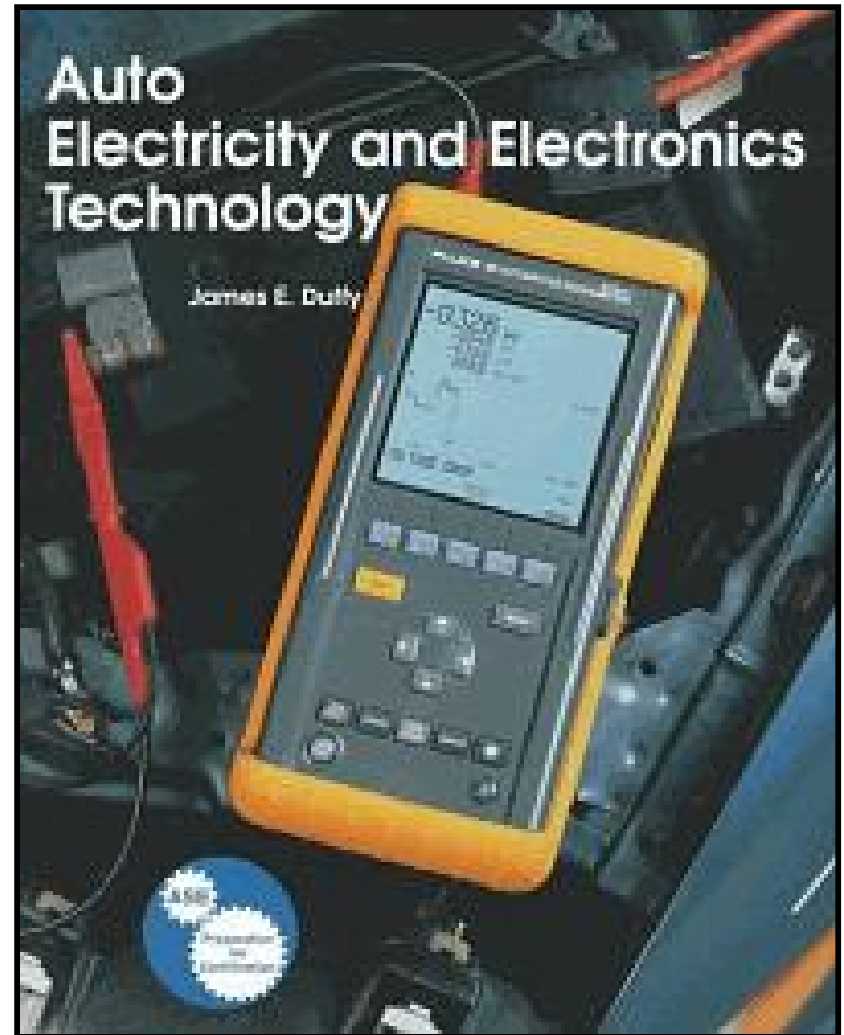
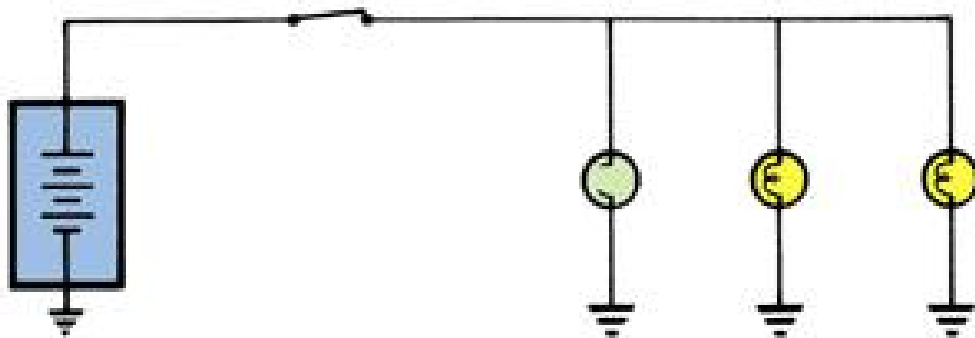
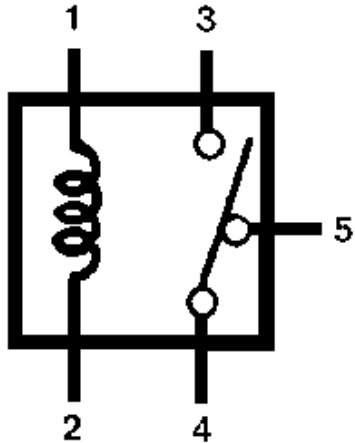


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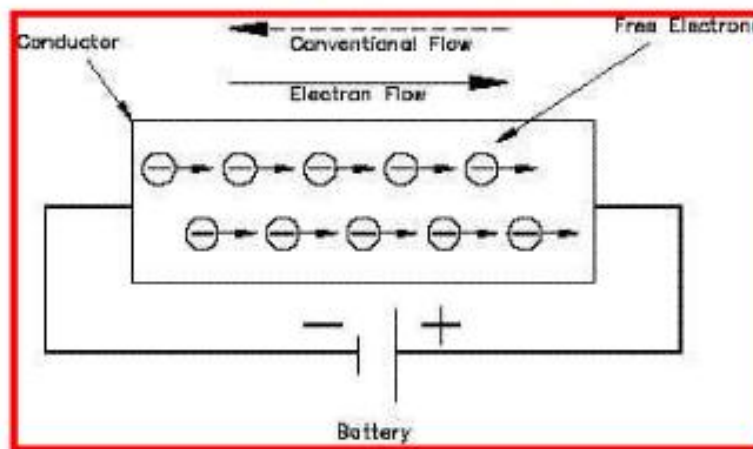
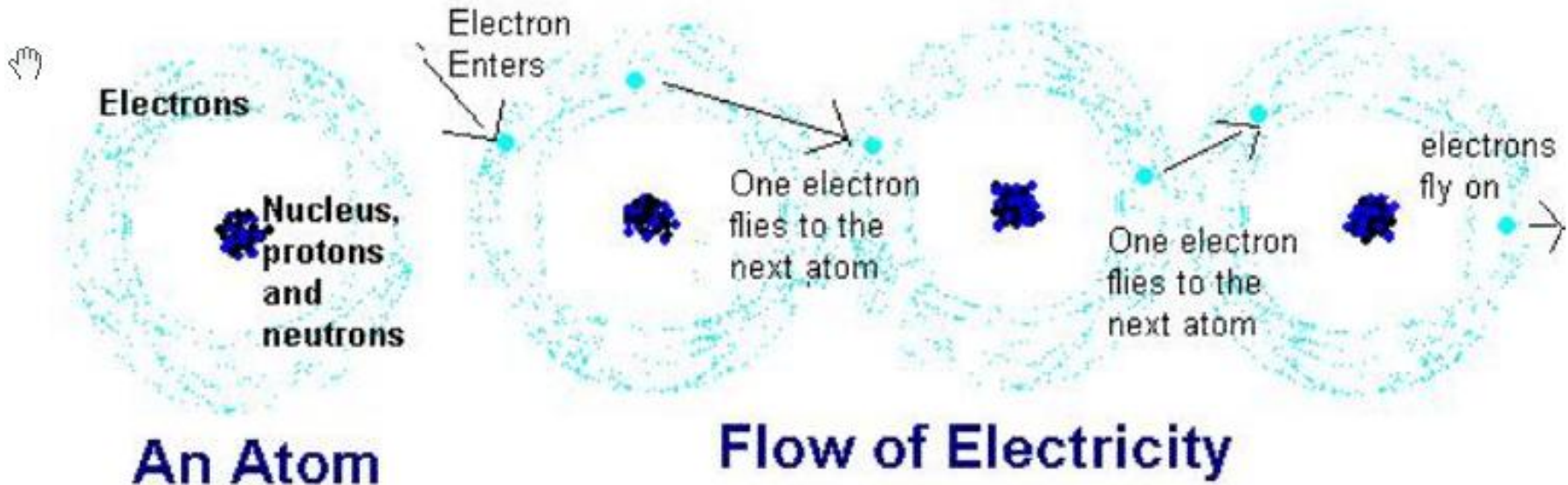
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1. Electricity is the flow of _____ (-) from one atom to another.

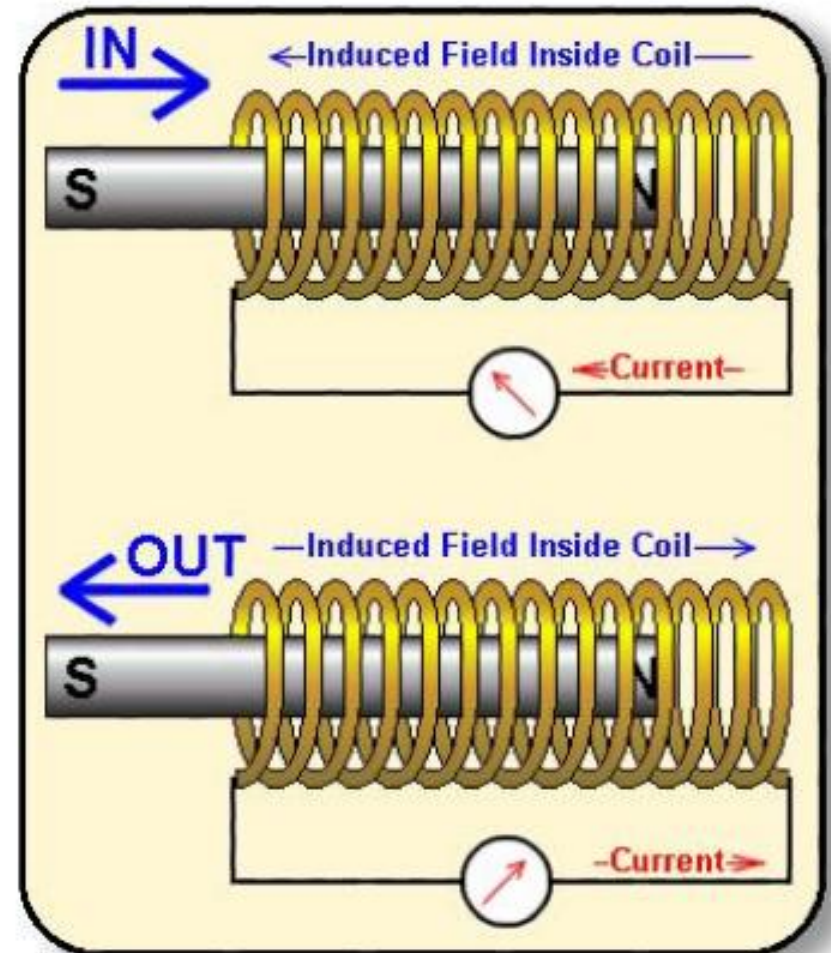
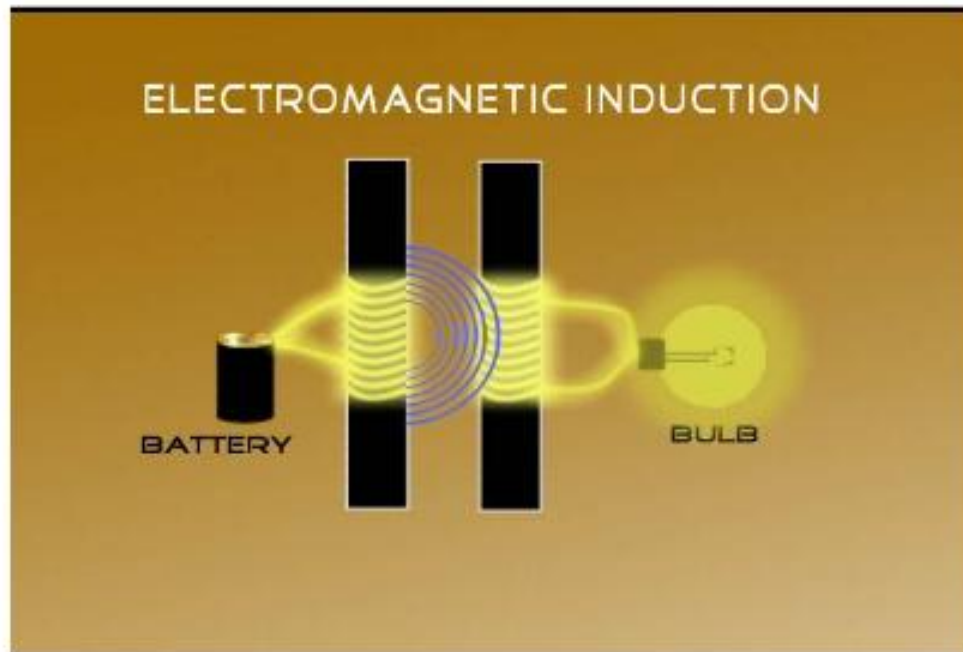


**Protons
Neutrons
Electrons**

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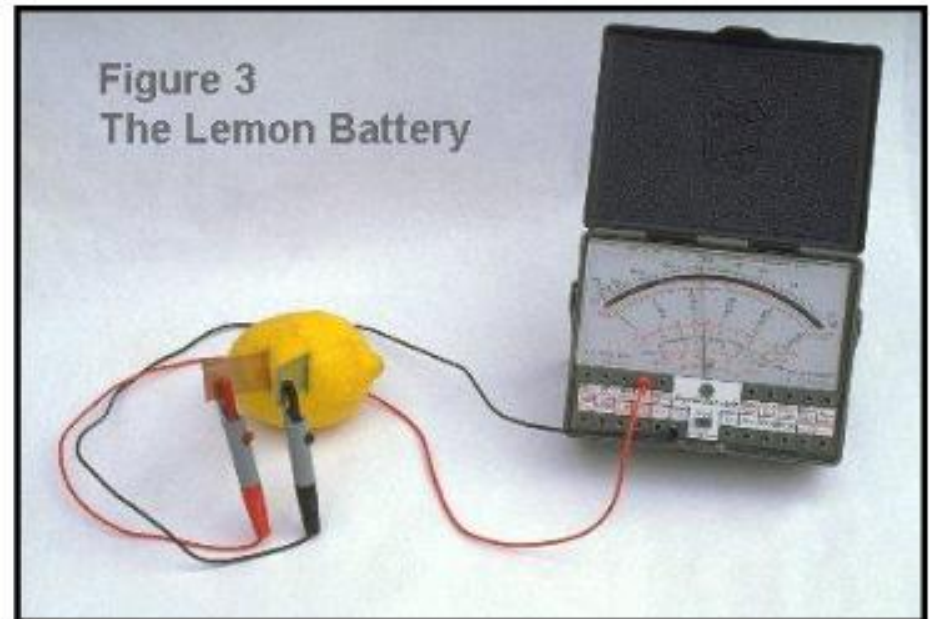
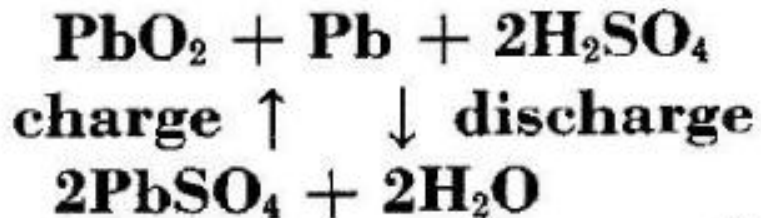
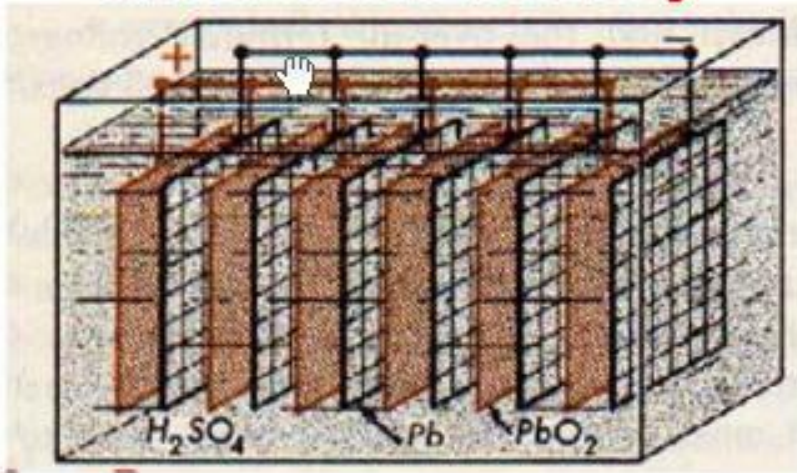
2. _____ is moving coiled conductors through magnetic fields to produce electricity.

Reduction
Induction
Conduction



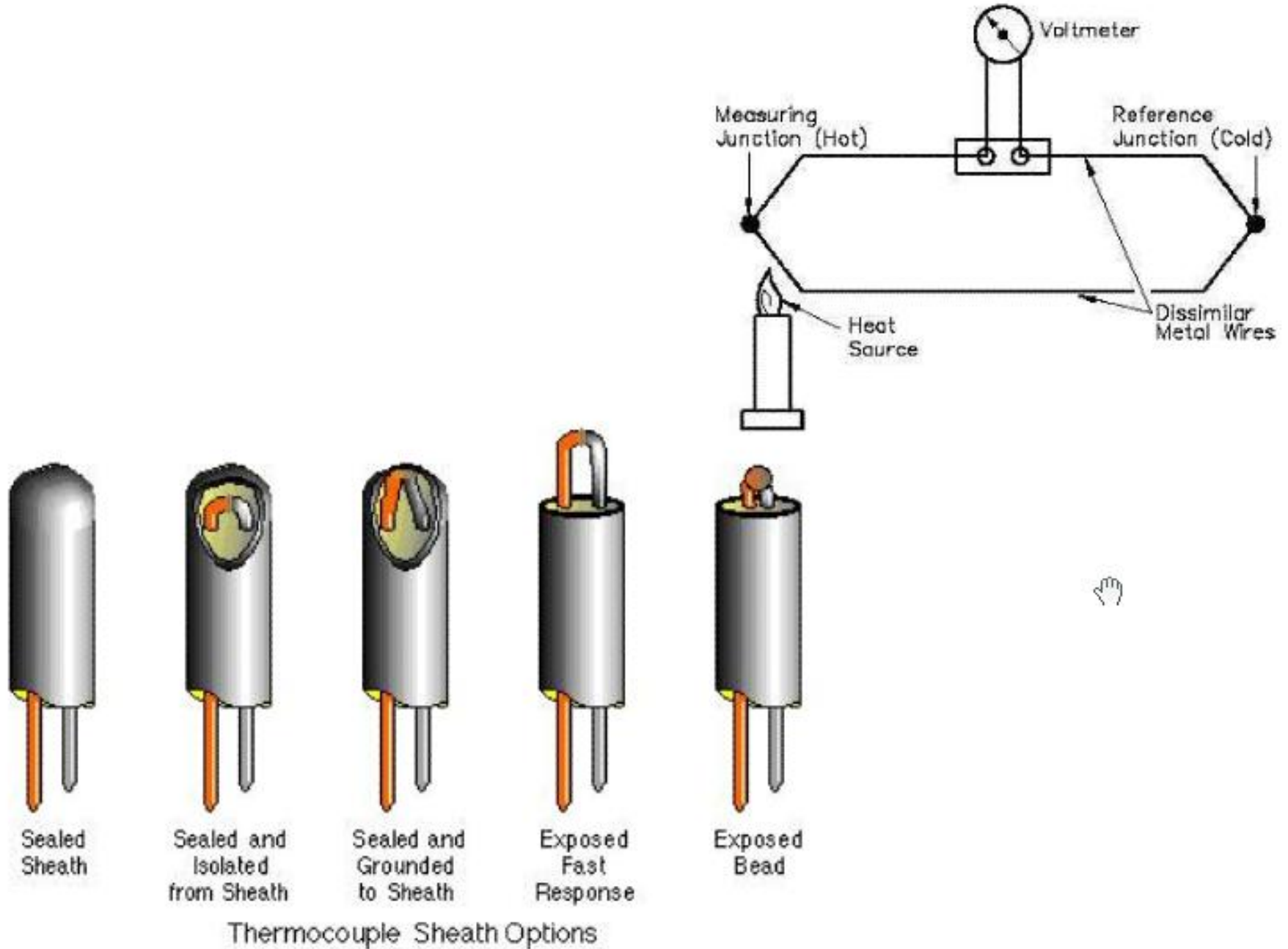
3. Electricity is also produced through _____, thermal, photoelectrical & piezoelectrical means.

Lead-Acid Battery

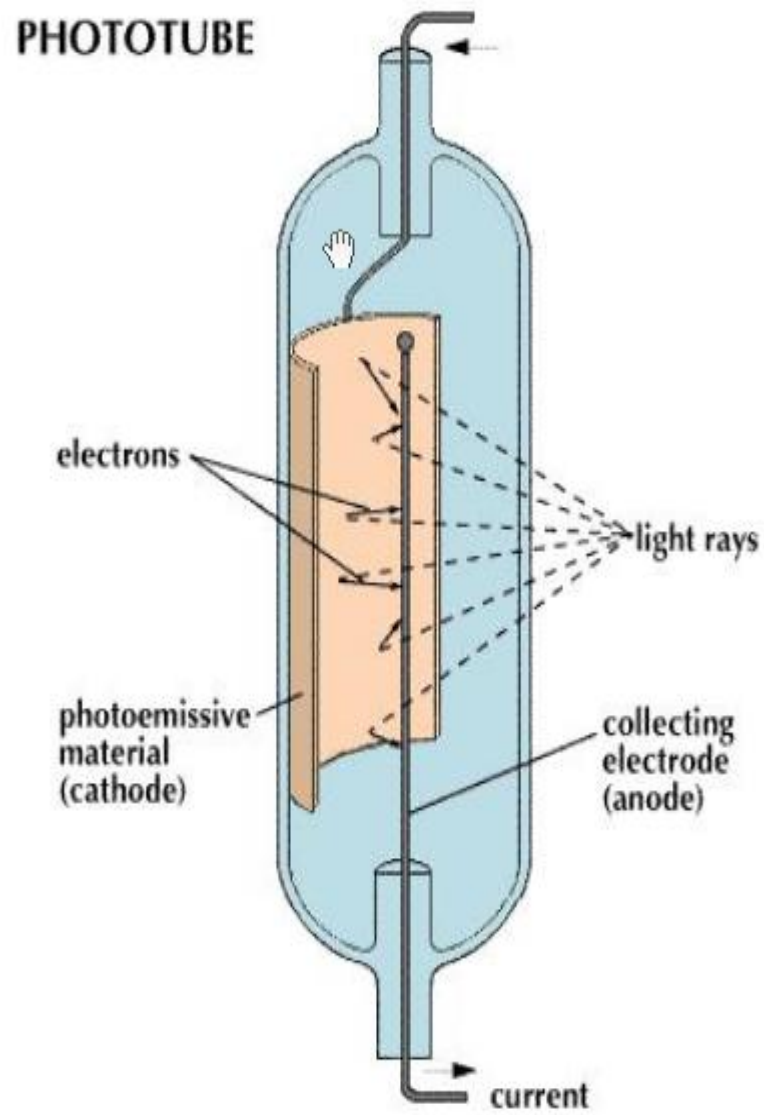


Chemical
Electrical
Subliminal

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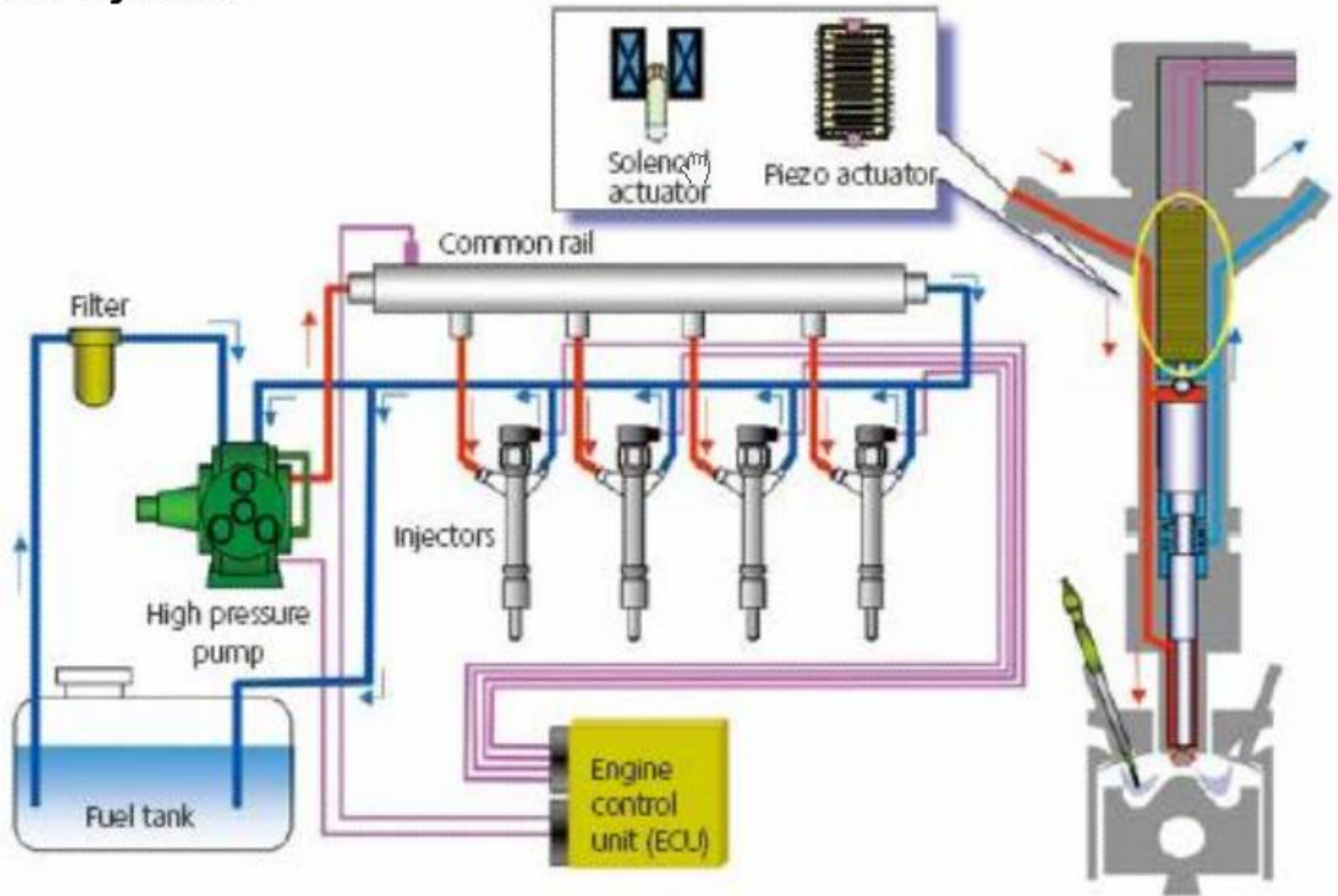
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Piezoelectricity is the ability of crystals and certain ceramic materials to generate a voltage in response to applied mechanical stress. Piezoelectricity was discovered by Pierre Curie and the word is derived from the Greek piezein, which means to squeeze or press.

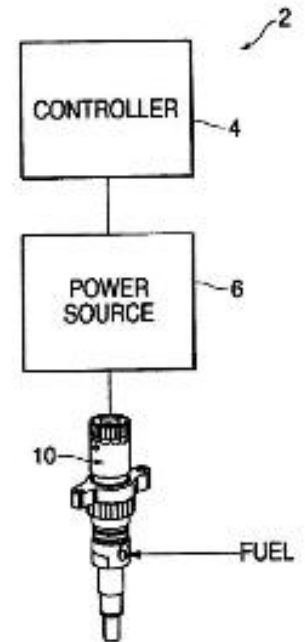
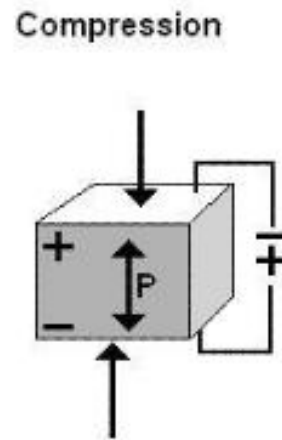
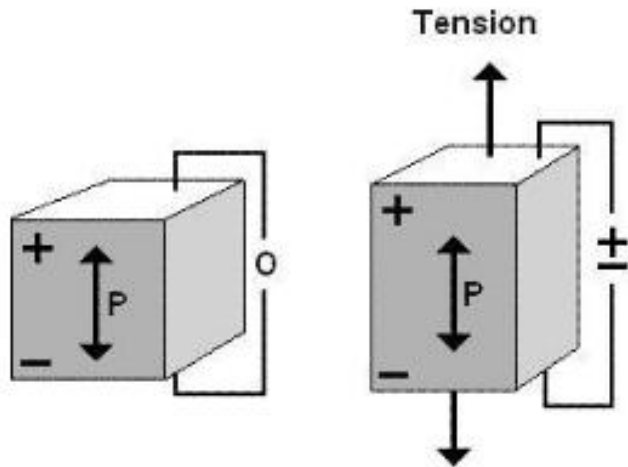
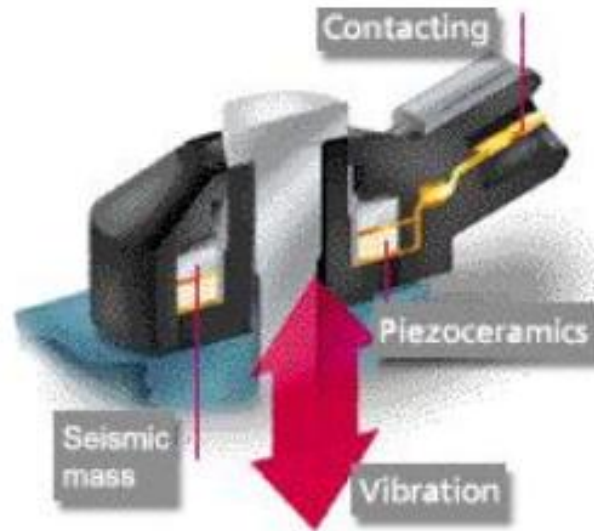
The piezoelectric effect is reversible in that piezoelectric crystals, when subjected to an externally applied voltage, can change shape by a small amount (for example, deformation of about 0.1% of the original dimension in lead zirconate titanate). The effect finds useful applications such as the production and detection of sound, generation of high voltages, electronic frequency generation, microbalances, ultra-fine focusing of optical assemblies, and piezo electronic fuel injectors.



