

LDR (Light-Dependent Resistor)



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LDR is a [#photoresistor](#) that works on the principle of [#photoconductivity](#). The surface of the LDR is made with a layer of semiconducting material that is responsible for measuring the light intensity. The principle states that when light falls on the surface of the semiconducting material, the electrons receive energy, and movement is caused inside the material.

When those electrons reach the valence band, electron-hole pairs are formed. This in turn reduces the resistance of the material and the corresponding voltage is given as the output of the device.

NOTE: The description of the electrical components is given for reference. We don't need the physical components for this project. The circuit simulation is done in the TinkerCad software.

LDR Circuit:

An LDR circuit is a simple arrangement that utilizes the properties of the Light Dependent Resistor to control various electronic components based on changes in light intensity. One common LDR circuit involves using an LDR and a resistor to create a voltage divider. The voltage at the junction of the LDR and the resistor changes as the light intensity changes, which can then be used to trigger different actions in a circuit.

Applications of LDR:

LDRs find applications in various fields due to their light-sensitive nature. Some common applications include:

1. **Automatic Streetlights:** LDRs are used to detect darkness and turn on streetlights automatically when it gets dark.
2. **Camera Exposure Control:** In photography, LDRs help control the exposure settings of cameras based on available light.
3. **Security Systems:** LDRs can be used to trigger security alarms or lights when someone enters a room or area.
4. **Outdoor Light Control:** LDRs are used in garden lights and outdoor lighting systems to turn on lights as dusk sets in.
5. **Solar Panels:** LDRs can detect changes in sunlight to optimize the positioning of solar panels for maximum efficiency.
6. **Weather Stations:** LDRs can be used to measure sunlight levels in weather stations to understand climate conditions.