



BCIT SCHOOL OF TRANSPORTATION

# TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

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# BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

- BCIT is a public post-secondary polytechnic institution providing industry recognized applied credentials
- Approximately 18,000 full-time students and 28,000 part-time students enroll every year
- Courses taught by industry professionals who have a minimum of 5-10 years experience in the field, following their credential completion
- There are five campuses around Greater Vancouver including the Aerospace Technology Campus in Richmond, the Marine Campus in North Vancouver, and the Annacis Island Campus in Delta



# BCIT SCHOOL OF TRANSPORTATION

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Marine Studies
- Motive Power
- Technology Management
- Trades Access

# Transformation in Transportation

- **New technology can be found everywhere in transportation**
  - Electrification in everything
  - Automated Driver Assistance Systems
  - Alternate and Synthetic fuels
  - How can the Educators keep up with these rapid changes?



# Upskilling BC's Automotive Workforce

## BCIT's EV Technician Training Initiative

**Rising EV Adoption:** As the number of EVs in B.C. continues to grow, there is a pressing need for technicians trained in high-voltage systems, battery diagnostics, and EV-specific technologies.

**Post-Warranty Service Demand:** As more EVs reach the end of their manufacturer warranty periods, owners are turning to independent shops for service and repairs.

**Workforce Skills Gap:** Current automotive technicians are trained primarily on internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles and lack the specialized skills needed for safe and effective EV diagnostics and repair.



# Responding to the EV Transition in BC

## How it Started:

- Funded by the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions
- Focused on upskilling existing automotive technicians
- Objective - close the knowledge gap for the aftermarket and independent repair shop techs
- Developed a one-week (36-hour) course to minimize workplace disruption



Ministry of  
Energy and  
Climate Solutions

# Finding the right Expertise

- **Our challenge:**
  - EV knowledge was not yet available in-house or broadly in the industry
  - Needed access to cutting-edge OEM EV service protocols



# Leveraging Industry Relationships

## The Power of Partnerships:

- Built partnerships via contract training and service agreements
- Faculty accessed OEM training programs for hands-on upskilling





# Real-World R&D

## Partnering with the City of Vancouver:

- Gained access to 144 City EVs for hands-on R&D
- Used fleet to inform practical curriculum components
- Collected real-world diagnostic data



# Creating Comprehensive EV Learning Pathways

- Tailored OEM outcomes to fit industry technicians' needs
- Developed EV Service and Technology course
- Designed specifically for upskilling 3<sup>rd</sup> year apprentices & Red Seal technicians
- Mapped OEM outcomes into BCIT programs (not yet identified by RSOS)
- Integrated across Apprenticeship, Diploma, and Foundation



# EV Service and Technology Pilot

## Testing the Model:

- Launched pilot with City of Vancouver fleet technicians
- Used this pilot to test and refine our approach with experienced working technicians
- Refined delivery and validated curriculum



# Train-the-Trainer Program Rollout

## Expanding Provincial Capacity:

- Created EV 4011 Train-the-Trainer model
- Delivered course to 7 BC post-secondary institutions
- Scaled instructional capacity across the province



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# Cross-Sector Demand - Growing Interest Beyond Automotive

## Delivered and tailored training for:

- First responders (RCMP, VFD)
- City and Municipal Fleets
- BC Marine Association
- BCAA
- Auto recyclers – Schnitzer Steel
- Charging infrastructure installers
- International: Jamaica's HEART Trust  
Institute engineering students

Coquitlam



# National Expansion and New Partnerships

## Scaling Impact Through C2R2 Funding:

- C2R2 funding allowed us to expand our reach and deepen partnerships at a national level
- Licensed our EV curriculum to 5 Canadian post-secondary institutions
- Launched Tesla START Apprenticeship program (first in Canada)
- Delivered exclusive EV training to BC Canadian Tire Service Centers



Canadian Colleges for a  
Resilient Recovery



# Accelerating the Transition to a Zero-Emission Workforce

- Scalable, proven model with broad industry relevance
- Continuing to evolve to meet the needs of industry & Canada's zero-emission future
- Best practices being introduced to other SoT programs - Aerospace, MHDV, Marine and Rail



Class 8 electric tractor



Electric float plane



Rail freight goes electric



First all-electric tugboat



# HV Battery Testing

- Currently diagnosing HV Batteries as vehicles are now exceeding the OEM warranty
- Batteries may be replaced as an entire unit, but many are still serviceable after requiring minor repairs



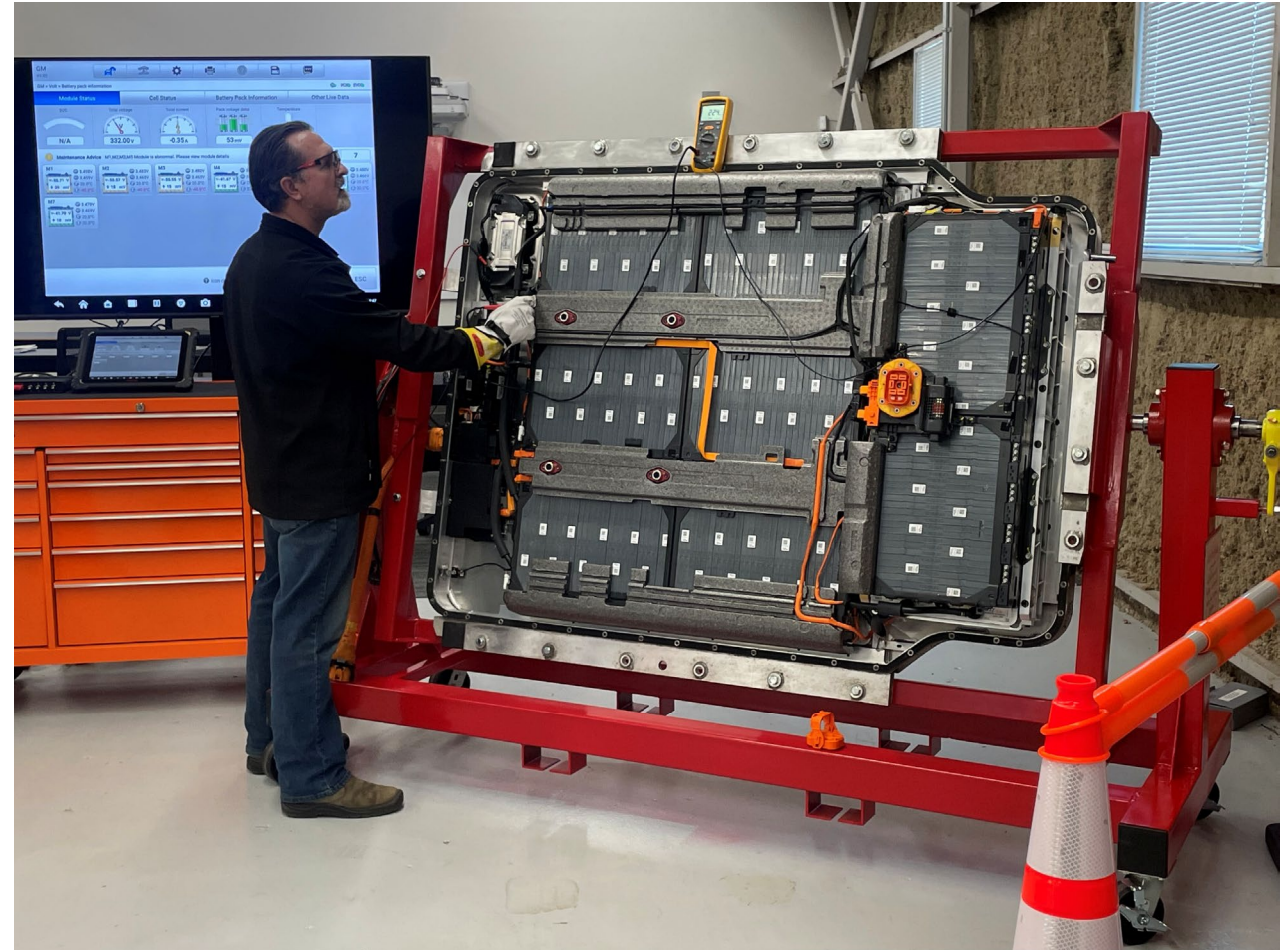
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# HV Battery Diagnosis

Multiple diagnostic approach for assessing HV Battery condition.

