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# DSS-5000

## Battery Diagnostic Service System

For testing 6-volt and 12-volt automotive /  
12-volt and 24-volt charging systems.

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## *User Guide*

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## Chapter 1: Introduction

### Personal Precautions




<b>⚠ DANGER</b>	
	<p><b>Risk of explosive gases. Never smoke or allow a spark or flame in the vicinity of a battery.</b></p> <p>Batteries can produce a highly explosive mix of hydrogen gas and oxygen, even when the battery is not in operation. Always work in a well-ventilated area.</p>

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	
<p><b>Wash hands after handling.</b></p> <p>REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA PROP. 65: Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.</p>	

Inspect the battery for damage and check the electrolyte level. If the electrolyte level is too low, replenish it and fully charge the battery. Always use the necessary safety precautions when working with batteries to prevent severe injury or death. Follow all manufacturers' instructions and BCI (Battery Council International) safety recommendations, which include the following precautions:

- ⇒ Battery acid is highly corrosive. If acid enters your eyes, immediately flush them thoroughly with cold running water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention. If battery acid gets on your skin or clothing, wash immediately with a mixture of water and baking soda.
- ⇒ Always wear proper safety glasses or face shield when working with or around batteries.
- ⇒ Keep hair, hands, and clothing as well as the tester cords and cables away from moving engine parts.
- ⇒ Remove any jewelry or watches before you start servicing the battery.
- ⇒ Use caution when working with metallic tools to prevent sparks or short circuits.
- ⇒ Never lean over a battery when testing, charging, or jump starting.

### Symbols Conventions

Symbol	Description
	The safety symbol indicates instructions for avoiding hazardous conditions and personal injury.
	The safety symbol with the words <b>CAUTION</b> , <b>WARNING</b> , or <b>DANGER</b> indicates instructions for avoiding hazardous conditions and personal injury.
	The wrench symbol indicates procedural notes and helpful information.

### Description

The tester uses function-specific applications accessed through a series of menus and icons to guide users through the battery testing process for consistent testing implementation and accuracy. These are accessed using the Controller's touch screen display. Test results can be displayed on the full-color screen, printed, or wirelessly emailed.

### Accessories



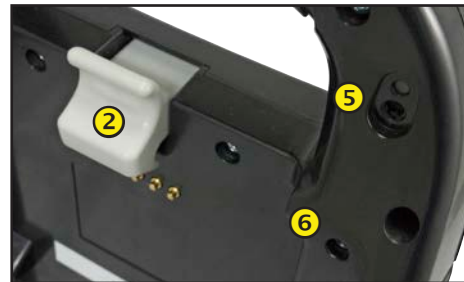
A033 Lead Post Adapters

## Tester Components

### Controller



- 1 **Carrying Handle:** For carrying the Controller and Tester Pod (when attached).
- 2 **Controller Release Lever:** Pull to release the Controller from the Tester Pod.
- 3 **Power Button:** Hold for 2 seconds to turn the Controller on and off independent of the Tester Pod. Flashes when the Controller is being charged.
- 4 **Touch Screen:** Primary user interface.



- 5 **Camera & Flashlight:** For VIN scanning and identification.
- 6 **Temperature Sensor:** For measuring battery temperature.



- 7 **Micro-USB Port:** For updating and servicing the Controller when a WiFi network is not available.
- 8 **Power Supply Connection**

### Tester Pod



- 1 **Controller Charging Contacts:** For charging and communicating with the Controller when mounted to the Tester Pod.
- 2 **Status Indicator LEDs:**
  - ⏻ - Power is on
  - ⚡ - Clamps reversed
  - 📶 - Tester Pod is communicating with the Controller
- 3 **Clamp Storage Mounts:** Use to keep the test clamps protected when the tester is not in use.
- 4 **Tester Pod Internal Batteries**

### Charging Dock



- 1 **Tester Pod Charging Contacts:** For charging the Tester Pod
- 2 **Power Supply Connection**

## Test Preparation

### Inspecting the Battery

Before starting the test, visually inspect the battery for:

- Cracked, buckled, or leaking case: If you see any of these defects, replace the battery.
- Corroded, loose, or damaged cables and connections. Repair or replace them as needed.
- Corrosion on the battery terminals, and dirt or acid on the case top: clean the case and terminals using a wire brush and a mixture of water and baking soda.
- Low electrolyte level. If the electrolyte level is too low, add distilled water to fill up to ½ of the space above the top of the plates and fully charge the battery. Do not overfill.
- Corroded or loose battery tray and hold-down fixture: Tighten or replace as needed.

### Testing Out-of-Vehicle

The preferred battery test location is in the vehicle. However, if you plan to test out of the vehicle:

- Always disconnect the negative cable from the battery first and reconnect it last.
- Always use a carry tool or strap to lift and transport the battery.

### ⚠ WARNING

**Failure to properly install lead terminal adapters, or using adapters that are dirty or worn, may cause false test results.**

When testing side-post or Group 31 batteries, always use lead terminal adapters provided with the tester—do not test at the battery's steel bolts. To avoid damage, never use a wrench to tighten the adapters more than ¼ turn.

### Testing In-Vehicle

The preferred test position is at the battery posts. If you must test at a remote-post location, it should have both a positive and negative post. Otherwise, you must remove the battery and perform an out-of-vehicle test.

At the start of the test, make sure all vehicle accessory loads are off, the key is not in the ignition, and the doors are closed.

### Connecting To A Battery

### ⚠ CAUTION

Do not connect the tester to a voltage source greater than 30 Vdc.

Connect the clamps to the tester: the red clamp to the positive (+) terminal and the black clamp to the negative (-) terminal.

If you connect the clamps in the wrong polarity (positive to negative or negative to positive), the tester displays CLAMPS REVERSED! Reconnect the clamps properly.

To make sure both sides of the clamps are gripping the terminals, rock the each clamp back and forth. A poor connection will prevent testing, and the tester will display the message CHECK CONNECTION. If the message reappears after you have correctly reconnected the clamps, clean the terminals and reconnect.

### Setting User Preferences

Before starting your test you may want to customize the use of your tester by setting preferences in the Settings (⚙) Menu. The Settings Menu is described in Chapter 9.

### Initial Power Up

1. Upon initial power-up, the Language Settings screen is displayed. Tap **Next** to continue.

<b>System Language</b>	Select the Controller default language displayed on the screen.
<b>Test Result Language</b>	Select the Controller default language for all displayed tests and test results.
<b>Email Language</b>	Select the default standard language for the tester to use for all tests and results sent via email.
<b>Print Language</b>	Select the default standard language for the tester to use for all tests and results printed using a networked printer.

2. A Consent to collect data screen is displayed. Tap the Consent check box and then tap **Next** to continue.
3. Using the displayed keypad template, enter the new user name and password.
4. Tap **Next** to continue.



**IMPORTANT:** By default, the first user created is assigned Administrator rights. Tap Add User to add additional users. See Chapter 9: Settings to change these defaults.

- The Date/Time Settings are displayed. Tap **Next** to continue after making any adjustments.

**NOTE:** By default, the DSS-5000 SUB has been set to the U.S. Central Time Zone.

<b>Select Time Format:</b>	12-hour or 24-hour format
<b>Select Date Format:</b>	DD/MM/YYYY, MM/DD/YYYY, or YYYY/MM/DD
<b>Select Time Zone:</b>	Time zone offset from Greenwich Mean Time
<b>Set Date:</b>	Set the current date
<b>Set Time:</b>	Set the current time in the selected time zone

- The Test Settings are displayed. Tap **Next** to continue after making any adjustments.

<b>Battery Rating</b>	Default: CCA (Cold Cranking Amps)
<b>Temperature Units</b>	Select Fahrenheit or Celsius
<b>Decimal Separator</b>	Select decimal point or comma

- The Configured WiFi Networks screen is displayed. By default "subtronics01" is displayed. Tap **Next** to continue.

**NOTE:** If available, the DSS-5000 SUB will automatically connect to the subtronics01 WiFi network installed at each dealer during initial set-up. This network is for use by Midtronics tools.  
 SSID = "subtronics01"  
 Password = "m1dtr0n1c\$" WPA2 security

**IMPORTANT:** The "subtronics01" network is only available to U.S. dealers.

- Select the country in which the tool will be used (U.S. or Canada).

- The BMIS (Battery Management Information System) Account screen is displayed. If the tool has already connected to "subtronics01", the Username and Password is displayed.

If the username and password are not displayed, enter the correct username and password from the following table.

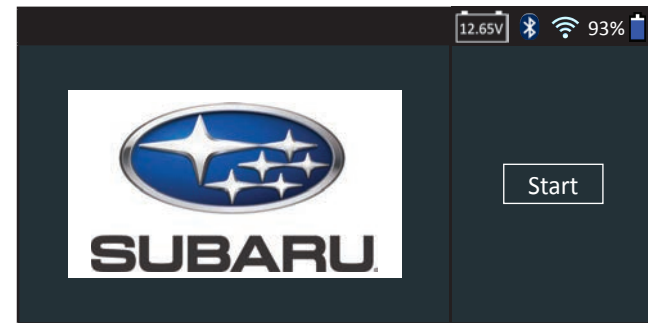
Country	Username	Password
U.S. Dealers	subaru@dss5000.com	subaru1
Canadian Dealers	subarucanada@dss5000.com	subaru1

Press → to continue.

