Advanced Automotive Electricity & Electronics

Chapter 2 Electrical Circuits & Ohm's Law

Opening Your Class

KEY ELEMENT	EXAMPLES
Introduce Content	This course or class covers operation and service of Advanced
	Automotive Electricity and Electronics Systems. It correlates material
	to task lists specified by ASE and NATEF.
Motivate Learners	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.
State the learning	Explain the chapter learning objectives to the students.
objectives for the chapter	1. Identify the parts of a complete circuit.
cover and explain this is	2. Describe the characteristics of different types of circuit faults.
what they should be able	3. Explain Ohm's law as it applies to automotive circuits.
to do as a result of attending this session or	4. Explain Watt's law as it applies to automotive circuits.
class.	This chapter will help you prepare for the ASE
	Electrical/Electronic Systems (A6) certification test content
	area "A" (General Electrical/Electronic System Diagnosis).
Establish the Mood or	Provide a WELCOME, Avoid put downs and bad jokes.
Climate	
Complete Essentials	Restrooms, breaks, registration, tests, etc.
Clarify and Establish	Do a round robin of the class by going around the room and having
Knowledge Base	each student give their backgrounds, years of experience, family,
	hobbies, career goals, or anything they want to share.

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1. SLIDE 1 CH2 ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS/OHM'S LAW

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2. SLIDES 2-3 EXPLAIN CIRCUITS TEXT

4. SLIDE 4 EXPLAIN Figure 2-1 All complete circuits must have a power source, a power path, protection (fuse), an electrical load (light bulb in this case), and a return path back to the power source.

DEMONSTRATION: DEMONSTRATE BASIC ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT ON <u>TRAINER. SHOW</u> (FIGURE 2-1)WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CIRCUIT IS SHORTED TO GROUND

TRAINER TASK: ALLOW STUDENTS TO BLOW FUSE BY CREATING A SHORT CIRCUIT, OBSERVING WHAT IT TAKES TO CREATE SHORT CIRCUIT AND WHAT RESULTS ARE FOUND

- **5. SLIDE 5 EXPLAIN Figure 2-2** return path back to the battery can be any electrical conductor, such as a copper wire or the metal frame or body of the vehicle &
- 6. SLIDE 6 EXPLAIN Figure 2-3 electrical switch opens the circuit and no current flows. The switch could also be on the return (ground) path wire
- 7. SLIDE 7 EXPLAIN CIRCUIT FAULTS
- 8. SLIDE 8 EXPLAIN Figure 2-4 Examples of common causes of open circuits. Some of these causes are often difficult to find.
- 9. SLIDE 9 EXPLAIN TECH TIP
- **10. SLIDE 10 EXPLAIN Figure 2-5** A short circuit permits electrical current to bypass some or all of the resistance in the circuit.

11. SLIDE 11 EXPLAIN REAL WORLD FIX

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	DISCUSSION: ASK STUDENTS TO DISCUSS GROUND PATH. WHY DOESN'T A SEPARATE GROUND WIRE HAVE TO BE RUN FROM THE BATTERY TO EACH ELECTRICAL LOAD? ASK STUDENTS TO DISCUSS HOW AND WHY A SHORT-TO-VOLTAGE OCCURS. WHAT IS THE REASON THAT A SHORT-TO-
	12 SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN CIRCUIT FAULT TYPES
	 13. SLIDE 12 EXPLAIN Figure 2-6 A fuse or circuit breaker opens the circuit to prevent possible overheating damage in the event of a short circuit.
3	 14. SLIDE 14 EXPLAIN Figure 2-7 short-to-ground affects power side of circuit. Current flows directly to ground return, bypassing some or all of electrical loads in the circuit. There is no current in circuit past the short. A short-to ground will also cause fuse to blow. 15. SLIDE 15 EXPLAIN TECH TIP
	16. SLIDE 16 EXPLAIN FIGURE 2–8 Electrical flow through a circuit is similar to water flowing over a waterwheel. The more the water (amperes in electricity), the greater amount of work (waterwheel). The amount of water remains constant, yet the pressure (voltage in electricity) drops as the current flows through the circuit.
	DISCUSSION: ASK STUDENTS TO DISCUSS EFFECTS OF HIGHER THAN-NORMAL RESISTANCE ON VARIOUS COMPONENTS IN AN AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. WHAT CAN CAUSE HIGH RESISTANCE?
	HOMEWORK: RESEARCH ON INTERNET OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICIANS WHO SPECIALIZE IN ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IN YOUR AREA. ASK THEM TO FOCUS ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: WHAT TYPES OF WORK ARE AVAILABLE? WHAT ARE THE TRAINING AND JOB QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS? WHAT IS SALARY RANGE FOR TECHNICIAN WHO IS TRAINED IN AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS? HAVE STUDENTS WRITE A SUMMARY OF THEIR EINDINGS AND SHAPE IT WITH CLASS
	THE THE SHARE IT WITH CLASS.

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DEMO	DEMONSTRATION: USE AN INDUCTIVE AMMETER OR CHARGING SYSTEM TESTER TO SHOW THAT AMOUNT OF CURRENT LEAVING BATTERY ON POSITIVE IS RETURNED ON NEGATIVE SIDE.
	17. SLIDE 17 EXPLAIN OHM'S LAW
PANN	<u>Ohm's Law, Current</u>
	<u>Ohm's Law, Resistance</u>
	<u>Ohm's Law, Volt</u>
	 18. SLIDE 18 EXPLAIN Figure 2-9 To calculate one unit of electricity when the other two are known, simply use your finger and cover the unit you do not know. For example, if both voltage (E) and resistance (R) are known, cover the letter I (amperes). Notice that the letter E is above the letter R, so divide the resistor's value into the voltage to determine the current in circuit electricity.
	19. SLIDE 19 EXPLAIN OHM'S LAW
	20. SLIDE 20 EXPLAIN CHART 2.1 Ohm's law relationship with the three units of electricity
	DISCUSSION: ASK STUDENTS TO TALK ABOUT OHM'S LAW. WHAT IS APPLICATION OF OHM'S LAW IN AUTOMOTIVE WIRING CIRCUITS?
	COMPLETE TASK SHEET ON ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS
	STUDENTS CAN COMPLETE <u>NATEF TASK SHEET ON</u> OHM'S LAW: DIAGNOSE ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC INTEGRITY OF SERIES, PARALLEL & SERIES- PARALLEL CIRCUITS USING PRINCIPLES OF ELECTRICITY (OHM'S LAW)
	21. SLIDES 21-22 EXPLAIN WATT'S LAW
	23. SLIDE 25 EATLAIN Figure 2-10 This closed circuit includes a power source, power-side wire, circuit protection (fuse), resistance (bulb), and return path wire. In this circuit, if battery has 12 volts & electrical load has 4 ohms, then current through circuit is 4 amperes.

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	DISCUSSION: ASK STUDENTS TO COMPARE OHM'S & WATT'S LAWS. WHICH LAW CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE THE DIAMETER OF WIRE NEEDED FOR A CIRCUIT?
	<u>Math Formula, Watt</u>
3	24. SLIDE 24 EXPLAIN TECH TIP
	25. SLIDE 25 EXPLAIN Figure 2-11 Calculate 1 unit when other 2 are known, cover unknown unit to see what unit needs to be divided or multiplied to arrive at solution.
	26. SLIDE 26 EXPLAIN Figure 2-12 "Magic circle" of most formulas for problems involving Ohm's law. Each quarter of "pie" has formulas used to solve for a particular unknown value: current (amperes), in upper right segment; resistance (ohms), in lower right; voltage (E), in lower left; and power (watts), in upper left