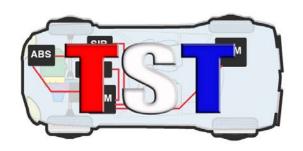
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# "Alternative Diagnostics"

In this article we will discuss ways to use modern tech-

nology to diagnose BMWs. We will explore the use of scopes (DSO), scan tools and pressure transducers. The logical use of other shop tools to speed diagnosis will also be explored.

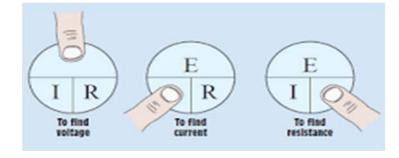
To use a scope you need a complete understanding of basic electricity.

We don't use I, E or R. Remember I is current - Amperage R is Ohms - Re-

sistance and E is Voltage







E=IXR I=E/R

R=E/I

Volts = Amps x Ohms Amps = Volts/Ohms Ohms = Volts/Amps

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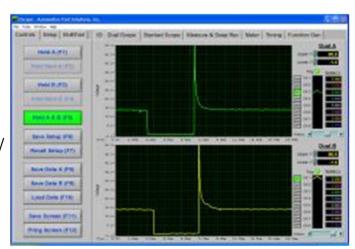
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### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 2)

A DVOM (digital volt ohm meter) samples the voltage thousands of times per second and averages it out to display a value. A scope samples the voltage millions or billions of times per second and plots the readings to display a graphic image of the various voltage values. The expression "a picture is worth a thousand words" applies here.

This is an injector waveform displayed on a PC based DSO.

A scope can be used for any electrical test (battery, alternator, or any system / device including networking) The scope only tests voltage! When testing for amperage, pressure or any other value the value is converted to voltage



so the scope can recognize and plot it on the screen.

All scopes measure time horizontally and voltage vertically.

If you want to measure the left. All scop have the start/charging system of a BMW, you can use an amp clamp on the starter cable or battery ground cable.

Use another channel

On the ATS Escope the settings are on the left.

All scopes have their own "buttontlogy"

Time is the horizontal

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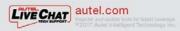
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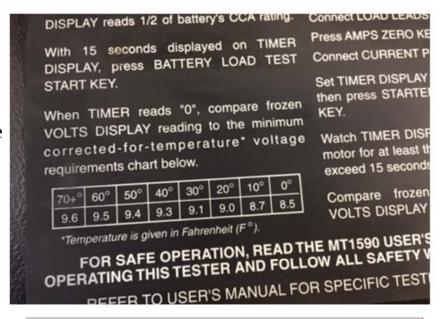
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#### Battery testing;

- 1. Visual inspection, look for loose, corroded terminals, deposits, conductive deposits or any other damage
- 2. Open circuit voltage. This changes with temperature

BMW Tip; Always look at the cranking voltage drop for excessive "low voltage". If the voltage drops below 9V modules can drop below their "logic threshold" and either not boot or set voltage/ network codes. This is also a possible cause of corrupted memory.

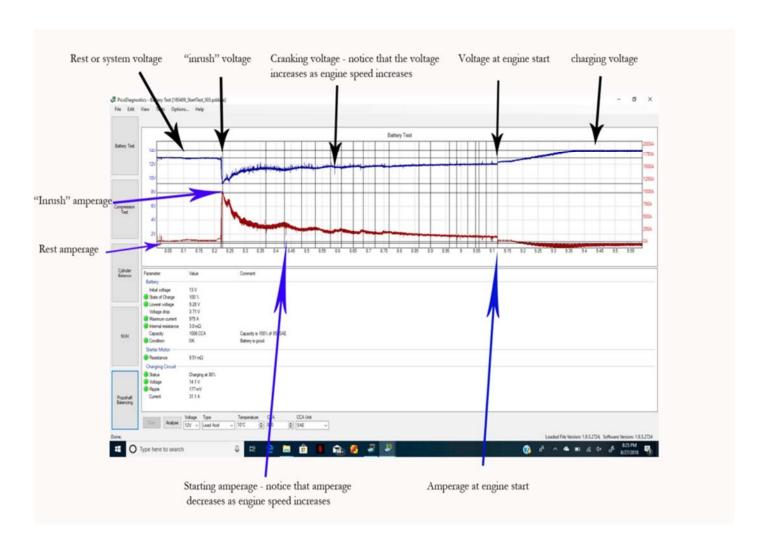
In-rush current will show the mechanical and electromotive resistance that has to be overcome to begin turning the motor. Excess amperage/ starter draw indicates either a starter motor problem or engine mechanical binding/ friction issue.



