OPERATOR'S MANUAL

OLXE For LX-E34 E series A.C. generator ends



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OPERATOR'S & PARTS MANUAL OLXE

For Generator Model: **LX-E 34E**

Read this manual thoroughly before starting your equipment. This manual contains information needed to operate your set correctly and safely.

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Introduction

This manual describes procedures for operation, maintenance, inspection and adjustment. It will help the operator realize peak performance through effective, economical and safe operation.

- Read this manual carefully BEFORE operating the generator.
- Study this manual until proper operation becomes personal habit.
- Operation, inspection, and maintenance should be carried out carefully. Safety must be given the first priority.

Safety Rules

- To insure years of trouble-free operation, the specified maintenance is important and should be performed.
- Electrical equipment should always be kept clean. Oil, dust, moisture and salt are all harmful to generators.
- **Be careful with electricity**. Do not touch rotating parts.
- Ambient Environmental Conditions
 - a) **Gas**: Do not use in an environment of corrosive or flammable gas (gasoline, hydrogen sulfide, methane gas, etc.)
 - b) **Sandy Dust**: Do not use equipment in places with excessive sand and dust.
 - c) **Humidity**: Do not use in very humid environments for long periods of time.
 - d) **Salt/Seawater**: Protect your generator from exposure to salt, water, and water vapor.

- **Insulation Resistance and Dielectric**: When measuring insulation resistance and dielectric, be sure to disconnect the AVR and rectifier.
- Be sure that the regulator is shut off by switching the CPR (circuit breaker) on the AVR to the off position when the unit is running at less than rated speed, or when the unit is to be run but no power generation is required.
- Before starting your generator, be sure operating conditions are safe.
- Ventilation: When selecting the installation site, be sure that the area is well ventilated and that ambient temperature does not exceed 40°C.
- Be sure to provide generator with cover and protection when operating outside.

LX-E Series AC generators are based on BS 4999 part 20 and IEC34-5, IP22.

Model and Serial Numbers

GENERATOR END MODEL NUMBER

Generator Set Model No	Generator Model
M944T	LX-E 34E

SERIAL NUMBERS

- When referencing Northern Lights equipment by serial number, it is important to differentiate between the engine, generator end, and generator set serial numbers.
- The engine serial number is either on a metal tag or stamped directly into the engine block.
- The generator END serial number is on a metal tag attached to the generator end.
- The generator SET serial number is on a separate metal tag attached to the generator end. It may be a five by one inch tag installed directly below the generator end tag. Or, it may look like the illustrations below. Please use the generator SET number in correspondence or when ordering parts.

NOF	RTHERN I	
Set Serial Set Model	Generator Set	®
Model No.	AC Generator	Data
Serial No.		
	WIRE	
KW	INSUL	
KVA	AMB°C	
RPM	PF	
HERTZ	VOLTS	
PHASE	VOLTS	
°C RISE	AMPS	
RULE	AMPS	
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Figure 1: Generator Set Serial Number Plate

Mechanical Construction

STATOR

The stator frame is fabricated from rolled steel. The round construction provides rigidity and strength to resist excessive mechanical shocks. The stator core is made of high quality silicon steel plates coated with insulating film for prevention of eddy currents. The core is positioned along the internal surface of the frame. The exciter field core is made of special steel plates capable of retaining a high degree of residual magnetism.

BEARINGS

The long-life ball bearings are sealed to prevent grease from escaping and to keep dirt out.

ROTOR

The rotor shaft is made of high quality carbon steel, and is designed and manufactured to be mechanically durable. The rotor is a salient revolving field type with the main field core made from special steel plates having superior magnetic characteristics. The field core elements, exciter rotor, rotary rectifier and cooling fan are integral parts of the same shaft.

VENTILATION

Cooling is provided by the cooling fan of the rotor through suction ports and exhausted through outlet ports. Every machine conforms to the cooling code ICO1 of BS.