**IMPORTANT:** If no WiFi connection has been made, follow the procedure described in the WiFi section of Chapter 8: Settings.

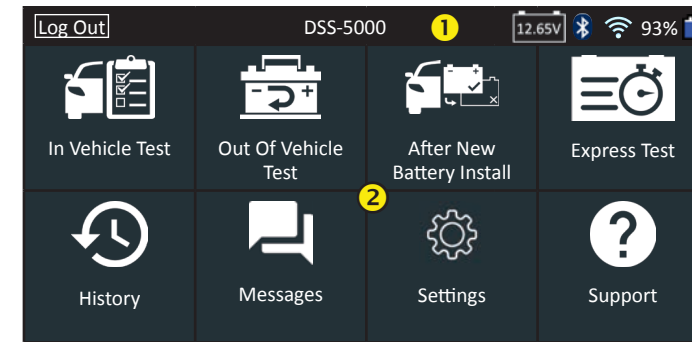
- The Location Selection screen (Admin Only) is displayed. Scroll to find the correct location or tap **Q** to search for a specific location. Tap **Next** to continue.

- The login screen is displayed.



- Tap **Start** to access the Main Menu.

**Main Menu**



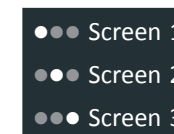
**1 Menu Bar**

Log Out	Log out current user	93%	Controller internal battery level
	Bluetooth connectivity status		Controller internal battery status
	WiFi signal strength		Connected battery voltage

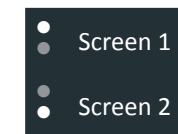
**2 Main Menu Selection Area**

**Additional Screens**

The dots at the bottom or side of a menu or results screen indicate additional screens are available. Use your finger to swipe left, right, up or down across the Controller screen to view all available information.



Swipe Horizontally

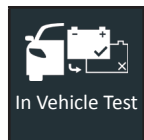


Swipe Vertically

**Main Menu Icons**

Icon	Description
	Automates battery testing for quickly testing vehicles using the fewest steps. A VIN is required and a Warranty Code is generated for all Replace Battery decisions.
	For testing out-of-vehicle customer batteries for possible return.
	For testing newly installed batteries in a vehicle. Also includes vehicle electronics reset information after battery installation.
	For quickly testing batteries in vehicles in for servicing. A VIN is optional and a Warranty Code is generated for all Replace Battery decisions.
	Access archived test histories or search test history by VIN or by technician.
	Displays alerts and notifications for upcoming tests and activities including scheduled tests, tool software updates and maintenance opportunities.
	Setup/adjust: WiFi, printer setup, email settings, user information, default language, display and sound settings, BMIS information, shop information, and connected devices. Also access to tester software version information.
	Access the tester Self-Test and a digitized version of the Instruction Manual.

## Chapter 2: In Vehicle Test



Use In Vehicle Test to perform Battery Tests on in-vehicle batteries using test parameters determined by vehicle VIN or year, make, and model of the vehicle being tested.



**NOTE:** For an In Vehicle Test test, the DSS-5000 will always associate the in-vehicle battery with the VIN of the vehicle in which it is installed.

At any time during the test tap to return to the previous screen or to return to the Main Menu.

### Battery Test

1. Connect the Tester Pod test clamps to the battery (Red to positive [+], Black to negative [-]).
2. Remove the Controller from the Tester Pod.
3. On the Controller at the Main Menu, tap **In Vehicle Test**. Graphics of the three steps required to perform the test are displayed followed by the Acquire VIN screen.
4. Use the camera built into the back of the Controller handle to scan the VIN bar code.

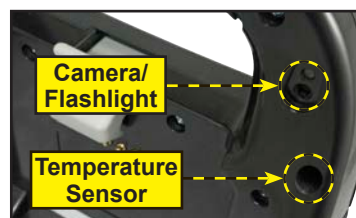


**NOTE:** To provide additional light in low-light situations, tap the icon to turn on the built-in flashlight.

For best results, use the barcode located on the driver's side door frame. For manual entry, the VIN is also displayed behind the windshield on the driver's side dashboard.



**NOTE:** Refer to Appendix B on Pg. 30 for recommended scanning procedures and VIN scanning help.



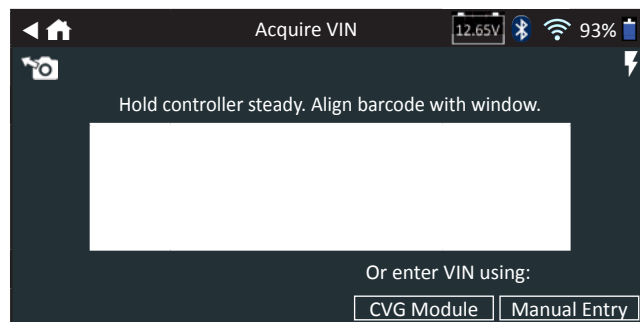
Controller



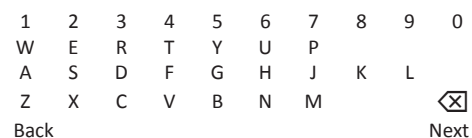
Drivers Door Frame



Windshield



**Manual Entry:** Use Manual Entry if the battery being tested is not listed. Use the on-screen keypad to manually type the 17-digit VIN and tap **Next**.

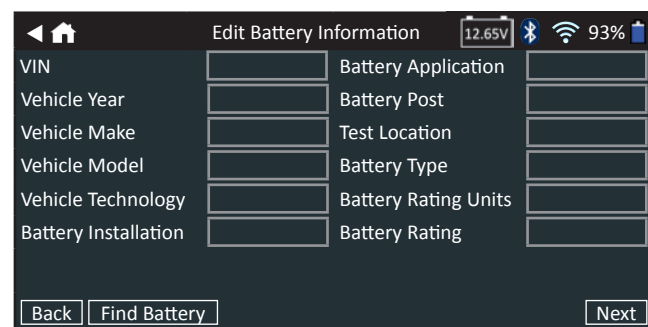


The displayed digit counter will count up the alphanumeric characters as they are being entered on the keypad.

Tap to continue to the Edit Battery Information screen.

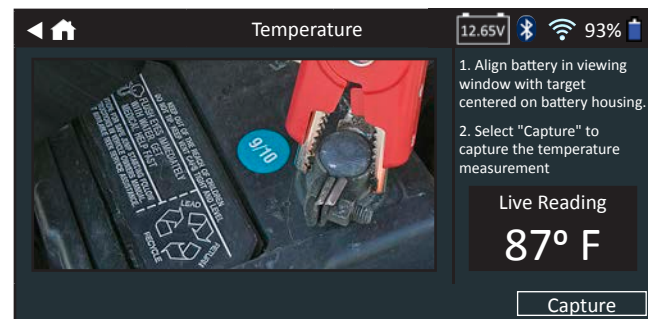
5. The Edit Battery Information screen displays vehicle and battery information based on the VIN.

If the displayed information is correct, tap **Next** to begin the Battery Test. Tap on the corresponding box to edit the parameter information.



See Appendix A on Pg. 29 for parameter descriptions.

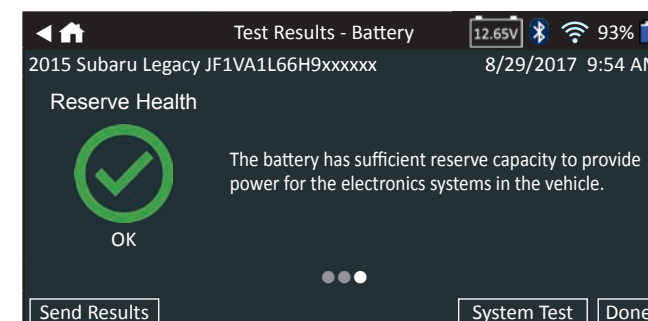
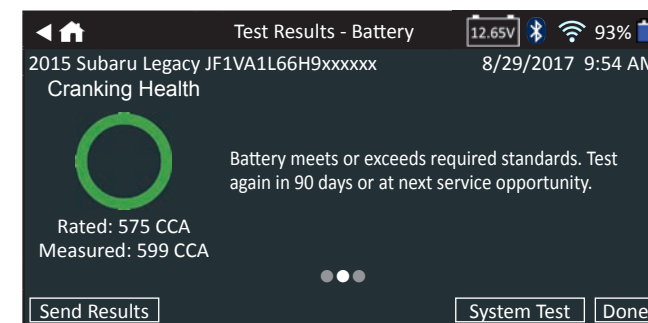
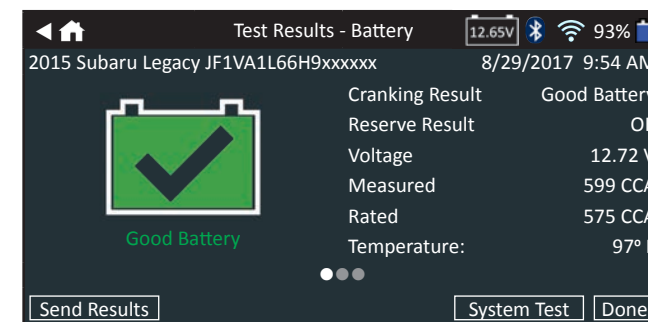
6. Align the temperature sensor on the Controller over the battery and tap **Capture**. The test begins when the temperature is successfully captured.



