# BWC EXCEL WINDPOWER GENERATOR



#### **BWC EXCEL-R SPECIFICATIONS**

| Performance                                  |
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| Start-up Wind Speed                          |
| Mechanical Type                              |
| Rotor Diameter 7 m (23 ft)                   |
| Weight                                       |
| Blade Pitch Control POWERFLEX®               |
| Overspeed Protection                         |
| Temperature Range40 to 60° C (-40 to 140° F) |
| Electrical                                   |
| Output Form                                  |

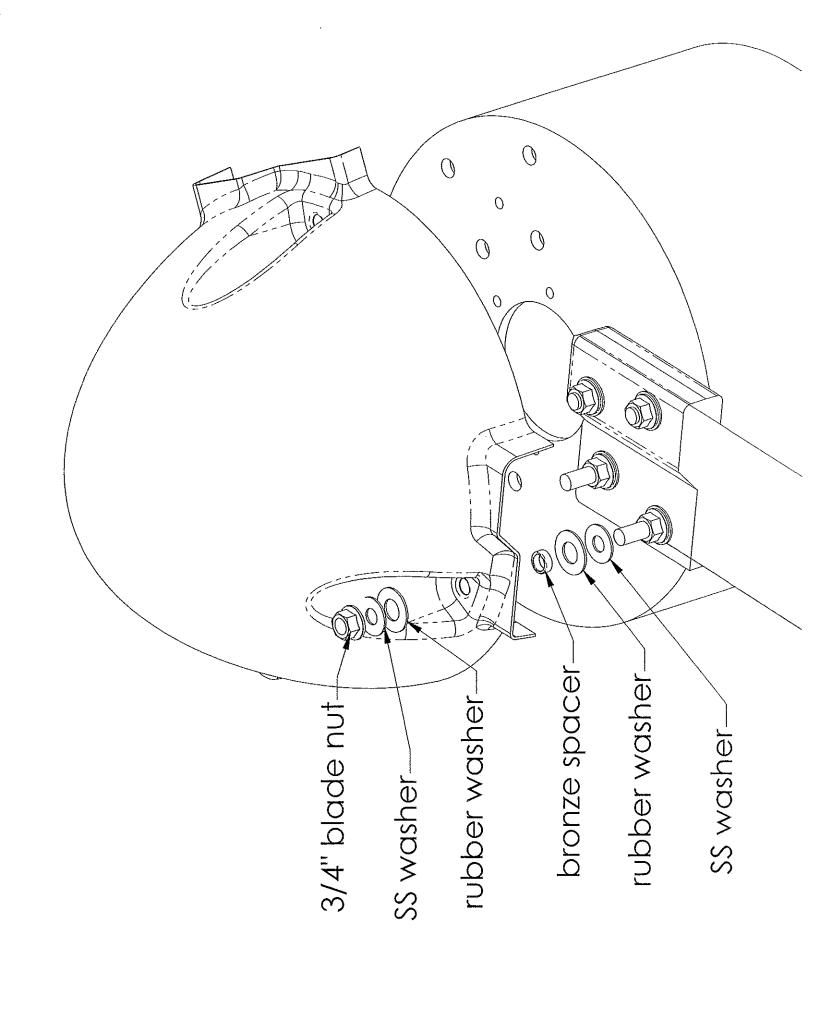
### **Attention**

### **New Spinner Design**

## Change in assembly procedure and hardware

The spinner for the BWC Excel wind turbine has been changed to strengthen its attachment and simplify its installation. Please disregard the drawings and instructions in the current installation manual. The spinner no longer attaches to brackets on the front face of the alternator. Now it attaches to the outer trailing edge blade-mounting stud after the blade-retaining nut has been installed and fully torqued.

The fastener stacking sequence is shown in the attached exploded parts drawing. Torque the top ¾" "blade nut" to 50 ft-lb. (not the 150 ft-lb required for the bottom ¾" "blade nut").



#### INTRODUCTION

This manual contains important information concerning your BWC EXCEL wind turbine system and its operational characteristics. We strongly recommend that you read and familiarize yourself with its contents.

At several points in this manual items of special interest or significant impact are highlighted by one of the following symbols:

| WARNING | Hazards or unsafe practices that could cause personal injury or death. |
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| CAUTION | Hazards or unsafe practices which could cause product damage.          |
| NOTE    | Significant points of interest.  |

#### **Serial Numbers**

Each BWC EXCEL wind turbine has a serial number located on the tower adapter. The turbine serial number can also be found on the outside of the shipping carton and on the warranty registration card. We recommend that the serial number be copied to this manual for possible future reference.

| BWC EXCEL Serial No.:  |    |
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| The VCS-10 controller has a serial number label on the inside face of its door. recommend that the VCS-10 serial number also be copied to this manual. | We |
| VCS-10 Serial No.:   |    |
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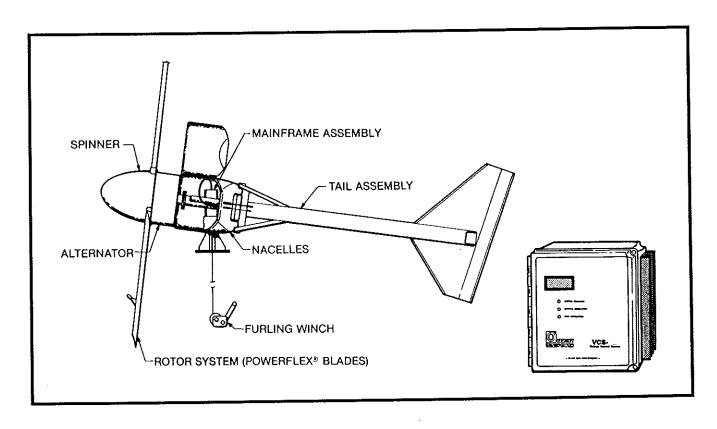
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#### 1. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The BWC EXCEL is an upwind horizontal-axis wind turbine designed to charge batteries in remote power systems. The complete unit consists of the following major components, as shown in the figure below:

- 1. Spinner
- 2. Powerflex Blades
- 3. Alternator
- 4. Mainframe
- 5. Yaw Bearing

- 6. Slip-ring and Brushes
- 7. Tail Assembly
- 8. Nacelle Assembly
- 9. Furling Winch
- 10. VCS-10 Controller



#### A. ROTOR SYSTEM

The rotor system consists of three Powerflex fiberglass blades. Acting like aircraft wings, the blades convert the energy of the wind into rotational forces that can drive a generator. Although the Powerflex blades are rigidly attached to the alternator they do change pitch during operation by passively twisting. The distinctive, and unique, pitch weight located three-fourths of the way out on each blades creates the passive blade pitching function. The blades start at a pitched-up position and flatten-out as the turbine speeds up. This lowers the start-up wind speed without sacrificing operating efficiency.

The blades for the BWC EXCEL are quite flexible. This contributes to their long life be reducing the stresses in the blades during both normal and severe conditions. Blade sets are carefully matched for balance at the factory to ensure smooth operation of the wind turbine. Each blade has a balance number inscribed on its root pad at the inboard end.