Piezo-injectors

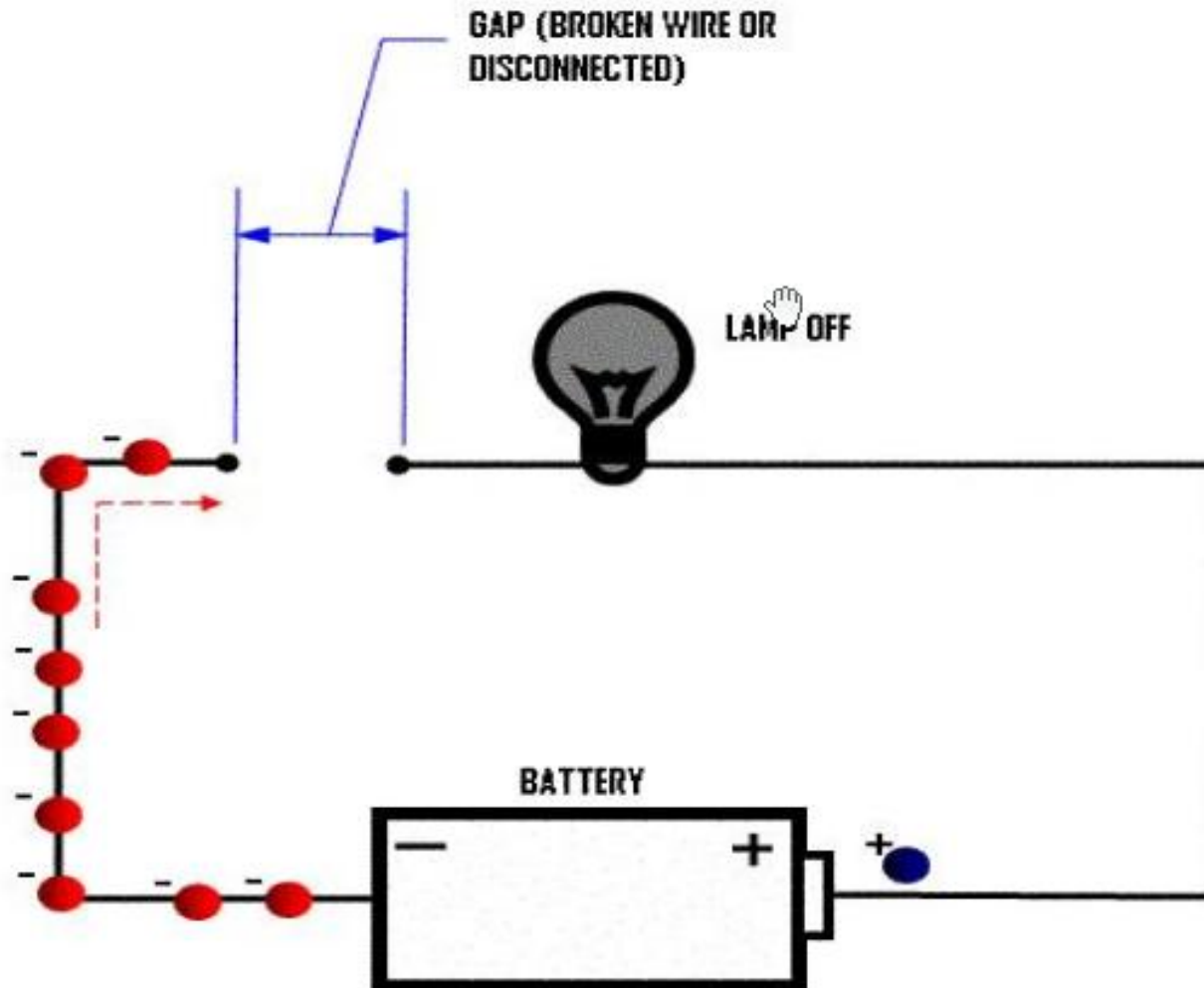


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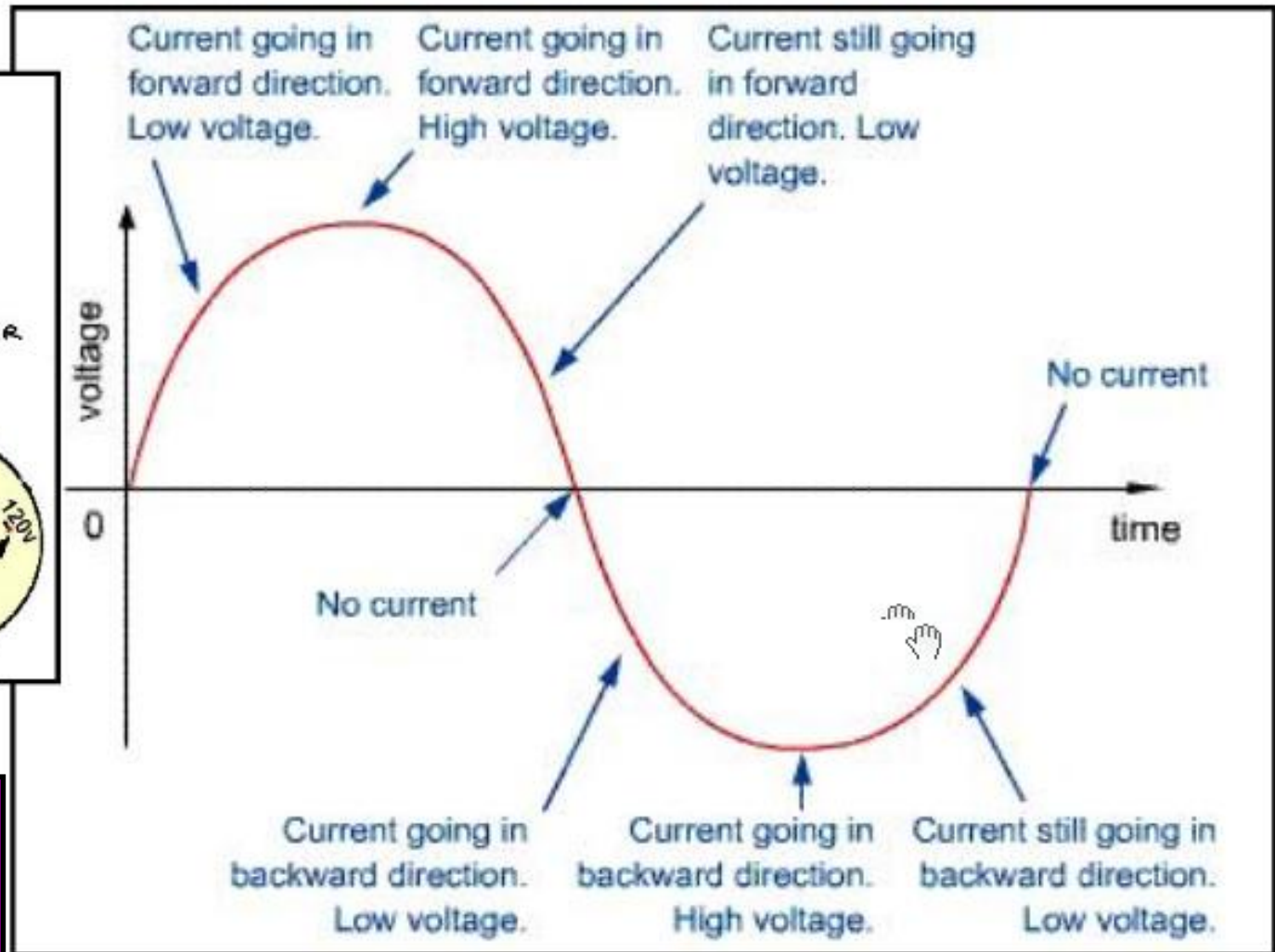
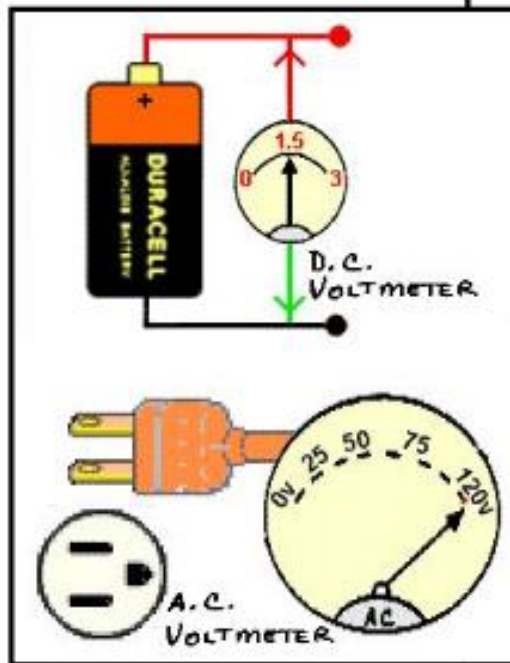
4. The unit for measuring electrical current flow is the _____.
(6.24×10^{18} electrons/sec = 1 amp)



Volt
Ampere
Ohm

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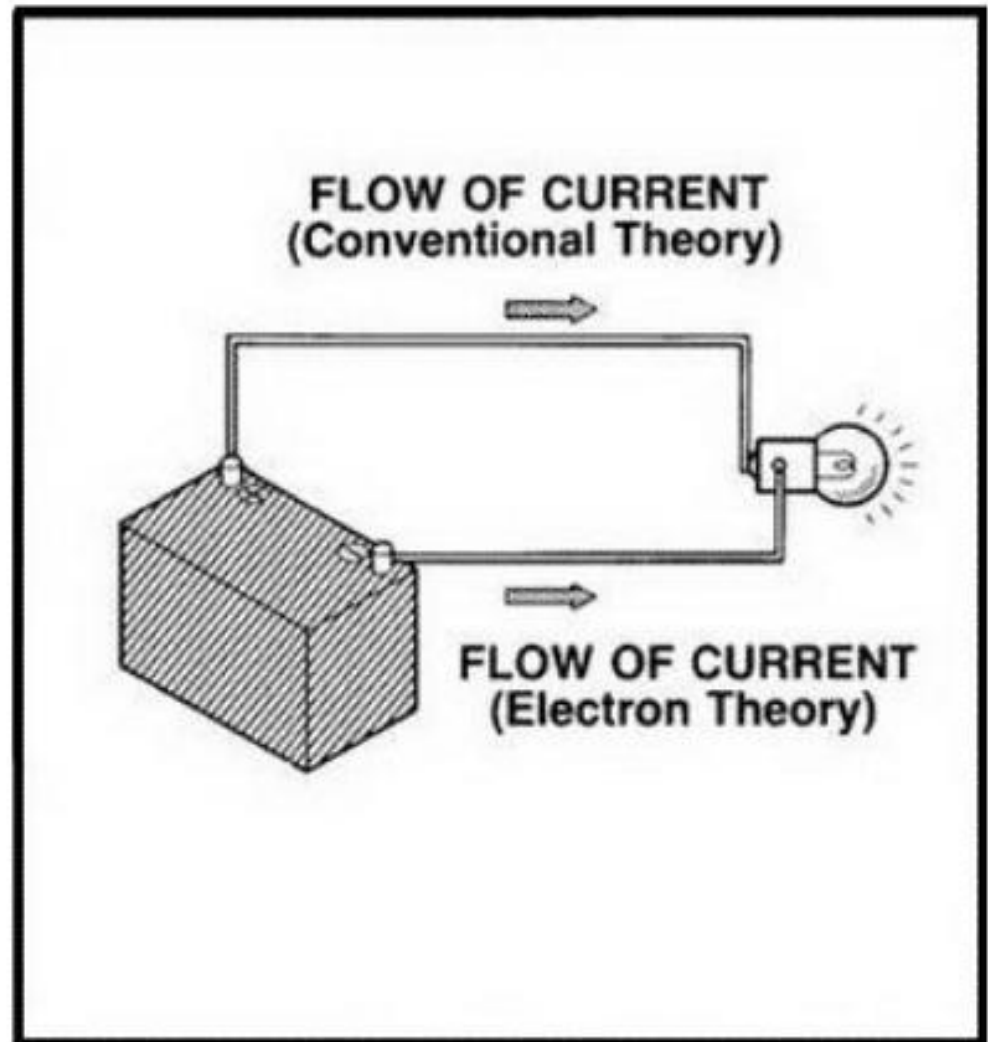
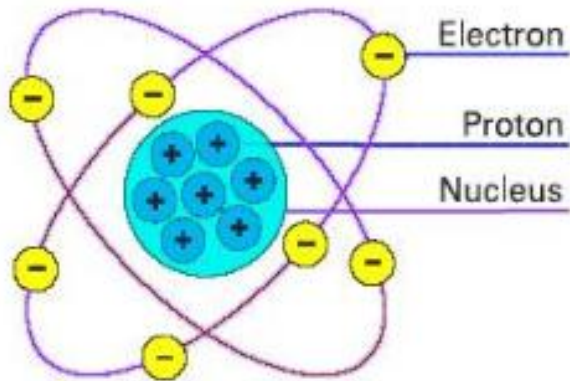
5. _____ current flows in one direction while
_____ current changes direction.



Alternating, Direct
Direct, Alternating
Wavy & Straight

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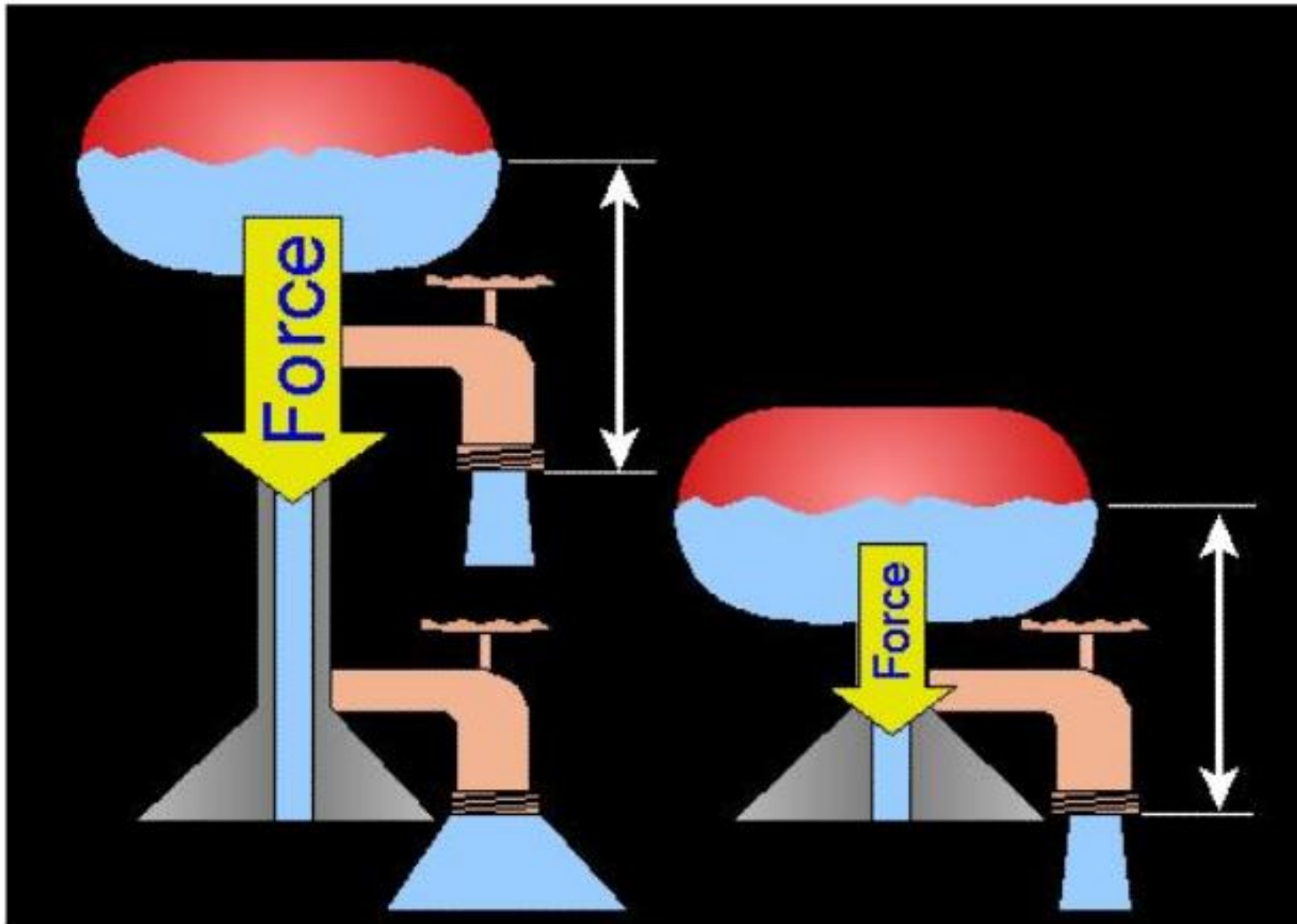
6. _____ theory states that current flows from + to -.
_____ says its from - to +.



Electron, Conventional
Metric, American
Conventional, Electron

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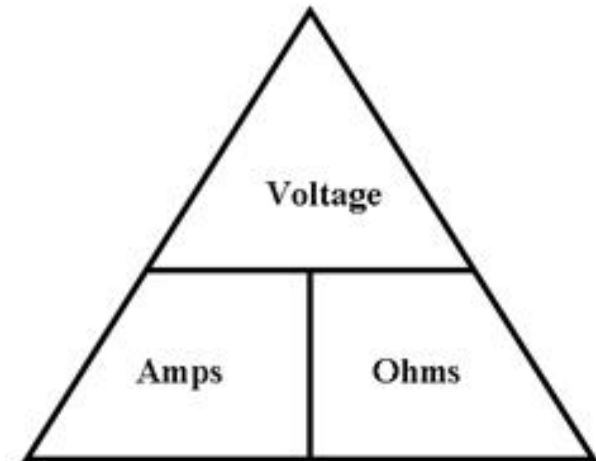
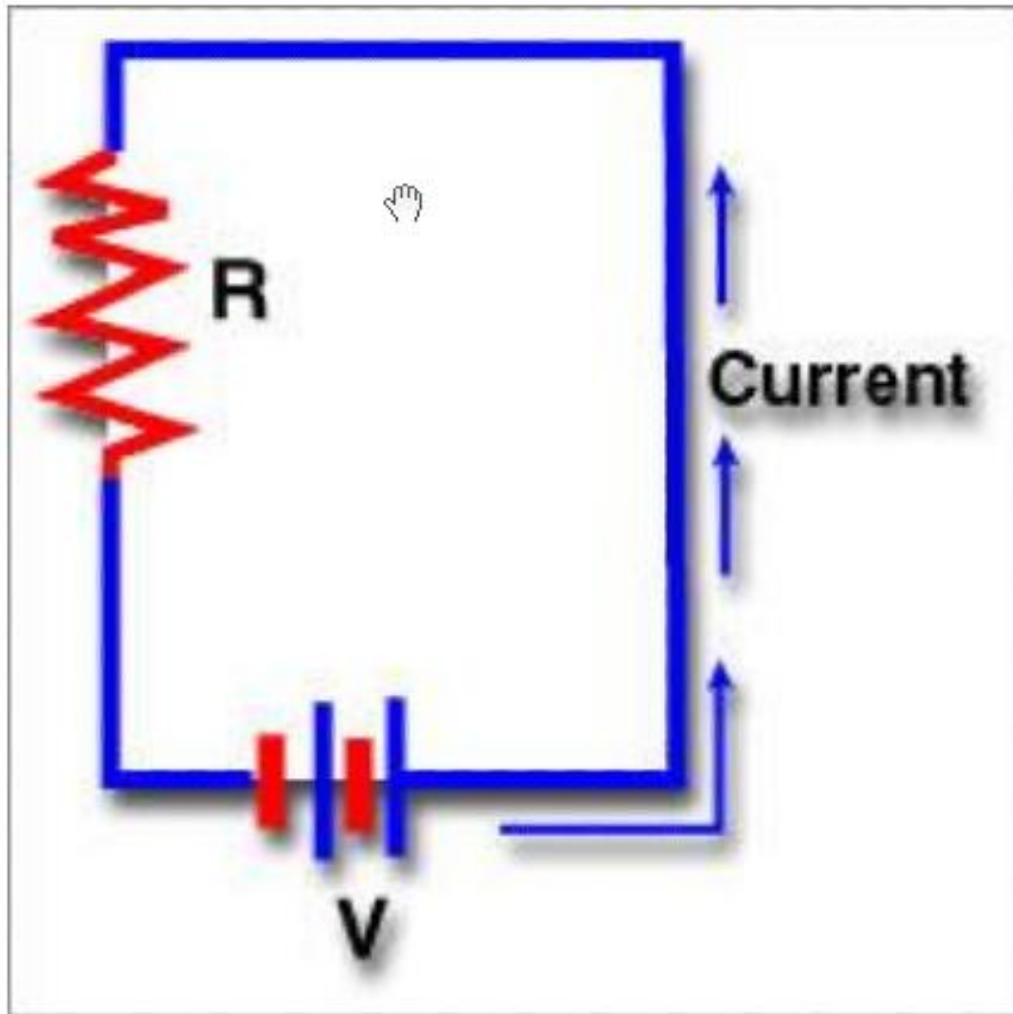
7. _____ (EMF) is the electrical pressure or force that causes electrons to flow.



Voltage
Amperage
Resistance

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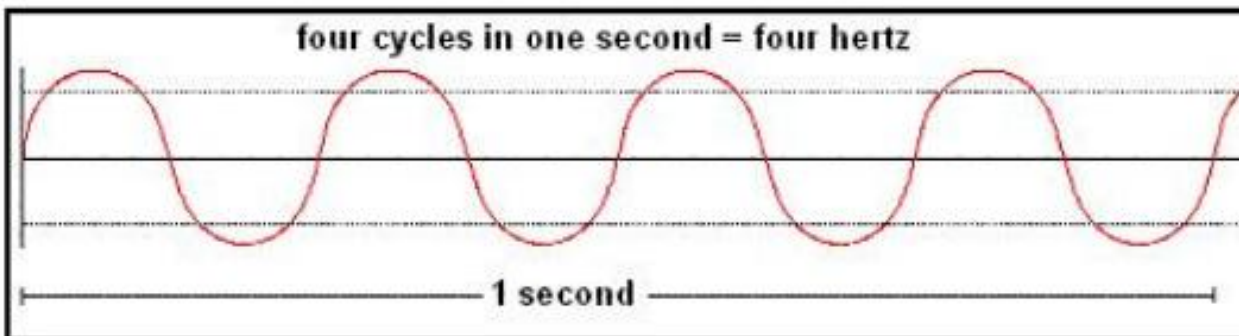
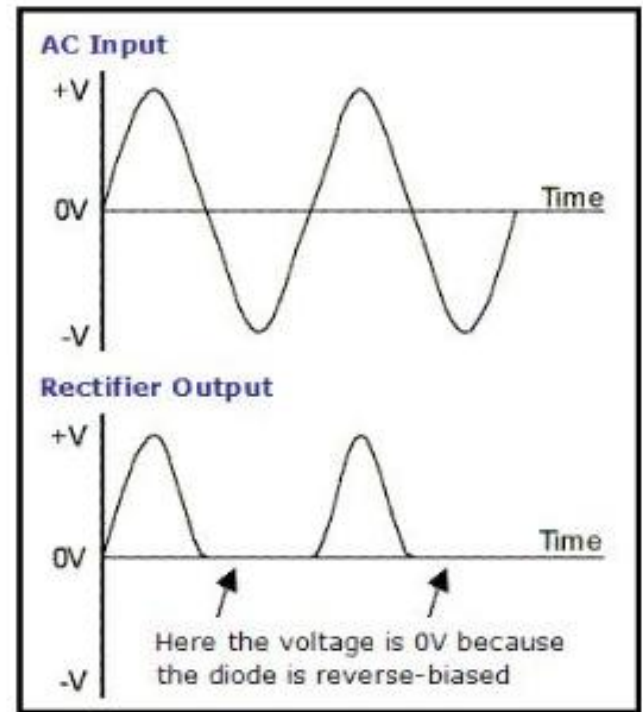
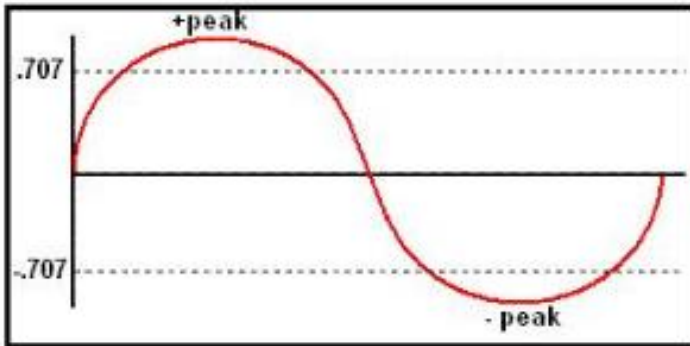
8. _____ to flow is measured in Ohms and abbreviated with the Greek letter omega. Ω



Voltage
Amperage
Resistance

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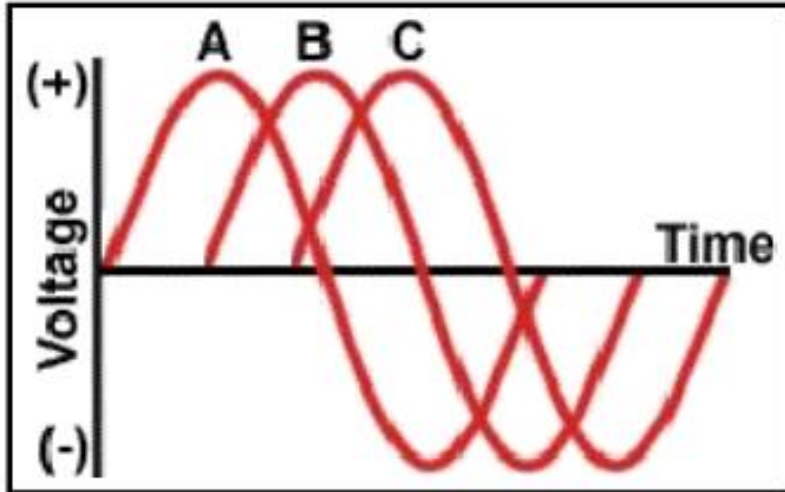
9. When graphed on a lab scope, DC voltage produces a _____ line and AC produces a _____ wave.



Flat, Sine
Flat, Tangent
Sine, Flat

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10. If a circuit has 2 or more voltage pulses, but each has its own sine wave that begins and ends its cycle at a different time, the waves are “ _____ ”

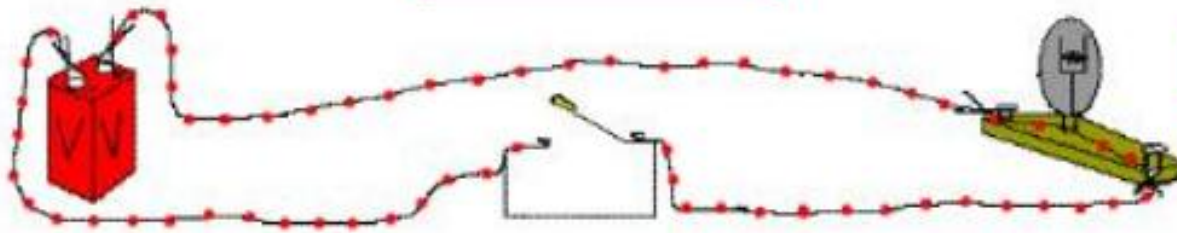


Out of Touch
Out of Phase
Out of Line

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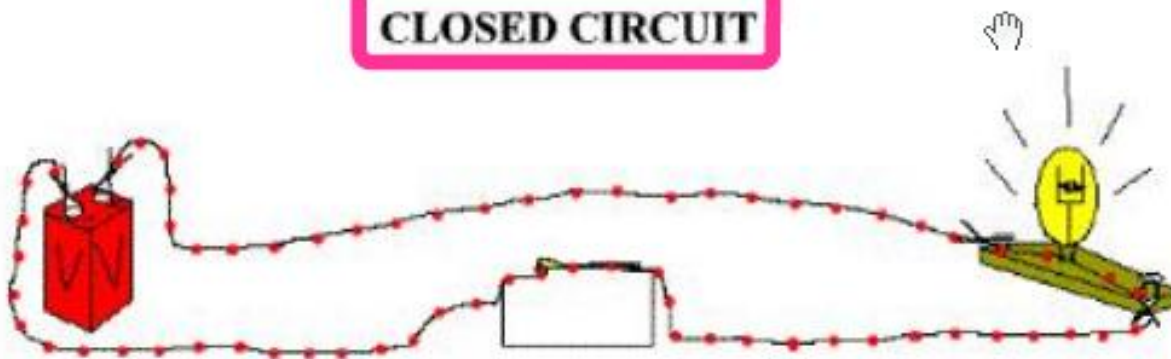
11. A complete circuit is said to be closed and has _____.
An open circuit is incomplete.

OPEN CIRCUIT



No Continuity

CLOSED CIRCUIT

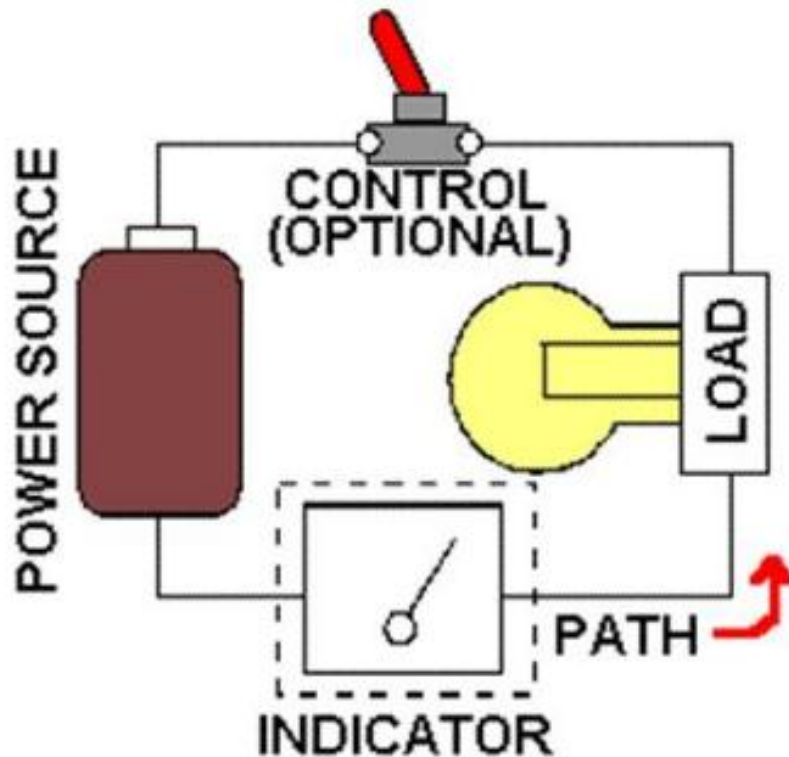


Continuity

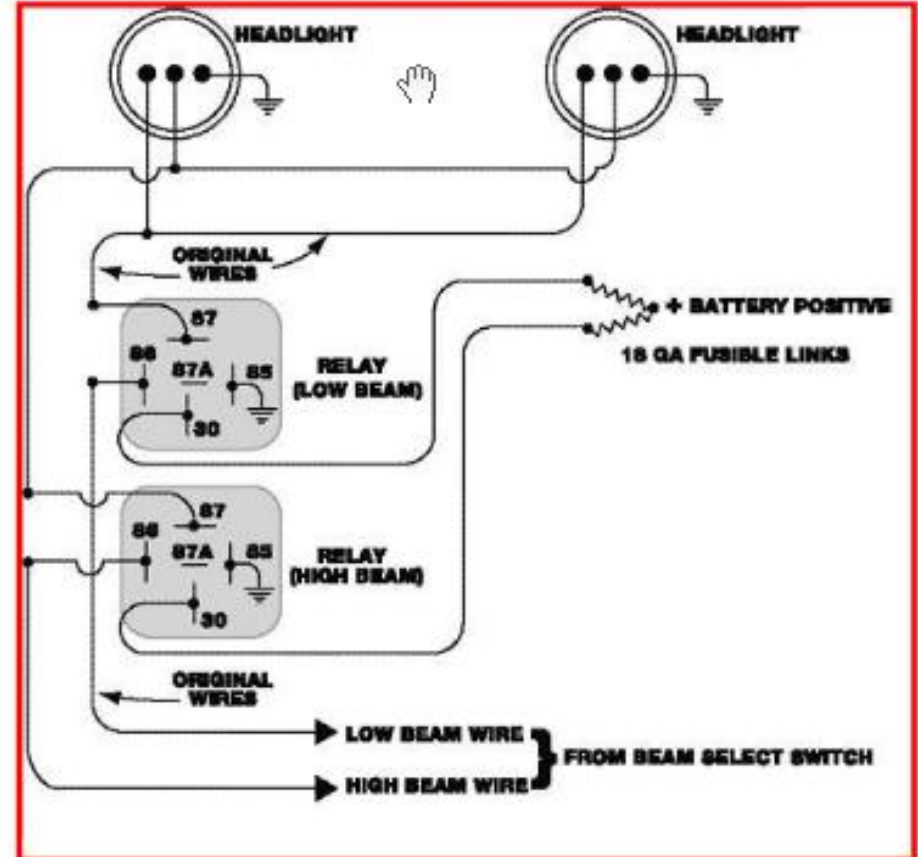
**Continuity
Ambiguity
Immunity**

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12. Circuit components that use power are said to put a _____ on the circuit or consume electricity.



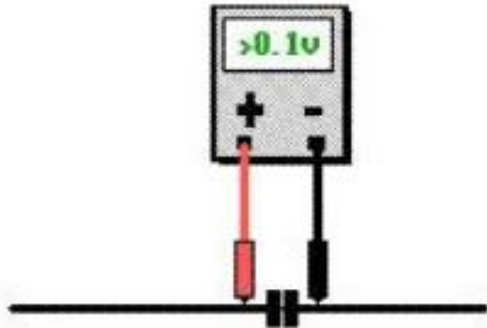
The "load" or "consumer" name the circuit.



Toad
Load
Road

13. Measuring _____ tells how much energy is being consumed or used by the load.

VOLTAGE DROP



Check for voltage drop across the connector
A good reading is less than 0.1 volt

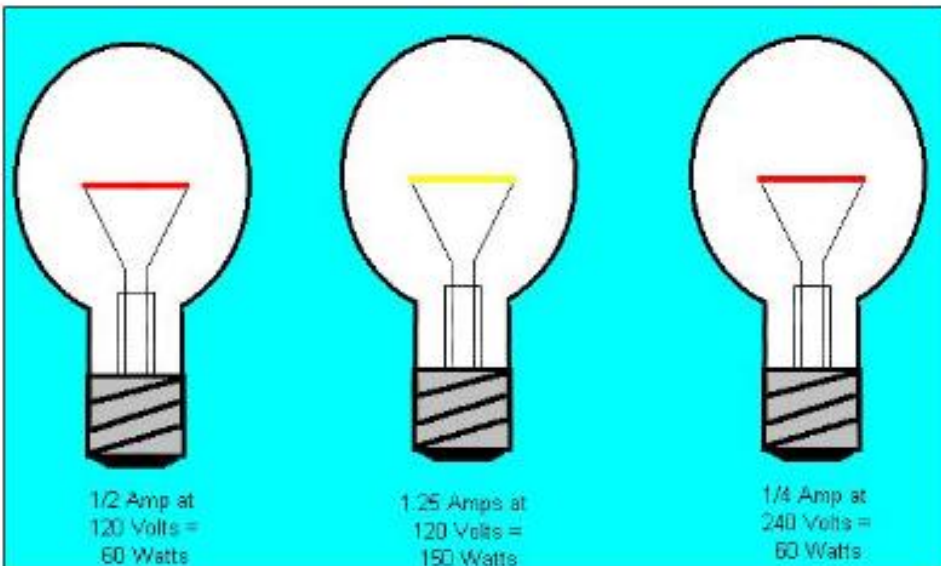
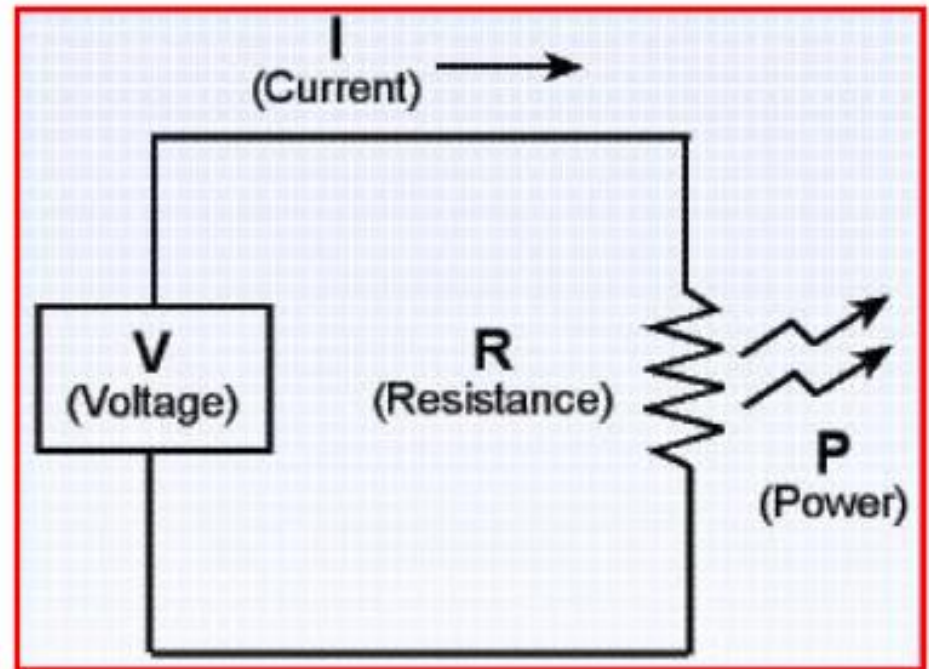


Voltage Drop
Voltage Flow
Voltage Level

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14. Electrical power usage is expressed in _____.
 $P = I \times E$ or $W = A \times V$

Voltage
Amperage
Wattage



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15. The vehicle chassis forms the _____ path for circuits through body, frame & engine block.