Voltage	State of Charge
12.6+	100%
12.5	90%
12.42	80%
12.32	70%
12.20	60%
12.06	50%
11.9	40%
11.75	30%
11.58	20%
11.31	10%
10.5	0%

### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 6)

The figure below shows the information available from 1 test



The charge system pattern on a DSO will show the fluctuations in both AC and DC charging voltage when you set one channel to AC and the other to DC. *See waveforms on page 10.* 

Tip; On older BMWs 500mV was acceptable. As the electronics have advanced, the acceptable value has decreased. On modern BMWs, 100 - 150mV is the acceptable level.

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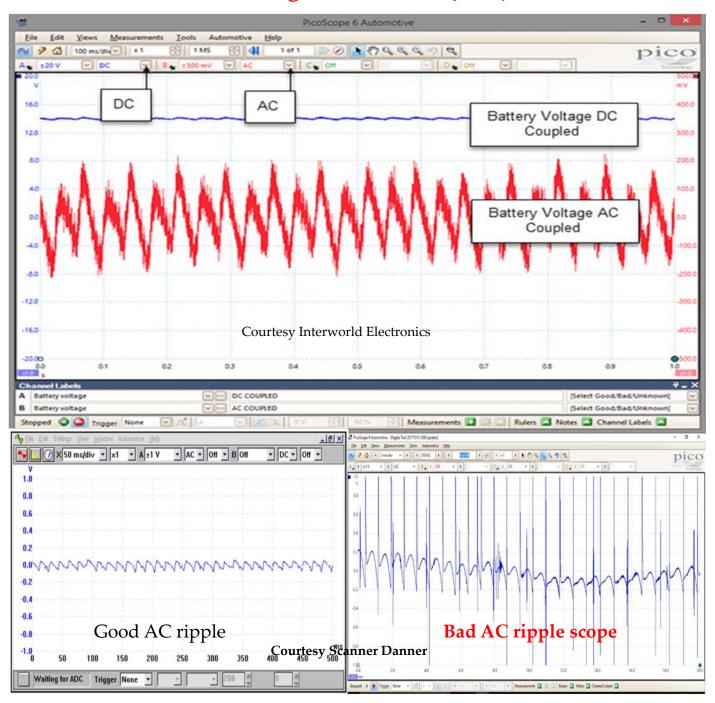


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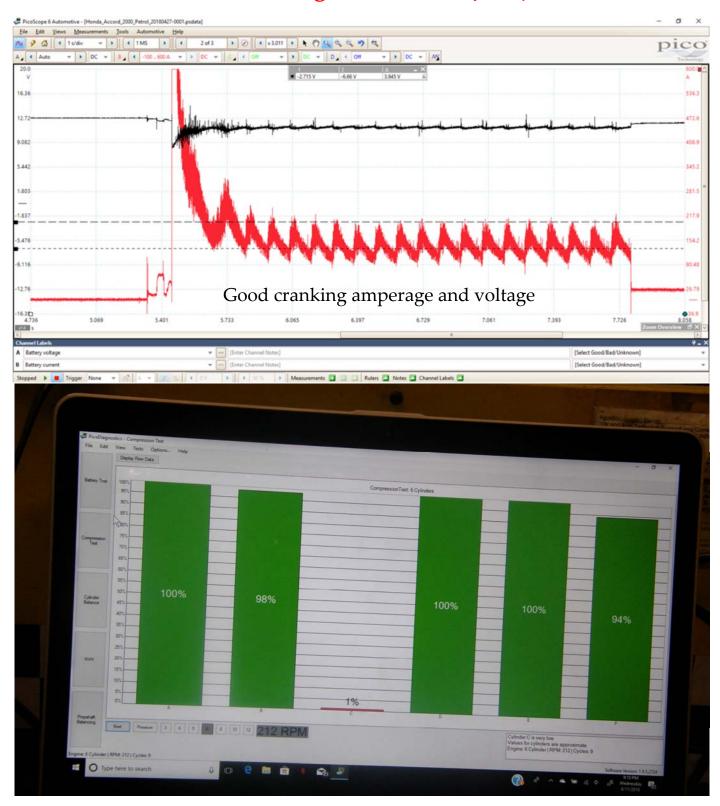
### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 7)



So what is a common BMW problem for which you need a quick diagnostic test? How about misfires? They can be caused by fuel, ignition or mechanical problems. A factory level scan tool is my first stop to "divide and conquer" decision making. Mechanical is the basis for all engine operations so that should be the area tested first. A quick test of engine health can be made with a scope and an amp clamp.

