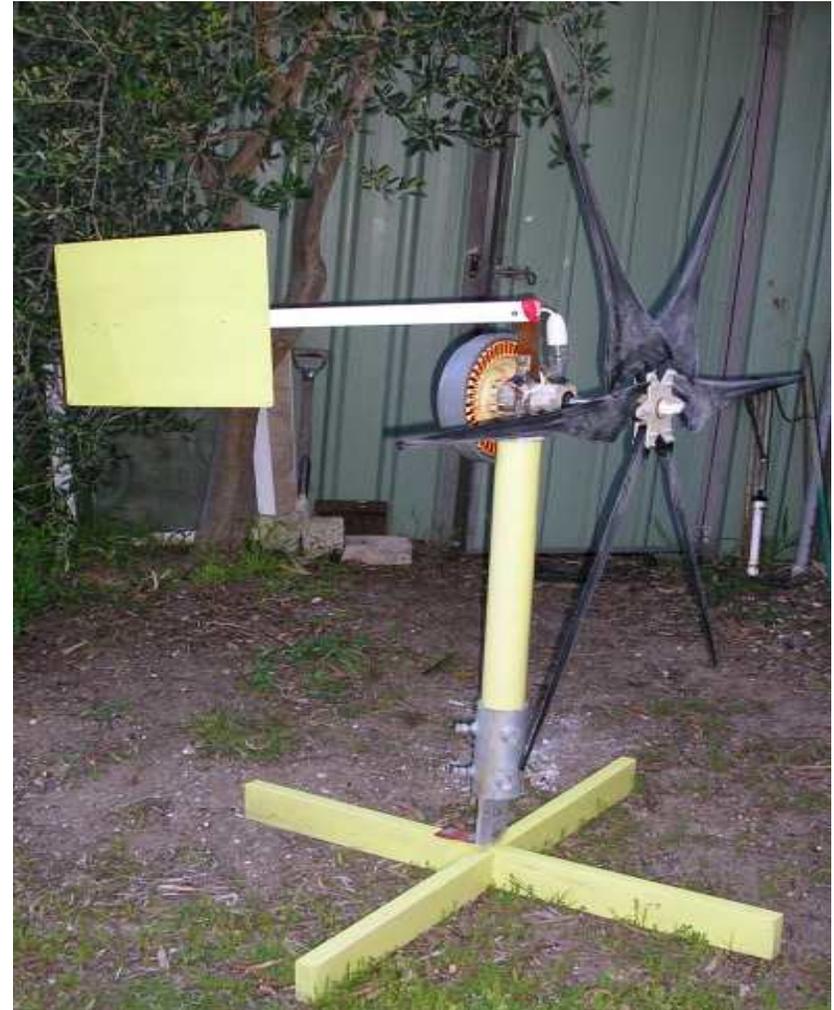


Wind Turbine - Fisher & Paykel washing machine motors for electricity generation

Applications:

- Wind generators
- Microhydroelectric generators
- Exercise bike generator
- Motor driven generator
- Scalelectric set generator
- Electric motor drive