### Battery Test Results



**IMPORTANT:** A Warranty Code is generated for all Replace Battery decisions.



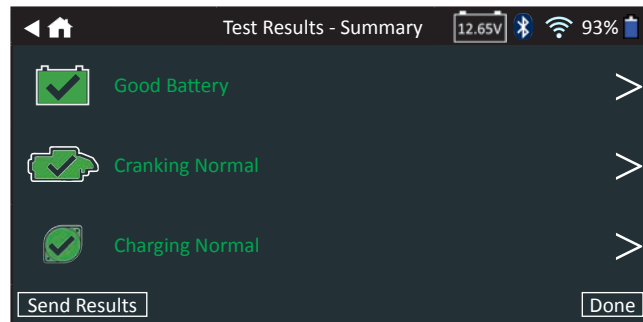
To print or send the test results to a configured printer, tap **Send Results**. To return to the Home Screen, tap **Done** or **System Test** to continue with the System Test.

Decision	Cranking Health	Reserve Capacity	Description
Good Battery	Good Battery	Good Battery	Battery meets or exceeds required standards.
Good Battery	Good Battery	Unknown Reserve	Battery meets or exceeds required standards.
Good Recharge Using GR8	Good Recharge	Good Battery	Battery is good, but low on charge. Fully charge the battery for optimal performance and life. Check for causes of low charge.
Good Recharge Using GR8	Good Recharge	Unknown Reserve	
Conditions Not Met	No Test	No Test	System conditions have prevented a test of the battery reserve capacity. Before attempting any retest, ensure all vehicle accessory loads are off, the key is not in the ignition, and the doors are closed.
Charge & Retest	Charge & Retest	Unknown Reserve	Battery requires charge to determine condition.
Replace Battery	Bad Cell Replace Short	Replace Battery	Battery fails to meet industry accepted standards.
Replace Battery	Charge & Retest	Replace Battery	Battery is low in charge and shows low reserve capacity. Low reserve capacity will compromise the battery's ability to provide system current and hold a charge.
Replace Battery	Good Battery	Replace Battery	Battery fails to meet industry accepted standards
Replace Battery	Good Recharge	Replace Battery	
Replace Battery	Replace Battery	Unknown Reserve	
Bad Cell Replace Short	Bad Cell Replace Short	Good Battery	Battery fails to meet industry accepted standards
Bad Cell Replace Short	Bad Cell Replace Short	Unknown Reserve	

**System Test**

1. Start the engine and let it idle.
2. Tap **Next**. The analyzer tests the alternator output.
3. When prompted, turn on the high beam headlights and ventilation blower fan then rev the engine to between 2000 to 3000 rpm.
4. While holding engine revs, tap **Next** to test the alternator output.
5. When prompted, turn off the loads and the engine.
6. Tap **Next** to display the test results.

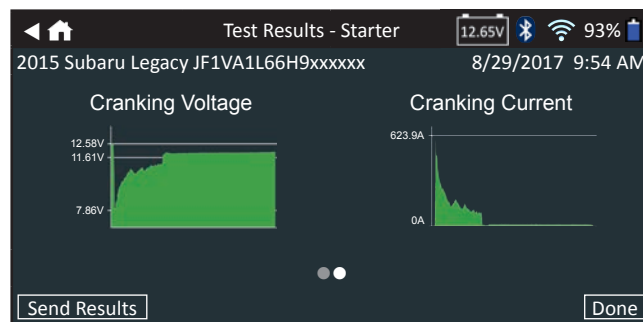
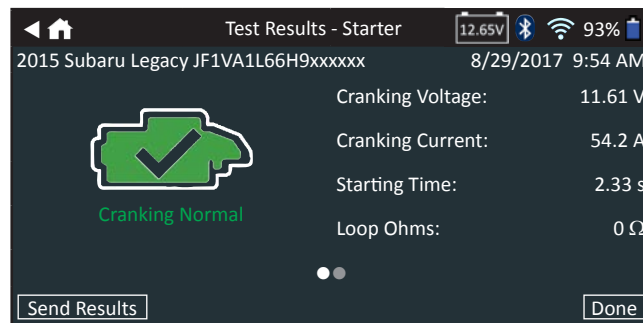
**Test Results-Summary**



A Test Results - Summary screen is displayed following a System Test. Tap > to view detailed test results for each part of the test.

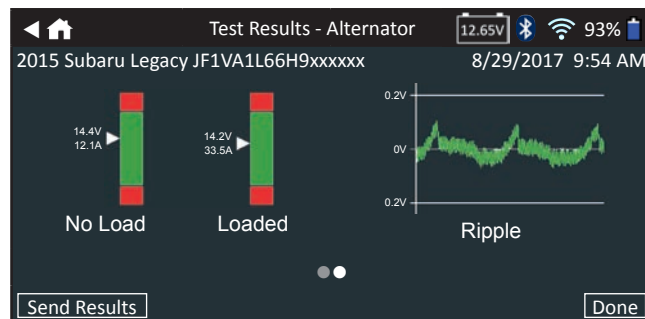
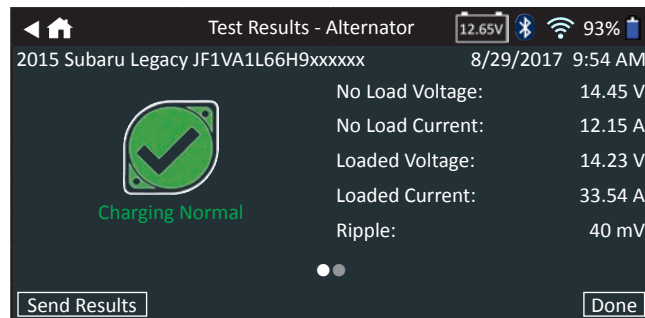
To send the test results to a configured printer or via email tap **Send Results**. To return to the Home Screen, tap **Done** or to return to the Main Menu.

**Starter Test Results**



Decision	Action
Cranking Normal	The starter voltage is normal and the battery is fully charged.
Low Voltage	The starter voltage is low and the battery is fully charged.
Charge Battery	The starter voltage is low and the battery is discharged. Fully charge the battery and repeat the starter system test.
Replace Battery	The battery must be replaced before testing the starter.
Low Current	The starter voltage is high but the cranking amps are low.
No Start	The engine didn't start and the test was aborted or the vehicle's starting profile was not detected and the Starter Test was skipped.

**Alternator Test Results**

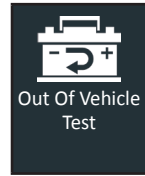


Decision	Action
CHARGING NORMAL	The output from the alternator is normal.
NO OUTPUT	No output detected. Check belts to ensure alternator is rotating when engine is running. ✓ Check alternator connections to the battery. Clean or replace if necessary and retest. ✓ If the belts and connections are in good working condition, replace alternator or external voltage regulator.
LOW OUTPUT	Alternator not providing enough current to power electrical loads and charge the battery. ✓ Check belts to ensure the alternator is rotating with the engine running. ✓ Check alternator connections to and from the battery. If loose or heavily corroded, clean or replace the cable and retest.
HIGH OUTPUT	Alternator voltage to the battery exceeds normal limits of a functioning regulator. ✓ Check for loose and normal ground connections. If no connection problems are found, replace the regulator.  The normal high limit of a typical automotive regulator is 14.5 volts +/-0.5. Refer to the manufacturer specifications for the correct limit, which may vary by vehicle type.

**Test Results - Diode**

Decision	Action
EXCESSIVE RIPPLE	One or more diodes in the alternator are not functioning or there is stator damage, which is shown by an excessive amount of AC ripple current supplied to the battery. ✓ Make sure the alternator mounting is sturdy and that the belts are in good shape and functioning properly. If the mounting and belts are good, replace the alternator.
OPEN PHASE	Replace the alternator.
OPEN DIODE	
SHORTED DIODE	

## Chapter 3: Out Of Vehicle Test

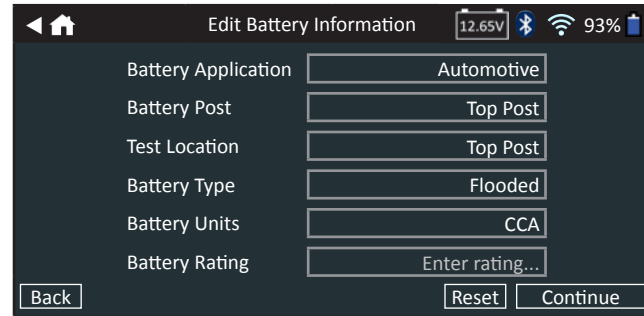


Out Of Vehicle Test

Use Out Of Vehicle Test to test and verify the condition of customer batteries that are out-of-vehicle for possible return and/or warranty claim. No VIN is required and a Warranty Code is not created.

At any time during the test, tap to return to the previous screen or to return to the Main Menu.

1. Connect the Tester Pod test clamps to the battery (**Red** to positive [+], **Black** to negative [-]).
2. Remove the Controller from the Tester Pod.
3. On the Controller at the Main Menu, tap **Out Of Vehicle Test**.
4. The Edit Battery Information screen is displayed. If the displayed information is correct, tap **Next** to begin the Battery Test. Tap on the corresponding box to edit the parameter information.

