## Basic Electrical

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## Objectives

## $\square$ Define basic components of electricity

## $\square$ Recognize the 3 electrical classifications of materials

## Compare and contrast AC vs. DC

$\square$ Use Ohm's law and Watt's law to express the relationship between current, voltage, and resistance

# Electricity can be broken down into: 

- Electric Charge
" Voltage
- Current
- Resistance


## Negative \& Positive Charges

- What do the effects of electricity in TV, radio, a battery, and lightening all have in common?
- Basic particles of electric charge with opposite polarities.


## Electrons

- The smallest amount of electrical charge having the quality called negative polarity.
- Electrons orbit is around the center of atoms.


## Protons

- The proton is a basic particle with positive polarity.
- Protons are located in the nucleus of atoms along with neutrons, particles which have neutral polarity.


## Illustration of the Atomic Structures of Hydrogen and Helium

Key: electrons (c), protons


- Surplus of electrons is called a negative charge (-). A shortage of electrons is called a positive charge (+).
- A battery provides a surplus of electrons by chemical reaction.
- By connecting a conductor from the positive terminal to negative terminal electrons will flow.



# Electrically, all materials fall into 1 of 3 classifications: 

- Conductors
- Insulators
- Semi-Conductors


## Conductors

- Have 1 valence electron
- Materials in which electrons can move freely from atom to atom are called conductors.
- In general all metals are good conductors.

The purpose of conductors is to allow electrical current to flow with minimum resistance.

## Insulators

- Have 8 valence electrons
- Materials in which electrons tend to stay put and do not flow easily from atom to atom are termed insulators.
- Insulators are used to prevent the flow of electricity.
- Insulating materials such as glass, rubber, or plastic are also called dielectrics, meaning they can store charges.
- Dielectric materials are used in components like capacitors which must store electric charges.


## Semi-Conductors

- Have 4 valence electrons
- Materials which are neither conductors nor insulators
- Common semi conductor materials are carbon, germanium and silicone.
- Used in components like transistors


## The Symbol for Charge

- The symbol for charge is Q which stands for quantity.
- The practical unit of charge is called the coulomb (C).
- One coulomb is equal to the amount of charge of $6.25 \times 10^{18}$ electrons or protons stored in a dielectric.


## Voltage

- Potential refers to the the possibility of doing work.
- Any charge has the potential to do the work of attracting a similar charge or repulsing an opposite charge.
- The symbol for potential difference is E (for electromotive force)
- The practical unit of potential difference is the volt $(\mathrm{V})$
- 1 volt is a measure of the amount of work required to move 1C of charge


## Voltage

- A battery positive terminal (+) and a negative terminal (-). The difference in charge between each terminal is the potential energy the battery can provide. This is labeled in units of volts. Water Analogy



## Voltage Sources:




- Voltage is like differential pressure, always measure between two points.
- Measure voltage between two points or across a component in a circuit.
- When measuring DC voltage make sure polarity of meter is correct , positive ( + ) red, negative (-) black.


## Current

- When a charge is forced to move because of a potential difference (voltage) current is produced.
- In conductors - free electrons can be forced to move with relative ease, since they require little work to be moved.
- So current is charge in motion.

The more electrons in motion the greater the current.

## Current



Uniform flow of electrons thru a circuit is called current.


## Amperes

- Current indicates the intensity of the electricity in motion. The symbol for current is I (for intensity) and is measured in amperes.
- The definition of current is: I = Q/T
- Where I is current in amperes, Q is charge in coulombs, and T is time in seconds.


## 1 ampere = 1 coulomb per second



## Resistance

- Opposition to the flow of current is termed resistance.
- The fact that a wire can become hot from the flow of current is evidence of resistance.

Conductors have very little resistance.
" Insulators have large amounts of resistance.

## relation

- R= $\rho$ L/A
- Where $R=$ resistance of conductor L = Length of conductor A= cross sectional area of conductor
$\rho=$ resistivity of conductor


## Ohms

The practical unit of resistance is the ohm designated by the Greek letter omega: $\Omega$

A resistor is an electronic /electrical component designed specifically to provide resistance.

## Closed Circuits

- In applications requiring the use of current, electrical components are arranged in the form of a circuit.
- A circuit is defined as a path for current flow.


## Open Circuits

## An Open Circuit

I=0 A
Current can only exist where there is a conductive path (e.g. A length of wire). In the circuit shown in Figure 4-6, I= 0 since there is no conductor between points $\mathrm{a} \& \mathrm{~b}$. We referred to this is an open circuit.

## Direction of Electron Flow

- The direction of electron flow in our circuit is from the negative side of the battery, through the load resistance, back to the positive side of the battery.
- Inside the battery, electrons move to the negative terminal due to chemical action, maintaining the potential across the leads.


