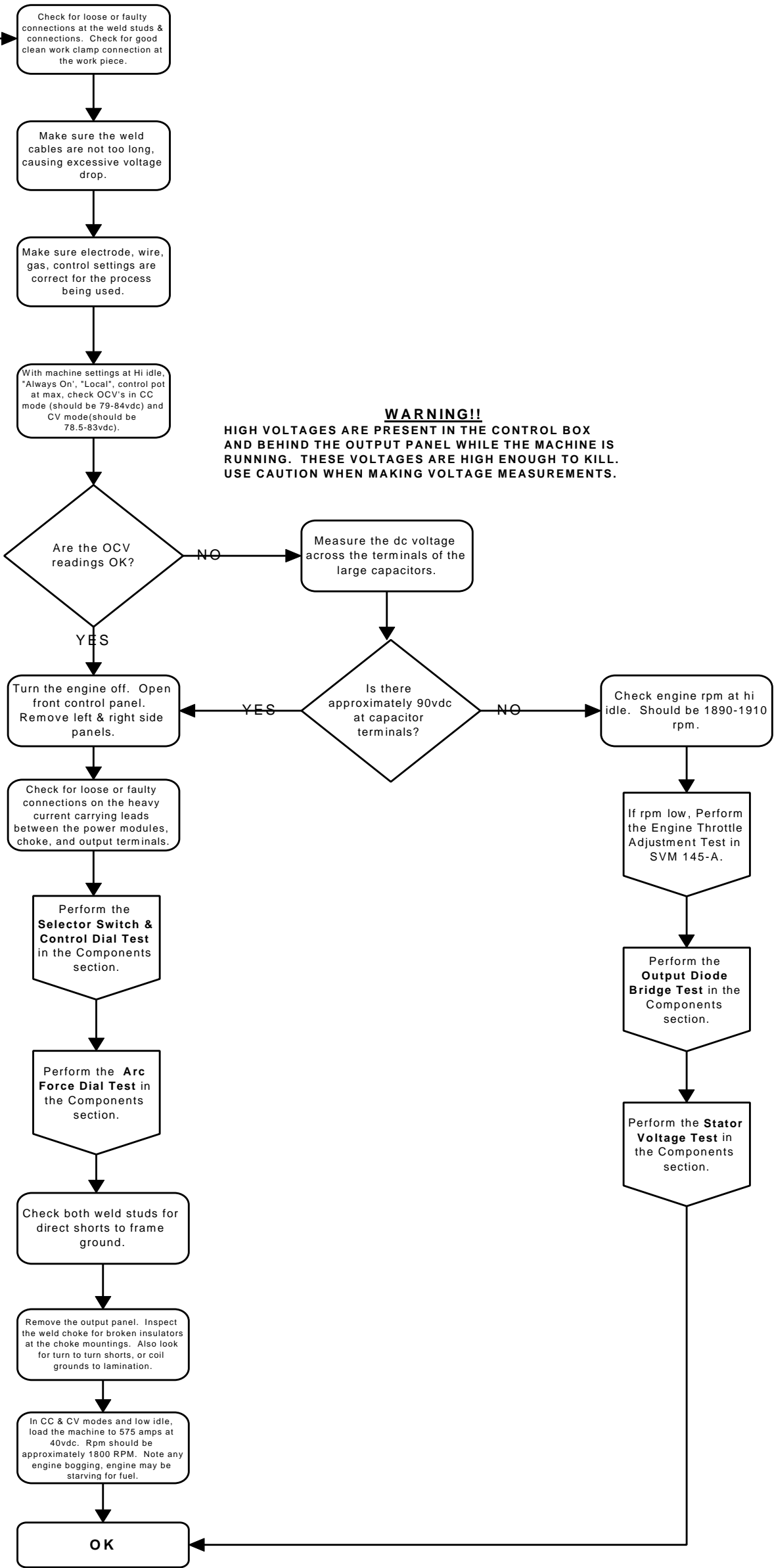
OK

ARC IS ERRATIC.
- OR -
ARC IS TOO COLD.
- OR -
ELECTRODE STICKS, POPS OUT.

AUXILIARY OUTPUT IS NORMAL

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
7/16" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
weld grid
ammeter(capable of
measuring 575A)
tachometer

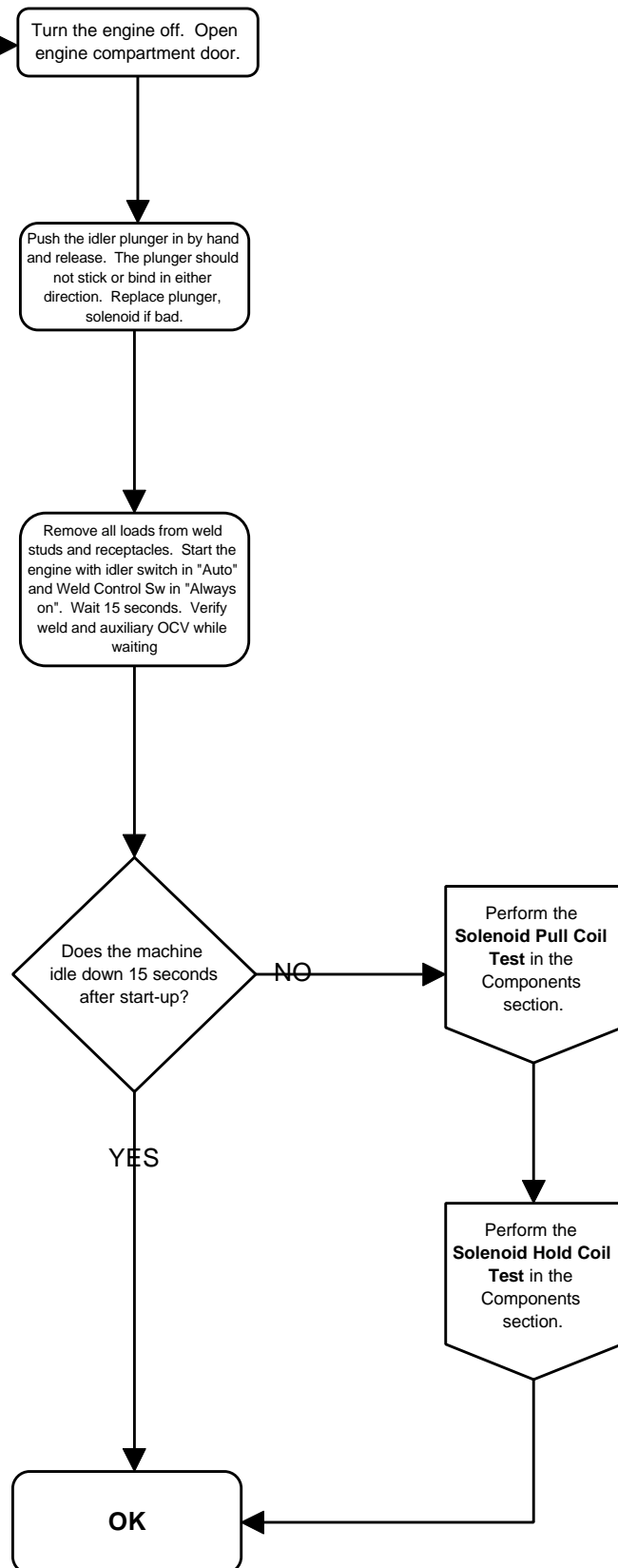


**MACHINE WON'T IDLE
DOWN.
WELD & AUXILIARY
OUTPUT IS NORMAL.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram

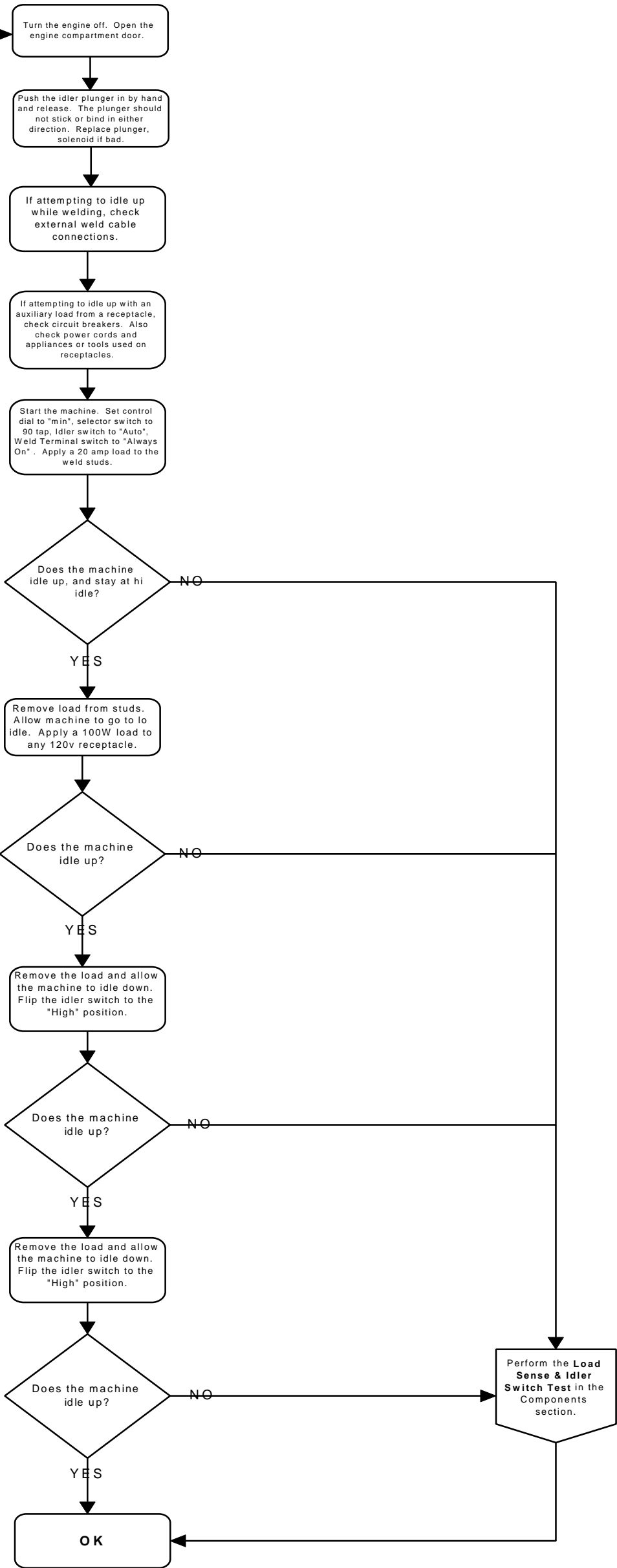
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THE MACHINE WON'T
IDLE UP.
WELD & AUXILIARY
OUTPUT IS NORMAL.

