Identifying Wire and Pin Assignments On a Bare Serial Cable

Issue: Identifying the pin connected to each wire

Solution: Use a digital multimeter to verify pin and wire connections

Use the following steps to identify the pin connected to each wire.

- 1. Obtain a digital multimeter and attach a stick test lead and a hook test lead.
- 2. Turn on digital multimeter and set to ohms-resistance mode.



- 3. Use the hook test lead to grab the bare end of a wire.
- 4. With the free stick test lead, touch each connector pin.
 - If the digital multimeter reads OL (Open Line), there is no connection between the current pin and wire selection.
 - If the digital multimeter displays a number value, the wire and pin are connected.
 - If the digital multimeter generates tones, it will sound when the corresponding wire and pin are touched simultaneously.



5. Repeat for remaining wires until wires are identified with their corresponding pins.

NOTE: All pins are numbered inside the connector for identification.



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