Basic Electricity

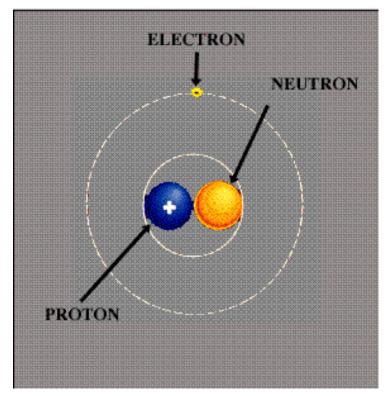
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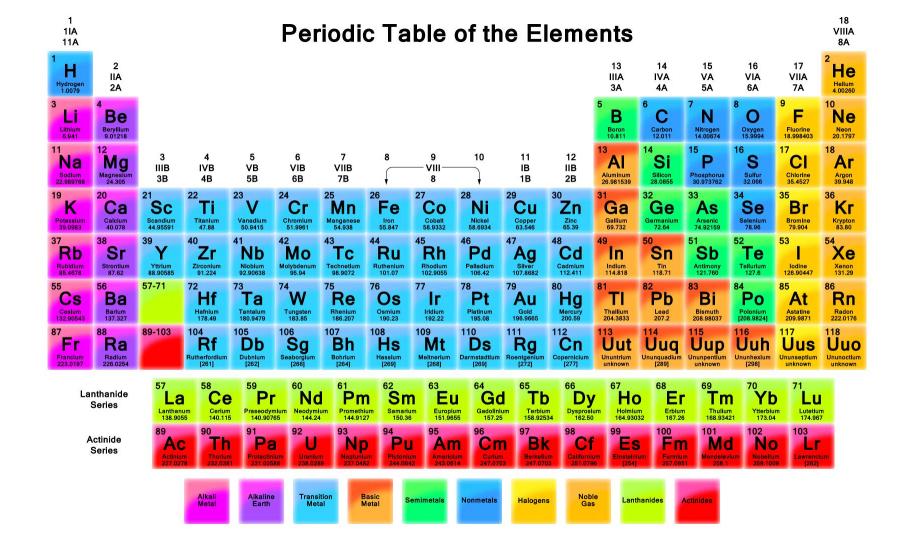
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The Structure of Matter

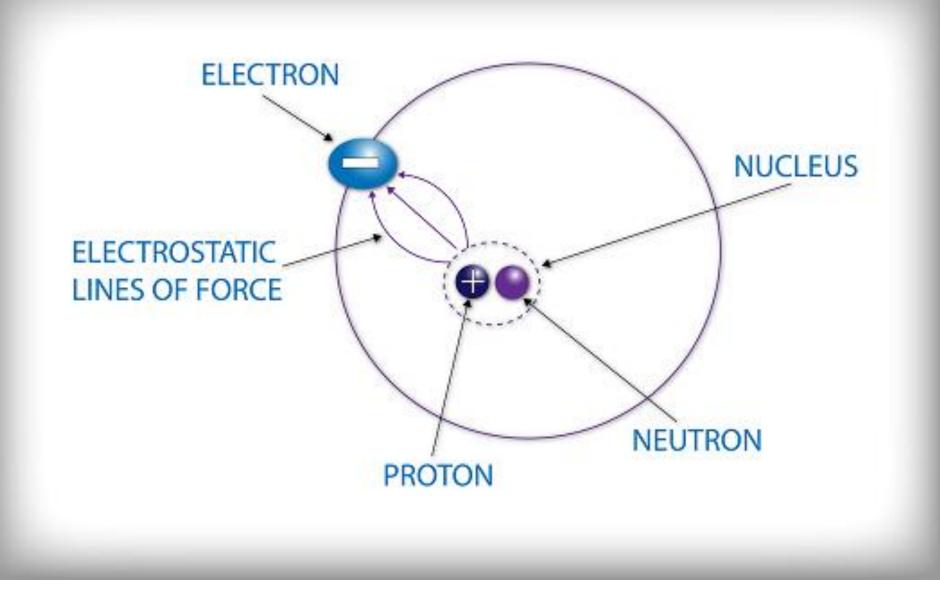
- All matter is composed of Atoms.
- Atoms consist of:
 - Neutrons;
 - Protons; and
 - Electrons
- Over 100 different atoms.
- These are called Elements.

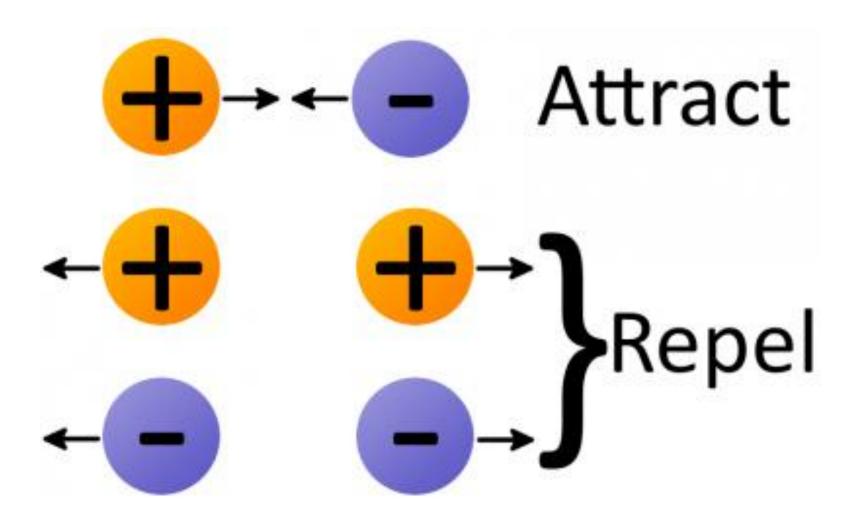




Atoms

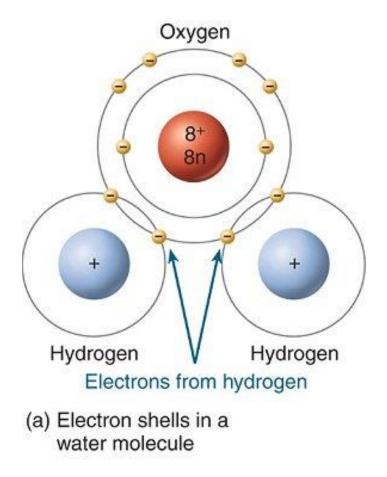
- Electrostatic Attraction holds the negative electrons in place around the positive protons.
- Electrostatic Repulsion causes like-charged particles to repel each other.
- Strong Nuclear Force holds the Protons and Neutrons together in the nucleus.
- Atoms can:
 - Lose electrons, becoming positively charged; or
 - Gain electrons, becoming negatively charged.