- Tested in the vehicle
- Tested dynamically while driving
- Tested out of vehicle on stand



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# HV Battery Diagnosis

- Battery diagnosis needs to be determined before removing battery from vehicle
- Technician needs to identify
  - Module and cell location
  - Individual cell voltage
  - Battery Pack voltage Delta
  - Temperature readings
  - State of Charge

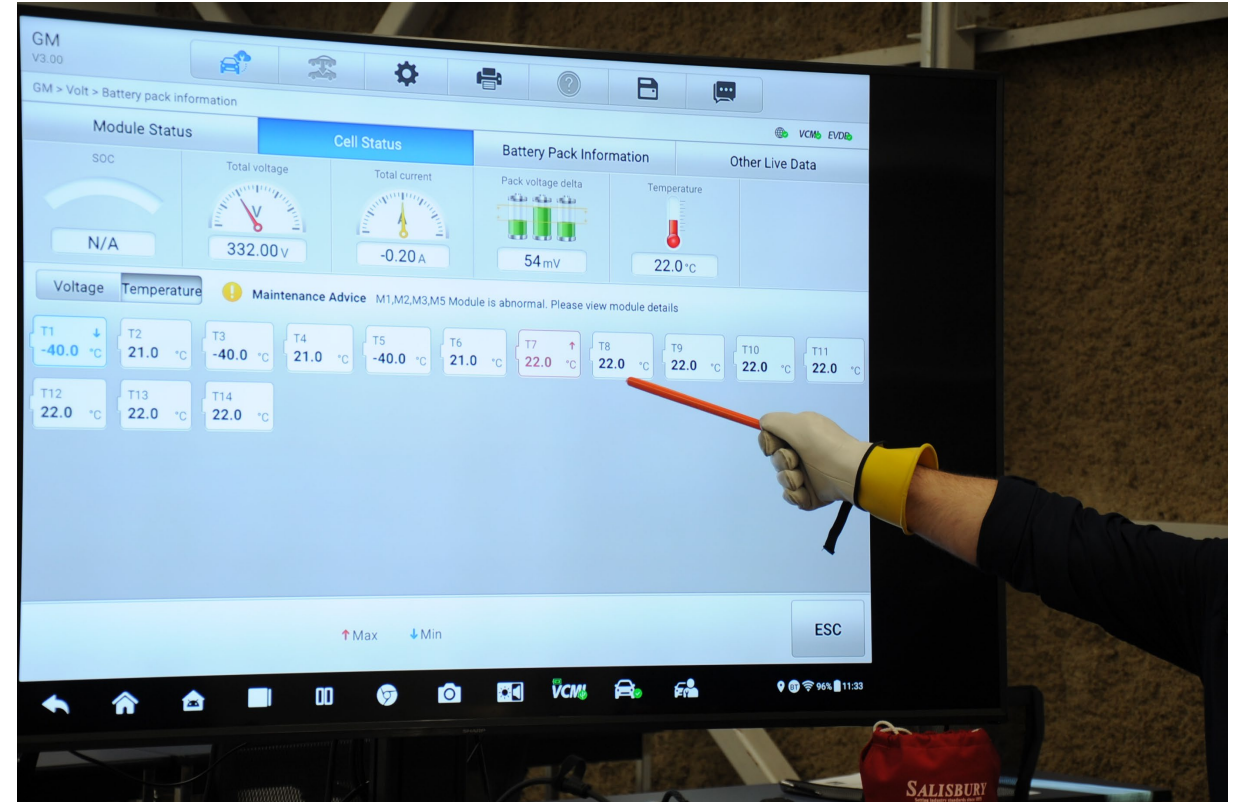


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# HV Battery on Stand

- Students connecting Volt HV Battery to scan tool to determine condition.
- For communication it will require:
  - Can +
  - Can –
  - 12V +
  - 12V –
  - Wake up signal



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# HV Battery on Stand

Students comparing HV Battery modules. Notice two modules in yellow that require maintenance and warning above it



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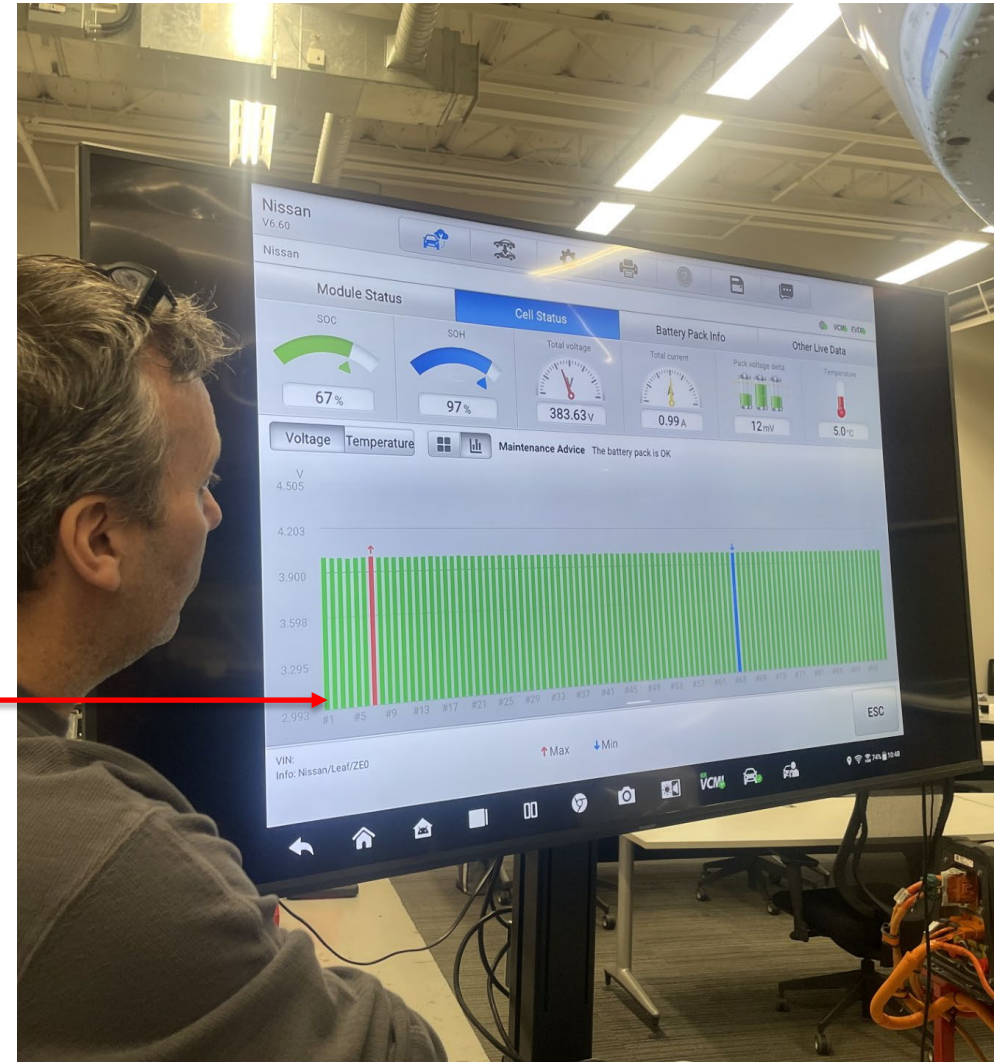


# HV Battery on Stand

- Student determining highest and lowest cell voltage (HV Battery Delta) on scan tool