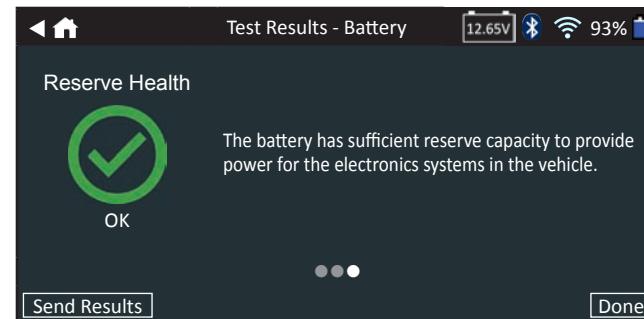
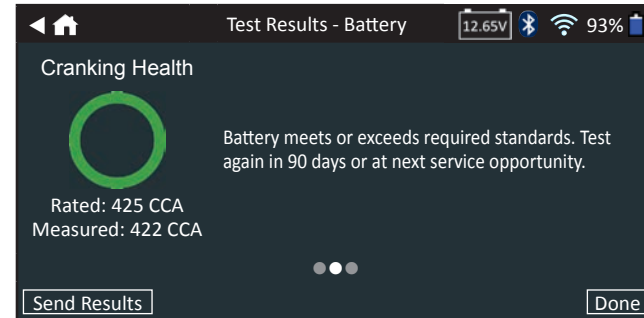
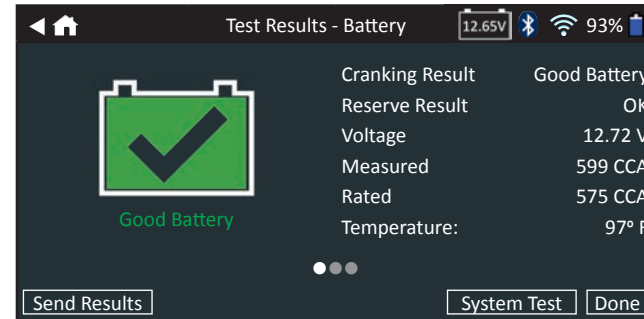


**NOTE:** See Appendix A on Pg. 29 for parameter descriptions.

5. Align the temperature sensor on the Controller over the battery and tap **Capture**. The test begins when the temperature is successfully captured.

### Battery Test Results

The test results are displayed on the Controller screen.



**NOTE:** See Battery Test Results in Chapter 2: In Vehicle Test for a full explanation of all possible test outcomes.

To send the test results to a configured printer, tap **Send Results**. Tap **Email** to send the results via email. Tap **Done** or to return to the Main Menu.

## Chapter 4: After New Battery Install



After New Battery Install

Use After New Battery Install to test a newly installed battery in a vehicle. Where applicable the process will also include a Reset Electronics checklist.

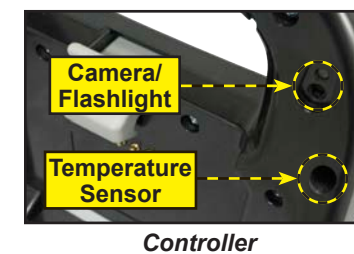
At any time during the test tap to return to the previous screen or to return to the Main Menu.

1. Connect the Tester Pod test clamps to the battery (**Red** to positive [+], **Black** to negative [-]).
2. Remove the Controller from the Tester Pod.
3. On the Controller at the Main Menu, tap **After New Battery Install**.
4. Use the camera built into the back of the Controller handle to scan the VIN bar code.

**NOTE:** To provide additional light in low-light situations, tap the to turn on the built-in flashlight.

For best results, use the barcode located on the driver's side door frame. For manual entry, the VIN is also displayed behind the windshield on the driver's side dashboard.

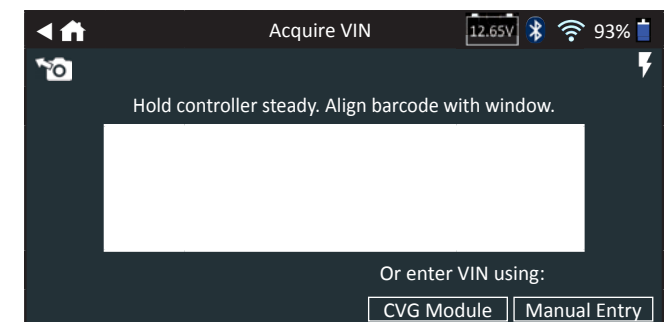
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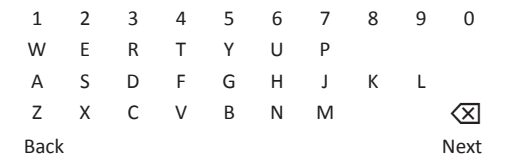
Drivers Door Frame



Windshield



**Manual Entry:** Use the on-screen keypad to manually type the 17-digit VIN and tap **Next**. Use Manual Entry if the battery being tested is not listed.

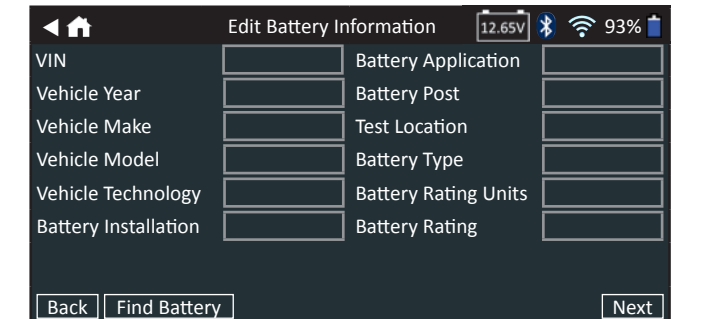


The displayed digit counter will count up the alphanumeric characters as they are being entered on the keypad.

Tap to continue to the Edit Battery Information screen.

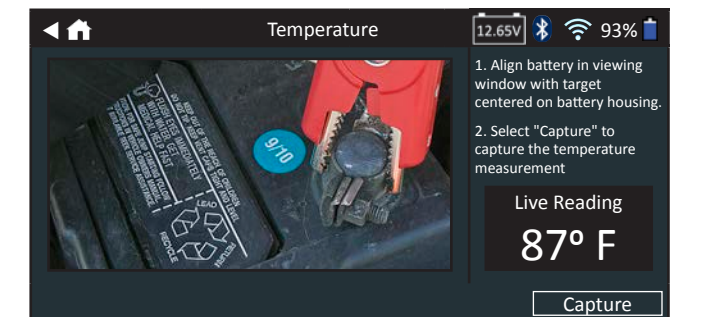
5. The Edit Battery Information screen displays vehicle and battery information based on the VIN.

If the displayed information is correct, tap **Next** to begin the Battery Test. Tap on the corresponding box to edit the parameter information.



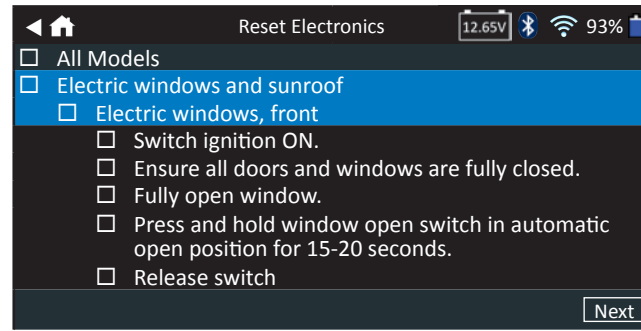
**NOTE:** See Appendix A on Pg. 29 for parameter descriptions.

6. Align the temperature sensor on the Controller over the battery and tap **Capture**. The test begins when the temperature is successfully captured.





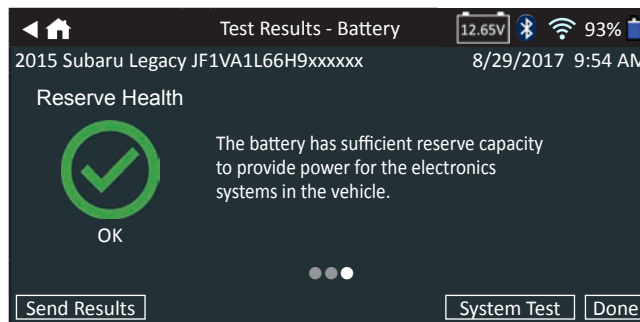
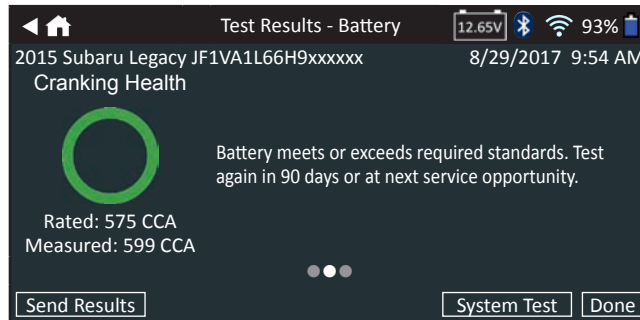
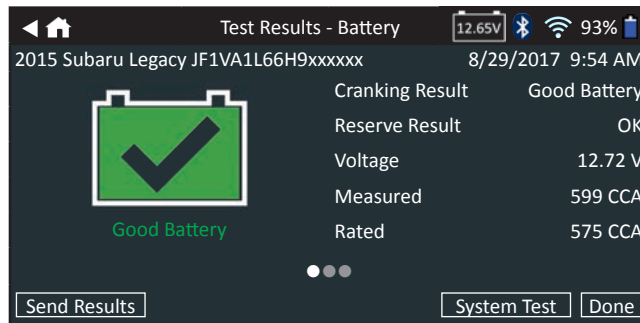
- For some specific vehicles, a Reset Electronics checklist may be displayed.