## Electron Flow in a Simple Circuit



## DC

Circuits that are powered by battery sources are termed direct current circuits.

This is because the battery maintains the same polarity of output voltage. The plus and minus sides remain constant.

## Waveform of DC Voltage

## 4.1a Steady Voltage

## Characteristics of DC

- It is the flow of charges in just one direction and...
- The fixed polarity of the applied voltage which are characteristics of DC circuits


## AC

- An alternating voltage source periodically alternates or reverses in polarity.
- The resulting current, therefore, periodically reverses in direction.
- The power outlet in your home is 50 cycle ac meaning the voltage polarity and current direction go through 50 cycles of reversal per second.
- All audio signals are AC also.


## Waveform of AC Voltage



## Complex Voltage



This is a more realistic view of what an audio signal's voltage would look like

## Comparison of DC \& AC

| DC Voltage | AC Voltage |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fixed polarity | Reverses polarity |
| Can be steady or vary in <br> magnitude | Varies in magnitude between <br> reversals in polarity |
| Steady value cannot be <br> stepped up or down by a <br> transformer | Used for electrical power <br> distribution |
| Easier to measure | Easier to amplify |

Heating Effects the same for both AC and DC current

## Many Circuits Include both AC \& DC Voltages

- DC circuits are usually simpler than AC circuits.
- However, the principles of DC circuits also apply to AC circuits.


## Impedance

- Impedance is resistance to current flow in AC circuits and its symbol is 0 .
- Impedance is also measured in ohms.

Table 12.2 Symbols of some commonly used components in circuit diagrams
Components

## Symbols

1 An electric cell
2 A battery or a combination of cells

3 Plug key or switch (open)
4 Plug key or switch (closed)

5 A wire joint
$-()$
(e)


6 Wires crossing without joining

$7 \quad$ Electric bulb


8 A resistor of resistance $R$

9 Variable resistance or rheostat

Ammeter

Voltmeter


## Common Electronic Component Symbols



## Ohm's Law

- The amount of current flow(I) between two points in a circuit is directly proportional to the applied voltage (V) between those two points. Specifically I = V/R, R= Resistance of the wire
- If you know any two of the factors V, I, and R you can calculate the third.
- Current I = V/R
- Voltage V = IR
- Resistance R = V/l


## Ohm's Law



## FORMULAE

## SI unit

- I = Q/T Ampere (Calculation of curr
- V = W/Q Volt (Calculation of potential difference)
- V = IR Volt
(Ohm's law, R resistance)
- R= $\rho \mathrm{L} / \mathrm{A}$ Ohm (Calculation of Resistance)
- $\rho=\mathrm{RA} / \mathrm{L} \quad$ Ohm metre (Calculation of resistivity)


## FORMULAE

$\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{R}_{1}+\mathbf{R}_{2}+\mathbf{R}_{3} \quad$ (Resistance in series) Ohm

- $R=1 / R_{1}+1 / R_{2}+1 / R_{3}$ (Resistance in parallel) Ohm
$H=$ I2RT (Joules law of heating) Joule
$\mathbf{P}=\mathbf{V}=I^{2} \mathbf{R}=\mathbf{V}^{2} \mathbf{R} \quad$ (Calculation of power) Watt
$E=P \times t$
(Electric energy)Watt second (Joule)


## Current is Directly Proportional to Voltage for a Constant Resistance <br> OHM's LAW



## Current is Inversely Proportional to Resistance for a Constant Voltage <br> OHM's LAW



## Power

- The unit of electrical power is the watt.
- Power is how much work is done over time.
- One watt of power is equal to the work done in one second by one volt moving one coulomb of charge. Since one coulomb a second is an ampere:
- Power in watts = volts $\times$ amperes
- $P=E x I$


## Conversion Factors

| Prefix | Symbol | Relation to <br> basic unit | Examples |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mega | M | $1,000,000$ <br> or $1 \times 10^{6}$ | $5 \mathrm{M} \Omega=$ |
| $5 \times 10^{6} \Omega$ |  |  |  |
| Kilo | k | 1,000 or <br> $1 \times 10^{3}$ | $18 \mathrm{kV}=$ |
|  | M | $18 \times 10^{3} \mathrm{~V}$ |  |
| Milli | m | .001 or <br> $1 \times 10^{-3}$ | $48 \mathrm{~mA}=$ |
|  |  | $48 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{~A}$ |  |
| Micro | $\llcorner$ | .000001 or <br> $1 \times 10^{-6}$ | $15^{-} \mathrm{V}=$ |
| $15 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~V}$ |  |  |  |$\quad$|  |
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## - THANK YOU