Initial Inspection and Coupling

INITIAL INSPECTION

If the generator is stored for long periods of time, store in a clean, dry, ventilated area. After extensive storage time, check the resistance of the coil insulation in accordance with this manual (see **MAINTENANCE**, page 11) before operation. Be sure there are no abnormal sounds or any overheating during operation.

COUPLING WITH PRIME MOVER

LX-E series single bearing generators make centering and direct coupling easy. Coupling bolt torque is 35 ft.-lb.

GROUNDING

The neutral is not grounded to the frame unless specified.

Performance and Function

EXCITATION SYSTEM

The excitation system of the LX-E Series generator uses an Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) which uses a portion of the output power to supply controlled DC power to the exciter field (EX) as show in Figure 2. When DC power is supplied to the exciter field, output from the exciter armature is rectified by a 3-phase bridge rotary rectifier (Si) and supplied to the main field coils. See Figure 2.



Figure 2: LX-E Block Diagram

AUTOMATIC VOLTAGE REGULATOR (AVR)

The LX-E generators use a DST-100-2FAK AVR. This is a compact voltage regulator for generators with an output up to 50kW. The AVR can be used in 120V single phase applications and is installed inside the generator junction box.

The AVR obtains sensing input from the main stator coils and compares the rectified value of the sensing voltage with the reference voltage produced inside the AVR. Input power is obtained from the main stator.

Rectified output power to the exciter field is controlled by switching a transistor on and off. This AVR will control terminal voltage even if the input sine wave is distorted.



Figure 4: For 60 Hz

UNDER SPEED PROTECTION

A frequency sensing circuit is built into the AVR. When the generator speed drops to 90% of rated speed this circuit protects the AVR by reducing the voltage in proportion to the decrease in engine speed. In addition, when the generator is hit with a rapid overload, this circuit will lower the voltage to protect the engine. See Figures 3 & 4.

ROTARY RECTIFIER AND SURGE SUPPRESSOR

The rotary rectifier assembly, consisting of six diodes, functions as a 3-phase full wave rectifier for the output of the exciter armature and supplies this to the main field. To protect the diodes from large, instantaneous voltage surges, surge absorbers are provided as part of the rotating rectifier assembly.

Characteristics

VOLTAGE REGULATION

Generator terminal voltage regulation is within $\pm 1\%$ of the rated voltage in lagging power factor. 1.0 to 0.8, when the load is varied gradually from no load to full load. This value includes the temperature drift and rotating variation.

RESPONSE

After supplying a load instantaneously, the generator voltage should be restored to the steady condition in accordance with BS4999 Part 40, grade VR2.11 to VR2.23.

VOLTAGE STABILITY

In constant load and engine speed, voltage stability remains 0.25% of the rated voltage.

SHORT CIRCUIT

LX-E Series AC generators can provide over 300% of the rated current for a short period of time, with an excitation support system.

PHASE ROTATION

Phase sequence is T1-T2-T3 (U-V-W, A-B-C) with a counterclockwise rotation of generator viewed from the anti-coupling side.

Standard Voltage Tables and Connection Diagrams

Standard voltage selection table and connection diagram for LX-E Series 3-phase 12-wire AC generators. See AC wiring schematic page 19.

Winding Connection	Frequency	Voltages			
3 Phase Series Star (High Wye)	60 Hz	480/277	460/266	440/254	416/240
	50 Hz	415/240	400/231	380/219	
3 Phase Parallel Star (Low Wye)	60 Hz	240/139	230/133	220/127	208/120
	50 Hz	208/120	200/115	190/110	
1 Phase	60 Hz	120/240			
	50 Hz	100/200	110/220	115/230	120/240

Figure 5: Standard Voltage Table

Operation – Generator Set

STARTING

Before starting generator, check the following:

- 1. Make sure that the wiring is correct.
- 2. Be sure that nothing is blocking the air inlet/ outlet.
- 3. Make sure that the inside of the generator is clean.
- 4. Be sure the main line circuit breaker is switched OFF.

