

Rectifier Monitoring

Fundamentals Course

Period 8 / Chapter 7

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Pipeline Corrosion Monitor Pleads Guilty to Pipeline Safety Violations and False Statements

Randy Jones, 44, a former corrosion coordinator for Shell Pipeline Company L.P. (Shell), pleaded guilty in Milwaukee today to failing to conduct bi-monthly voltage readings and an annual survey of a pipeline used to transport jet fuel in violation of the Pipeline Safety Act (PSA) and making a false statement to the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA).

Jones, a resident of Louisiana, pleaded guilty to knowingly failing to conduct required safety test between January and December 2011 and submitting false data to PHMSA. The violations were in connection with a pipeline owned by Shell that delivered commercial aviation jet fuel to General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In January 2012 a hole was discovered in the pipeline at Mitchell Airport after jet fuel began showing up in soil surrounding the airport and in nearby Wilson Creek. Fuel eventually reached and melted asphalt on airport property. Shell reported that approximately 9,000 gallons of jet fuel was released. The response and cleanup cost for the spill was approximately \$19.3 million.

Jones was employed by Shell from 1992 through 2012. From 2010 until 2012, Jones was employed as a corrosion coordinator and was responsible for Shell pipelines servicing Mitchell and Chicago O'Hare airports. Jones failed to conduct the required testing for 2011 and when advised of an audit by PHMSA scheduled for December 2011, he submitted false data indicating the required test had been conducted.

Consistent with requirements of the PSA, which establishes standards for the safe operation of the hazardous materials in pipelines, buried or submerged metal pipelines must be protected to prevent corrosion. This involves the use of a device called a rectifier which applies a negative current to soil near the pipeline to keep corrosion away from the pipe. The operator of the pipeline is required to conduct bi-monthly readings of the voltage generated from a rectifier and conduct an annual survey of the pipeline to insure that the pipeline is adequately protected from corrosion. PHMSA is the primary agency responsible for regulating and enforcing the PSA.

Objective of Presentation

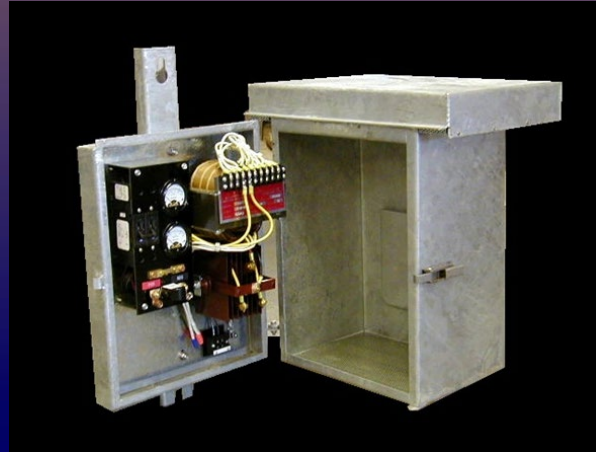
- ❖ Familiarize everyone with components of Rectifiers
- ❖ Understand workings of components
- ❖ Understand the Why, What, How, and When of Rectifier Monitoring

What is a Rectifier?

- ❖ A rectifier is a device that converts alternating current (AC) electricity from the power grid to direct current (DC) electricity for impressed current cathodic protection.
- ❖ The positive terminal of the rectifier is connected to the anode bed.
- ❖ The negative terminal of the rectifier is connected to the protected structure.
- ❖ Connecting a rectifier with the opposite polarity will cause the structure to corrode rapidly and could have catastrophic consequences.