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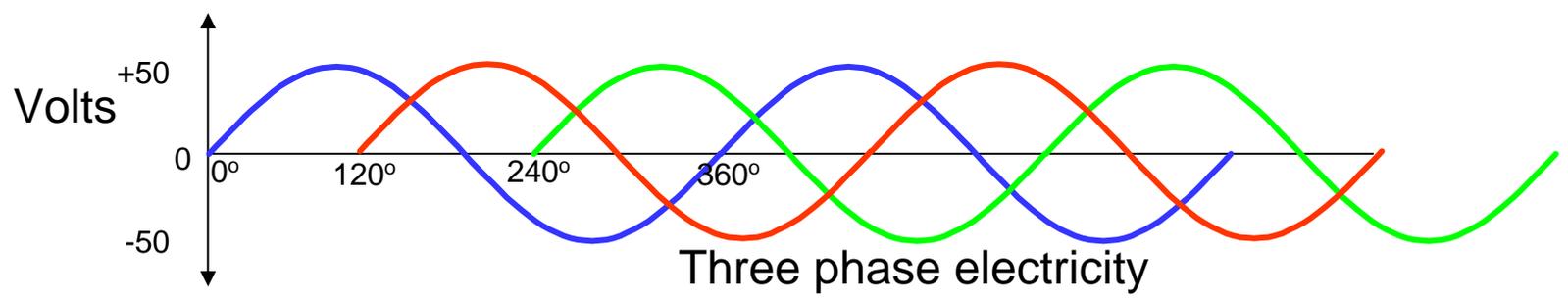
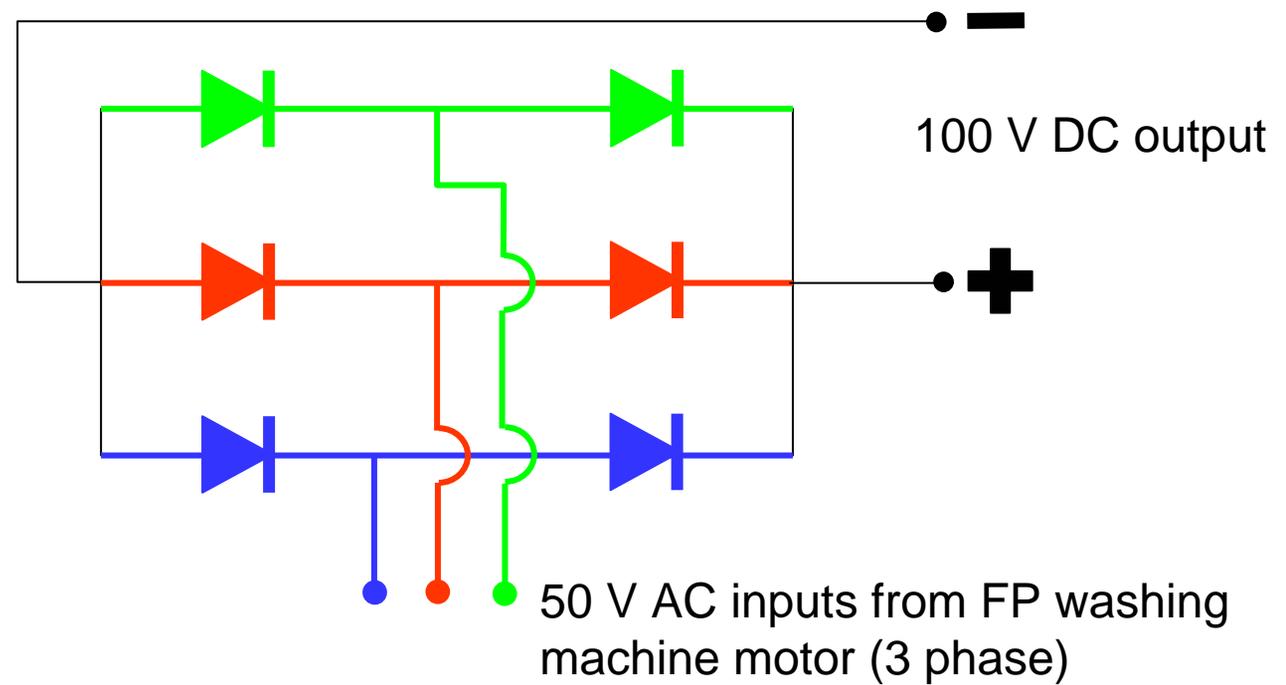




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- A 3 phase rectifier (used here) can be added to the motor output to make 100 V DC.
- Most household electric motors (brushed motors) will run on DC quite well.
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Three phase rectifier added to generator from discarded Fisher & Paykel washing machine motor



Fisher & Paykel washing machine motor other issues

- Ultraviolet light and rain cover
- The Smart Drive plastic rapidly degrades in sunlight and will crack, so keep it covered. A bucket is cut to fit is good.
- Rain will rust the metal winding pegs.

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Cogging

- Resistance of the Smart Drive rotor to turn freely from the stationary position.
- Once moving, this resistance drops away to almost nothing.
- Seriously affects - the blade is reluctant to start rotating.
- All wind turbine blades are reluctant to start (as the wind direction is not correct in relation to the blades until the blades start to move).
- Smart Drive motor (without a decogged stator) will not start until wind speeds reach about 28 to 30km/h (1.5 metre, six-bladed high torque prop) - is far too high to be of any use.
- Decogged will start rotating in wind speeds around 18km/h (5m/s). Once the blades start they keep going until the wind drops to about 15km/h.
- Power output approximately 400 Watts at 36km/h (10m/s)
Maximum output of 700 Watts (over 50km/h, or 14m/s)

Decogging



Removing the motor from a washing machine 1

Smart Drive washing machine can be dismantled in a matter of minutes.