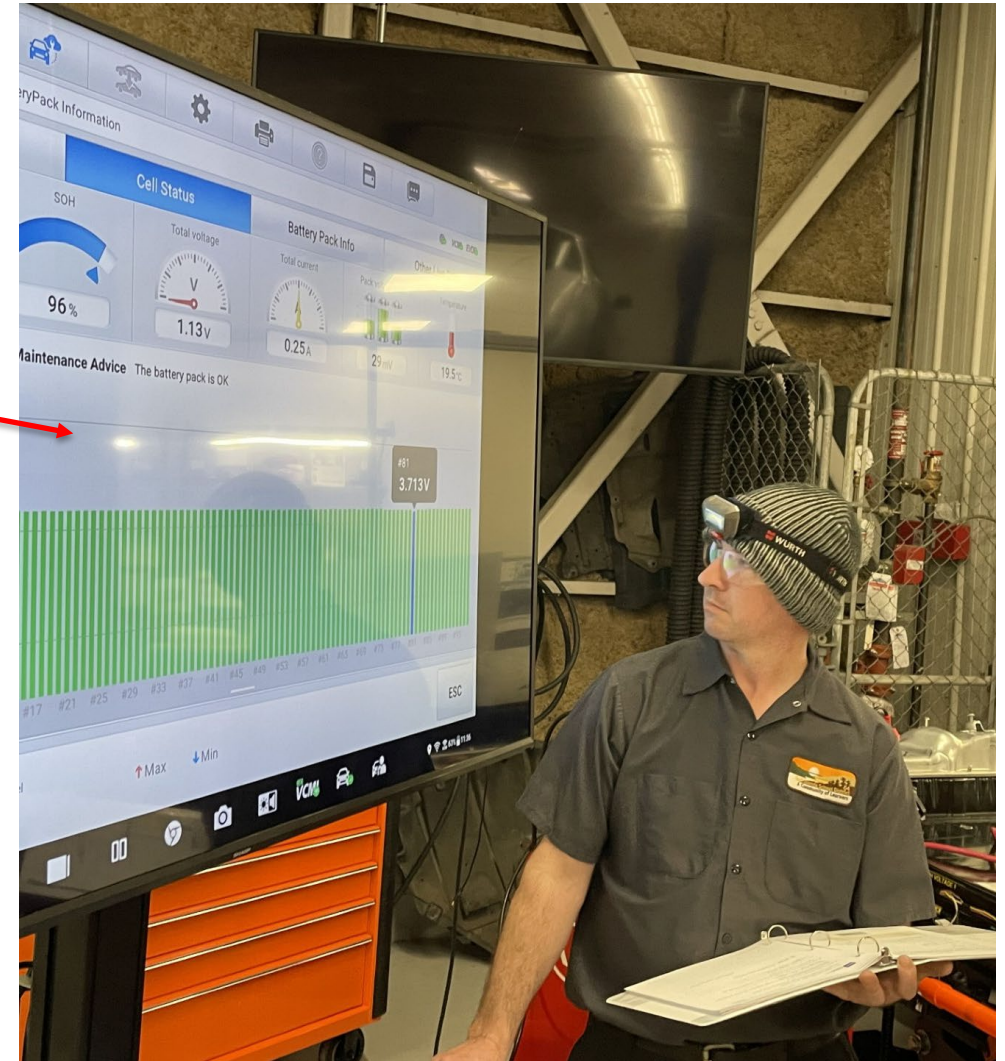
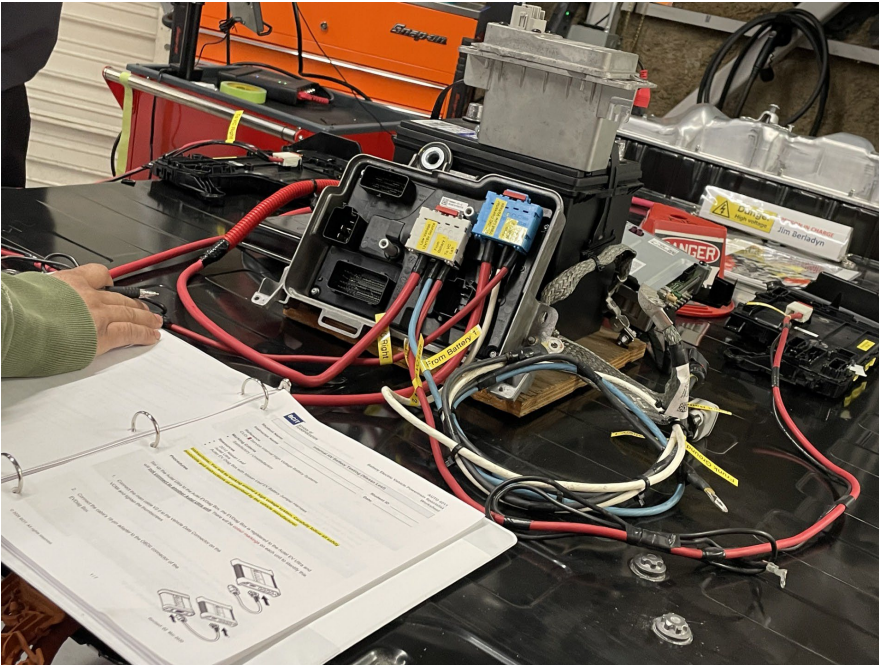
Student determining HV Battery module location





# Tesla Model 3 Battery

- Students checking cells in each module to determine battery health



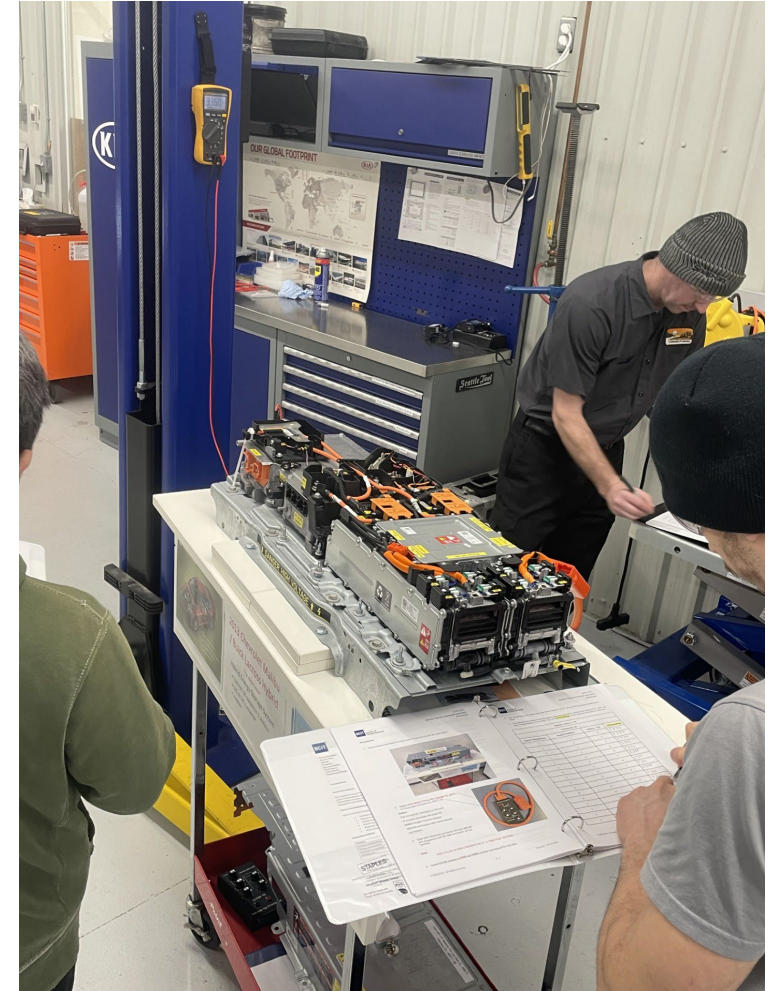
Students checks low voltage (16volt) of circuit