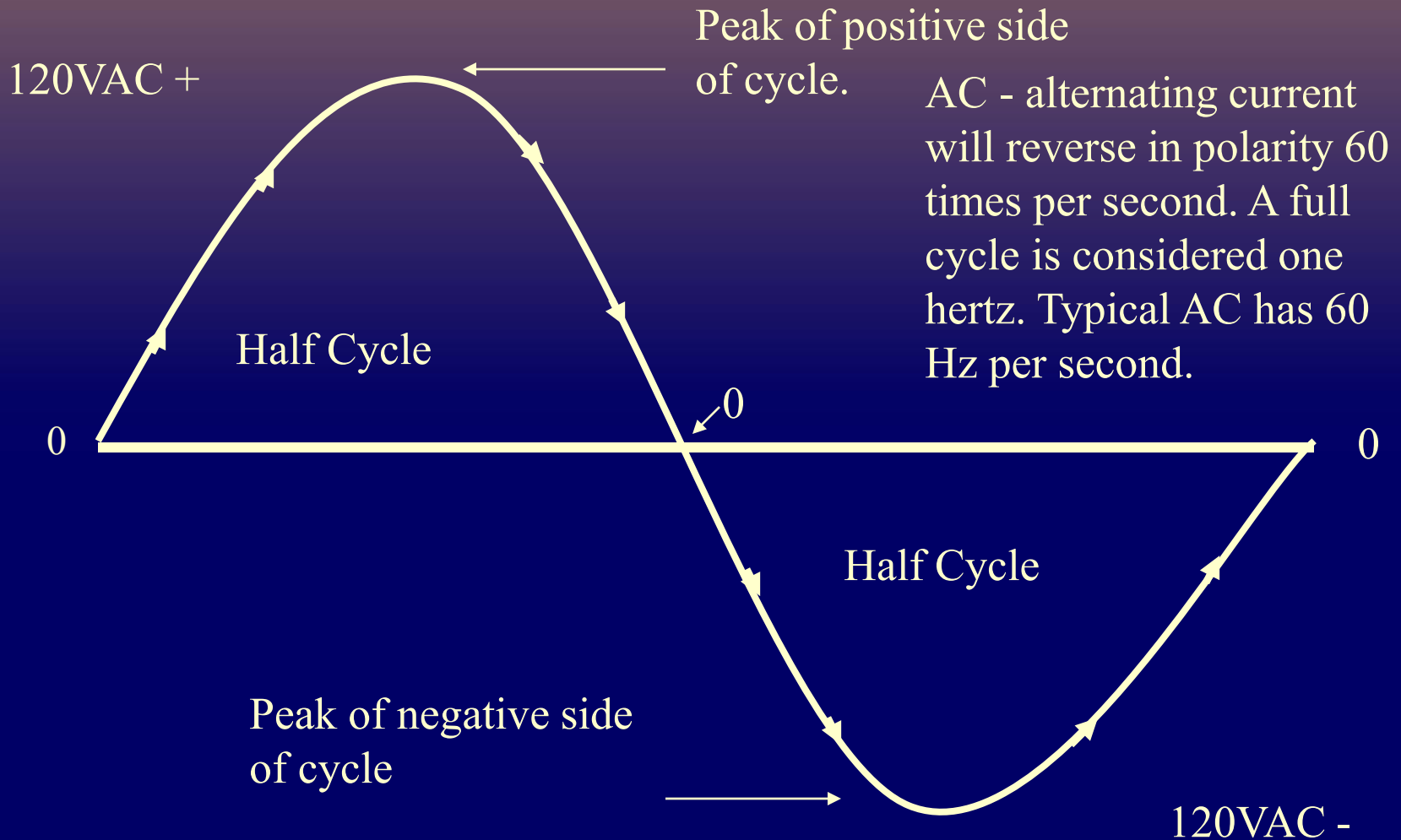
Samples of Rectifiers



Samples of Rectifiers

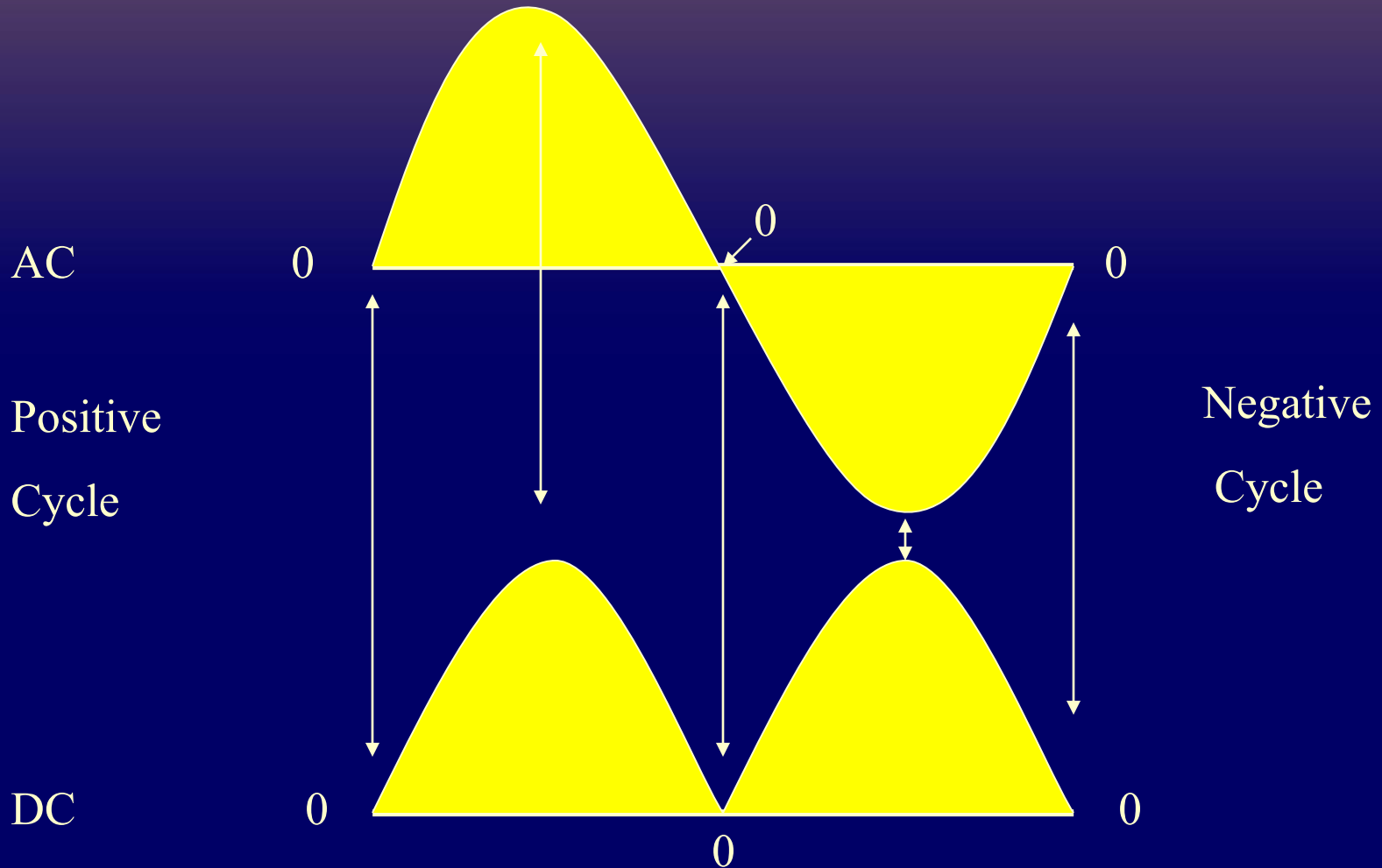


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Basic Electric - Rectifying AC