After checking each of the above, start the generator in the following procedure:

- 1. Start engine in accordance with instructions in the Operator's Manual. Be sure there is no abnormal sound or vibration.
- 2. The voltage will rise due to the increase in generator speed. After making sure that each interphase voltage is balanced, set the voltage and frequency to the rated level. Be sure the CPR switch is "ON". The voltage will not rise with CPR "OFF".
- 3. After running the generator without load, switch the circuit breaker ON to start the load operation.

VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT

The generator has been adjusted to obtain optimum voltage at the factory. If the voltage is different, adjust the voltage with the Voltage Adjust provided on the AVR.

RUNNING

Check the following while operating the generator:

- 1. Abnormal vibration and/or sound
- 2. Load
- 3. Environment:

Keep the air inlet/outlet clean and clear for optimum cooling. Insufficient cooling causes overheating of the generator.

Note: When a 3-phase generator is used at single phase load, each phase current should be balanced and should not exceed 50% of the rated current.

STOPPING

After putting the running generator in a no-load condition by removing the generator load, stop the engine in accordance with the Engine Manual.

Operation – Automatic Voltage Regulator

SAFETY RULES

- Do not leave AVR connected when testing generator with high-pot or megger.
- Adjust the engine only when the CPR is in "OFF" position.

OPERATION

- 1. Make sure the wiring is correct.
- 2. Make sure the frequency selection switch is set to the rated frequency (60 or 50 Hz).
- 3. To adjust the voltage turn the Voltage Adjust (VR1) counter-clock wise. Make sure the CPR is "ON".
 - a. Start the engine with no load and increase the engine speed slowly to the rated level.
 The voltage will automatically build up (residual voltage: more than 10V).
 - b. Adjust to the rated voltage using the Voltage Adjust (VR1).
 - c. Make sure of the proper Volt/Frequency characteristic by reducing the generator speed.
 - Make sure of voltage stability by switching the load "ON" or "OFF". Use the Stability Adjust (VR2).
 - e. If you find no problem with the AVR, start the normal operation.

ADJUSTMENT

Each component of the AVR is adjusted at the factory to obtain optimum voltage. If readjustment is necessary, make sure the voltage, frequency, load, etc. are functioning properly after readjustment.

1. **Initial Excitation:** For initial excitation use a DC12V or DC24V battery.

- a. Stop the generator.
- b. Remove the AVR connectors.
- c. Connect the field terminal F(+) with the polarity (+) of battery and the terminal F (-) with the polarity (-) and excite AVR field for 2 or 3 seconds.

2. Voltage Adjustment:

If the voltage output is low, increase the voltage by turning the Voltage Adjust (VR1) slowly clockwise.

3. Stability:

If the voltage output is unstable, increase the voltage by turning the Stability Adjust (VR2) clockwise.

4. Voltage and Frequency:

Voltage and Frequency (Hz) have been preset at the factory.

Maintenance

BEARING INSPECTION

For bearing inspection, make sure that there is no abnormal sound during normal running and no overheating. Greasing is not necessary for generators using the double seal type ball bearings, but these will need to be replaced after every 10,000 hours of operation (see **PARTS REPLACEMENT METHOD**).

INSULATION RESISTANCE MEASUREMENT

If the generator has not been used for a long time, check the insulation resistance of each lead wire at 500V with a megger.

It is usually enough to check only the stator winding. In order to prevent damage to the AVR, disconnect it. If the measured insulation resistance value is above 2 M ohms, there is no problem, but if it is lower than that, check to see if the inside of the generator is wet or dirty. If dust has accumulated, blow it out with dry compressed air. Wipe off oil stains with a cloth. If the generator is damp, dry it and re-check.

