ELECTRIC COMPONENTS

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 Materials allow electrons pass through them are CONDUCTORS, as metals (copper, silver and gold).

Materials do not allow electrons pass through them are INSOLATORS, as plastics, wood or rubber.

REAL/CONVENTIONAL WAY & DC/AC

Way of electric current



Real way



Conventional way

Kinds of electric current



Direct Current (DC)



Alternating Current (AC)

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- Generators: give electrons energy to flow through a circuit. Two types: DC/AC. E.g. cells, batteries, dynamos.
- Receivers: elements that transform electrical energy in another kind of energy that we need. E.g: bulb, hairdryer or T.V.
- Conductors: let electrons pass trough them from generator to receiver and from receiver to generator. E.g: wires and cables.
- Controllers: allow to open or close an electric circuit. E.g: switches, push switches or two-way switches.

GENERATORS

| DC | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Picture | Name | Symbol | Energy transformati on | Characteristics | |
| Plu Presente Description Plus Presente Plus Presente Plus | Cell | + | Chemical- Electrical | Non-rechargeable | |
| | Accumul ator | + | Chemical- Electrical | Rechargeable | |
| | Battery | <u>+</u> | Chemical- Electrical | Group of accumulators. Rechargeable. | |
| | Dynamo | - G - | Mechanical- Electrical | - | |

GENERATORS

| AC | | | | |
|---------|------------|--------|---------------------------|---|
| Picture | Name | Symbol | Energy transformation | Characteristics |
| | Alternator | -0 0 | Mechanical- Electrical | Alternators are in power stations. A plug represents the terminals of an alternator |

RECEIVERS

| Picture | Name | Symbol | Energy transformation |
|---------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Bulb | $-\otimes$ | Electrical- Light |
| | Buzzer | M | Electrical-Sound |
| • | Bell | Π | Electrical-Sound |
| | Engine | Depends on the current | Electrical-Mechanical |

CONDUCTORS

| Picture | Name | Symbol | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--|--|
| | Cables/Wires | | | |
| Conductor:copper Insulator:plastic | | | | |

CONTROLLERS

| Picture | Name | Symbol | Characteristics |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Ē | Switch | | 1 entry-1 exit |
| - | Push switch NO | | |
| | Push switch NC | <u> </u> | 1 entry-1 exit |
| | Two-way switch | a c c | 1 entry-2 exits |
| | Double pole switch | a c b d | 2 entries-2 exits |