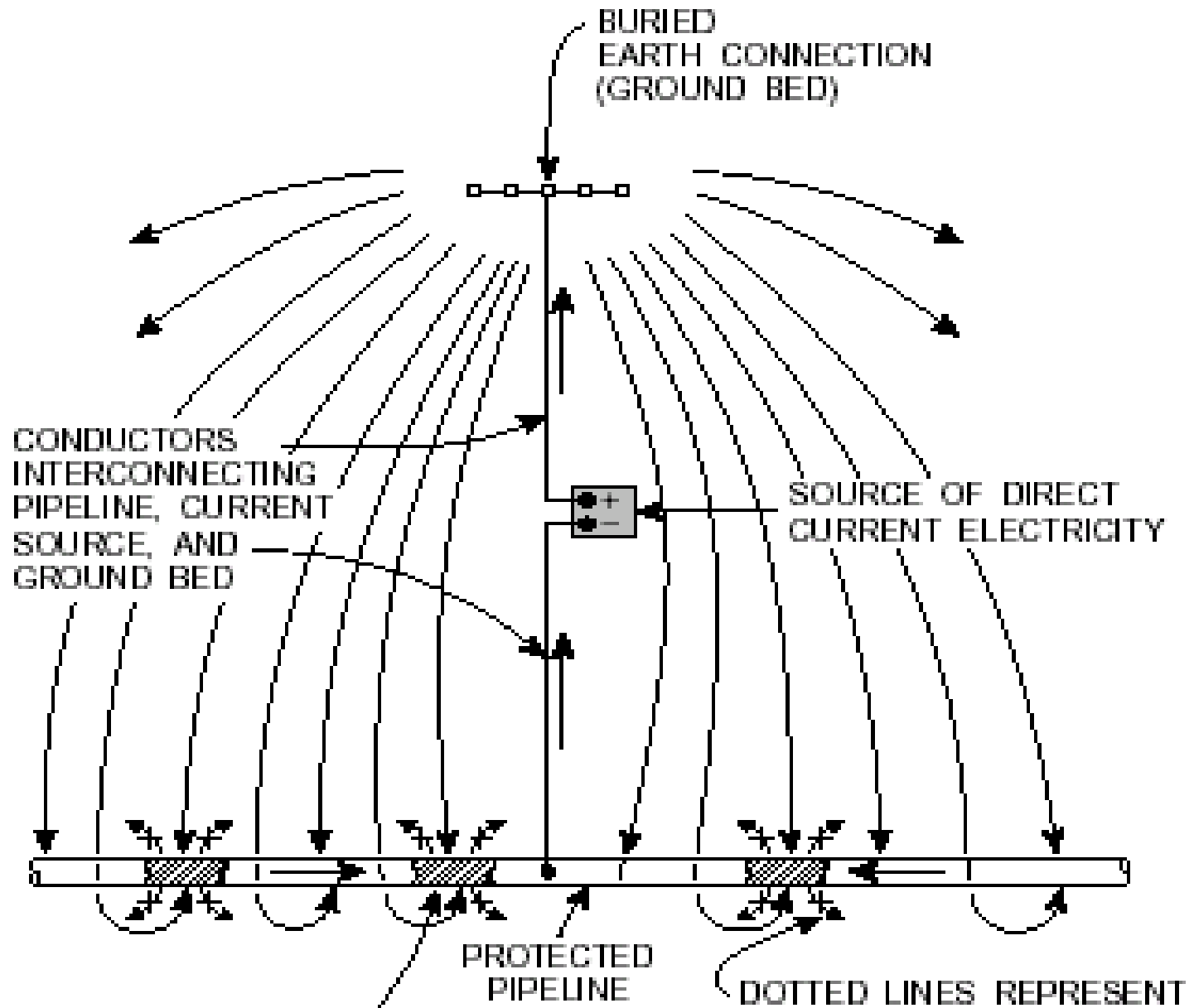
Header Cables

- ❖ Negative cable connected to the structure
- ❖ Positive cable hooked to the groundbed



Negative Terminal
– Structure or pipeline

Positive Terminal
- Ground bed



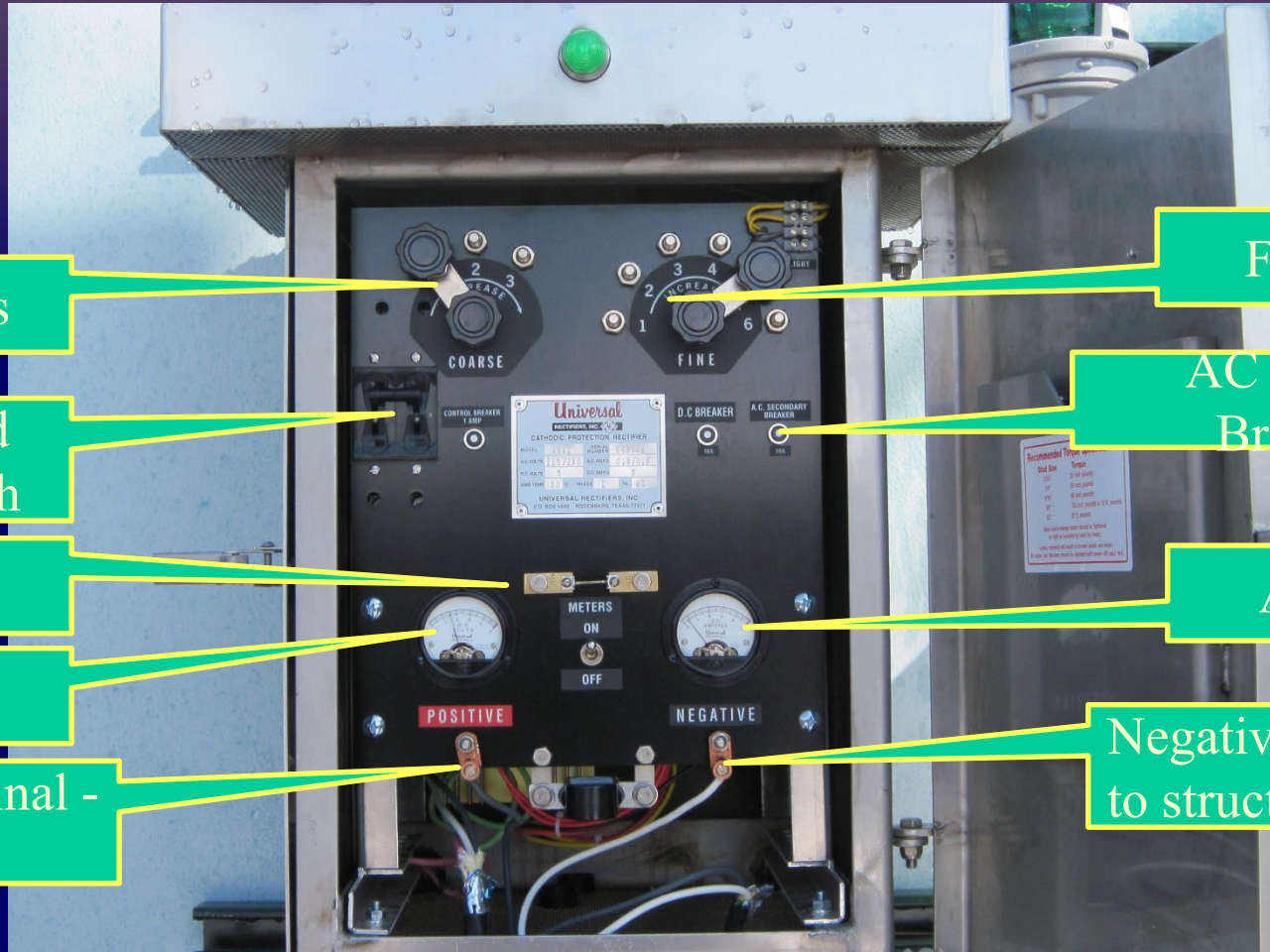
SHADED AREA ON PIPELINE DENOTES ANODIC AREAS EXISTING PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF CATHODIC PROTECTION.

DOTTED LINES REPRESENT CURRENT DISCHARGE FROM ANODIC AREAS WHICH HAS BEEN ELIMINATED BY CATHODIC PROTECTION.