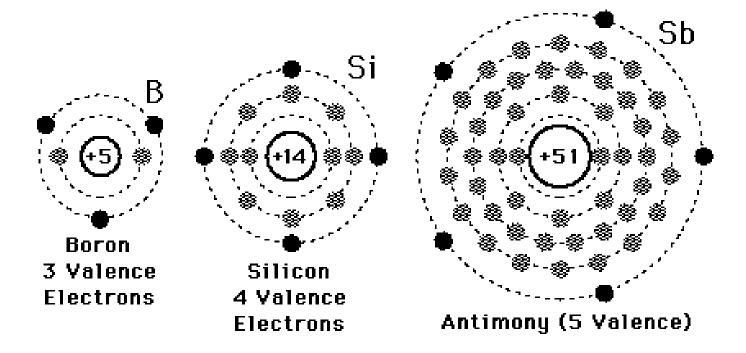


Molecules

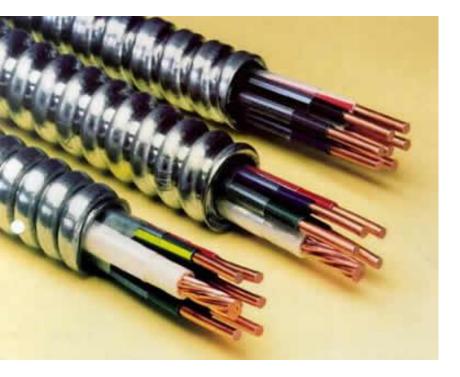
- Electrically neutral group of two or more atoms.
- Held together by chemical bonds.



Valence Electrons



Conductors vs Insulators!



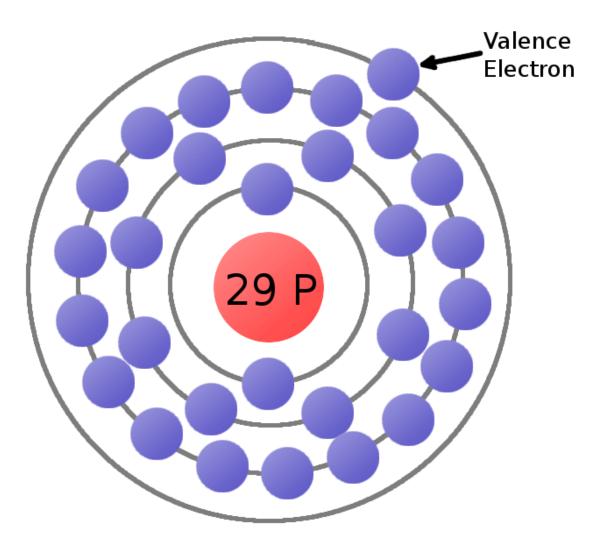


Conductors

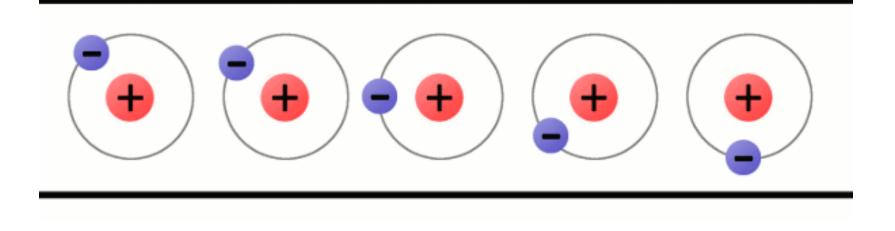
- Relatively easy to dislodge outer valence electron, allowing electric current to flow easily.
- Most metals are good conductors.
- Best conductors are:
 - Silver
 - Copper
 - Aluminum
- Gold is actually not a great conductor, but won't corrode.

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Copper Atom



Electric Current



Electric current is the flow of electrons through a conductor.

Insulators

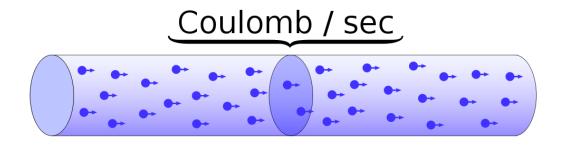
- Valence electrons are hard to dislodge, and so electric current cannot flow easily.
- Typical insulators include:
 - Glass
 - Rubber
 - Most plastics
 - Teflon
 - Ceramics

Some Definitions

- A single electron has too small a charge for practical purposes.
- The coulomb is defined as the charge of 6.28 x 10¹⁸ electrons.
- The coulomb is used in the definition of the ampere...

Ampere

- Unit of electric current i.e.: the rate of flow of electrons in a conductor.
- 1 ampere = flow of 1 coulomb/second.



- Ampere abbreviated "A".
- Current abbreviated "I", e.g.: I = 5A.

Ampere

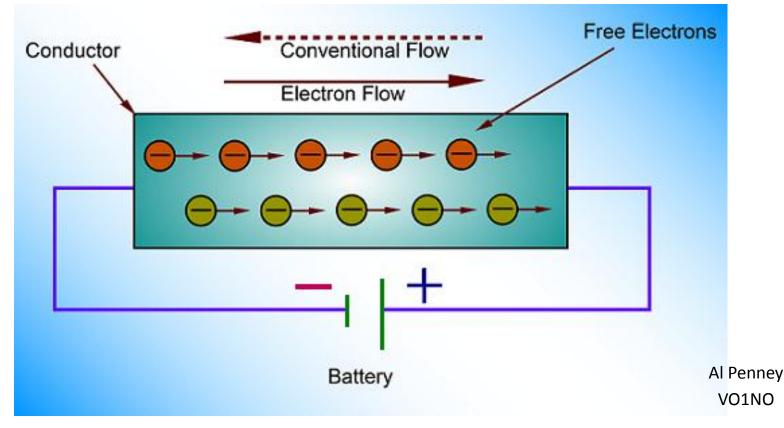
• Current measured using Ammeters.



- Milliamperes (mA) = 1/1,000 amperes.
- Microamperes (μA) = 1/1,000,000 amperes.

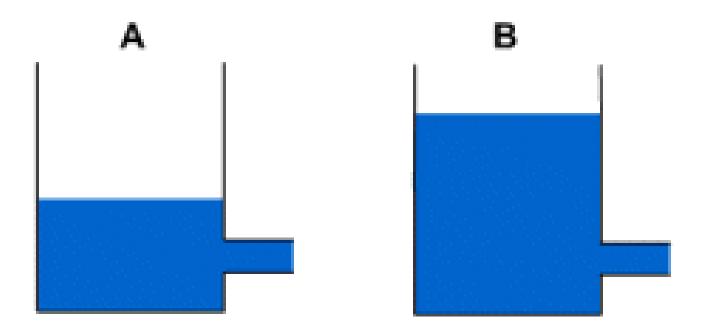
Conventional Current

- Electron flow is negative to positive.
- Conventional Current is positive to negative.



- Valence electrons held in place by electrostatic force.
- For current to flow, work must be done to make electrons move.
- The work done to put an electric charge on a body by adding electrons is measured in Volts.
- Also known as Electromotive Force (EMF) and Potential Difference.

• Think of voltage as the "pressure" that pushes electrons through a conductor.



Lower pressure = lower voltage

Higher pressure = higher voltage Al Penney VO1NO

- Electric Potential Difference between two points.
- 1 Volt = 1 Joule / Coulomb
- Symbol is "E" e.g.: E = 5V
- Typical voltages:
 - Alkaline cell: 1.5 volts DC
 - Car battery: 12.6 volts DC
 - Household outlet: 120 volts AC

• Measured with a Voltmeter.



- Millivolt (mV) = 1/1,000 volts.
- Microvolt (μ V) = 1/1,000,000 volts.

