

# **Operation manual**

Description of the generator and operation manual



# Marine Generator Panda PMS 4500 FCB

Super silent technology

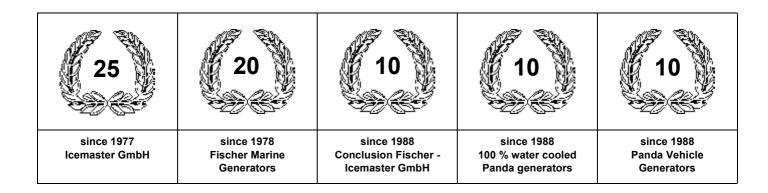
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#### **Fischer Panda**

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The companies Fischer and Icemaster amalgamated under the direction of Icemaster in 1988, in order to concentrate on the development of new products. Production was moved to Paderborn.

The amalgamation of the two qualified companies led to the development of a complete new programme within a short space of time. The gensets developed at that time set new technological standards worldwide.

The gensets became more efficient and powerful than other gensets in the same nominal performance range, because of the improved cooling. Panda generator demonstrated its superiority in several tests by renowned institutes and magazines during the past years. The patented VCS (voltage Control System) means it can meet all demands including motor speed. The start-booster (ASB) means Panda generators meet the highest demands in respect of voltage stability and starting values A Panda generator, with the same drive motor, produces 15% more effective output than the majority of conventional generators. This superiority in efficiency also ensures a fuel saving to the same extent.

The 100% water-cooled Panda gensets are currently manufactured in the performance range from 2 to 100 kW in various versions. Fast running motors are preferred for performances up to approx 30 kW (Nominal speed 3000 rpm). The heavier slow runners are preferred for the higher range. The fast running gensets have proved themselves many times for many uses, that they meet the demands in quality of yachts and vehicles, and offer space and weight saving of 50% compared to slow running generators.

In addition to the Panda series, Icemaster also supply the super compact high-tech sound-insulated battery charging genset from the DC/AC Panda AGT series, which is a very interesting solution for the production of mobile power.

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# **Safety Instructions**



# The electrical Installations may only be carried out be trained and tested personnel!

#### The generator may not be taken into use with the cover removed.

The rotating parts (belt-pulley, belts, etc) must be so covered and protected do that there is no danger to life and body!

If a sound insulation covering must be produced at the place of installation, then well-placed signs must show that the generator can only be switched on with a closed capsule.

All servicing-, maintenance or repair work may only carried out, when the motor is not running.

Electrical voltages above 48 volts (battery chargers greater than 36 volts) are always dangerous to life). The rules of the respective regional authority must be adhered to. Only an electrician may carry out installation of the electrical connections for safety reasons.

#### **Protective Conductor:**

The generator is "earthed " as standard (The centre and earth are connected by means of a bridge in the generator terminal box). This is a basic safety function, which offers basic safety as long as no other component has been installed. It is, above all, conceived for supply and an eventual test run.

This "earth" (PEN) is only effective, if all parts of the electrical system is earthed, and has a common "potential". The bridges can be removed, if this is required for technical reasons and another protection system has been installed.

The full voltage is exploited at the AC control box, when the generator is run. It must therefore be ensured that the control box is closed and cannot be tampered with, if the generator is running.

The battery must always be disconnected, if work on the generator or electrical system is to be carried out, so that the generator cannot be unintentionally started.

It is not allowed to disconnect the battery during operation!

After the generator has stopped the battery can be disconnected!

#### Switch off all load when working on the generator

All load must be disconnected, in order to avoid damages to the devices. In addition the semi conductors in the AC control box must be disconnected in order to avoid the boat capacitors being activated. The minus pole of the battery ought to be removed.

Capacitors are required to run the generator. These have two varying functions:

- A) The working capacitors
- B) The (Booster) capacitors

Both Groups are located in a separate AC-Control box.

Capacitors are electrical stores. There could be a residual of high electrical current at the contacts for a period disconnection from the circuit. The contacts my not be touched for safety reasons, If the capacitors are to be exchanged or checked, then a short circuit between the contacts should be made so that the stored energy is discharged.

If the generator is switched off in the normal manner, the working capacitors are automatically discharged by means of the windings. The booster capacitors are discharged by means of internal discharge resistors.

All capacitors must be short-circuited before work is carried out on the AC-Control box for safety reasons.