Use this checklist to confirm the vehicle electronics are functioning properly following a new battery installation.

- Tap **Next** to display the test results on the Controller screen.

### Battery Test Results



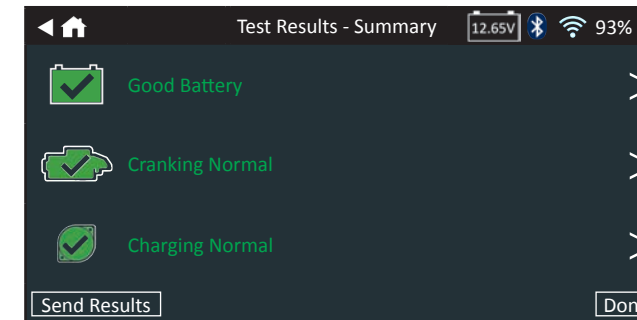
To print or send the test results to a configured printer, tap **Send Results**. To return to the Home Screen, tap **Done** or **System Test** to continue with the System Test.

Decision	Cranking Health	Reserve Capacity	Description
Good Battery	Good Battery	Good Battery	Battery meets or exceeds required standards.
	Good Battery	Unknown Reserve	Battery meets or exceeds required standards.
	Good Recharge	Good Battery	
Good Recharge Using GR8	Charge & Retest	Good Battery	Battery is good, but low on charge. Fully charge the battery for optimal performance and life. Check for causes of low charge.
	Good Recharge	Unknown Reserve	
Conditions Not Met	No Test	No Test	System conditions have prevented a test of the battery reserve capacity. Before attempting any retest, ensure all vehicle accessory loads are off, the key is not in the ignition, and the doors are closed.
Charge & Retest	Charge & Retest	Unknown Reserve	Battery requires charge to determine condition.
		Replace Battery	Battery fails to meet industry accepted standards.
Replace Battery	Charge & Retest	Replace Battery	Battery is low in charge and shows low reserve capacity. Low reserve capacity will compromise the battery's ability to provide system current and hold a charge.
	Good Battery	Replace Battery	Battery fails to meet industry accepted standards
	Good Recharge	Replace Battery	
	Replace Battery	Good Battery	
Replace Battery	Replace Battery		
Bad Cell Short Replace	Replace Battery	Unknown Reserve	
	Bad Cell Short Replace	Good Battery	
	Bad Cell Short Replace	Unknown Reserve	

### System Test

- Start the engine and let it idle.
- Tap **Continue**. The analyzer tests the alternator output.
- When prompted, turn on the high beam headlights and ventilation blower fan then rev the engine to between 2000 to 3000 rpm.
- While holding engine revs, tap **Next** to test the alternator output.
- When prompted, turn of the loads and the engine.
- Tap **Continue** to display the test results.

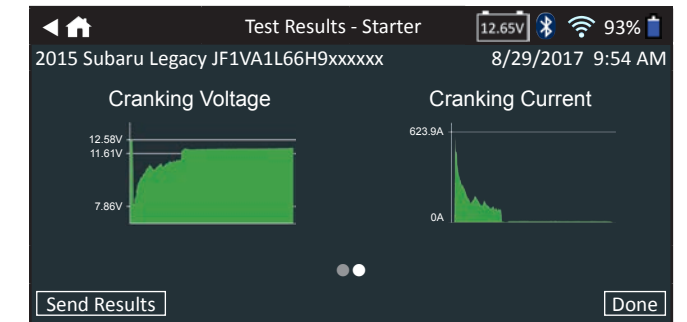
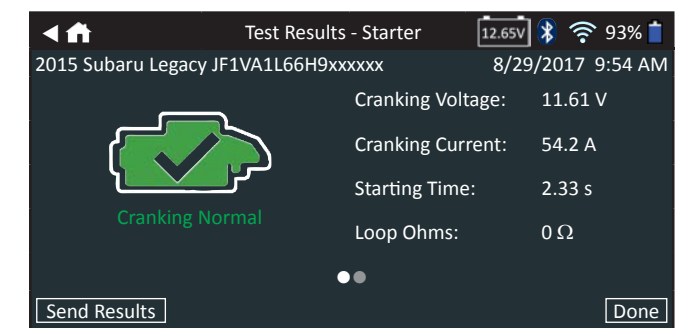
### Test Results-Summary



A Test Results-Summary screen is displayed following a System Test. Tap > to view detailed test results for each part of the test.

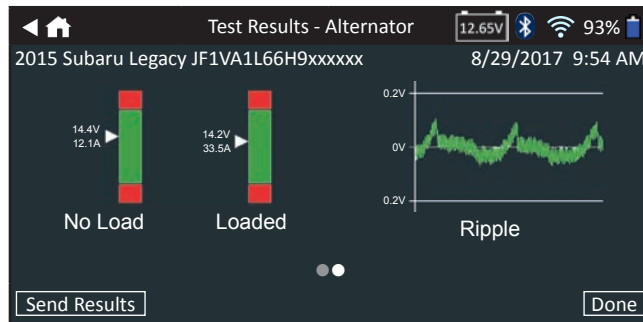
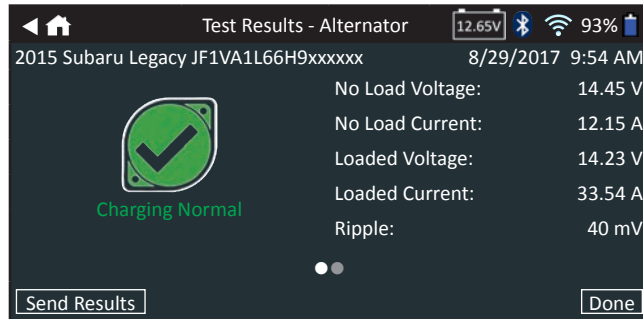
To print or send the test results to a configured printer, tap **Send Results**. To return to the Home Screen, tap **Done** or **System Test** to return to the Main Menu.

### Starter Test Results



Decision	Action
Cranking Normal	The starter voltage is normal and the battery is fully charged.
Low Voltage	The starter voltage is low and the battery is fully charged.
Charge Battery	The starter voltage is low and the battery is discharged. Fully charge the battery and repeat the starter system test.
Replace Battery	The battery must be replaced before testing the starter.
Low Current	The starter voltage is high but the cranking amps are low.
No Start	The engine didn't start and the test was aborted or the vehicle's starting profile was not detected and the Starter Test was skipped.

Alternator Test Results



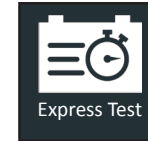
Test Results - Alternator

Decision	Action
CHARGING NORMAL	The output from the alternator is normal.
NO OUTPUT	No output detected. Check belts to ensure alternator is rotating when engine is running. ✓ Check alternator connections to the battery. Clean or replace if necessary and retest. ✓ If the belts and connections are in good working condition, replace alternator or external voltage regulator.
LOW OUTPUT	Alternator not providing enough current to power electrical loads and charge the battery. ✓ Check belts to ensure the alternator is rotating with the engine running. ✓ Check alternator connections to and from the battery. If loose or heavily corroded, clean or replace the cable and retest.
HIGH OUTPUT	Alternator voltage to the battery exceeds normal limits of a functioning regulator. ✓ Check for loose and normal ground connections. If no connection problems are found, replace the regulator.  The normal high limit of a typical automotive regulator is 14.5 volts +/-0.5. Refer to the manufacturer specifications for the correct limit, which may vary by vehicle type.

Test Results - Diode

Decision	Action
EXCESSIVE RIPPLE	One or more diodes in the alternator are not functioning or there is stator damage, which is shown by an excessive amount of AC ripple current supplied to the battery. ✓ Make sure the alternator mounting is sturdy and that the belts are in good shape and functioning properly. If the mounting and belts are good, replace the alternator.
OPEN PHASE	Replace the alternator.
OPEN DIODE	
SHORTED DIODE	

Chapter 4: Express Test



Use the Express Test for vehicles in for service. A VIN is required for a Warranty Code to be created. However, a Warranty Code is only created for Replace Battery decisions.

At any time during the test tap to return to the previous screen or to return to the Main Menu.

1. Connect the Tester Pod test clamps to the battery (**Red** to positive [+], **Black** to negative [-]).
2. Remove the Controller from the Tester Pod.
3. On the Controller at the Main Menu tap the **Express Test** icon.
4. Tap **Next** at the Connect Clamps screen. The Acquire VIN screen is displayed along with the option to skip the VIN.
5. Use the camera built into the back of the Controller handle to scan the VIN bar cod or tap **Skip** to go to step 6.

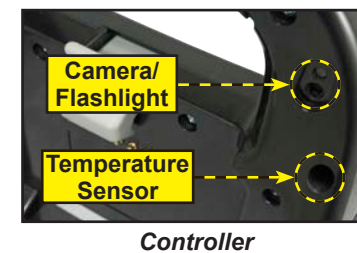


**NOTE:** To provide additional light in low-light situations, tap the icon to turn on the built-in flashlight.

For best results, use the barcode located on the driver's side door frame. For manual entry, the VIN is also displayed behind the windshield on the driver's side dashboard.