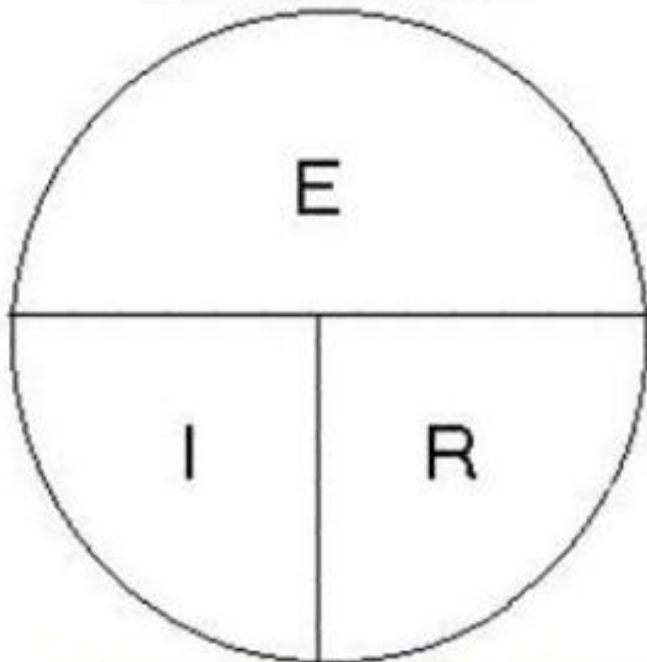
Supply
Ground
Necessary

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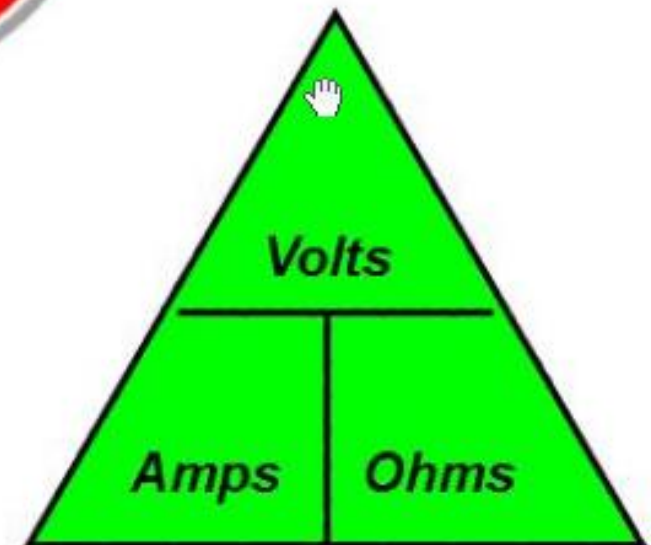
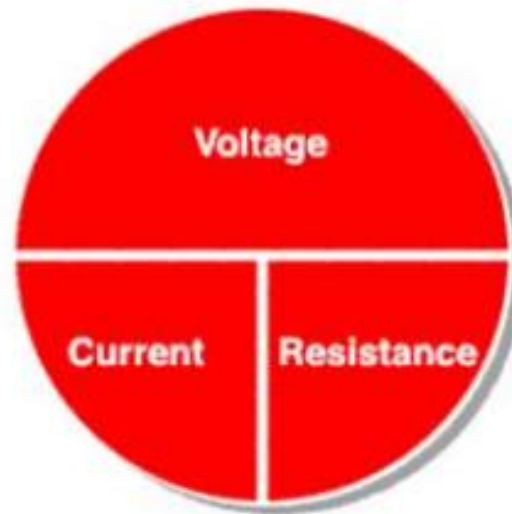
16. _____ is the mathematical relationship between volts, ohms, & amps in every circuit.

“It takes 1 volt of electrical pressure to push 1 ampere of current through 1 ohm of resistance.”

Watt's Law
Ohm's Law
Pascal's Law

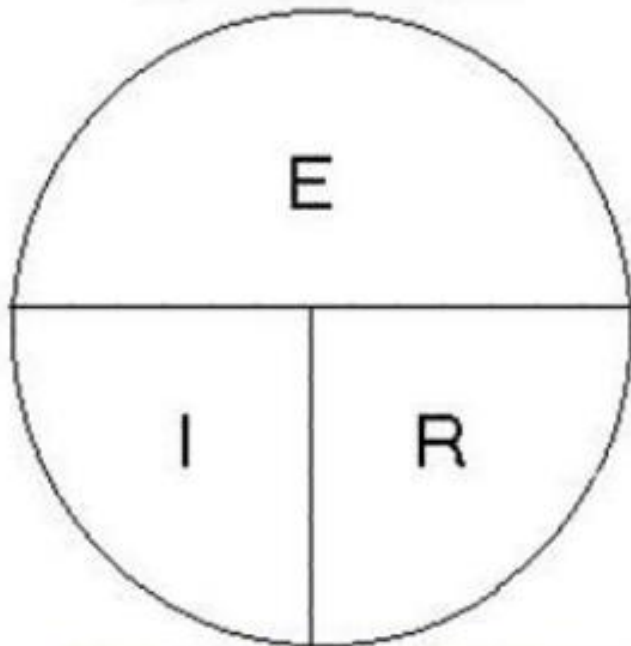


Ohm's Law $E=I/R$ where
E=volts, I=amps and R=ohms

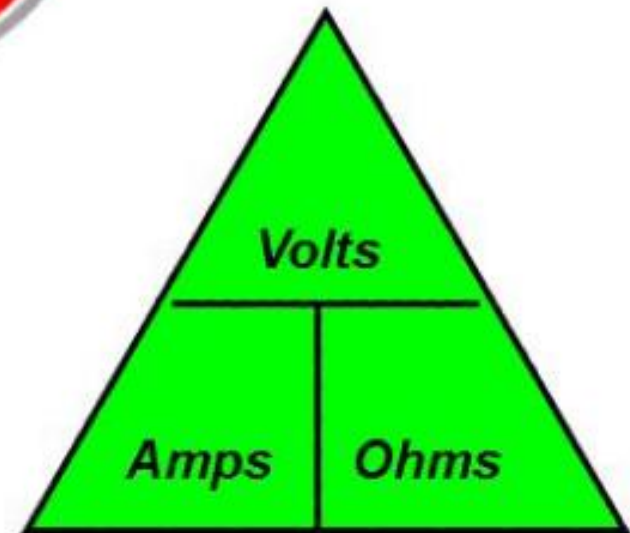
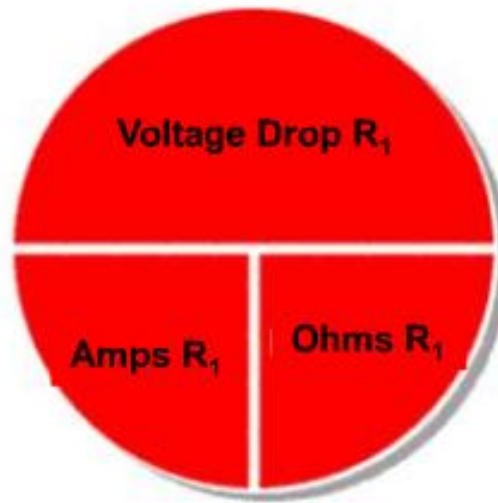


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17. Voltage drop can be calculated using Ohm's law. True or False

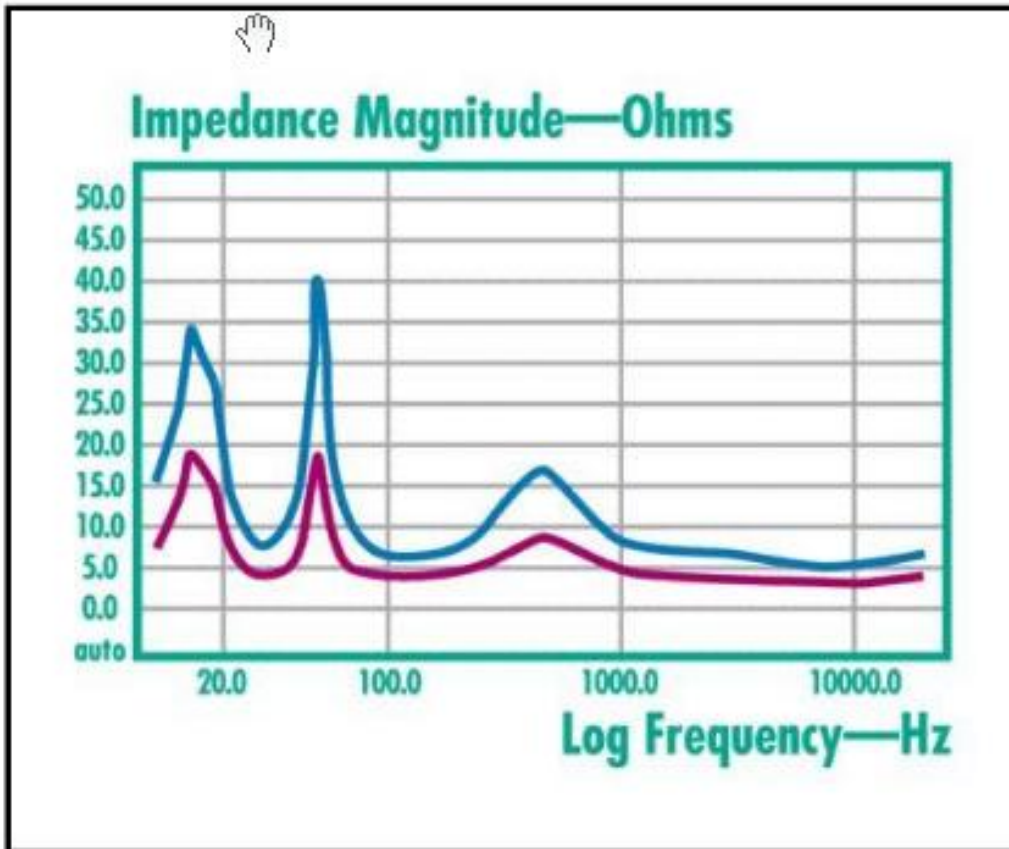
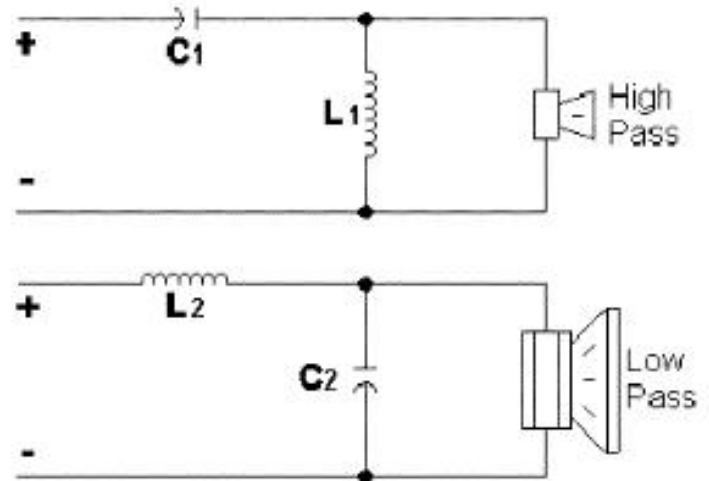


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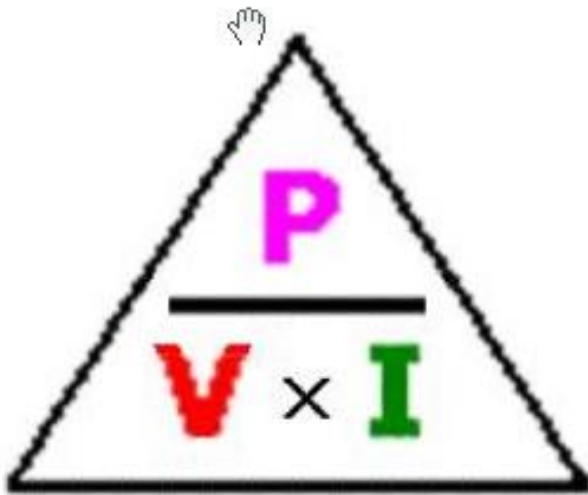
18. In AC circuits, the actual resistance of a load is called its _____.



Impedance
Amperage
Resistance

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19. _____ law is the name given to the formula that calculates electrical power used by a load.



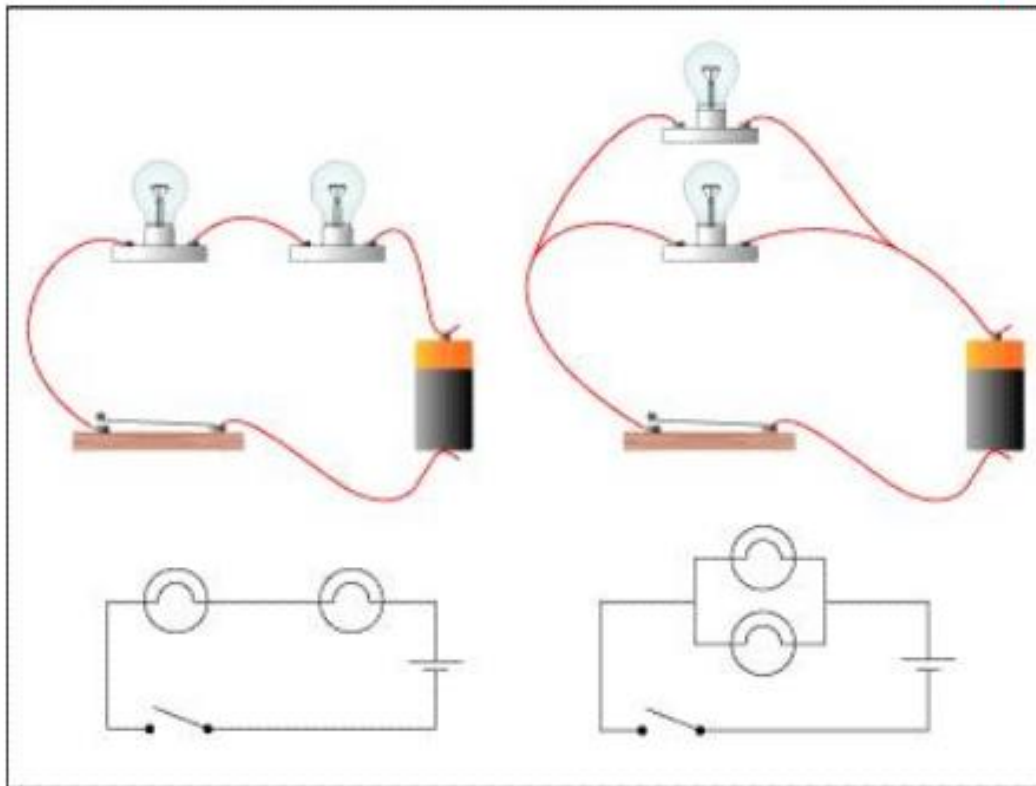
Watt's Law
Ohm's Law
Pascal's Law

<http://www.sengpielaudio.com/calculator-ohm.htm>

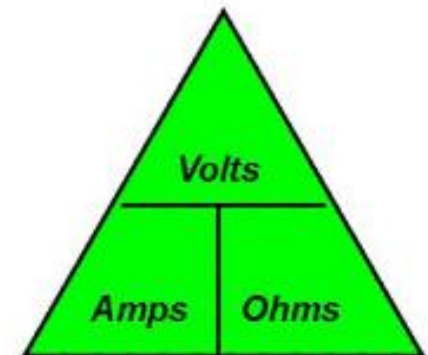
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20. Circuits must have consumers or _____, power _____, and _____ providing paths along with controllers & protection devices properly located to perform desired operations.

Consumer has the Resistance
Source has the Voltage
Conductive Path carries the Amperage

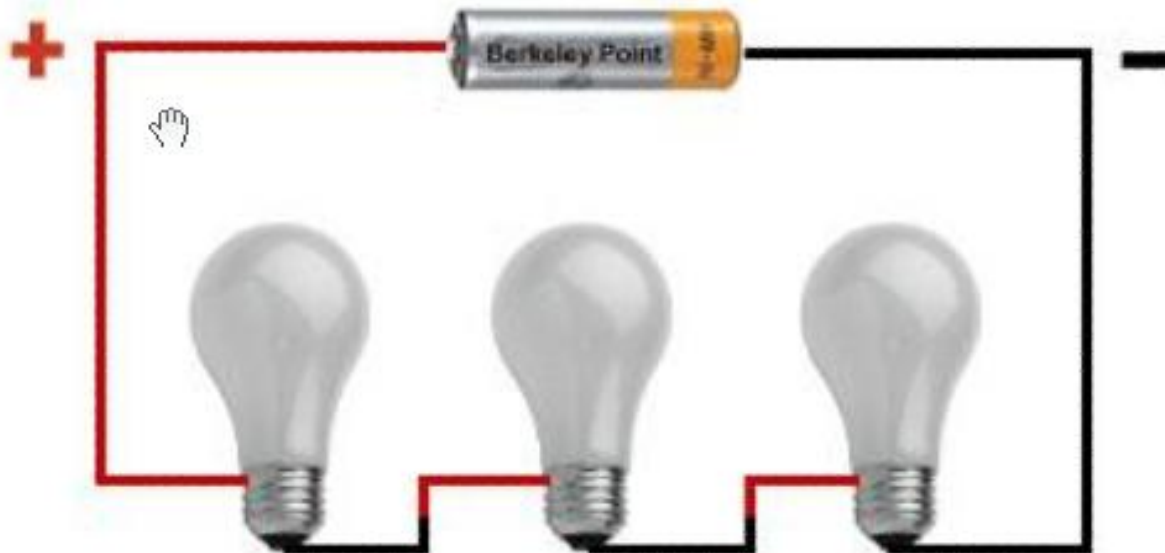


Loads, Sources, Conductors
Pascals, Ohms, Volts
Wires, Fuses, Batteries



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21. In a _____ circuit, the voltage _____ at each load, the _____ is the same throughout the circuit, and the total resistance is the sum of all the individual resistances.



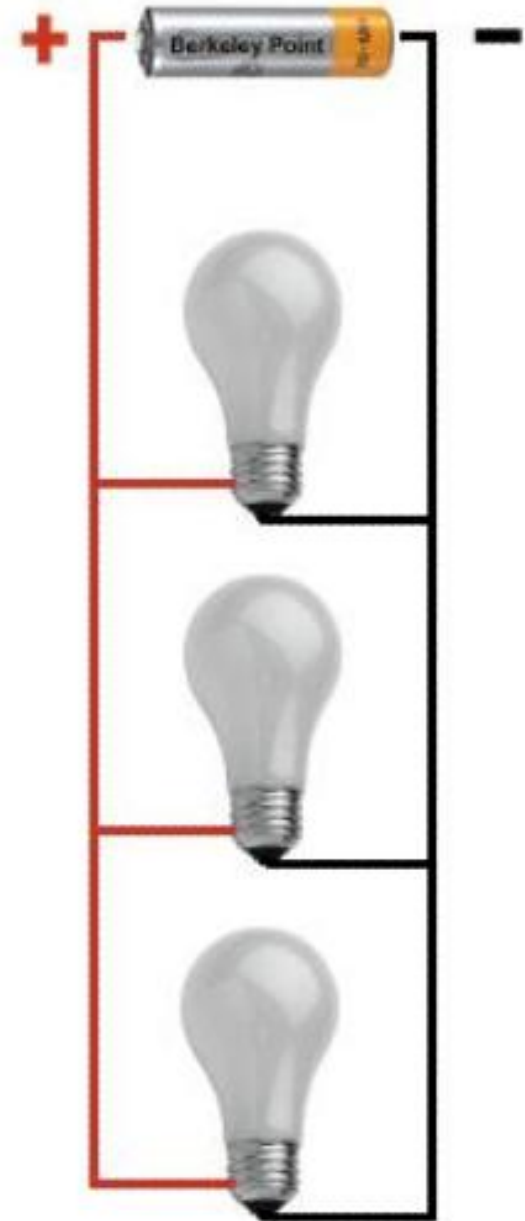
Series, Drops, Current
Series, Increases, Resistance
Series, Drops, Resistance

Note: The sum of the individual voltage drops must equal the source voltage.

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22. In a _____ circuit, the voltage applied to each leg is the same, current through each leg will be different if the resistances values are different, the sum of current from each leg

Series
Parallel
Series-Parallel



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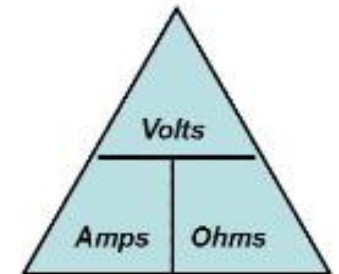
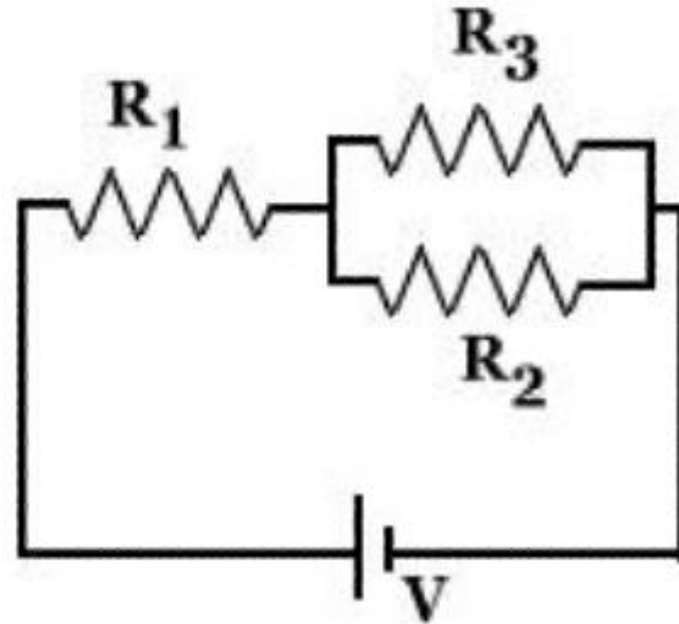
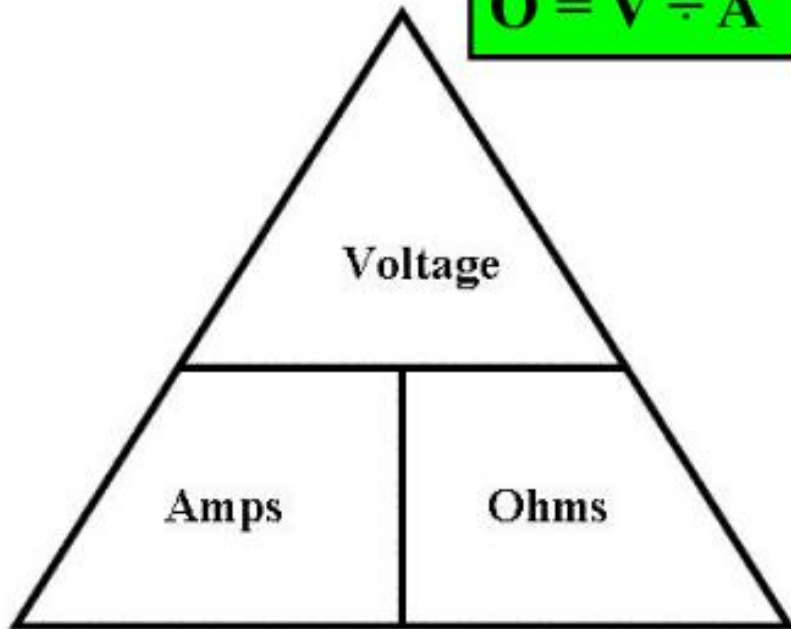
23. In a series-parallel circuit, the total _____ is equal to the voltage divided by the total Ω .

Voltage
Amperage
Ohms

$$V = A \times O$$

$$A = V \div O$$

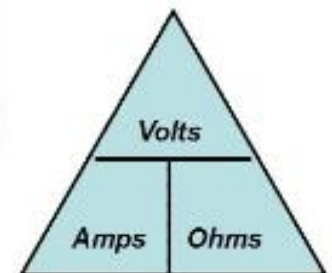
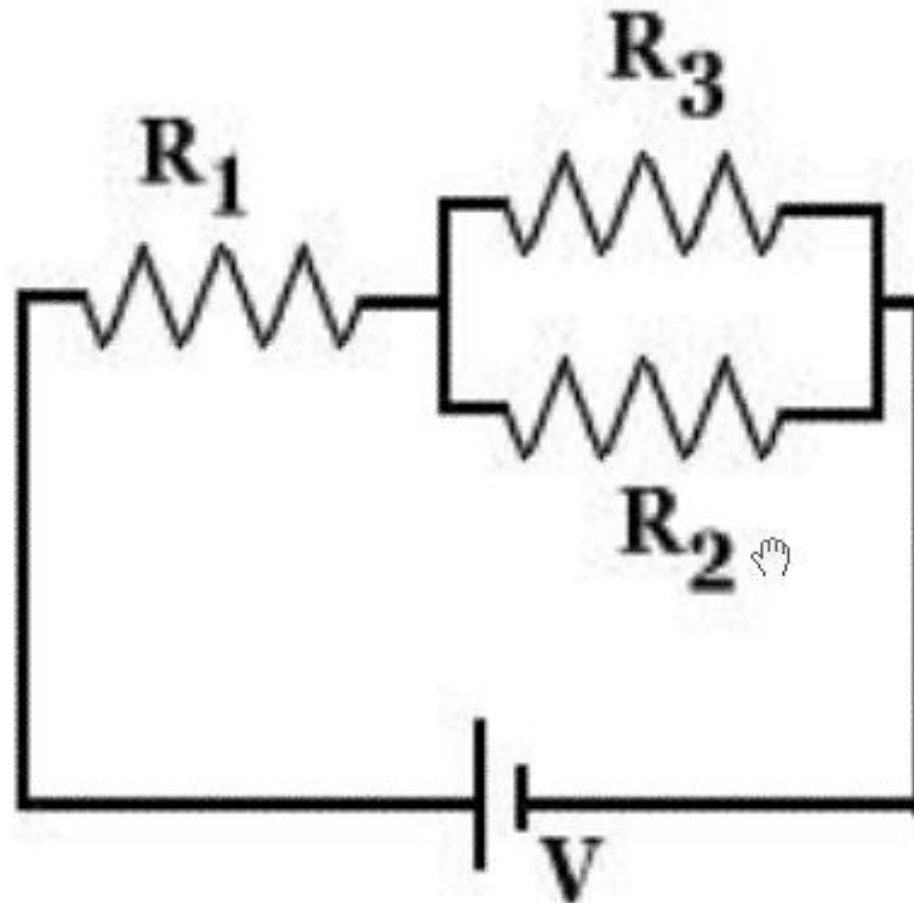
$$O = V \div A$$



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24. When using Ohm's law to calculate series-parallel values, determine all the values for the _____ circuit(s) first. Then treat it as a series circuit for the rest of the math operations.

Series
Parallel
Series-Parallel



$$V = A \times O$$

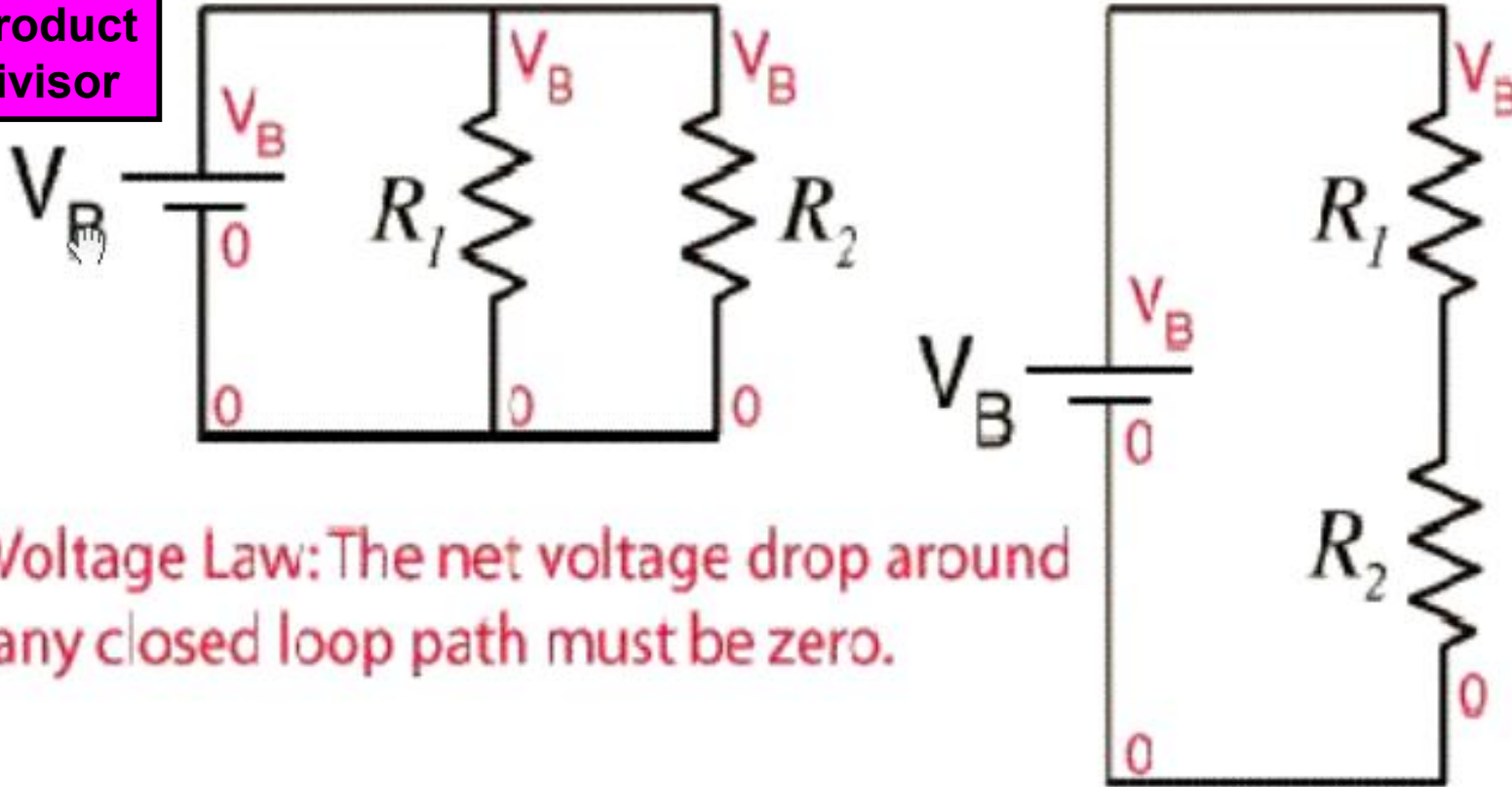
$$A = V \div O$$

$$O = V \div A$$

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25. Kirchhoff's voltage law states that the _____ of the voltage drops in a circuit equals the source.