Basic Components of a Rectifier

- ❖ Circuit Breaker
- ❖ Transformer
- ❖ Rectifying Elements
- ❖ Accessory Equipment

Typical Air Cooled Rectifier



Coarse Taps

Breaker and on/off switch

Shunt

Voltmeter

Positive terminal - to anode bed

Fine Taps

AC and DC Breakers

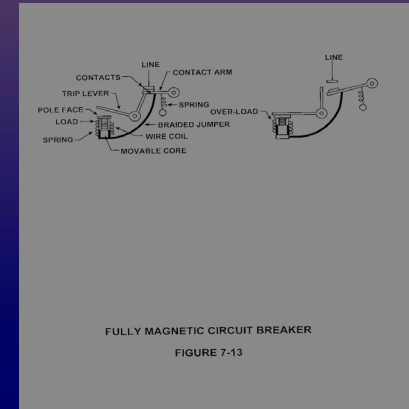
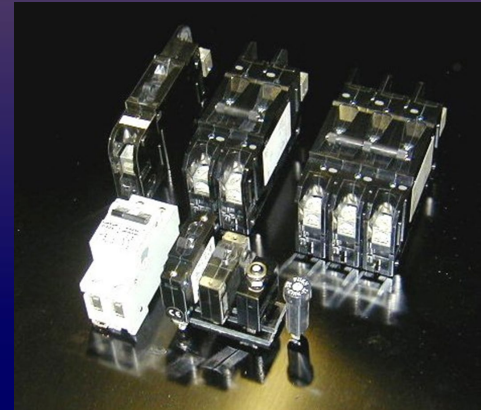
Ammeter

Negative terminal - to structure

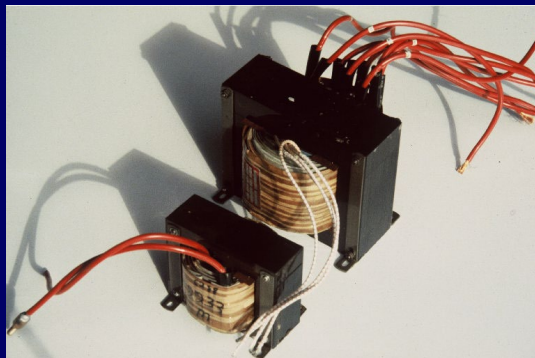
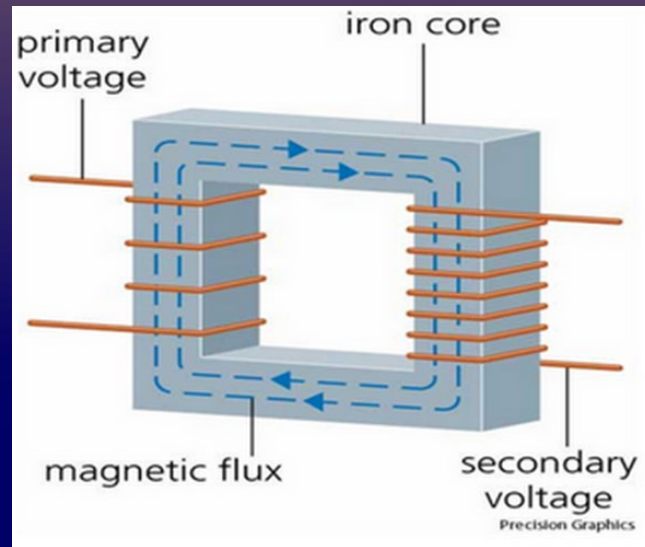
Circuit Breaker

❖ Primary Function

- ❖ provide overload protection for the circuit in which it's installed
- ❖ serves as an on-off switch for the rectifier
- ❖ It will not de-energize all components in the rectifier.



Standard Transformer



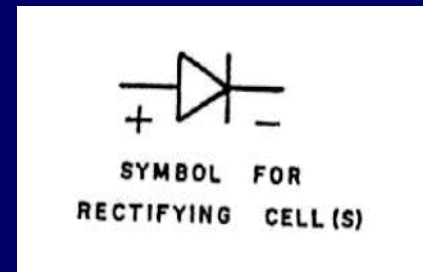
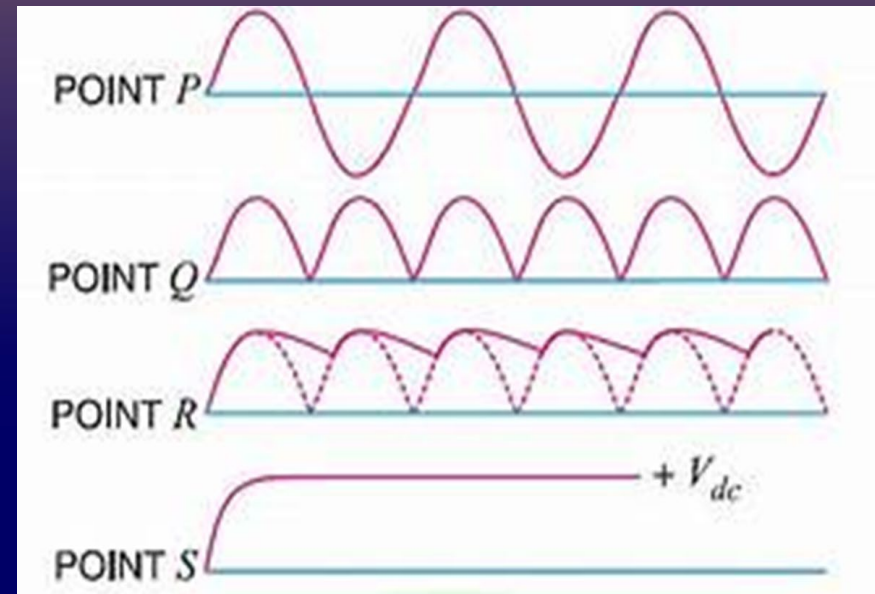
❖ Primary Function

- ❖ A transformer is a device used to step up a voltage, step down a voltage, or to isolate a voltage from its source.
- ❖ In a rectifier, the transformer is used to step down the voltage from the power source to a suitable voltage for rectification.

Rectifying Elements

❖ Primary Function

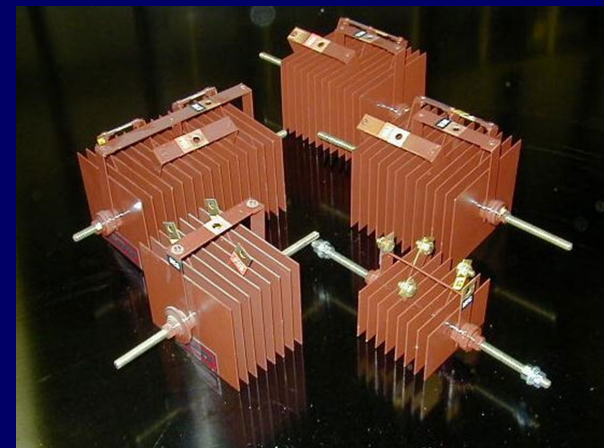
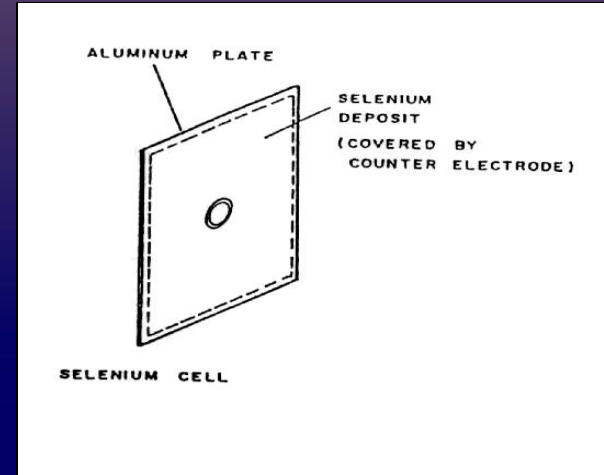
- ❖ Function of the device is to pass current in one direction and to block it in the opposite direction.
- ❖ Changes the AC to DC by inverting alternate halves of the AC waveform, making all portions of the waveform electrically unidirectional.
- ❖ Silicon or Selenium (outdated technology)