#### **B. ALTERNATOR**

The alternator converts the rotational energy of the rotor into electricity. The alternator utilizes permanent magnets and has an inverted configuration in that the outside housing rotates, while the internal windings are stationary. It was specifically designed for the BWC EXCEL and produces power at low speeds, eliminating the need for a speed-increasing gearbox. Since it uses permanent magnets, the alternator is generating voltage whenever the rotor is turning.

#### WARNING

The output wiring of the BWC EXCEL presents shock hazard whenever the rotor is turning. Caution must be exercised at all times to avoid electrical shock.

#### C. MAINFRAME

The mainframe is the structural backbone of the wind turbine. It serves as the attachment point for the yaw bearing and the housing for the yaw-axis slip-ring brushes. The yaw-axis is the full 360 degree pivot that allows the turbine to freely align itself to the wind direction.

#### D. SLIP-RINGS AND BRUSHES

The slip-rings and brushes conduct the electricity generated in the alternator from the moving (as it orients with the direction) wind turbine to the fixed tower wiring. The slip-rings are enclosed in a metallic housing to help protect them from lightning.

#### E. TAIL ASSEMBLY AND AUTOFURL OPERATION

The tail assembly keeps the rotor aligned into the wind at wind speeds below approximately 15 meters/second (33 miles per hour). At about 15 m/s the Autofurl action turns the rotor away from the wind to limit the rotor speed in high winds. The tail appears to fold, but in reality the tail stays stationary as the rotor turns sideways to the wind. The rotor furls to a maximum angle of 70 degrees (limited by rubber tail stops), so that the unit continues to produce power in high winds. When the high winds subside the Autofurl system automatically restores the turbine into the normal straight position.

The flexibility of the BWC EXCEL's blades dictates that rotor be kept turning under all conditions. If the rotor is not turning, or it is turning very slowly, high winds can bend them backwards far enough to possibly strike the tower. If, on the other hand, they are turning at several hundred revolutions per minute they are stiffened significantly by centrifugal forces. For this reason, the BWC EXCEL is designed to always maintain rotor speed.

#### F. SPINNER AND NACELLE

The spinner (nose cone) and nacelles provide additional weather protection for the bearings and the slip-ring assembly.

#### G. VCS-10 VOLTAGE CONTROL SYSTEM

The VCS 10 controller rectifies the alternating current generated by the alternator and prevents the BWC EXCEL from overcharging the batteries. It also provides a digital display of battery voltage and has status lights that indicate its operating mode.

#### 2. SYSTEM OPERATION

#### A. NORMAL OPERATION

The rotor of the BWC EXCEL should begin to rotate when the wind speed reaches approximately 3.6 m/s (8 mph). Battery charging should commence shortly after the rotor spins up to speed, but this may vary with battery state of charge. Once turning, the rotor may continue to turn in winds below 3.6 m/s (8 mph), but the system will probably not be charging the batteries.

**NOTE** 

All operational wind speeds given assume steady winds, sea-level conditions and moderate temperatures. Hot weather, high altitude, turbulance and gusting winds will reduce system performance.

The rotor speed will increase with increasing wind speed and the system will produce a higher output. This output increases rapidly because the energy available in the wind varies as the third power (cube) of the wind speed. For example, if the wind speed increased form 5 m/s to 10 m/s, a factor of two, the energy in the wind would increase from one unit to eight units, a factor eight (2 to the third power equals 8). One result of this relationship is that there is very little energy available in light winds. For the average site, winds in the range of 5.5 - 9m/s (12-20 mph) will provide most of the system's energy production.

Lower Peak Power: To obtain optimum output from a permanenet magnet alternator its output voltage must rise as its speed increases. In a battery charging application, however, the output voltage is constrained over a narrow range by the battery bank. Without sophisticated power electronics in the system the performance of the wind turbine can be optimized for low wind conditions or high wind conditions, but not both. The BWC EXCEL-R is optimized for low wind performance and, therefore, the peak output power is sacrificed. Depending upon the specific voltage and configuration, the BWC EXCEL-R can be expected to have a peak power output between 7 and 8.5 kW.

#### B. HIGH WINDS - AUTOFURL

During periods of high wind speeds the Autofurl system will automatically protect the wind turbine. When furled, the power output of the turbine will be significantly reduced and battery charging may cease or become intermittent. In winds between 15 m/s (33 mph) and 20 m/s (45 mph) it is normal for the turbine to repeatedly furl and then unfurl and then furl again. The intermittent charging and the high output surges, up to 12,000 watts, this may cause are normal.

#### C. UNLOADED OPERATION

As the battery voltage reaches its maximum the VCS-10 controller unloads the wind turbine to provide a lower current to the batteries and prevent overcharge. Under unloaded operation the rotor will spin faster and some increase in rotor sound may be noticed. The Autofurl system will function whether the turbine is loaded or unloaded.

During installation or maintenance it may be necessary to isolate the turbine from the VCS-10. This is normally accomplished by opening the turbine disconnect switch located at the base of the tower. In this situation it is perfectly acceptable to leave the turbine operating without load and unfurled. High wind speed protection will not be affected.

#### **WARNING**

During unloaded operation the alternator can still generate high voltages, so the BWC EXCEL electrical system should be handled with the same caution used during normal operation.

#### D. MANUAL FURLING

The BWC EXCEL is designed for unattended operation over an extended period of time. Exceptional situations may occur, however, in which the wind turbine should be manually furled. These situations include:

- EXCESSIVE VIBRATION Uneven ice build-up, ice shedding, or blade damage may cause
  the wind turbine to experience excessive vibration. Always furl the turbine as soon as an
  increase in vibration is detected. Any new or excessive vibration in the turbine when ice is
  not present should be investigated immediately.
- 2. HEAVY ICING It is strongly recommended that the turbine be furled if ice accumulations exceed 1/4 inch. Heavy icing slows the rotor down, reducing its stiffness, and may lead to

blade damage during concurrent high winds.

- 3. UNUSUAL SOUND If the turbine begins making clinking, growling, or other unusual sound it should be furled and fully inspected as soon as possible.
- 4. EXTREME WEATHER It is preferable to furl the turbine during severe wind storms such a thunderstorms (see following WARNING), gales, blizzards, and hurricanes (typhoons). This practice will extend the life of the wind turbine by reducing the severe loads experienced by the turbine during extreme weather.
- 5. INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE Whenever someone has to climb the tower the wind turbine must be manually furled, and the alternator dynamically braked (ie. electrically shorted), even if the wind speed is very low.

Manual furling of the BWC EXCEL is accomplished by operating the furling winch located at the base of the tower. The winch cable is connected to the tail boom such that as the cable is tightened the tail "folds" and the rotor is pulled away form the wind. Furling the wind turbine will not stop the rotor completely. Fully furled the rotor will still be partly facing into the wind and will normally turn at a reduced rate. The rotor can be brought to a complete stop by shorting the output leads of the furled turbine.

#### **WARNING**

Do not attempt to furl the wind turbine or approach any part oft he tower when there is lightning in the area.

#### E. FURLING PROCEDURE

The furling winch is located at the base of the wind turbine tower. To furl the wind turbine, first make sure that the winch ratchet is engaged (a strong clicking sound should be heard as the handle is turned). The winch handle may then be turned until the tail comes to rest against its rubber stop. When the stop is reached the tail will stop rotating towards the blades and the force required to turn the handle will greatly increase. When fully furled the tail will have come around approximately 70 degrees: it does not come around parallel to the blades.