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
weld grid
ammeter(capable of
measuring 20A)
trouble light w/ 100W bulb



NO WELD CONTROL.
- OR -
MACHINE GOES TO FULL OUTPUT.
- OR -
**ARC IS TOO HOT, EXCESSIVE
SPATTERING & CANNONBALLING.**

AUXILIARY OUTPUT IS NORMAL.

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram

Perform the
**Selector Switch &
Control Dial Test**
in the **Components**
section.

Perform the **Power
Module Test** in the
Components
section.

Perform the
**Feedback Input
Test** in the
Components
section.

Perform the **Arc
Force Dial Test** in
the **Components**
section.

Remove the output panel. Inspect
the weld choke for broken
insulators at the choke mountings.
Also look for turn to turn shorts, or
coil grounds to lamination.

Check both weld studs
for direct shorts to frame
ground.

OK

**DISPLAY READS
"010" ALL THE TIME.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram

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If no remote control cable is used, make sure the local/remote switch is in the "Local" position.

If a remote cable is used, check the remote cable for bad connections.

Perform the **Display Board Calibration Test** in the **Components** section.

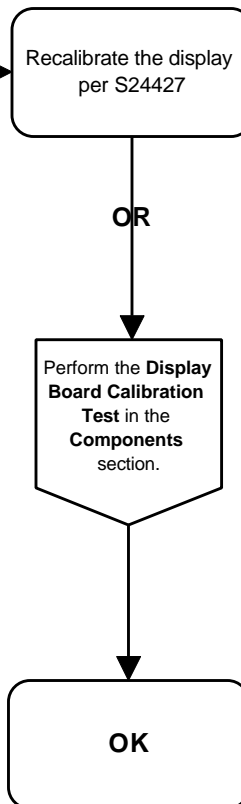
Perform the **Range Selector Switch & Control Dial Test** in the **Components** section.

OK

**RANGE ON DISPLAY METERS
DOESN'T AGREE WITH NAMEPLATE.
- OR -
DISPLAY METER SETTINGS DON'T
AGREE WITH ACTUAL AMPS/VOLTS.
WELDING OUTPUT IS NORMAL**

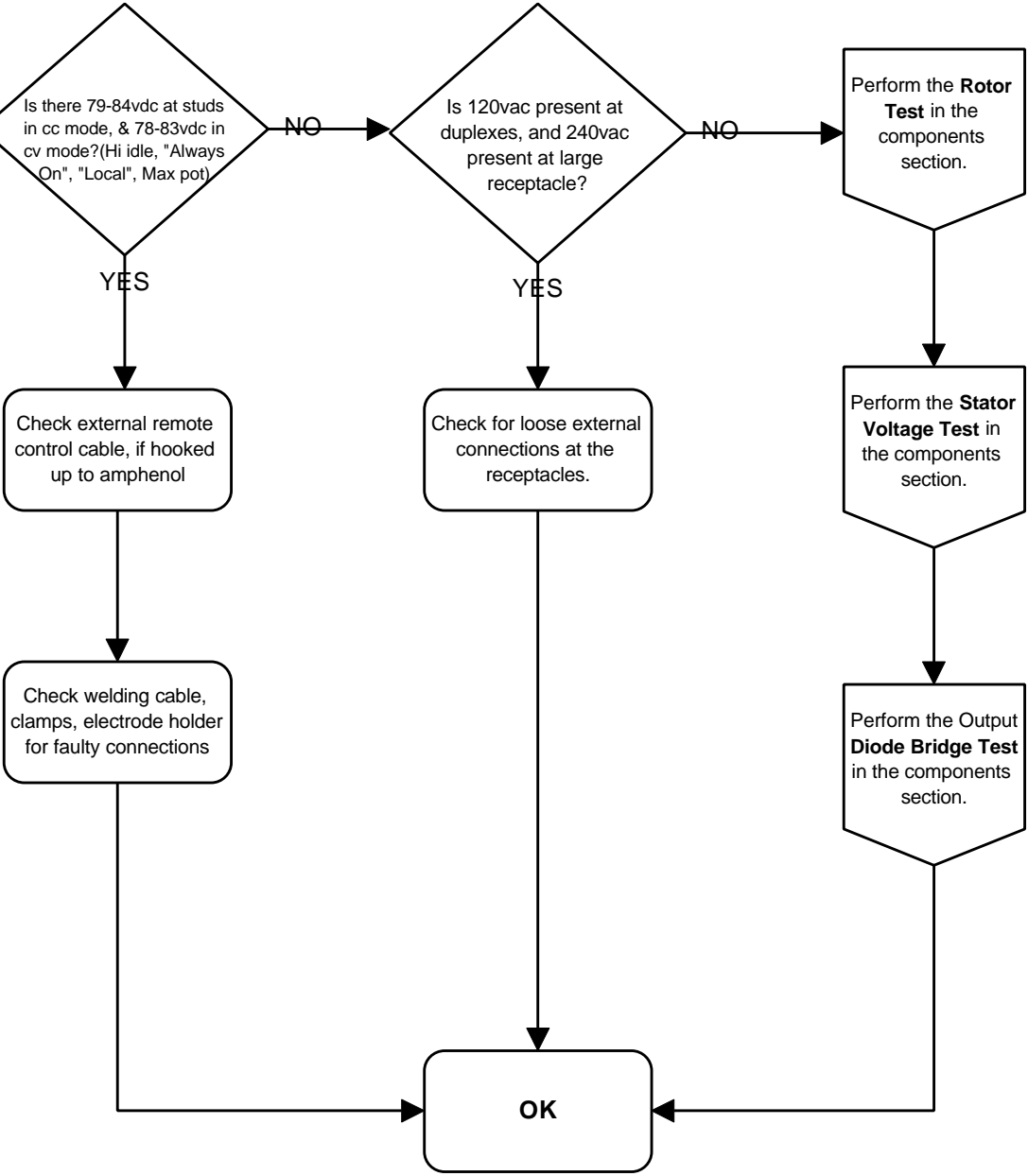
TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
wiring diagram
multi-meter
ammeter (capable of
measuring 200A)
load grid(capable of 200A @ 30v)



**NO WELD OUTPUT OR
AUXILIARY OUTPUT
ENGINE OPERATION IS NORMAL.**

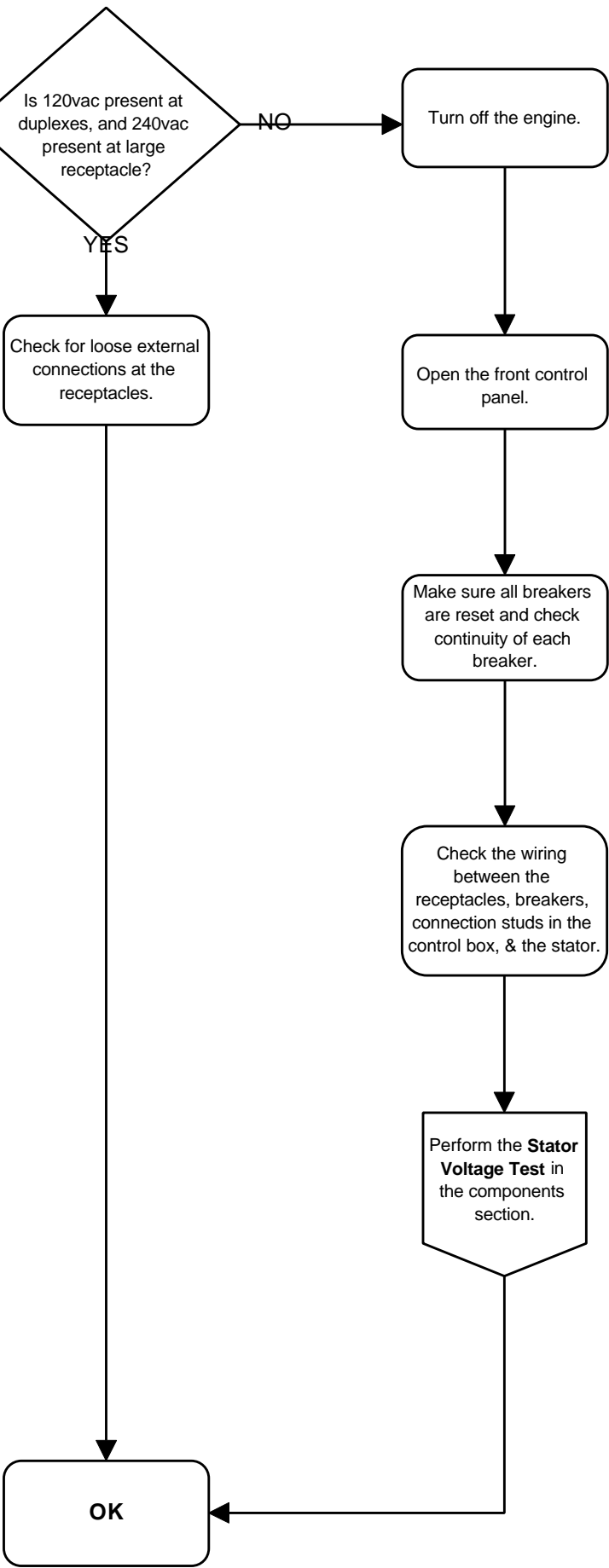
TOOLS NEEDED
3/8" wrench
7/16" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram



NO AUXILIARY OUTPUT
WELD OUTPUT IS NORMAL.
ENGINE OPERATION IS NORMAL.