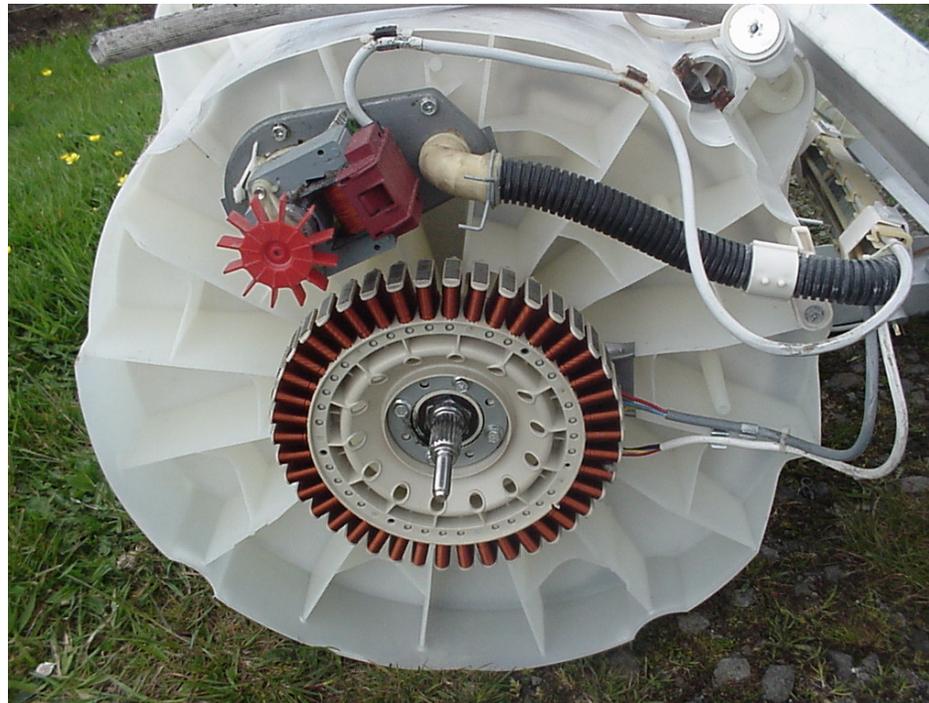
1. Remove the cap from the top of the agitator.
2. Reach inside and undo the plastic nut that holds the agitator onto the shaft.
3. Remove agitator then undo the screws on the retaining ring beneath agitator.
4. Remove the stainless steel bowl from within the plastic outer bowl (jiggle it).
5. Remove the plastic top; Cut wires and tubes on back right of bowl
6. Unhook the 4 bowl hangers from inside and lift out the entire bowl as shown.



2.

Removing the motor from a washing machine 2

- Turn the unit over and work from the bottom, remove the magnetic plastic rotor. It should look like the picture below.



- Undo the four fixing screws that hold the copper wire wound stator onto the bearing assembly.

Removing the motor from a washing machine 3

- Cut out the bearing assembly from the plastic bowl with a saber saw.
- Most of the units you find will be about 10 years old and have 1.0mm wire size on the copper wound stator.
- In time more and more of the 0.8mm and 0.6mm versions will become available.
- These earlier units are very easy to reconnect as extensions are not required, cut wires can be unwound in both directions off each finger.
- There are three different wire sizes available 1.0mm, 0.8mm and 0.6mm.



Motor models

Model	Wire diameter (mm)	Configuration	Numer of turns	Effective wire area (mm²)	Max current (amps)
100 S	1.0	Series	616	0.79	8
100 SP	1.0	Series/Parallel	88	5.50	56
100 P	1.0	Parallel	44	11.00	112
80 S	0.8	Series	1610	0.50	3
80 SP	0.8	Series/Parallel	230	3.52	21
80 P	0.8	Parallel	115	7.04	42
60 S	0.6	Series	2380	0.28	3.5
60 SP	0.6	Series/Parallel	340	2.00	25
60 P	0.6	Parallel	170	4.00	50

Table 1. Smart Drive generator winding connection options.