# Individual Battery Cell Test



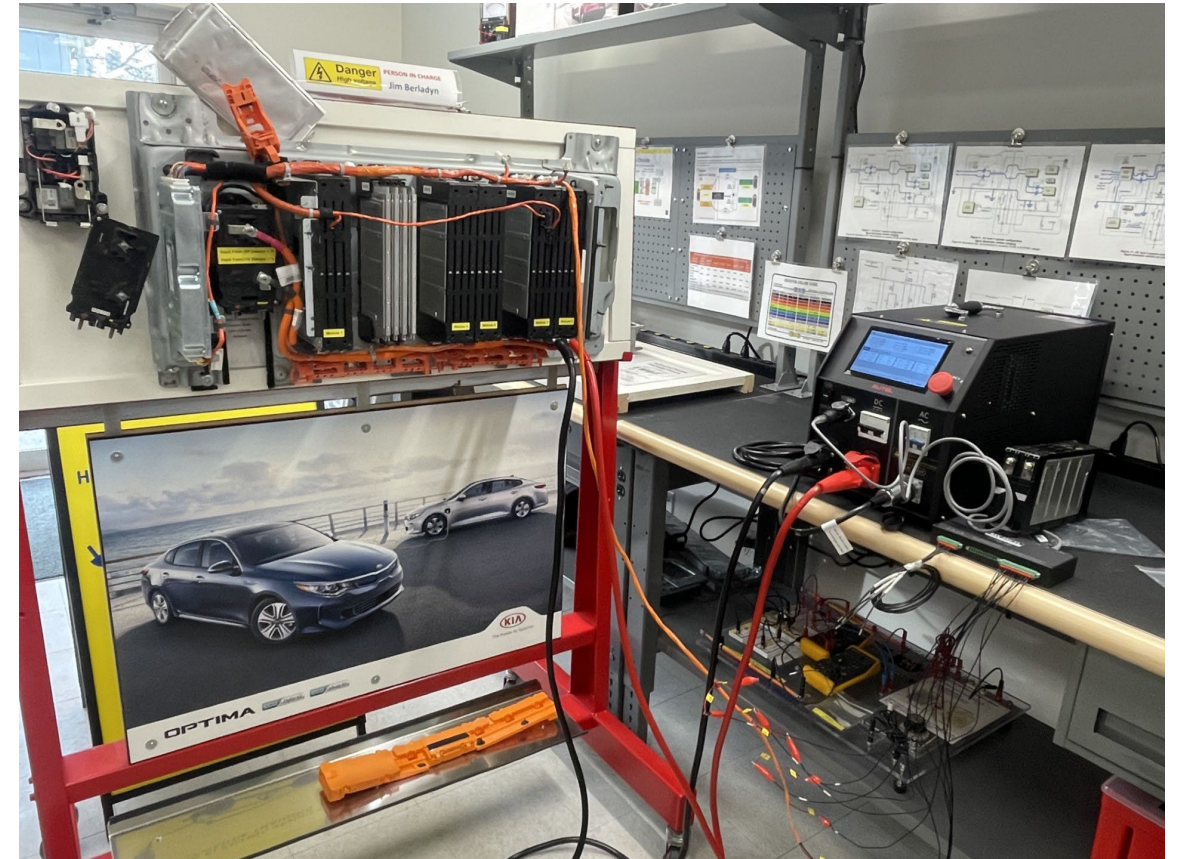
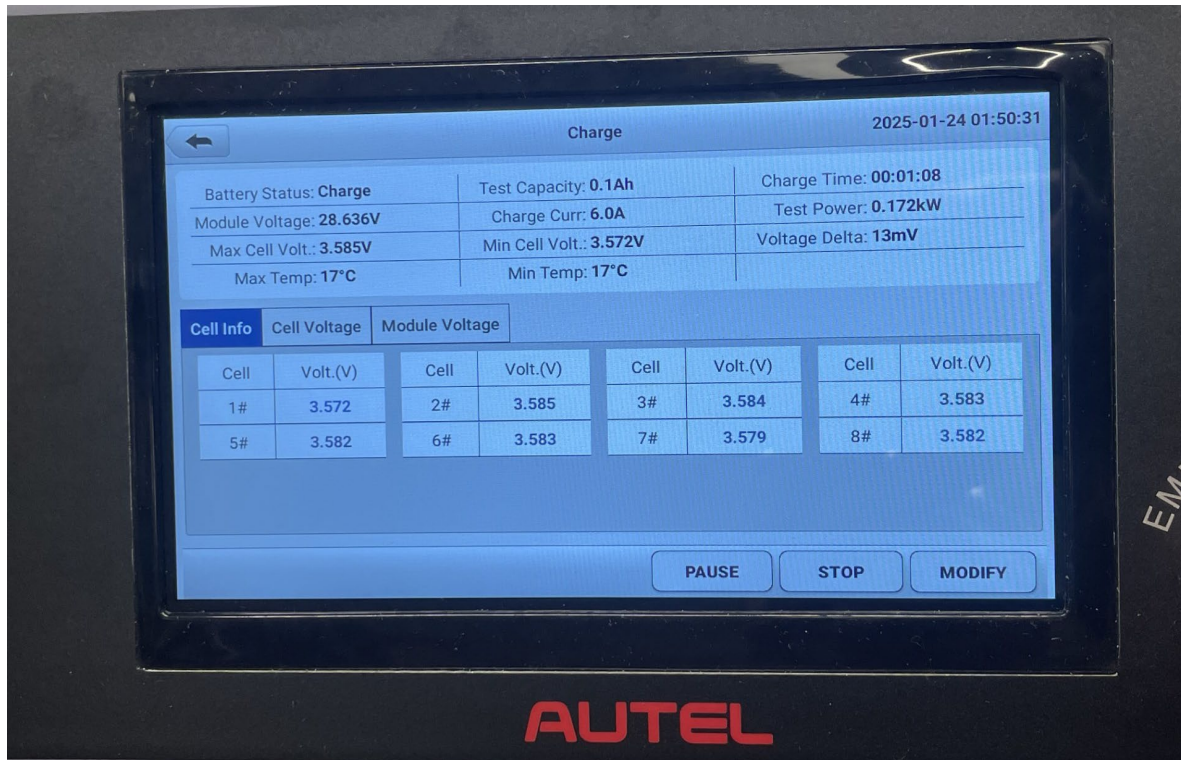
- Used to test individual cell voltages
- This test will also help diagnosis an internal wiring and connector issues