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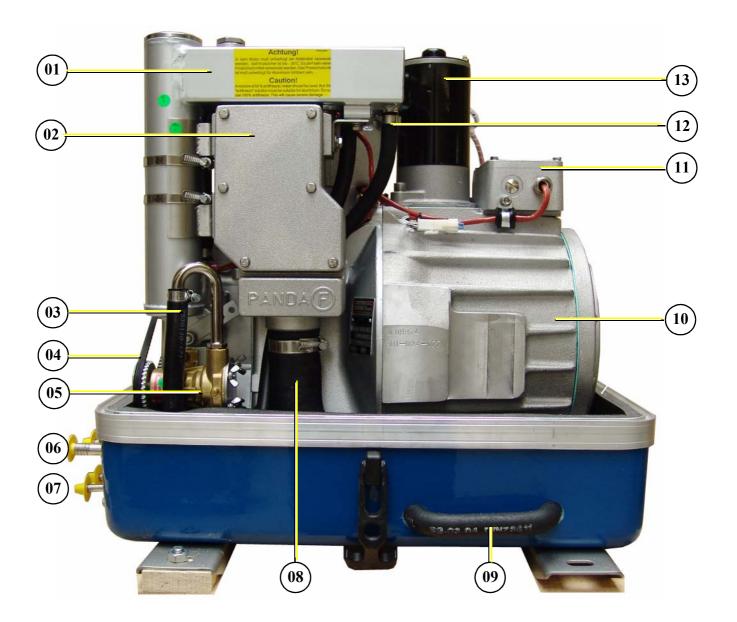




### A. The Panda Generator

### A.1 Description of the Generator

### A.1.1 Right Side View

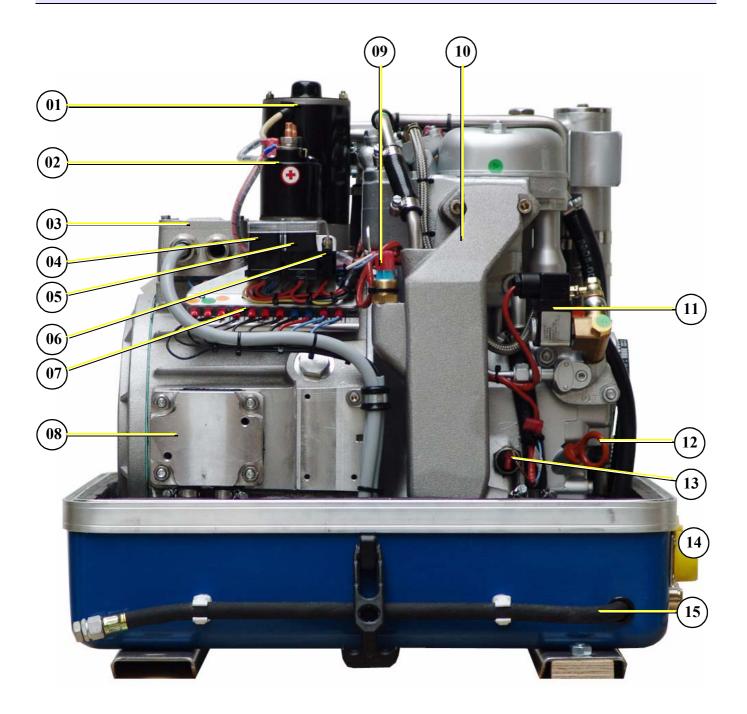


- 01) Heat exchanger
- 02) Air suction housing with air filter
- 03) Raw water inflow hose
- 04) Tooth belt
- 05) Raw water pump
- 06) Raw water intake
- 07) Fuel IN and OUT

- 08) Air suction hose
- 09) Connection external ventilation valve
- 10) Generator housing with coil
- 11) Generator power terminal box
- 12) Hose to the coolant expansion tank
- 13) Starter motor



#### A.1.2 Left Side View

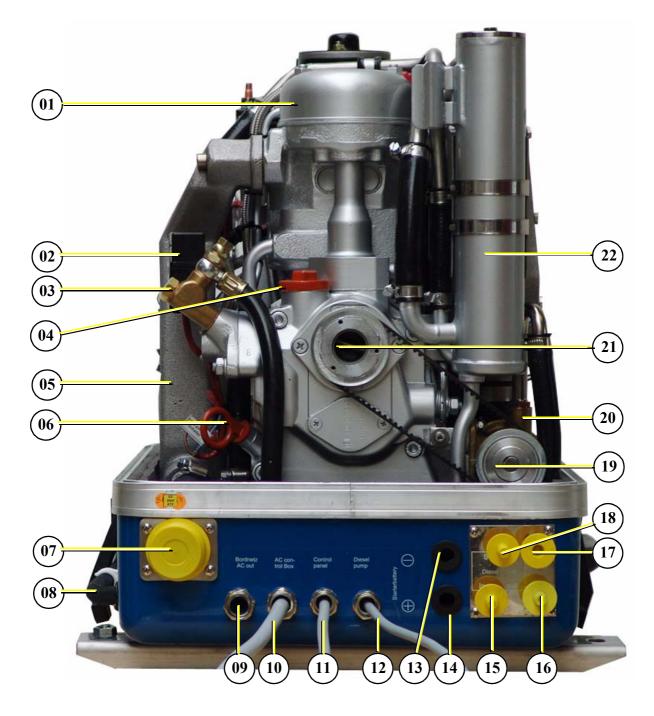


- 01) Starter motor
- 02) Solenoid switch for starter motor
- 03) Generator power terminal box
- 04) Starter relay K1
- 05) Fuel pump start relay K3
- 06) Electrical fuse (25 A)
- 07) Terminal block
- 08) Coolant connection block
- 09) Thermo-switch exhaust elbow

