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# 1 | Resistance and Current

Resistance roughly measures how much pressure against current — electron flow there is in a conductor.

## Current

Use the variable  $I$ , a unit  $\frac{C}{s}$ , *Amps*, to measure current. This also equals  $\frac{\Delta V}{Resistance}$ . Big resistance, little current. Current is measured in a unit  $\frac{C}{s}$ , which intuitively makes sense — Current/second is kind of like metres/second — it measures, roughly, the “speed” at which electrons flow.

Definition 1 · **Current**  $I$  A value measured in unit  $\frac{C}{s}$ , a.k.a. *Amps* that measures electron flow

## Resistance

So, let's figure out resistance.

We know that...  $V = \frac{J}{C}$ , per [KBhPHYS201Voltage](#), and we also know that resistance would equal a unit  $\frac{Vs}{C}$  given that  $I = \frac{C}{s} = \frac{\Delta V}{Resistance}$ . \* Resistance =  $\Omega = \frac{\Delta V}{I} = \frac{Js}{C^2}$  \*  $I = \frac{C}{s} = \text{Amps}$  \* Calculating resistance \* So, let's think. With a wire of length  $L$  and with a wire of area  $A$ , if we increase  $L$ , the resistance in the wire would increase; if we increase area  $A$ , the resistance in the the wire would decrease. \* Resistance =  $\frac{L}{A} * ResistivityOfMaterial$  with units  $\frac{m}{m^2} * (\Omega * m)$ .