This page describes how to test your alternator diodes.

The following test is a static test and you will require a digital multi meter (DMM) selected onto DIODE mode



Alternator test static

- > Disconnect any terminals on the B+ (battery) terminal
- Using the red and black test leads probe between B+ and alternator ground, Red to B+ Black to Ground, note reading, should be 0
- > Reverse those two connections, Black to B+ and Red to Ground, note reading, should be 0
- If this is the case i.e. both read the same then the diodes are good, if they read as per the following images then the diodes are bad



Another test if Alternator is still fitted on engine



- Using a digital volt meter, set to AC volts
- Using the red and black test leads probe between B+ and alternator ground, Red to B+ Black to Ground, note reading, should be 0
- Voltage should be below 0.5v AC
- Reverse those two connections, Black to B+ and Red to Ground, note reading, should be 0
- If any greater than 0.5vAC your alternator diodes are at fault and need to be rectified as they will damage delicate electronics on board, including the ZM5