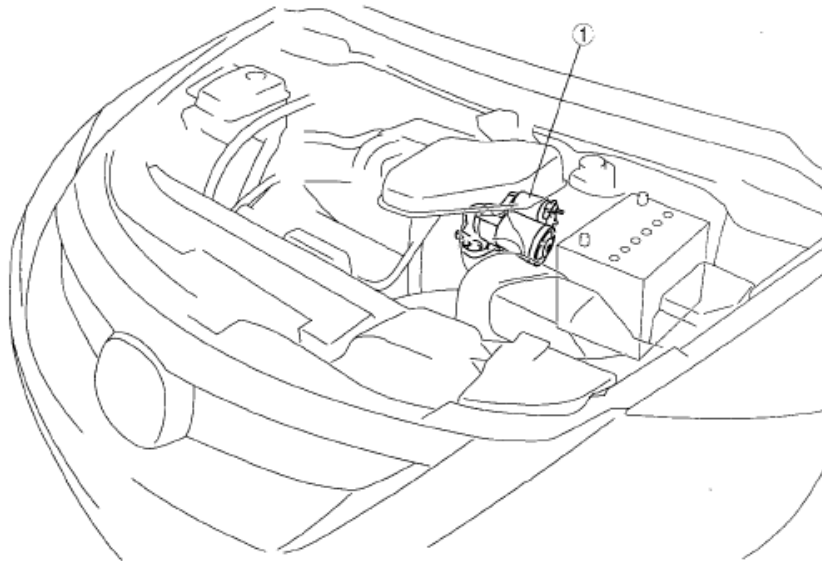


## 2008 ENGINE

### Starting System (MZI-3.7) - Mazda CX-9

#### STARTING SYSTEM LOCATION INDEX [MZI-3.7]



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**Fig. 1: Identifying Starter**

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#### STARTER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [MZI-3.7]

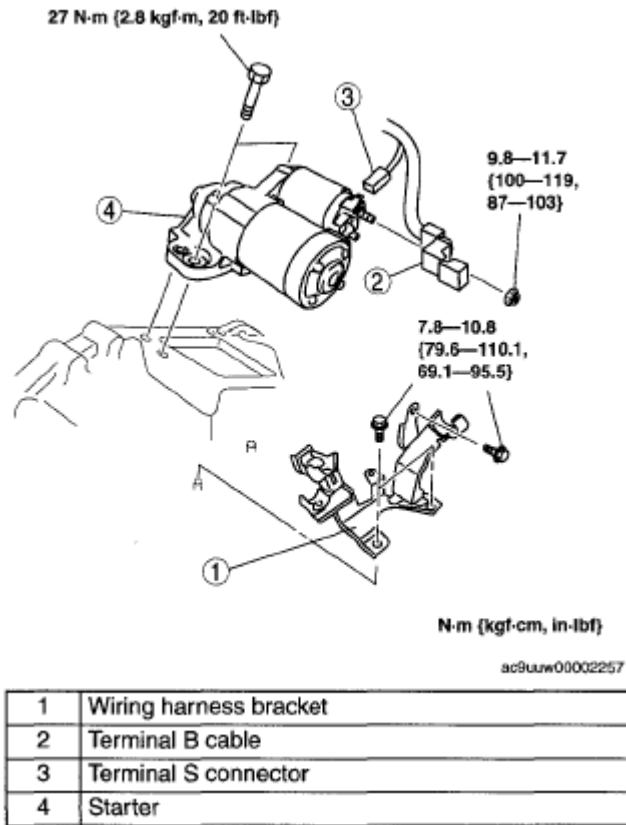
**WARNING:**

- Remove and install all parts when the engine is cold, otherwise they can cause severe burns or serious injury.
- When the battery cables are connected, touching the vehicle body with starter terminal B will generate sparks. This can cause personal injury, fire, and damage to the electrical components. Always disconnect the negative battery cable before performing the following operation.

1. Remove the battery and battery tray. (See **BATTERY REMOVAL/INSTALLATION [MZI-3.7]** .)
2. Position the selector cable out of the way.
3. Remove in the order indicated in the table.
4. Install in the reverse order of removal.