The turbine may not come out of the wind immediately because the rotor forces will sometimes resist the sideways force acting of the tail. This situation will correct itself after a few minutes.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not over tension the furling cable. Tightening the cable beyond the amount required to furl the wind turbine will reduce its ability to track the wind and may damage the furling system.

To return the turbine to the straight position, grasp the winch handle firmly and then release the ratchet mechanism. The cable can now be slowly unwound until the turbine has fully straightened out and the cable is slightly slack. It is a good idea to then reengage the ratchet.

#### <u>WARNING</u>

Hold the winch handle *firmly* before the ratchet is released and until all tension is removed from the cable. The winch handle could whirl dangerously if it is released before the cable tension is reduced.

#### F. VCS-10 CONTROLLER

The wind turbine produces a three-phase AC (Alternating Current) that varies in voltage, and frequency as the wind speed varies. The VCS-10 rectifies this variable AC into the DC (Direct Current) required for battery charging. In place of diodes, however, the VCS-10 has silicon controlled rectifiers (SCR's) so the it can operate as a phase control regulator. The VCS-10 has a "constant voltage" charging scheme, which has been shown (in tests at Sandia National Labs) to maximize battery cycling life.

Under normal conditions all available power from the wind turbine is rectified and delivered to the DC source center. This provides power to the DC load(s) and any excess energy is stored in the batteries. When the batteries reach a predetermined voltage indicating that they are fully charged, however, the VCS-10 reduces the current delivered to the system. This prevents excessive out-gassing that could lower the battery electrolyte level and physically damage the battery cells. Following the onset of regulation, the VCS-10 provides a tapered charge that maintains the battery at its full state of charge, as determined by the battery bank voltage.

The VCS-10 is factory set to regulate at 2.3 volts per cell. In normal operation, before the onset of regulation, the VCS-10 will show a green **SYSTEM AVAILABLE** light on its front panel. When regulating, an amber colored indicator light, marked **NORMAL REGULATION** on the front panel will light up.

The VCS-10 has a high voltage shutdown that operates if the voltage reaches 2.65 volts/cell. The VCS-10 shuts down when this voltage is reached and will not reactivate itself until the battery voltage falls below 2.3 volts/cell. When in this mode the VCS-10 will show a red **HIGH REGULATION** light on its front panel.

In the event of a serious overvoltage, approximately 2.9 volts/cell, the VCS-10 has a crow-bar circuit that blows a 2 amp fuse located on its circuit board. This protects the VCS-10. Operation will not resume automatically as the fuse must be replaced before the VCS-10 can be made functional. Neither the indicator lights or the digital voltmeter will function when this fuse is blown. The VCS-10 and the balance of the complete power system must be checked before replacing this fuse.

The factory calibrated voltage settings for these operational modes are given in the following table.

#### Nominal System Voltage

|                   | <u>48 VDC</u> | 120 VDC      | 220 VDC | 240 VDC |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Normal Regulation | 55.2          | 138          | 253     | 276     |
| High Regulation   | 63.6          | 159          | 291     | 318     |
| Crow-bar Shutdown | <i>7</i> 0    | 1 <b>7</b> 5 | 320     | 350     |

The factory settings are designed for lead-acid batteries under normal conditions. They may be changed by adjusting potentiometers located on the VCS-10 circuit board. If you wish to change or recalibrate these settings please contact the Service Department of Bergey Windpower for instructions. It is strongly recommended, however, that the factory settings not be changed without first checking the manufacturers recommendations for the batteries being used.

#### G. CELL EQUALIZATION

Over a number of charge/discharge cycles different cells within the battery bank can develop differing capacities that tend to lower the total capacity of the system. To correct this problem a procedure called cell equalization should be performed on the batteries every several months or whenever a 10% difference in the specific gravities of cell electrolyte is detected. In cell equalization the batteries are charged to a higher state of charge, which brings any weakened cells back up to their normal characteristics.

To activate the cell equalization function on the VCS-10, move the equalization switch located on the circuit board from "Normal" to "Equalize". In the "Equalize" mode the VCS-10 will charge the batteries up to the "High Regulation" voltage. If your battery suppplier recommends a different equalization voltage please contact the Service Dept. at Bergey Windpower for instructions on changing the voltage set-

points. To return the VCS-10 to normal regulation, move the equalization switch back to "Normal". The electrolyte level should always be checked following cell equalization.

**CAUTION** 

The recommendations of the battery manufacturer should always be consulted prior to performing any cell equalization procedure.

#### H. BATTERY VOLTAGE DISPLAY

Battery bank voltage is displayed on a front panel mounted LCD digital meter. The meter does not display the turbine output voltage.

#### I. OPTIONAL CURRENT DISPLAY

This option involves the installation of a current shunt and switch to the standard VCS-10. The output DC current of the wind turbine will be displayed when the front panel switch is set such that a small "A" is displayed on the LCD digital meter. Toggling the switch will return the LCD meter to displaying battery voltage.

#### 3. INSTALLATION

Please use the following instructions in assembling and commissioning your system. If you need any additional information, please contact us.

#### A. BWC EXCEL WIND TURBINE and TOWER

Please refer to the BWC EXCEL Installation Manual, and any addendum for the specific tower design, for instructions on installing the wind turbine and tower.

#### B. FUSED DISCONNECT SWITCH

The electrical output of the wind turbine is a three-phase alternating current (AC). We strongly recommend the installation of a fused three-phase AC disconnect switch between the wind turbine and the VCS-10 controller, as shown if Drawing No. 92-125-001. This will help protect the alternator in the event of a wiring, controller, or load short circuit. A 60A weather-tight switch box with 25A fuses for the 48 VDC system, 45A fuses for the 120 VDC system, 25A fuses for the 220 VDC system, and 25A fuses for the 240 VDC system are recommended. The fused disconnect switch is normally installed at the base of the tower.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not install a "short circuiting switch" that will provide dynamic braking of the alternator. These switches can be easily misused, leading to serious damage to the alternator. Such damage is not covered by the BWC warranty.

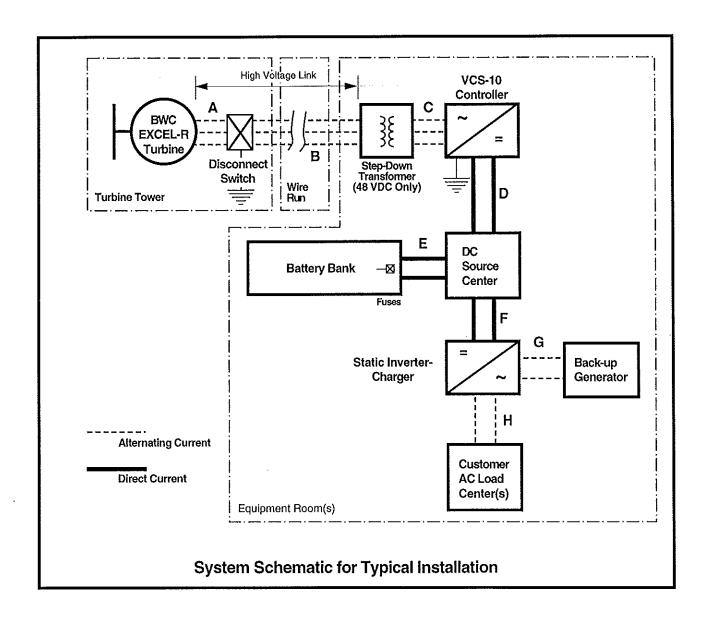
#### C. WIRE RUN AND WIRE SIZES

Please refer to the BWC EXCEL Installation Manual for recommended wire and conduit sizes for the tower-to-VCS wire run. For 220 VDC and 240 VDC systems, please follow the recommendations given for the 48 VDC system.