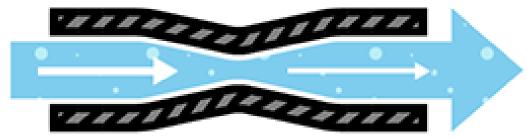
Resistance

- Opposition to the flow of current.
- Unit of resistance is the ohm.
- Symbol is the Greek letter Omega: $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$
- Abbreviation for resistance is "R": e.g.: $R = 5 \Omega$

Resistance

Less resistance

More resistance

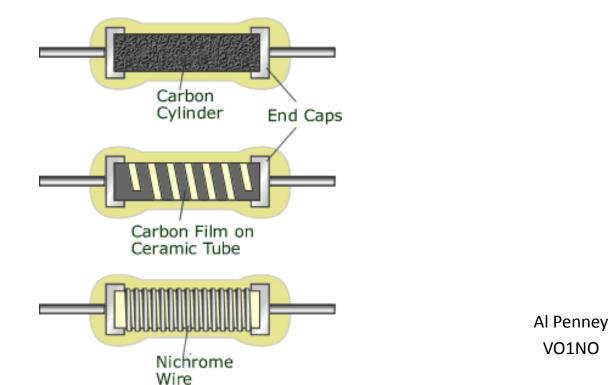


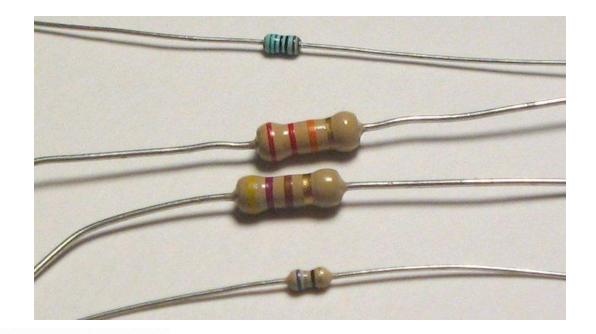
Factors affecting Resistance

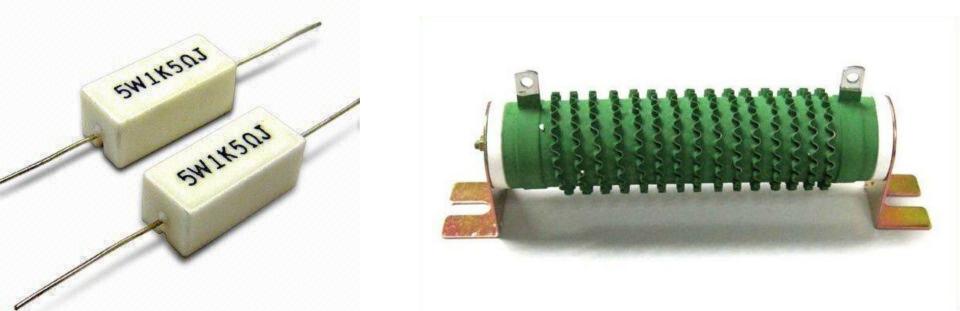
- Specific resistance of material e.g. copper is a better conductor than iron.
- Length of the conductor. Longer = greater resistance.
- Diameter of the conductor. Greater diameter = less resistance.
- Temperature:
 - Positive Temperature Coefficient = Resistance increases with temperature (e.g.: most pure metals).
 - Negative Temperature Coefficient = Resistance decreases with temperature (e.g.: semiconductors).

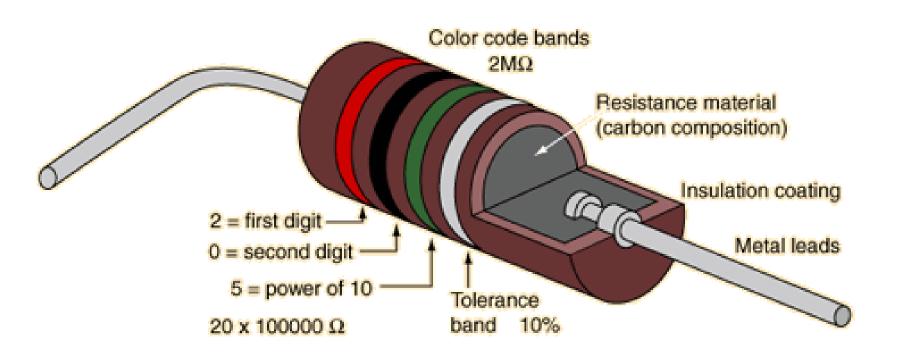
Resistors

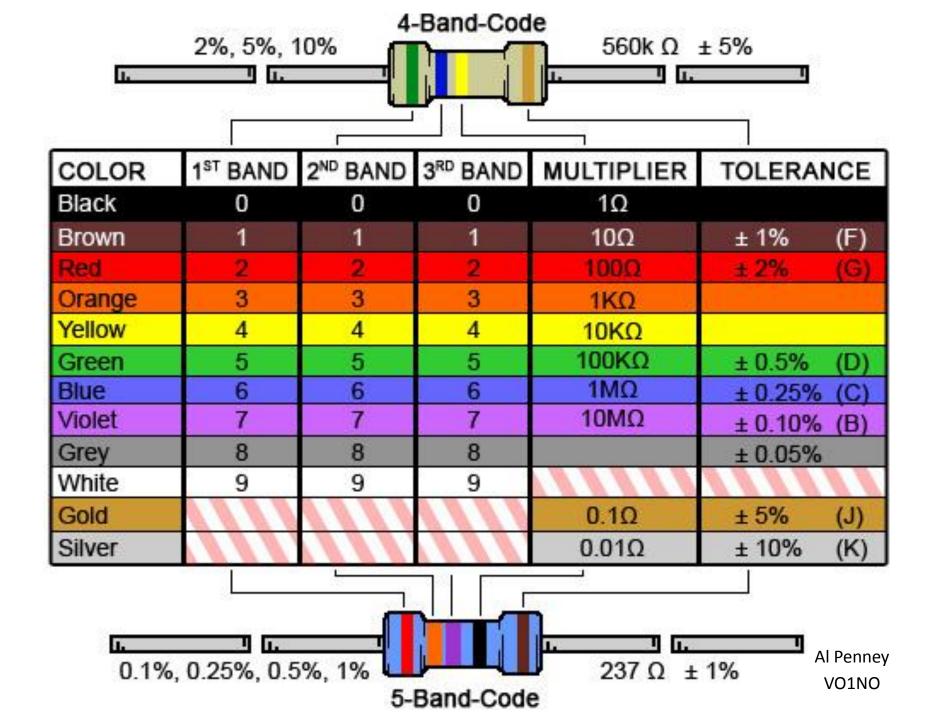
- Used in circuits to reduce current and change voltages.
- Use carbon or high-resistance wire.