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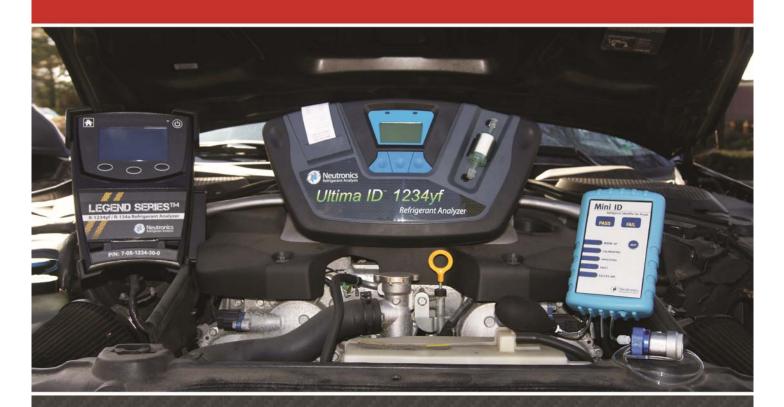
## "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 10)



The above screen shot is an example of a non-contributing cylinder in a bar graph form of relative compression using the Pico software.

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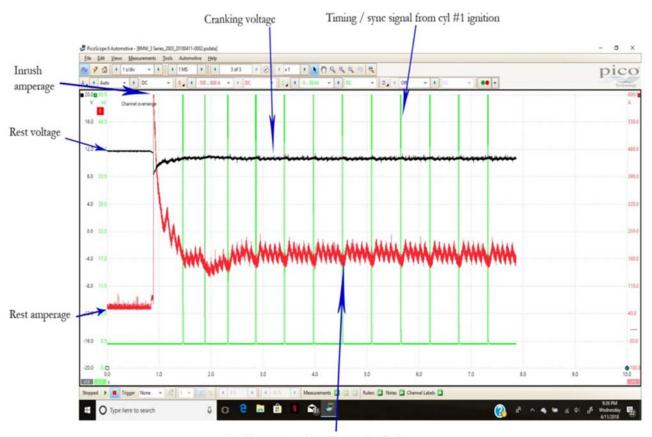
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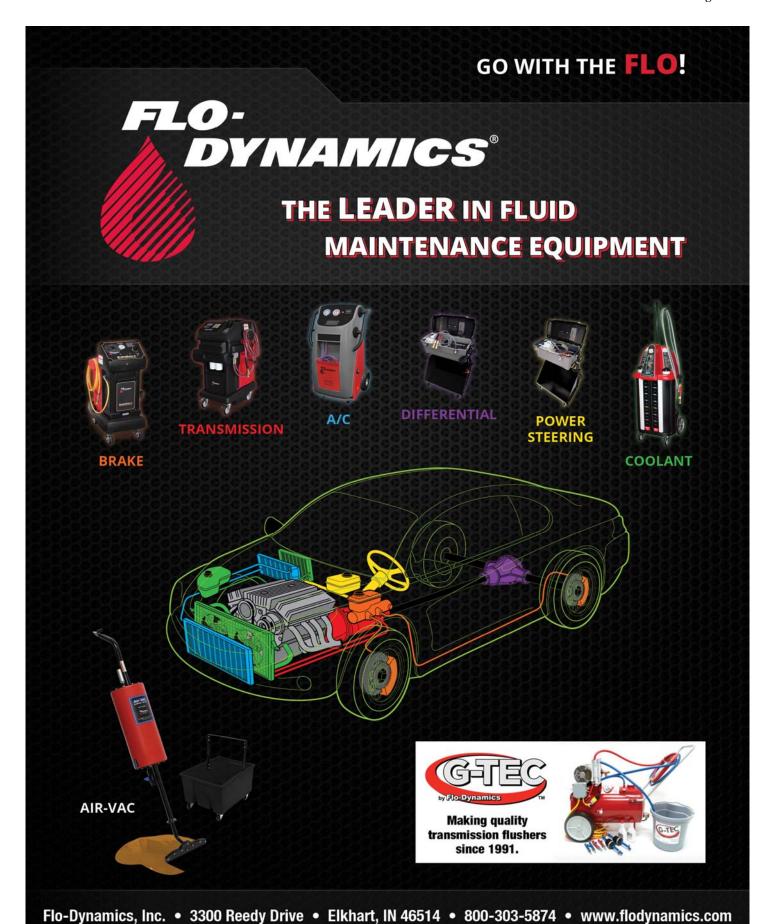