ROTATING RECTIFIER ASSEMBLY

The rotating rectifier assembly needs little attention. Clean off dust and oil stains periodically. In the unlikely event that it becomes necessary to replace the diode elements and surge absorber elements. Refer to **PARTS REPLACEMENT METHOD**.

PARTS REPLACEMENT METHOD

- 1. Bearing Replacement:
 - a. In order to replace the bearing, first remove the bearing holder housing on the end of the generator. Loosen and remove the four housing bolts. Remove the bearing holder gently since there is a risk that the rotor could fall and damage the exciter rotor or the exciter stator.



- b. Using a bearing puller, extract bearing from shaft.
- c. When installing a new bearing, place a steel pipe on the inner race surface, and fit the bearing by tapping it lightly with a hammer.



Figure 7. Bearing Puller

- **Note:** Absolutely do not apply pressure to outer race of the bearing during insertion.
- 2. Replacement of Rotary Rectifier Parts:
 - a. Rotary rectifier parts are all located at the rear of Exciter rotor. For parts replacement, remove the bearing shield.
 - b. To test the rotating rectifier diodes, disconnect the lead to the diode element and measure the resistance between the anode and cathode on each diode (see Figure 8).

Caution: Do not overheat the diodes. If the resistance value of the diode in the forward direction is low and the reverse direction resistance value shows infinity, it is good. If this is not the case, the diode element is defective and must be replaced. The diode elements can be damaged if overtightened.

c. "J" type diode elements are fastened to the J(+) side of the rotating rectifier assembly, and "K" type diode elements to the K(-) side.

Figure 6. Pilot Length

Maintenance, continued



Figure 8. Testing Diode Elements

- d. The Diode Torque Specifications for LX-E models is 5 mm = 48 in. lb.
- e. In order to test whether the rotating rectifier assembly surge absorber elements are good or not, first disconnect all lead wires as described in **PARTS REPLACEMENT METHOD**, Point 2, (above) and measure the resistance across surge absorber elements with a tester.
- Good surge absorber elements have about 10-30 K ohms, but if the resistance reading is near 0 ohms, the surge absorber elements is defective and must be replaced.
- Also, inspect outside of surge absorber and replace if it is cracked.
- In addition, when installing surge absorber elements, apply Loctite to the bolts.
- Bearing Housing Replacement: Inspect the O-Ring. If cracked, replace. Reassemble carefully, aligning housing with bearing. Tighten housing bolts to 2.5 kpm (18 ft/lbs.).

4. Rotating Rectifier Assembly Detailed Structure:





Maintenance – Automatic Voltage Regulator

- 1. Keep the AVR clean at all times. Make sure no dust or moisture accumulates on the AVR.
- 2. Inspect periodically making sure that wiring connections are not loose.

All ratings in Ohms @ 20° C		
	1 or 3 Phase	
MAIN		
STATOR:	0.0580 V	
	1 or 3 Phase	
MAIN		
ROTOR:	3.3 V	
	1 or 3 Phase	
EXCITER		
EACITER STATOR:	16.4 V	
	1 or 3 Phase	
EXCITER		
ROTOR:	0.629 V	
	1 or 3 Phase	
AUXILIARY WINDING:	1.34 V	
	1 Phase	3 Phase
FULL LOAD	50 Hz/ 220 volts 21.2 volts	
EXCITATION	60 Hz/ 240 volts 19.0 volts	
VOLTAGE:		50 Hz/ 220 volts 31.3 volts
		50 Hz/ 400 volts 29.0 volts 60 Hz/ 208 volts 24.6 volts
		60 Hz/ 480 volts 27.0 volts