Sum
Product
Divisor

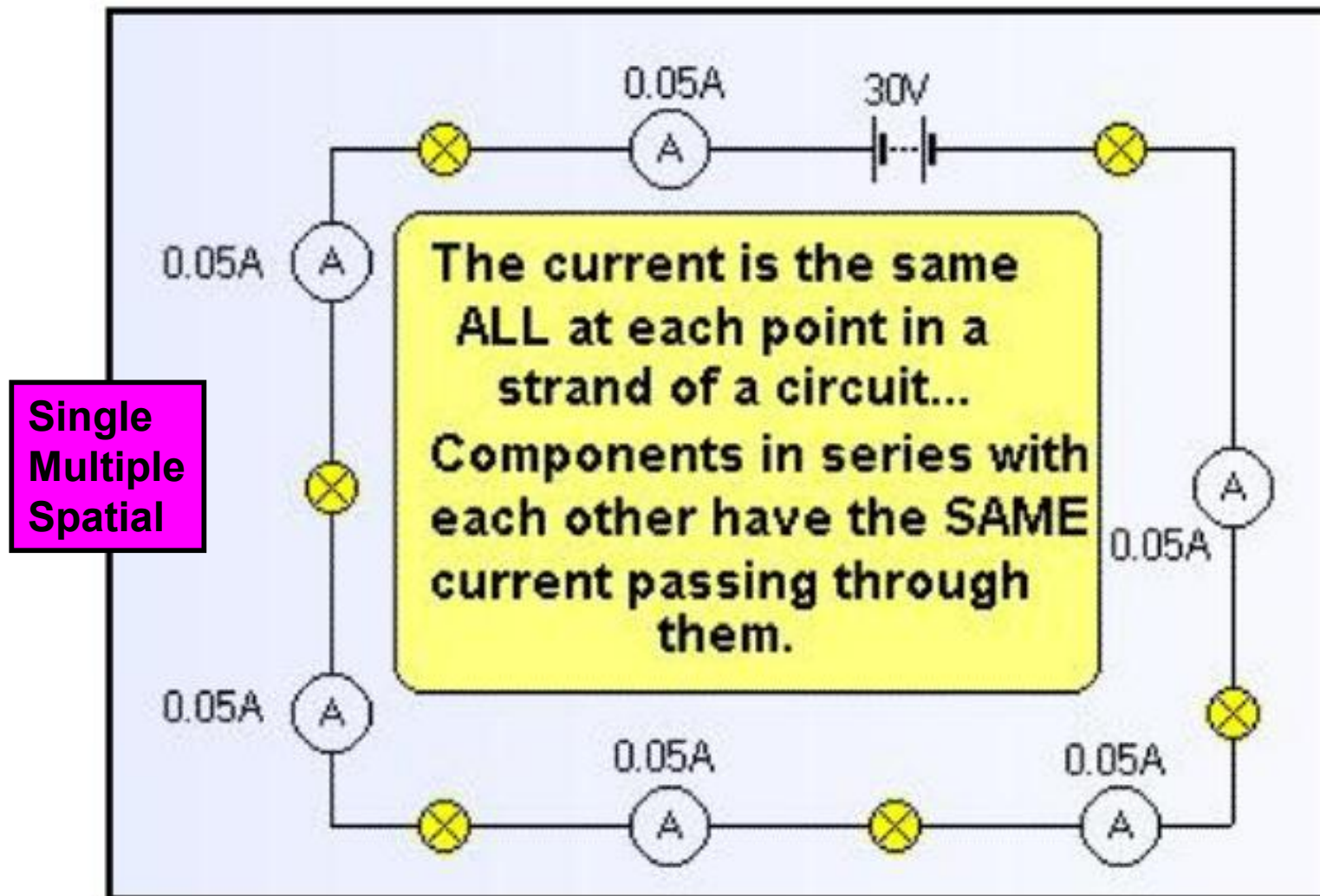


Voltage Law: The net voltage drop around any closed loop path must be zero.

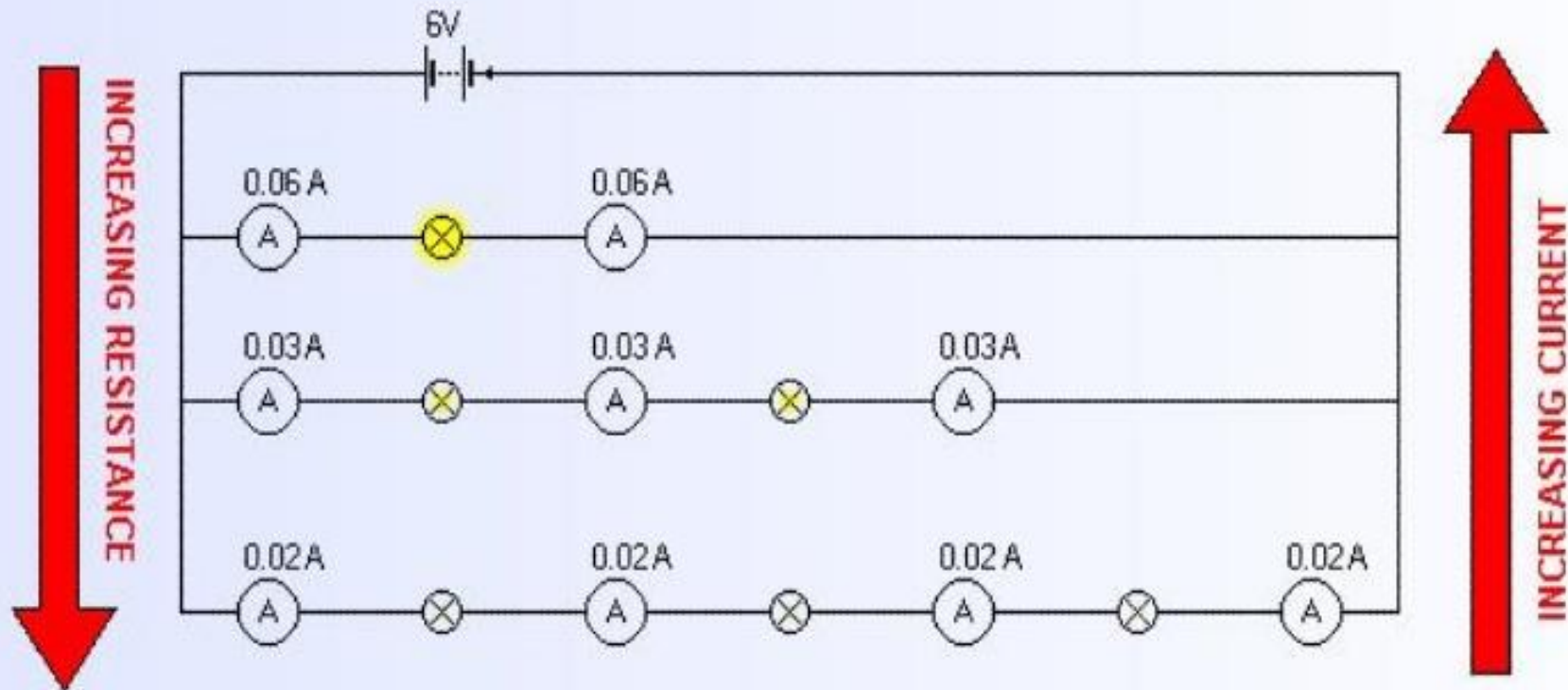
For any path you follow around the circuit, the sum of the voltages rises (like batteries) must equal the sum of the voltage drops. Voltage represents energy per unit charge, and conservation of energy demands that energy is neither created nor destroyed.

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26. Kirchhoff's amperage law states that at any _____ point in a circuit, the current arriving to that point is equal to the current leaving. *The sum of the branch amps flows equals total amps.*



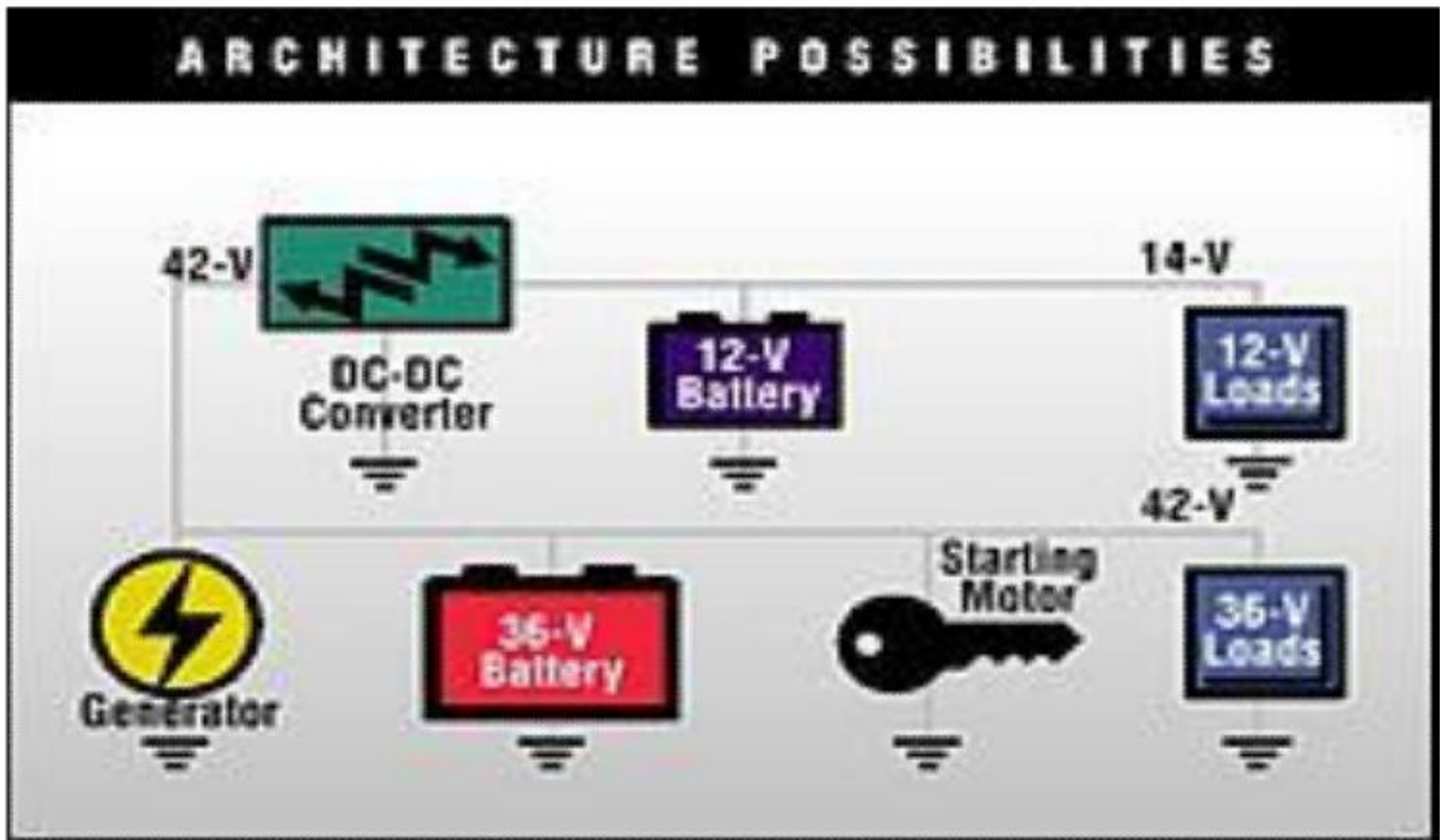
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- Note that the current in **EACH STRAND** of the circuit is the same along its whole length.... but if a strand has more bulbs (and therefore more resistance to the current) in it, the current within the strand is less.
- If the number of bulbs doubles the current halves.. if it triples the current drops to a third....

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27. There are plans for ____ volt systems with a single 36 volt battery and dual voltage outputs.



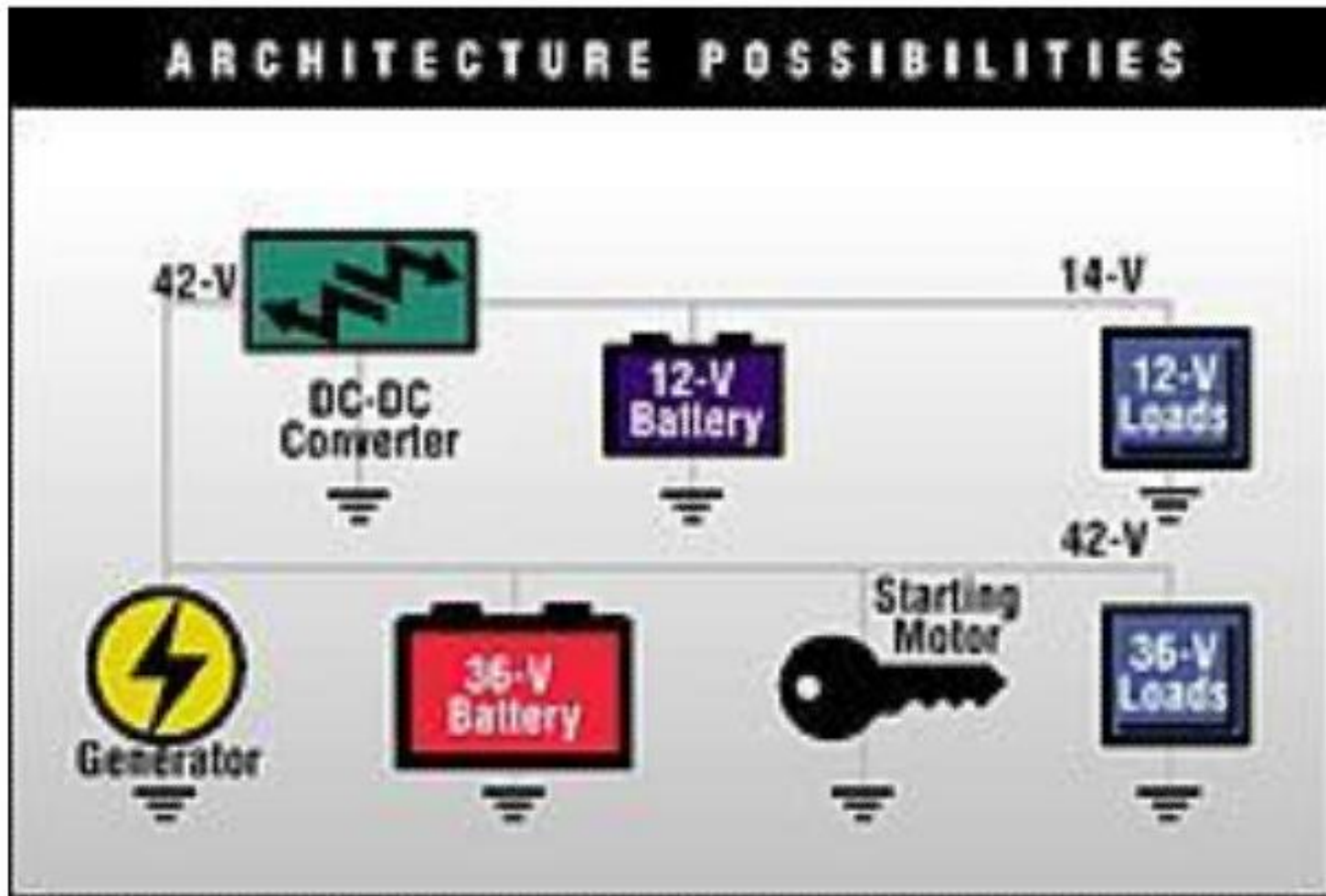
Goodbye 12 Volts,

Hello



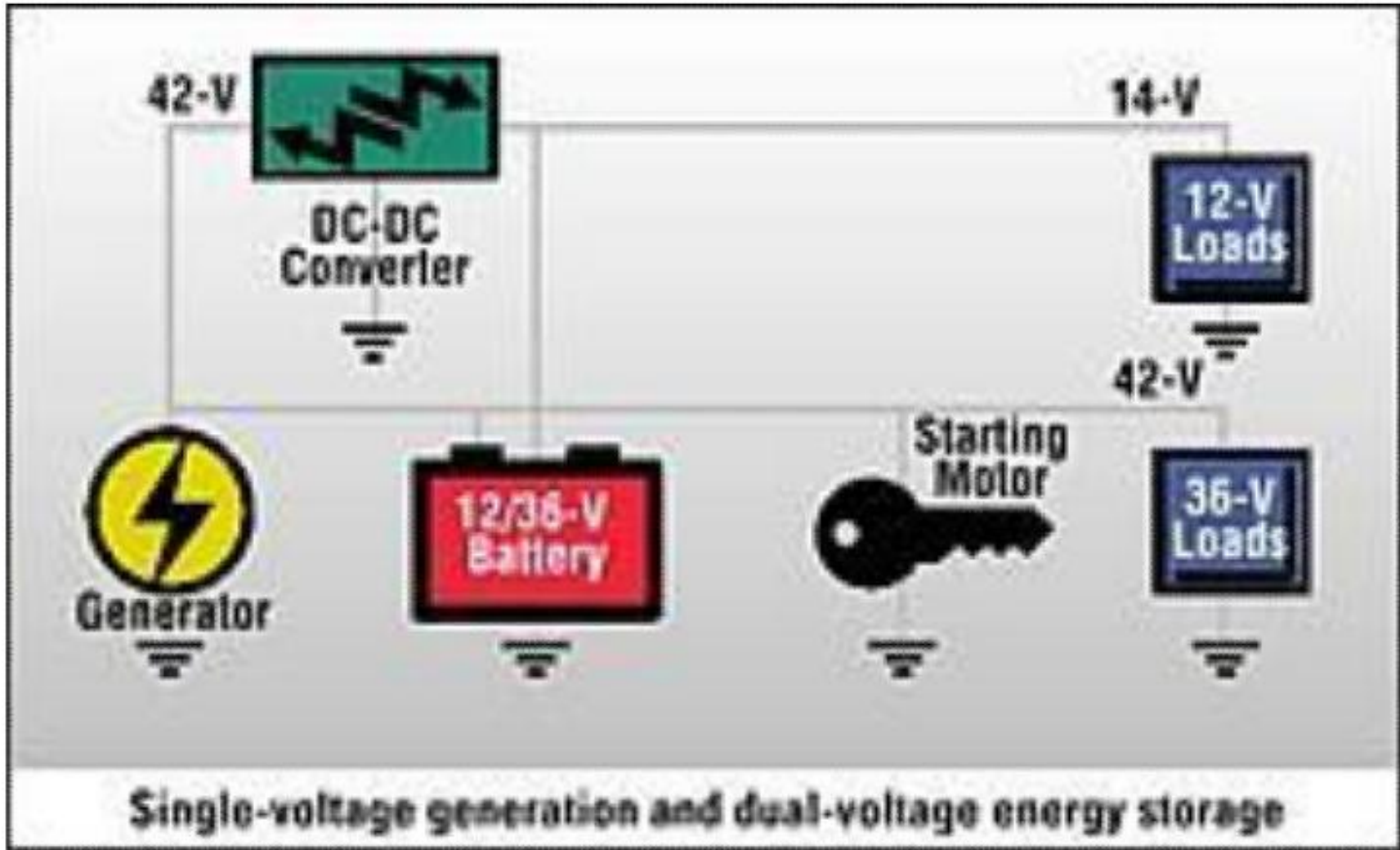
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Single voltage generation and single voltage energy storage - a 42 volt alternator charges a 36 volt battery which services 36 volt loads, with a DC/DC converter used to charge a 12 volt battery that services 12 volt loads.



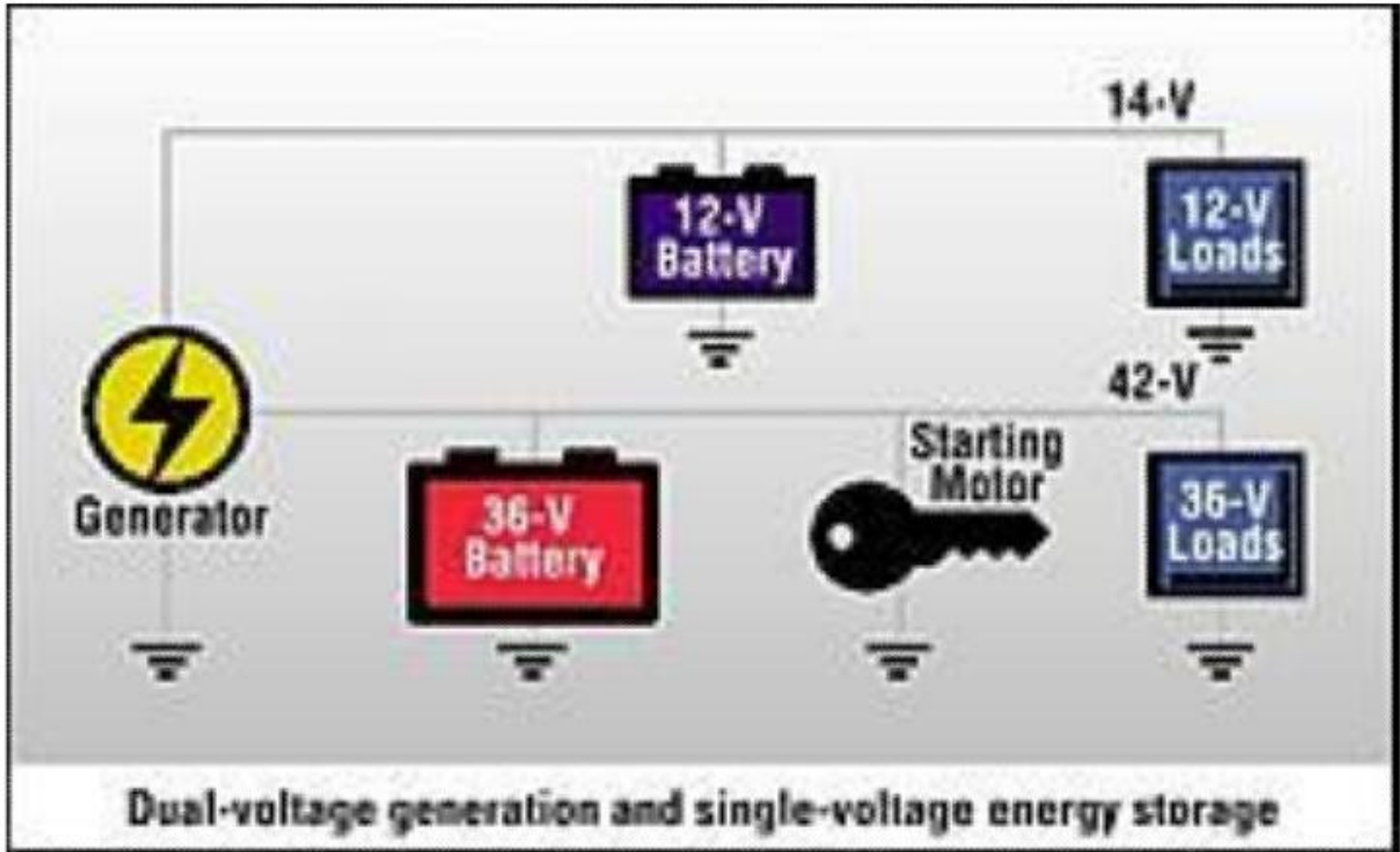
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Single voltage generation and dual voltage energy storage - a 42 volt alternator charges the 36 volt side of a dual 12/36 volt battery, with a DC/DC converter used to charge the 12 volt portion of the battery.



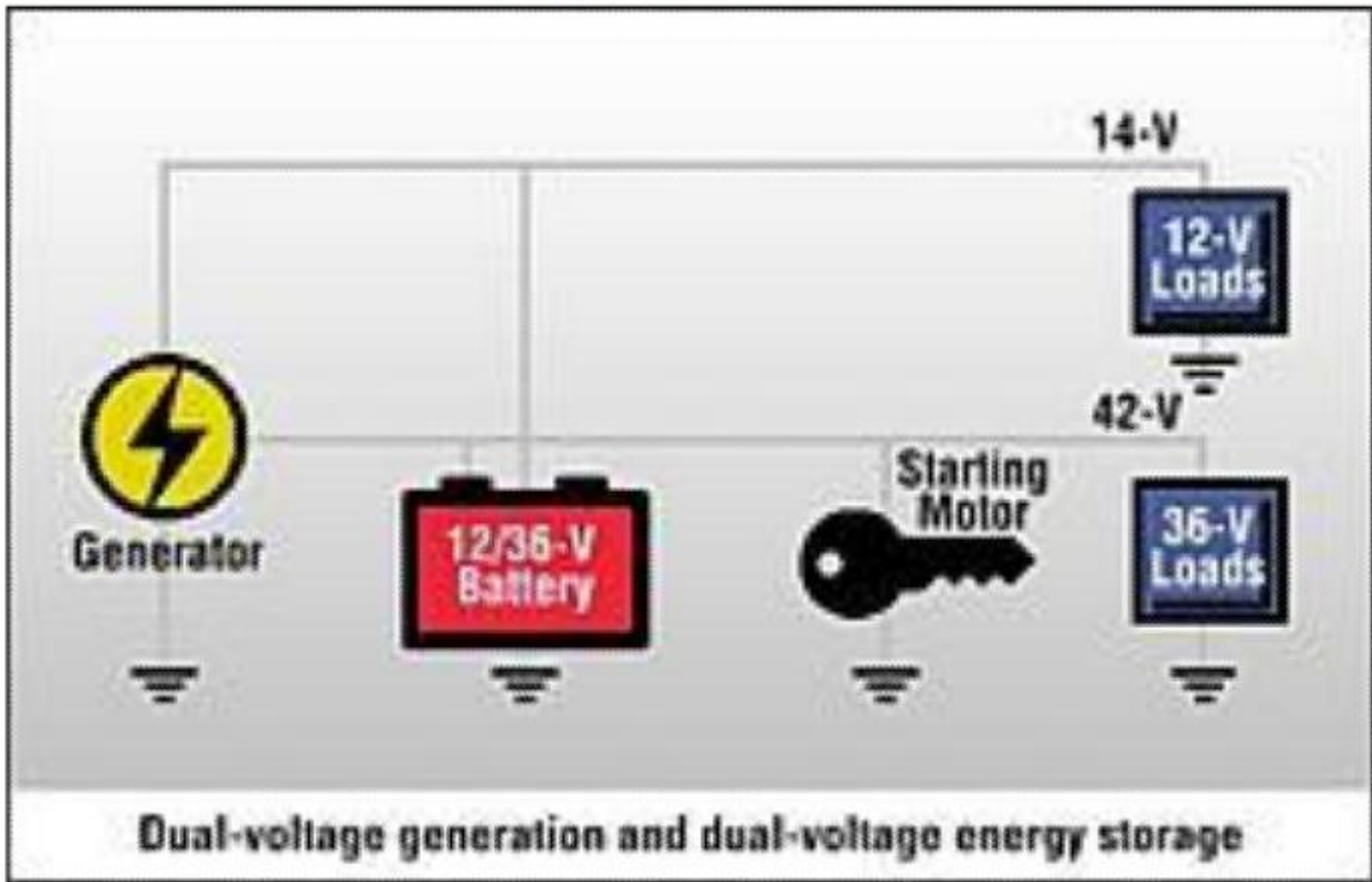
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Dual voltage generation and single voltage energy storage - where a dual 14/42 volt alternator charges two separate systems, one 12 volts and the other 36 volts.



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Dual voltage generation and dual voltage energy storage - where a dual 14/42 volt alternator charges a dual 12/36 volt battery.

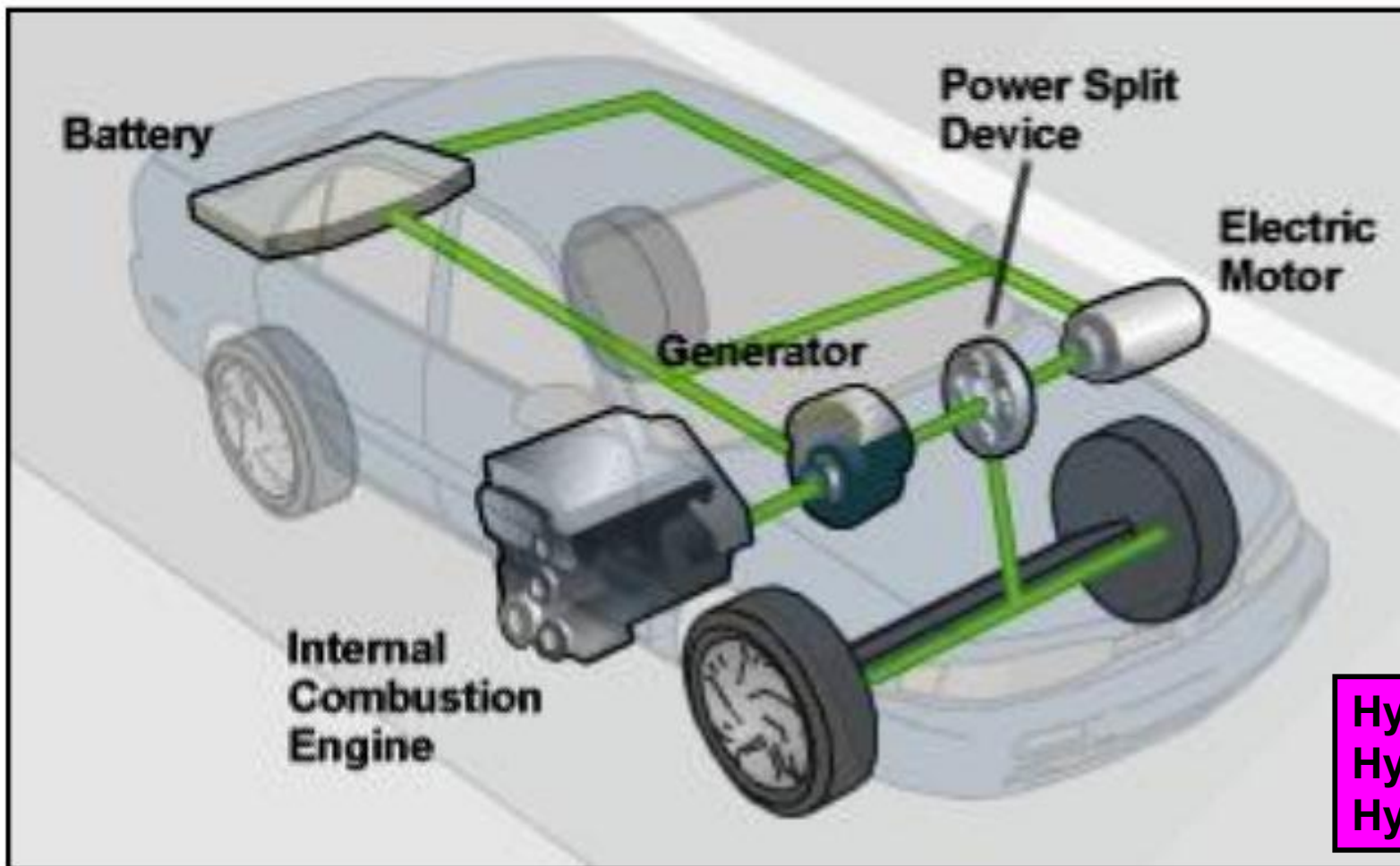


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Current Technology	Benefits of 42 volt Architecture
Electric power steering	More power, improved fuel economy
Electric brakes	Redundant power supplies
Power windows, power seats, power hatchback lifts	Reduced size and mass of motors; more efficient operation
Heated catalytic converter	Lower emissions; quicker light-off time
Heating, ventilation, airconditioning blower motors and cooling fans	Greater efficiency; smaller/lighter units; flexible packaging
Mobile multimedia	More power available for video, mobile phones, navigation systems, audio amplifiers, fax machines
Electric water pumps	Improved efficiency; longer service life
Selected engine management system components (eg exhaust gas recirculation valves, ignition systems, control actuators)	Reduced size and mass; increased performance
Fuel pumps	Reduced size and mass
Heated seats	Faster heating, more efficient operation; increased power

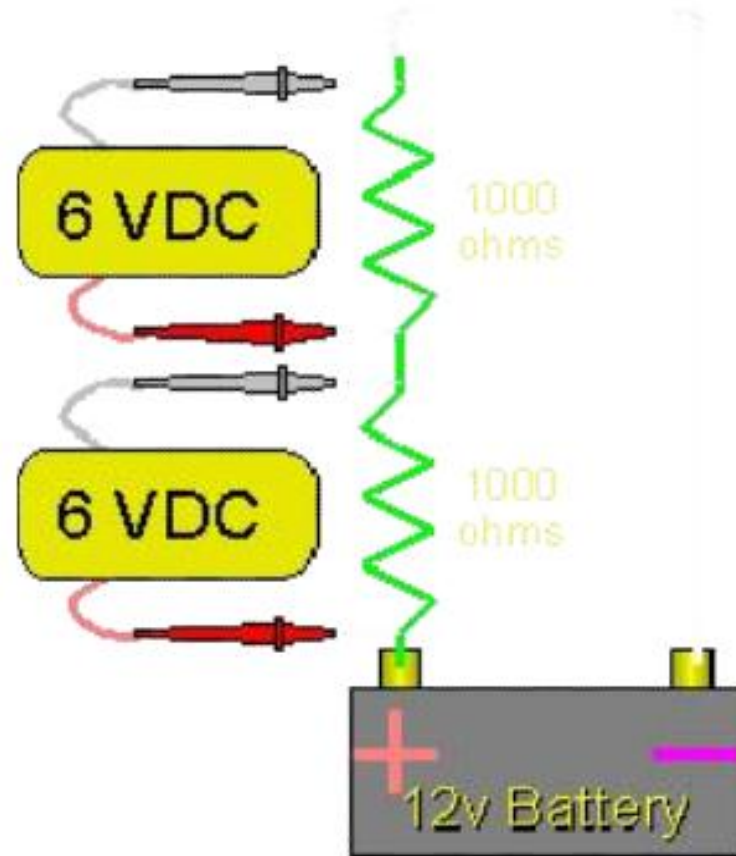
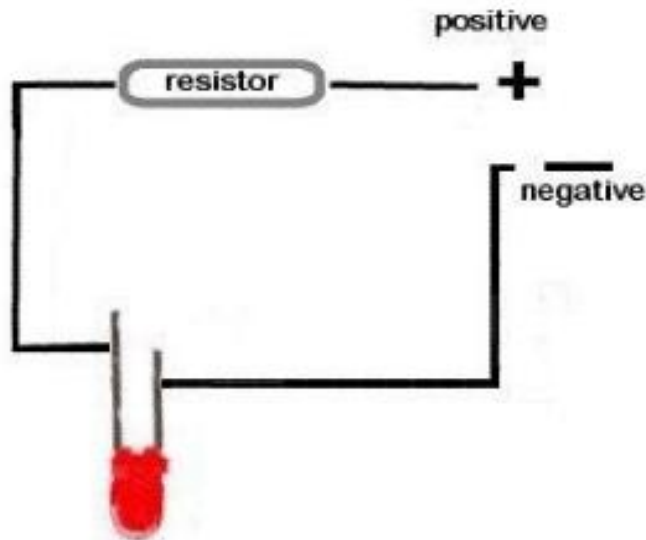
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28. _____ vehicles run on 42 to 600 volts.
High voltage is used to move the vehicle, 12 volt systems power the lighting & accessories, and 5 volts is used as reference voltage in EEC systems.



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29. _____ drop voltage and limit current flow and in doing so, produce heat.