#### D. STEP-DOWN TRANSFORMER

On the 48 VDC unit a high-voltage link and a step-down transformer are used to

reduce the electrical losses in the wire run. This configuration is shown in the following electrical schematic drawing. The turbine produces a high voltage, low current output that reduces the wire size needed for the wire run. The three-phase transformer supplied with the unit is installed near the VCS-10 and serves to lower the wind turbine voltage to a level compatible (after rectification in the VCS-10) with a 48 VDC battery bank.



#### E. VCS-10 CONTROLLER

The VCS-10 voltage control system should be installed indoors, near the batteries or the DC source center. The VCS-10 is designed to operate in a clean environment. It is capable of withstanding the same temperature extremes as lead-acid batteries and, if possible, should be installed in the same location as the batteries. The VCS-10 should not, however, be mounted directly above the batteries as the unit could be damaged by the corrosive vapors emitted by most batteries. The VCS-10 should not be installed outdoors as it is not weatherproof and could be damaged by rain.

The VCS-10 enclosure is fully isolated, so it can be installed as either a positive or negative grounded system. A typical system wiring schematic for the BWC EXCEL-R is shown in Drawing No. 92-125-001. In most systems the DC output of the VCS-10 will be connected to a DC Source Center, where all the DC sources, loads, and storage systems are combined. Wiring connections for the wind turbine AC input (3 wires), battery DC output (2 wires), and grounding should be made as indicated on the VCS-10 terminal block label. The three AC connections from the wind turbine can be connected to the VCS-10 terminals in any order; there is no required phase orientation. We recommend that the VCS-10 be grounded with its own grounding rod and that the wire run bond wire be connected to this ground.

#### WARNING

Do not attempt to make the VCS-10 connections with energized leads. Always have the wind turbine fully disconnected and the battery disconnected before making the VCS-10 connections.

All wiring should conform to the National Electric Code or other governing local electrical code. The use of electrical conduit for wiring between components is highly recommended. All terminations should be coated with an anti-oxidation compound to prevent corrosion.

#### **CAUTION**

All loads should be equipped with fuses or circuit breakers to avoid hazards from accidental short circuits.

#### CAUTION

Do not connect the VCS-10 to a separate controller that could disconnect the VCS-10 from the battery bank. The VCS-10 should not be open-circuited when there is input from the wind turbine.

#### 4. INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

The BWC EXCEL installation should be inspected 30 days and then again 180 days after installation. Following these two inspections the installation should be inspected every two years and after any particularly severe weather. Inspections should be done on days when the wind is below 7 m/s (16 mph).

#### **Check List for Inspections**

- 1. Inspect each of the anchor points. Ensure that all hardware is secure and the guy wires are properly tensioned. Check to ensure that no strands are broken.
- 2. Furl the wind turbine and check that the damper restricts the tail's unfurling to a period of at least three seconds when the winch cable is rapidly released.
- 3. Furl the turbine and short the alternator using the procedure given in the next subsection. Climb the tower. Always use proper safety belts and lanyards.
- 4. Inspect the blades for:
  - A. Cracks around the hub or just past the long stiffener pad.
  - B. Condition of the leading edge protection tape, particularly out board of the pitch weight.
  - C. Erosion of the lead weight on the pitch weight.
  - D. Tip damage.
- 5. Remove the spinner and hang it from the machine. Check the torque on the blade nuts; the recommended value is 150 ft-lbs. Check the front bearing for seal integrity and grease loss. Reattach the spinner and check that it is secure.
- 6. Open the hatch on the nacelle. Use a small rope to lash the hatch open.
- 7. Inspect the flanged connection between the mainframe and alternator. Check the torque on each of the bolts; the recommended value is 80 ft-lbs.
- 8. Check the rear alternator bearing for seal integrity and grease loss.
- 9. Inspect the mainframe for cracks.
- 10. Remove the slip-ring cover plate. Make the following inspections:
  - A. Check brushes for ease or movement in the brush holder.
  - B. Check slip rings for signs of arcing damage.
  - C. Check that no grease from the yaw bearings has leaked on to the

slip-rings.

- 11. Inspect damper. Some leakage around the front seal is okay.
- 12. Inspect the furling cable (particularly at the ball end/fork attachment to the tail boom) and furling cable conduit.
- 13. Check for cracks or loose hardware on the tail boom and fin.
- 14. Check the tail pivot pin and particularly its snap ring fasteners.
- 15. Close the nacelle and check that all of its fasteners are secure.
- 16. While descending the tower, inspect the following:
  - A. Check that the tower wiring is properly secure.
  - B. Check all fasteners.
  - C. Look for any cracks in the tower structure.
  - D. Check the condition of the guy wire attachment.
  - E. Check the furling cable.
- 17. Check the furling winch and make sure that the furling cable is not twisted up. If the cable is twisted up, check the swivel.
- 18. Check the connection on all ground rods and hardware.
- 19. Use a VOM (Volt-Ohm Meter) to check the surge arrestors.
- 20. Remove the alternator shorting connection. Check the disconnect switch.
- 21. Switch the disconnect switch to "OFF" and unfurl the wind turbine. Listen to the sound of the machine as it speeds up. No mechanical sounds, such as a "clunking" or "banging," should be heard. Also watch for any new or significant vibration. The turbine operation should be very smooth.
- 22. Inspect the wire run, particularly all electrical connections.
- 23. Use a Meggar to check the three-phase wiring from the turbine to the controller (the procedure is the same as used for commissioning).
- 24. Use a VOM to check that the three legs of the AC output of the wind turbine are balanced.
- 25. Check condition of all wiring connections into and out of the VCS-10.

- 26. Check condition of the VCS-10 circuit board. Clean if necessary.
- 27. Dust off the heat-sink of the VCS-10.

At the second annual inspection, and at each alternate inspection thereafter, the right nacelle half should be opened and the slip-ring cover removed. This will allow the condition of the brushes and slip-rings, and internal fasteners to be checked.

#### WARNING

Only qualified personnel with proper safety equipment should climb the tower. Never climb the tower when the rotor is turning.