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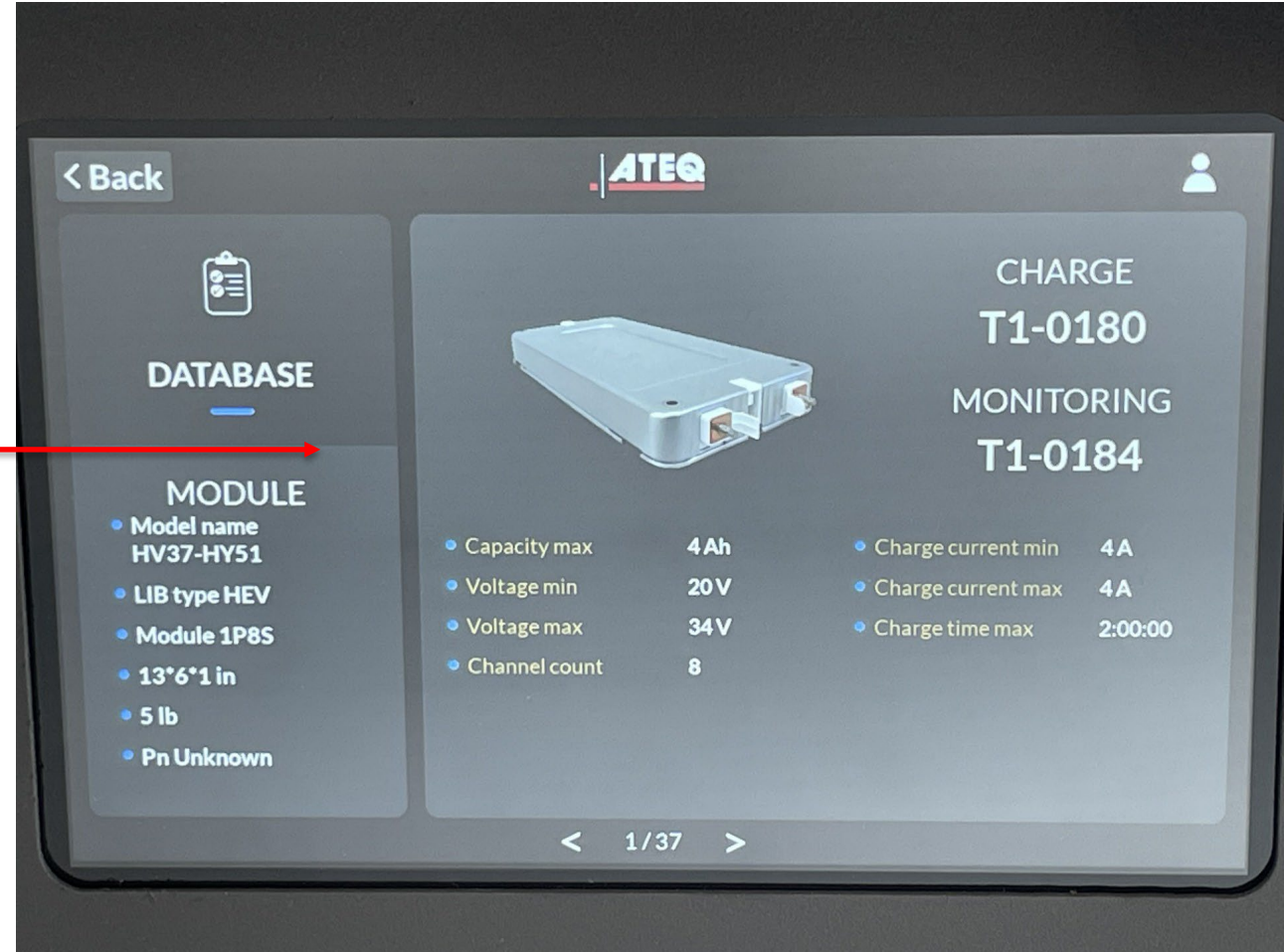
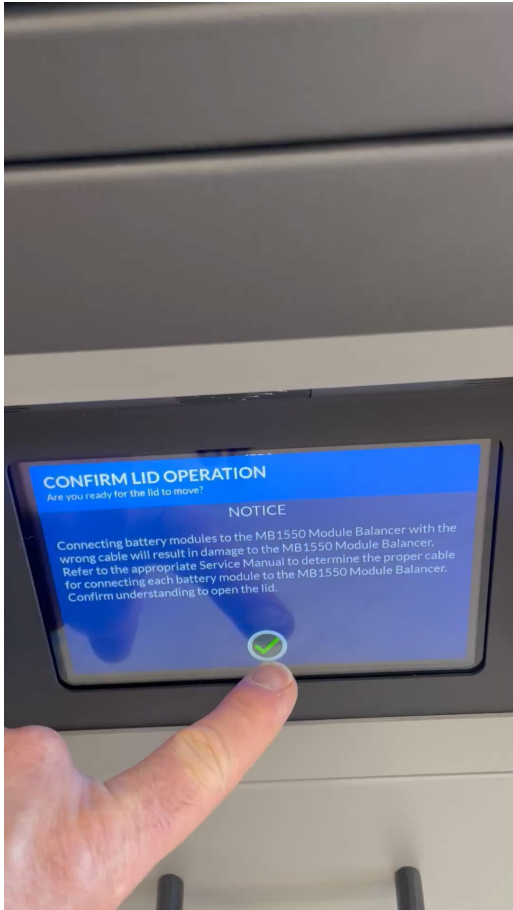


# Battery Balancing





# OEM Balancer



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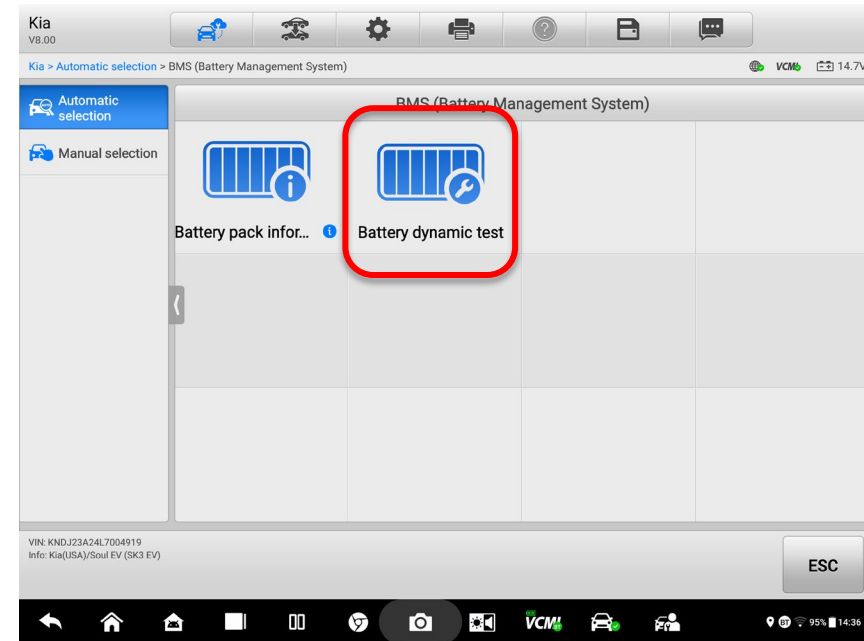
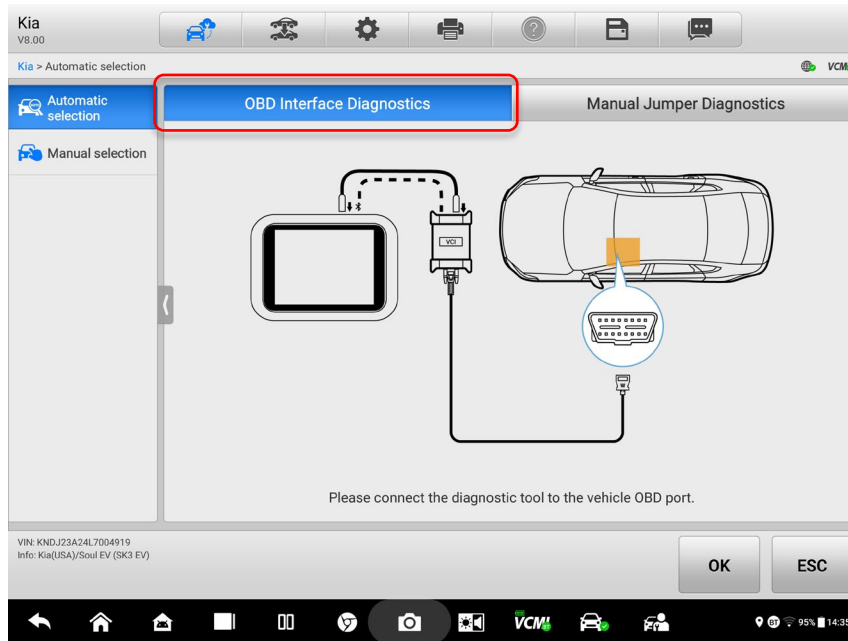
# HV Battery Diagnosis

- Repairs need to be confirmed before installing battery into vehicle
- This may also help determine condition of used battery before purchase