Output from different wiring configuration of the motor

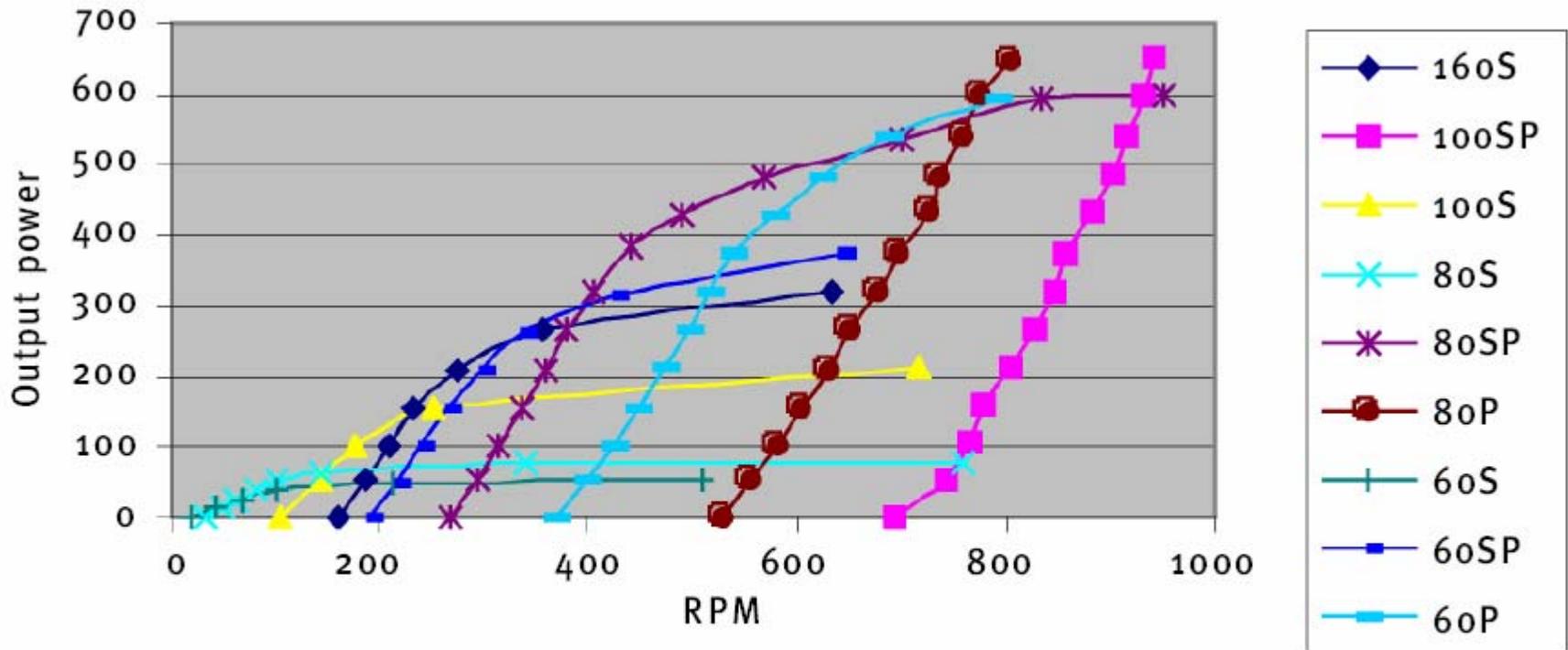
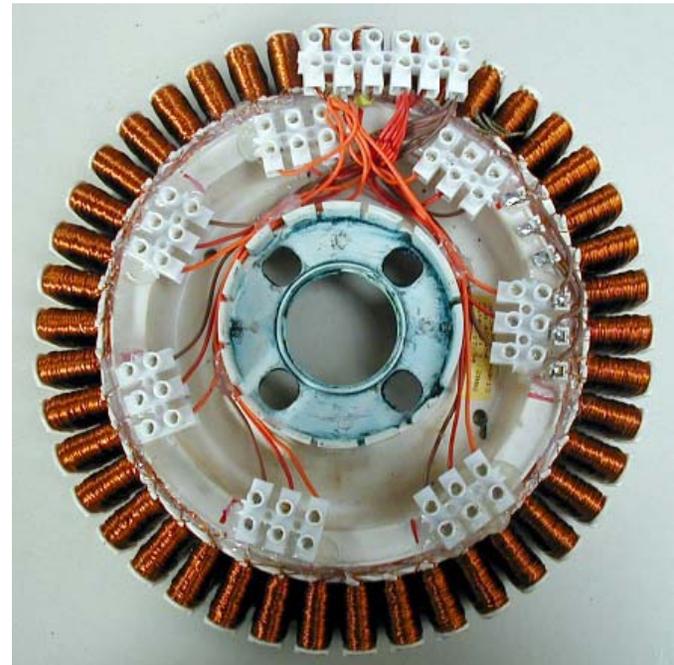
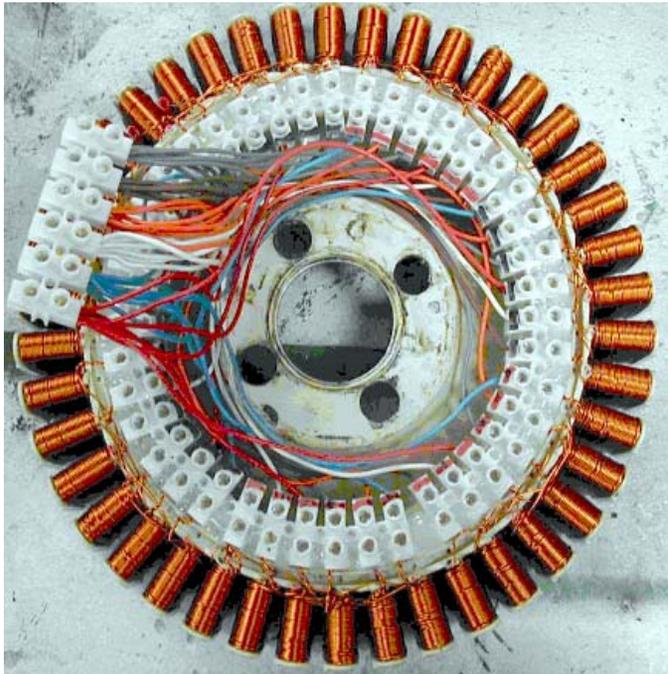