#### 5. Trouble-Shooting Problems

The following guide can help to pin-point the cause of operational problems with the BWC EXCEL wind turbine and the VCS-10 controller. For problems or symptoms not found in the following listing please contact the Service Department at Bergey Windpower Co. at Tel. No. 405-364-4212, Telefax No. 405-364-2078, OR Email: pieter@bergey.com

| Problem   | Cause(s)                               | Diagnosis  | Remedy   |
|---|--|--|--|
| Battery voltage gets too high.                        | VCS-10 regulating voltage set too high | Excessive battery outgassing. Use VCS-10 voltage display to check battery voltage at regulation. Check against value given in this manual. | Contact BWC Service Department for voltage set-point adjustment procedure. |
| Batteries do not reach full state of charge.          | VCS-10 regulating voltage set too low  | Use hydrometer to check<br>the specific gravity of the<br>battery modules. Compare<br>with battery manufactur-<br>ers' recommendation.     | Contact BWC Service Department for voltage set-point adjustment procedure. |
|   | Loads are too large                    | Remove largest load. If<br>battery bank reaches<br>higher state of charge,<br>then the system is over-<br>loaded                           | Consult with BWC for possible remedies.                                    |
| Rotor turns, but the VCS-<br>10 shows no green light. | Open disconnect switch                 | Check tower disconnect switch.   | Close switch.  |
|   | VCS-10 failure                         | Check AC voltage going into VCS-10. If present in winds above 6.7 m/s (15 mph), a controller failure is indicated.                         | Contact BWC Service<br>Department for further<br>diagnoses and remedy.     |
| Broken furling cable                                  | Over-tightning of furling cable        | Typically not able to<br>diagnose  | Refer to proper manual furling procedure in this manual.                   |

| Problem  | Cause(s)                                      | Diagnosis   | Remedy  |
|--|---|---|---|
| Large oil stain at rear<br>of nacelle  | Tail damper failure                           | Check damper effective- ness using procedure in Sect. 8 of the Installation Manual. If the damper fails the test the turbine should be furled during high (furling speed) winds until the damper is re- placed. | Repair/Replace damper<br>as necessary.  |
| Turbine makes an<br>unusual blade sound,<br>such as a whistling,<br>buzzing, or fluttering | Damaged or missing<br>blade leading edge tape | Check leading edge tape, particularly outboard of the pitch weight.   | Refer to Repairs section of the Installation Manual.  |
| sound.   | Blade tip damage                              | Check condition of blade tips.  | Refer to Repairs section of the Installation Manual.  |
|  | Blade stiffner delamina-<br>tion              | Visual inspection. Refer<br>to Repairs section of the<br>Installation Manual.   | Refer to Repairs section of the Installation Manual.  |
| Rotor is unbalanced, causing the turbine to move slightly back and                         | Ice build up on blades                        | Visual inspection. Refer<br>to Repairs section of the<br>Installation Manual.   | Refer to Repairs section of the Installation Manual.  |
| forth as it spins.   | Blade damage                                  | Visual inspection. Refer<br>to Repair section of the<br>Installation Manual.  | Refer to Repairs section of the Installation Manual.  |
| Turbine makes a banging or rattling sound once per revolution, particularly at low speeds. | Loose spinner                                 | Check for loose spinner attachment hardware. If found, check for enlargement of the drilled bolt hole in the spinner.   | Tighten or replace hard ware as necessary. If spinner bolt hole is enlarged, use 5-minute epoxy to bond 1/2" washer into bolt hole. |
|  | Failed alternator bearing                     | Check for excessive amount of grease around bearing seals or for damaged seal. Periodic noise indicates loss of one or more bearing balls.  | Remove alternator<br>(consult BWC for best<br>procedure), replace<br>bearings, re-install   |

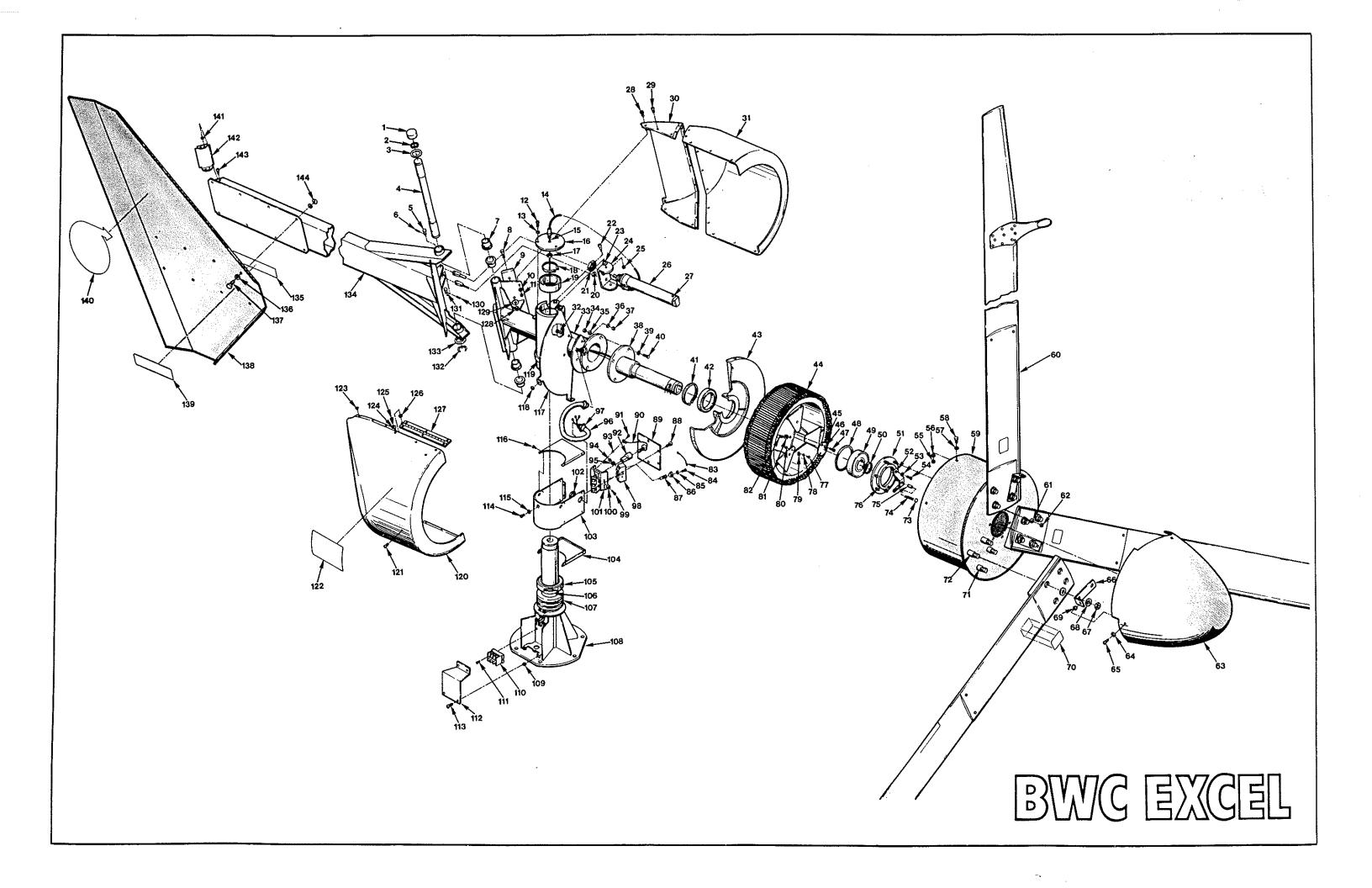
| Problem  | Cause(s)                             | Diagnosis  | Remedy   |
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| Turbine makes a contin-<br>uous growling or rumb-<br>ling noise, which may<br>disappear at higher<br>speeds. |                                      | Disconnect load. If noise disappears an electrical problem is indicated. If noise continues a mechanical problem is indicated.                     |  |
|  | Wiring fault                         | Check fuses. Check cables for continuity. Check for phase-phase fault. Check connections.  | Repair or replace failed components as necessary.  |
|  | Controller/electronics<br>fault      | Check if turbine noise<br>disappears if controller/<br>electronics are dis-<br>connected.  | Refer to controller<br>manual if available or<br>contact the BWC<br>Service Department.                |
|  | Load fault                           | Check for phase balance on load.   | Consult BWC Service<br>Department  |
|  | Failed alternator bearing            | Check for excessive amount of grease around bearing seals or for damaged seal. Continuous bearing noise indicates loss of lubrication or spunrace. | Remove alternator (consult BWC for best procedure), replace bearings, re-install.                      |
| Rotor turns only very slowly.  | Ice build-up on blades               | Check for ice.   | Furl turbine, wait for ice to shed.  |
|  | Load short circuit                   | Open tower disconnect<br>switch. If turbine spins<br>freely, check load.   | Consult BWC Service<br>Department.   |
|  | Alternator short circuit             | Disconnect alternator leads at the brush block inside the nacelle. If alternator will not spin freely, an alternator short is indicated.           | Remove alternator<br>(consult BWC for best<br>procedure), rewind or<br>replace stator, re-<br>install. |
| Rotor does not turn at all   | Mechanical failure inside alternator | Rotor does not turn in 6.7 m/s (15 mph) winds.   | Consult factory. Blade<br>damage can occur in  |