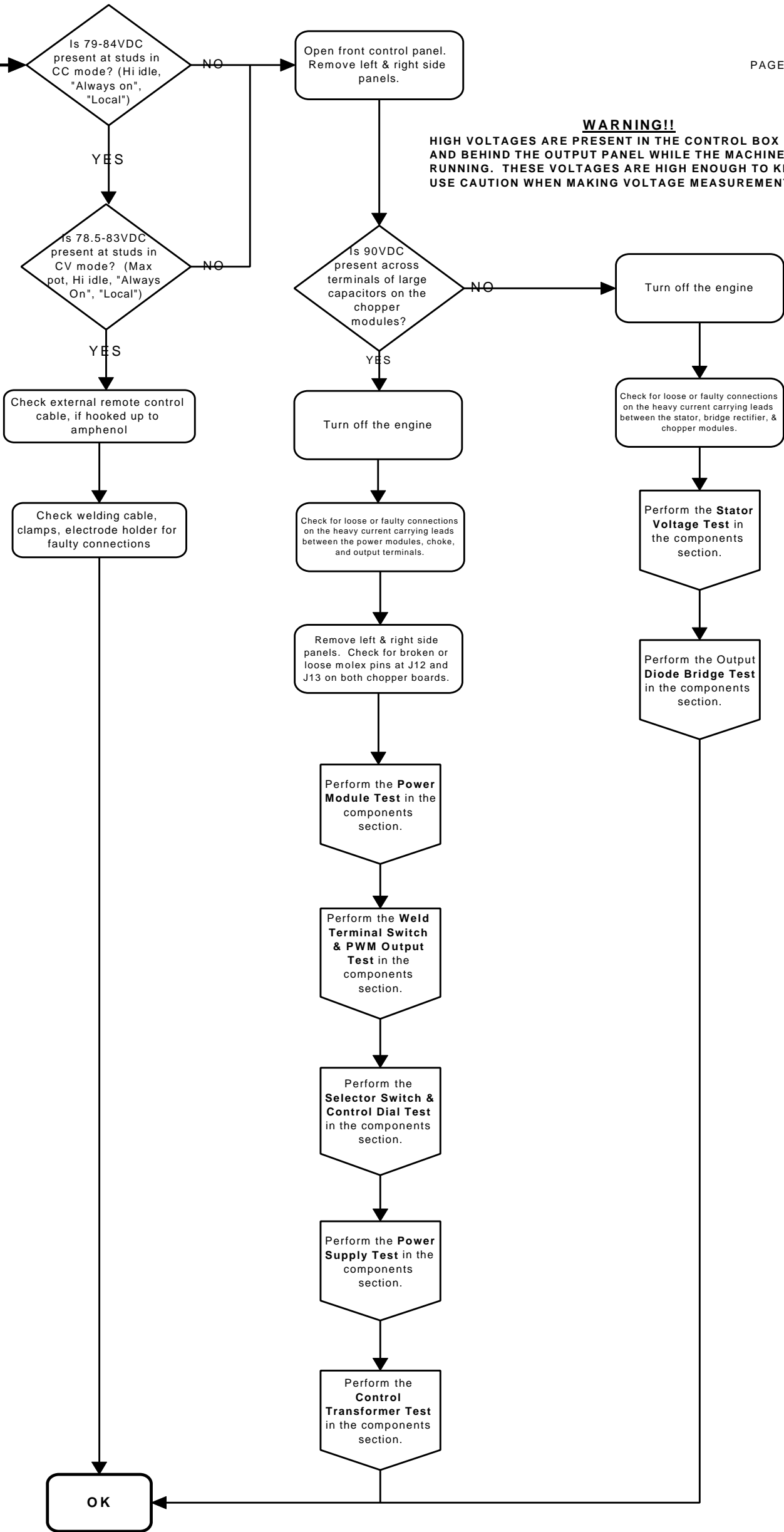
TOOLS NEEDED

- 3/8" wrench
- 7/16" wrench
- 5/16" nutdriver
- multi-meter
- wiring diagram



NO WELDING OUTPUT.
AUXILIARY OUTPUT IS NORMAL.
ENGINE OPERATION IS NORMAL.

- TOOLS NEEDED**
- 3/8" wrench
 - 7/16" wrench
 - 1/2" wrench
 - 3/4" wrench
 - 5/16" nutdriver
 - multi-meter w/ diode check
 - wiring diagram
 - load grid
 - ammeter(capable of 575a)

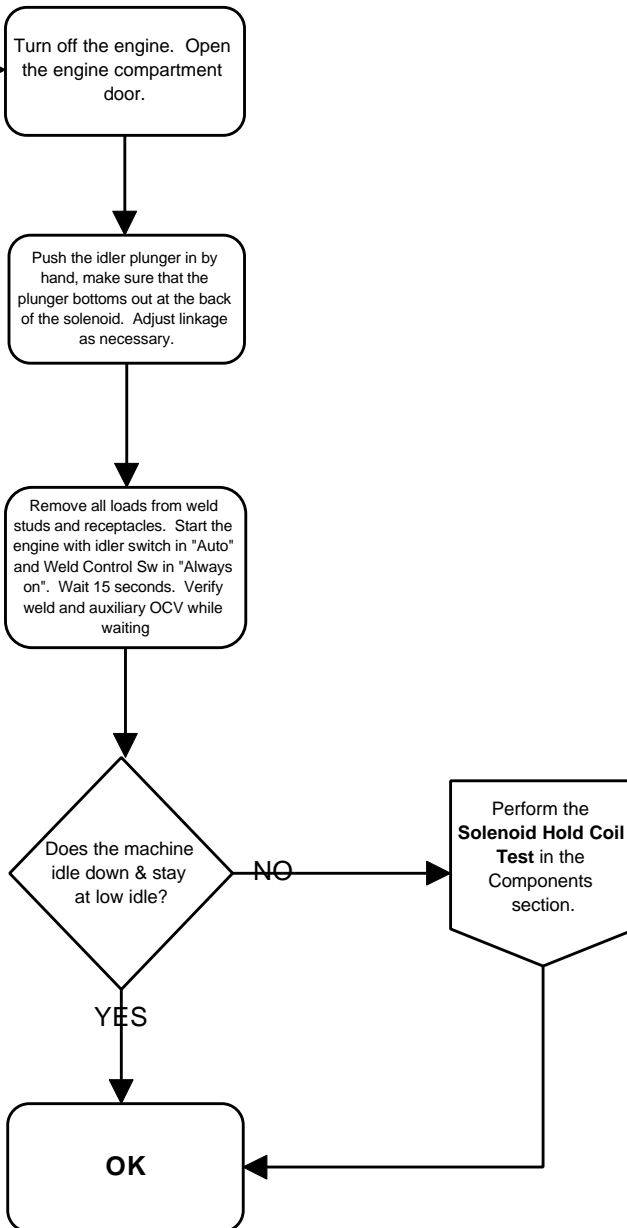


**THE MACHINE IDLES
DOWN BRIEFLY, THEN
BACK UP.
WELD & AUXILIARY
OUTPUT IS NORMAL.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
48" 18ga wire

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**ENGINE SHUTS
DOWN SHORTLY
AFTER START-UP.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
48" 18ga wire

Make sure all fluids are topped off.

Check the indicator lights after shutdown.
Troubleshoot the appropriate mechanical system as indicated.

Perform the **Engine Protection Sensor Tests** in the Components section.

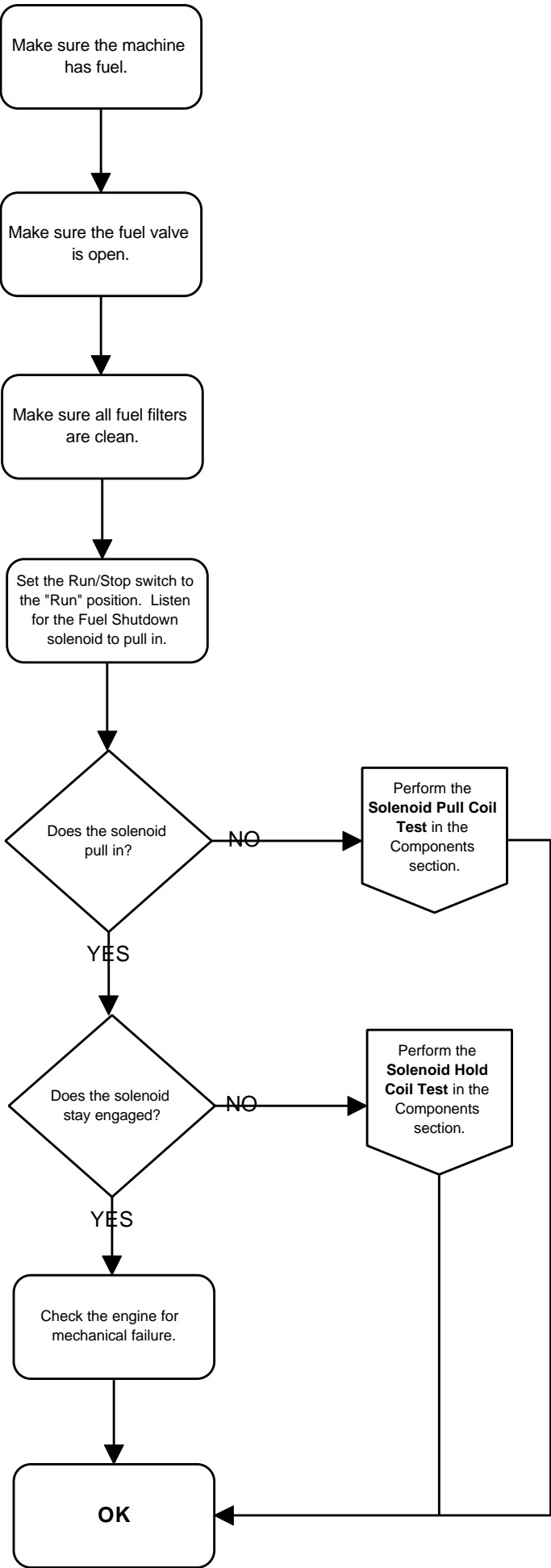
Perform the **Solenoid Hold Coil Test** in the Components section.

OK

**ENGINE CRANKS
BUT WILL NOT
START.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
48" 18ga wire
48" 16ga wire



**MACHINE IDLES UP WITH
NO LOAD APPLIED.**

**WELD & AUXILIARY
OUTPUT IS NORMAL.**

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
48" 18ga wire

Turn off the engine. Open
the engine compartment
door.

