

Tip Of The Week

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DC Motor - Brush Arcing

Our eyes looking through a commutator viewing window are still one of the best tools for identifying excessive arcing and sparking of the brushes on a DC motor. However, trending of the armature voltage in the time domain can provide an alternate visual tool in the detection of poor commutation and offset in the magnetic center. To see an example and read more about this technique please read: http://www.pdma.com/pdfs/Articles/Online Fault Analysis of DC Motors.pdf

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