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**Fig. 2: Identifying Wiring Harness Bracket, Starter, Connector & Torque Specifications**  
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## STARTER INSPECTION [MZI-3.7]

### ON-VEHICLE INSPECTION

1. Verify that the battery is fully charged.
2. The starter is normal if it rotates smoothly and without any noise when the engine is cranked.
  - If the starter does not operate, inspect the following:
    - Remove the starter, and inspect the starter unit.
    - Inspect the related wiring harnesses, the ignition switch, and the transaxle range switch.

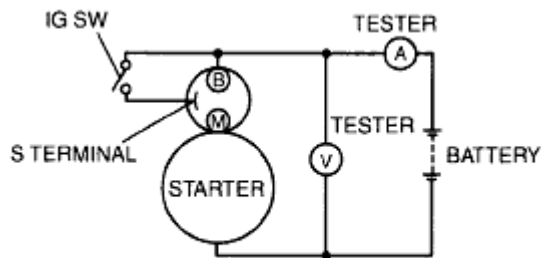
### NO-LOAD TEST

1. Verify that the battery is fully charged.
2. Connect the starter, battery, and a tester as shown in the figure.
3. Operate the starter and verify that it rotates smoothly.
  - If the starter does not rotate smoothly, inspect the starter unit.
4. Measure the voltage and current while the starter is operating.

- If not within the specification, replace the starter.

**Starter no-load test voltage 11 V**

**Starter no-load test current 90 A or less**



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**Fig. 3: Connecting Starter, Battery, And A Tester**  
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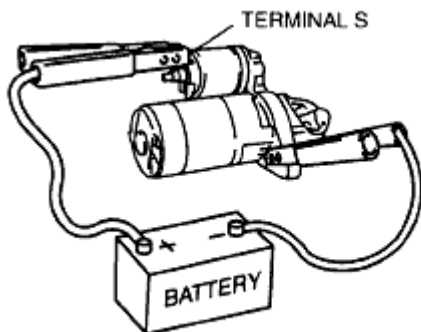
### MAGNETIC SWITCH OPERATION INSPECTION

#### Pull-out test

**NOTE:**

- Depending on the battery charge condition, the starter motor pinion may rotate while in an extended state. This is due to current flowing to the starter motor through the pull-in coil to turn the starter motor, and does not indicate an abnormality.

1. Verify that the starter motor pinion is extended while battery positive voltage is connected to terminal S and the starter body is grounded.
  - If the starter motor pinion is not extended, repair or replace the starter.

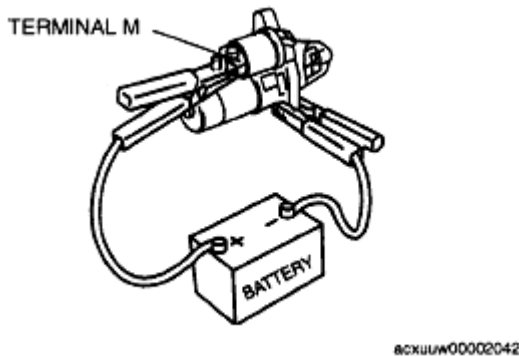


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**Fig. 4: Checking Battery Positive Voltage Terminal S And Starter Body**  
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### Return test

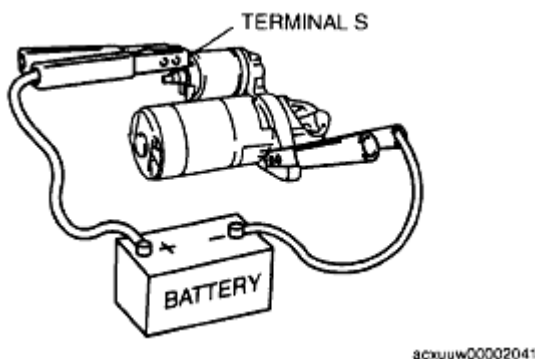
1. Disconnect the motor wire from terminal M.
2. Connect battery positive voltage to terminal M and ground the starter body.
3. Pull out the drive pinion with a screwdriver. Verify that it returns to its original position when released.
  - If it does not return, repair or replace the starter.