Push the idler plunger in by
hand, make sure that the
plunger bottoms out at the back
of the solenoid. Adjust linkage
as necessary.

Perform the
**Solenoid Hold Coil
Test** in the
Components
section.

Replace the Engine
Protection pc board.

OK

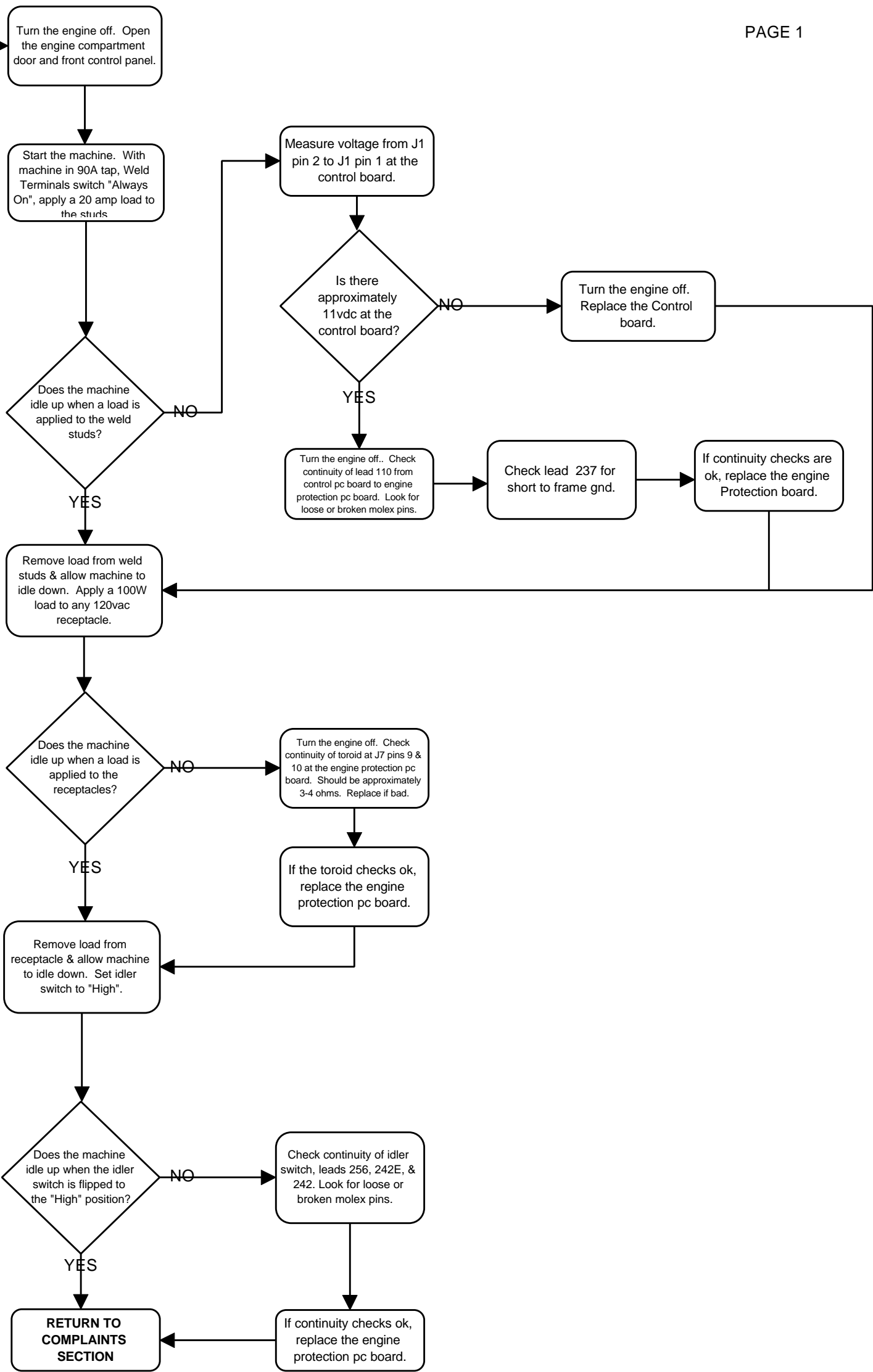
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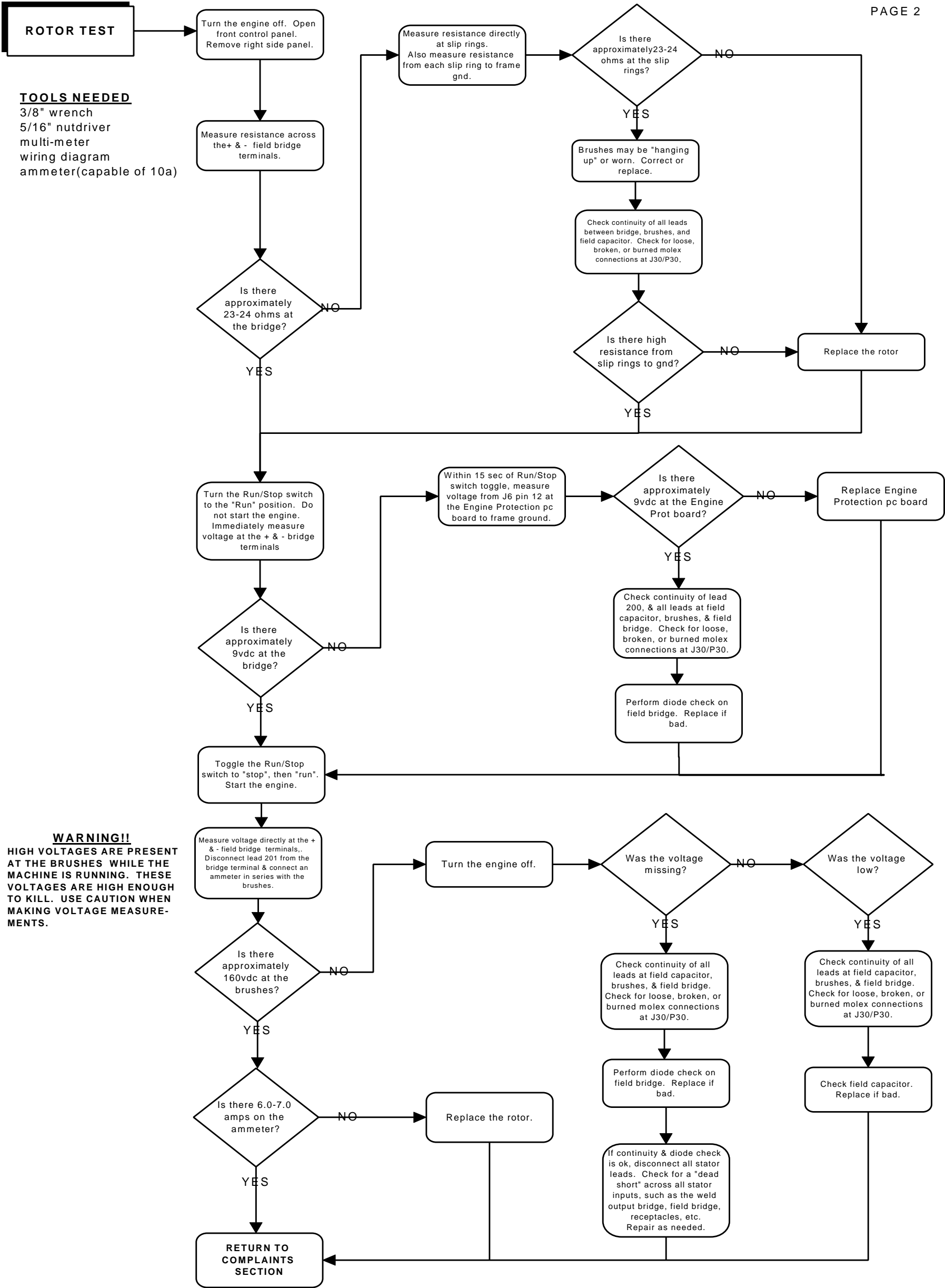
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LOAD SENSE (for idler) & IDLER SWITCH TEST

- TOOLS NEEDED**
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
load grid (20A load)
Ammeter (capable of measuring 20a)
10" crescent wrench
trouble light w/ 100w bulb