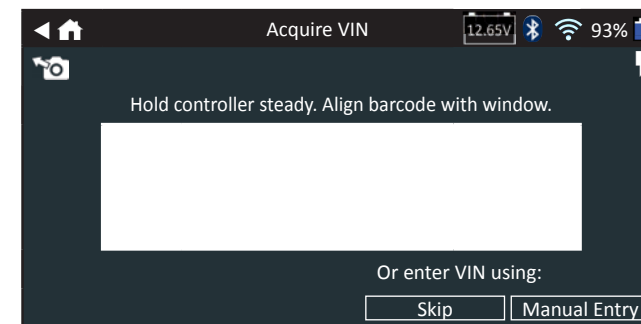
**NOTE:** Refer to Appendix B on Pg. 30 for recommended scanning procedures and VIN scanning help.



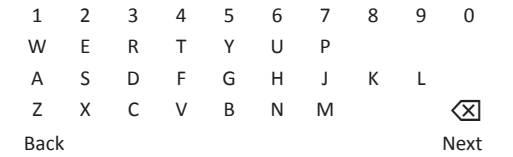
Drivers Door Frame



Windshield



**Manual Entry:** Use the on-screen keypad to manually type the 17-digit VIN and tap **Next**.



The displayed digit counter will count up the alphanumeric characters as they are being entered on the keypad.

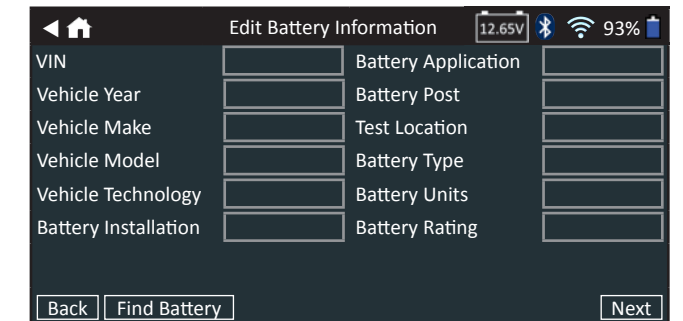
Use Manual Entry if the battery being tested is not listed. Tap to continue to the Edit Battery Information screen.

6. The Edit Battery Information screen displays vehicle and battery information based on the VIN.



**NOTE:** If the VIN was skipped in step 5, enter the Battery Rating as indicated on the battery label.

If the displayed information is correct, tap **Next** to begin the Battery Test. Tap on the corresponding box to edit the parameter information.

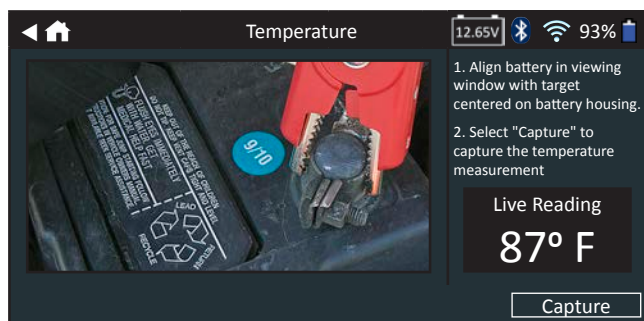


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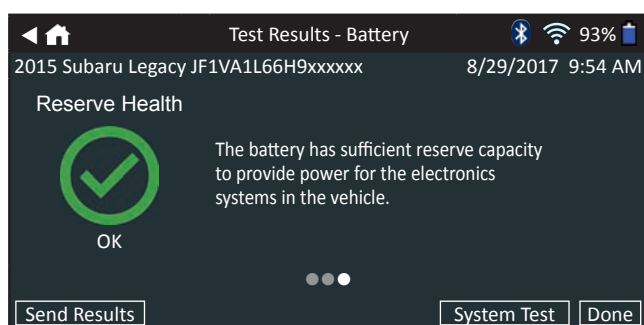
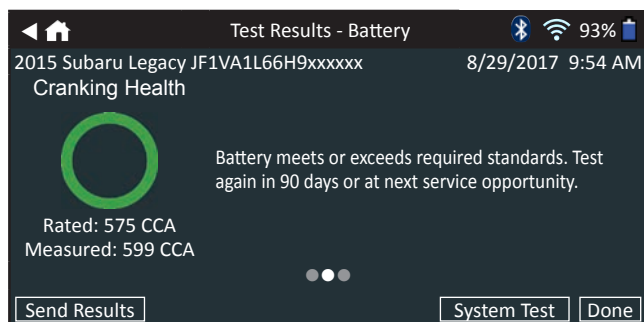
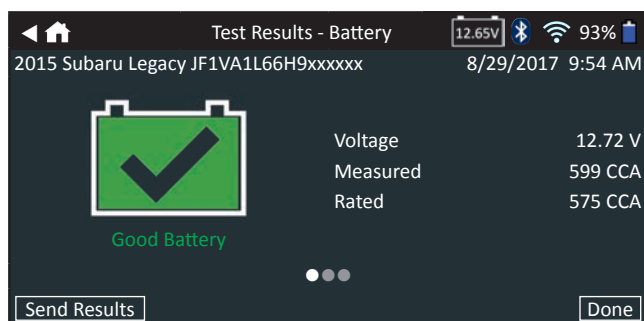


**NOTE:** Tap **Reset** to re-enter the battery rating if a replacement battery has been selected.

- Align the temperature sensor on the Controller over the battery and tap **Capture**. The test begins when the temperature is successfully captured.



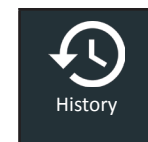
The test results are displayed on the Controller screen.



**NOTE:** See System Test Results in Chapter 2: System Test for a full explanation of all possible test outcomes.

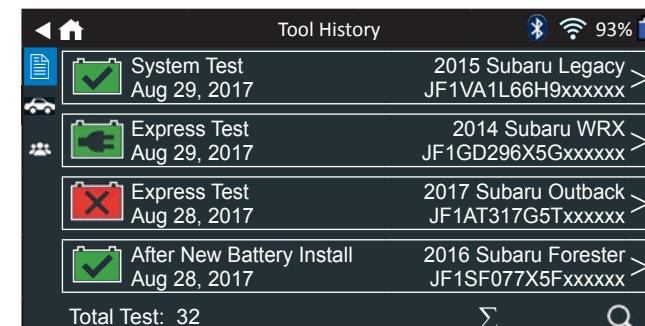
- To send the test results to a configured printer or email address, tap **Send Results**.
- Tap **Email** to send the results via email or Print to print the results using a configured printer.
- Tap **Done** or **Home** to return to the Main Menu.

## Chapter 6: History



Use History to access the tool usage history, a vehicle history based on VIN, and user histories. The search function can also be used find test records for specific vehicles and technicians.

At the Main Menu, tap **History**. By default the Tool History screen is displayed.



### Tool History

Use Tool History to view test total history as well as in vehicle and out of vehicle test totals. Individual test results are also displayed.

Tap > to view individual test details.

Tap  $\Sigma$  to view Total By Test Decision, Total By Test Type, and Total By Date And Location.

Tap Q to search by RO number.

Tap **Done** to return to the Tool History screen.

### Totals By Test Decision

The totals are displayed by possible results for all battery chemistries and potential test results.

Good Battery	Replace Battery
Good Recharge	Badcell Short Replace
Charge & Retest	

### Totals By Test Type

Displays test totals by test type.

In Vehicle Test	After New Battery Install
Express Test	Out of Vehicle Test

### Totals By Date And Location

Displays test totals by time interval. Also displays the number of tests performed in and out of vehicle.

Last 7 Days	In Vehicle
Last 30 Days	Out Vehicle
Last 90 Days	

### Vehicle History



Vehicle History displays test totals conducted on specific vehicles based on the VIN. It is also possible to enter a VIN to search for test records for a specific vehicle by tapping the displayed buttons.

Tap on the records displayed on the right side of the screen to view the individual test results.

### Vehicle Select Option

Tap Q to select vehicle search option.

**Manual Lookup:** Use the on-screen keypad to manually type the 17-digit VIN and tap **Next**.

**VIN Scan:** Use the camera built into the Controller to capture a VIN barcode, usually located on the driver's side door frame.



### User History

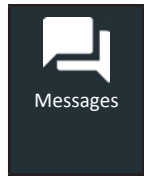


User History displays test totals for the user that is currently logged in to the analyzer.

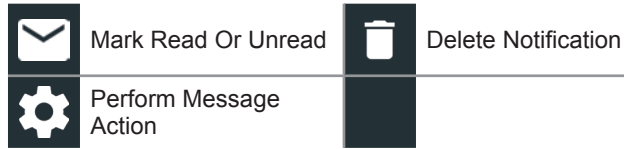
Tap > to view individual test details.

Tap  $\Sigma$  to view Total By Test Decision, Total By Test Type, and Total By Date And Location.

## Chapter 7: Messages



The Messages function displays alerts and notifications for upcoming tests and activities. This includes scheduled testing as well as tool software updates and maintenance opportunities.



Tap to return to the previous screen or to return to the Main Menu.

**IMPORTANT:** An alert is displayed when tester has not communicated with BMIS for more than 24 hours. The "No" option is not available for 30 seconds.

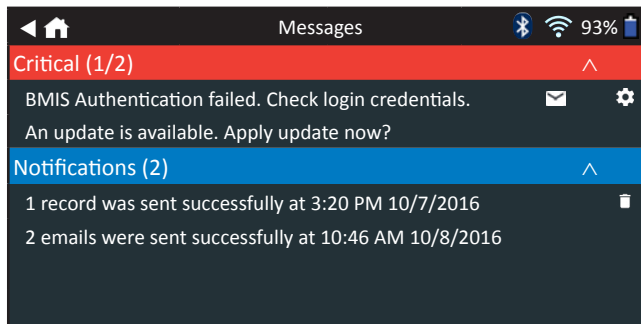
### Accessing Messages



A number is displayed next to the Messages icon when the analyzer has received any critical messages. The number does not include non-critical Notifications.

