UNIT D ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES & TECHNOLOGIES



LEARNING GOALS

- Investigate and interpret devices that convert various forms of energy
- Describe technologies for the transfer and control of electrical energy
- Identify and estimate (using calculations) energy inputs and outputs for various devices and systems
- Evaluate the efficiency of energy conversions
- Describe societal and environmental implications of the use of electrical energy

Skills Goals

- Ask science-based questions
- Design an experiment when given a question
- Conduct an investigation
- Analyze and interpret my qualitative and quantitative data
- Work collaboratively with my peers

ATTITUDE GOALS

- Show interest in science
- Appreciate how different ideas from all over the world mix together to bring about understanding
- Take my time and consider various approaches to investigations, problems and issues
- Begin to recognize my impact on the environment
- Work safely in the science classroom and lab

FOCUSING QUESTIONS

- How do we obtain and use electrical energy?
- What scientific principles are involved?
- What approaches can we use in selecting, developing and using energy-consuming devices that are efficient and effective in their energy use?

CONCEPT 1 VOCABULARY TERMS

- Energy
- Chemical energy
- Thermocouple
- Electromagnet
- Commutator
- o Brushes
- o Armature
- Electromagnetic induction

Learning Concept

- Identify, describe and interpret examples of:
 - Mechanical energy
 - Chemical energy
 - Thermal energy
 - Electrical energy
 - Light energy

- <u>Electrical energy</u> is the energy of <u>charged</u>
 <u>particles</u>
 - Transferred when <u>electrons</u> move from place to place
 - Can be generated from various other types of energy





 Mechanical energy is both the kinetic energy (E_k) and the potential energy (E_p) in a system

PE =

KE =

ME =



m = 60 kg v = 8 m/s

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- <u>Chemical energy</u> is released from a <u>chemical reaction</u>
- + post <u>Dry cells</u> electrolyte ^{Cu} electrode chemicals are in a <u>paste</u>
 - <u>Wet cells</u> uses a <u>liquid</u> electrolyte

- Thermal energy is the total kinetic energy of all the particles in a substance
 - Most energy is <u>lost</u> as <u>heat</u>



- A <u>thermocouple</u> is a <u>temperature sensor</u> at the <u>junction</u> between two different metals
 - Produces a <u>voltage proportional</u> to the <u>temperature</u> <u>difference</u> between the hot and cold wires



- Incandescent light
 bulbs require
 enough electrical
 energy to make a
 <u>piece of metal glow
 brightly
 yet not get
 so hot it melts and
 breaks

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 - <u>Resistance</u> causes it to heat up and give off light



Learning Concept

• Investigate and describe evidence of energy transfer and formation

• You can use <u>various devices</u> to <u>transform</u> <u>electricity</u> into other forms of energy

Examples of Devices that Convert Energy		
Input Energy	Device	Output Energy
Electrical	Toaster	Thermal
Chemical	Flashlight	
Electrical	Blender	
Chemical	Battery-operated clock	

- While a <u>thermocouple</u> converts <u>thermal</u> <u>energy into electrical</u> <u>energy</u>, other devices do the opposite
 - Ex. Heaters, ovens
 - The <u>energy</u> from the <u>electrical charges</u> is transferred to the <u>atoms</u> of the <u>heating elements</u>
 - The heating elements warm up and heat the oven



Learning Objective

- Construct, use and evaluate devices for transforming
 - Electrical energy into mechanical energy
 - Electromagnet & motors
 - Mechanical energy into electrical energy
 - Generators

Hans Christian Oersted
 found a <u>compass</u>
 <u>needle</u> can be
 affected if passed by a
 <u>current-carrying wire</u>

 Indicated a relationship between <u>magnetism</u> and <u>electricity</u>





- Michael Faraday built a device that used
 electromagnetic forces
 - Lead to the development of <u>modern</u> <u>motors</u>





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• <u>Electrical</u>energy → <u>Mechanical</u>energy

- Most common device for this conversion is the <u>motor</u>
- Use an <u>electromagnet</u> to cause <u>mechanical</u> <u>rotation</u>, which can do work



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- Faraday made a significant electrical discover
 - <u>Electromagnetic</u> induction
 - <u>Electrical current</u> can be generated by moving a <u>conducting wire</u> back and forth inside a <u>coil of</u> <u>wire</u>
- Mechanical energy →
 Electrical energy



Science Log – Lab Challenge

- Using the following materials only, build a magnet
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 - Wire
 - Battery
 - Paper clips
 - Masking tape