

10.1.0 ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES I

10.1.01 Introduction

This module unit is intended to equip the trainee with knowledge, skills and attitudes to enhance the trainee’s understanding of other aspects of electrical and electronic technology. Trainees undertaking this module unit require prior knowledge of basic mathematics.

10.1.02 General Objectives

By the end of the module unit, the trainee should be able;

- a) understand the principles of direct current circuits.
- b) acquire knowledge in the care and maintenance of chemical cells.
- c) apply concepts of electrostatics in electrical circuits
- d) understand the theory of magnetism and electromagnetism.
- e) apply the principles of transformers in electric machines.

10.1.023 Module Summary and Time Allocation

Electrical Principles I

Code	Sub-Module Unit	Content	Time Hrs
10.1.1	Direct Current Circuits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic electrical quantities and their units • Simple circuit diagrams. • Ohm’s law • Determination of resistance of metal conductors • Kirchhoff’s laws • Effects of temperature on resistance • Kirchhoff’s law 	22

10.1.2	Chemical Cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faraday’s laws of electrolysis • Construction of cells and their characteristics • Cell connections • Charging methods • Care and maintenance of cells • Effects of internal resistance on terminal voltage 	20
10.1.3	Electrostatics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric fields • Construction of capacitors • Definitions of electrostatic quantities and units • Determination of total capacitance • Energy stored in a capacitor 	14
10.1.4	Magnetism and Electromagnetism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetic and non-magnetic materials • Magnetic field patterns • Force on current carrying conductor • Magnetism curve and hysteresis loop • Electromagnetic induction • Inductance in materials 	14

10.1.5	Transformers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principle of operation of transformers• Types of transformers and their applications• Construction of different types of transformers• Simple calculations on single phase transformers• Transformer impedance matching• Reasons for RF shielding	18
Total Time			88

10.1.1 DIRECT CURRENT CIRCUITS

Theory

10.1.1T0 *Specific Objectives*

By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:

- a) explain the basic electrical quantities and their units
- b) draw and interpret simple circuit diagrams
- c) state Ohm's law to solve given electrical circuit problems
- d) determine the resistance of metal conductors.
- e) explain the effects of temperature on resistance
- f) apply Kirchhoff's laws to solve given electrical circuit problems

Competence

The trainee should have the ability to:

- i) Measure electrical quantities

Content

- 10.1.1T1 Basic electrical quantities and their units
- i) E.m.f in volts
 - ii) Current in amperes
 - iii) Resistance in ohms

- iv) Power in watts
- v) Energy in joules

10.1.1T2 Simple circuit diagrams.

- i) The simple electric circuit
- ii) Resistor in parallel
- iii) Series – parallel connection
- iv) Resistors in series

10.1.1T3 Ohm's law

- i) Statement
- ii) Verification
- iii) Resistance circuit calculations
- iv) Power and energy calculations

10.1.1T4 Determination of resistance of metal conductors

- i) Resistivity
- ii) Conductivity
- iii) Length
- iv) Cross – sectional area

10.1.1T5 Effects of temperature on resistance

- i) Definition of temperature coefficient of resistance
- ii) Positive and negative temperature coefficient
- iii) Simple calculations to any base temperature

10.1.1T6 Kirchhoff's laws

- i) Current law
- ii) Voltage law
- iii) Calculations

Practice

- 10.1.1P0 *Specific Objectives*
By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
- connect simple electrical circuits and measure various electrical quantities
 - verify Ohm's law
 - demonstrate that the resistance of material depends on area, length and resistivity
 - verify Kirchoff's law

Content

- 10.1.1P 1 Measurement of electrical quantities
- Current
 - Voltage
 - Resistance
 - Power
- 10.1.1P 2 Verification of Ohm's law
- 10.1.1P 3 Determination of conductor resistance
- Resistance
 - Resistivity
 - length
 - Area
- 10.1.1P 4 Verification of Kirchoff's laws
- current law
 - voltage law