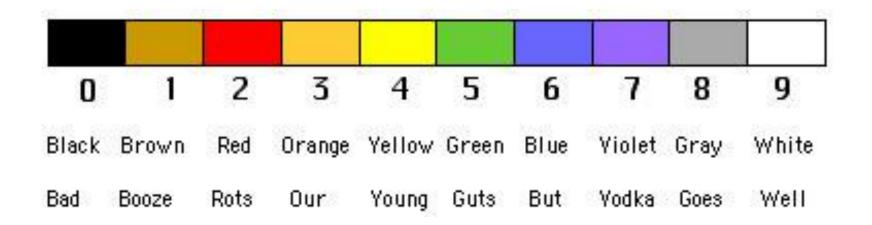


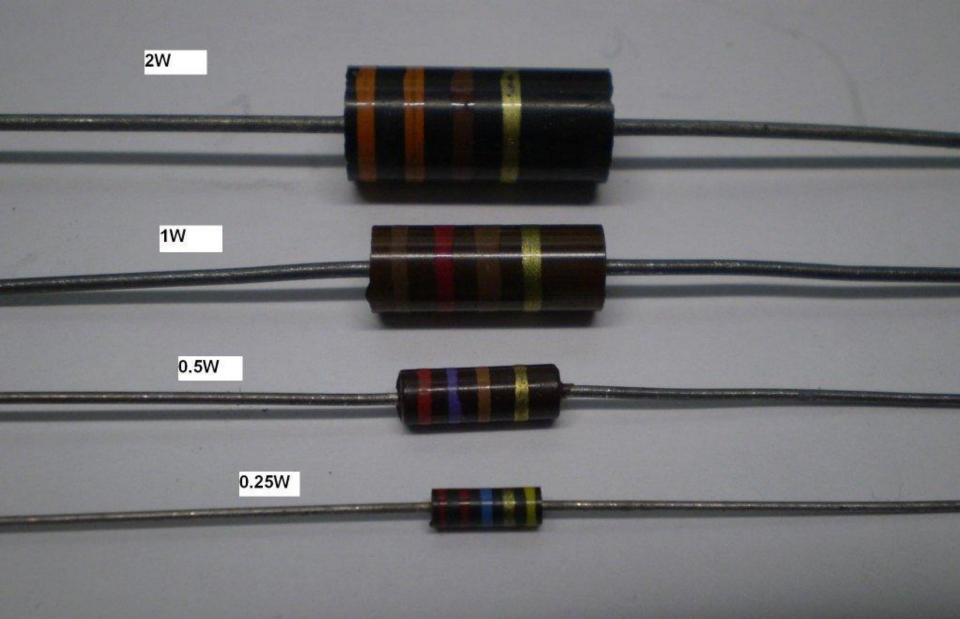




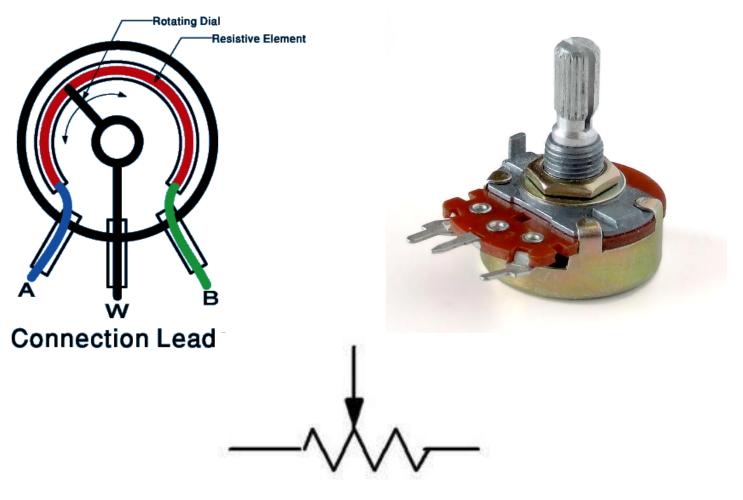


Resistor Colour Code Mneumonic



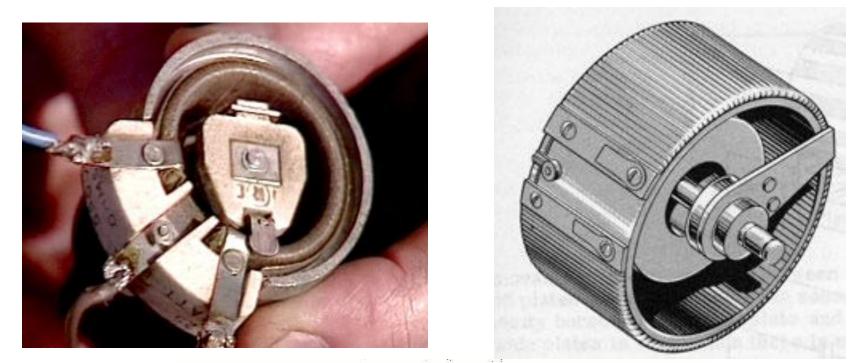


Potentiometers



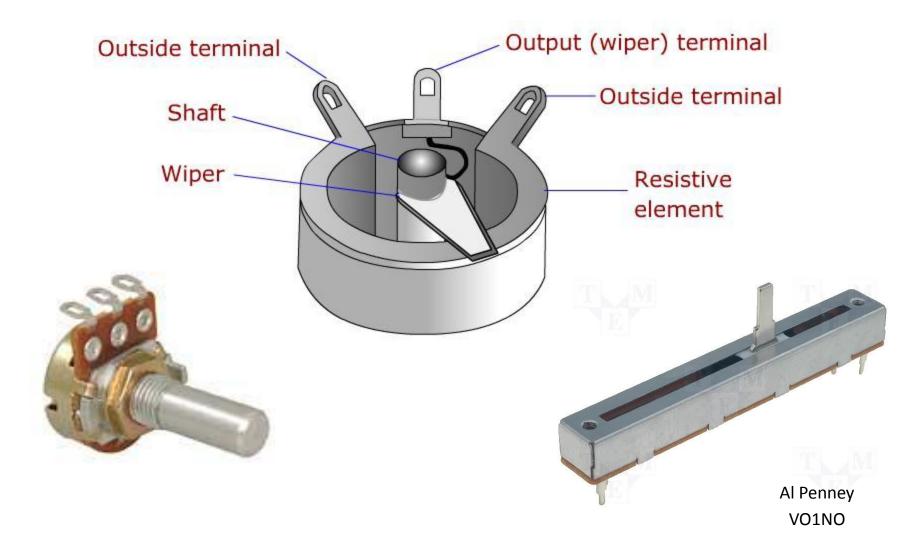
Potentiometer

Wirewound Potentiometer

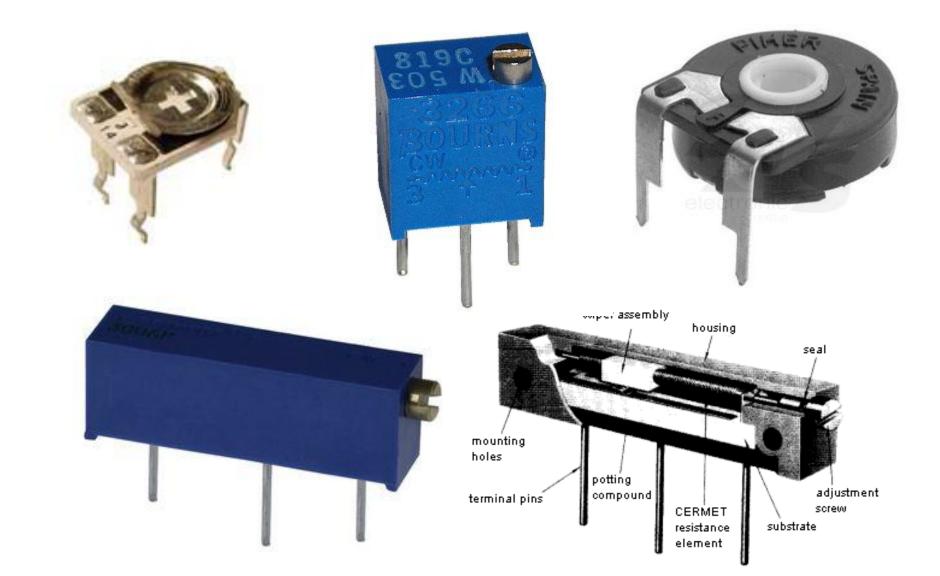




Composition Potentiometer



Trimmers

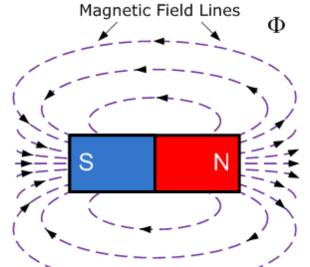


Conductance

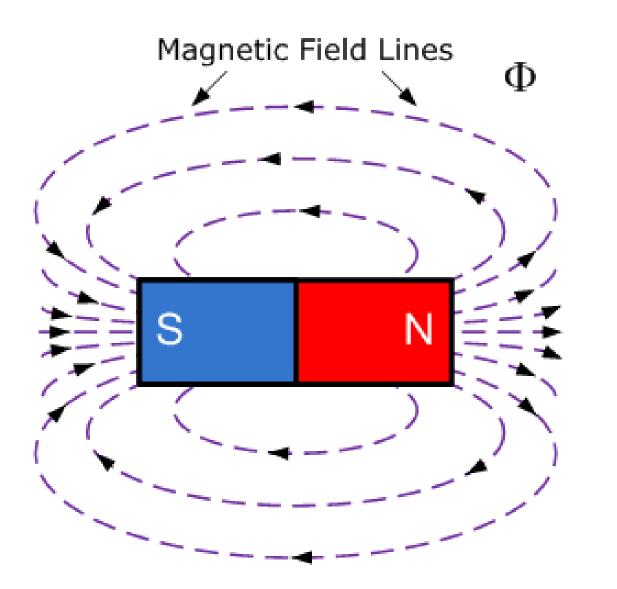
- Sometimes easier to consider how well a material conducts rather than its resistance.
- Conductance is reciprocal of resistance.
- Symbol for Conductance is G: G = 1/R
- Unit of measure is the siemen, abbreviated S (formerly the mho – ohm spelled backwards).
- Example: If $R = 10 \Omega$, then G = 1/10 S = 0.1 S

Magnets

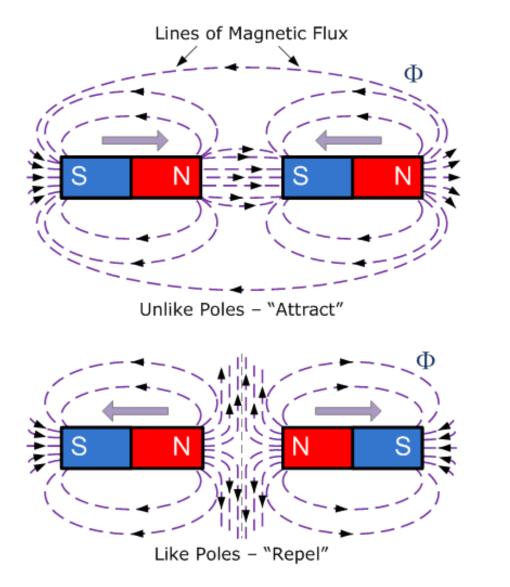
- Magnetism is one of the 4 basic forces of nature.
- A force of attraction or repulsion that acts at a distance.