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## PARTS DRAWINGS and PARTS LISTS

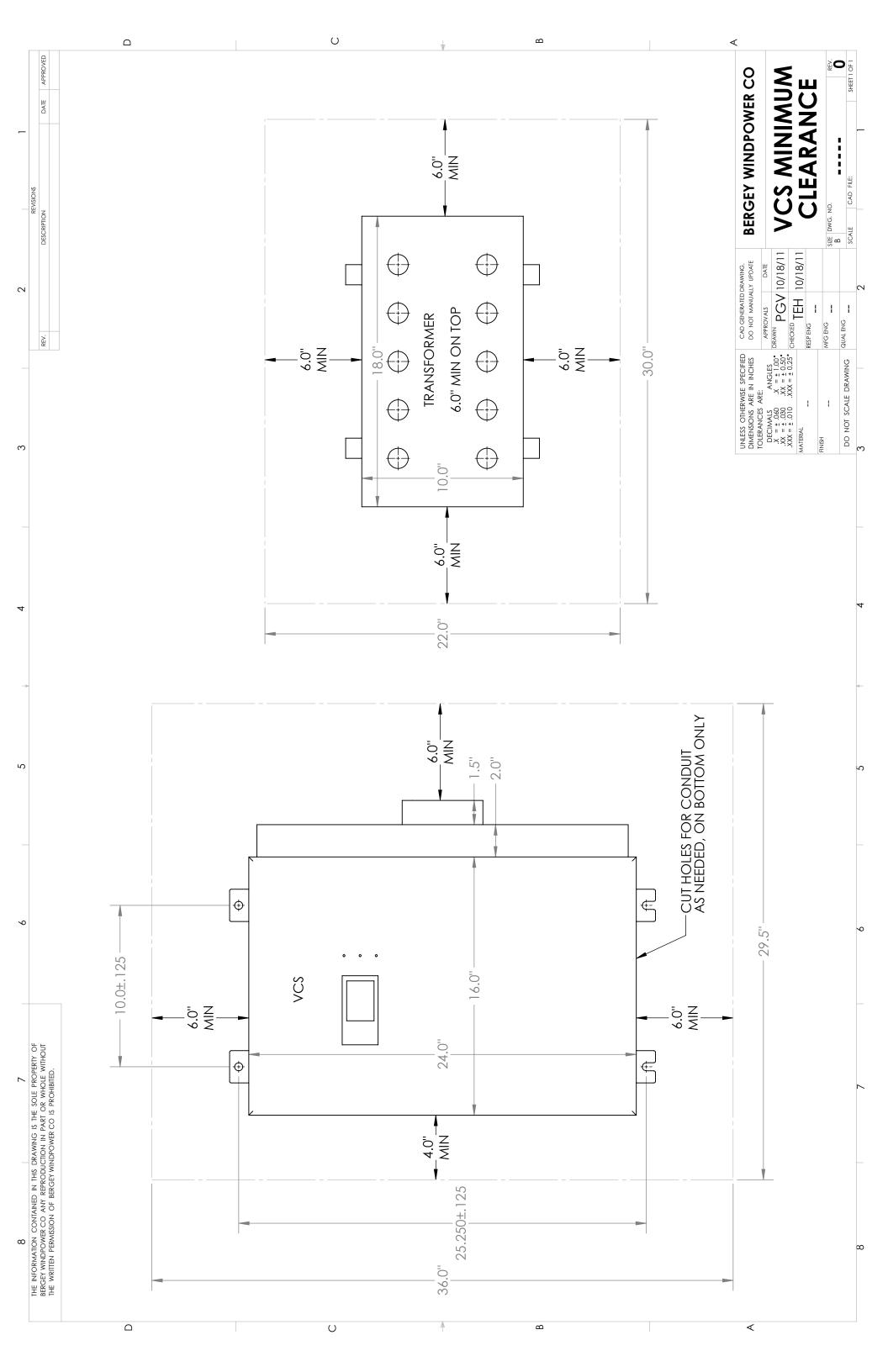


| Drawing<br>Part Number | BWC<br>Part Number | Part Description                 | Number<br>Required |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1                      | HOC003             |                                  |                    |
| 2                      | HRF001             | Tail Pivot Cap (Obsolete)        | 0                  |
| 3                      | HWF001             | Upper Tail Pivot Retaining Ring  | 1                  |
| 4                      |                    | Upper Tail Pivot Washer          | 1                  |
| 5                      | 11102              | Tail Pivot Pin                   | 1                  |
| 6                      | HM6001             | Tail Damper Attachment Pin       | 1                  |
|                        | HM0001             | Damper Attachment Cotter Pin     | 1                  |
| 7                      | BCF001             | Tail Pivot Bushing               | 4                  |
| 8                      | HB4003             | Tail Bumper Bolt                 | 4                  |
| 9                      | 11009              | Tail Bumper                      | 2                  |
| 10                     | HW4001             | Rear Nacelle Attachment Washer   | 4                  |
| 11                     | HN4002             | Rear Nacelle Attachment Nut      | 4                  |
| 12                     | HS3006             | Vertical Tube Cap Screw          | 3                  |
| 13                     | HW3001             | Vertical Tube Cap Washer         | 3                  |
| 14                     | 11109              | Furling Cable Conduit            | 1                  |
| 15                     | 11110              | Furling Cable                    | 1                  |
| 16                     | 11084              | Vertical Tube Cap                | 1                  |
| 17                     | HN8001             | Furling Cable Conduit Nut        | 1                  |
| 18                     | HR0001             | Tower Adapter Retaining Ring     | 1                  |
| 19                     | BC0003             | Upper Yaw Bearing                | 1                  |
| 20                     | HN8001             | Furling Cable Conduit Nut        | 1                  |
| 21                     | HNF001             | Damper Attachment Nut            | 1                  |
| 22                     | HB8001             | Pivot Bracket Bolt               | 2                  |
| 23                     | BC8001             | Pivot Bracket Bushing            | 2                  |
| 24                     | 11083              | Plvot Bracket                    | 1                  |
| 25                     | HN6002             | Pivot Bracket Nut                | 2                  |
| 26                     | 11082              | Tail Damper                      | 1                  |
| 27                     | HO4001             | Damper Filler Plug               | 1                  |
| 28                     | HS4002             | Rear Nacelle Attachment Screw    | `4                 |
| 29                     | HS3001             | Nacelle Sealing Screw (Obsolete) | 0                  |
| 30                     | 11098              | Left, Nacelle, Fixed Portion     | 1                  |
| 31                     | 11099              | Left Nacelle, Hinged Portion     | 1                  |
| 32                     | HB4004             | Nacelle Bracket Bolt             | 3                  |
| 33                     | 11070              | Mainframe                        | 1                  |
| 34                     | HN8001             | Alternator Attachment Nut        | 4                  |
| 35                     | HW8001             | Alternator Attachment Washer     | 4                  |
| 36                     | HW4001             | Nacelle Bracket Washer           | 3                  |
| 37                     | HN4002             | Nacelle Bracket Nut              |                    |
| 38                     | 11013              | Alternator Shaft                 | 3                  |