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# Dynamic HV Battery Test



**Drive the vehicle and follow directions on scan tool**

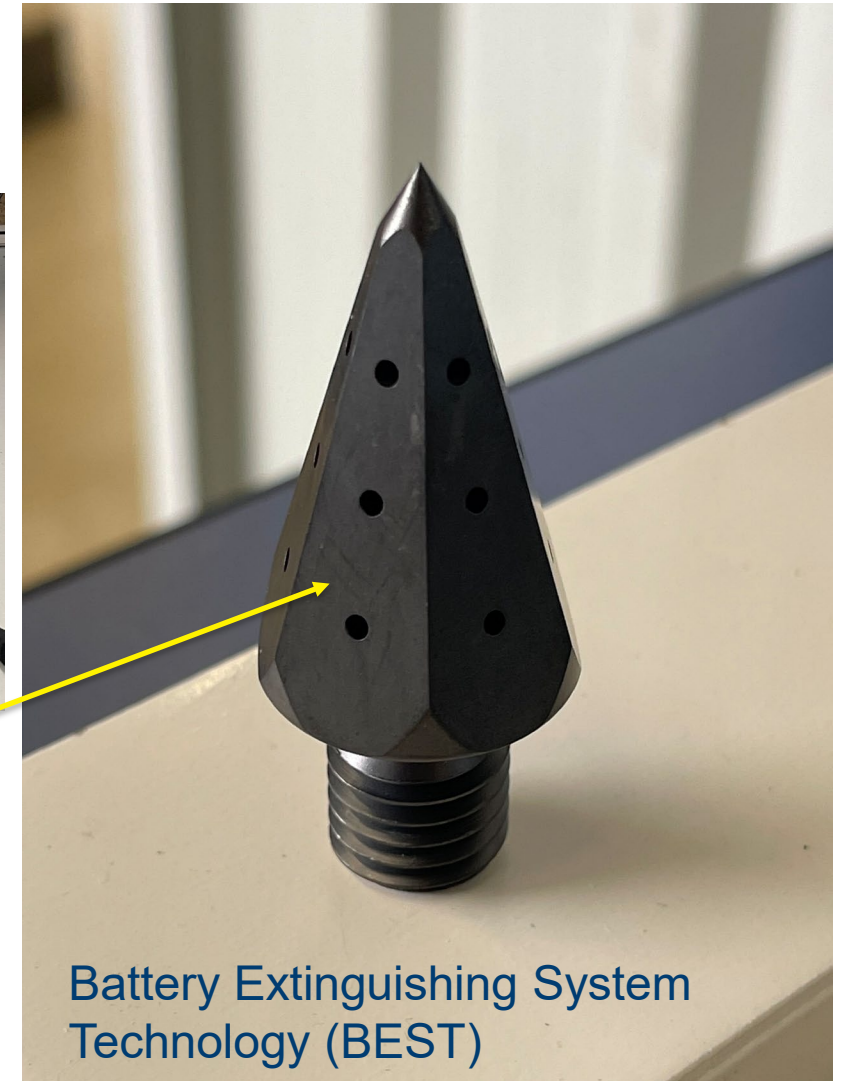
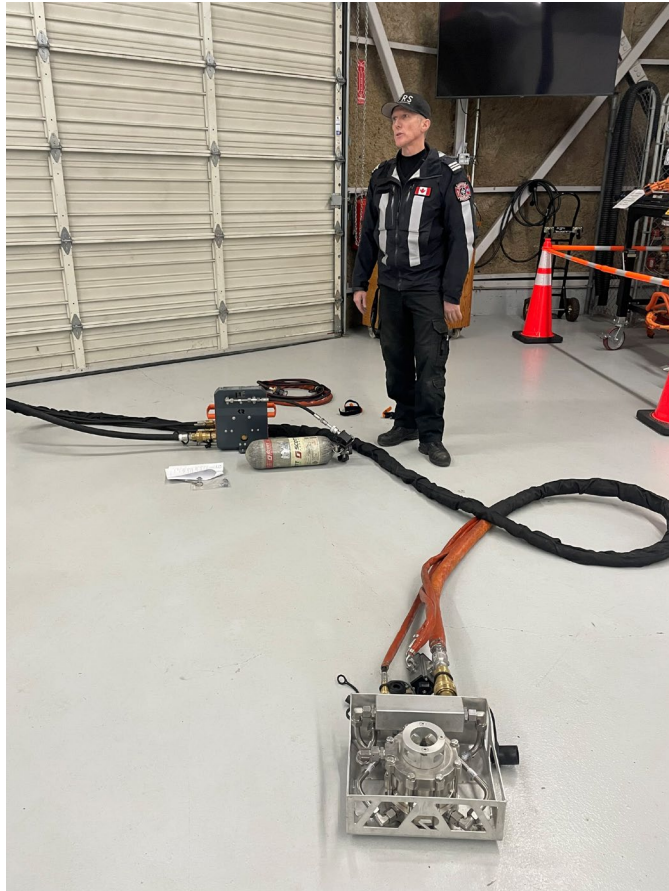
# Battery Leak Testing



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# BEST Fire System

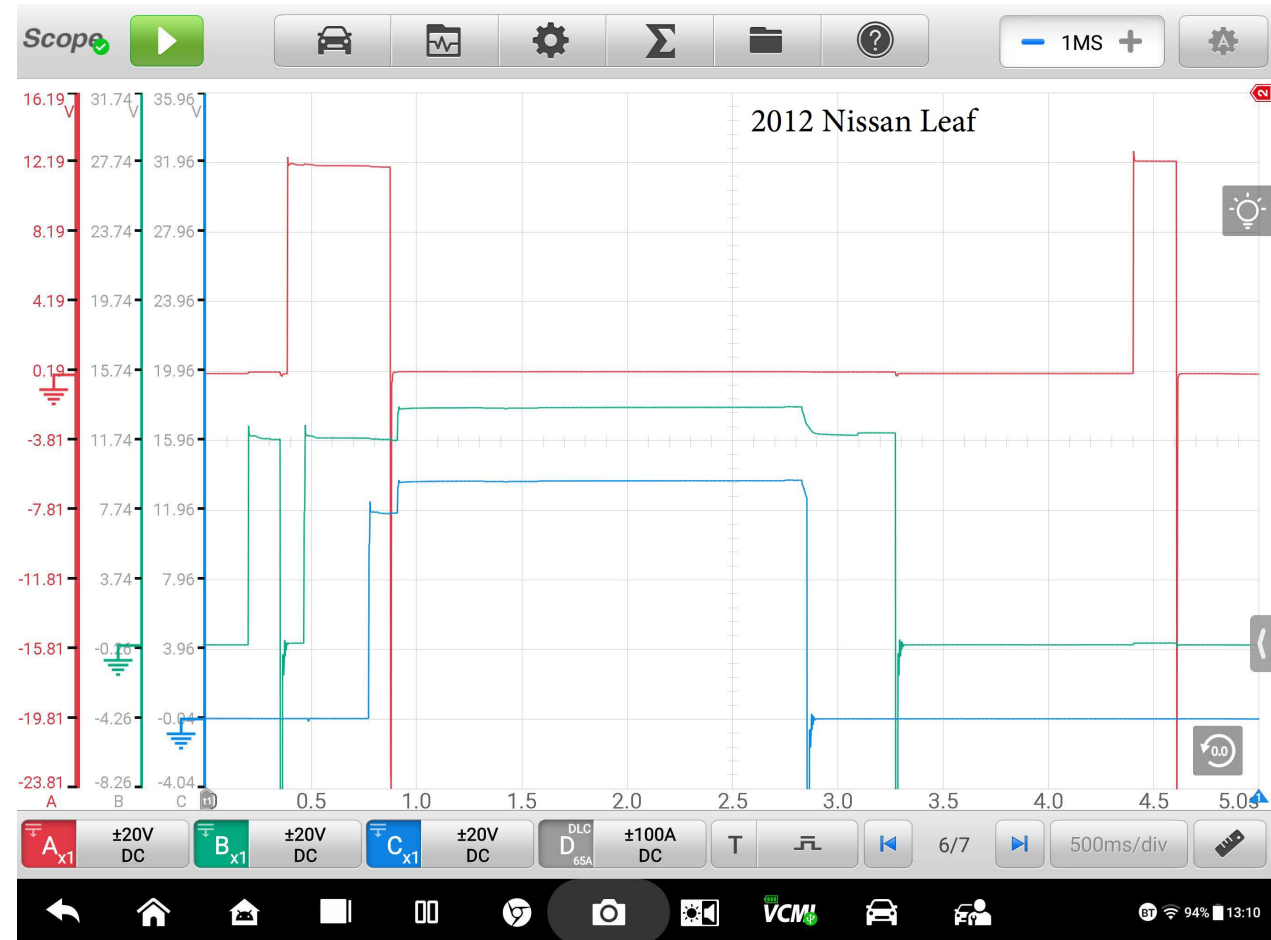


Battery Extinguishing System  
Technology (BEST)

