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Wes Grueninger, our webmaster, has informed me the new Catalog and Cross Reference Library is now online.

Our newest rebuilder's resource contains the catalogs and cross reference guides from earlier days of our industry. Although many of the companies represented have long since been out of business, the materials that they produced are a gold mine of rebuilding information.

Here are some of the ways the Catalog Library can help you:

Are your most used and most dog-eared old catalogs the ACE Voltage Regulator Catalogs? If you work on classic generators, these catalogs will help you find the correct regulator to go with the amperage, voltage and polarity of a specific generator.

The CPC Import Starter Drive Catalog is especially helpful. When an oddball import starter needs a drive that you don't stock, or is unavailable, you can look up the drive in the CPC book. It has dimensions for the rollers, springs and pinion, and it shows other units that use the same pieces. With that information you can find a drive to "donate" the parts you need— either a new from drive or from a core. Much of the same drive information is available in the Zen Catalog, although Zen does not show the internal parts.

The AIM and Orem Catalogs are similarly helpful when you need to find a rotor, stator or field coils. They show part dimensions and in which units the parts can be found.

The ACE and IPM Field Coil Catalogs are valuable when trying to replace a coil that is no longer produced. Both catalogs show dimensions and specifications that will help find a coil that will work.

If you have an old catalog or cross reference that you find particularly useful, please share it with your fellow rebuilders. Contact Wes at webmaster@electricalrebuilders.org.

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