Cranking compression with 1 weak cylinder Note; The weak cylinder is lined up with the sync so #1 is the weak cylinder

The above is an example of a non-contributing cylinder in a raw scope form using the Pico scope.

Current is the red trace, Voltage is the black the trace and sync is green. This image shows a weak cylinder on a 6 cylinder engine. Cyl #1 was sync so #1 is the mechanically weak cylinder. Since this is a cranking only test, you would not look at fuel or spark in this case.

So what if the mechanical condition is good? Do you test fuel or ignition first? Usually I use and exhaust analyzer with a lambda calculator to give me a direction. If it's running 1.35 lambda (which means it is 35% lean), I am looking at mixture, not ignition. If, on the other hand, the lambda is 1.00, at all speeds, then ignition is my next area for testing.



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### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 14)

The chart to the right helps provide an understand of fuel ratio issues.

Lean mixtures cause lean density missfires and extremely rich mixtures cause short burn times and carbon fouling.

The gas analyzer readings are from a '88 BMW 635CSi that shows a Lambda of 1.01 with low HC, CO and O2 and good CO2 at 14.22%.

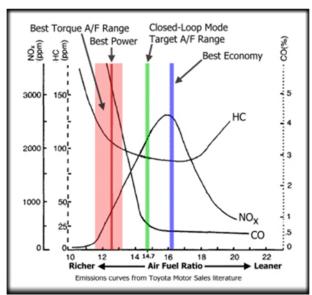
Any misfire on this engine would indicate good mixture control so look for an ignition problem. Please note, with a "real" ignition problem, the HC and O2 would be elevated based on catalytic convertor efficiency. A weak Cat would show elevated values and a strong Cat would be lower.

HOLD

CYCLE MODE VIEW

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The GTC 505 ignition analyzer is an easy tool to use for quick ignition testing. This V8 has a misfire showing on the "burn time" screen.





The image below shows an E90 328i after replacing coils and plugs. Note, the firing KV is cut off at the top since the purpose of this test is to analyze burn time and to look for "KV kick" from a shorted output.



Tip; Modern BMWs have a multi-spark strategy at idle. Note the 7 peaks in the waveform to the left.

(Con't on page 21)

### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 20)

Once you determine whether it's fuel or ignition you can use a scope to measure voltage on one channel and current on another to diagnose faults.

Current ramping; Current ramping is the practice of using an amp clamp to measure the amperage in a circuit and display it as a waveform. Remember; the scope only "sees" voltage. The amp probe or clamp converts the amperage in a wire to voltage and outputs the voltage to the scope.

For example, to current ramp injectors, you can amp clamp the main feed to the injectors and see each injector on the circuit in sequence. Port injected BMWs are power side fed and grounded by the DME. Direct injected BMWs (including diesels) have power and ground side controlled by the DME. Always look at the wiring diagram to determine circuit design and DME pins. It is best to find an easy location to place the amp clamp. When possible, use a fused jumper at the fuse box and then surround the wire with your amp clamp. Remember; current is the same anywhere in a circuit. On a typical port injected BMW, I use the fused jumper for current ramping and read voltage at the DME pin for the bad cylinder.

A similar testing strategy works for ignition. By using a "sync" signal you can determine which ignition or fuel circuit is failing.

Tip; BMW has used a multi-strike strategy for fuel injectors for many years. This allows the use of low resistance / high performance fuel injectors without burning DME driver transistors. This strategy is the reverse of coils and increases the number of strikes as load increases.