| Drawing<br>Part Number | BWC<br>Part Number | Part Description                       | Number   |
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|                        | ***                |  | Required |
| 39                     | HW8001             | Alternator Attachment Washer           | 4        |
| 40                     | HB8002             | Alternator Attachment Bolt             | 4        |
| 41                     | HR0002             | Rear Bearing Retaining Ring            | 11       |
| 42                     | BC0003             | Rear Alternator Bearing                | 1        |
| 43                     | 11060              | Rear Bearing Ring                      | 1        |
| 44                     | 11091              | Stator Assembly                        | 1        |
| 45                     | 11048              | Grounding Plate                        | 1        |
| 46                     | HW3002             | Grounding Plate Lock Washer            | 3        |
| 47                     | HS3002             | Grounding Plate Screw                  | 3        |
| 48                     | HR0003             | Front Bearing Retaining Ring           | 1        |
| 49                     | BC0004             | Front Alternator Bearing               | 1        |
| 50                     | HR0004             | Alternator Shaft Retaining Ring        | 1        |
| 51                     | 11059              | Front Bearing Ring                     | 1        |
| 52                     | 11049              | Grounding Brush Bracket                | 1        |
| 53                     | HW3002             | Grounding Brush Bracket Lock Washer    | 2        |
| 54                     | HS3002             | Grounding Brush Bracket Screw          | 2        |
| 55                     | HN4001             | Magnet Can Attachment Nut              | 6        |
| 56                     | HW4001             | Magnet Can Attachment Washer           | 6        |
| 57                     | HW4001             | Magnet Can Attachment Washer           | 6        |
| 58                     | HB4005             | Magnet Can Attachment Bolt             | 6        |
| 59                     | 11092              | Magnet Can                             | 1        |
| 60                     | 11066              | Blade Assembly                         | 3        |
| 61                     | HW7001             | Front Bearing Casting Washer           | 6        |
| 62                     | HN7001             | Front Bearing Casting Nut              | 6        |
| 63                     | 11044              | Spinner                                | 1        |
| 64                     | HW4002             | Spinner Attachment Washer              | 3        |
| 65                     | HS4001             | Spinner Attachment Screw               | 3        |
| 66                     | 11045              | Spinner Support Bracket (Not as Shown) | 3        |
| 67                     | HNB001             | Blade Attachment Nut                   | 12       |
| 68                     | HWC001             | Blade Attachment Washer                |          |
| 69                     | HG4001             | Spinner Attachment Grommet (Obsolete)  | 12       |
| 70                     | 11094-2            | "Powerflex" Decal (Obsolete)           | 0        |
| 71                     | 11055-2            | Blade Attachment, Short Stud           | 0        |
| 72                     | 11055-1            | Blade Attachment, Long Stud            | 6        |
| 73                     | EC8002             | Grounding Brush Holder Cap             | 6        |
| 74                     | EC0002             | Alternator Grounding Brush             | 1        |
| 75                     | EC8001             | Alternator Grounding Brush Holder      |          |
| 76                     | HB7002             | Front Bearing Casting Stud             | 6        |

| Drawing<br>Part Number | BWC<br>Part Number | Part Description                  | Number<br>Required |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 77                     | HS3004             | Strain Relief Clamp Screw         | 1                  |
| 78                     | HW3001             | Strain Relief Clamp Washer        | 2                  |
| 79                     | HO3001             | Strain Relief Clamp               | 1                  |
| 80                     | HN3001             | Strain Relief Clamp Nut           | 1                  |
| 81                     | HW6001             | Stator Attachment Washer          | 6                  |
| 82                     | HB6002             | Stator Attachment Bolt            | 6                  |
| 83                     | 11138              | Alternator Lead Jumper (Obsolete) | 0                  |
| 84                     | HS3007             | Alternator Lead Attachment Screw  | 3                  |
| 85                     | HW3002             | Alternator Lead Lock Washer       | 3                  |
| . 86                   | EC7001             | Power Brush Holder Cap            | 3                  |
| 87                     | 11111              | Power Brush Assebly               | 3                  |
| 88                     | HS2001             | Slip-Ring End Cover Screw         | 6                  |
| 89                     | 11057              | Slip-Ring End Cover               | 1                  |
| 90                     | 11089              | Grounding Lead Assembly           | 1                  |
| 91                     | HS3002             | Brush Holder Bracket Screw        | 4                  |
| 92                     | ECF001             | Grounding Brush Holder            | 1                  |
| 93                     | HW3001             | Brush Holder Bracket Washer       | 4                  |
| 94                     | HN3001             | Brush Holder Attachment Nut       | 2                  |
| 95                     | HW3001             | Brush Holder Attachment Washer    | 2                  |
| 96                     | HCB002             | Alternator Lead Conduit           | 1                  |
| 97                     | HCB001             | Alternator Lead Conduit Connector | 2                  |
| 98                     | EC0003             | Power Brush Holder                | 1                  |
| 99                     | HS3007             | Brush Holder Attachement Screw    | 2                  |
| 100                    | HW3001             | Brush Holder Attachment Washer    | 2                  |
| 101                    | 11053              | Brush Holder Bracket              | 1                  |
| 102                    | HNB002             | Conduit Connector Nut             | 1                  |
| 103                    | 11054              | Slip-Ring Wrap-Around Cover       | 1                  |
| 104                    | 11056              | Slip-Ring Top/Bottom Cover        | . 2                |
| 105                    | BC0005             | Lower Yaw Bearing                 | 1                  |
| 106                    | 11088              | Grounding Ring                    | 1                  |
| 107                    | 11033              | Slip-Ring Assembly                | 1                  |
| 108                    | 11086              | Tower Adapter                     | 1                  |
| 109                    | HG3001             | Terminal Block Cover Grommet      | 4                  |
| 110                    | EC0004             | Terminal Block                    | 1                  |
| 111                    | HS3008             | Terminal Block Attachment Screw   | 2                  |
| 112                    | 11087              | Termianl Block Cover              | 1                  |
| 113                    | HS3001             | Terminal Block Cover Screw        | 4                  |
| 114                    | HS3003             | Wrap-Around Cover Screw           | 3                  |