- 10) Water-cooled exhaust elbow
- 11) Fuel solenoid valve
- 12) Engine oil dipstick
- 13) Oil pressure switch
- 14) Connection exhaust hose
- 15) Oil drain hose



#### A.1.3 Front View

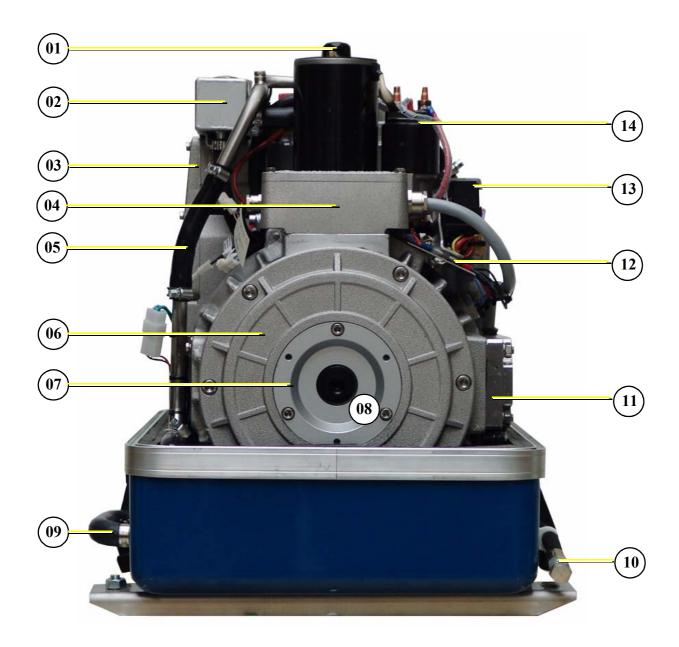


- 01) Cylinder head
- 02) Fuel solenoid valve
- 03) Ventilation screw solenoid valve
- 04) Engine oil filler neck
- 05) Water-cooled exhaust elbow
- 06) Engine oil dipstick
- 07) Connection exhaust hose
- 08) Oil drain hose
- 09) Load AC out
- 10) Cable for AC-Control box
- 11) Cable for remote control panel
- 12) Cable for fuel pump

- 13) Starter battery cable (-)
- 14) Starter battery cable (+)
- 15) Connection fuel IN
- 16) Connection fuel OUT
- 17) Raw water intake
- 18) Connection external coolant expansion tank
- 19) Pulley for raw water pump
- 20) Raw water pump
- 21) Pulley for engine drive
- 22) Heat exchanger



#### A.1.4 Back View

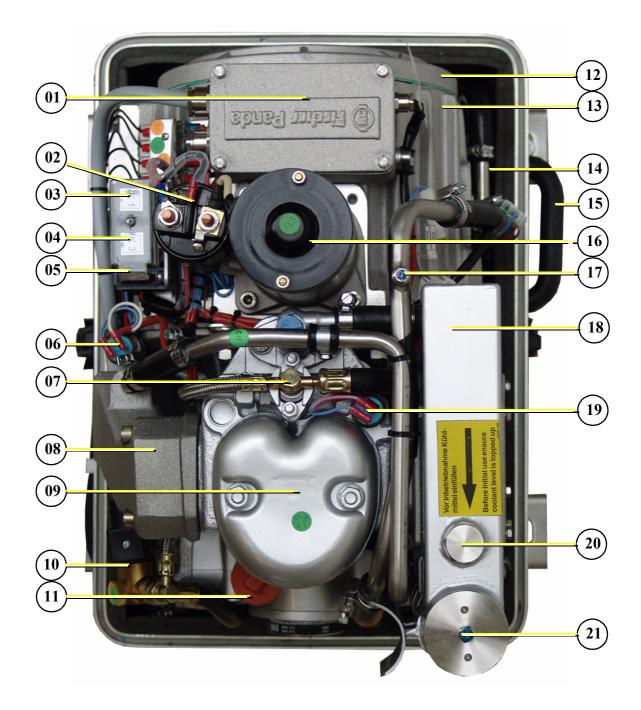


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- 02) Heat exchanger
- 03) Air suction housing with air filter
- 04) Generator power ternimal box
- 05) Freshwater pipe
- 06) Generator front cover
- 07) Ball bearing

- 08) Grooved ball bearing
- 09) Connection external ventilation valve
- 10) Oil drain hose
- 11) Coolant connection block
- 12) Terminal block
- 13) Starter relay K1
- 14) Solanoid switch for starter motor



#### A.1.5 View from above



- 01) Generator power terminal box
- 02) Solenoid switch for starter motor
- 03) Starter relay K1
- 04) Fuel pump start relay K3
- 05) Elektrical fuse (25 A)
- 06) Thermo-switch exhaust elbow
- 07) Injection nozzle
- 08) Water-coooled exhaust elbow
- 09) Cylinder head
- 10) Fuel solenoid valve
- 11) Oil filler neck

- 12) Generator front cover
- 13) Generator housing with coil
- 14) Cooling water pump
- 15) Connection external ventilation valve
- 16) Starter motor
- 17) Ventilation screw freshwater circuit
- 18) Heat exchanger
- 19) Thermo-switch cylinder head
- 20) Filler screw fresh water
- 21) Ventilation screw fresh water



### A.2 Details of functional units

#### A.2.1 Remote control panel

#### Remote control panel

The remote control panel is necessary to control the generator and to evaluate the motor/generator properties. The generators will automatically cutout if it does not run as required. The generator may not be run without the remote control panel.