- Magnets have a North and South pole.



Magnetic Fields

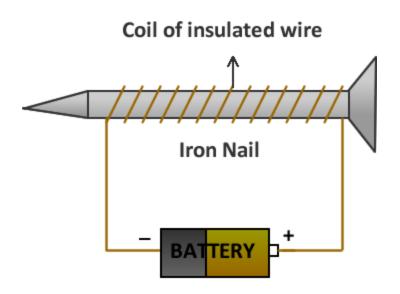


Magnetic Poles



Types of Magnets



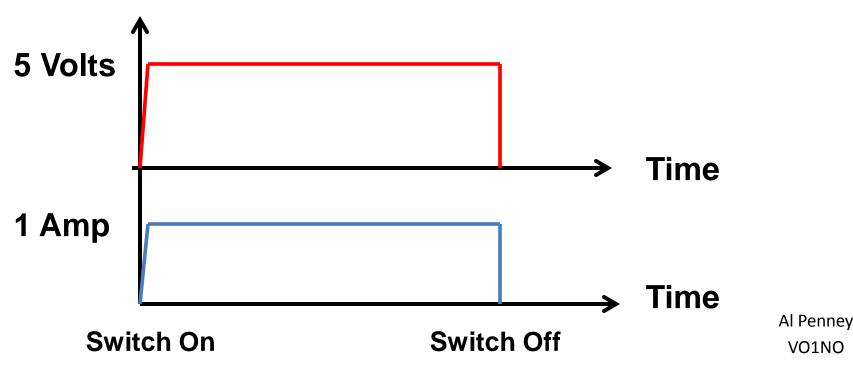






Direct Current (DC)

- Current flows in one direction only.
- Electrons enter one end of a conductor, and exit the other end.



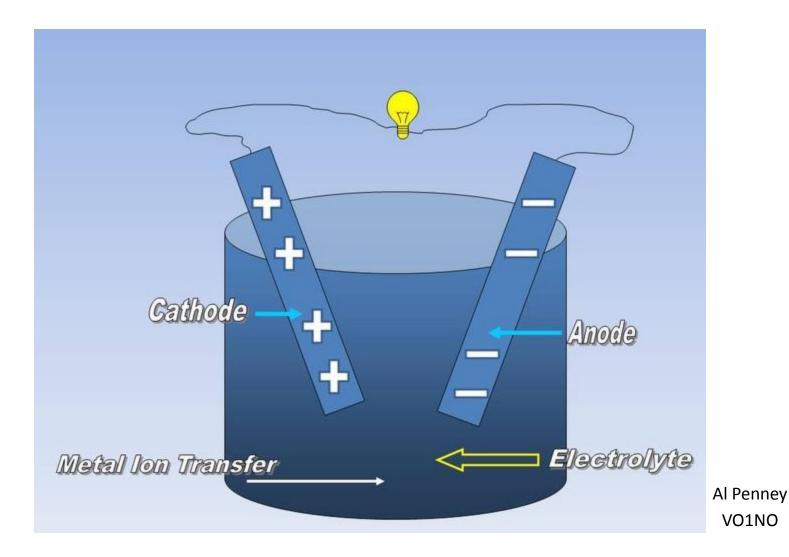
Sources of Direct Current

- Friction e.g.: static electricity
- Heat e.g.: filament in an electron tube.
- Pressure e.g.: piezoelectric microphones.
- Magnetism e.g.: conductor moving 1 way in a magnetic field.
- Photoelectricity e.g.: solar cell
- Chemical Action e.g.: flashlight cell

Cells and Batteries

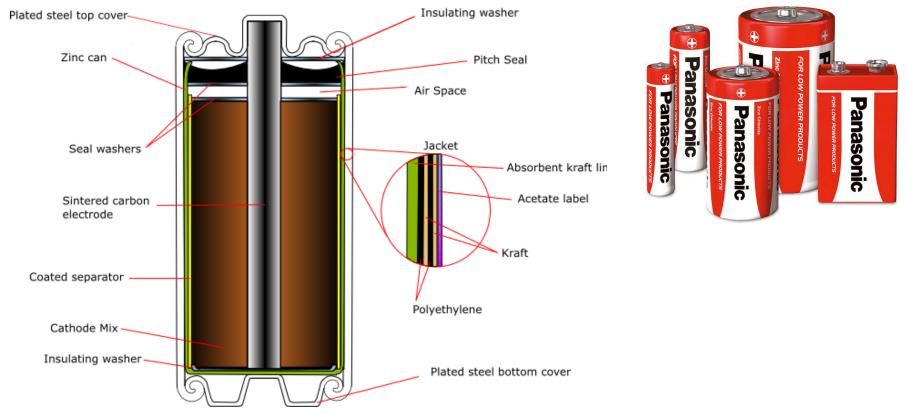
- Cell:
 - Short for Electrochemical Cell.
 - Any device that converts chemical energy into electrical energy.
- Battery:
 - A group of cells connected together.
 - In practice, both terms are used interchangeably.

