

Chapter: Electricity

Key Definitions

- **Electric Current (I)** : The flow of electric charge in a conductor. It is measured in Amperes (A).
- **Voltage (V)** : The electric potential difference between two points. It is measured in Volts (V).
- **Resistance (R)** : The opposition to the flow of electric current. It is measured in Ohms (Ohm).
- **Ohm's Law** : The relationship between voltage, current, and resistance in a circuit, given by the formula:
\$\$ V = I \times R \$\$

- **Power (P)** : The rate at which electrical energy is consumed or converted. It is measured in Watts (W) and can be calculated using:

$$P = V \times I$$

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Important Formulas

1. Ohm's Law :

$$V = I \times R$$

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2. Power in terms of resistance :

$$P = I^2 \times R$$

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or

$$P = V^2/R$$

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3. Total Resistance in Series :

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

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4. Total Resistance in Parallel :

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

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Diagrams

1. Series Circuit :

- Components are connected end-to-end.
- Current is the same through all components.
- Voltage is divided among components.

2. Parallel Circuit :

- Components are connected across the same two points.
- Voltage is the same across all components.
- Current is divided among the branches.

Summary Table

Quantity	Symbol	Unit
Electric Current	I	Amperes (A)
Voltage	V	Volts (V)
Resistance	R	Ohms (Ohm)
Power	P	Watts (W)

Key Takeaways

- Electric current is the flow of charge, and it requires a potential difference (voltage) to flow.
- Resistance affects how much current will flow for a given voltage.
- Ohm's Law is fundamental for understanding the relationship between voltage, current, and resistance.
- Power can be calculated in multiple ways depending on the known quantities.
- Understanding series and parallel circuits is crucial for analyzing complex electrical systems.