

# Automotive Technology 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Chapter 45 Wiring Schematics & Circuit Testing

### Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
<b>Introduce Content</b>	This course or class provides complete coverage of the components, operation, design, and troubleshooting. It correlates material to task lists specified by ASE and NATEF and emphasizes a problem-solving approach. Chapter features include Tech Tips, Frequently Asked Questions, Real World Fixes, Videos, Animations, and NATEF Task Sheet references.
<b>Motivate Learners</b>	Explain how the knowledge of how something works translates into the ability to use that knowledge to figure why the engine does not work correctly and how this saves diagnosis time, which translates into more money.
<b>State the learning objectives for the chapter or course you are about to cover and explain this is what they should be able to do as a result of attending this session or class.</b>	Explain the chapter learning objectives to the students as listed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interpret wiring schematics and explain the procedure to identify relay terminals.</li> <li>2. Explain how to locate an open circuit, how to determine whether a system has common power or common ground, and discuss circuit troubleshooting procedure.</li> <li>3. Interpret wiring schematics and explain the procedure to identify relay terminals.</li> <li>4. Explain how to locate an open circuit, how to determine whether a system has common power or common ground, and discuss circuit troubleshooting procedure.</li> </ol>
<b>Establish the Mood or Climate</b>	Provide a <b>WELCOME</b> , Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
<b>Complete Essentials</b>	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
<b>Clarify and Establish Knowledge Base</b>	Do a round robin of the class by going around the room and having each student give their backgrounds, years of experience, family, hobbies, career goals, or anything they want to share.

**NOTE: This lesson plan is based on the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Chapter Images found on Jim's web site @ [www.jameshalderman.com](http://www.jameshalderman.com)**

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### 1. TITLE SLIDE 1: WIRING SCHEMATICS & CIRCUIT TESTING

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**DISCUSSION: Have students talk about circuit information on a wiring diagram. How is a wiring diagram similar to a roadmap?**

**2. SLIDE 2 EXPLAIN Figure 45-1** The center wire is a solid color wire, meaning that the wire has no other identifying tracer or stripe color. The two end wires could be labeled “BRN/WHT,” indicating a brown wire with a white tracer or stripe.

**DEMONSTRATION: Procure a wiring harness to show students various colors of wires in harness**

**DISCUSSION: Have the students talk about the various colors of the wires in a wiring harness. What is the significance of different colors?**

**3. SLIDE 3 EXPLAIN Figure 45-2** Typical section of a wiring diagram. Notice that 2 wire color changes at connection C210. 2 “.8” represents 2 metric wire size in square **millimeters**.

**4. SLIDE 4 EXPLAIN Figure 45-3** Electrical/electronic symbols used in automotive wiring & circuit diagrams.

**5. SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN FIGURE 45.4** In this typical connector, note

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that the positive terminal is usually a female connector.

**DISCUSSION:** Have students discuss the symbols used to indicate male and female connectors.

**Why is the battery side of the connector female & not male? Have the students study Chart 45–3 to become familiar with symbols used in wiring diagrams. What do the shorter and longer lines on the battery symbol mean? How is wiring shown?**

- 6. SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN Figure 45-5** symbol for a battery. The positive plate of a battery is represented by the longer line and the negative plate by the shorter line. The voltage of the battery is usually stated next to the symbol.
- 7. SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN Figure 45-6** ground symbol on the left represents earth ground. The ground symbol on the right represents a chassis ground.
- 8. SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN Figure 45-7** Starting at top, wire from ignition switch is attached to terminal B of connector C2, wire is 0.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (20 gauge AWG), and yellow. Circuit number is 5. Wire enters connector C202 at terminal B3.
- 9. SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN Figure 45-8** electrical terminals are usually labeled with a letter or number.
- 10. SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN Figure 45-9** Two wires that cross at the dot indicate that the two are electrically connected.

**DEMONSTRATION: Procure a wiring harness with splices. Open it up to show splices in harness and explain the need for splices.**

- 11. SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN Figure 45-10** Wires that cross, but do not electrically contact each other, are shown with one wire bridging over the other.
- 12. SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN Figure 45-11** Connectors (C), grounds (G), and splices (S) are followed by a number, generally indicating the location in the vehicle. For example, G209 is a ground connection located under dash.