Selenium Cell

❖ Primary Function

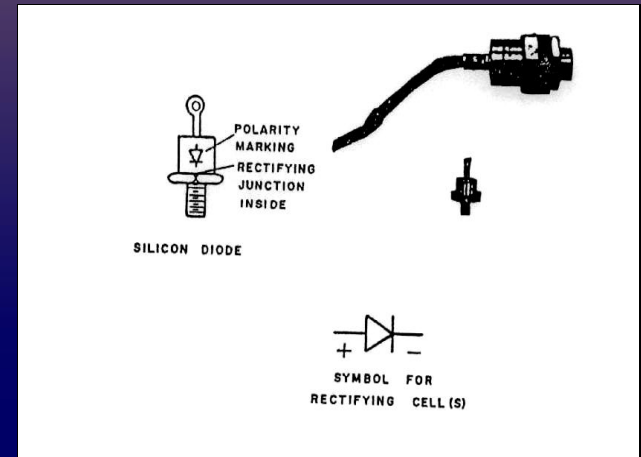
- ❖ barrier layer on selenium side of plate prevents current from passing from the selenium side to the aluminum side



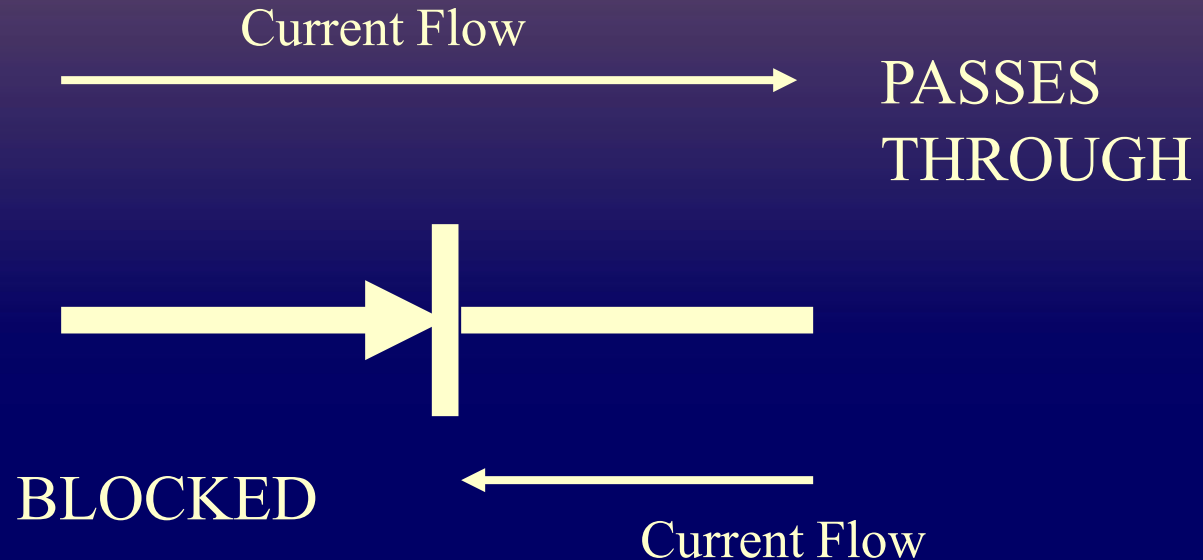
Silicon Diode

❖ Primary Function

- ❖ permits current to flow in only one direction
- ❖ provides high current and voltage outputs



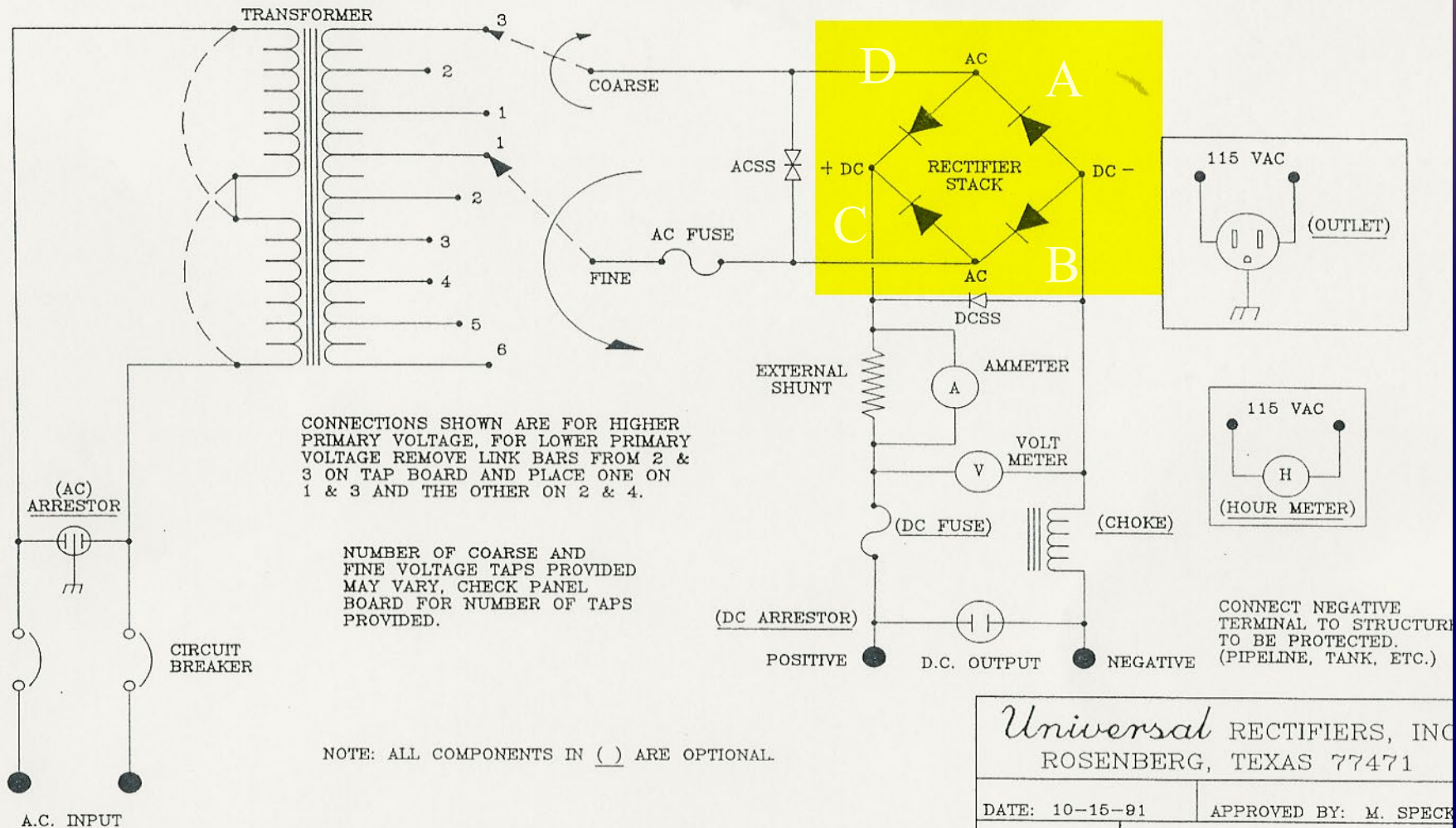
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Current Flows one direction.

