

CHRYSLER 2005 300

PRECAUTIONS

Warning: The battery is vented to release excess hydrogen gas that is created when the battery is being charged or discharged. However, even with these vents, hydrogen gas can collect in or around the battery. If hydrogen gas is exposed to flame or sparks, it may ignite. Do not smoke, use flame, or create sparks near the battery. Personal injury and vehicle damage may result. The battery contains sulfuric acid, which is poisonous and caustic. Avoid contact with the skin, eyes, or clothing. In the event of contact, flush with water and call a physician immediately. Keep out of reach of children.

Warning: To protect the hands from battery acid, a suitable pair of heavy duty rubber gloves, not the household type, should be worn when removing or servicing a battery. Safety glasses also should be worn. Remove metallic jewelry worn on hands or wrists to avoid injury by accidental arcing of battery current.

Warning: Do not allow jumper cable clamps to touch each other when connected to a booster source. When using a high output boosting device, do not allow a conventional battery to exceed 16 volts. Never exceed 14.4 volts when charging a spiral cell battery. Personal injury and/or battery damage may result.

Use care when disconnecting the battery vent tube from the battery. The vent tube nipple is made of plastic and is easily damaged if not disconnected properly.

It is important that the battery, starting system, and charging system be thoroughly tested and inspected any time a battery needs to be charged or replaced. The cause of abnormal discharge, over charging or early battery failure must be corrected before a battery is replaced or returned to service.

The battery Group Size number, the Cold Cranking Amperage (CCA) rating,

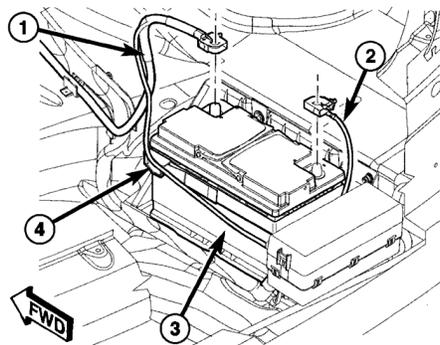


Fig. 1 Battery cable removal

and the Reserve Capacity (RC) rating or Ampere-Hours (AH) rating can be found on the original equipment battery label. Be certain that a replacement battery has the correct Group Size number, as well as CCA and RC or AH ratings that equal or exceed the original equipment specification for the vehicle being serviced.

BATTERY Removal

This vehicle is equipped with a single, 12-volt, maintenance-free battery, located in the rear floor area near the spare tire.

1. Verify that ignition switch and all accessories are "OFF."
2. Remove rear compartment floor trim panel to gain access to battery.
3. Disconnect battery ground cable (2) from battery terminal, **Fig. 1**.
4. Disconnect battery positive cable (1) from battery terminal, **Fig. 1**.
5. Unlatch battery retention strap (4), **Fig. 1**.
6. Gently disconnect battery vent tube from battery nipple, **Fig. 2**.
7. Remove bolt from battery hold down clamp and remove hold down, **Fig. 3**.
8. Remove battery from vehicle.

Installation

1. Position battery in battery tray, **Fig. 4**.
2. Install battery hold down clamp and bolt. **Torque** bolt to 35 inch lbs., **Fig. 3**.
3. Gently connect battery vent tube to battery nipple, **Fig. 2**.
4. Latch battery retention strap (4), **Fig. 1**.
5. Connect battery positive cable (1), **Fig. 1**.
6. Connect battery ground cable (2), **Fig. 1**.
7. Install rear compartment floor trim panel.

Battery Connection

Once the battery has been connected, review and perform the following information as applicable. These connection procedures are to be performed any time the battery has been disconnected if the vehicle is equipped with these options.

ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL

If the vehicle is equipped with Electronic Stability Control, also known as Electronic Stability Program (ESP), once the battery is reconnected, the Steering Angle Sensor (SAS) needs to be calibrated. The SAS requires calibration anytime the battery or an ABS (ESP) component has been disconnected for any length of time. If the SAS is not calibrated following battery connection, the ESP/BAS indicator lamp is illuminated following five ignition cycles, indicating the need for calibration.

1. Start engine.
2. Center steering wheel.
3. Turn steering wheel in lefthand direction until internal stop in steering gear is met, then turn steering wheel in righthand direction until opposite internal stop in steering gear is met.
4. Center steering wheel.
5. Turn engine "Off."

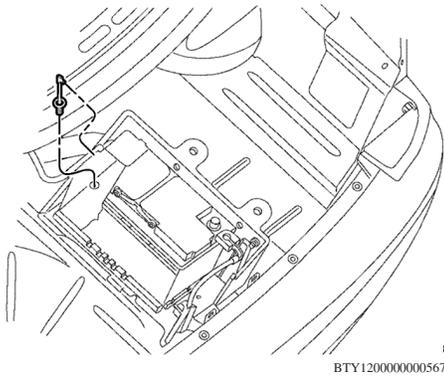


Fig. 2 Vent tube nipple location

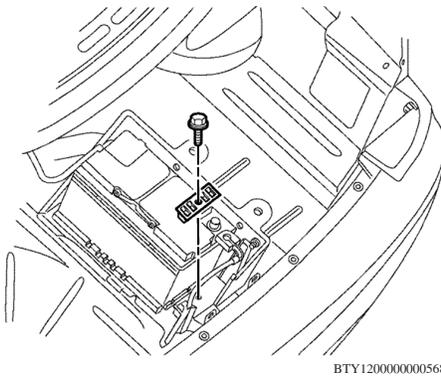


Fig. 3 Battery hold down removal

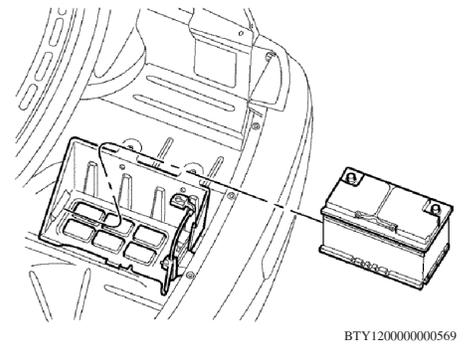


Fig. 4 Battery installation

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