Electrochemical Cells

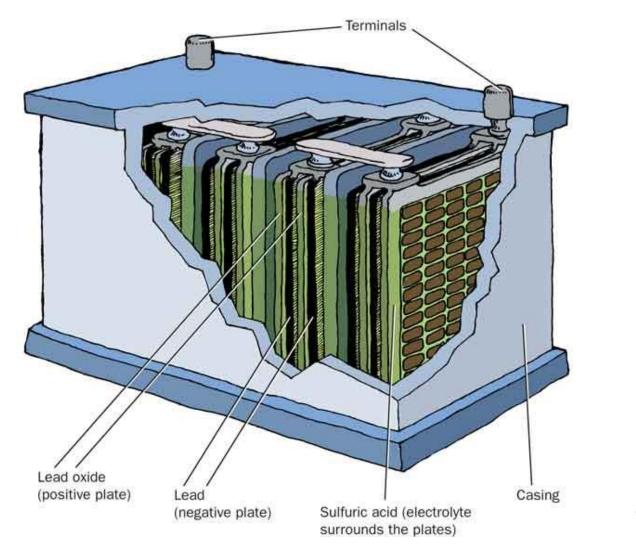


Zinc-Carbon Cell

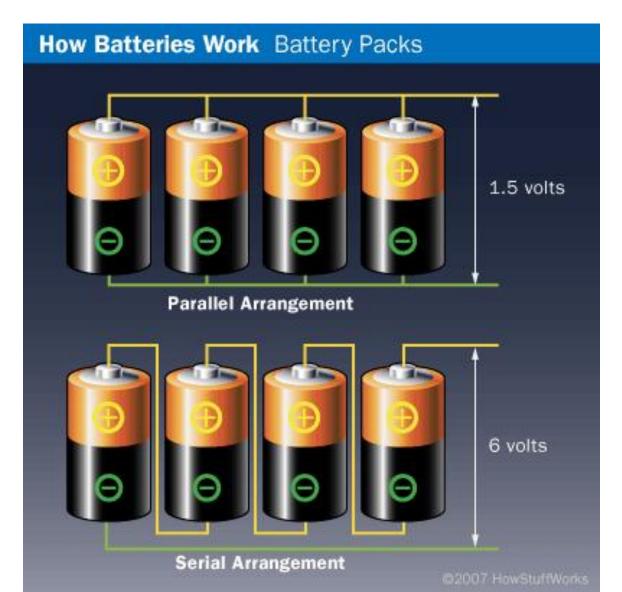
Structure of a Zinc/Carbon Cell



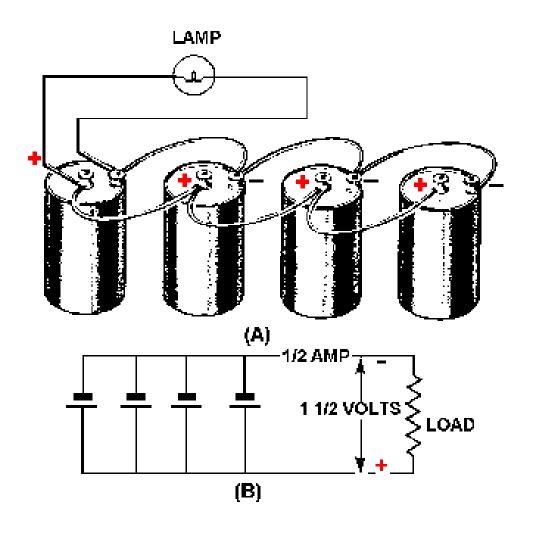
12 Volt Car Battery



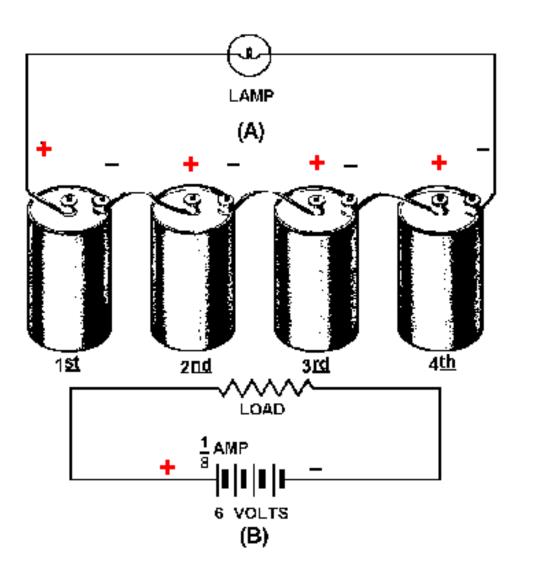
Cells in Parallel and Series



Cells in Parallel



Cells in Series



Primary vs Secondary Cells

- Primary Cell or Battery
 - Cannot be recharged when chemical energy consumed.
 - Zinc carbon cell is an example.
- Secondary Cell or Battery
 - Can be recharged.
 - Car battery (lead acid battery) is an example.

Cell & Battery Characteristics

- Shelf life
- Internal resistance
- Energy capacity
- Cell voltage

- Zinc Carbon
 - Primary cell.
 - Cheap, readily available.
 - Low current applications only.
 - Corrosion a problem!
 - High internal resistance.
 - Deliver 1.5 volts when fresh.



- Alkaline
 - Primary cell.
 - Similar to zinc carbon, but different chemistry gives greater capacity.
 - More expensive.
 - Longer shelf life.
 - Do not freeze!
 - Deliver 1.35 volts.



- Mercury Cells
 - Primary cell.
 - Long working life.
 - More expensive.



- Maintains full working voltage until end.
- Used as voltage references in test equipment.
- Deliver 1.4 volts

- Nickel-Cadmium
 - Secondary cell.
 - Abbreviated Nicad.
 - Until recently, very popular in Amateur equipment.
 - Very low internal resistance.
 - Memory effect possible.
 - Deliver 1.25 volts.

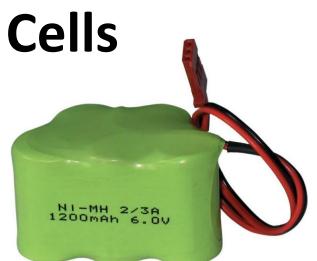


- Lead Acid
 - Secondary cell.



- Car battery most common example.
- Can deliver very high power for brief periods.
- Inexpensive, but need to be cared for.
- Produce hydrogen gas when charging.
- Sulphuric acid electrolyte is corrosive.
- Deliver 2.2 volts per cell.

- Nickel-Metal Hydride
 - Secondary cell.
 - Abbreviated NiMH.



- Related to Nicad, and has supplanted it.
- Greater capacity than Nicads.
- Self discharges 4% per day.
- Use ONLY chargers for NiMH, not nicads.
- Deliver 1.2 volts.