Used in rectified systems to change AC to DC with a Rectified diode.

Basic Electric - Rectified diode bridge



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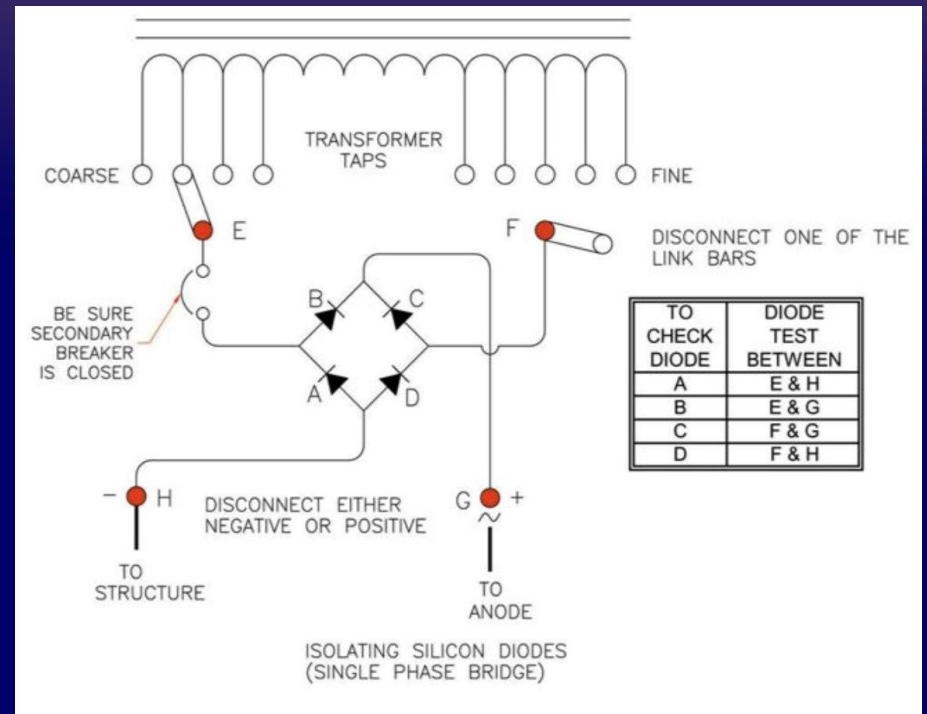
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Checking the Diode Module

- ❖ **Place your meter on the diode checker**
- ❖ **Disconnect the structure or ground bed cable**
- ❖ **Remove the tabs on the course and fine**
- ❖ **Do the four-part test**

Basic Electric Diode Module Check Four Part Test

- ❖ Test across the course and the structure terminal
- ❖ Test across the fine and the ground bed terminal
- ❖ Test across the course and the ground bed terminal
- ❖ Test across the fine and the structure terminal
- ❖ Reverse all polarities on lead for each test



Accessory Equipment

- ❖ Amp/Volt meters
- ❖ Lightning Arresters
- ❖ Filters
- ❖ Shunts

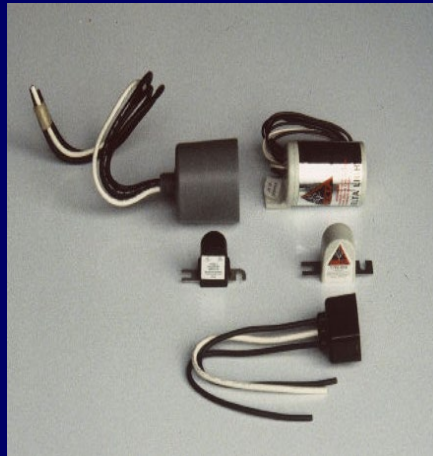
Accessory Equipment

❖ Amp and Volt meters

- ❖ installed to measure and monitor amp and voltage output of rectifier

❖ Lightning Arrestors

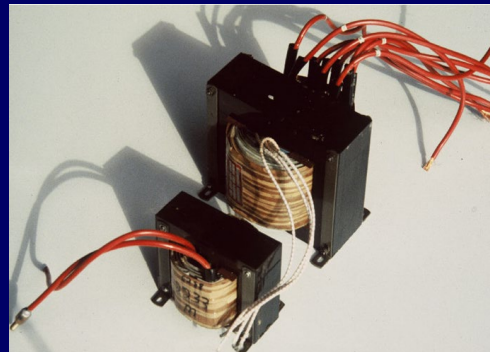
- ❖ installed on AC input and DC output circuits of rectifier
- ❖ prevent damage to rectifier unit during lightning surges



Accessory Equipment

❖ Efficiency Filters

- ❖ improve the efficiency of the rectifier
- ❖ eliminate electronic noise /interference on electronic circuits
- ❖ can also provide lightning protection to the DC side of circuit



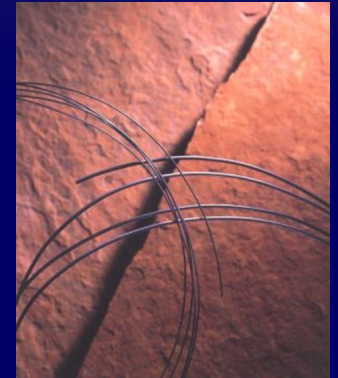
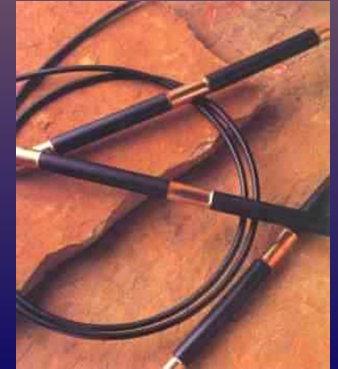
❖ Shunts