**Fig. 5: Connecting Battery Positive Voltage To Terminal M And Ground Starter Body**  
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### PINION GAP INSPECTION

1. Pull out the drive pinion with the battery positive voltage connected to terminal S and the starter body grounded.



**Fig. 6: Pulling Drive Pinion With Battery Positive Voltage Connected To Terminal S And Starter Body Grounded**  
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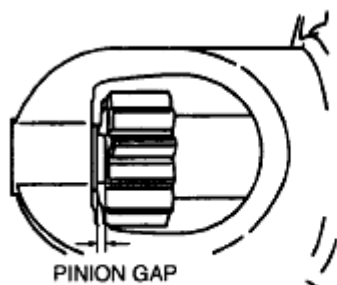
**CAUTION:**

- Applying power for more than 10 s can damage the starter. Do not apply power for more than 10 s.

2. Measure the pinion gap while the drive pinion is extended.
  - If not as specified, adjust with an adjustment washer (between drive housing front cover and

magnetic switch).

**Starter pinion gap 0 mm {0 in}**



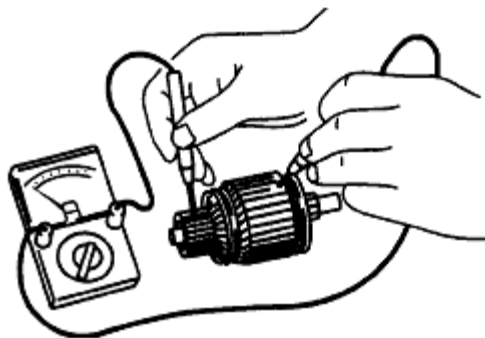
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**Fig. 7: Measuring Pinion Gap**  
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## STARTER INNER PARTS INSPECTION

### Armature

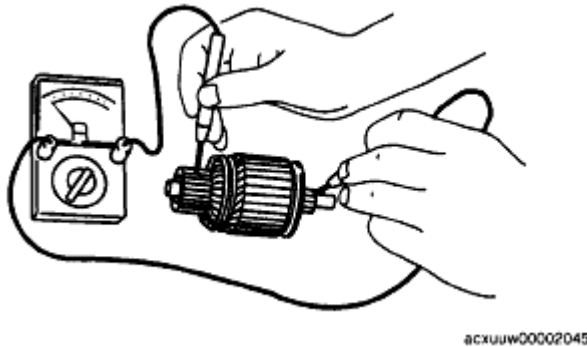
1. Verify that there is no continuity between the commutator and the core at each segment using a tester.
  - If there is continuity, replace the armature.



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**Fig. 8: Checking Continuity Between Commutator And Core**  
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2. Verify that there is no continuity between the commutator and the shaft using a tester.
  - If there is continuity, replace the armature.

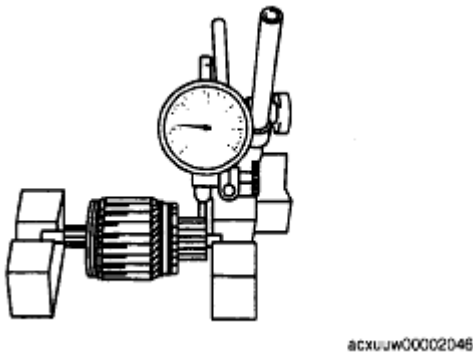


**Fig. 9: Checking Continuity Between Commutator And Shaft**  
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3. Place the armature on V-blocks, and measure the runout using a dial indicator.

**Starter armature runout**

**0.1 mm {0.004 in} max.**



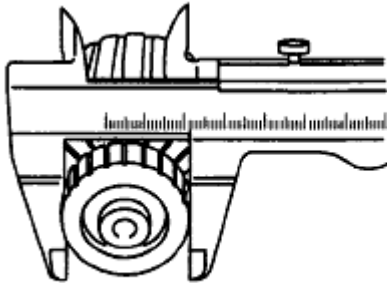
**Fig. 10: Measuring Runout With Dial Indicator**  
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4. Measure the commutator diameter.
  - If not within the minimum specification, replace the armature.