Trouble Shooting

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDATION(S)	
Only a FEW VOLTS	Loss of residual magnetism of the exiter field	• Flash field.	
of output	Disconnection or short circuit of windings	• Check the insulation of all windings and check the resistance value.	
	Defective AVR	• Check the AVR.	
	Defective rotating rectifier assembly	Replace diode elements.	
Voltage is LOW	Incorrect wiring (GEN, AVR)	• Check the winding connection.	
-	Low speed	• Check the engine.	
	Overload	• Reduce the load.	
	Defective AVR	• Check the AVR.	
Voltage DIPS when on load	Starting of big motor or spot welding machine	 About 15% voltage dip is no problen 	
	Defective diode on rotating rectifier [F(+) - F(-) terminal voltage will show a very high value when a diode is defective]	• Change diode.	
Voltage is HIGH	Incorrect wiring (GEN, AVR)	• Check the AVR.	
	Too high speed	• Check the engine.	
	Defective AVR	• Check the AVR.	
Voltage FLUCTUATES	Wiring leads are loose	• Tighten leads.	
•	Irregular speed of engine	• Check the engine.	
	Poor AVR adjustment	• Check the AVR.	
	External noise	• Check the filter.	
Abnormal SOUND	Foundation uneven	• Check around local	
Abnormal SOUND or VIBRATION		Check ground level.	
	Poor mounting	 Check the mounting section. 	
	Misaligned coupling	 Check the coupling section. Perlage the bearing 	
	Defective bearing	• Replace the bearing.	



Stator Assembly Rotor Assembly	GW-20650-STF	with frame GM304980-1
Rotor Assembly		With hame Givio04900-1
······	GM304982	
Exciter Field Assembly	WKC-0131-F	
Rectifier Assembly	3T201-084-3	with diode element
Diode Element	SKN 26/12	
Diode Element	SKR 26/12	
Bearing	6311ZZ	
Fan Assembly	GM34865-2	with coupling boss GM405464
Coupling Plate	4M698-011-1	
Bearing Shield	GM34467-3	
Rubber Cap	GM403175	
Ventilation Cover	GM413645	Inlet
Ventilation Cover	GM413639	Outlet
Automatic Voltage Regulator	22-42071	
Junction Box	3T303-671	
Top Cover, Junction Box	4T302-144	
Side Cover, Junction Box	4T302-859	
Bracket, Junction Box	3T303-672	Left and right
Rubber Mount	33-40007	
Terminal (Output)	22-45413	
Terminal	UK150-3J	
Circuit Breaker 3 Amp	22-42077	
	Rectifier Assembly Diode Element Diode Element Bearing Fan Assembly Coupling Plate Bearing Shield Rubber Cap Ventilation Cover Ventilation Cover Automatic Voltage Regulator Junction Box Top Cover, Junction Box Side Cover, Junction Box Side Cover, Junction Box Bracket, Junction Box Rubber Mount Terminal (Output)	Rectifier Assembly3T201-084-3Diode ElementSKN 26/12Diode ElementSKR 26/12Bearing6311ZZFan AssemblyGM34865-2Coupling Plate4M698-011-1Bearing ShieldGM34467-3Rubber CapGM403175Ventilation CoverGM413645Ventilation CoverGM413639Automatic Voltage Regulator22-42071Junction Box3T303-671Top Cover, Junction Box4T302-144Side Cover, Junction Box3T303-672Rubber Mount33-40007Terminal (Output)22-45413TerminalUK150-3J



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Key	Description	Part Number	
1	Grommet	NG-79-R	
2	Circuit Breaker	22-40018	
3	Terminal	22-45413	
4	Automatic Voltage Regulator (DST-100-2FAK)	22-42071	
5	Terminal	UK150-3J	
6	Circuit Breaker 3 Amp	22-42077	
7	Rubber Mount	33-40007	
8	Bracket, Junction Box Mtg Right and left	3T303-672	
9	Junction Box	3T303-671	
10	Relay Board Sub-Assembly	22-70083-1	Manual Start
	Relay Board Sub-Assembly	22-70086-1	Autostart
11	Relay 12 Volt (4 ea.)	22-42047	
	Relay 24 Volt (4 ea.)	22-40085	
12	Timer Module 12 Volt	22-40407	
	Timer Module 24 Volt	22-40408	







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