**DISCUSSION:** Have students talk about numbers used to indicate general areas for connection locations. Why is there need to separate vehicle into different areas to simplify repairs? What is difference between even & odd numbered connectors?

- 13. SLIDE 13 EXPLAIN Figure 45-12** ground for the battery is labeled G305 indicating the ground connector is located in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The ground wire is black (BLK), the circuit number is 50, and the wire is 32 mm<sup>2</sup> (2 gauge

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AWG).

14. **SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN Figure 45-13** The symbol for light bulbs shows the filament inside a circle, which represents the glass ampoule of the bulb.
15. **SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN Figure 45-14** An electric motor symbol shows a circle with the letter M in the center and two black sections that represent the brushes of the motor. This symbol is used even though the motor is a brushless design.
16. **SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN Figure 45-15** Resistor symbols vary depending on the type of resistor.
17. **SLIDE 17 EXPLAIN Figure 45-16** rheostat uses only two wires—one is connected to a voltage source and the other is attached to the movable arm.
18. **SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN Figure 45-17** Symbols used to represent capacitors. If one of the lines is curved, this indicates that the capacitor being used has a polarity, while the one without a curved line can be installed in the circuit without concern about polarity.
19. **SLIDE 19 EXPLAIN Figure 45-18** grid like symbol represents an electrically heated element. Symbol represents a cigarette lighter or heated rear window

**DISCUSSION: Talk about symbols used to represent capacitors on wiring diagrams. Why are 2 different symbols needed for capacitors?**

20. **SLIDE 20 EXPLAIN Figure 45-19** Dashed outline represents a portion (part) of a component.
21. **SLIDE 21 EXPLAIN Figure 45-20** Solid box represents an entire component.
22. **SLIDE 22 EXPLAIN Figure 45-21** Symbol represents a component that is case grounded.

**DEMONSTRATION: Show students how to use a copy of a wiring diagram and highlighter to trace circuits for testing or repair.**

23. **SLIDE 23 EXPLAIN Figure 45-22a** symbol for a single-pole, single-throw (SPST) switch. This type of switch is normally open (N.O.) because nothing is connected to the terminal that the switch is contacting in its normal position.
24. **SLIDE 24 EXPLAIN Figure 45-22b** single-pole, double-throw (SPDT) switch has three terminals.
25. **SLIDE 25 EXPLAIN Figure 45-22c** A double-pole, single-throw

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(DPST) switch has two positions (off and on) and can control two separate circuits.

26. **SLIDE 26 EXPLAIN Figure 45-22d** double-pole, double-throw (DPDT) switch has six terminals—three for each pole. Note: Both (c) and (d) also show a dotted line between the two arms indicating that they are mechanically connected, called a “ganged switch.”

27. **SLIDE 27 EXPLAIN Figure 45-23a** symbol for a normally open (N.O.) momentary switch.

28. **SLIDE 28 EXPLAIN Figure 45-23b** symbol for a normally closed (N.C.) momentary switch.

29. **SLIDE 29 EXPLAIN FIGURE 45-24** Color the parts of the circuit that have 12 volts, then take to the vehicle to see if power is available at each location marked

30. **SLIDE 30 EXPLAIN Figure 45-25** relay uses a movable arm to complete a circuit whenever there is a power at terminal 86 and a ground at terminal 85. A typical relay only requires about 1/10 ampere through the relay coil. The movable arm then closes the contacts (#30 to #87) and can relay 30 amperes or more.

31. **SLIDE 31 EXPLAIN Figure 45-26** cross-sectional view of a typical 4-terminal relay. Current flowing through coil (terminals 86 and 85) causes movable arm (called armature) to be drawn toward coil magnet. Contact points complete electrical circuit connected to terminals 30 & 87.

32. **SLIDE 32 EXPLAIN Figure 45-27** typical relay showing the schematic of the wiring in the relay.

33. **SLIDE 33 EXPLAIN Figure 45-28** All schematics are shown in their normal, non-energized position.