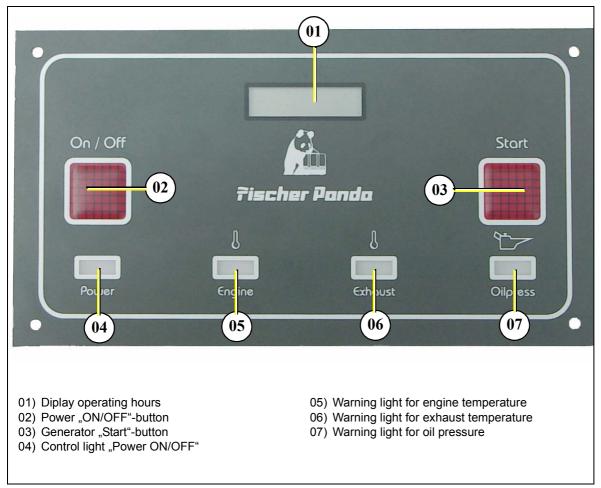


Fig. A.1: Remote control panel



#### A.2.2 Components of Cooling System (Raw water)

#### Raw water intake

The diagram shows the supply pipes for the generator. The connection neck for the raw water connection is shown on the right hand side. The cross-section of the intake pipe should be nominally larger than the generator connection.

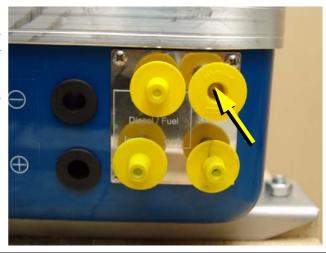


Fig. A.2: Raw water intake

#### Raw water impeller pump

The raw water pump is fitted with a rubber impeller. This pump is self-inductive. If, for example, you forget to open the sea valve, then you must expect the impeller to be destroyed after a short period of time. It is recommended to store several impellers on board as spare parts.

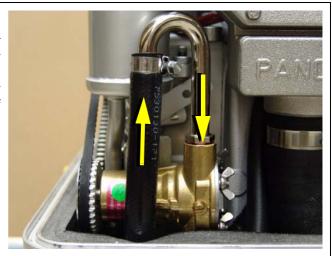


Fig. A.3: Raw water impeller pump

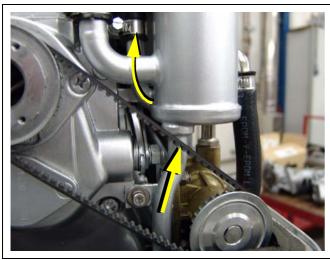
#### **Ventilation valve**

An appropriate ventilation line must be installed if the danger exists that the generator can stand only briefly by movements of the ship below the waterlinie. For this generally a hose line is prepared at the generator housing. The two pipe unions are bridged by a hose shaped part, which can be removed.



Fig. A.4: Connection external ventilation valve





#### Heat exchanger

The internal fresh water cooling circle is separated by the heat exchanger from the raw water cooling circle. It is reached that the raw water circle does not come with the construction units of the generator into contact. The raw water commes from the oil cooler and is led at the discharge of the heat exchanger directly into the exhaust elbow.

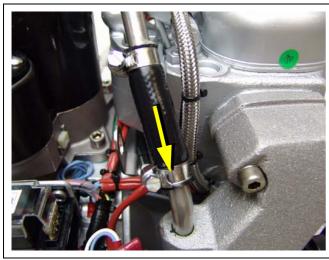
Fig. A.5: Heat exchanger



#### Raw water flow

Raw water pipe from the heat exchanger to the exhaust elbow.

Fig. A.6: Raw water pipe



#### Injection port raw water

The point of introduction (point of injecting) for the raw water-cooled exhaust system of the marine generator is at the exhaust elbow. The exhaust elbow must be checked regularly carefully for traces by corrosion.

Fig. A.7: Injection raw water



#### Raw water output

The raw water discharges together with the exhaust.



Fig. A.8: Raw water output

#### A.2.3 Components of Cooling System (Fresh water)

#### Cooling water filler neck

The cooling water filler neck situated at the heat exchanger is only used, when the generator is initially started. Since the generator is normally already filled with cooling water, these components are only by the user, if repairs are to be carried out. Topping up with cooling water may only carried out at the external cooling water expansion tank. Note that the water level in the cooling water expansion tank is only 20% of the volume in a cold state.



Fig. A.9: Cooling water filler neck

#### Ventilation screw heat exchanger

The ventilation screw at the heat exchanger is to be opened occasionally as a check. In principle the ventilation is to be made only with standing machine.