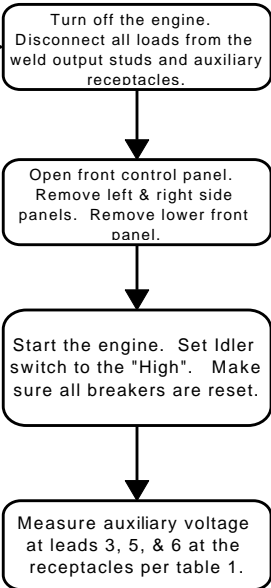




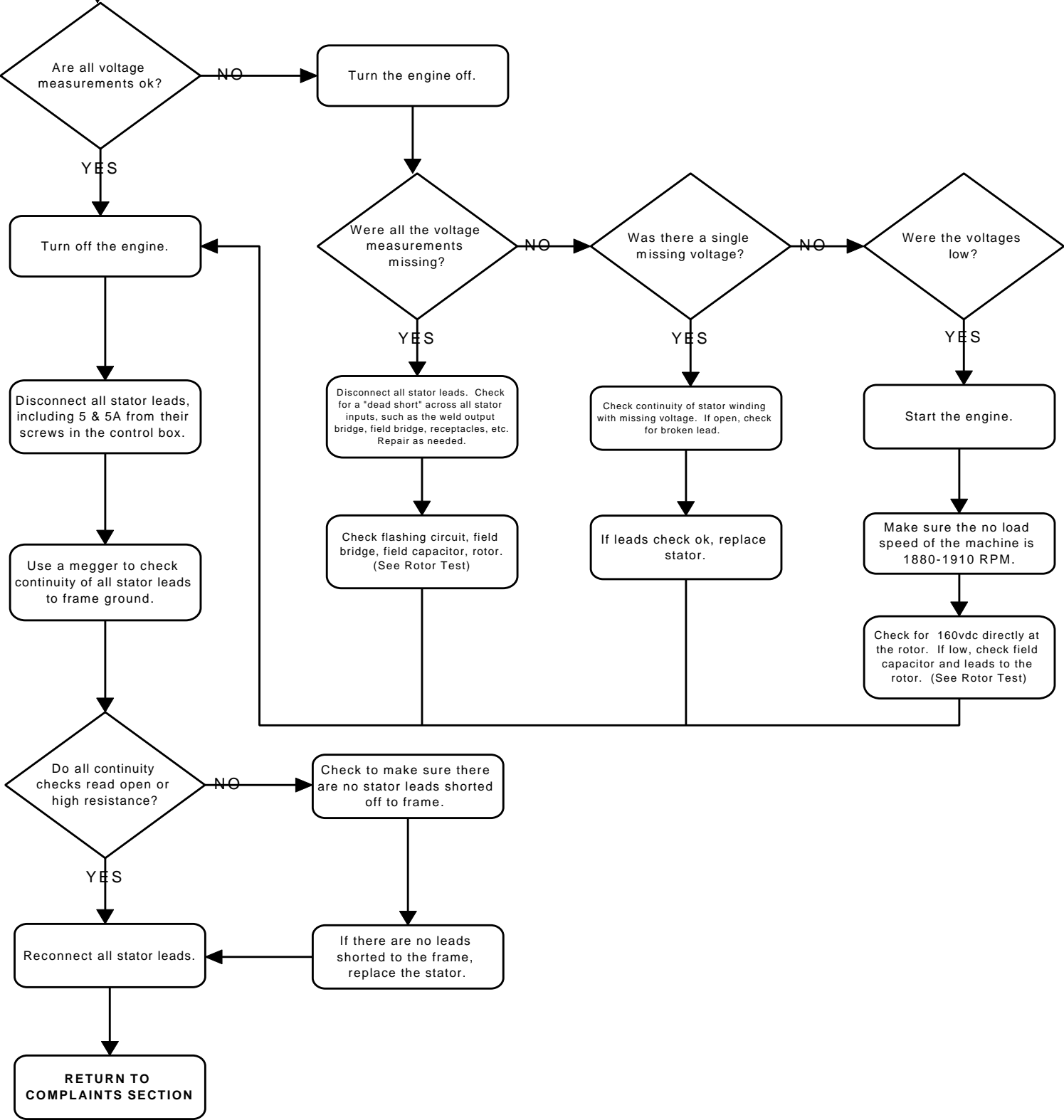
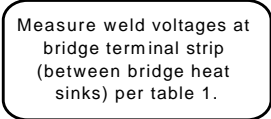
STATOR
VOLTAGE
TEST

- TOOLS NEEDED**
3/8" wrench
7/16" wrench
11/32" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
tachometer
multi-meter
wiring diagram
megger

TABLE 1	
STATOR LEADS	AC VOLTAGE
#3 TO #5	115-132
#5 TO #6	115-132
#3 TO #6	230-264
W1 TO W3	68.0
W3 TO W5	68.0
W5 TO W1	68.0



WARNING!!
HIGH VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT IN THE CONTROL BOX AND BEHIND THE OUTPUT PANEL WHILE THE MACHINE IS RUNNING. THESE VOLTAGES ARE HIGH ENOUGH TO KILL. USE CAUTION WHEN MAKING VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS.



ARC FORCE DIAL TEST

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TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
3/4" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
5' heavy cable
ammeter(capable of 200A)

Turn off engine & open front control panel.

Set the Arc Force Dial to min, Control Dial to min, and the Selector switch to the CC position. Start the engine.

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Short the output studs. Adjust the control pot to a current of 100A. Measure voltage at control board from J2 pin 7 (pos) to pin 2(neg) per table 2, & measure actual weld current.

Voltage and weld current readings ok?

NO

Turn off the engine.

Measure continuity at control bd from J3 pin 5 to pin 14. Turn Arc Force Dial from min to max.

Does the resistance change from 50k to 0 ohms as the pot is turned?

NO

Check leads 277, 278, & 278A for loose or broken molex pins/connections.

YES

Replace the Control PC board.

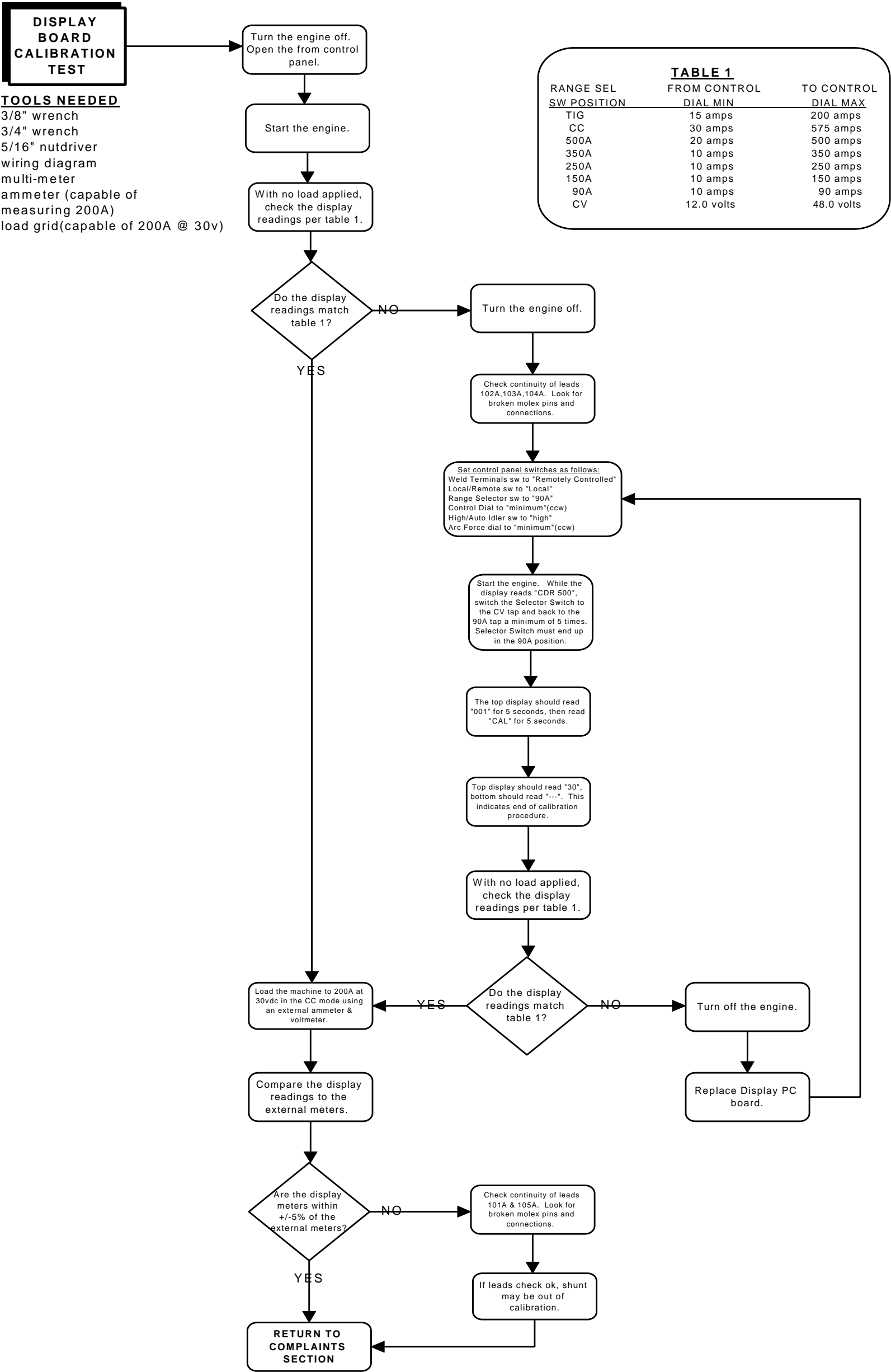
Replace 50k Arc Force pot if bad.

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TABLE 2

ARC FORCE DIAL POSITION	DC VOLTAGE
MIN	5.831-6.209
MAX	10.204-10.835

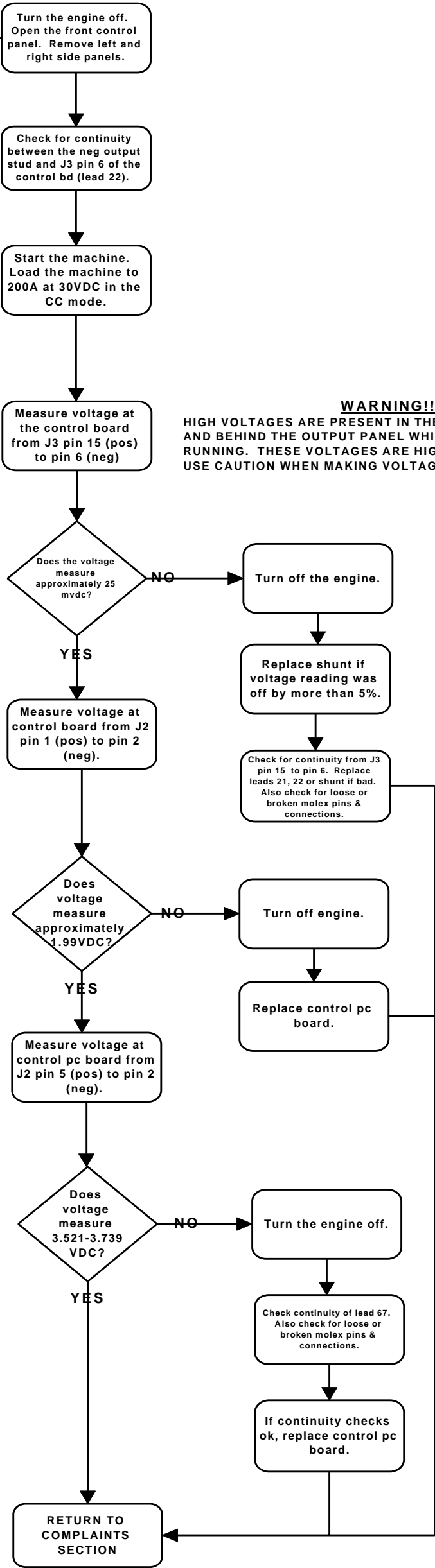
Short circuit weld current should change from 100-178 amps from min to max.