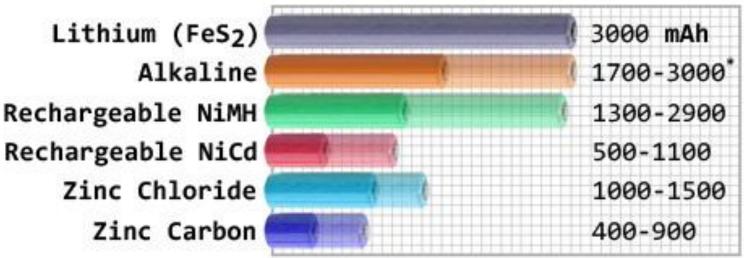
- Lithium Cell
 - Secondary cells.



- More expensive than alkalines.
- Sometimes called Lithium-Ion or Li-Ion.
- Useable over a wide temperature range.
- Often used for memory backup in computers.
- Also used in pacemakers and medical devices.
- Can last up to 15 years depending on application.
- Delivers 1.5 3.7 volts, depending on design.

Battery Capacity Comparison

TYPICAL CAPACITY PER AA BATTERY



All figures are approximate and can vary depending on usage and conditions * Alkaline capacity will be much lower when used with high-drain devices

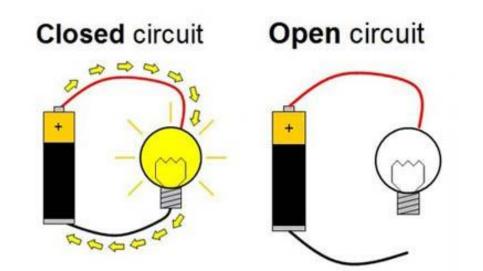
Battery Disposal

- Batteries contain toxic materials.
- Dispose of old batteries in an approved manner!

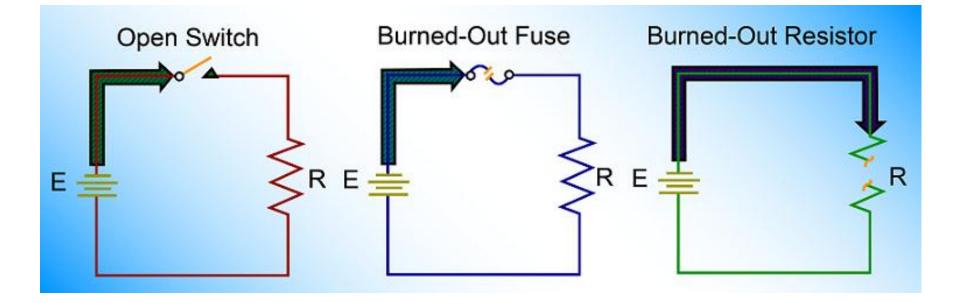


Closed and Open Circuits

- Closed Circuit: Circuit is complete and current will flow when voltage is applied.
- Open Circuit: Circuit does not provide a path for current to flow. Could be deliberate (switch) or accidental (broken wire).



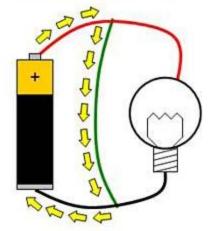
Open Circuit



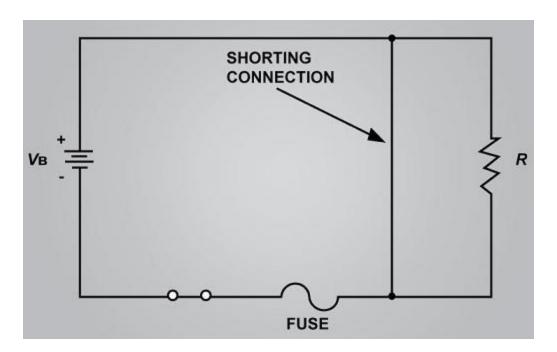
Short Circuit

• Abnormal connection of relatively low resistance between two points in a circuit.

Short circuit

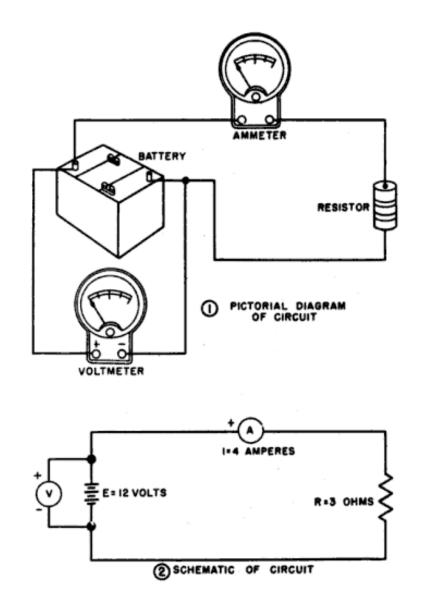


Fuses





Schematic Diagrams



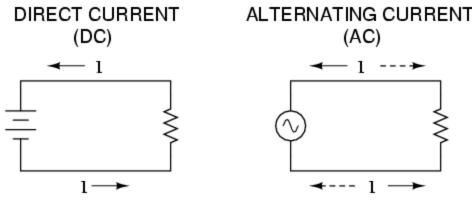


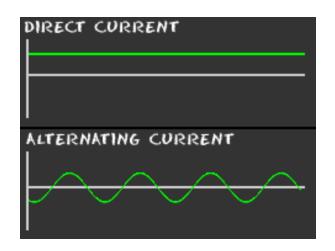
Alternating Current

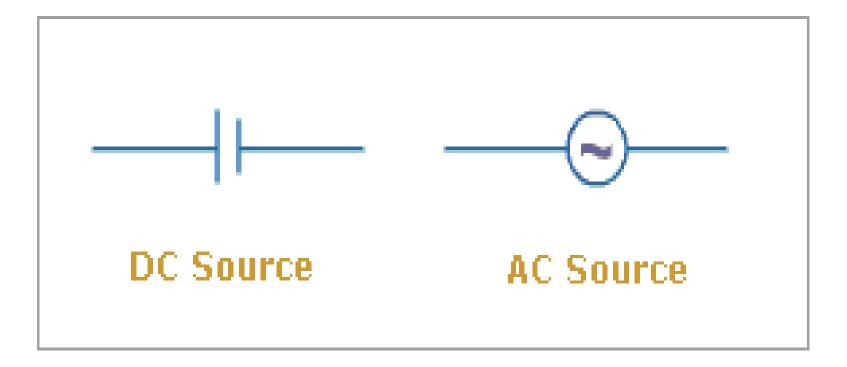
- Current flows in one direction, and then another at a regular periodic rate.
- Number of alterations per second is frequency.
- In North America frequency is 60 cycles per second, or 60 hertz.
- So, 1 cycle per second = 1 hertz, abbreviated Hz.

Direct vs Alternating Current

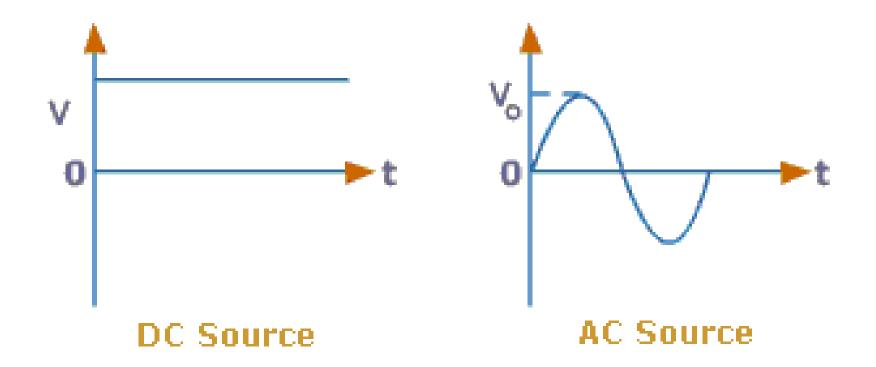
- Direct Current (DC) flows in one direction only.
- Alternating Current (AC) flows in one direction, then the other, in a regular sequence.