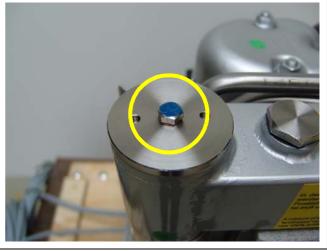
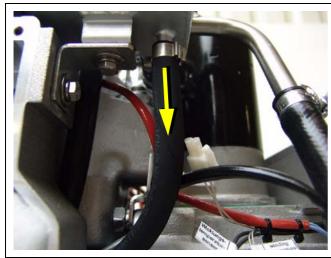


Fig. A.10: Ventilation screw heat exchanger



#### Fresh water flow to expansion tank

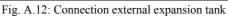
The ventilation pipe at the heat exchanger leads to the external expansion tank. This pipe only serves as a ventilation pipe, if it is connected to the external expansion tank.

Fig. A.11: Fresh waterf low to expansion tank



#### Connection external expansion tank

The external expansion tank is connected by a hose connections.





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Fig. A.13: Heat exchanger



#### Freshwater pipe

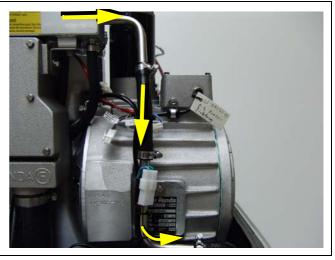


Fig. A.14: Freshwater pipe

#### Ventilation screw cooilng water pump

The ventilation screw at the housing in the cooling water pipe may not be opened, while the generator runs. If this happens inadvertently, air is sucked in by the opening. A very complex ventilation of the entire system is necessary thereafter.

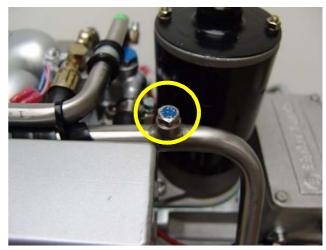


Fig. A.15: Ventilation screw cooling water pump

#### **Cooling water pump**

The cooling water pump pumps the fresh water from the heat exchanger to the generator housing.

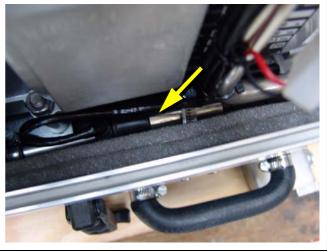
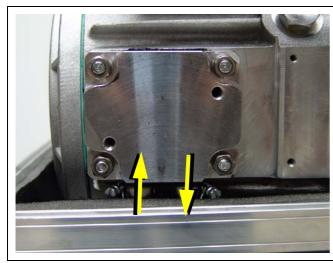


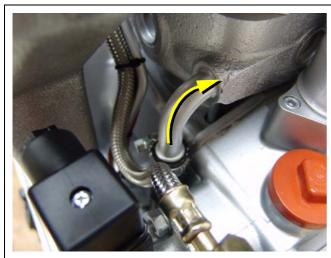
Fig. A.16: Cooling water pump



#### **Cooling water connection block**

From the connection block the freshwater flows to the engine.

Fig. A.17: Cooling water connection block



#### **Engine IN**

Over this connecting pieces the water coming from the connection block is led into the Diesel engine.

Fig. A.18: Engine IN



# Ventilation screw cylinder head

Fig. A.19: Ventilation screw cylinder head



#### Back flow cylinder head

In the highest place of the cylinder head the cooling water leaves these, in order to then arrive again into the heat exchanger.



Fig. A.20: Back flow cylinder head

#### A.2.4 Components of Fuel System

#### **External fuel pump**

The Panda generator is always supplied with an external, electrical (12 V of DC) fuel pump. The fuel pump must be always installed in the proximity of the tank. The electrical connections with the lead planned for it are before-installed at the generator. Since the suction height and the supply pressure are limited, it can be sometimes possible that for reinforcement a second pump must be installed.



Fig. A.21: External fuel pump

#### Connecting pieces for the fuel pipes

- 1. Fuel IN
- 2. Fuel OUT

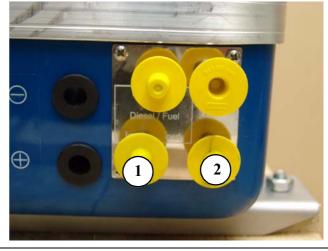


Fig. A.22: Fuel connections





#### Fuel solenoid valve

The fuel solenoid valve opens automatically if "START" is pressed on the remote control panel". The solenoid closes, if the generator is switched to "OFF" position. It takes a few seconds before the generator stops.

If the generator does not start or does not run smoothly (i.e. stutters), or does not attain full speed, then the cause is foremostly the solenoid.

Fig. A.23: Fuel solenoid valve



#### Injection nozzle

If the engine does not start after the ventilation, the fuel injection lines must be deaerated individually.

Fig. A.24: Injection nozzle



### A.2.5 Components of Combustion Air

#### Combustion air intake

The sound cover for the marine generator is normally provided at the side surface with drillings, through which the combustion air can influx.