- Unread Critical Messages
- Read Critical Messages

1. Tap **Messages** on the Main Menu screen.



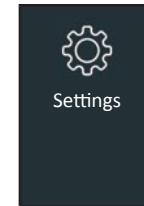
2. Tap to read a message.  
Tap to perform the message action item.  
Tap to delete a message.
3. Tap to collapse a list of messages or to expand the list.

### Message Types

**Critical:** An important action cannot be performed and may require user action.

**Notifications:** Indicates an action has been performed or data has been sent.

## Chapter 8: Settings



Use the Setup options to setup and adjust WiFi, printer setup and selection, email settings, user information, default language, display settings, sound settings, BMIS login information, shop information, user management, connected accessories, and device information.

Tap to return to the previous screen or to return to the Main Menu.

### WiFi



Use WiFi to view, add, and delete wireless networks.

Tap on the WiFi icon to display a list of detected and configured WiFi networks.



### Adding A Network

1. Tap to add a WiFi network.  
A list of detected wireless networks is displayed with next to the selected network.
2. Tap to access the network Security and IP Settings.
 

Security	None WEP WPA/WPA2 PSK
IP Address	DHCP Static
3. Tap to configure the selected network.
4. Once the network has been successfully configured, tap to return to the list of available configured networks. A indicates the selected network.

### Deleting A Network

1. Tap a displayed network.
2. Tap to delete the network and tap Yes to confirm.

### Printer Settings



The Printer Setup function detects and displays a list of connected and available WiFi and Bluetooth printers.

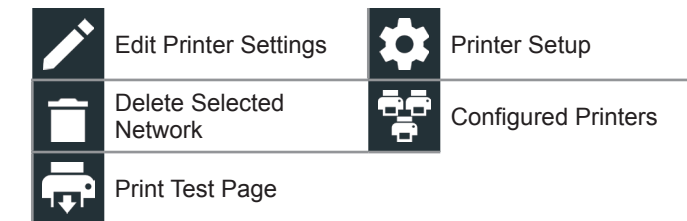


**IMPORTANT:** The DSS-5000 can only connect to printers on the same wireless WiFi network. This includes the SDS printer installed at many dealerships, which is not on the same subtronics network.



**NOTE:** WiFi network communication must be successfully established before a printer or printers can be detected and setup.

Tap on the Printer icon to display a list of available printers on the configured WiFi and Bluetooth networks.



### Adding A WiFi Printer (Admin Only)

1. Tap to access the Printer Setup functions.
2. Tap to add a WiFi printer.  
Make sure the printer is on and connected to the same wireless network as the analyzer.
3. Tap to add the printer to the list of eligible printers.
4. Tap to connect to the selected printer. A message is displayed when the configuration is successful.
5. Tap to return to the printer list.

### Adding A Bluetooth Printer (Admin Only)

1. Tap the sign to add a Bluetooth printer.
2. Make sure the printer(s) is on.
3. Tap to add the printer to the list of eligible printers.
4. Tap to connect to the selected printer.
5. When prompted, enter the device PIN and tap . A message is displayed when the pairing is successful.
6. Tap to return to the printer list.

### Deleting A Printer (Admin Only)

1. Tap to access the Printer Setup functions.
2. Tap a displayed printer.
3. Tap to delete the printer and tap Yes to confirm.

**Email**

Displays all entered email addresses. Addresses can be added, edited, and deleted (Admin Only). Entered email accounts are added to the email address book. Frequently used email addresses can be selected from the displayed address list rather than being re-typed each time.

	Add Address		Server Settings
	Edit Address		Address Book
	Delete Selected Address		Send Test Email

**Add Address (Admin Only)**

1. Tap to add an email address.
2. Use the displayed keypad to enter the contact name and email address.
3. Tap Add to add the address to the email list or Cancel to exit and return to the email list.

**Edit Address (Admin Only)**

1. Select a displayed email address by tapping it.
2. Tap to edit the address.
3. Use the displayed keypad to edit the contact name and email address.
4. Tap Add to add the address to the email list or Cancel to exit and return to the email list.

**Deleting An Address (Admin Only)**

1. Select the email address by tapping it.
2. Tap to delete the address and tap Yes to confirm or Cancel to exit and return to the email list.

**Server Settings**

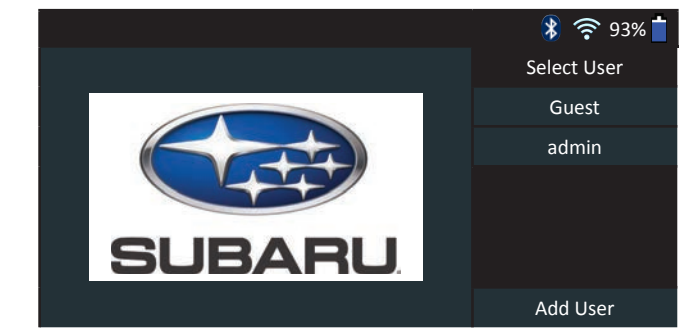
Enter and edit the email settings for sending outgoing email.

1. Tap to access the email sever settings.
2. Tap to enter or modify existing server settings including Host, Port, Login, Password, SMTP Authorization, Enable TLS, and From Email Address information.
3. Tap to clear all server settings.
4. Tap to return to the email Address Book.

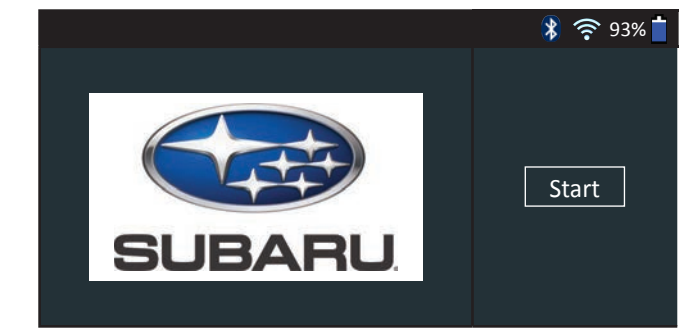
**User Settings**

Tap the  to turn on or off the Enable User Accounts option. When Enable User Accounts is on, the available user list is displayed on the start-up screen.

	User Settings		Delete Users
	User Management		



Start-up screen with User Selection on.



Start-up screen with User Selection off.

**Language Settings**

Use the Language & Input function to select the default system language used by the tool. User defaults also include Test Results, Email, and Print languages.

**System Language**

Select the default standard language for the analyzer to use on the Controller.

**Test Result Language**

Select the default language for the analyzer to use for all tests and results displayed on the Controller.

**Email Language**

Select the default standard language for the analyzer to use for all tests and results sent via email.

**Print Language**

Select the default standard language for the analyzer to use for all tests and results printed using a networked printer.

**Display Settings**

Adjust the Controller display including the Brightness, Sleep Time, and Dim Time. Auto Brightness can also be turned on and off.

**Brightness**

Adjust the display Brightness by tapping and holding the slider, then moving it right or left to make the screen brighter or darker.

**Auto Brightness**

Enable and disable Auto Brightness by taping on the check box.

**Sleep Time**

Adjust the amount of elapsed time before the Controller goes into a power saving (Sleep) mode. Default = 2 minutes.

**Dim Time**

Adjust the amount of elapsed time before the Controller goes into a power saving (Dim) mode. Default = 1 minute.

**BMIS Login (Admin Only)**

Enter and edit BMIS Login and Password information. Log into a BMIS account.

Country	Username	Password
U.S. Dealers	subaru@dss5000.com	subaru1
Canadian Dealers	subarucanada@dss5000.com	subaru1

The Location Selection screen (Admin Only) is displayed. Scroll to find the correct location or tap to search for a specific location. Tap **Next** to continue.

**Shop Information (Admin Only)**

Access default Shop Information including Store Name, Address, and Phone Number. Also access battery test defaults including rating, Temperature Units, and Decimal Separator. Use also to adjust the tester Date and Time Settings.

	Settings Home		Date/Time Settings
	Test Settings		Create MDCA Log File

**Shop Information**

Use the onscreen keypad to enter the store name, address, and phone number.

Store Name	Midtronics
Street Address	7000 Monroe
Street Address 2	
City	Willowbrook
State	IL
Zipcode	60527
Phone #	1-630-323-2800

**Test Settings**

1. Tap to access the test setting defaults. Tap the boxes or icons to change the values.

Battery Rating	CCA
Temperature Units	° F
Decimal Separator	00.00
Create MDCA Log File	

**Battery Rating**

Default battery rating units used when testing batteries.

**Temperature Units**

Default temperature units used when measuring battery temperature.

**Decimal Separator**

Default number display using commas or periods separators.

**Create MDCA Log File**

The MDCA function is used by Midtronics technical support.