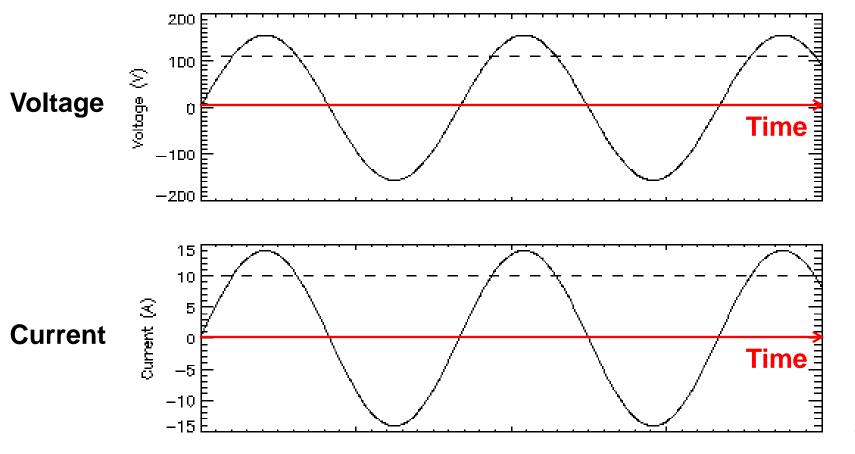




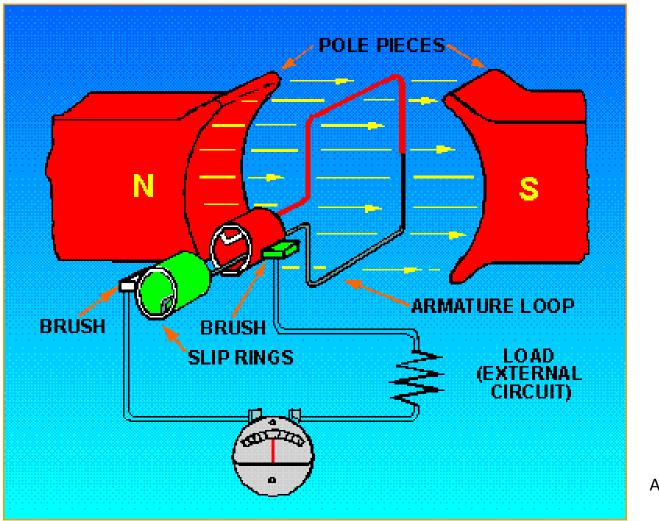
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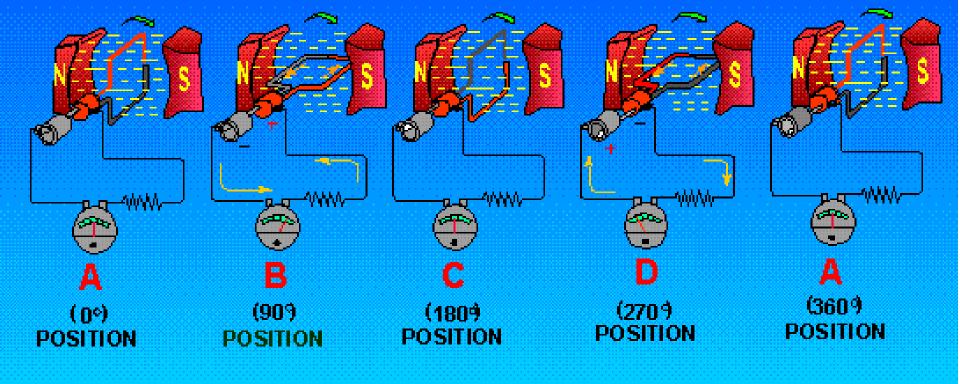


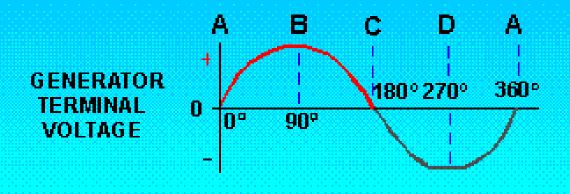
AC Voltage and Current



Elementary Generator

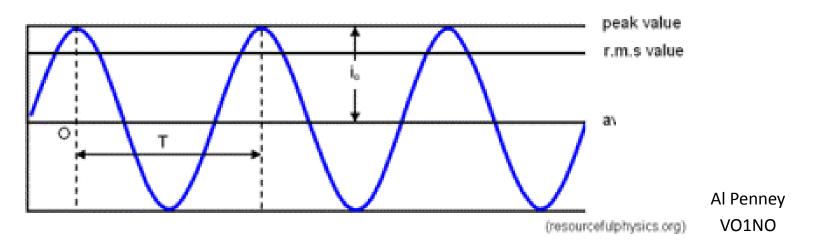


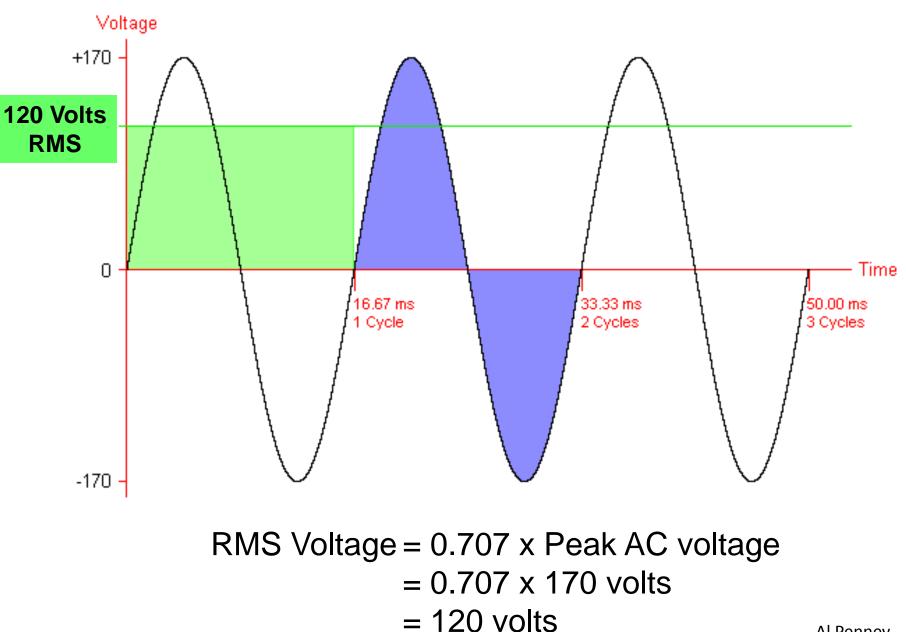




Energy of AC versus DC

- For AC waveform to have same energy as DC, the peak AC voltage must be greater.
- For energy equivalence, peak AC voltage = 1.414 DC voltage, or DC = 0.707 peak AC voltage.
- This is the Root Mean Square value (RMS value).





Questions?