1st band	2nd band	Third band	Multiplier band	Multiplier band continued
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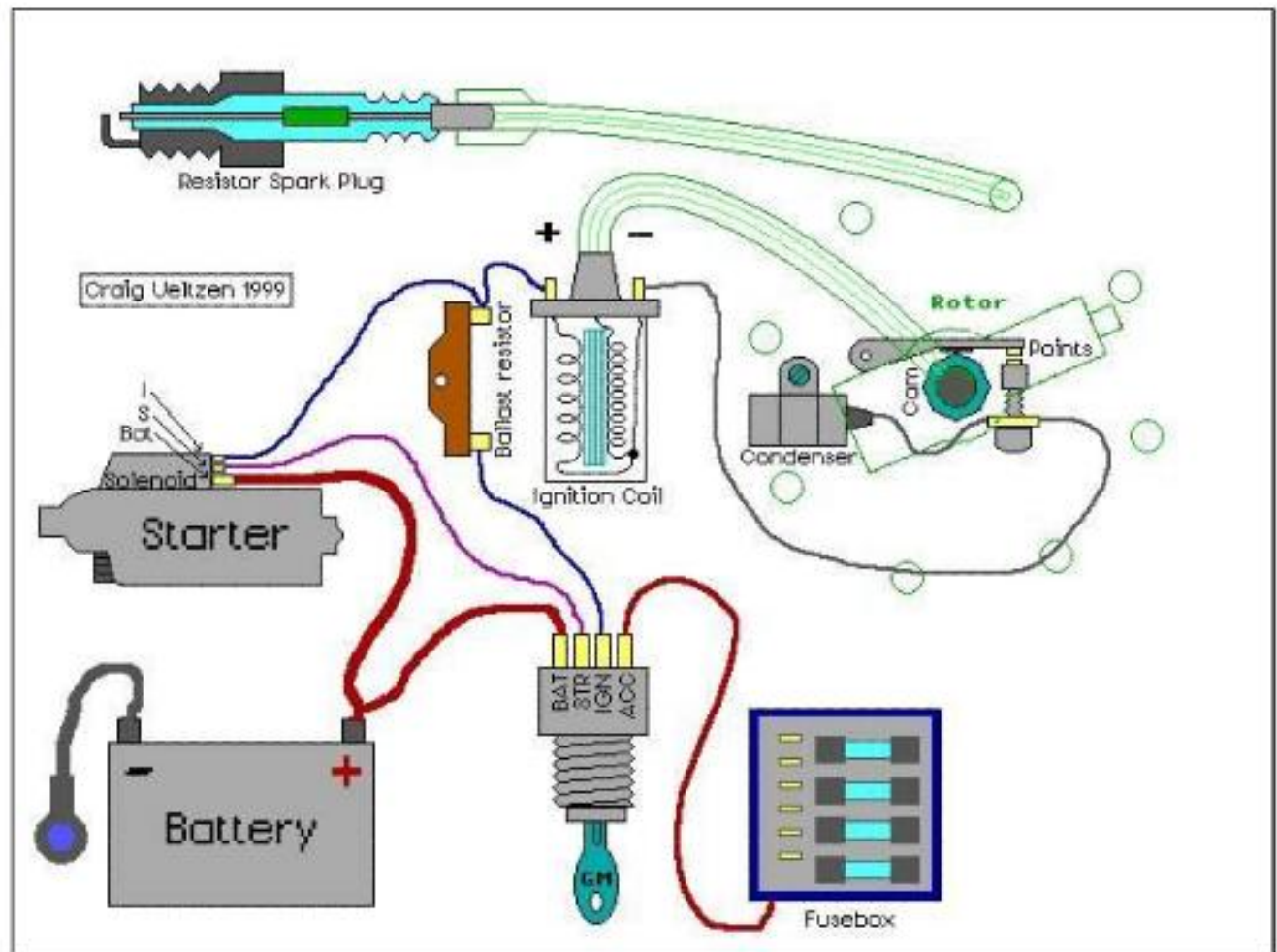
Reset

<http://www.bcae1.com/resistrs.htm>

Resistors
Capacitors
Batteries

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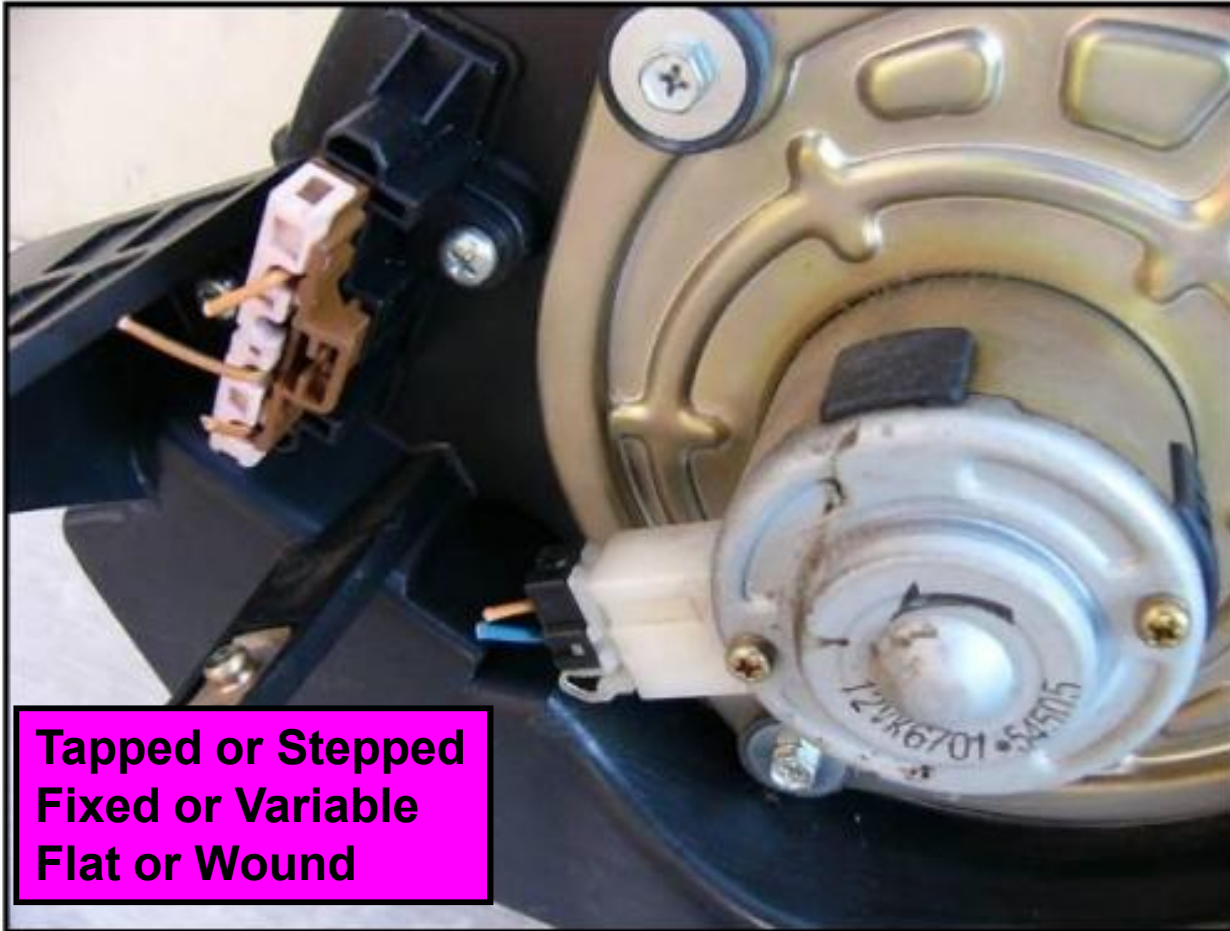
30. An ignition system ballast resistor or resistance wire is an example of a _____ value resistor.



Variable
Fixed

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31. A blower motor resistor is a _____ or _____ resistor used to control fan speed.

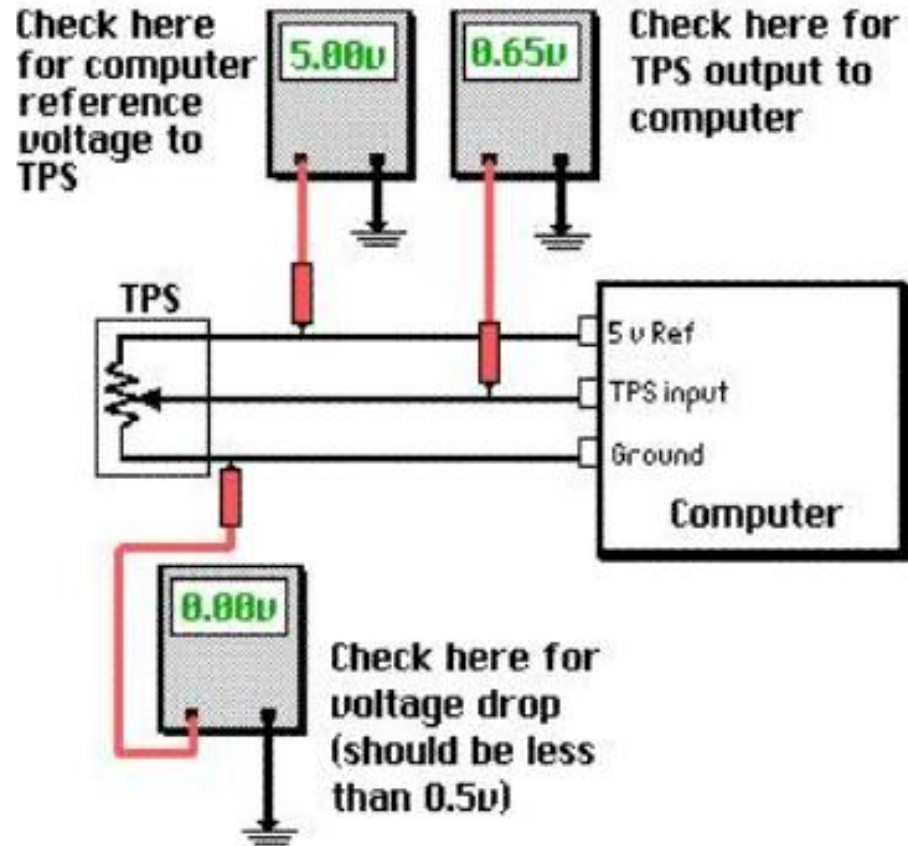


Tapped or Stepped
Fixed or Variable
Flat or Wound



32. A TPS is an example of a _____.
(5 volt reference, signal return & ground connections)

TPS VOLTAGE CHECKS

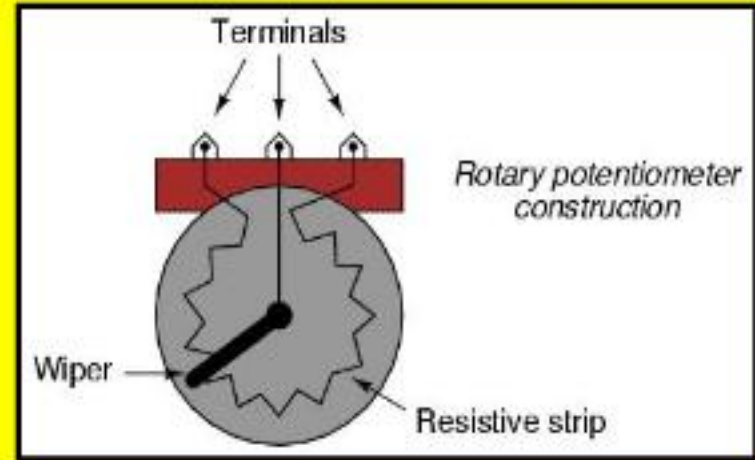


Rheostat
Potentiometer
Thermistor

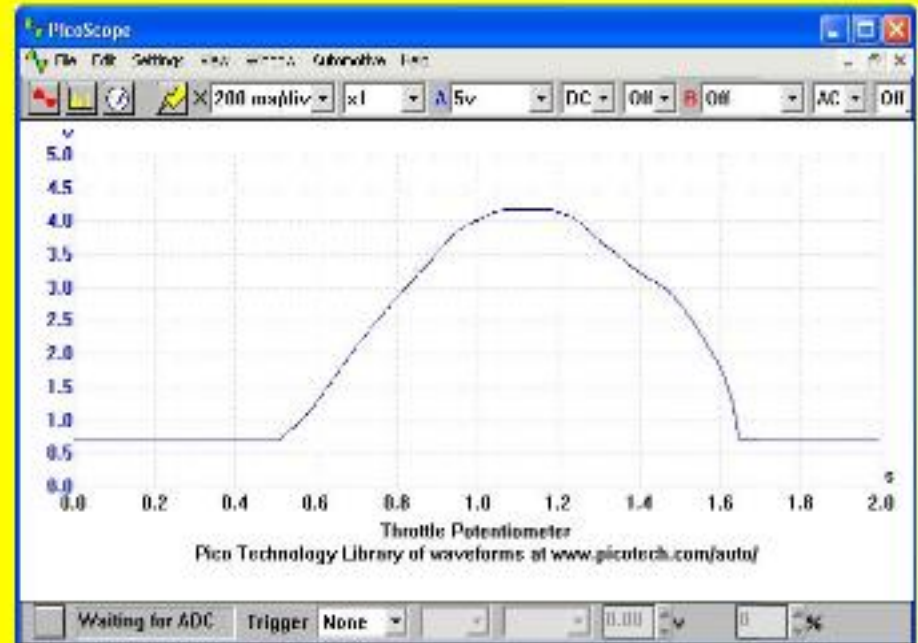
Ballast Resistor



Potentiometer

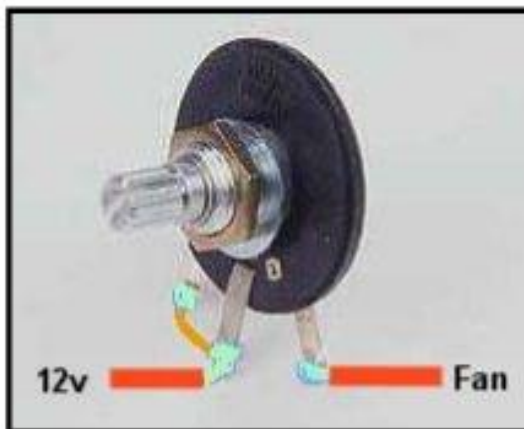


Tapped or Stepped Resistor



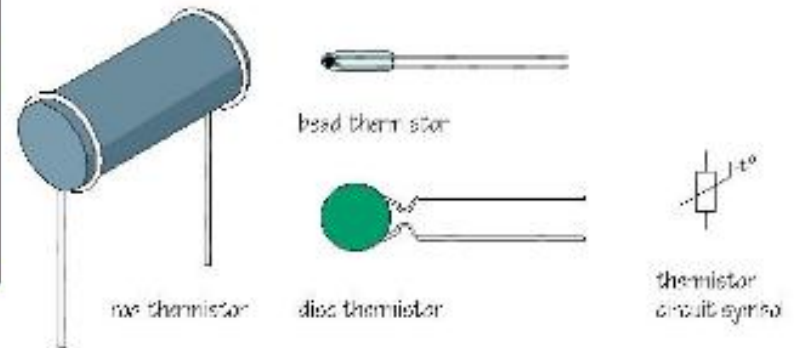
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33. The VAT-40 & VAT 45 machines contain a carbon pile _____ with 2 connections.

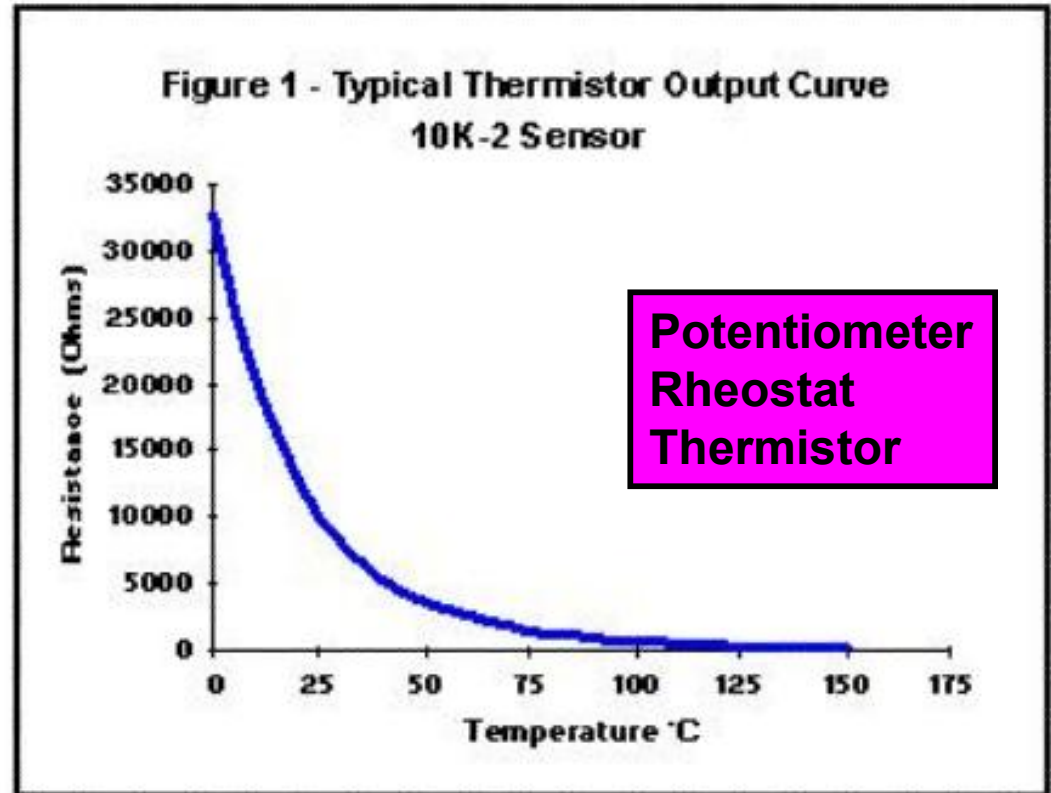


Potentiometer
Rheostat
Frequency

34. A _____ is used to provide compensating voltage in components or act as a temperature sensor as in an IAT or an ECT. They may be NTC or PTC in design.

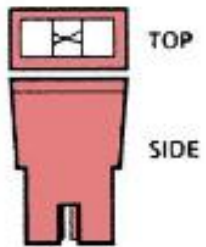


Thermistors are thermally sensitive resistors known for exhibiting a large change in resistance with only a small change in temperature. It is important to note that a thermistor's change in resistance is non-linear. It follows a pre-defined curve which is provided by the thermistor manufacturer. An example of a thermistor output curve can be seen in Figure 1. Thermistors are manufactured to follow a specific curve with a high degree of accuracy.

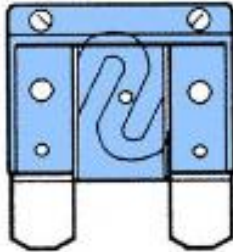


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35. Circuit protection from amperage overloads or shorts that cause increased current flow is provided by _____, _____, _____ - _____, & _____.



Fuse Element



Maxifuse

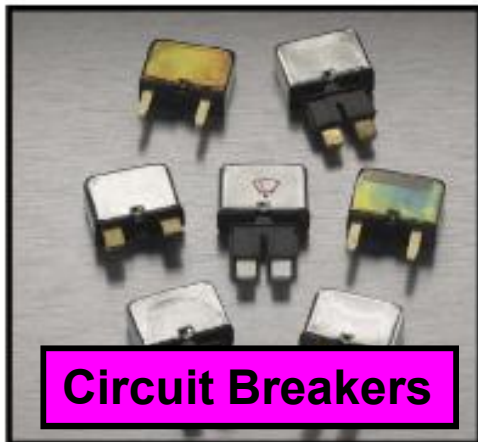
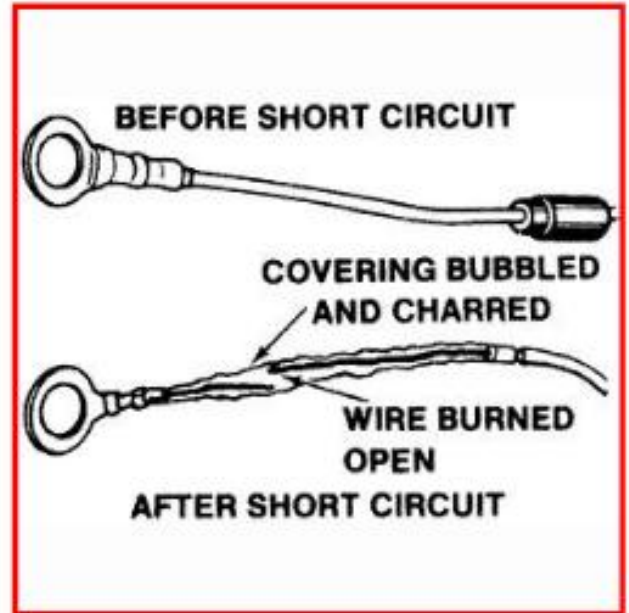


Autofuse



Minifuse

**Protection from
Resistance Down
& Amperage Up**



Circuit Breakers



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36. Some circuit breakers are _____, while others need to be manually reset.

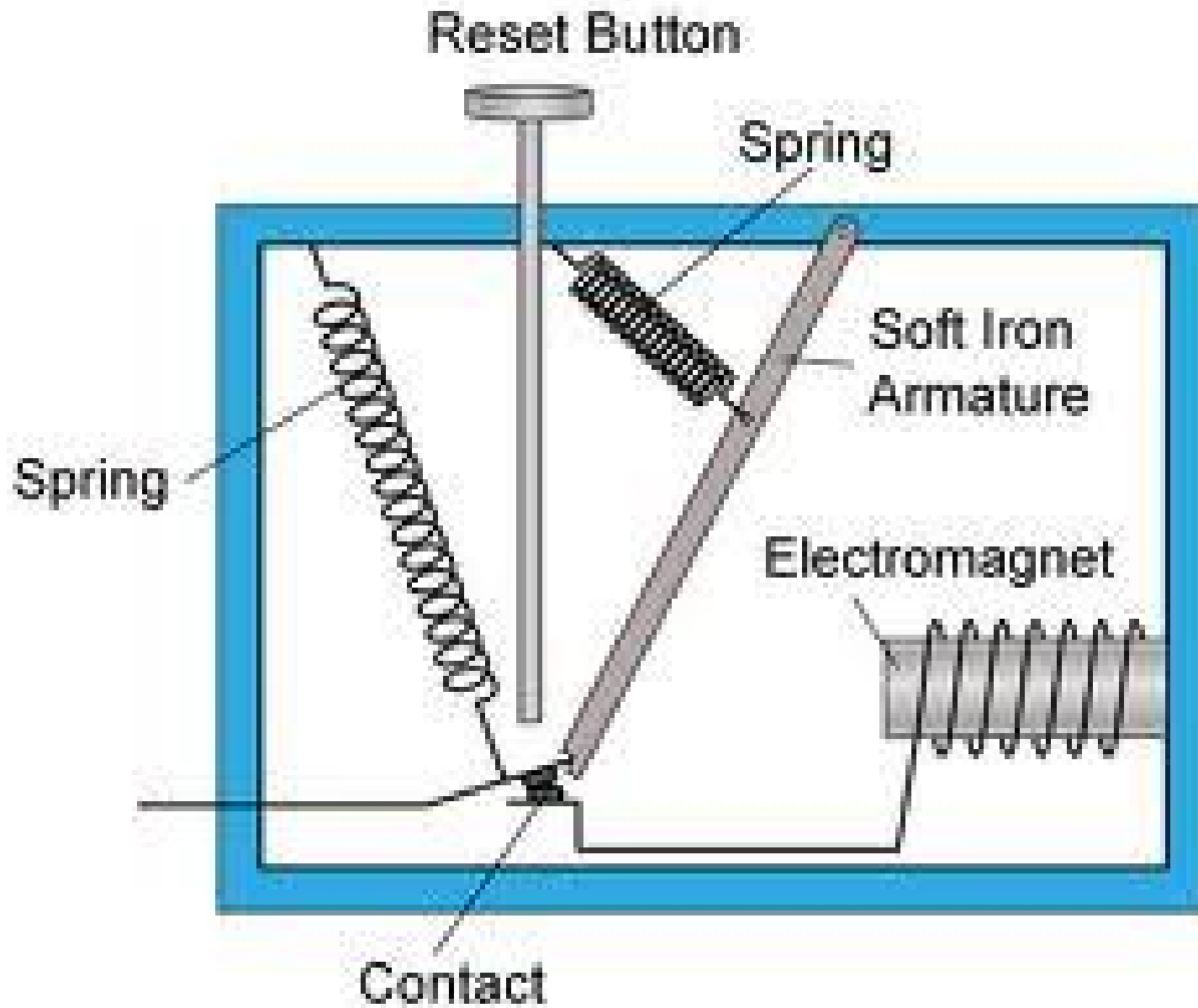
Auto Reset Circuit Breaker

Single pole thermal type breakers which are used in 6 - 24VDC circuits. Applications include trucks, buses, portable generators, recreational vehicles, trolling motors and *others*. *Conforms to SAE J553 standard.*



Series
Parallel
Cycling

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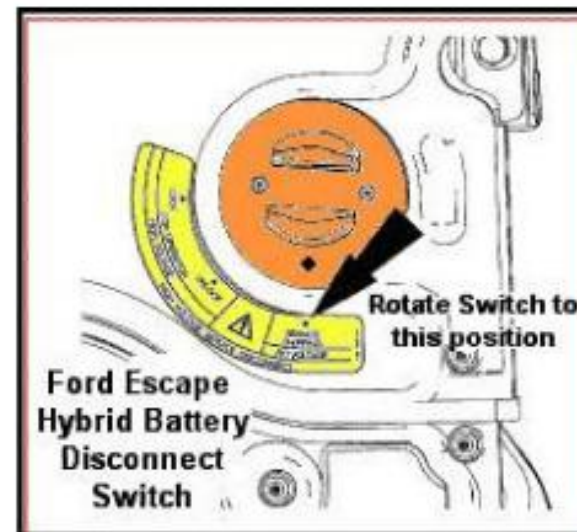
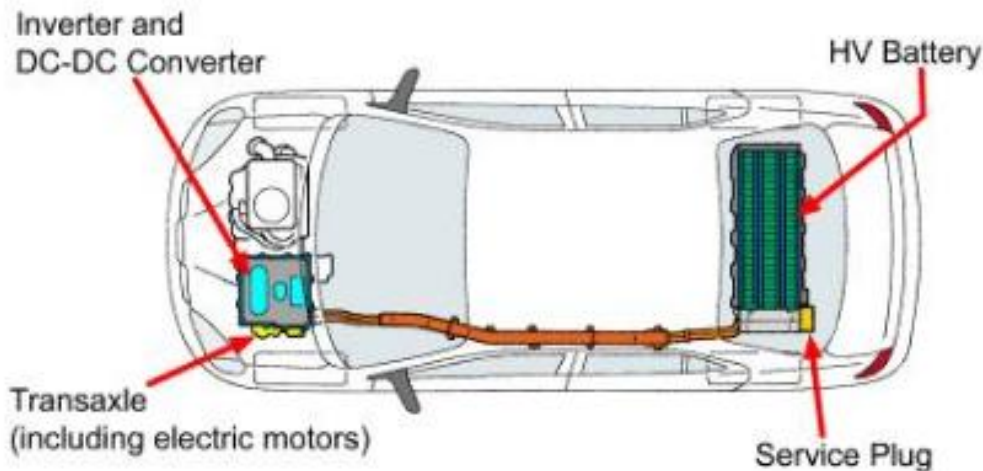
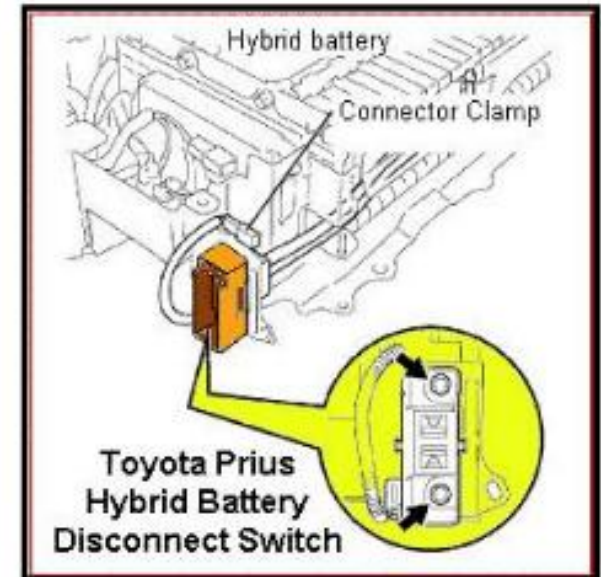


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37. _____ (42 volt) protection devices have unique designs to prevent wrong installation.



High Voltage
Low Voltage
Orange & Blue

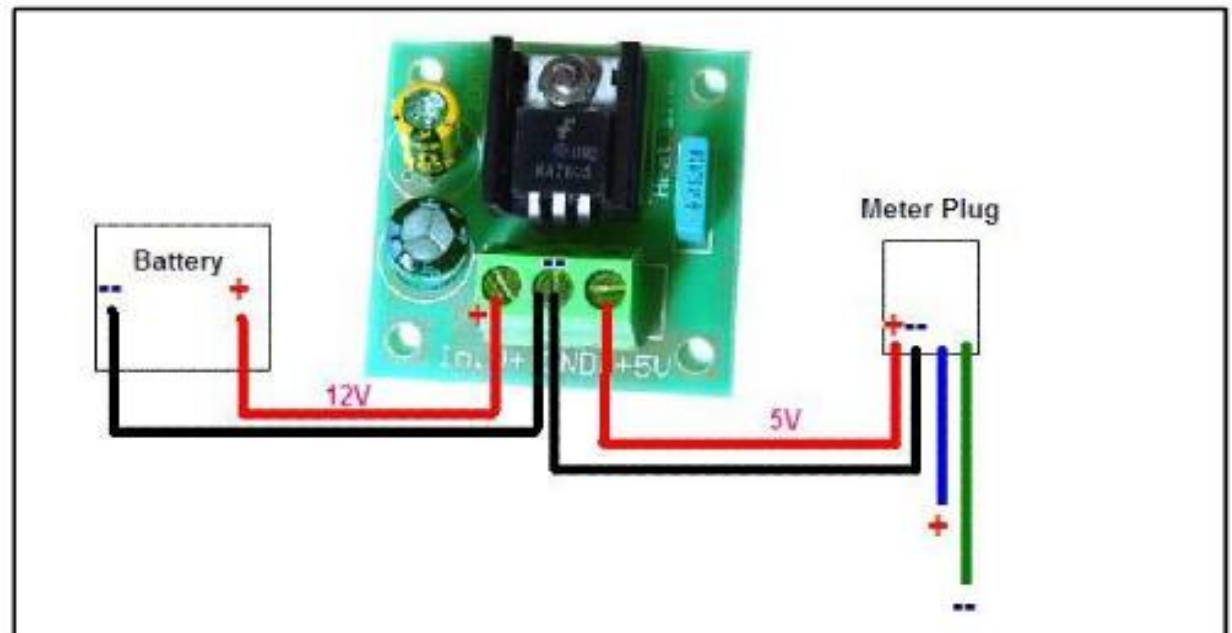


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38. Instrument Voltage _____ (IVR) restrict voltage to sensitive instrument cluster gauges.



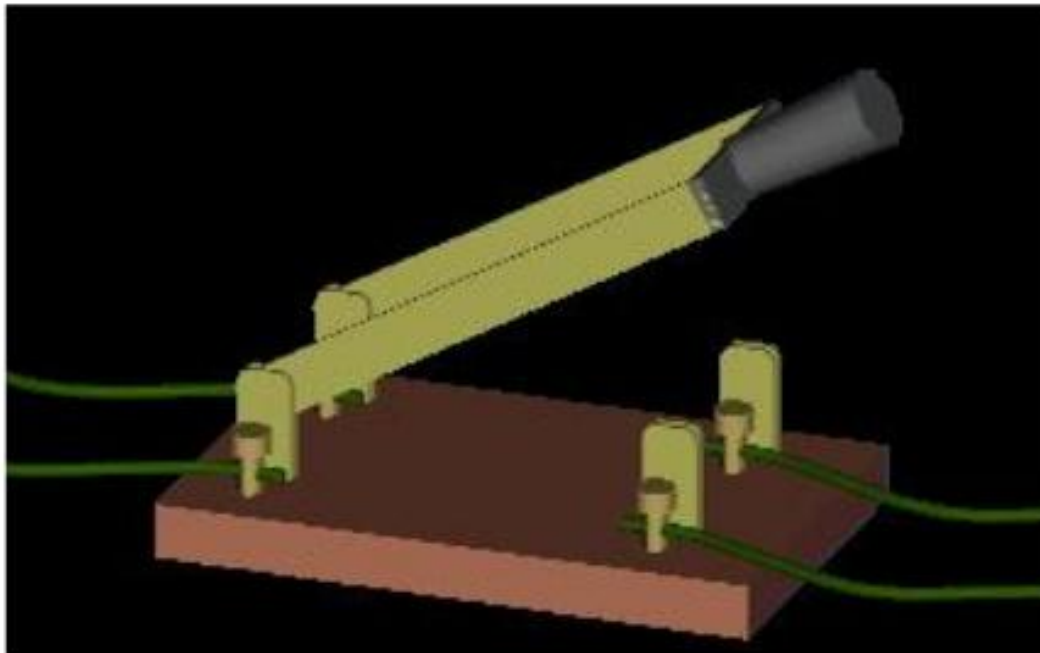
Simulators
Resistors
Regulators



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39. A switch is described by it's _____ (# of output circuits) & its _____ (# of input circuits). (SPDT)

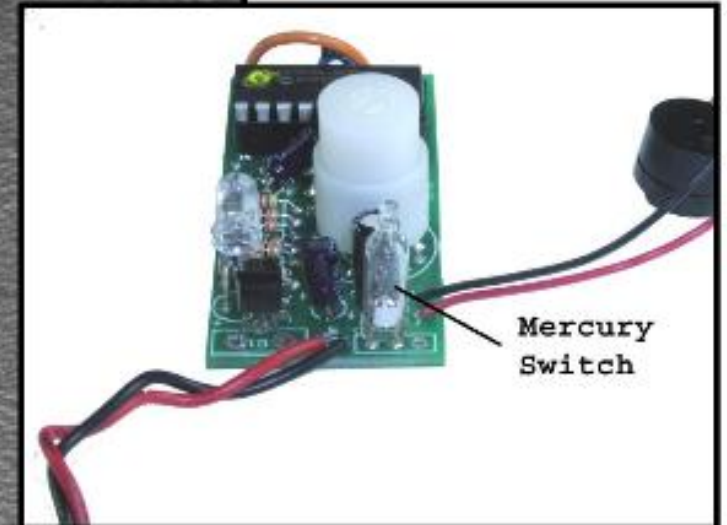


It is said that this switch has Double Poles, and a Single Throw. This switch is known as a DPST switch.