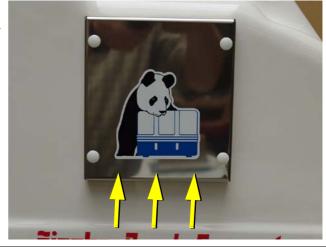


Fig. A.25: Combustion air intake

#### Air suction housing

If the cover is removed, the inside of the air suction housing becomes visible. In these air suction housings is a filter element. At the marine version the filter is normally not changed. It should be chekked once in a while.



Fig. A.26: Air suction housing

#### **Exhaust elbow**

On the bach side of the engine the water-cooled exhaust elbow ist situated.

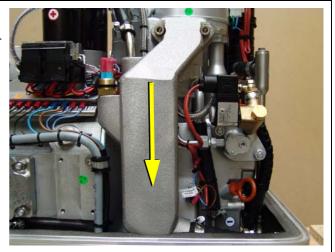
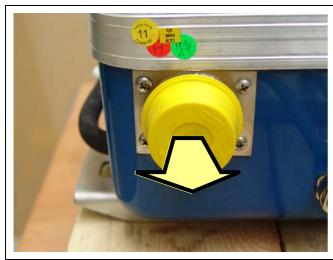


Fig. A.27: Exhaust elbow



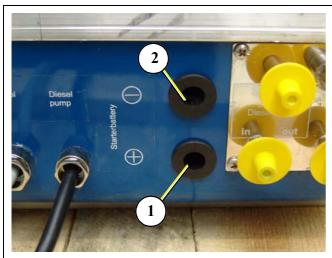


#### **Exhaust outlet**

Connect the exhaust pipe with the water lock.

Fig. A.28: Exhaust output

#### A.2.6 Components of Electrical System

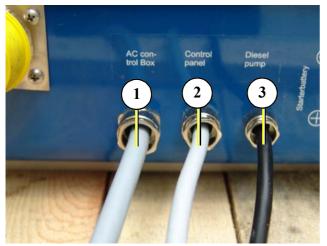


#### **Connection starter battery**

- 1. Cable for starter battery (plus)
- 2. Cable for starter battery (minus)

During the connection to the starter battery it must be always ensured that the contact is perfectly guaranteed.

Fig. A.29: Connections for starter battery



#### **Electrical connections for control**

At the front of the generator also all remaining cables for the electrical connections are depending upon type. The allocation of the connections result from the plan for the AC-Control box. See here:

- 1. AC-Control box
- 2. Remote control panel
- 3. Fuel pump

Fig. A.30: Electrical connections



#### Starter motor

- 1. Starter motor and
- 2. Solenoid switch

The Diesel engine is electrically started. On the back of the engine is accordingly the electrical starter with the solenoid switch.

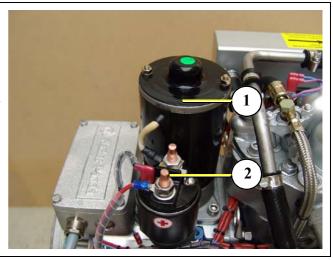


Fig. A.31: Starter motor

#### Plug for speed sensor

All Panda generators can be equipped with an external automatic start. For the operation of this automatic starting system a separate speed sensor is necessary. At some models the speed sensor is standard installed. At other models the opening for the speed sensor is locked by a plug.



Fig. A.32: Plug for speed sensor

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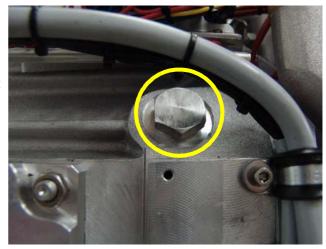
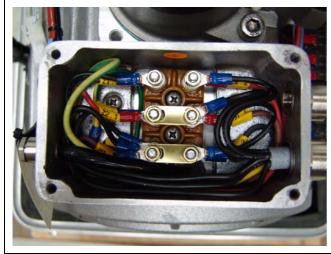


Fig. A.33: Plug for speed sensor

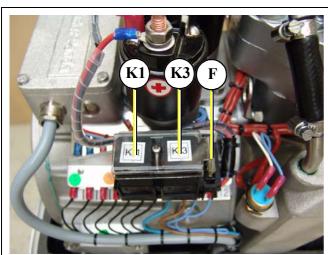




#### Generator power terminal box

Above the coil housing is the generator power terminal box. In this box the electrical connection points of the AC generator are blocked. Here is also the bridge for the protective grounding of the generator. The cover may be only removed, if it is guaranteed that the generator cannot be inadvertently started.

Fig. A.34: Generator power terminal box



# Terminal block for remote control cable with fuses and power relais

K1 Relay for starter motor

K3 Relay for fuel pump

F fuse 25A for starter motor

Fig. A.35: Terminal block



#### A.2.7 Sensors and Switches for Operation Surveillance

#### Thermo-switch at cylinder head

The thermo-switch at the cylinder head serves the generator temperature for the monitoring.