FEEDBACK
INPUT TEST

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
4/3" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
wiring diagram
multimeter
ammeter (capable of measuring
200A)
load grid



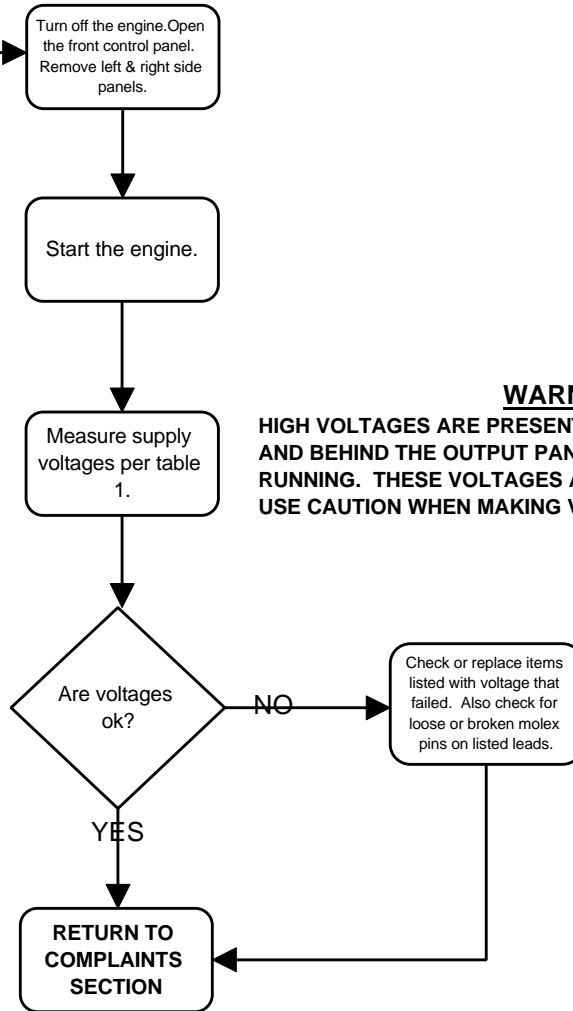
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POWER SUPPLY TEST.

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram

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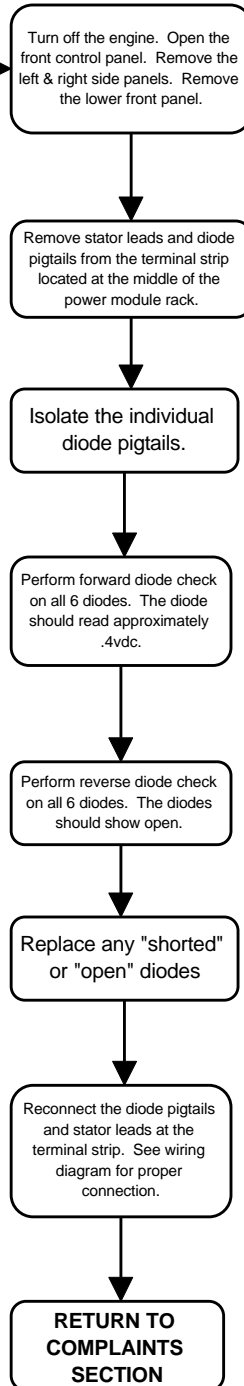
SUPPLY VOLTAGE	MEASURE AT:	FUNCTION AFFECTED	CHECK/ REPLACE
115vac	aux studs to aux gnd screw in ctrl box	receptacle volts, weld output	stator, 3, 5, 5A, 6
12vdc batt	12v isolated stud in ctrl box to frm gnd	engine protection system	run/stop sw, 232A, 236, 236A, batt cables
115vac(hi idle)	P16 pin 7 to 8 @ ctrl transfmr	weld output	lead 5G,6E, flashing circuit, rotor, stator
30vac control(hi idle)	J12 pin 1 to 2 @ LT chop bd	Weld output	lead 15,16,control transformer
30vac control(hi idle)	J13 pin 1 to 2 @ RT chop bd	Weld output	lead 13,14,control transformer
42vac control(hi idle)	J3 pin 1 to 9 @ control bd	Weld Output/Display Output	lead 17,18,control transformer
+12vdc control	J2 pin 3 to 2 @ control bd	Weld output/Display Output	Control bd
+12vdc control	J5 pin 4 to 1 @ eng prot bd	Idler Control	lead 108,109,Control bd
+12vdc control	J9 pin 4 to 5 @ display bd	Display output(if equipped)	lead 106,107, control bd
+12vdc battery	J9 pin 1 to 2 @ display bd	Display output(if equipped)	lead 232,232J,5L,5N,5M,Battery
115vac (hi idle)	14 pin amph pin J to A	Wire feeder	lead 31,32,3B,CB5
42vac(hi idle)(if equipped)	14 pin amph pin I to K	Wire feeder	lead 41,42,CB6, 42VAC transformer

Output Diode Bridge Test

TOOLS NEEDED

5/16" nutdriver
3/8" wrench
7/16" wrench
1/2" wrench
3/4" wrench
wiring diagram
Multimeter w/ diode tester

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ENGINE PROTECTION SENSOR TESTS

TOOLS NEEDED

3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram

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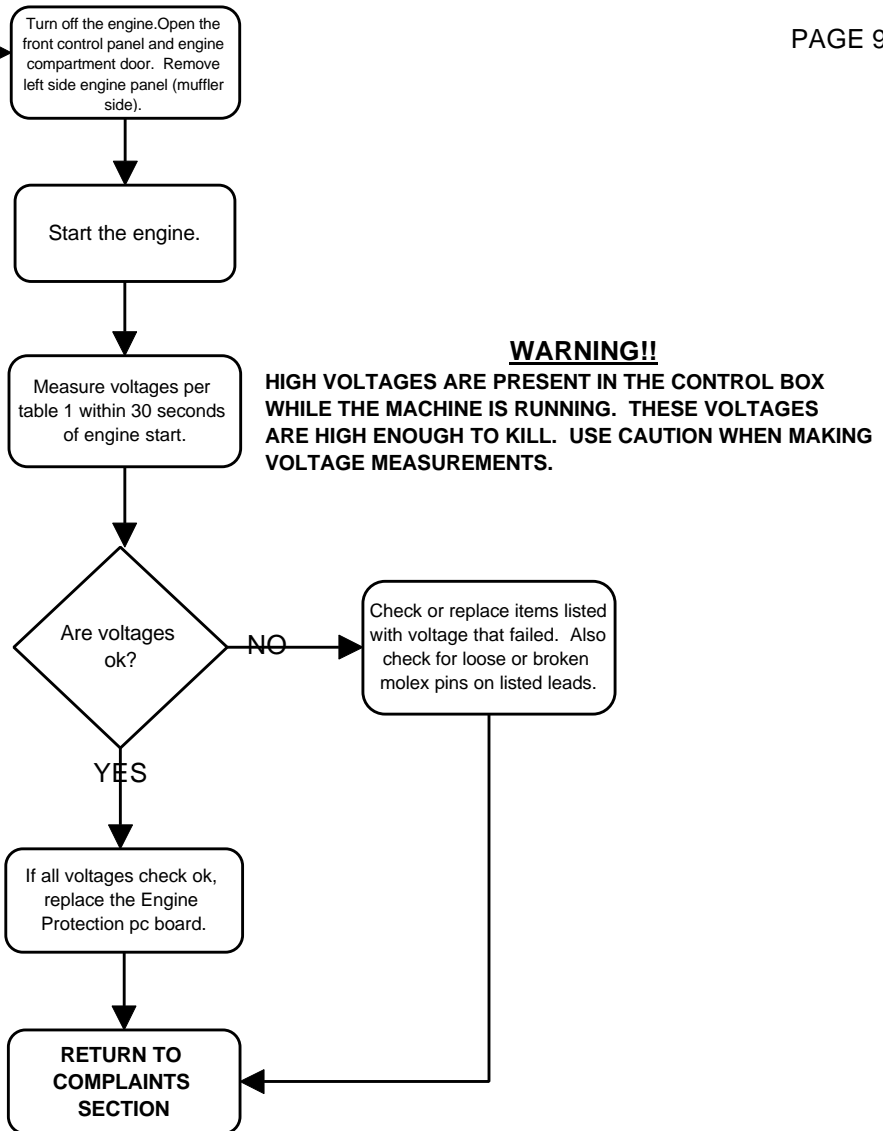
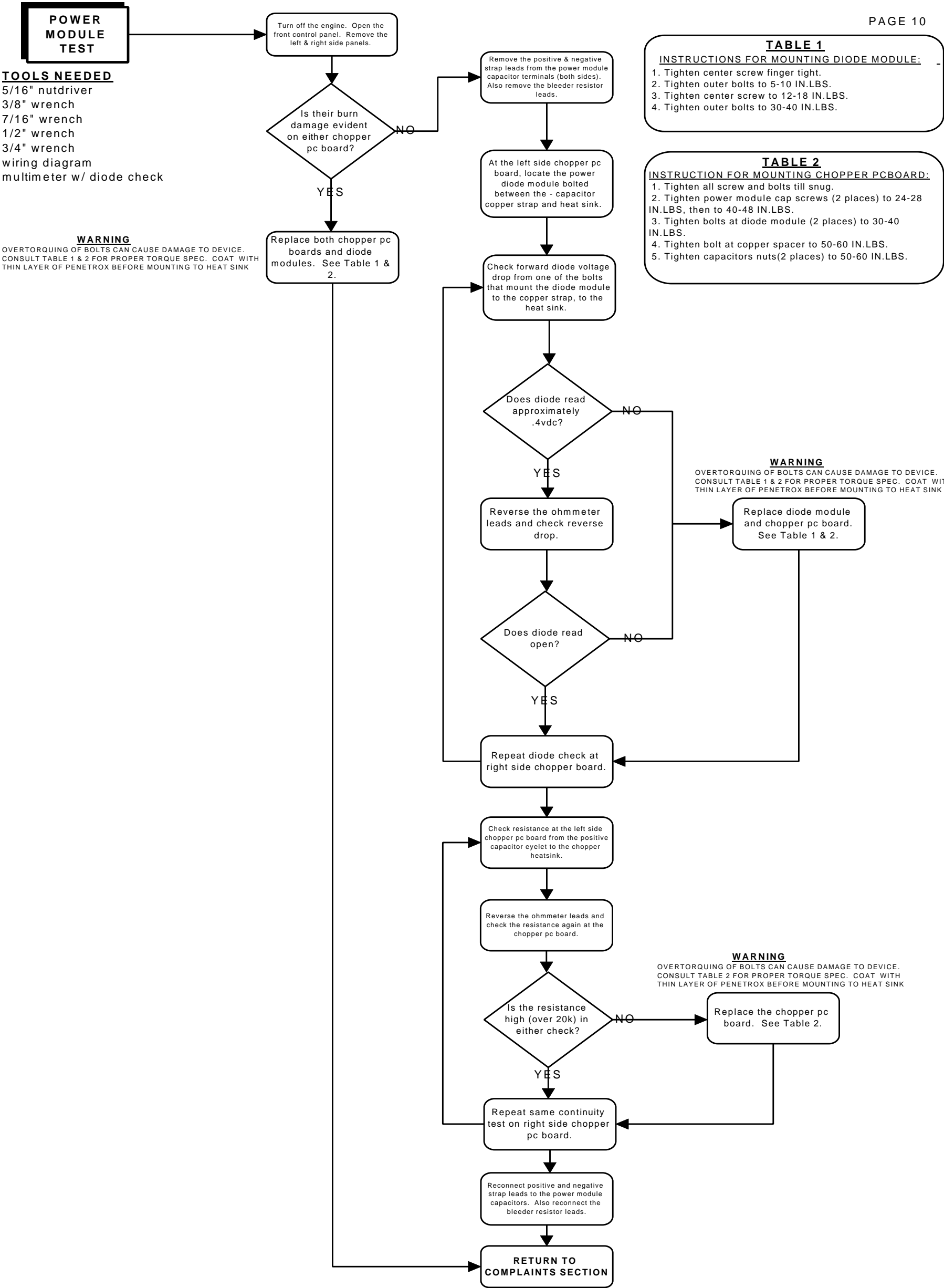