Throws & Poles

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40. A _____ switch is used to detect motion, as in the opening of the trunk or hood.



Mercury
Hydrogen
Copper

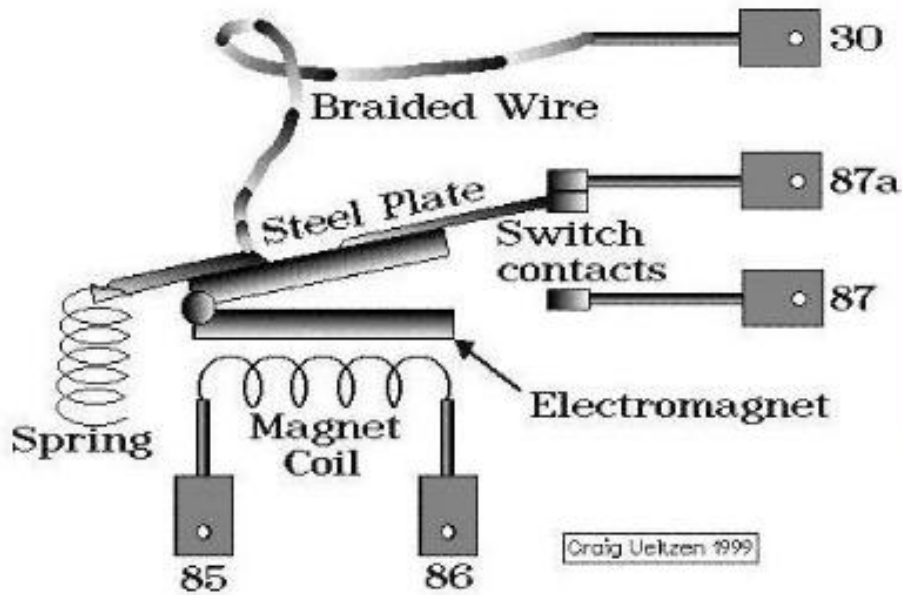
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41. A temperature-sensitive switch usually contains a _____ element.
It can be NO or NC.



Mechanical
Chemical
Thermal

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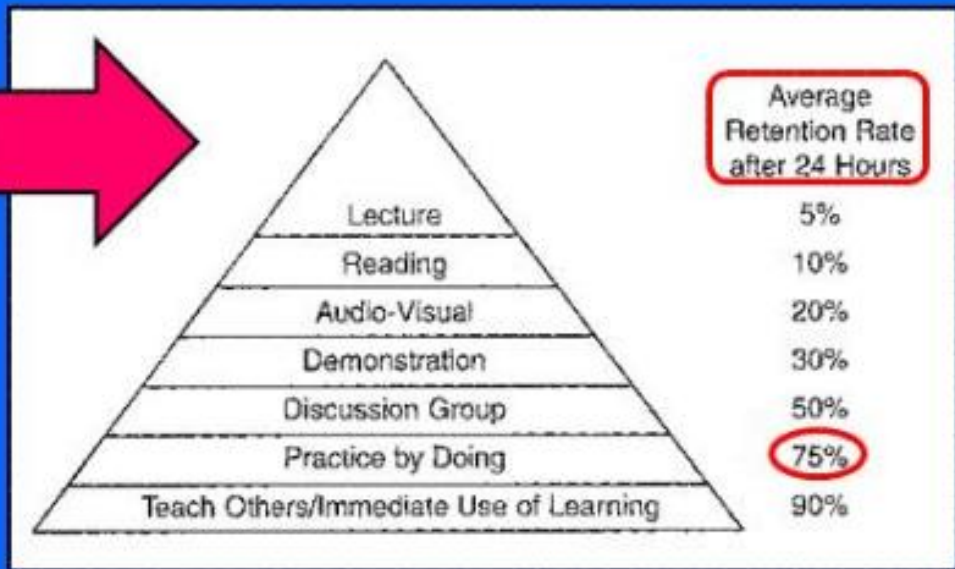
42. A relay is an electromagnetic switch that allows a small amount of current to control a higher current circuit.
#85 to #86 = coil
#30 = source
#87 = switched current
#87a = sensing or NC



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43. Explain Relay Operation in your own words:

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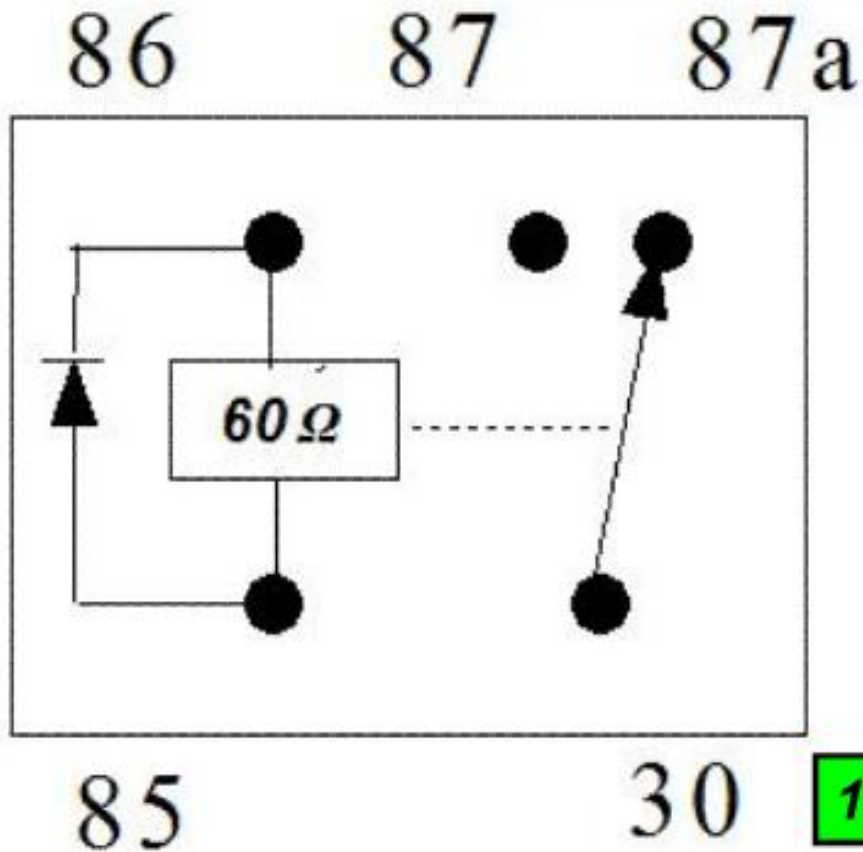


If the coil between 85 & 86 is energized with a small current, then the contacts between 30 & 87 pull shut & conduct a higher current.

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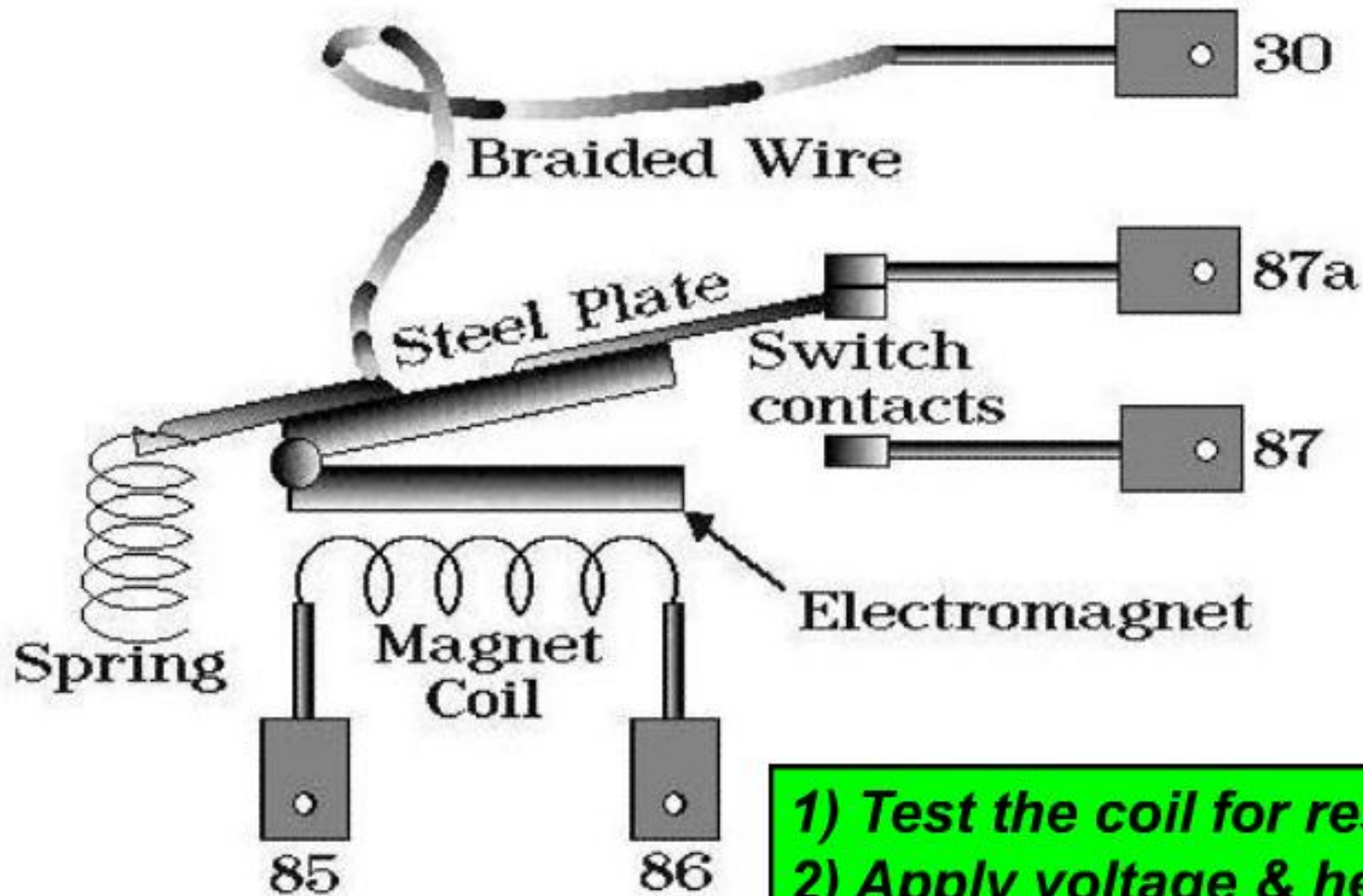
44. The voltage into a relay (12) is the same as the voltage going out.
True or False

12 volts out at #87



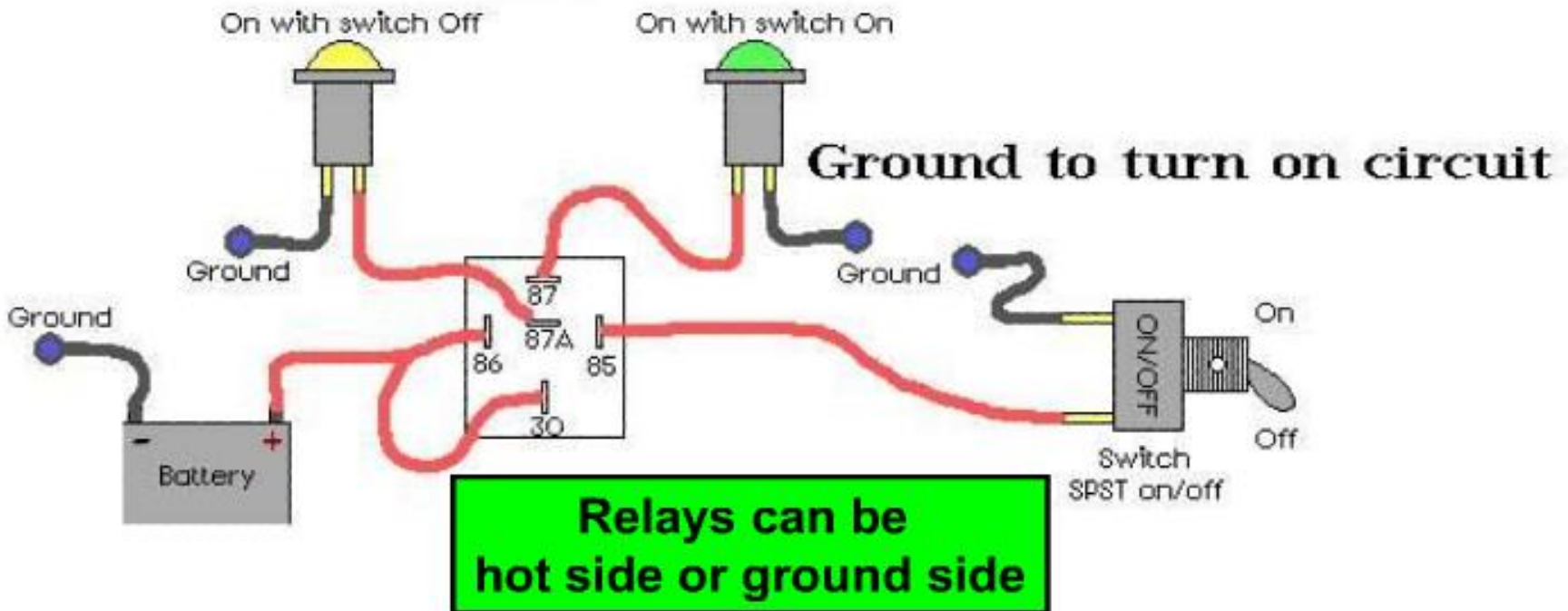
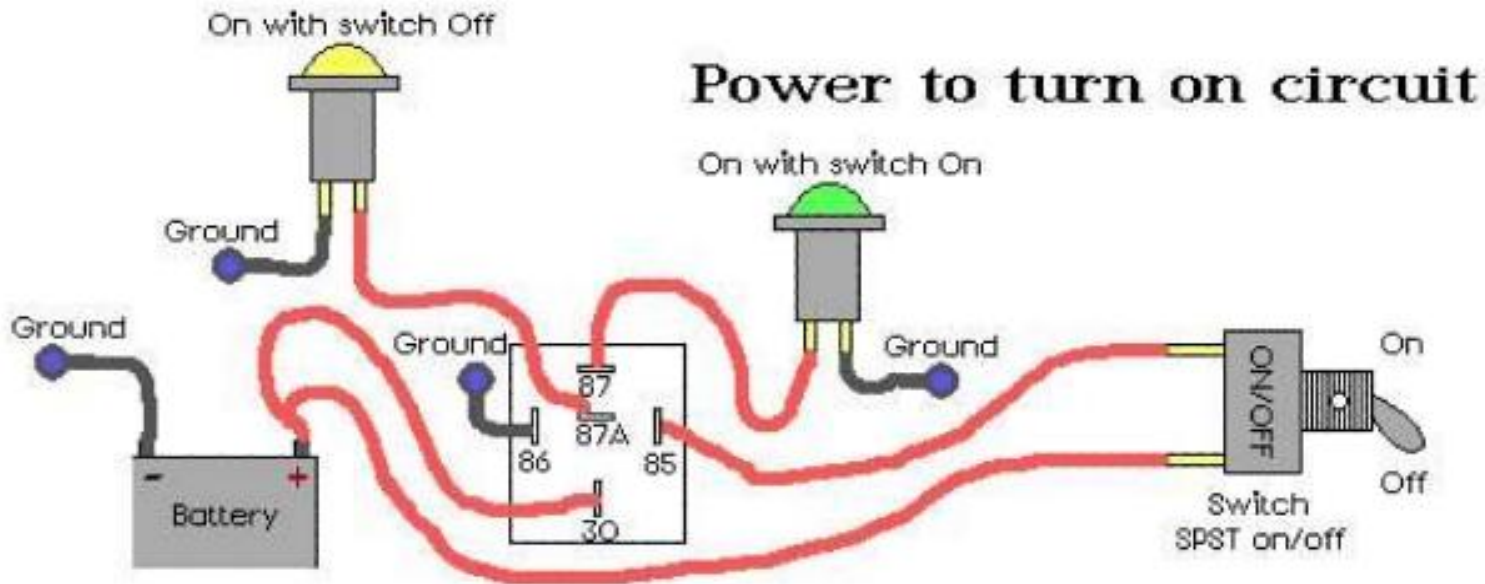
12 volts in at #30

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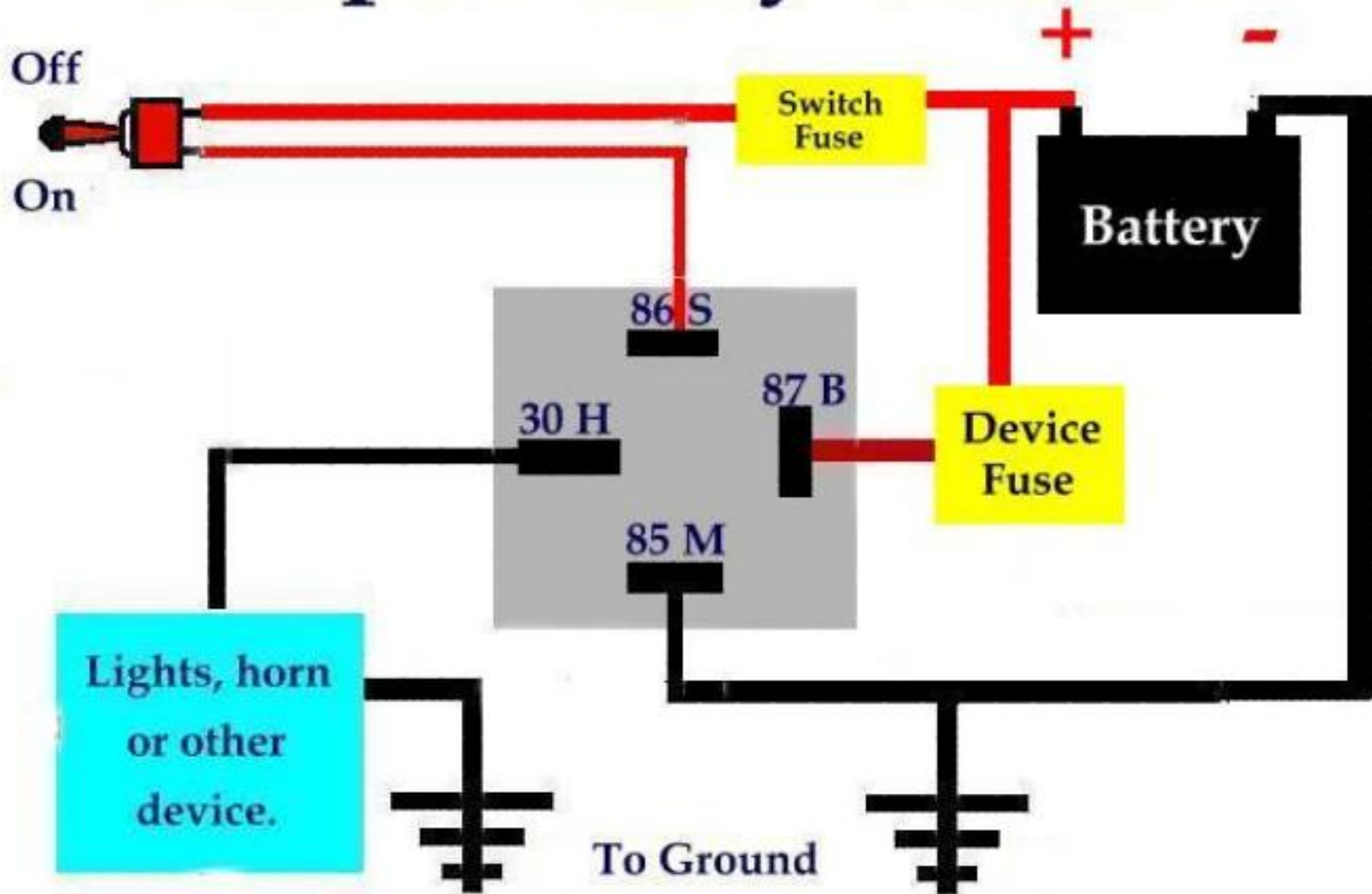


- 1) Test the coil for resistance
- 2) Apply voltage & hear the click
- 3) VERIFY 30 to 87 continuity

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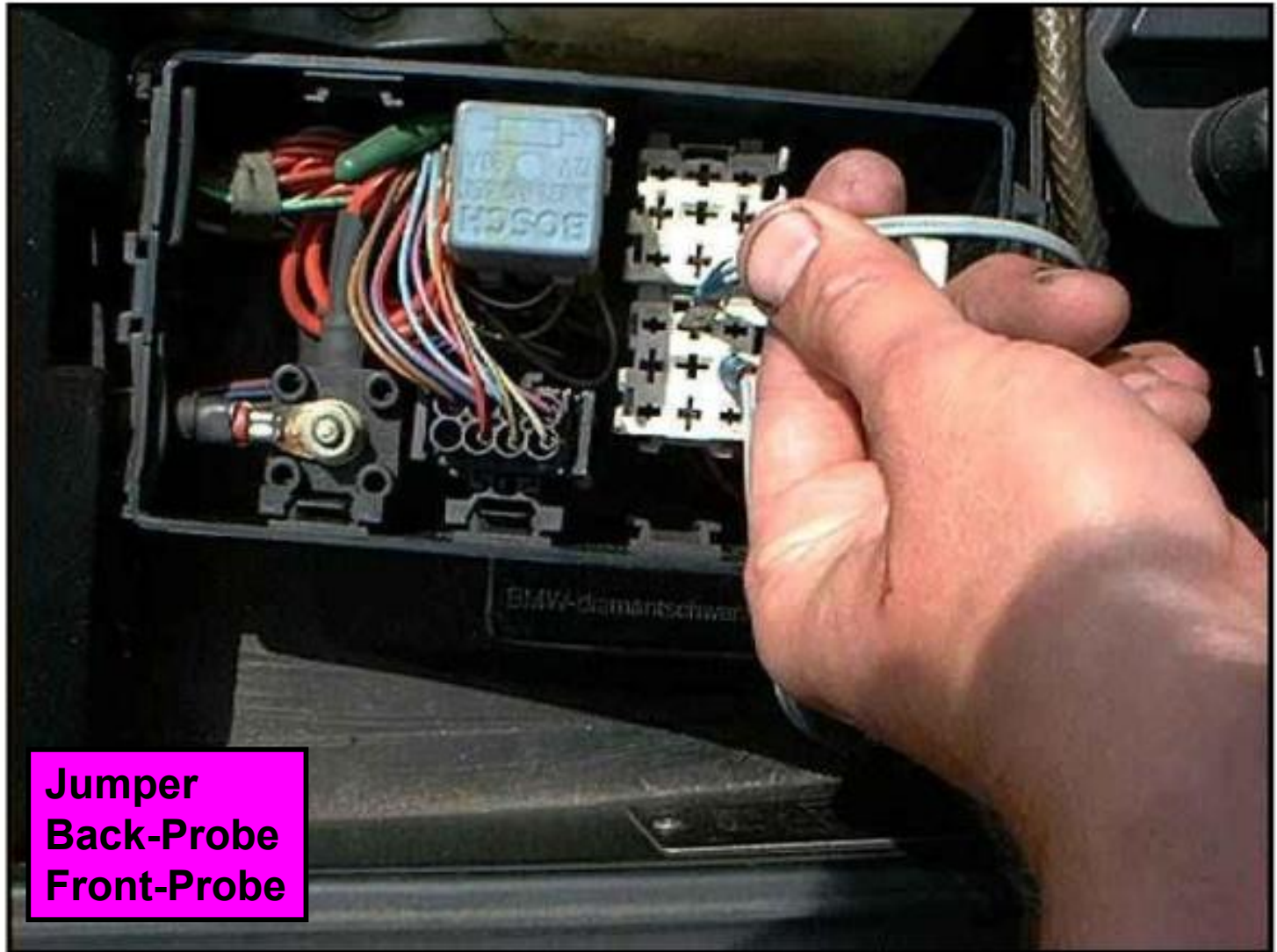
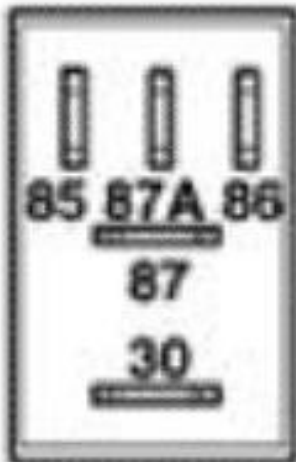
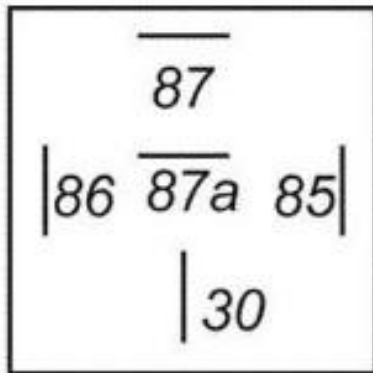


Simple Relay Circuit.



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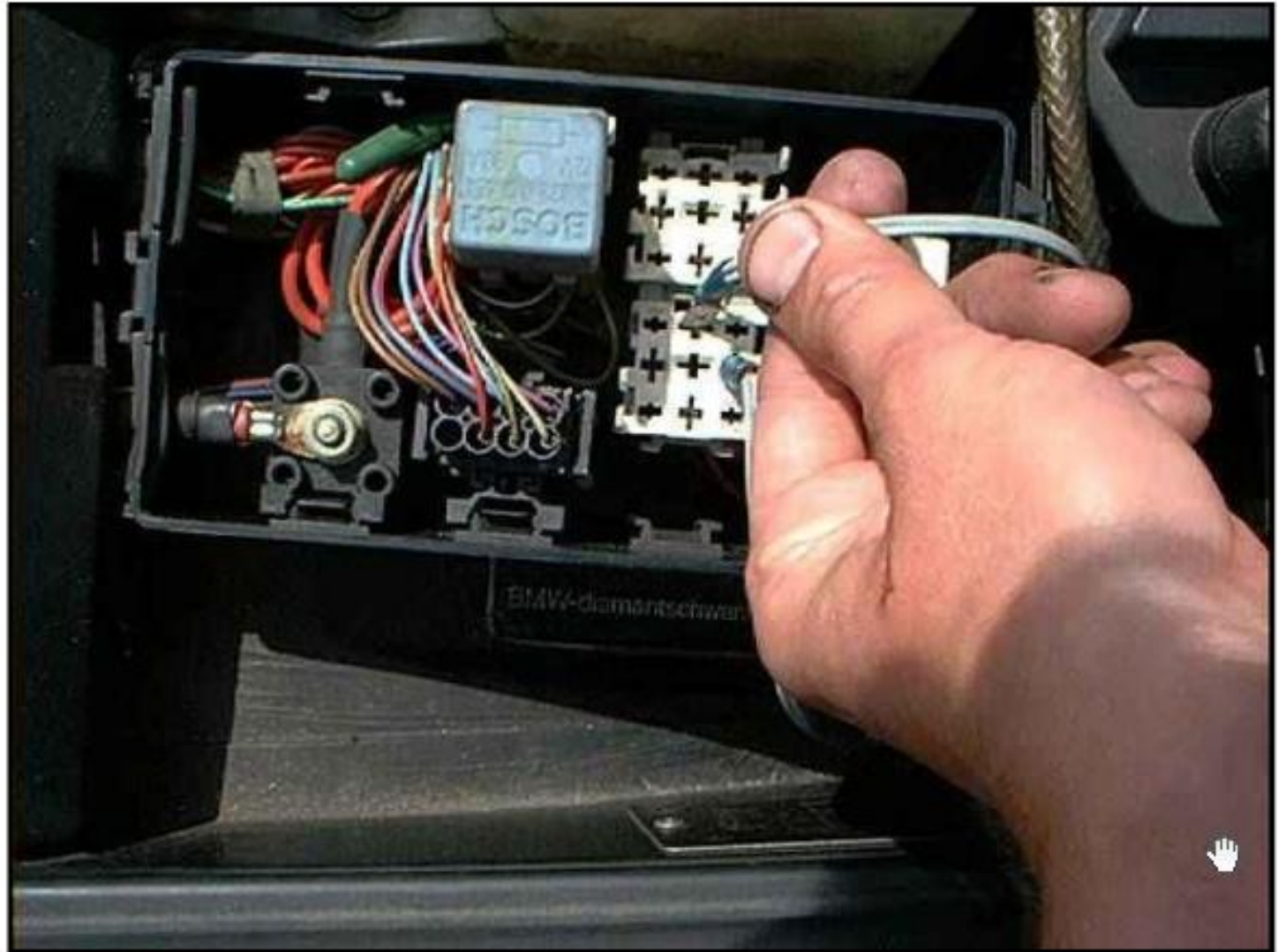
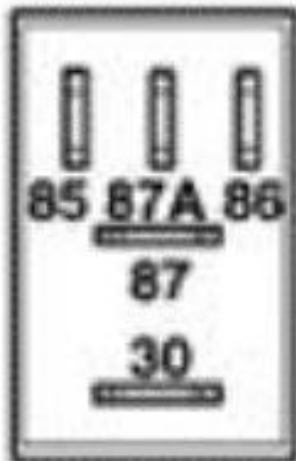
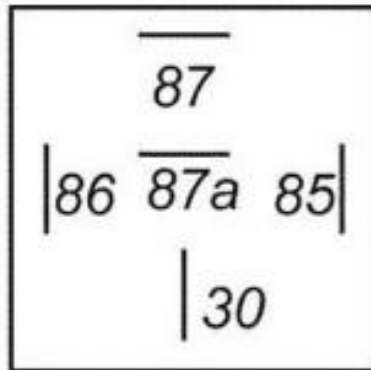
45. Suspect relays can be checked with _____ wires or by substitution with a known good unit.



Jumper
Back-Probe
Front-Probe

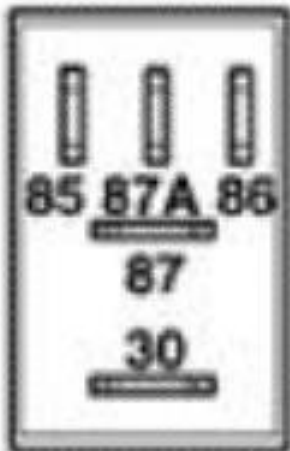
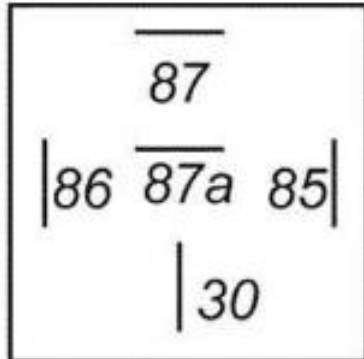
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46. Explain trouble shooting by “substitution with a known good unit”.

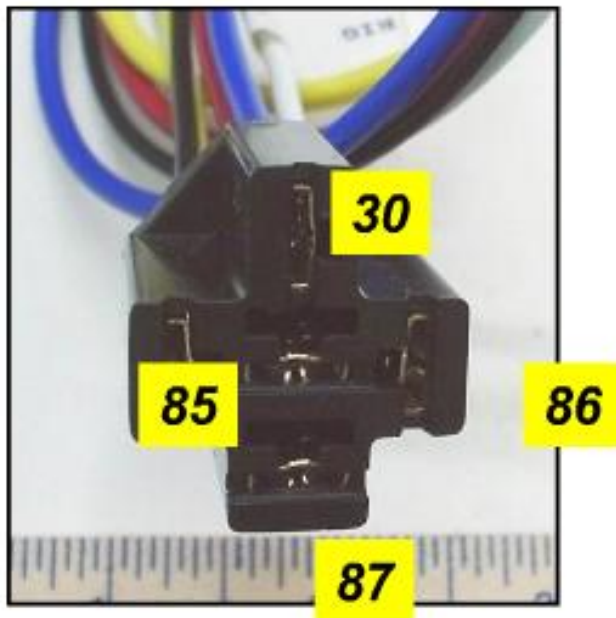
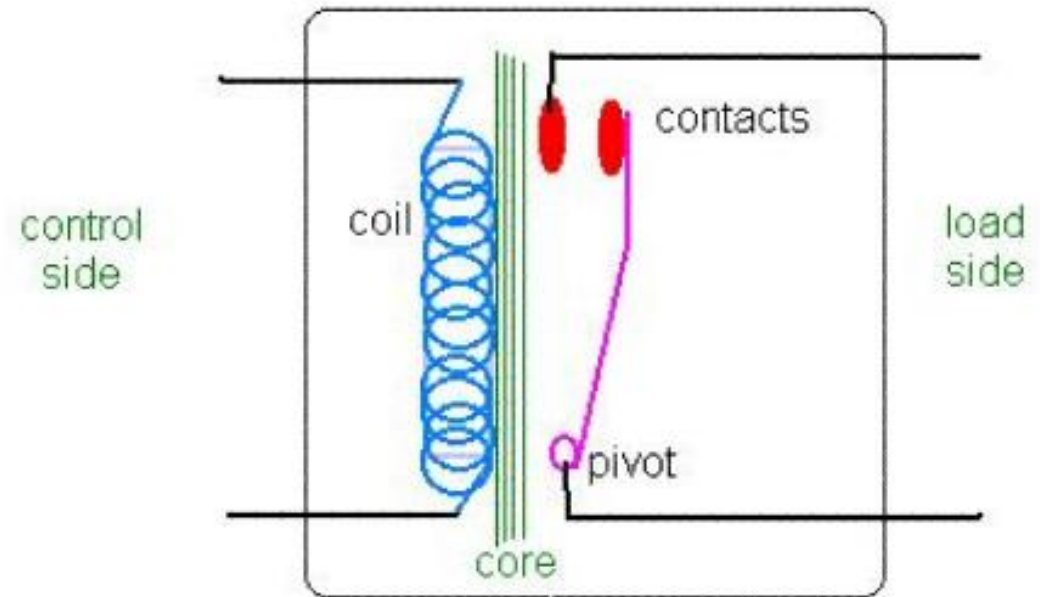


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47. What are some drawbacks of this technique?