2. Tap to return to the Shop Information screen.

**Date/Time Settings**

1. Tap to access the Date/Time setting defaults.

Select Time Format	12 Hour
Select Date Format	10/18/2016
Select Time Zone	EST
Set Date	
Set Time	

**Select Time Format**

12 or 24 Hour Format

**Select Date Format**

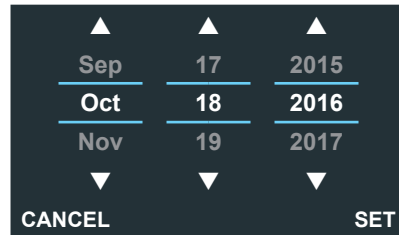
Month/Day/Year, Day/Month/Year, or Year/Day/Month

**Select Time Zone**

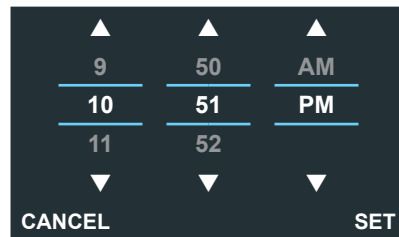
Time zone in which the analyzer will be operated.

**Set Date**

Tap ▲ or ▼ to enter the month, day, and year. Tap Set to save the date or Cancel to exit without saving.

**Set Time**

Tap ▲ or ▼ to enter the hours, minutes, and AM/PM. Tap Set to save the date or Cancel to exit without saving.



2. Tap 🏠 to return to the Shop Information screen.

**Device List**

Displays connected and linked accessory devices. Additional devices and CVG-2 modules can also be detected and linked to the analyzer.



Add



Refresh



Delete Paired Device



Enabled

**Add Tester Pod**

1. Tap + to add a device.
2. Move the device to be linked within 30 feet of the Controller, turn on the device, then tap →.
3. A list of detected devices is displayed. Tap > next to the desired device to select it. If the desired device is not displayed, tap ↻ to refresh the list.



**NOTE:** A passkey number is automatically generated once the Bluetooth pairing has been established.

A confirmation message is displayed when the device has been successfully linked.

4. Tap → to return to the Device List screen.

**Deleting A Tester Pod**

1. Tap 🗑️ next to the base to be deleted.
2. Tap Yes to delete.

**Version Information**

Use Version Information to display WiFi connection data the DSS Controller, Diagnostic Device, and CVG-2 Device software version information.



Factory Reset



Check For Updates



Legal Information

DSS Serial Number

WiFi MAC Address

Configuration Version

Data Version

DSS Controller Version

Diagnostic Device Version

CVG-2 Device Version No Device Configured

OS Version

**Factory Preset**

Use to return the tool to original history and test settings.



**IMPORTANT:** All previous modifications to the original settings will be overwritten.

**Legal Information**

Displays software attribution information via the Midtronics website. The analyzer must be connected to the Internet.

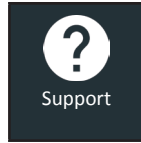
**Check for Updates**

BMIS status is displayed when tester is powered up. Check for tester software updates via the connected WiFi network.



**IMPORTANT:** An alert is displayed when tester has not communicated with BMIS for more than 24 hours. The "No" option is not available for 30 seconds.

## Chapter 9: Support



Use the Support function to access built-in Self-Testing functions or to view a digitized version of the Instruction Manual.

### User Manual

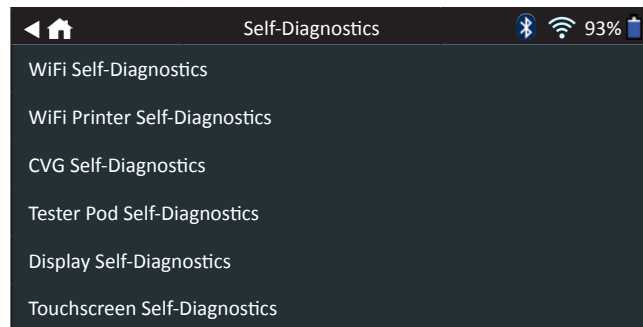


Tap the icon to view the analyzer's Instruction Manual.

### Self-Diagnostics

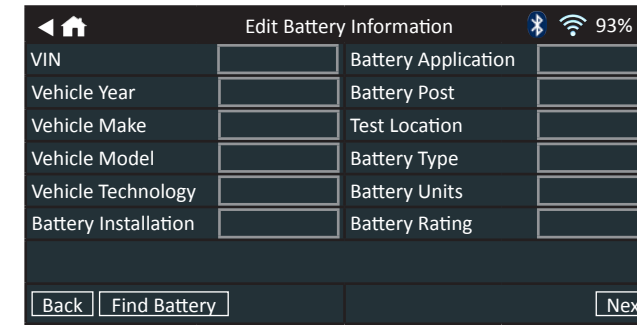


Use to test WiFi network and printer connections, CVG pairing, Tester Pod diagnostics, Controller display testing, and Controller touch panel testing.



WiFi Self-Diagnostics	Tests connectivity to the BMIS server via the selected WiFi network
WiFi Printer Self-Diagnostics	Use to configure a WiFi printer
CVG Self-Diagnostics	Check connectivity to a configured CVG device
Tester Pod Self-Diagnostics	Check connectivity between the Controller and the Tester Pod
Display Self-Diagnostics	Tests Controller pixel display
Touchscreen Self-Diagnostics	Tests Controller touchscreen responsiveness

## Appendix A: Battery Information Screen Descriptions



<b>VIN</b>	A unique code, including a serial number, used by the automotive industry to identify individual motor vehicles, motorcycles, scooters and mopeds, as defined in ISO 3833.	
<b>Vehicle Year</b>	Model year that a vehicle was manufactured.	
<b>Vehicle Make</b>	Vehicle manufacturer	
<b>Vehicle Model</b>	Vehicle name or number	
<b>Vehicle Technology</b>	Hybrid, Gasoline, Electric, Start-Stop, Hybrid Start-Stop, Diesel	
<b>Battery Installation</b>	Single Battery or Dual Batteries	
<b>Battery Application</b>	Automotive, Marine, Powersport, Group 31, Commercial 4D/8D, Lawn and Garden	
<b>Battery Post</b>	Top Post, Side Post, Dual Post	
<b>Test Location</b>	Top Post, Side Post, Remote Post	
<b>Battery Type</b>	Flooded, AGM (Absorbed Gas Mat), AGM Spiral, Gel, Enhanced Flooded	
<b>Battery Units</b>	CCA	Cold Cranking Amps: Battery current at 0 °F (-17.8 °C). 100 to 3000
	CA	Cranking Amps: Battery current at 32°F (0 °C). 100 to 3000
	JIS	Japanese Industrial Standard: Usually printed on battery label. 26A17 to 245H52
	DIN(A)	Deutsche Industrie-Norm 100 to 1000
	SAE(A)	European labeling of CCA 100 to 3000
	IEC(A)	International Electrotechnical Commission 100 to 1000
	EN(A)	Europa-Norm 100 to 1700
	EN2(A)	Europa-Norm 100 to 1700
<b>Battery Rating</b>	Enter the Battery Rating Units value.	
<b>Notes</b>	Enter an RO number here.	

## Appendix B: Recommended Test Procedure

The Conductance Profiling™ technology determines battery cranking and Reserve Capacity testing. This additional process, can take up to 60 seconds to complete.



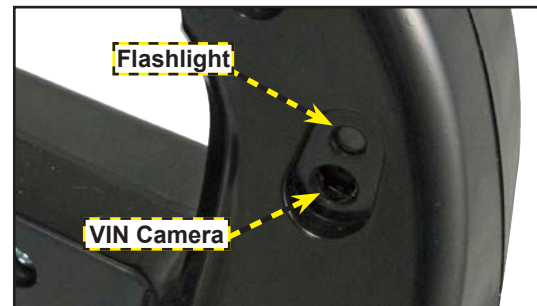
**IMPORTANT:** Always begin each test by connecting the Tester Pod clamps to the battery being tested. The test begins as soon as the clamps are connected.

### VIN Scanning

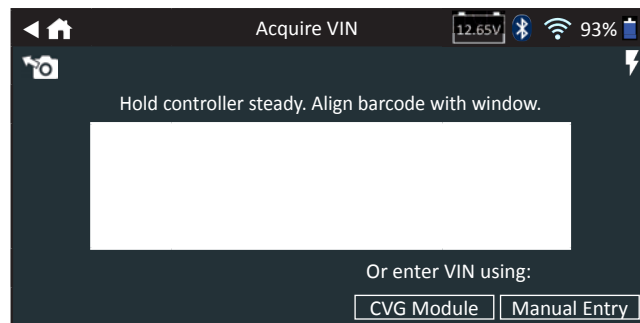
The DSS-5000 uses a camera built into the Controller handle to scan the VIN of the vehicle being tested. This number is then cross referenced with the original equipment manufacturer's battery specifications stored in the tester's database and displayed on the Controller screen.

### Scanning Tips

- **Camera:** Located in the upper left portion on the back of the Controller handle.



- **Hold Steady:** Hold Controller steady when scanning the VIN barcode. This allows the user to clearly see the barcode and allows the camera to focus on it.



- **Fill Viewfinder:** Make sure the entire barcode is visible. Keeping the entire VIN barcode visible while slowly moving the camera closer or further away will help capture.
- **Clean Barcode/Window:** Surface dirt can interfere with the scanning process. If necessary wipe the VIN barcode with a cloth or your finger remove any surface dirt.
- **Lighting/Glare:** To provide additional light in low-light situations, tap the ⚡ icon to turn on the built-in flashlight. If the flashlight, or ambient light, is shining directly onto the VIN barcode, try pivoting the camera up or down slightly to reduce any glare.



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