- ❖ provide a way of measuring the output current of the rectifier



Impressed Current Groundbed

- ❖ Cast Iron
- ❖ Platinum
- ❖ Graphite
- ❖ Mixed Metal Oxide
- ❖ Coke Breeze



Groundbed Design

- ❖ Leave it to the experienced Corrosion Control Engineer
 - ❖ Things to consider
 - ❖ Right-of-way
 - ❖ Soil resistivity
 - ❖ Pipe diameter
 - ❖ Pipe wall thickness
 - ❖ Coating condition and type
 - ❖ Proximity to other structures

Review

- ❖ What is a rectifier?
- ❖ Can you name the major components of a rectifier?
- ❖ What are their functions?

Rectifier Monitoring

Department of Transportation
Inspection Requirements

Monitor and Evaluate New and Existing Rectifiers Per CFR-49 Part 192.465b

DOT- § 192.465 External corrosion control: Monitoring

(b) Cathodic protection rectifiers and impressed current power sources must be periodically inspected as follows:

(1) Each cathodic protection rectifier or impressed current power source must be **inspected six times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 2 ½ months between inspections**, to ensure adequate amperage and voltage levels needed to provide cathodic protection are maintained. This may be done either through remote measurement or through an onsite inspection of the rectifier.

(2) **After January 1, 2022,** each remotely inspected rectifier must be physically inspected for continued safe and reliable operation at least once each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 15 months.

Monitor and Evaluate New and Existing Rectifiers Per CFR-49 Part 192.465b

❖ **Inspection Includes**

- ❖ general Condition of rectifier
- ❖ recording rectifier DC volts and amps output

❖ **Additional Information**

- ❖ readings taken from either rectifier meters OR handheld digital meters
- ❖ record all data and changes made

Rectifier Required Inspections

❖ Importance of Inspections

- ❖ to ensure rectifier unit and ground bed are in good condition



I know it was there last time I checked !!

Required Inspections



- ❖ Will detect any outside interference problems
- ❖ Ensure entire area surrounding rectifier is maintained

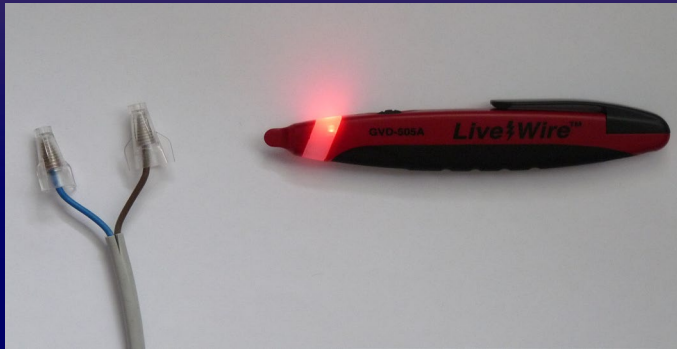
Rectifier Inspection Safety Precautions

- ❖ Look for presence of insects, rodents or other hazards around rectifier
- ❖ Check for electrical shorts by brushing rectifier unit with back of your hand



Rectifier Inspection Safety Precautions

No Contact Voltage Detector







Required Electrical Inspections



- ❖ DC voltage output readings
 - ❖ reading DC voltmeter on rectifier unit
 - To ensure meter accuracy*
 - ❖ multimeter is connected in parallel to rectifier output terminals

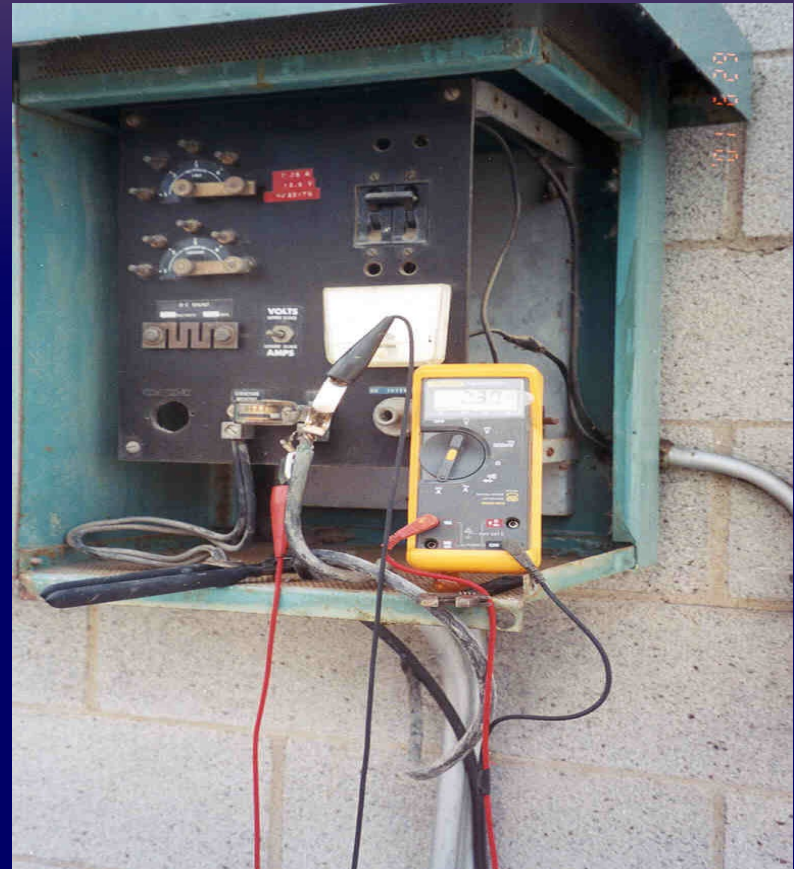
Required Electrical Inspections



- ❖ **DC amperage output reading also can be obtained**
 - ❖ connecting multimeter in parallel with panel shunt
 - ❖ obtain reading and perform calculations