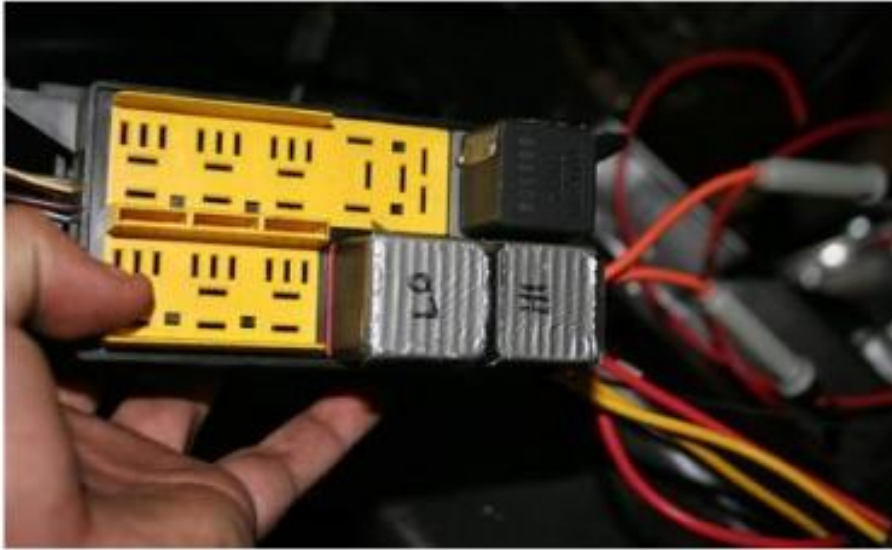
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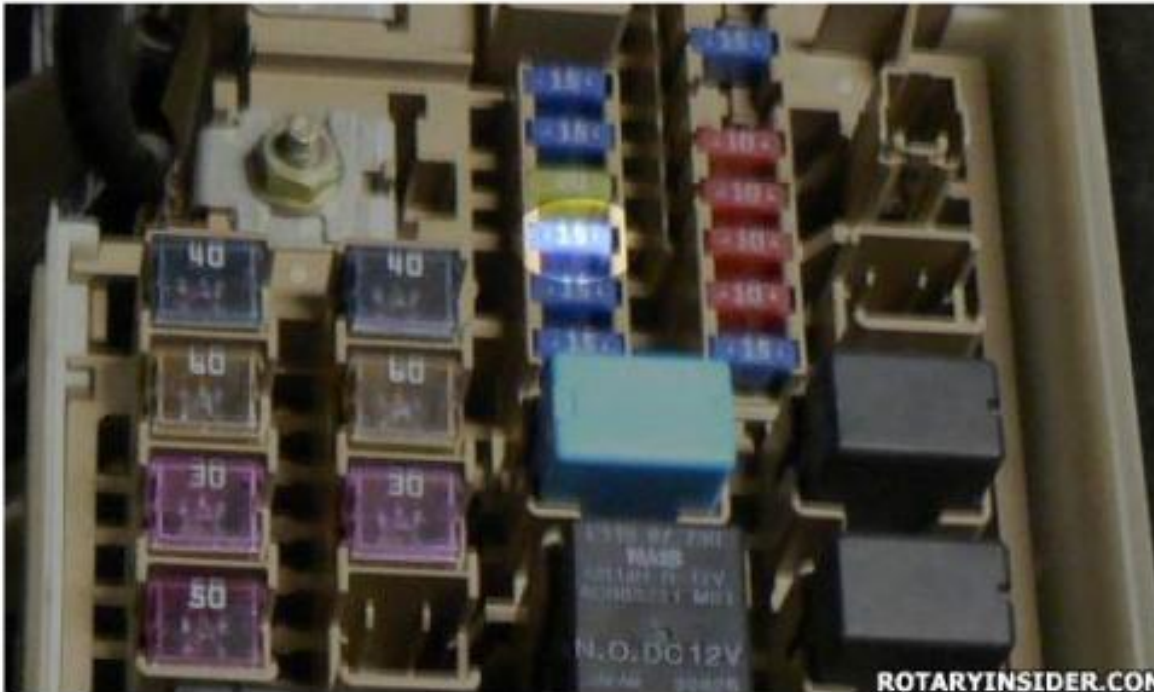
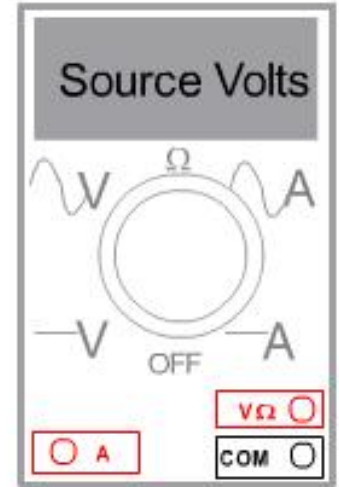
Relay "Foot Print"



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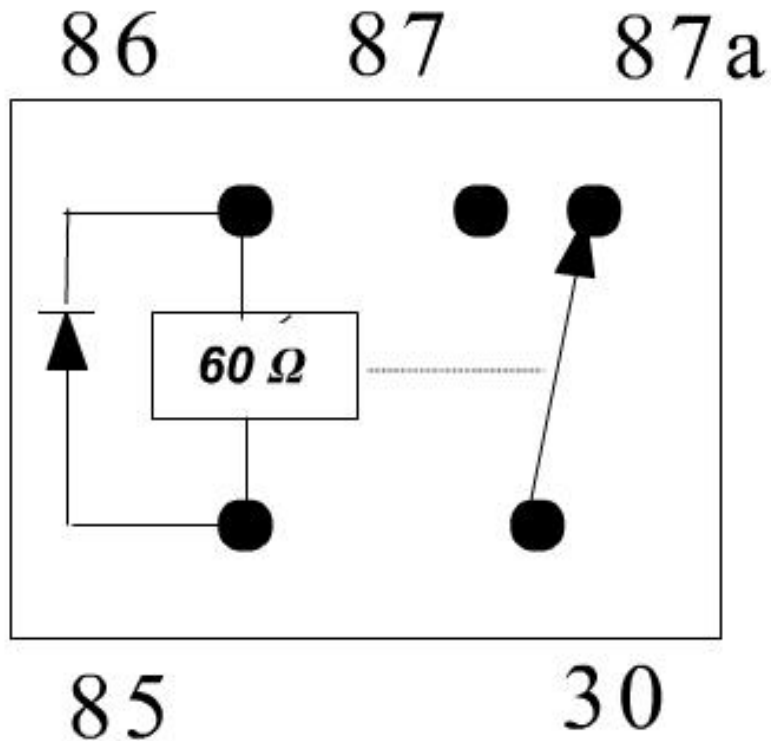


Please Check for Source Voltage!



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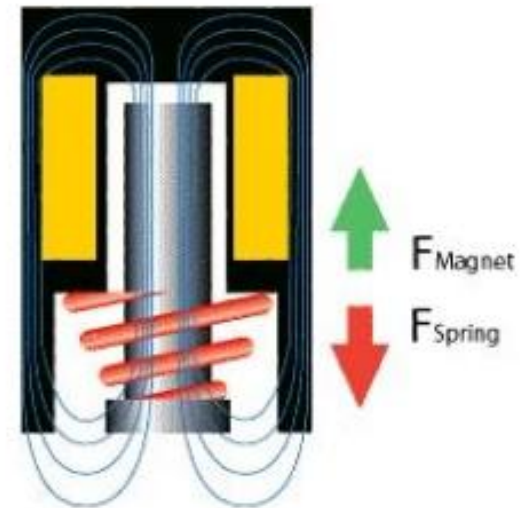
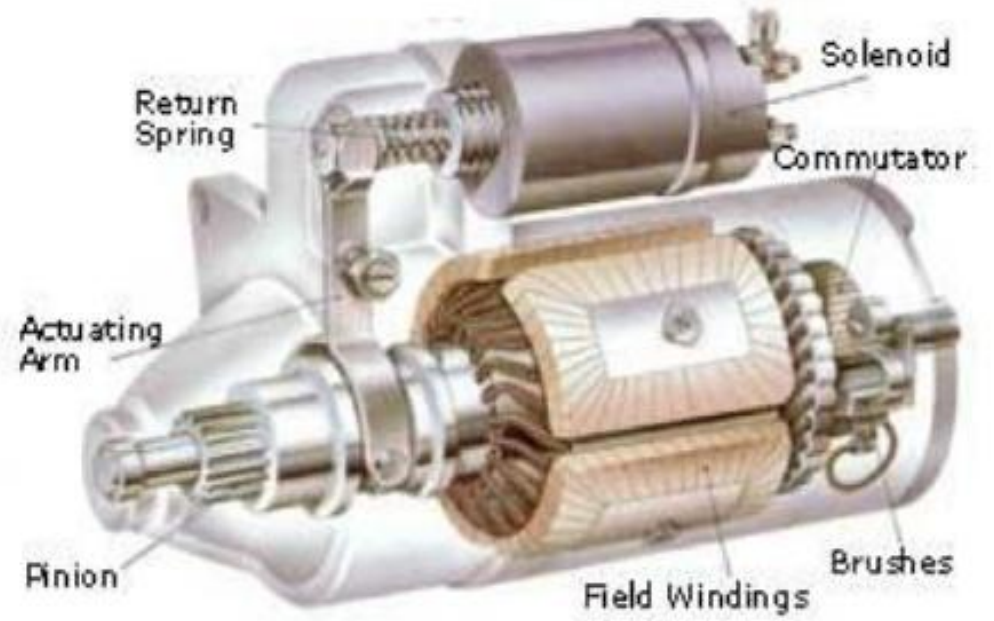
What if the substitute relay coil was shorted to $6\ \Omega$ and the circuit was designed for a $60\text{-}80\ \Omega$ load?



Modules operate in the "control side" of relays

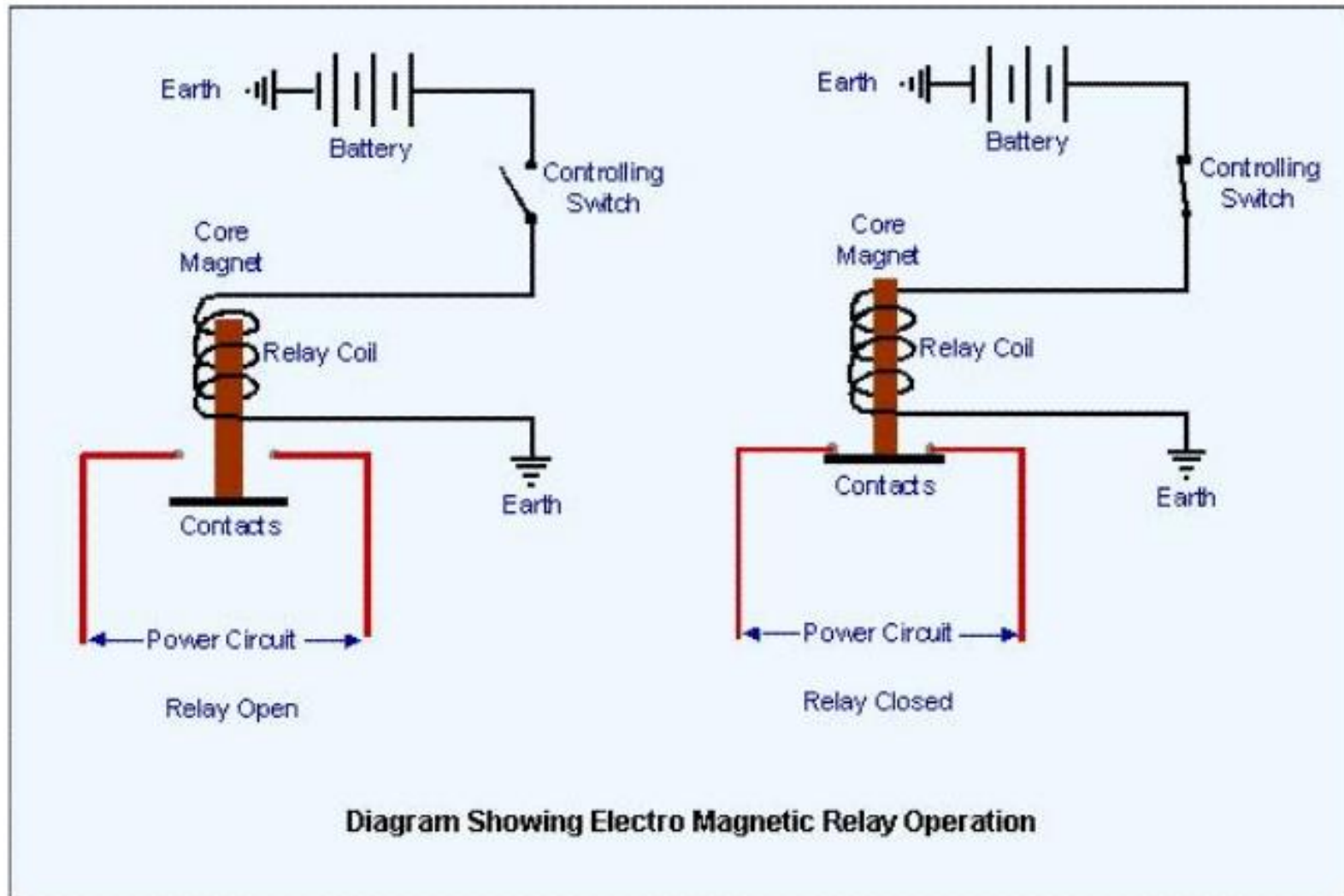


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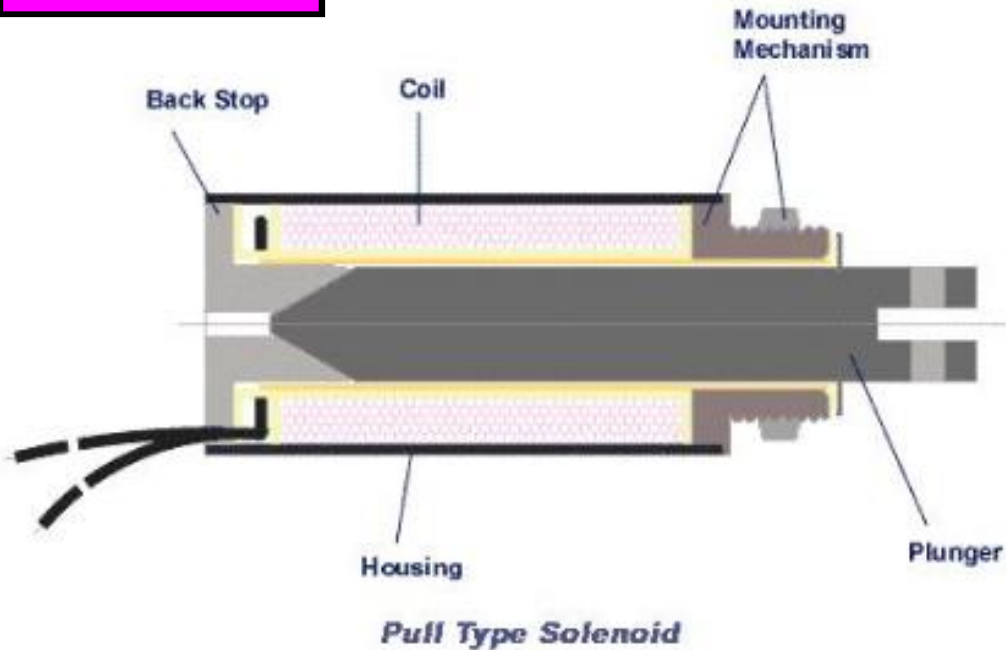
Relay Operation: Relays are electro-mechanical, “if : then” switches.
If the coil between 85 to 86 is energized (fed & grounded) :
Then the contacts between 30 & 87 close to conduct. (continuity)



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48. A _____ is an electromagnetic switch with a hollow coil of wire and a movable soft iron core or plunger that uses a small amount of current to control a larger current. (starter)

Relay
Solenoid
Transformer



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49. Conductors are materials that have *less than 4 electrons in their outer orbit.* (loosely held)

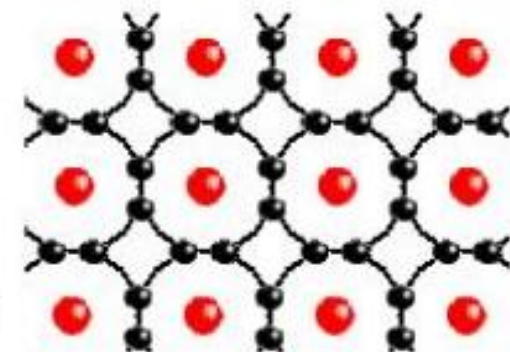
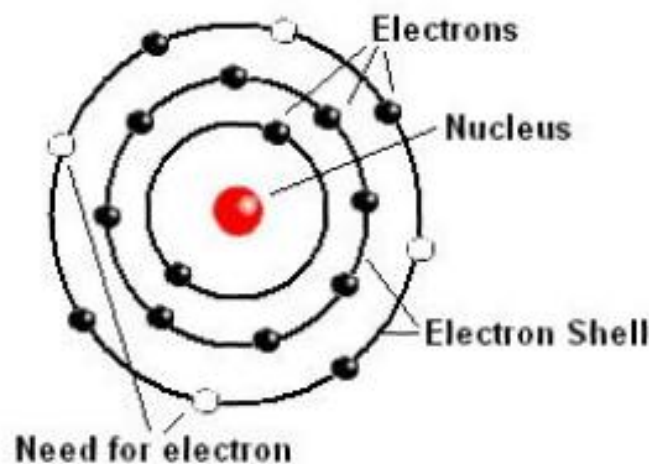
Steel, Copper, Gold, Aluminum

50. Insulators are materials that have *more than 4 electrons in their outer orbit.* (tightly held)

Mica, Rubber, Some Plastics

Semi conductors have exactly 4 electrons in their valence ring

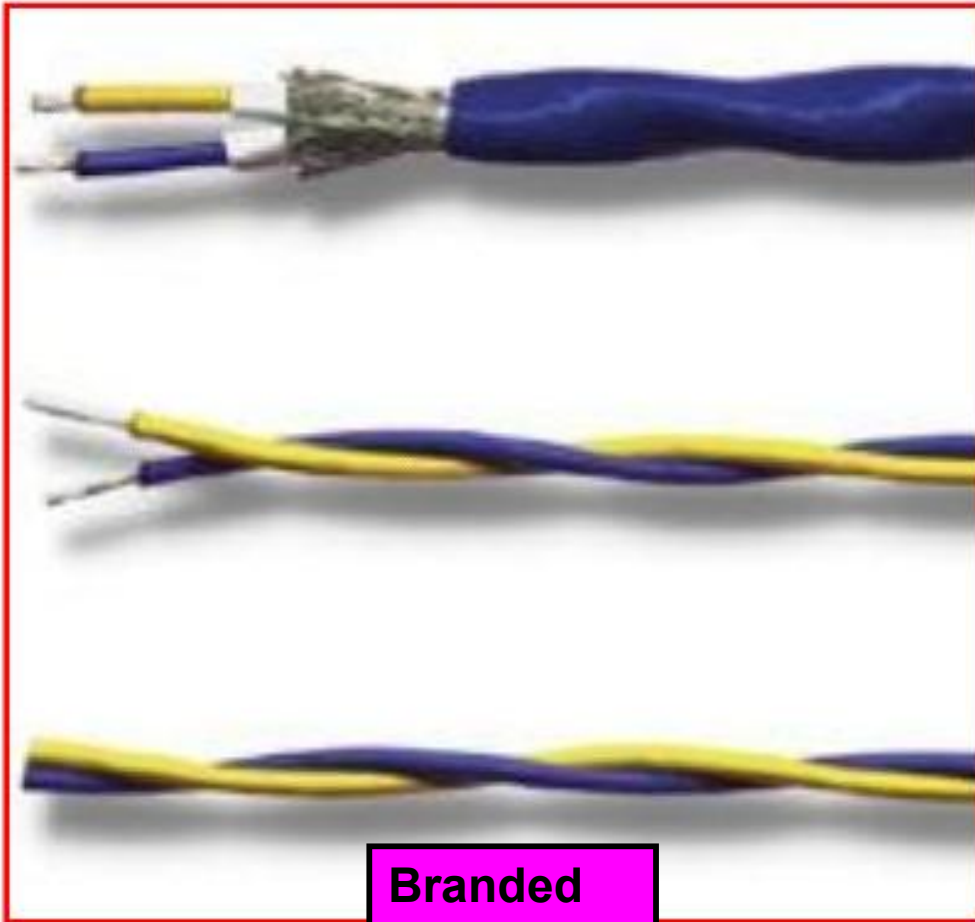
Silicon & Germanium



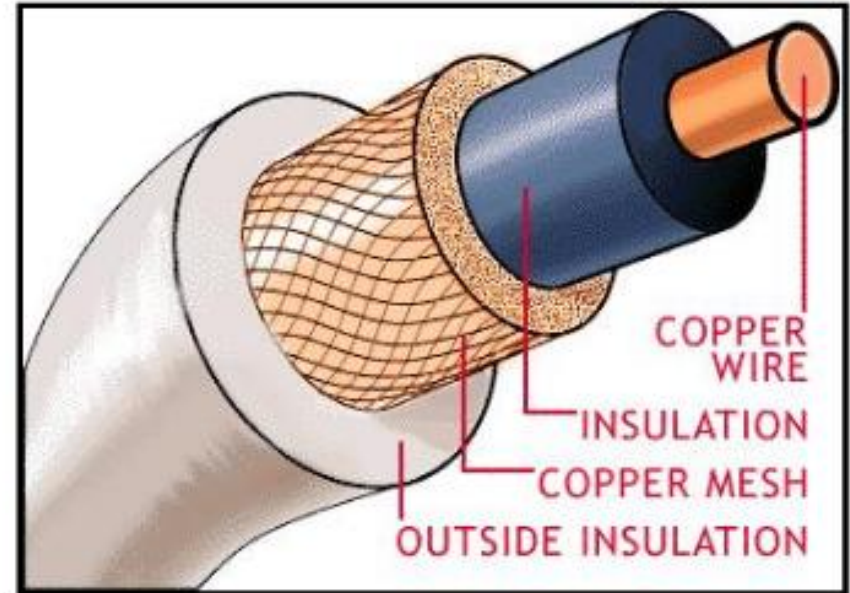
Silicon Atoms sharing electrons to make each other happy.

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51. Most automotive wiring is multi-_____ for flexibility. A shielded cable, like coaxial, or twisted pairs are often used to prevent unwanted induced voltage interference in CAN circuits.

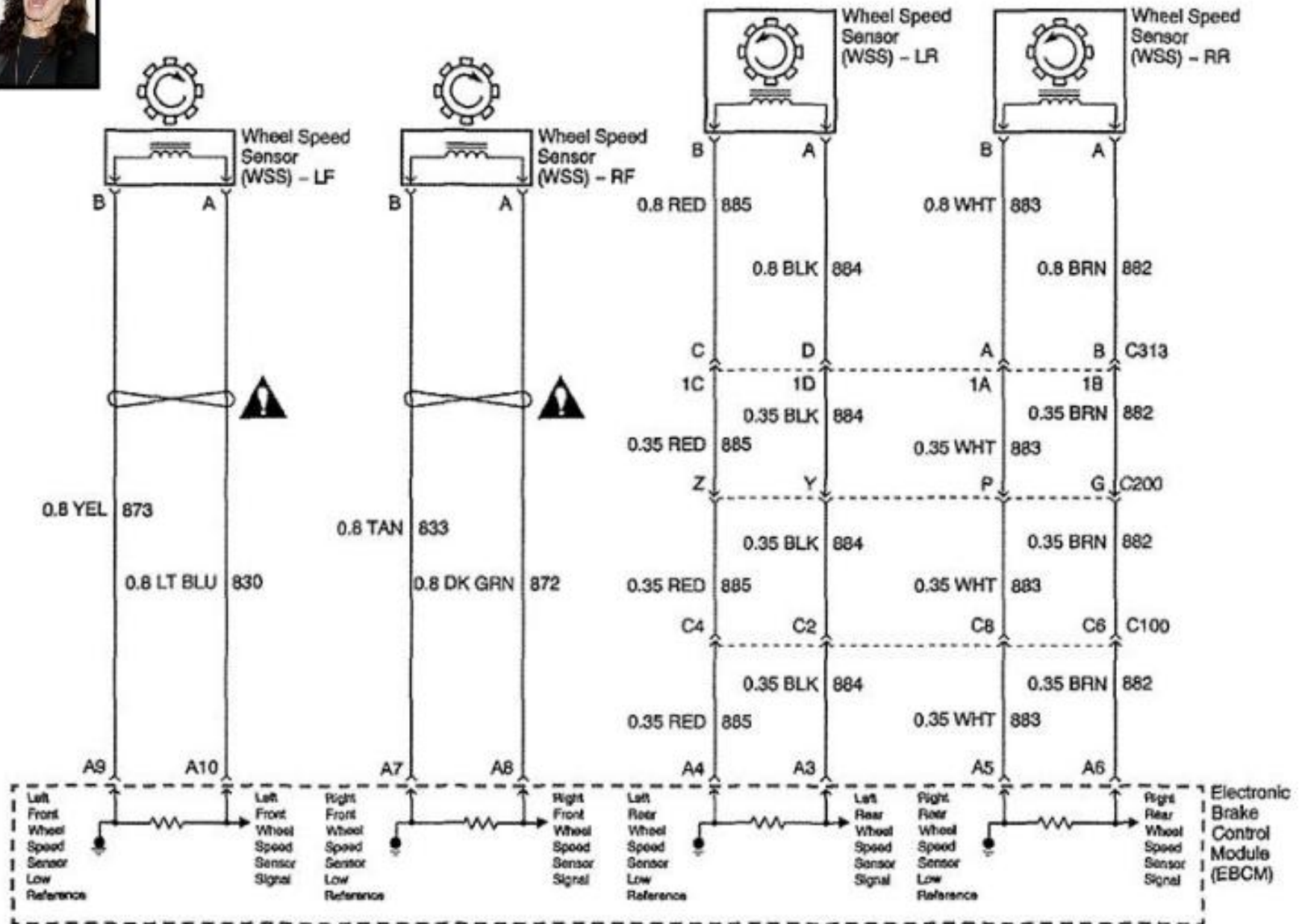


Branded
Stranded
Demanded



A bundle of unshielded twisted pair (UTP)

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52. The larger the AWG number, the _____ in diameter a wire is.
(metric is opposite!!)



Smaller
Larger

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Conversion table - American Wire Gauge - mm. - mm²

AWG N°	Diam. mm.	Area mm ²		AWG N°	Diam. mm.	Area mm ²
1	7,350	42,400		16	1,290	1,3100
2	6,540	33,600		17	1,150	1,0400
3	5,190	21,200		18	1,024	0,8230
4	5,190	21,200		19	0,912	0,6530
5	4,620	16,800		20	0,812	0,5190
6	4,110	13,300		21	0,723	0,4120
7	3,670	10,600		22	0,644	0,3250
8	3,260	8,350		23	0,573	0,2590
9	2,910	6,620		24	0,511	0,2050
10	2,590	5,270		25	0,455	0,1630
11	2,300	4,150		26	0,405	0,1280
12	2,050	3,310		27	0,361	0,1020
13	1,830	2,630		28	0,321	0,0804
14	1,630	2,080		29	0,286	0,0646
15	1,450	1,650		30	0,255	0,0503

Tnt-Audio Internet HiFi Review

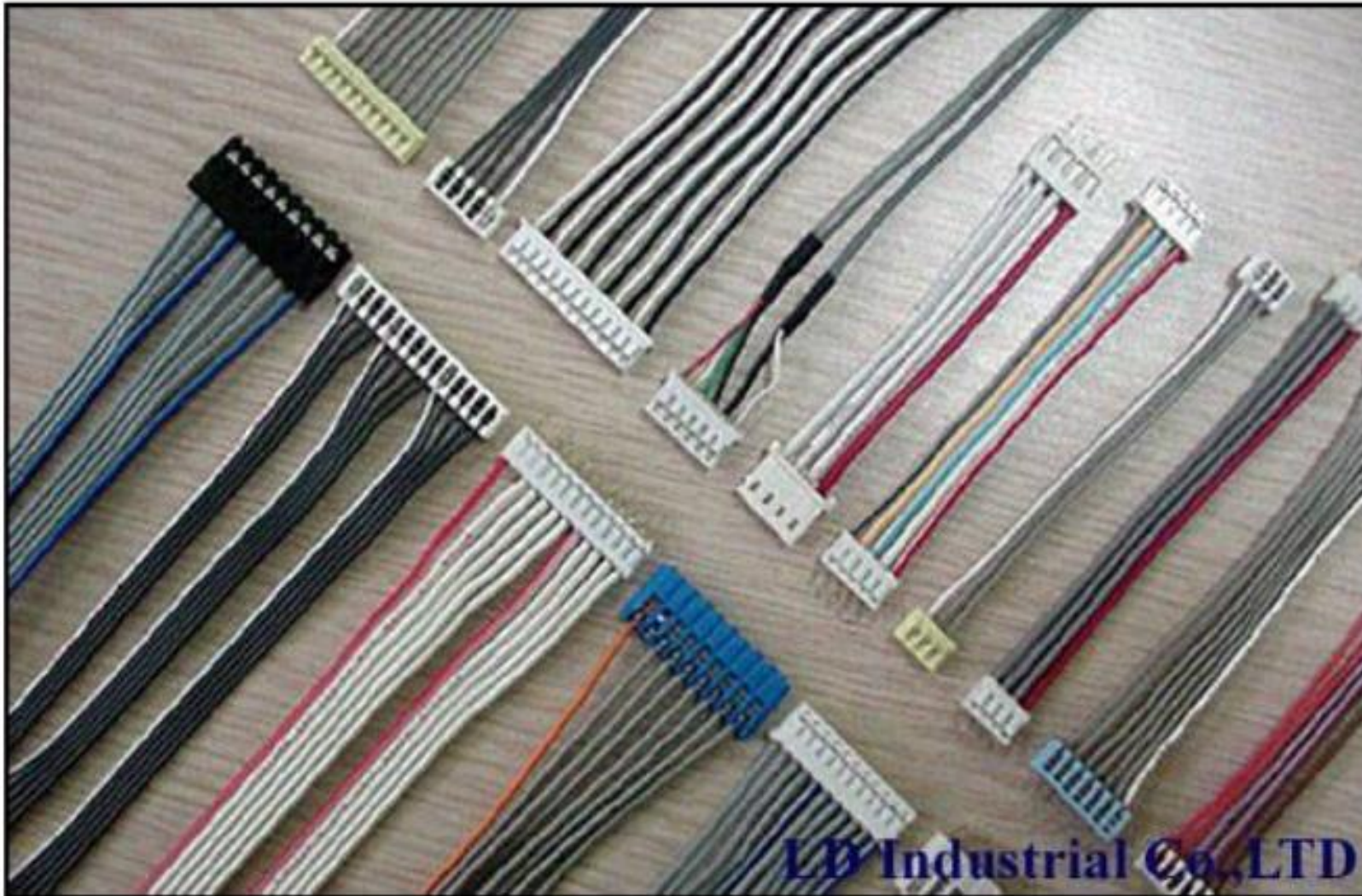
<http://www.tnt-audio.com>

Benchmark: 1mm = .040"

**12 gage ≈ 2 mm in diameter
or .080" in diameter**

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53. _____ wiring reduces the bulge or thickness of a wiring harness. This type of wiring is used inside of computer modules and in the steering column where space is limited.