Suggested Learning Resources

- Dc power source
- Assorted resistance

- Measuring instruments
- Bread boards

10.1.2 CHEMICAL CELLS

Theory

- 10.1.2T0 *Specific Objectives*
By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
- State Faraday's laws of electrolysis
 - Describe the construction of cells and their characteristics
 - state methods of cell connections
 - describe charging methods of batteries
 - describe the care and maintenance of batteries
 - explain the effects of internal resistance on terminal voltage

Competence

The trainee should have the ability to:

- Charge cells
- Maintain cells

Content

- 10.1.2T1 Faraday's laws of electrolysis
- 1st law
 - 2nd law
- 10.1.2T2 Construction of cells and their characteristics

- i) Primary – Leclanche cell
- ii) Secondary – lead Acid cell
- iii) Alkaline cell
- 10.1.2T3 Cell connections
 - i) series connection
 - ii) parallel connection
 - iii) series – parallel connections
 - iv) simple calculations
- 10.1.2T4 Charging methods
 - i) constant current
 - ii) constant voltage
 - iii) trickle charge
 - iv) booster charge
 - v) battery ratings
 - vi) simple calculations
- 10.1.2T5 Care and maintenance of cells
 - i) specific gravity
 - ii) electrolyte level
 - iii) terminal voltage
 - iv) safety precautions
 - v) storage
- 10.1.2T6 Effects of internal resistance on terminal voltage – simple calculations

Practice

- 10.1.2P0 *Specific Objectives*
By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
 - a) measure total voltage and current of cells connected in series and parallel
 - b) demonstrate various charging methods

- c) determine the internal resistance of cells and show its effect on terminal voltage
- d) carry out light maintenance on a battery

Content

- 10.1.2P1 Measurements of total voltage and current in series and parallel connected cells
- 10.1.2P 2 Demonstration of various charging methods
- 10.1.2P 3 Effects of internal resistance on terminal voltage of cell
- 10.1.2P 4 Maintenance of cells

Suggested Learning

Resources

- i) Various batteries
- ii) Sulphuric acid
- iii) Distilled water
- iv) Battery chargers
- v) Test instruments

10.1.3 ELECTROSTATIC

Theory

- 10.1.3T0 *Specific Objectives*
By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
 - a) explain the concept of electric fields
 - b) describe the construction of

- capacitors and their applications
- c) define the electrostatic quantities
- d) determine the total capacitance for various capacitor connections
- e) derive and apply the formula for energy stored in a capacitor

- i) Electric flux
- ii) Electric flux density
- iii) Electric field intensity
- iv) Permittivity
- v) Capacitance
- vi) Charge
- vii) Derivation of formula

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} = \frac{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 A}{d}$$

Competence

The trainee should have the ability to:

- i) Test a capacitance
- ii) Apply capacitors in electrical circuits

Content

- 10.1.3T1 Electric fields
 - i) Electric flux
 - ii) Charge
 - iii) Potential gradient
- 10.1.3T2 Construction of capacitors and applications
 - i) Paper capacitors
 - ii) Electrolytic capacitors
 - iii) Ceramic capacitors
 - iv) Aluminium foil capacitor
 - v) Polyester capacitor
 - vi) Tantalum capacitor
 - vii) Multiplate capacitor
 - viii) Variable capacitor
 - ix) Applications
- 10.1.3T3 Definitions of electrostatic quantities and units

- 10.1.3T4 Determination of total capacitance

- i) Series connection
- ii) Parallel
- iii) Series-parallel connection
- iv) Calculations

- 10.1.3T5 Energy stored in a capacitor

- i) $E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$ joules
- ii) calculations

Practice

- 10.1.3P0 *Specific Objectives*

By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:

- a) identify various types of capacitors
- b) measure capacitance in various connections
- c) test a capacitor

Content

- 10.1.3P0 Identification of capacitors

- 10.1.3P1 Measurement of capacitance
- 10.1.3P2 Testing of capacitance

Suggested Learning Resources

- i) Assorted capacitors
- ii) Test instruments
- iii) Bread boards

10.1.4 MAGNETISM AND ELECTROMAGNETISM

Theory

10.1.4T0 *Specific Objectives*

- By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
- a) distinguish between magnetic and non-magnetic materials
 - b) explain the concepts of magnetic field
 - c) explain the concept of force on a current carrying conductor in a magnetic field and its applications
 - d) define the magnetic circuit quantities and their electric circuit equivalents
 - e) describe the magnetization curve and hysteresis loop
 - f) explain the concept of electromagnetic induction
 - g) explain inductance in materials