**Starter commutator diameter**

**Standard: 29.4 mm {1.16 in}**

**Minimum: 28.8 mm {1.13 in}**



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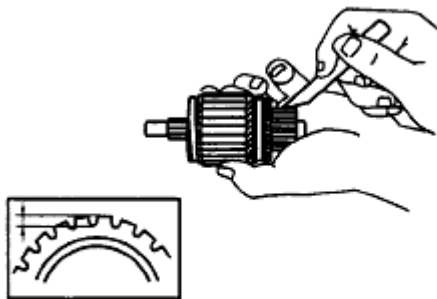
**Fig. 11: Measuring Commutator Diameter**  
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5. Measure the segment groove depth of the commutator.
  - If not within the minimum specification, undercut the grooves to the standard depth.

**Segment groove depth of starter commutator**

**Standard: 0.5 mm {0.02 in}**

**Minimum: 0.2 mm {0.008 in}**

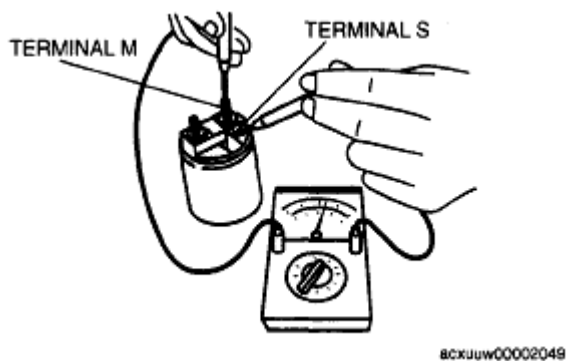


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**Fig. 12: Measuring Segment Groove Depth Of Commutator**  
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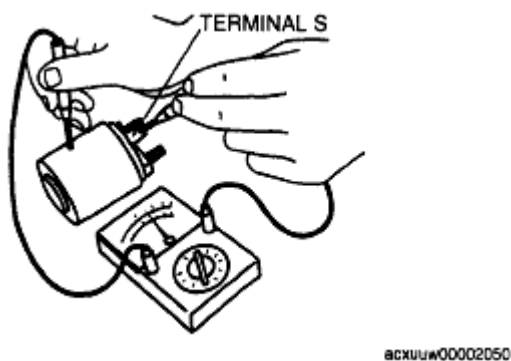
**Magnetic switch**

1. Inspect for continuity between terminals S and M using a tester.
  - If there is no continuity, replace the magnetic switch.



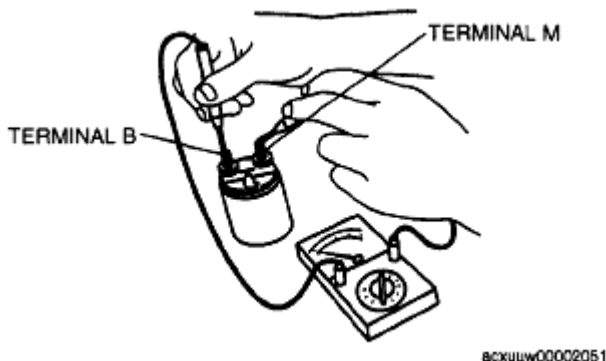
**Fig. 13: Checking Continuity Between Terminals S And M**  
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2. Inspect for continuity between terminal S and the body using a tester.
  - If there is no continuity, replace the magnetic switch.



**Fig. 14: Checking Continuity Between Terminal S And Body With Tester**  
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3. Verify that there is no continuity between terminals M and B using a tester.
  - If there is continuity, replace the magnetic switch.

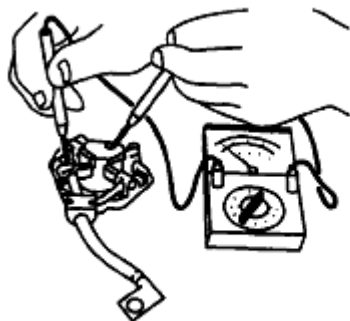


**Fig. 15: Checking Continuity Between Terminals M And B With Tester**  
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**Brush and brush holder**

1. Verify that there is no continuity between each insulated brush and plate using a tester.
  - If there is continuity, replace the brush holder.