Fig. A.36: Thermo-switch at cylinder head

# Thermo-switch at wyter-cooled exhaust elbow

This thermo-switch is at the water-cooled exhaust elbow union and serves for the monitoring of the temperature of the fresh water cycle. It measures at the hottest place, since the incineration gases from the cylinder head are led here into the exhaust elbow union.

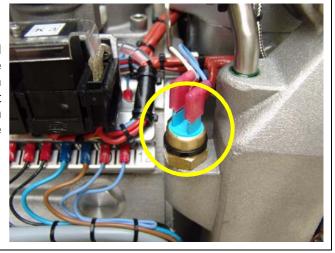


Fig. A.37: Thermo-switch at exhaust elbow

#### Thermo-switch in the generator coil

- 1. Generator coil
- 2. Thermo-switch
- 3. Housing

For the protection of the generator coil there are two thermo-switches inside the coil, which are for inserted parallel and safety's sake independently from each other.

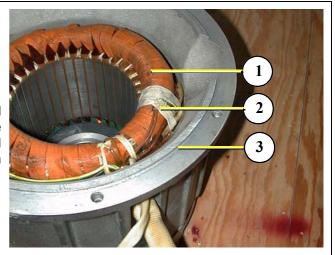
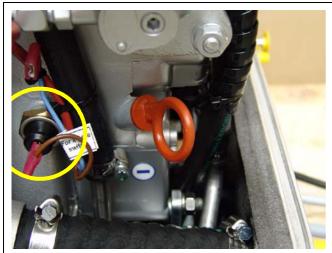


Fig. A.38: Thermo-switch coil



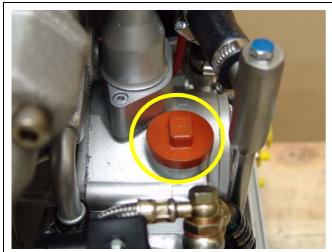


#### Oil pressure switch

In order to be able to monitore the lubricating oil system, an oil pressure switch is built into the system.

Fig. A.39: Oil pressure switch

#### A.2.8 Components of Oil Circuit

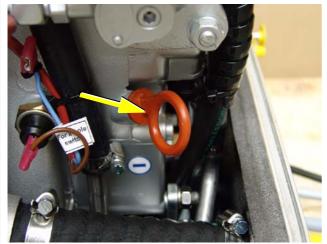


#### Oil filler neck with cap

Normally the filler neck for the engine oil is on the top side of the valve cover. At numerous generator types a second filler neck is attached additionally at the operating side. Please pay attention that the filler necks are always well locked after filling in engine oil.

Consider also the references to the engine oil specification.

Fig. A.40: Engine oil filler neck



#### Oil dipstick

At the dipstick the permissible level is indicated by the markings "maximum" and "minimum". The engine oil should be never filled up beyond the maximum conditions.

Fig. A.41: Engine oil dipstick



#### **Engine oil strainer**

The oil strainer is normally maintenancefree; presupposed, the oil change intervals are kept.

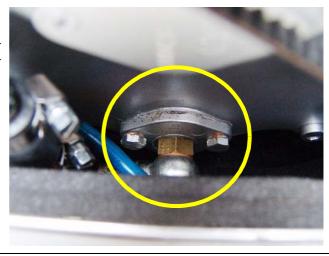


Fig. A.42: Engine oil strainer

#### Oil drain hose

The Panda generator is equipped that the engine oil can be drained over an drain hose. The generator should be always installed therefore that a collecting basin can be set up deeply enough. If this is not possible, an electrical oil drain pump must be installed.

Note: Lubricating oil should be drained in the warm condition!

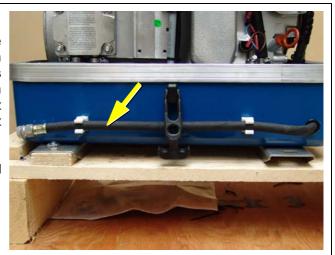
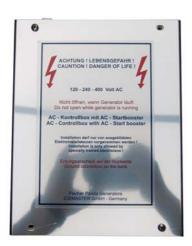


Fig. A.43: Engine oil drain hose



#### A.2.9 External Components



#### **AC-Control box**

For the operation of the generator a AC-Control box is necessary. This AC-Control box contains electronics for the VCS control as well as different monitoring elements and the capacitors necessary for the excitation of the generator.

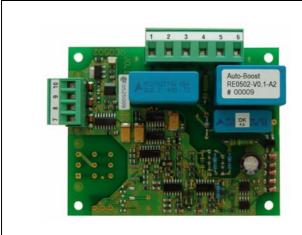
Fig. A.44: AC-Control box



#### **AC-Control box open**

At operating the generator the operating voltage of 120/230 and/or 230/400V lies at the AC-Control box. It must be guaranteed that the generator cannot be inadvertently started, if the Control box is opened. For this reason the negative pole of the starter battery is to be disclamped with all work on the electrical system.

Fig. A.45: AC-Control box open



#### **Booster electronic**

The figure shows the control board for the booster electronic regulation. On the booster elektronc board are also adjustment possibilities for the control parameters.