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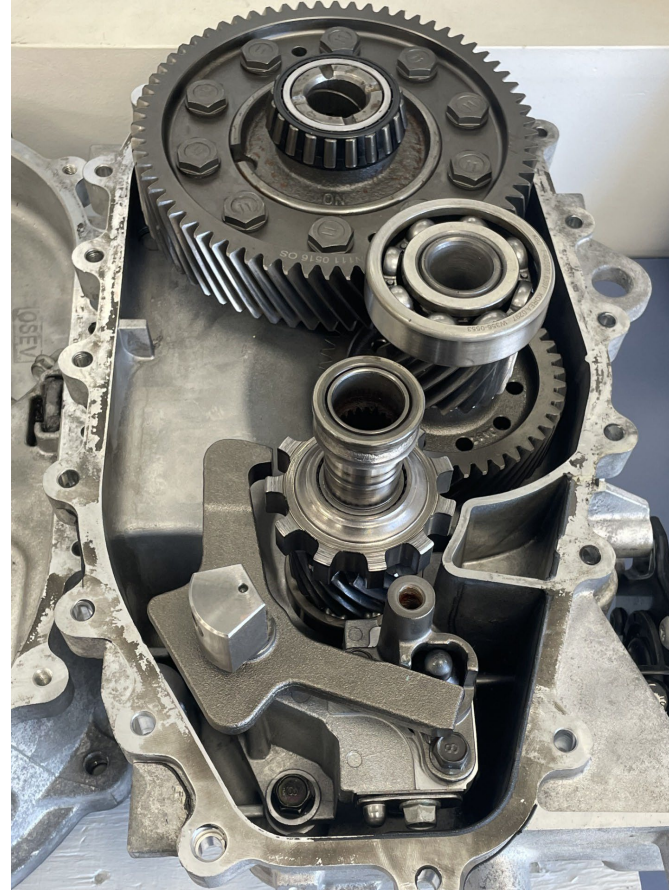
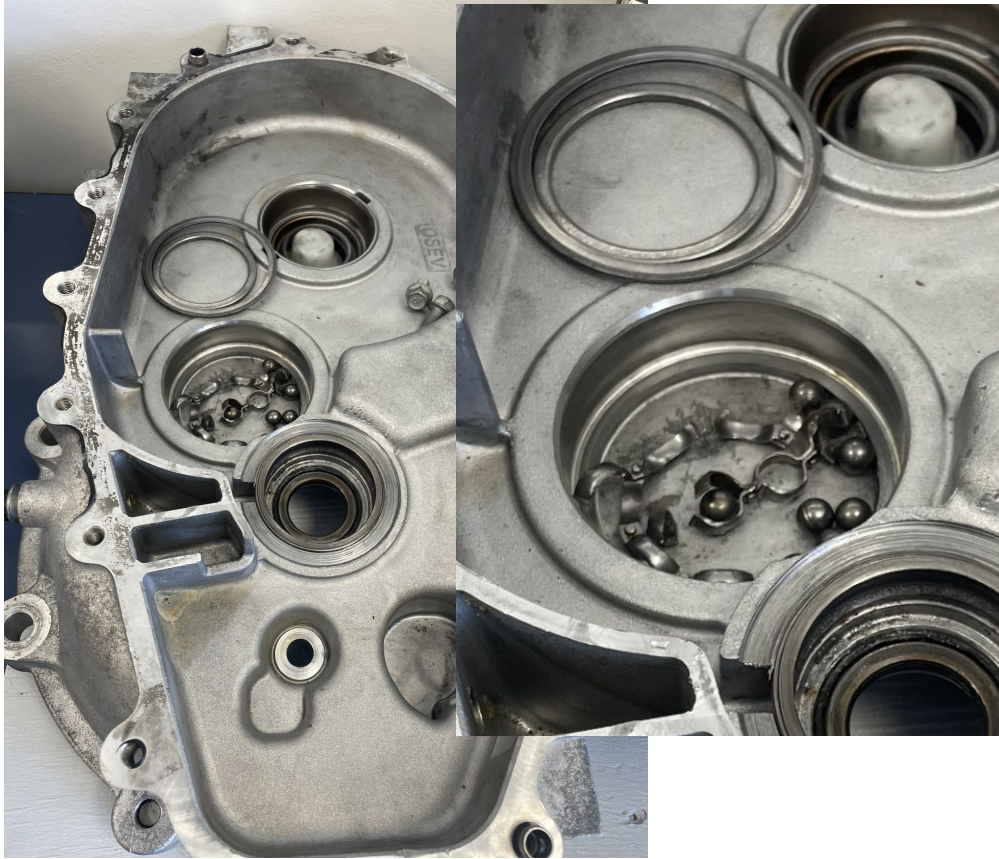
# Contactor Sequencing



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# Bearing Failure



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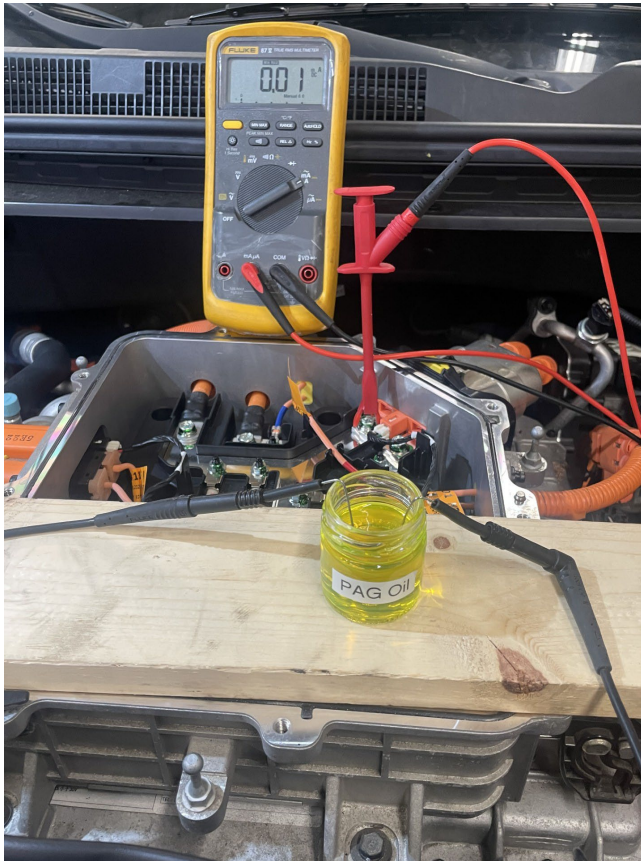
# EV Fluids



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# Checking for HV Loss of Isolation