Oval
Flat
Round

LD Industrial Co., LTD

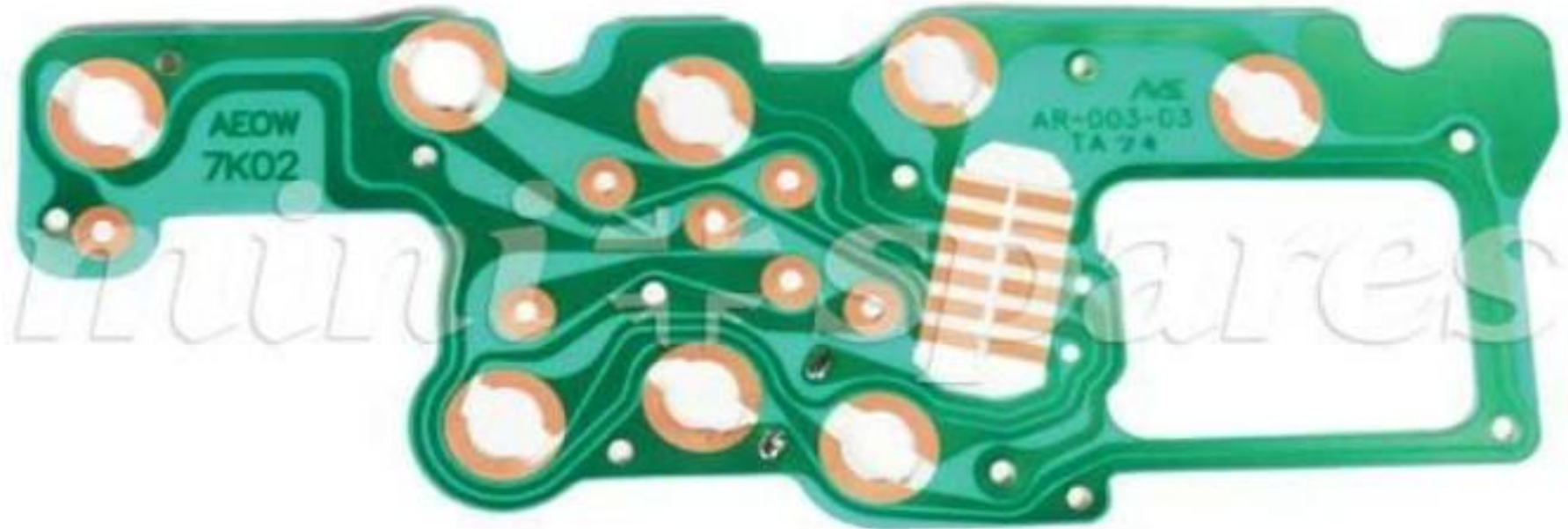
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54. _____ circuit boards are used inside of computer modules and in the instrument cluster.



Minted
Printed
Automated

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Proper wire repair means crimping, soldering and placing heat shrink tubing over the splice.



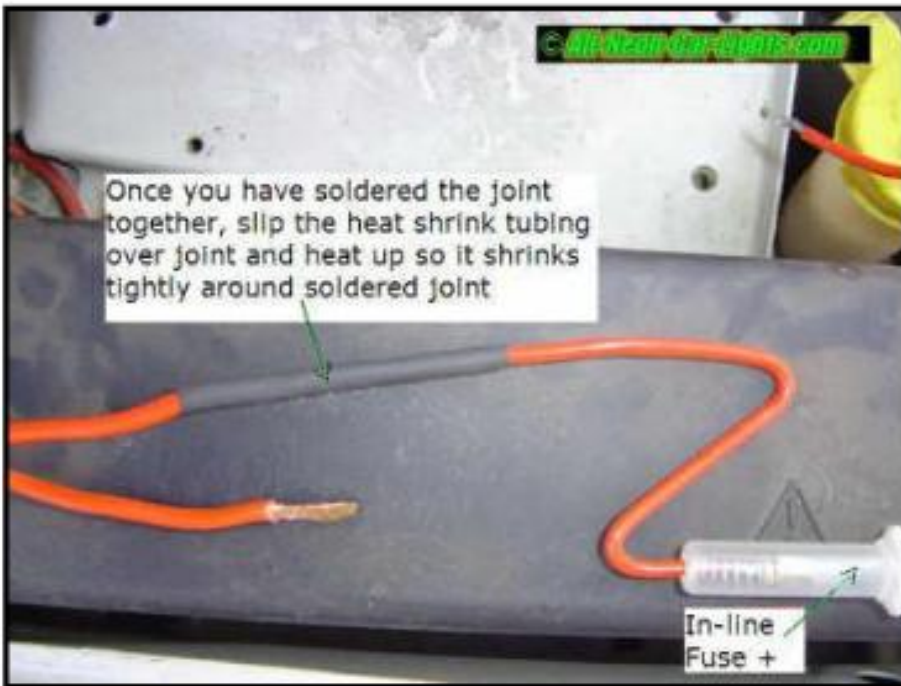
**Acid Core Solder
Or Flux Corrodes
Wiring & Causes
Voltage Drops!**



Use Only Rosin Core Solder



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If you were taking notes, they should look like this

A) Electron Flow - Repulsion of electrons = electricity

a. protons - positive charge, located in the nucleus

b. neutrons - neutral charge, located in the nucleus

c. electrons - negative charge, located in the outer orbits

1. conductors - less than 4 electrons in the outer valance orbits

2. semi-conductors - exactly 4 electrons in the outer valance orbits

3. insulators - more than 4 electrons in the outer valance orbits

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If you were taking notes, they should look like this

B) Circuit - path for electron flow, a closed circuit is on, an open circuit is off

a. consumer - names the circuit, uses the electricity, has the resistance, gets hot

b. source - has the voltage or “the push” to cause flow

1. chemical = battery made with 2 dissimilar metals in acid
2. mechanical = generator made by cutting magnetic fields with coiled conductors (move either the magnet fields or the coils)
3. static = sweep a dry floor and the sparks fly!
4. piezo = compress a crystal such as quartz & a small voltage is generated
5. thermocouple = heat a junction of dissimilar metals & a small voltage is generated

c. conductive path - to and from the source through the user, carries the current

1. contains switches, wiring, protection such as fuses & circuit breakers
2. one-wire system of conductive path makes the return path through either:
 - a) body
 - b) framework
 - c) engine or transmission

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If you were taking notes, they should look like this

C) Circuit Types

- a. series - consumers arranged like links of a chain - voltage drops at each consumer
amperage is the same throughout, sum of all resistances equals the total resistance

- b. parallel - consumers arranged like rungs of a ladder - voltage supplied to each consumer is the same
amperage varies at each branch, total resistance is less than the smallest resistive branch
the sum of the current in all the branches equals the total circuit amperage

- c. series-parallel - combination

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If you were taking notes, they should look like this

D) Units of Electrical Measure

a. Voltage - Electromotive Force or push that causes flow (E, EMF, V)
source $V = A \times O$ $E = I \times R$

b. Ohms - Resistance to electron flow (R, O, CEMF)
consumer $O = V \div A$ $R = E/I$

c. Amperage - Intensity of electron flow, rate of flow, (I, A)
conductive path $A = V \div O$ $I = E/R$

d. Wattage - Power Consumption (P, W)
 $W = A \times V$ $P = E \times I$

e. Ohm's Law is the mathematical relationship between volts, amps, ohms in electrical circuits.

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E) Circuit Problems - fall into 3 general categories

a. opens - breaks in the circuit consumer or the conductive path
shown as OL or infinite resistance on an ohmmeter

b. shorts - to either power or to ground

1. short to hot = the consumer is energized at all times

2. short to ground = the consumer may be on at all times or may be off at all times

blows fuses or circuit breakers in series circuits if it occurs before consumers

"a fuse never blows without a reason" ... too much amperage flow due to too little resistance

c. high resistance problems - reduce the intensity or amperage flow to a consumer by adding an
undesired voltage drop (either on the hot side or the ground side)

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F) Systems on the Vehicle & on the Engine

- a. cranking – spins the engine to initiate the 4 stroke cycle events
- b. charging – recharges the battery & supplies current for all electrical loads while running
- c. ignition - sends the kV surge to the plugs with exact timing (distributor, distributorless, coil-on-plug)
- d. accessory & lighting – operates electronic options and lighting systems
- e. electronic engine controls – work to attain optimum mileage, performance, and emissions
- f. module communication network - also known as a “bus” or a Controller Area Network “CAN”

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G) Digital Multi-Meter Use DMM or DVOM

a. ohms tests - made on components removed from the circuit or without the circuit powered up

1. OL = open = infinite resistance = off = circuit broken
2. less than specified ohms in a coil = melted (shortened)
3. greater resistance than specs = corrosion = voltage drop

b. volts tests - connect the meter in parallel to check for source volts

1. + to - is an “available test” for source voltage
2. check for grounds available by probing + and looking for -
3. connect from + to + and operate circuit for “hot or insulated” Voltage Drop
4. connect from - to - and operate circuit for “ground” Voltage Drop

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c. amps tests - to find current flow in the circuit

1. series connections anywhere in a series circuit or series connections in each branch of a parallel circuit
2. inductive connections around any wire you wish to measure flow through

d. diode testing - with the “diode test” scale of a DMM

1. a good diode reads .4 to .7 voltage drop forward biased
red to + and black to - (its conducting but with some VD)
2. a good diode reads OL when reverse biased
red to - and black to + (its completely blocking flow)
3. short diodes conduct easily in both directions
suspect when battery drains overnight
4. open diodes measure OL in both directions
suspect when no charge is present but coil are good

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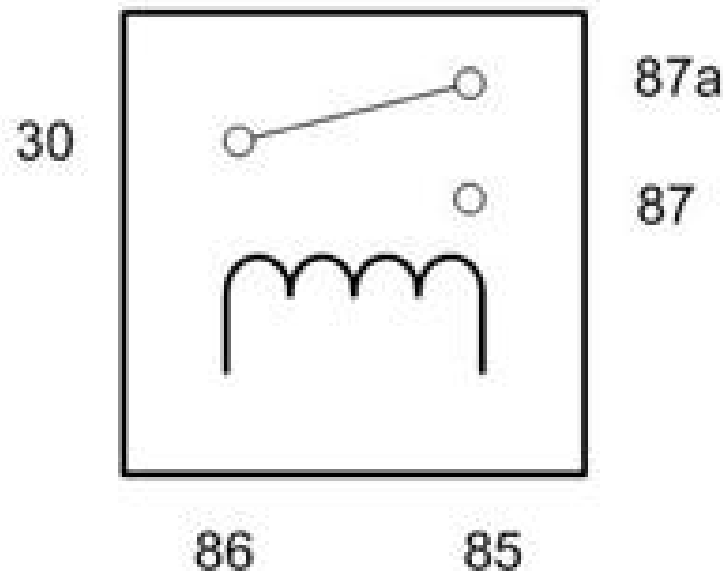
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- H) Schematics - symbols used for illustrating circuits, a “must-know” for design and for troubleshooting
 - a. Be able to sketch common automotive electrical schematic symbols
 - b. Be able to draw circuits using common automotive electrical schematic symbols
 - c. Be able to trace power distribution & ground paths in schematic circuit drawings.

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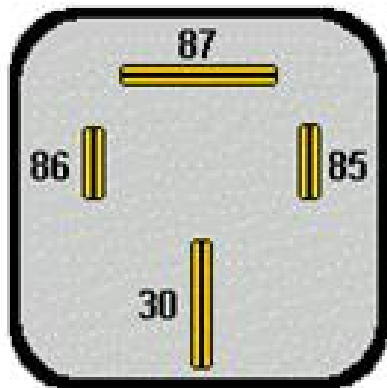
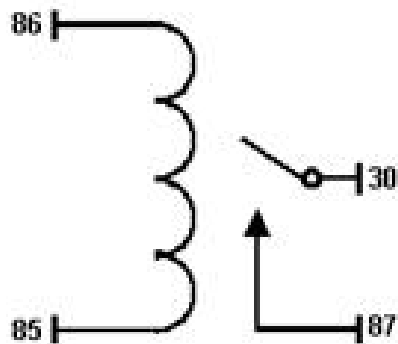
Relay Wiring Guide and Terminal Numbers



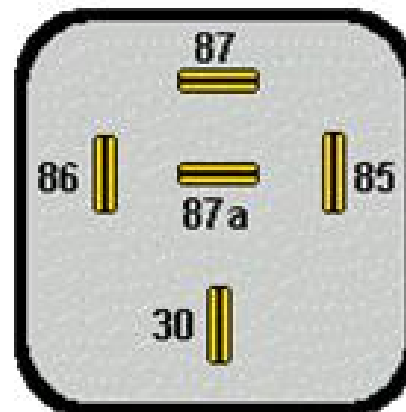
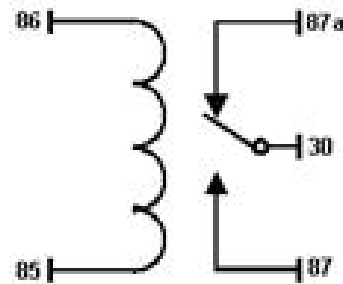
- 30 - High Power Feed (Must be Fused!)
- 85 - Relay Coil Ground
- 86 - Relay Coil Feed (Trigger Wire)
- 87 - High Power Output - Normally Open Contact
- 87a - High Power Output - Normally Closed Contact

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Super ISO

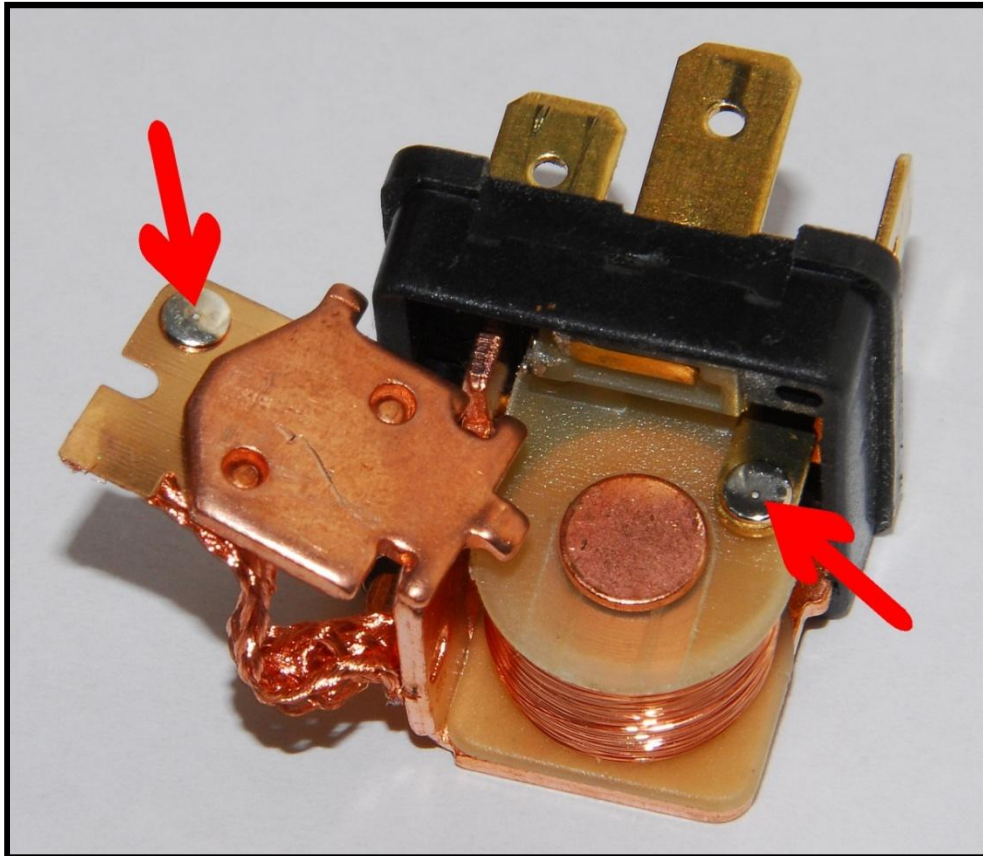


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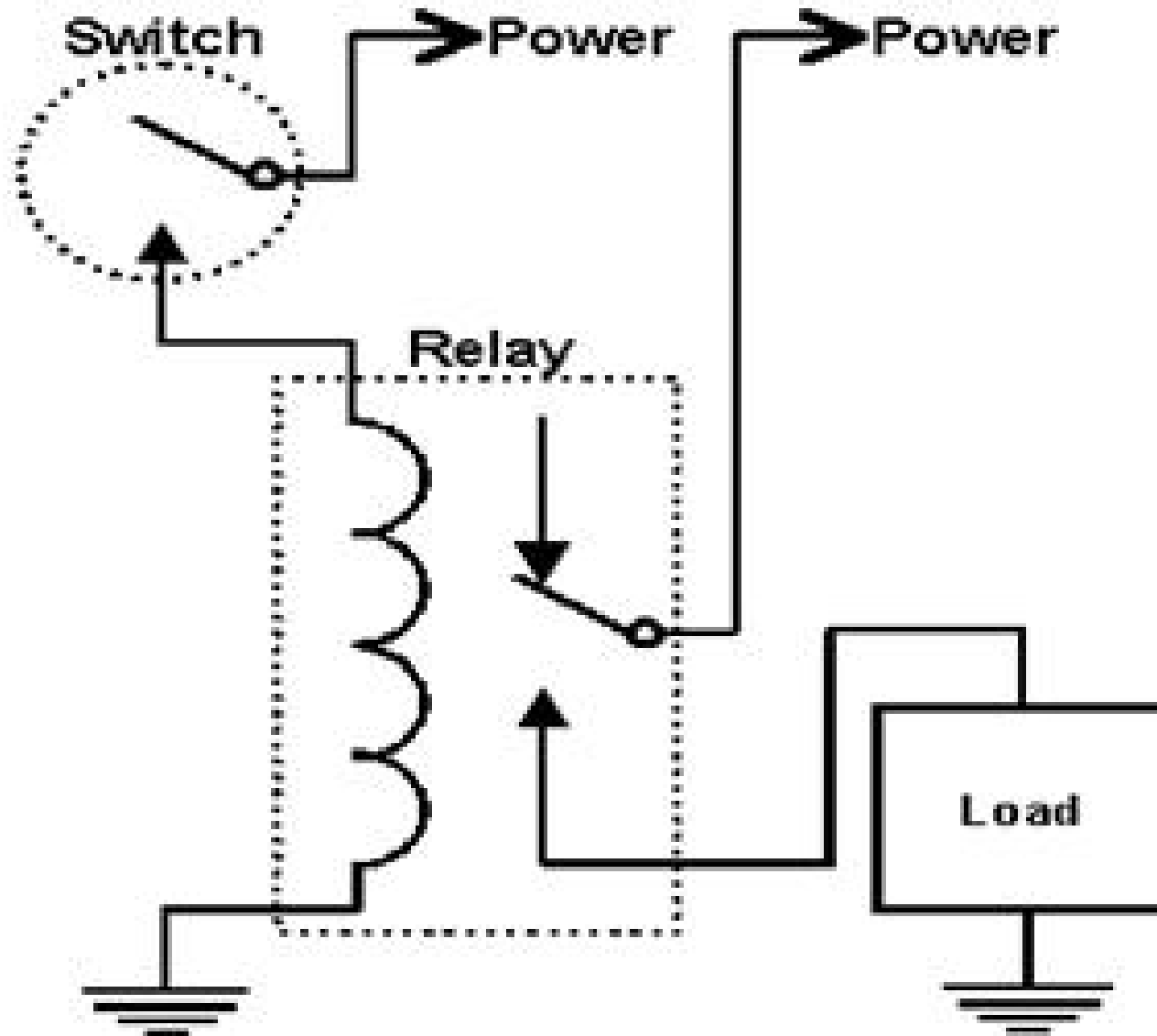
1/2 ISO

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Automotive Schematic Symbols

Know the Schematic Symbols

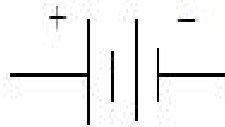
Mentally Picture the Component

AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL SYMBOLS		AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL SYMBOLS	
SYMBOL	REPRESENTS	SYMBOL	REPRESENTS
	ALTERNATOR		HORN
	AMMETER		LAMP OR BULB (PREFERRED)
	BATTERY - ONE CELL		LAMP OR BULB (ACCEPTABLE)
	BATTERY - MULTICELL		MOTOR - ELECTRIC
	BATTERY - VOLTAGE BOX		NEGATIVE
	BIMETAL STRIP		POSITIVE
	CABLE - CONNECTED		RELAY
	CABLE - NOT CONNECTED		RESISTOR
	CAPACITOR		RESISTOR - VARIABLE
	CIRCUIT BREAKER		SOLENOID - IDLE STOP
	CONNECTOR - FEMALE CONTACT		STARTING MOTOR
	CONNECTOR - MALE CONTACT		SWITCH - SINGLE THROW
	CONNECTORS - SEPARABLE - ENGAGED		SWITCH - DOUBLE THROW
	DIODE		TACHOMETER
	DISTRIBUTOR		TERMINATION
	FUSE		VOLTMETER
	GAUGE - FUEL		WINDING - INDUCTOR
	GAUGE - TEMPERATURE		
	GROUND - CHASSIS FRAME (PREFERRED)		
	GROUND - CHASSIS FRAME (ACCEPTABLE)		

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Ground



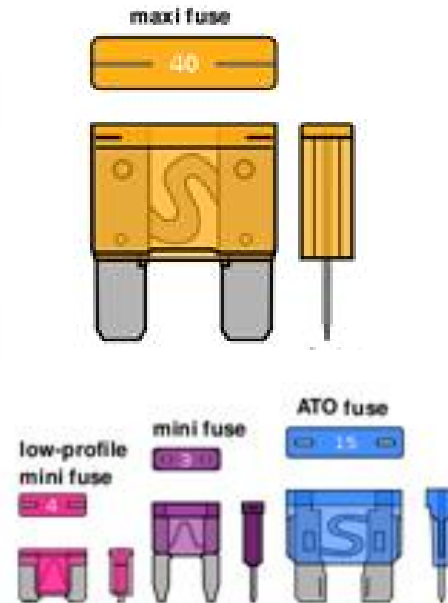
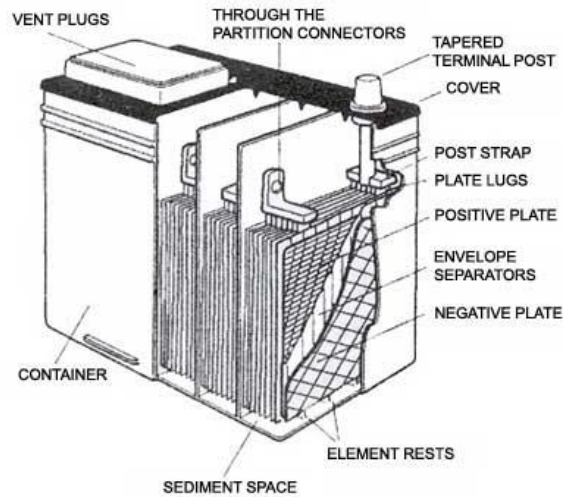
Battery



Fuse



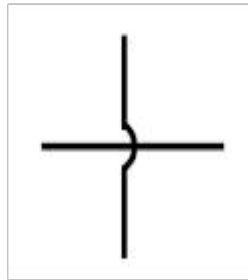
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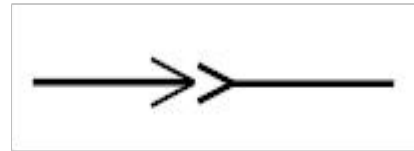
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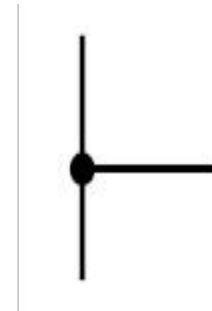
Wire



Wires Crossing



Wire Connector



Wire Splice



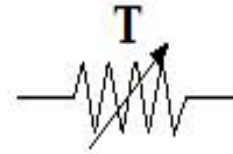
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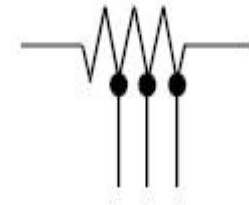
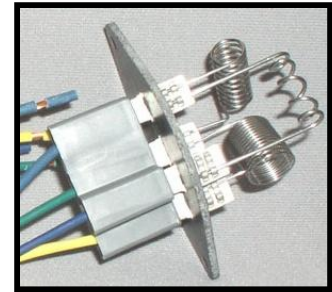
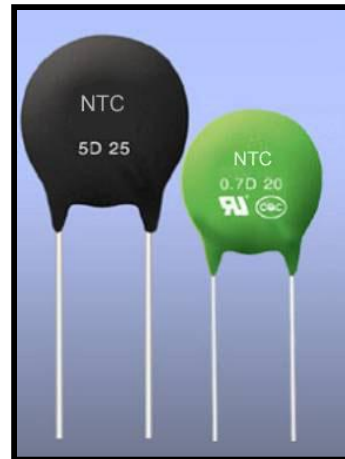
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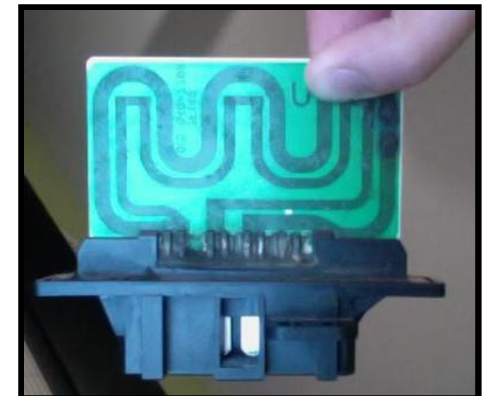
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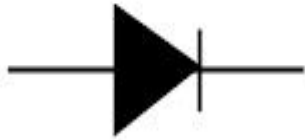
Thermistor



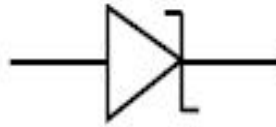
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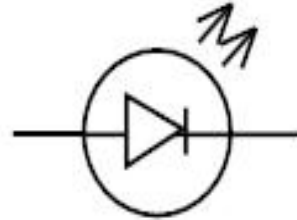
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Diode



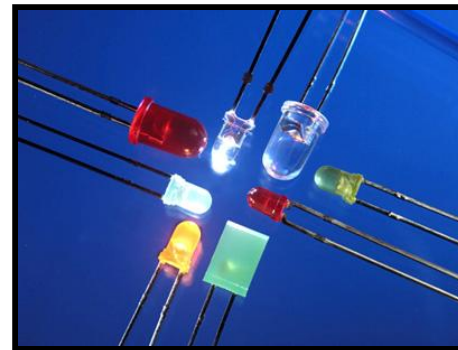
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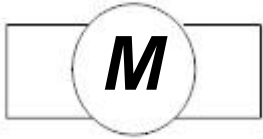
Light Emitting Diode



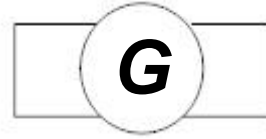
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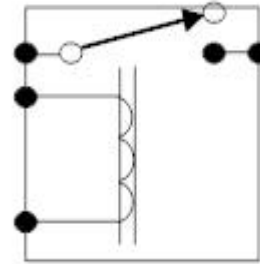
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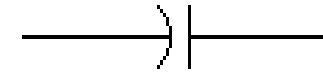
Motor



Generator



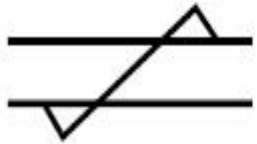
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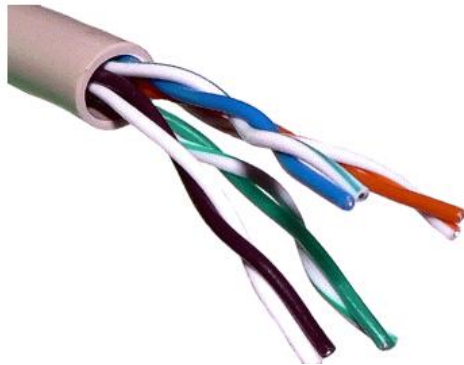
Capacitor



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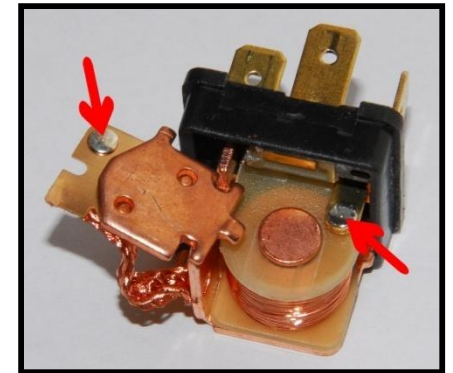
Twisted Pair of Wires



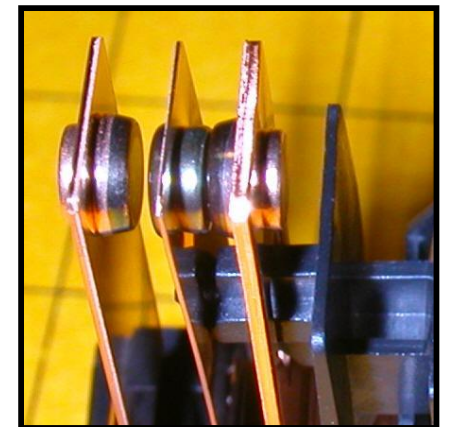
Switch



Momentary Switch



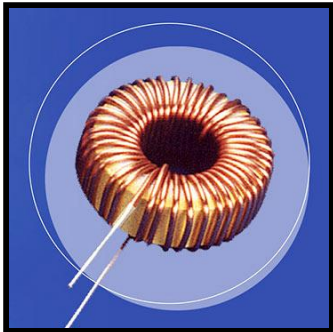
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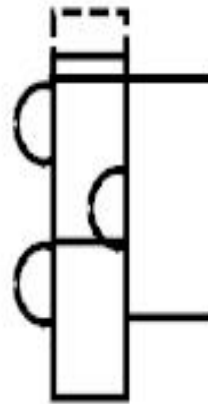
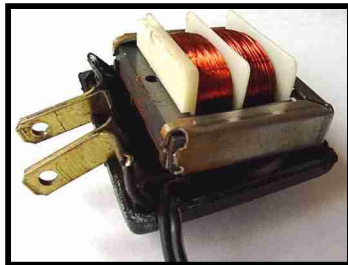
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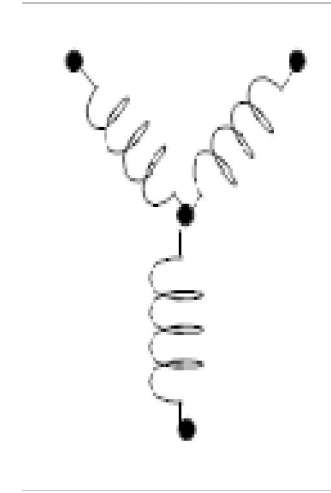
Coil of Wire



Transformer



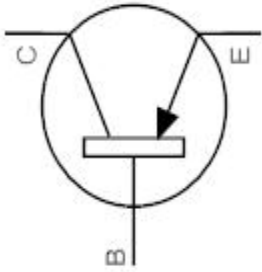
Solenoid Coil



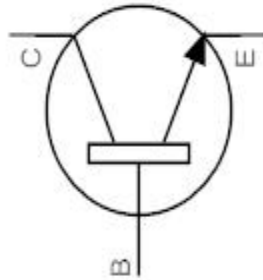
Wye- Wound Stator



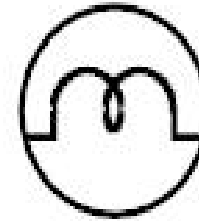
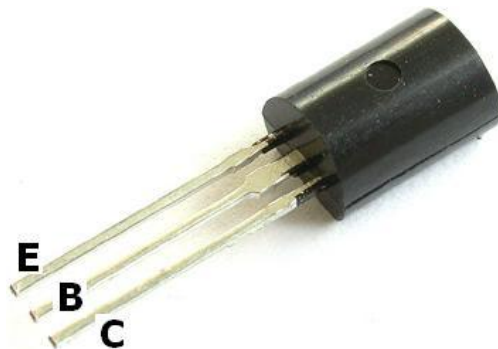
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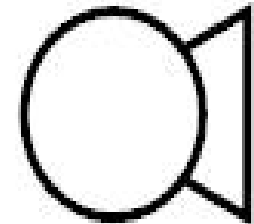
PNP Transistor



NPN Transistor



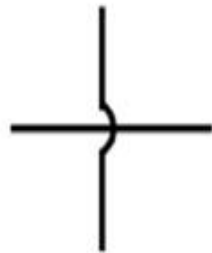
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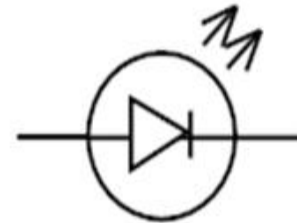
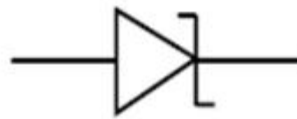
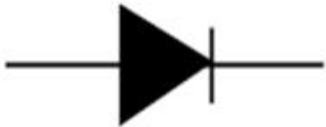
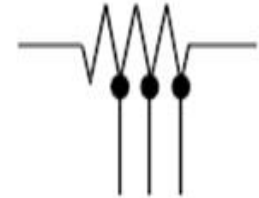
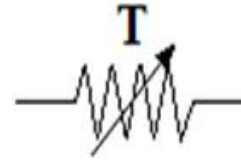
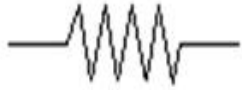
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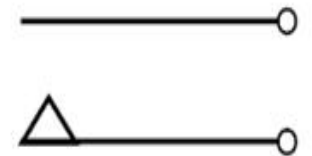
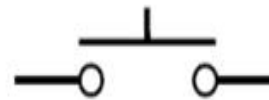
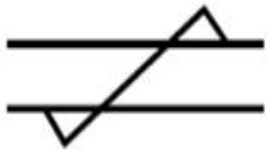
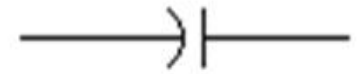
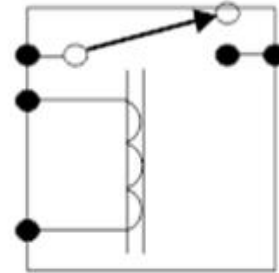
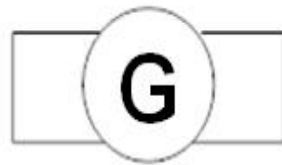
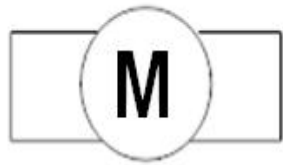
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