Figure 1. Smart Drive performance curves for a 24 volt system using a star wiring configuration.

Configuring stators

- The stators can be reconnected in numerous configurations including series/parallel (left) and parallel (right)



Microhydroelectric generator

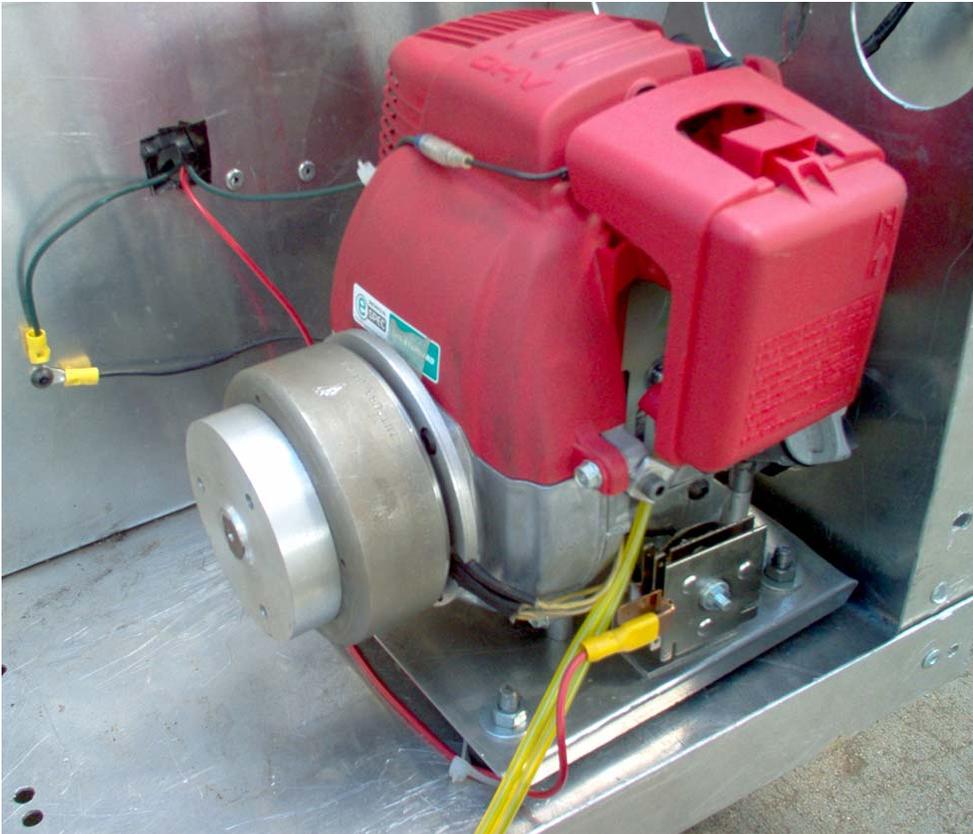


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Rectifier and smoothing added to generator from discarded Fisher & Paykel washing machine motor for model car set