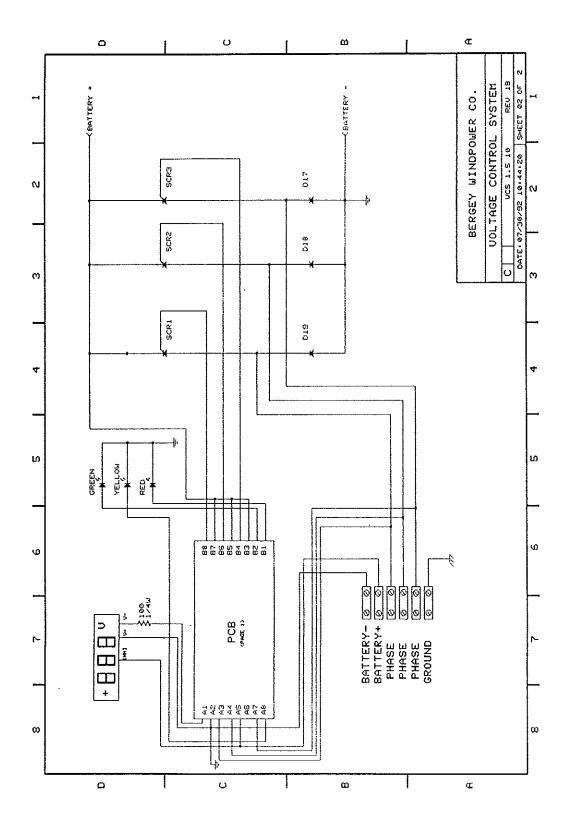
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| 115                    | HW3001             | Wrap-Around Cover Washer           | 3  |
| 116                    | HS2001             | Top/Bottom Cover Screw             | 4  |
| 117                    | 11105              | Nacelle Support Bracket            | 1  |
| 118                    | HG3001             | Nacelle Attachment Grommet         | 3  |
| 119                    | 11139              | Slip-Ring Cover Gasket (Obsolete)  | 0  |
| 120                    | 11097              | Right Nacelle Half                 | 1  |
| 121                    | HS3001             | Nacelle Attachment Screw           | 3  |
| 122                    | 11123              | "BWC EXCEL" Decal                  | 2  |
| 123                    | HG3002             | Nacelle Sealing Grommet (Obsolete) | 0  |
| 124                    | HW3001             | Hinge Attachment Washer            | 6  |
| 125                    | HS3001             | Hinge Attachment Screw             | 6  |
| 126                    | HG3001             | HInge Attachment Grommet           | 6  |
| 127                    | 11122              | Nacelle Hinge                      | 1  |
| 128                    | HN4002             | Tail Bumper Nut                    | 4  |
| 129                    | HW4001             | Tail Bumper Washer                 | 4  |
| 130                    | HM0002             | Cable Attachment Cotter Pin        | 1  |
| 131                    | HM5001             | Furling Cable Attachment Pln       | 1  |
| 132                    | HRF001             | Lower Tail Pivot Retaining Ring    | 1  |
| 133                    | HWF001             | Lower Tail Pivot Washer            | 1  |
| 134                    | 11037              | Tail Boom                          | 1  |
| 135                    | 10094-1            | "Autofurl" Decal                   | 1  |
| 136                    | HW6001             | Tail Fin Attachment Washer         | 16   |
| 137                    | HB6003             | Tail Fin Attachment Bolt           | 8  |
| 138                    | 11014              | Tail Fin                           | 1  |
| 139                    | 11124              | "Bergey" Decal                     | <del>                                     </del> |
| 140                    | 11125              | BWC Logo Decal                     | 2  |
| 141                    | HG4002             | Closure Plate Grommet (Obsolete)   | 0  |
| 142                    | 11115              | Tail Boom Closure Plate (Obsolete) | 0  |
| 143                    | HS4001             | Closure Plate Screw (Obsolete)     | 0  |
| 144                    | HN6002             | Tail Fin Attachment Nut            | 8  |
| 145                    | HB4008             | Spinner Bracket Bolt               | 6  |
| 146                    | HW4003             | Spinner Bracket Lock Washer        | 6  |



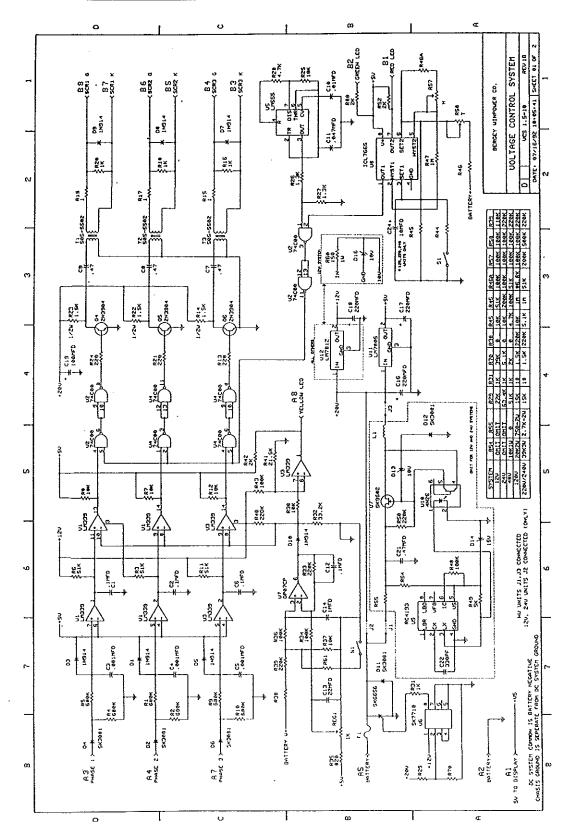
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| Drawing<br>Part Number | BWC<br>Part Number | Part Description        | Number<br>Required |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1                      | EC1002             | Nameplate Decal         | 1                  |
| 2                      | EC1003             | Enclosure               | 1                  |
| 3                      | EC1004             | Door Screw              | 2                  |
| 4                      | EC1005             | Digital Display         | 1                  |
| 5                      | EC1006             | Circuit Board Fuse (1A) | 1                  |
| 6                      | EC1007             | Circuit Board*          | 1                  |
| 7                      | EC1008             | Power Module Screw      | 6                  |
| 8                      | EC1009             | Power Module*           | 3                  |
| 9                      | EC1010             | Heat Sink*              | 1                  |
| 10                     | EC1011             | Heat Sink Spacer        | 4                  |
| 11                     | EC1012             | Panel Screw             | 4                  |
| 12                     | EC1013             | Grounding Lead          | 2                  |
| 13                     | EC1014             | Heat Sink Screw         | 4                  |
| 14                     | EC1015             | Power Lead*             | 9                  |
| 15                     | EC1016             | Terminal Block          | 1                  |
| 16                     | EC1017             | Terminal Block Screw    | 2                  |
| 17                     | EC1018             | Terminations Decal      | 1                  |
| 18                     | EC1019             | Panel                   | 1                  |
| 19                     | EC1020             | Wiring Harness*         | 1                  |

<sup>\* -</sup> Specify Voltage



**Electrical Schematic of VCS Controller** 



Electrical Schematic of the VCS Circuit Board

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