

To determine the **current (amps) at different voltages with different resistors**, you can use **Ohm's Law** and the **Power Law**. Here's a step-by-step explanation:

## Step 1: Understanding Ohm's Law

Ohm's Law is the fundamental equation that relates **Voltage (V)**, **Current (I)**, and **Resistance (R)**:

$$V = I * R$$

Rearranging for current:

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

where:

- V = voltage in **volts (V)**
- I = current in **amperes (A)**
- R = resistance in **ohms ( $\Omega$ )**

## Step 2: Calculate Current for a Given Voltage and Resistor

For a **specific voltage** and a **specific resistor**, you can find the current using:

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

### Example 1: Single Resistor

If you apply **12V** to a **1k $\Omega$  (1000 $\Omega$ ) resistor**, the current is:

$$I = \frac{12V}{1000\Omega} = 0.012A = 12mA$$

If you increase the voltage to **24V**:

$$I = \frac{24V}{1000\Omega} = 0.024A = 24mA$$

## Step 3: Working with Multiple Resistors

If you have **multiple resistors**, the calculation depends on how they are connected: **series or parallel**.

### Case 1: Resistors in Series

In a **series circuit**, resistances **add up**:

$$R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

The current is the same through all resistors:

$$I = \frac{V}{R_{total}}$$

### Example: Two resistors in series

- $R_1 = 1k\Omega$
- $R_2 = 2k\Omega$
- Voltage:  $V = 12V$

Total resistance:

$$R_{total} = 1k\Omega + 2k\Omega = 3k\Omega$$

Current:

$$I = \frac{12V}{3000\Omega} = 0.004A = 4mA$$

## Case 2: Resistors in Parallel

In a **parallel circuit**, the total resistance is found using:

$$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

The voltage across each resistor is the same, but the current is divided.

### Example: Two resistors in parallel

- $R_1 = 1k\Omega$
- $R_2 = 2k\Omega$
- Voltage:  $V = 12V$

First, calculate total resistance:

$$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = \frac{1}{1000\Omega} + \frac{1}{2000\Omega}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_{total}} = 0.001 + 0.005 = 0.0015$$

$$R_{total} = \frac{1}{0.0015} = 666.7\Omega$$

Current:

$$I = \frac{12V}{666.7\Omega} = 0.018A = 18mA$$

Each resistor gets a different current:

$$I_1 = \frac{12V}{1000\Omega} = 12mA$$

$$I_2 = \frac{12V}{2000\Omega} = 6mA$$

## Step 4: Power Dissipation

The power dissipated by a resistor is:

$$P = V * I$$

or using resistance:

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

or:

$$P = I^2 * R$$

**Example: Power in a 1kΩ resistor at 12V**

$$P = \frac{12^2}{1000} = \frac{144}{1000} = 0.144W$$

or using current:

$$P = (0.012A)^2 * 1000\Omega = 0.000144 * 1000 = 0.144W$$

## Step 5: Generalized Formula for Any Voltage and Resistance

For any resistor R at voltage V:

1. **Current Calculation:**

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

2. **Power Calculation:**

$$P = V * I = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

### Final Summary

- **To find current:** Use  $I = V/R$
- **To find power:** Use  $P = V^2/R$
- **For series resistors:** Add resistances  $R_{total} = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$
- **For parallel resistors:** Use  $1/R_{total} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + \dots$
- **Power dissipation** can be found using  $P = V^2/R$  or  $P = I^2 R$