**DISCUSSION: Have students talk about operation of normally open and normally closed relays. What are the applications for normally open relays? What are the applications for normally closed relays?**

34. **SLIDE 34 EXPLAIN Figure 45-29** typical horn circuit. Note that relay contacts supply the heavy current to operate horn when horn switch simply completes a low-current circuit to ground, causing relay contacts to close.

35. **SLIDE 35 EXPLAIN Figure 45-30** When relay or solenoid coil current is turned off, the stored energy in coil flows through clamping diode and effectively reduces voltage spike.

**DISCUSSION: Ask students to talk about controlling relay voltage spikes. How does diode used in a relay coil circuit eliminate voltage spikes?**

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36. **SLIDE 36 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-31 resistor used in parallel with the coil windings is a common spike reduction method used in many relays.

**An inoperative circuit involving a relay can be divided in 1/2 for testing. high-current and low-current sides can be tested separately to determine which side of circuit is inoperative.**

**LAB HANDS-ON TASK: Students complete the W3D1 Worksheet 1 on Highlighting Wiring Diagrams**

**Students complete NATEF Task Sheet A6A6 Use wiring diagrams during diagnosis of electrical circuit problems (P-1), Page 140 Task Sheet**

37. **SLIDE 37 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-32 typical wiring diagram showing multiple switches & bulbs powered by one fuse.

**DEMONSTRATION: Use Trainer for an open circuit. Have students work through circuit troubleshooting procedure with you. Explain reason for testing simple things first. Try out this exercise before class to make sure it works properly for demonstrating to Students.**

38. **SLIDE 38 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-33 To add additional lighting, simply tap into an existing light wire & connect a relay. Whenever the existing light is turned on, the coil of the relay is energized. The arm of the relay then connects power from another circuit (fuse) to auxiliary lights without overloading the existing light circuit.

39. **SLIDE 39 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-34 Always check simple things first. Check fuse for circuit you are testing. Maybe a fault in another circuit controlled by same fuse could have caused fuse to blow. Use a test light to check that both sides of fuse have voltage.

**DISCUSSION: Discuss circuit breaker method of testing for a short-to-ground circuit. Why is this A better alternative than fuse replacement method?**

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40. **SLIDE 40 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-35 (a) After removing the blown fuse, a pulsing circuit breaker is connected to the terminals of fuse.
41. **SLIDE 41 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-35 (b) circuit breaker causes current to flow, then stop, then flow again, through circuit up to point of the short-to-ground. By observing the Gauss gauge, location of short is indicated near where the needle stops moving due to the magnetic field created by the flow of current through the wire.
42. **SLIDE 42 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-36 Gauss gauge can be used to determine the location of a short circuit even behind a metal panel.

**DEMONSTRATION: Show students how a gauss gauge works. Have them use gauss gauge to check for a shorted wire.**

43. **SLIDE 43 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-37 tone generator-type tester used to locate open circuits and circuits that are shorted-to-ground. Included with this tester is a transmitter (tone generator), receiver probe, and headphones for use in noisy shops.

**DISCUSSION: Have students discuss four methods of testing for a short-to-ground circuit. Which method would be the easiest, & which would be most difficult? Why?**

44. **SLIDE 44 EXPLAIN** Figure 45-38 To check for a short-to-ground using a tone generator, connect black transmitter lead to a good chassis ground & red lead to load side of fuse terminal. Turn the transmitter on and check for tone signal with the receiver. Using a wiring diagram, follow strongest signal to short-to-ground. There will be no signal beyond the fault, either a short-to-ground as shown or an open circuit.
45. **SLIDE 45 EXPLAIN** FIGURE 45-39 Antistatic spray can be used by customers to prevent being shocked when they touch a metal object like the door handle.

**DEMONSTRATION: Raise a vehicle on a lift. Have students inspect & locate areas where potential electrical OR electronic problems could occur from heat or movement of a wiring harness.**

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**NATEF Task Sheet Locate shorts, grounds, opens, & resistance problems in electrical/electronic circuits; determine necessary action (P-1), Page 141 Task Sheet**

**NATEF Task Sheet Identify and interpret electrical/electronic system concern; determine necessary action. (P-1), Page 139 Task Sheet**

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