Fig. A.46: Booster elektronic



### A.3 Operation manual

#### A.3.1 Preliminary remarks

#### **Tips regarding Starter Battery**

Fischer Panda recommends normal starter battery use. If an genset is required for extreme winter conditions, then the starter battery capacity should be doubled. It is recommended that the starter battery be regularly charged by a suitable battery-charging device (i.e., at least every 2 Months). A correctly charged starter battery is necessary for low temperatures.

#### A.3.2 Daily routine checks before starting

1. Oil Level Control (ideal level: MAX).

#### AtTTENTION! OIL PRESSURE CONTROL!

True, the diesel motor automatically switches off when there is a lack of oil, but it is very damaging for the motor, if the oil level drops to the lowest limit. Air can be sucked in suddenly when the boat rocks in heavy seas, if the oil level is at a minimum. This affects the grease in the bearings. It is therefore necessary to check the oil level daily before initially running the generator. The oil level must be topped up to the maximum level, if the level drops below the mark between maximum und minimum levels.

You should change the oil, regardless of the ambient temperaturesee Table F.6, "Engine oil," on Page IX. Engine oil amounts see Table F.2, "Technical Data Engine," on Page V.

2. State of Cooling Water.

The external compensation tank should be filled up to a maximum of in a cold state. It is very important that large expansion area remains above the cooling water level.

3. Open Sea Cock for Cooling Water Intake.

For safety reasons, the seacock must be closed after the generator has been switched off. It should be re-opened before starting the generator.

4. Check Raw water Filter.

The raw water filter must be regularly checked and cleaned. The impeller fatigue increases, if residual affects the raw water intake.

5. Check all Hose Connections and Hose Clamps are Leakage.

Leaks at hose connections must be immediately repaired, especially the raw water impeller pump. It is certainly possible that the raw water impeller pump will produce leaks, depending upon the situation. (This can be caused by sand particles in the raw water etc.) In this case, immediately exchange the pump, because the dripping water will be sprayed by the belt pulley into the sound insulated casing and can quickly cause corrosion.

6. Check all electrical Lead Terminal Contacts are Firm.

This is especially the case with the temperature switch contacts, which automatically switch off the generator in case of faults. There is only safety if these systems are regularly checked, and these systems will protect the generator, when there is a fault.

7. Check the Motor and Generator Mounting Screws are Tight.

The mounting screws must be checked regularly to ensure the generator is safe. A visual check of these screws must be made, when the oil level is checked.





#### A.3.2 Daily routine checks before starting

8. Switch the Land Electricity/Generator Switch to Zero before Starting or Switch Off all the load.

The generator should only be started when all the load have been switched off. The excitation of the generator will be suppressed, if the generator is switched off with load connected, left for a while, or switched on with extra load, thus reducing the residual magnetism necessary for excitation of the generator to a minimum. In certain circumstances, this can lead to the generator being re-excitated by means of a DC source. If the generator does not excitate itself when starting, then excitation by means of DC must be carried out again.

9. Check the Automatic Controls Functions and Oil Pressure.

Removing a cable end from the monitoring switch carries out this control test. The generator should then automatically switch off. Please adhere to the inspection timetable (see Checklist in the appendix).

#### A.3.3 Starting Generator

- 1. If necessary, open the fuel valve.
- 2. If necessary, close the main battery switch.
- 3. Check if all the load have been switched off.

The load is switched off, before the generator is switched off. The generator is not to be started with load connected. If necessary, the main switch or fuse should be switched off or the load should be individually switched off.

4. Press "ON" button.

Control light for "Power" button must light up.

5. Press "START" button.

The electric starter may only be used for a maximum of 20 seconds. Thereafter, a pause of, at least, 60 seconds is required. If the genset does not immediately start, then the fuel intake should be checked to ensure it is flowing freely. (For temperatures below - 8°C check whether there is winter fuel)

6. Check circuit-voltmeter, to test whether there is AC-voltage and is within the tolerance rage (Frequency and voltage).

The AC voltage should be within a tolerance of  $\pm$  3 Volt without load at the nominal voltage. When running without load, the generator frequency should be 4% below the nominal voltage. The generator should be checked, before the load is switched on, if the current remain at this level.

7. Switch on load.

The load should only be switched on if the generator voltage is within the permissible range. Parallel connection of several load should be avoided, especially if there is load with electric motors, such as air-conditioning units in the system. In this case, the load must be connected Step by Step.



#### A.3.4 Stopping Generator

- 1. Switch off load.
- 2. If the load is higher than 70% of the nominal load, the generator temperatures should be stabilised by switching off the loag for at least 5 minutes.

At higher ambient temperatures (more than 25°C) the generator should always run for at least 5 minutes without load, before it is switched off, regardless of the load.

- 3. Press "OFF" button and switch off the generator.
- 4. Activate additional switches (Battery switch, fuel stop valve etc.).

NOTE: Never switch off the battery until the generator has stopped.

5. If necessary, close sea cock.



#### **ATTENTION**

NOTE: If the generator switches itself off with the operation with load for temperature reasons, must be examined immediately, which the cause is. That can be an error at the cooling system or any error in the range of the outside cooling system.