- h) determine total inductance

Competence

The trainee should have the ability to:

- i) Construct an electromagnet
- ii) Apply magnets in the engineering field

Content

- 10.1.4T1 Magnetic and non-magnetic materials
 - i) Molecular arrangements
 - ii) Field patterns
- 10.1.4T 2 Magnetic field patterns
 - i) Permanent magnets
 - ii) Electromagnets
 - iii) Single wire
 - iv) Loop of wire
 - v) Solenoid
- 10.1.4T3 Force on current carrying conductor
 - i) $F = BIL$
 - ii) Practical applications
- 10.1.4T4 Magnetic circuit quantities and their electrical equivalents
 - i) Magnetic flux
 - ii) Magneto motive force (m.m.f)
 - iii) Reluctance
 - iv) Permeability
 - v) Series
 - vi) Parallel
- 10.1.4T5 Magnetization curve and hysteresis loop
 - i) B –H curve
 - ii) Hysteresis loop

- iii) Remnant flux
- iv) Coercive force
- v) Saturation
- vi) Energy
- 10.1.4T6 Electromagnetic induction
 - i) Self induction
 - ii) Mutual induction
 - iii) Faraday's Laws
 - iv) Lenz's Laws
 - v) Direction of induced e.m.f
- 10.1.4T7 Inductance in materials
 - i) Definition
 - ii) Unit of inductance
 - iii) Inductors in series aiding
 - iv) Energy stored in inductance
 - v) Calculations
- 10.1.4T8 Total inductance
 - i) Aiding
 - ii) Opposing

Practice

- 10.1.4P0 *Specific Objectives*
By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
 - a) Construct electromagnets and verify electromagnetic induction
 - b) Use magnets in engineering applications
 - c) Plot B-H curve

Content

- 10.1.4P1 Construction of electromagnets
 - i) Ferrous materials
 - ii) Wire
 - iii) Power source
- 10.1.4P2 Use of magnets
 - i) Bells
 - ii) Speakers
 - iii) Solenoids
- 10.1.4P 3 Plotting of B-H curve

Suggested Learning Resources

- i) Permanent magnets
- ii) Electromagnets
- iii) Power
- iv) Wires
- v) Bells

10.1.5 TRANSFORMERS

Theory

- 10.1.5T0 *Specific Objectives*
By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:
 - a) explain the principle of operation of a transformer
 - b) describe the various types of transformers
 - c) describe the construction of different types of transformers
 - d) explain applications of transformers

Competence

The trainee should have the ability to:

- i) Test transformers
- ii) Construct a single phase transformer

- ii) Efficiency
- iii) Applications of transforms

Practice

Content

10.1.5T1 Principle of operation of a transformer

- i) Electromagnetic induction
- ii) Magnetic circuit
- iii) Inductance
- iv) Coupling efficiency
- v) Losses

10.1.5T2 Types of transformers and their applications

- i) Single – Phase transformers
- ii) Power transformers
- iii) Audio transformers
- iv) Radio Frequency (R.F) transformers
- v) Auto transformers
- vi) Three phase transformers
- vii) Isolating transformers

10.1.5T3 Construction of different types of transformers

- i) Core type
- ii) Shell type
- iii) Windings

10.1.5T4 Simple calculations on single phase transformers

- i) Transformers ratios

10.1.5P0 *Specific Objectives*

By the end of the sub-module unit, the trainee should be able to:

- a) Carry out transformer tests
- b) Construct a single phase transformer

Content

10.1.5P1 Transformer tests

10.1.5P2 Transformer construction

Suggested teaching/learning resources

- i) Various types of transformers
- ii) Wires
- iii) Electrical measuring instruments
- iv) Electrical tools