TABLE 1

SENSOR VOLTAGE	MEASURE AT:	FUNCTION AFFECTED	CHECK/ REPLACE
9.0-10.0vdc	J7 pin 13 to frm gnd (at engine prot bd)	oil temp sense	oil temp switch, belt, 233, 233A, J30/P39
9.0-10.0vdc	J7 pin 11 to frm gnd (at engine prot bd)	oil pressure sense	oil pressure switch, 234, 234, J30/P30
*12.0-13.0vdc	EXC post on alternator to frm gnd	engine alternator flashing	engine protection board, alternator, 281A, 281, J30/P30
13.5-14.5vdc	J7 pin 12 to frm gnd (at engine prot bd)	engine alternator voltage sense	alternator, belt, 239, 239A, J30/P30
1.9-2.2vdc (at full tank)	J7 pin 14 to frm gnd (at engine prot bd)	fuel level sense	fuel gauge, 229, 229A, 229B, 229C, J18/P18

*6.0-7.0vdc with Run/Stop sw in Run, and engine not running

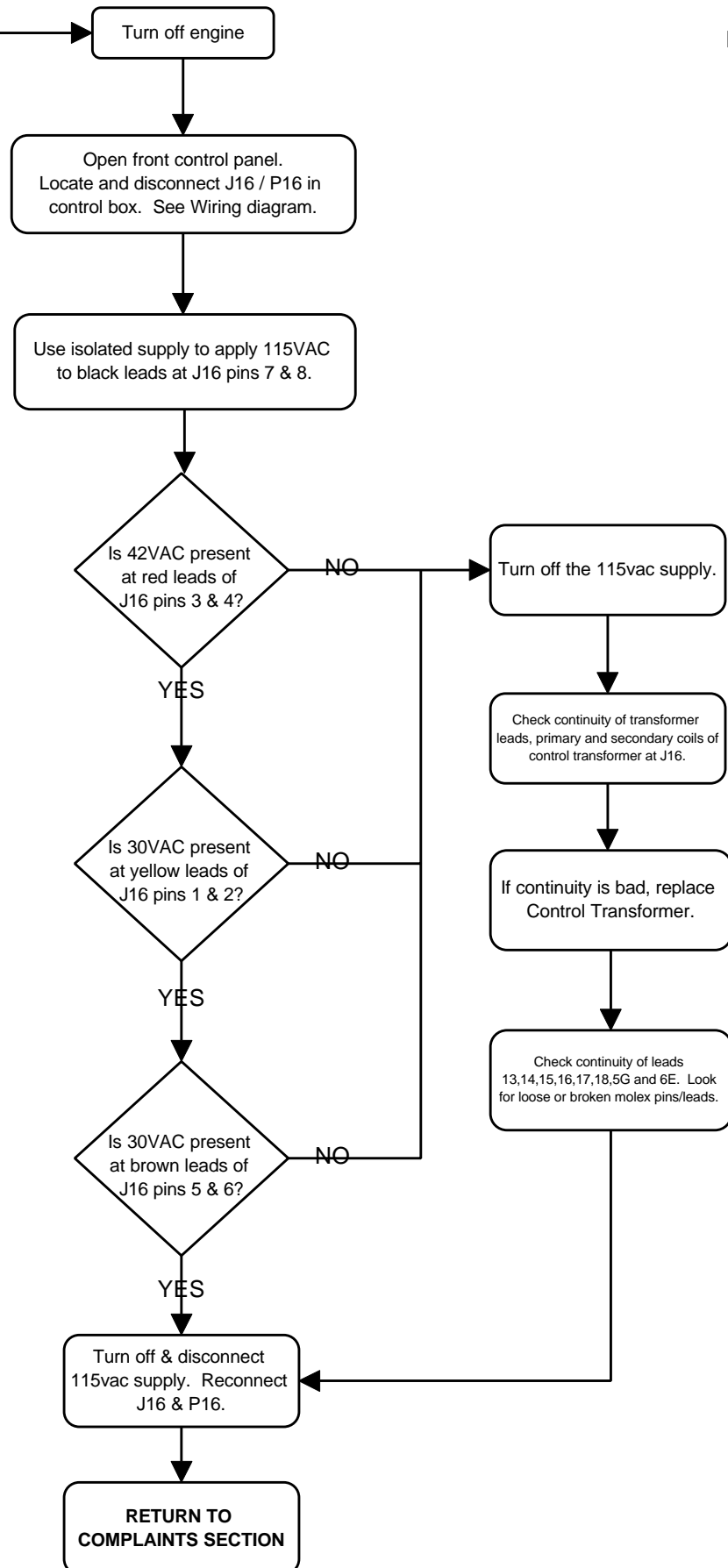


Control Transformer Test

TOOLS NEEDED:

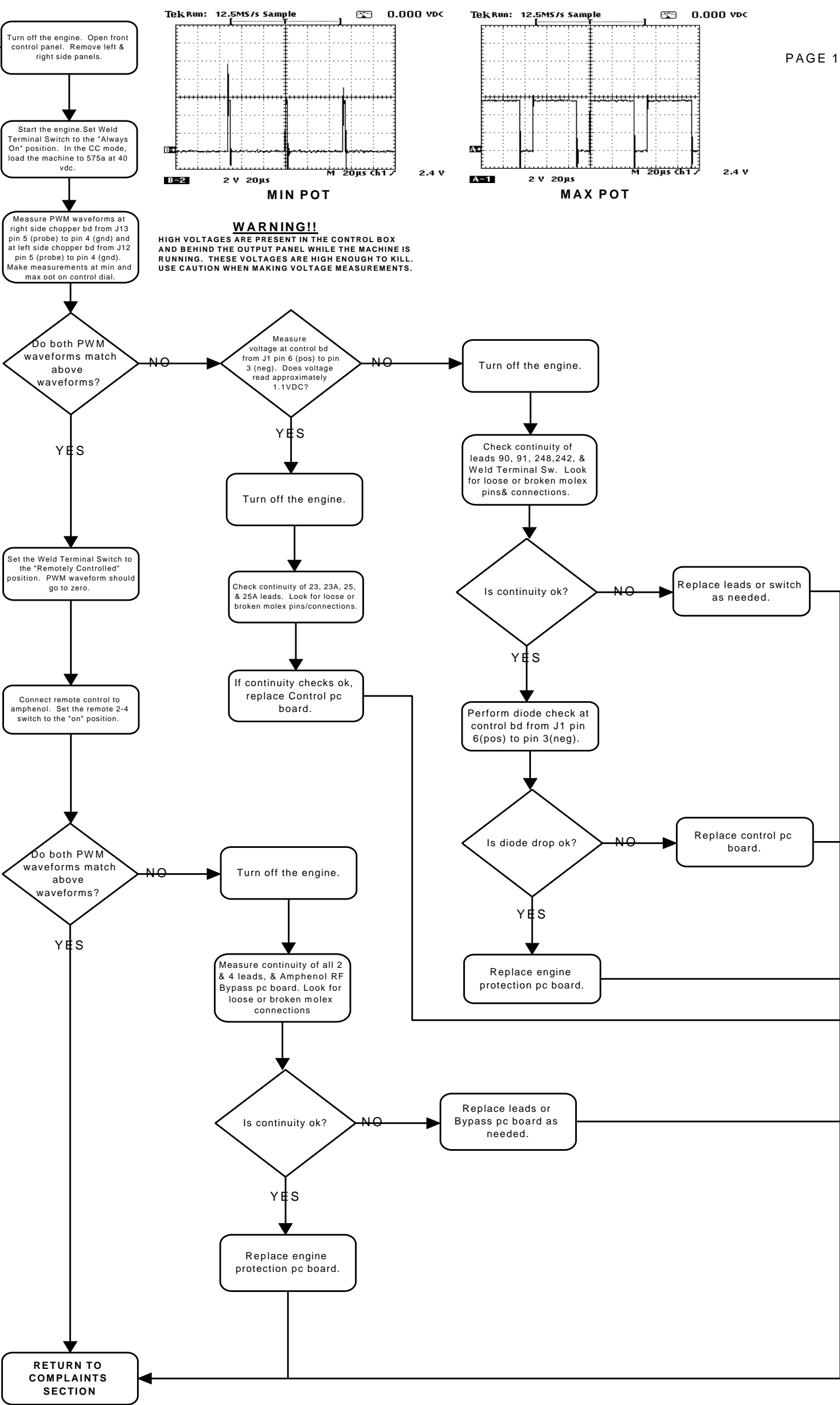
Multimeter
Wiring Diagram
Isolated 115VAC supply
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver