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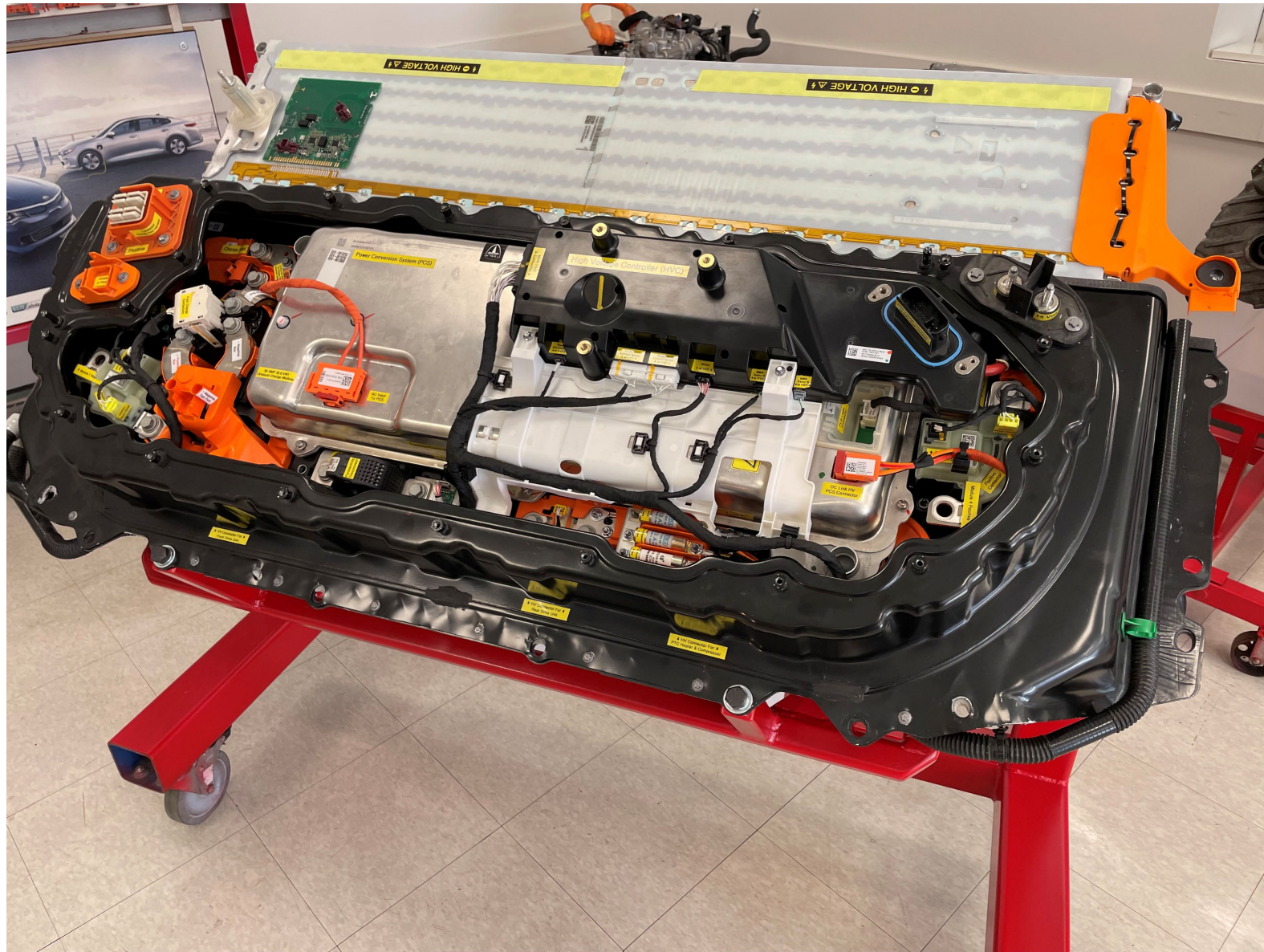
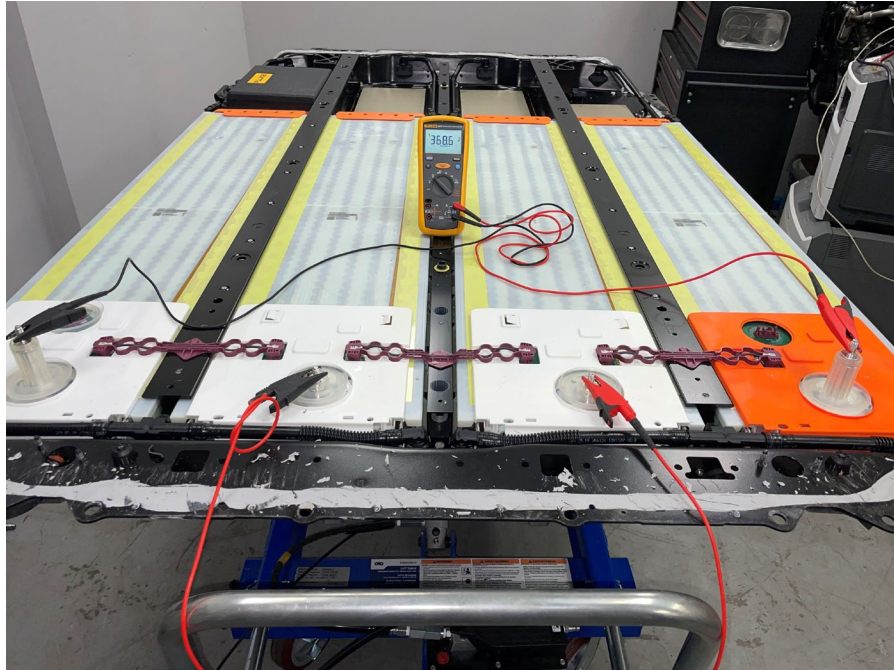


# Training Aids





# Tesla



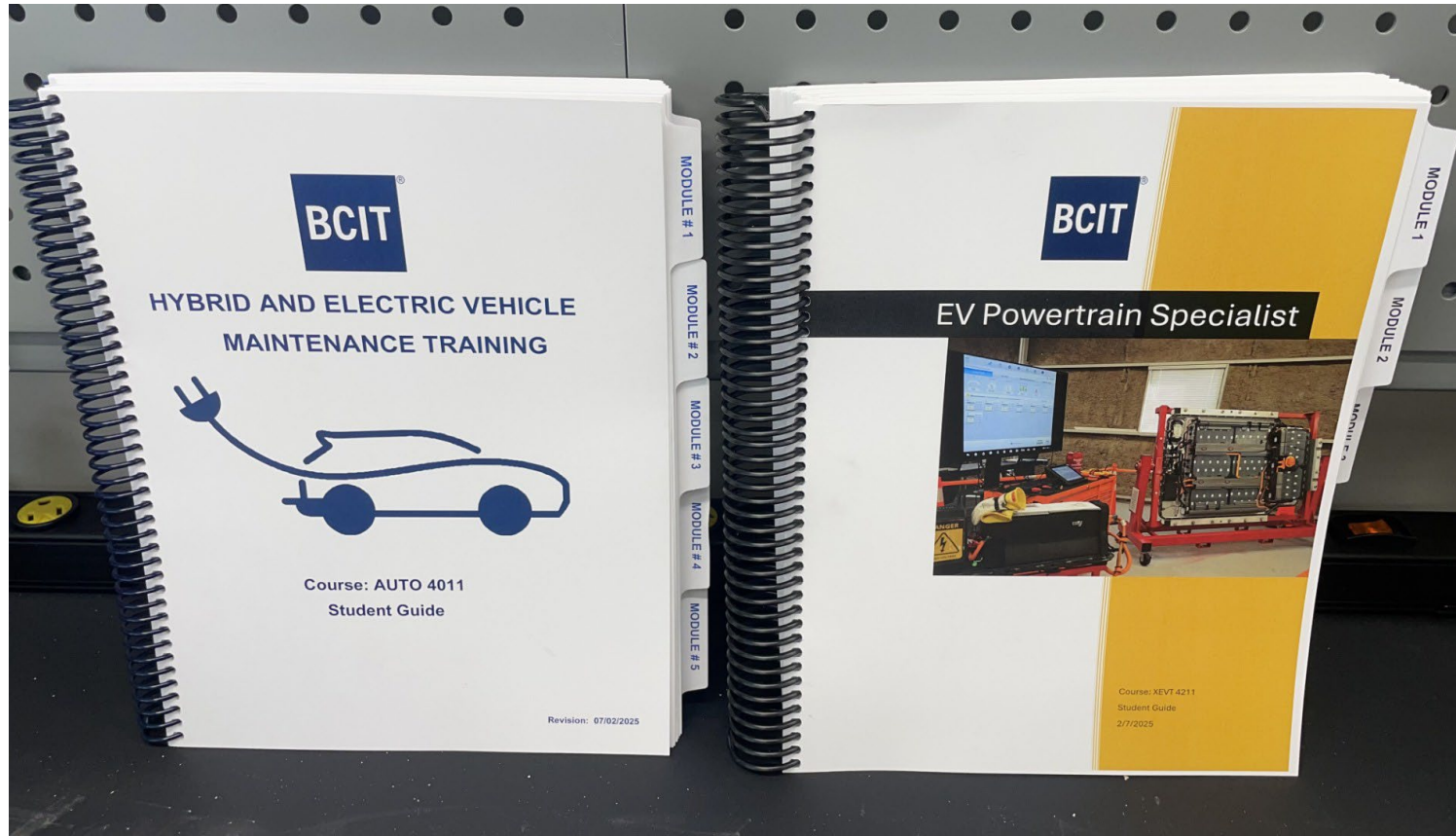


# DP World Training





# EV Training Courses



# QUESTIONS?