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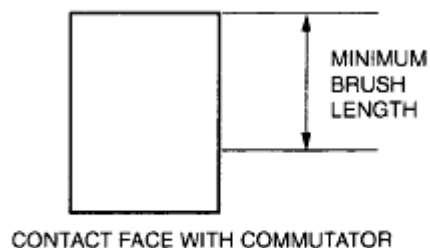
**Fig. 16: Checking Continuity Between Brush And Plate With Tester**  
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2. Measure the brush length.
  - If any brush is worn almost to or beyond the minimum specification, replace all of the brushes.

**Starter brush length**

**Standard: 12.3 mm {0.48 in}**

**Minimum: 5.5 mm {0.22 in}**



CONTACT FACE WITH COMMUTATOR

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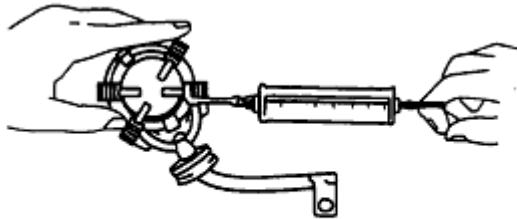
**Fig. 17: Identifying Brush Length**  
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3. Measure the brush spring force using a spring balance.
  - If not within the minimum specification, replace the brush and brush holder component.

**Starter brush spring force**

**Standard: 15.0-20.4 N {1.53-2.08 kgf, 3.38-4.58 lbf}**

Minimum: 2.75 N {0.28 kgf, 0.62 lbf}

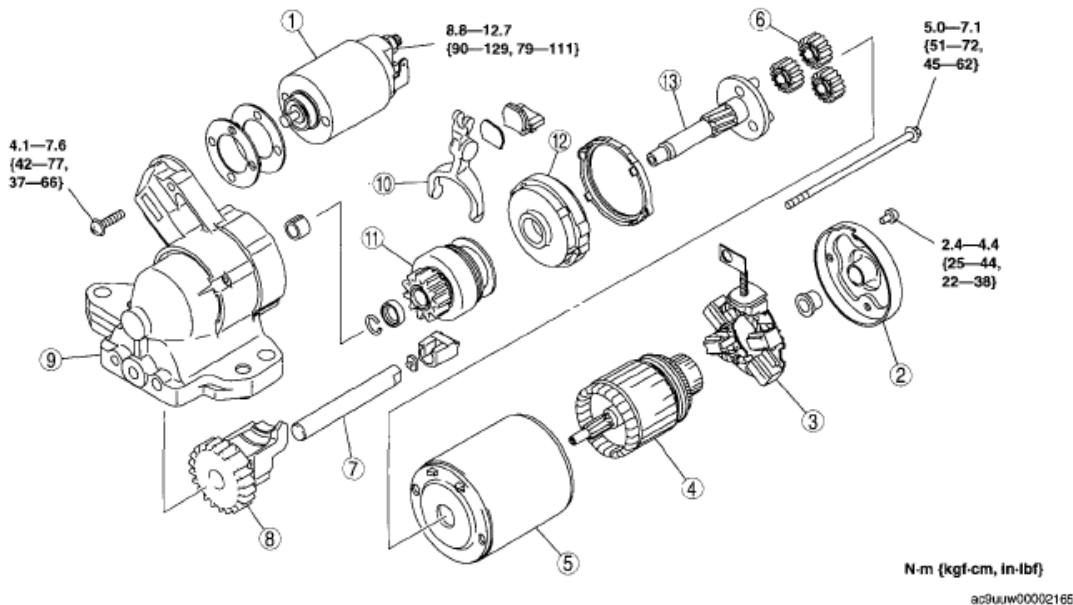


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**Fig. 18: Measuring Brush Spring Force With Spring Balance**  
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### STARTER DISASSEMBLY/ASSEMBLY [MZI-3.7]

1. Disassemble in the order indicated in the table.
2. Assemble in the reverse order of disassembly.



1	Magnetic switch
2	Rear housing
3	Brush and brush holder
4	Armature
5	Yoke
6	Planetary gear
7	Pinion shaft

8	Pinion
9	Front cover
10	Lever
11	Drive pinion
12	Internal gear
13	Gear shaft

**Fig. 19: Identifying Starter Components & Torque Specifications**  
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