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WELD
TERMINAL
SWITCH & PWM
OUTPUT TEST

TOOLS NEEDED:
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
10" crescent wrench
wiring diagram
multi-meter w/ diode check
oscilloscope
load grid
ammeter(capable of 575a)



RANGE SELECTOR SWITCH & CONTROL DIAL TEST

TOOLS NEEDED:
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
wiring diagram
multi-meter

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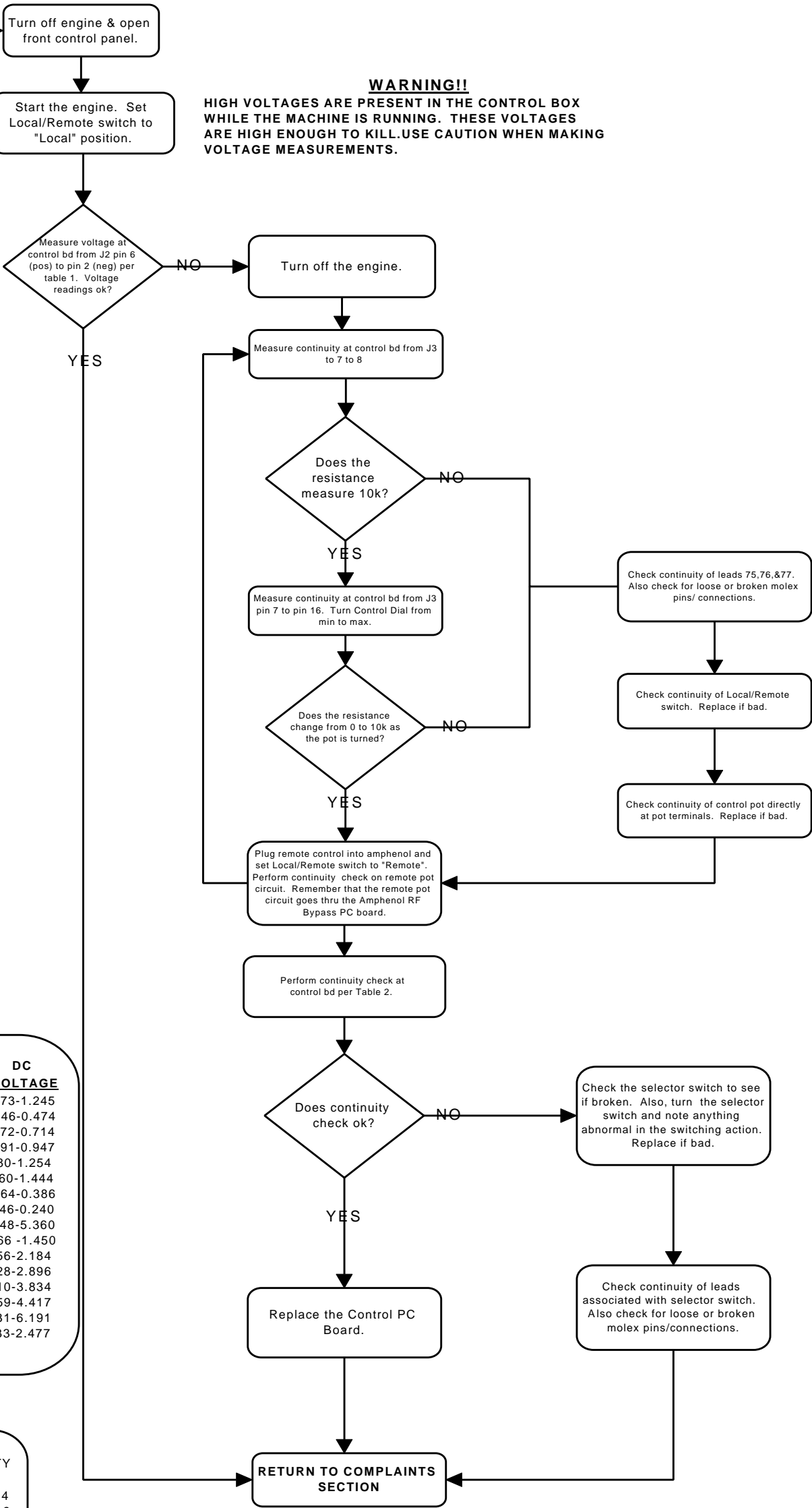


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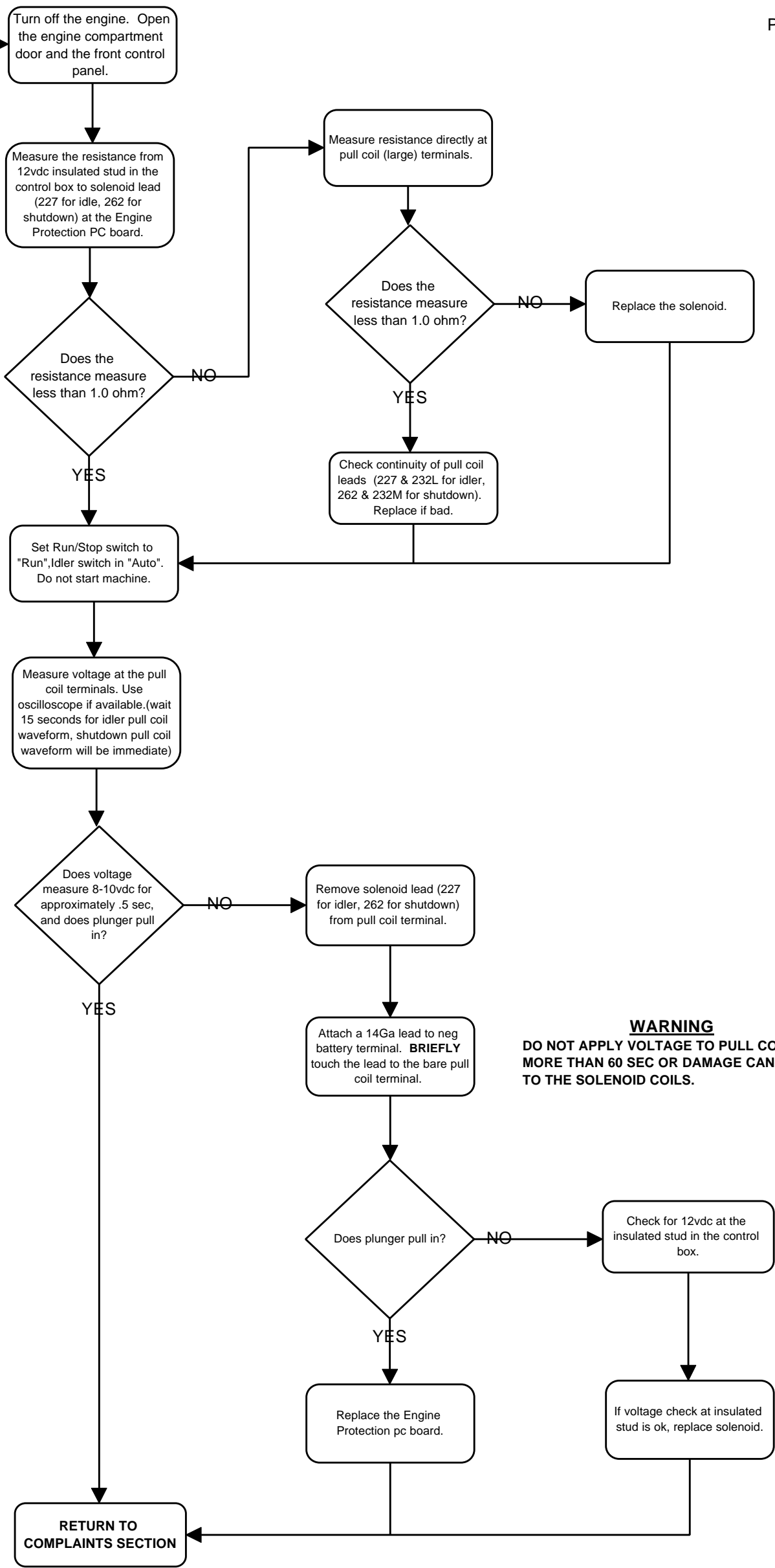
CONTROL DIAL POSITION	RANGE SEL. SW POSITION	DC VOLTAGE
MIN	CV	1.173-1.245
MIN	90A	0.446-0.474
MIN	150A	0.672-0.714
MIN	250A	0.891-0.947
MIN	350A	1.180-1.254
MIN	500A	1.360-1.444
MIN	CC	0.364-0.386
MIN	TIG	0.146-0.240
MAX	CV	5.048-5.360
MAX	90A	1.366 -1.450
MAX	150A	2.056-2.184
MAX	250A	2.728-2.896
MAX	350A	3.610-3.834
MAX	500A	4.159-4.417
MAX	CC	5.831-6.191
MAX	TIG	2.333-2.477

TABLE 2

RANGE SEL. SW POSITION	CONTINUITY FROM:
CV	J4 PIN 1 TO 4
90A	J4 PIN 1 TO 9
150A	J4 PIN 1 TO 6
250A	J4 PIN 1 TO 2
350A	J4 PIN 1 TO 5
500A	J4 PIN 1 TO 7
CC	J4 PIN 1 TO 8
TIG	J4 pin 1 TO 10

**SOLENOID
PULL COIL
TEST**

TOOLS NEEDED
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
48" 14 ga wire
wiring diagram



WARNING
DO NOT APPLY VOLTAGE TO PULL COIL FOR MORE THAN 60 SEC OR DAMAGE CAN OCCUR TO THE SOLENOID COILS.

**SOLENOID
HOLD COIL
TEST**

TOOLS NEEDED
3/8" wrench
5/16" nutdriver
multi-meter
wiring diagram
48" 18ga wire

