# Electricity Merit Badge DC Direct Current



Voltage is the quantity of <u>electrical force</u>Measured in VoltsCurrent is the flow of <u>electrons</u>Measured in AmpsDC Stand for <u>Direct Current</u>DC is current flowing in <u>one</u> direction

## Direct CurrentPass outTypical Battery Rating - How Long will they Last



#### Direct Current Battery Types How Long will they Last

![](_page_3_Figure_1.jpeg)

| D cell   | = | <u>Amp Hours</u> | =   | 4  | _ = _ | _40 | hours |
|----------|---|------------------|-----|----|-------|-----|-------|
|          |   | Amps             |     | .1 |       |     |       |
| C cell   | = | <u>Amp Hours</u> | =   | 2  | _ = _ | 20  | hours |
|          |   | Amps             |     | .1 |       |     |       |
| AA cell  | = | Amp Hours        | =   | 5_ | _ = _ | 5   | hours |
|          |   | Amps             |     | .1 |       |     |       |
| AAA cell | = | Amp Hours        | = _ | 2  | _ = _ | 2   | hours |
|          |   | Amps             |     | .1 |       |     |       |

![](_page_4_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### Many Battery Types

•Zinc-carbon battery - Also known as a standard carbon battery, zinc-carbon chemistry is used in all inexpensive AA, C and D dry-cell batteries. The electrodes are zinc and carbon, with an acidic paste between them that serves as the electrolyte.

•Alkaline battery - Used in common Duracell and Energizer batteries, the electrodes are zinc and manganese-oxide, with an alkaline electrolyte.

•Lithium photo battery - Lithium, lithium-iodide and lead-iodide are used in cameras because of their ability to supply power surges

•Lead-acid battery - Used in automobiles, the electrodes are made of lead and leadoxide with a strong acidic electrolyte (rechargeable).

•Nickel-cadmium battery - The electrodes are nickel-hydroxide and cadmium, with potassium-hydroxide as the electrolyte (rechargeable).

•Nickel-metal hydride battery - This battery is rapidly replacing nickel-cadmium because it does not suffer from the memory effect that nickel-cadmiums do (rechargeable).

•Lithium-ion battery - With a very good power-to-weight ratio, this is often found in high-end laptop and cell phones (rechargeable).

•Zinc-air battery - This battery is lightweight and rechargeable.

•Zinc-mercury oxide battery - This is often used in hearing-aids.

•Silver-zinc battery - This is used in aeronautical applications because the power-toweight ratio is good.

•Metal-chloride battery - This is used in electric vehicles

### Flashlight Diagram

![](_page_6_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Car DC Electrical System**

![](_page_7_Figure_1.jpeg)

Name four electrical items in a car

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![](_page_8_Figure_1.jpeg)

1 m 12 m

#### **Build an Electrical Switch**

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

1 m 13 m

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![](_page_10_Figure_1.jpeg)

5 m 18 m Direct Current Test Box Draw 4 different wiring test circuits, then pass out boxes.

![](_page_11_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Direct Current Test Box**

Draw Circuit to Switch Buzzer On / Off - Instructor draws this one first

![](_page_12_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_13_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### **Direct Current Test Box** Draw Circuit to Switch Light On / Off

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#### **Direct Current Test Box** Draw Circuit to Switch Light On / Off

![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

Direct Current Draw Circuit to Turn Buzzer on in one Direction and Light in other Direction

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

Direct Current Draw Circuit to Turn Buzzer on in one Direction and Light in other Direction

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

Two Switches Control One Light

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Draw a Circuit with Two Switch External Switch and On-board Switch

![](_page_19_Picture_1.jpeg)

When complete dismantle switch box and put all components back into its box.

![](_page_19_Picture_3.jpeg)

Turn Light on

Pass out boxes, connect 4 test circuits Instructor

#### Draw a Circuit with Two Switch External Switch and On-board Switch

![](_page_20_Figure_1.jpeg)

1 m

28 m