Any motor or load can be diagnosed using current ramping. An example is a fuel pump. All BMWs can be tested at the pump. Again, look at the wiring diagram first so you understand (Con't on page 24)





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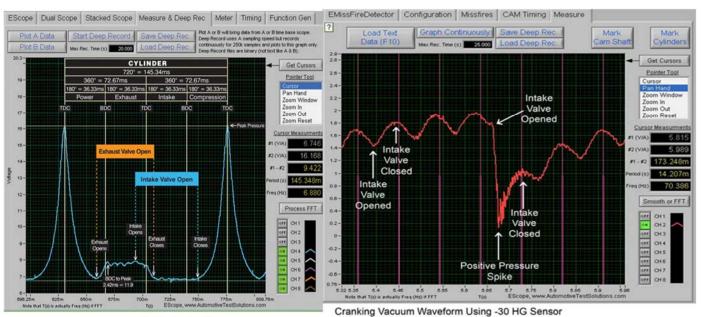
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### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 21)

where to test. On many BMWs, you can use a looped fused jumper to test easily. You can see each winding of the pump armature, determine pump RPM and total current draw. If the pump runs slow look for voltage drop on power and ground side wiring. A too fast running pump can be caused by air / cavitation or low fuel pressure.

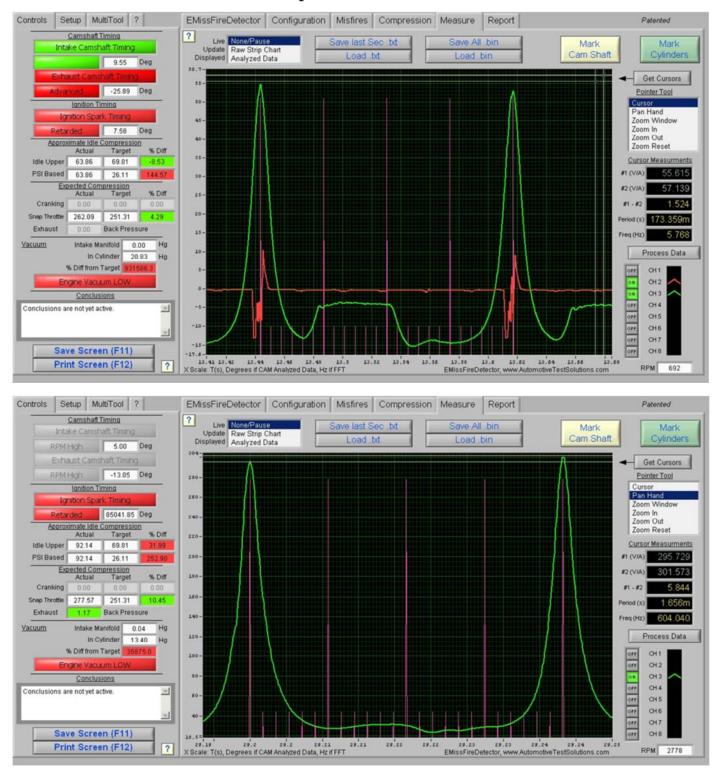
An erratic signature indicates wear and I like to advise my customers of potential pump failure when I see one. Remember, small decreases in pump speed will decrease fuel volume dis-proportionately while fuel pressure stays constant. You can confirm a volume problem with a flow gauge. Current ramping can be used on any other system on BMWs - for example transmission, body functions, ABS.

Pressure Transducers; Another alternative diagnostic method is to use pressure transducers. The purpose of the article is to expose the existing technology but using transducers is quite a large subject so lets touch on a few examples. Fuel pressure testing. Instead of using an analog gauge, by using a transducer you can plot pressure, in very fine detail, over time. Engine diagnostics. In cylinder diagnostics and pressure/ vacuum testing in the intake or crankcase.



### "Alternative Diagnostics" (con't from p. 24)

Below are running compression waveforms on a '08 BMW 328i. First below is at idle and the second is a snap throttle condition.



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### "TST Seminars and Big Event For 2018 & 2019"

The new season for seminars started in September and continues on with this month's. We have 3 more seminars besides November's that are in January, March and May 2019.

TST has a total of 6 seminars, 5 of which be held in four different states along with 5 simulcast seminars.

We also have our 16th annual TST Big Event on Saturday March 30, 2019. The list of instructors for this season are once again the top in the industry. This year started off with Bob Augustine in September and rolls along with; Eric Ziegler in October, Pete Meier in November, Brandon Stickler in January, Kris Lewis, John Anello, John Thornton for the Big Event, and Ken Zanders to finish the season of training up.

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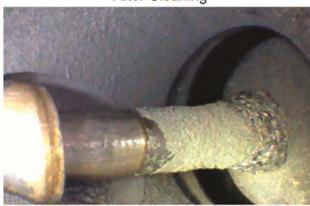
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