

Cessna 172M, Stuck Starter Contactor, ATA 8011

"The start contactor stuck in the closed position," says this A&P mechanic. "(I) would turn the master switch on and the starter motor would *(immediately)* engage. The master switch had to be turned off to stop the starter. This contactor was changed eight months ago for the same problem. Other makes of *(our)* aircraft have also had this problem in the past. This *(defect)* seems to coincide with the use of high torque starters, and it is very dangerous." *(Start Contactor P/N: 111-138D. Very dangerous, indeed! This can kill someone not wary of the possibility. The SDRS database reflects at least four of these contactor part numbers. Thanks for the admonition; good reminder for all—Ed.).*

Part Total Time: 144.0 hours