Required Electrical Inspections

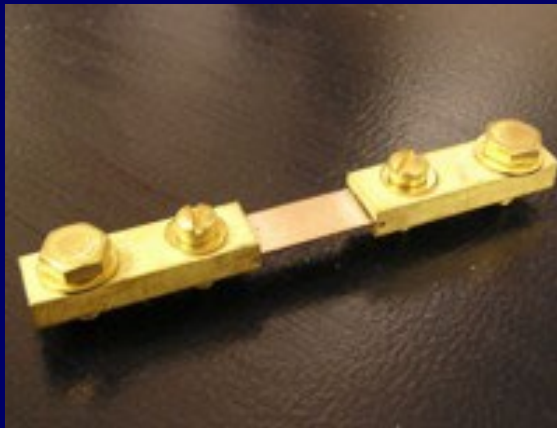
- ❖ **DC Amperage Output reading obtained by**
 - ❖ reading DC amps meter on rectifier unit
 - ❖ with meter on DC amps setting - connect in series to rectifier output terminals
 - ensure rectifier is turned off then on



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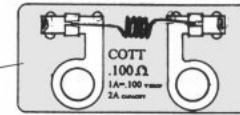
- ❖ Shunts are resistors; therefore, is considered a load.
- ❖ Measure voltage across shunt with meter connected in parallel.
- ❖ Shunts are used mainly for measuring current flow in a circuit.
 - ❖ Rectifiers
 - ❖ Bonds

Various types of shunts



Features:

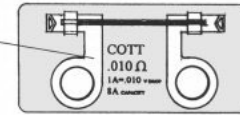
Circuit Board – Makrolon® polycarbonate is one of the world's toughest plastics.



Color coded for easy value recognition:

Red
.1 ohm
2 amp capacity

Current Strips and Potential Posts – Nickel plated brass.

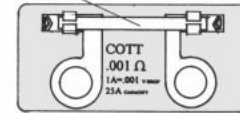


Yellow
.01 ohm
8 amp capacity

Resistance Wire – Manganin (ASTM B267, Cl.VI)

Standard ¼" holes on 1" centers fits all **Fink**® brand cathodic protection test stations.

Quality Assurance – All **COTTShunts**® are 100% tested and calibrated to within ± 1% of advertised resistance value.



Orange
.001 ohm
25 amp capacity

Table 4.2 Shunt Types and Values

	Shunt Rating		Shunt Value	Shunt Factor
	Amps	MV	Ohms	A/mV
Holloway Type				
RS	5	50	.01	.1
SS	25	25	.001	1
SO	50	50	.001	1
SW or CP	1	50	.05	.02
SW or CP	2	50	.025	.04
SW or CP	3	50	.017	.06
SW or CP	4	50	.0125	.08
SW or CP	5	50	.01	.1
SW or CP	10	50	.005	.2
SW	15	50	.0033	.3
SW	20	50	.0025	.4
SW	25	50	.002	.5
SW	30	50	.0017	.6
SW	50	50	.001	1
SW	60	50	.0008	1.2
SW	75	50	.0067	1.5
SW	100	50	.0005	2
J.B. Type				
Agra-Mesa	5	50	.01	.1
Cott or MCM				
Red (MCM)	.1	100	.1	.01
Red (Cott)	.5	50	.1	.01
Yellow	5	50	.01	.1
Orange	25	25	.001	1

OHM'S Law

❖ **Mathematically it can be stated three ways:**

$$I = E/R$$

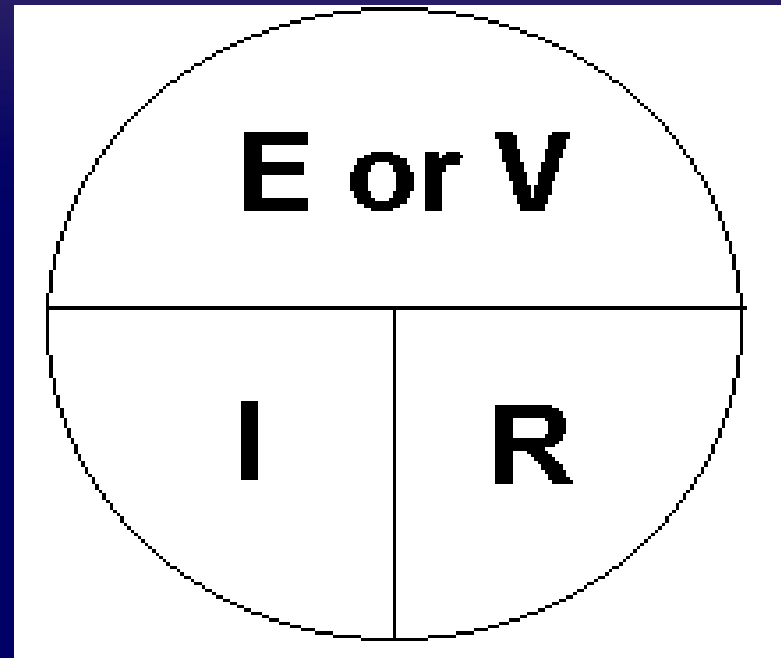
$$R = E/I$$

$$E = I \times R \text{ or } E = IR$$

I = Current in Amperes

E = Voltage in volts

R = Resistance in Ohms



Volt

The volt is the basic unit of electrical pressure which forces an electrical current (electrons) to flow through an electrical circuit.

$$1000 \text{ mV} = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$1 \text{ mV} = 0.001 \text{ V}$$

SYMBOL is either V or E

$$50 \text{ mV} = \underline{0.05} \text{ V}$$

$$2.5 \text{ V} = \underline{2,500} \text{ mV}$$

$$250 \text{ mV} = \underline{0.250} \text{ V}$$

$$10.0 \text{ V} = \underline{10,000} \text{ mV}$$

$$850 \text{ mV} = \underline{0.85} \text{ V}$$

$$3.67 \text{ V} = \underline{3,670} \text{ mV}$$

OHM'S Law

❖ Sample Calculations:

	<u>I</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>R</u>
1.	<u>2</u>	10 V	5 ohms
2.	3A	<u>6</u>	2 ohms
3.	<u>1 mA</u>	10 mV	10 milliohms
4.	2 mA	2V	<u>1,000 ohms</u>

Shunts

Calculation

50 mV - 50 A



Determine Amps/mV

$$1 \text{ mV} = \frac{50}{50 \text{ mV}} \text{ A} = 1 \text{ A / mV}$$

Shunt Resistance

$$R = \frac{E}{I} = \frac{0.050 \text{ V}}{50 \text{ A}} = 0.001 \Omega$$

If Measure - 50 mV

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{50}{0.001 \Omega} \text{ mV} = \frac{50,000}{\Omega} \text{ mV} = 50 \text{ A}$$

Additional samples provided at the end of the chapter.

Shunts

Calculation



Determine Shunt Factor (SF)

SF X Measurement (mV) = Amps

50A / 50mV shunt = SF of 1

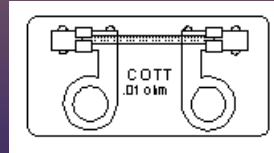
SF 1 X 4.2 mV = 4.2 A

50A / 25mV shunt = SF of 0.5

SF 0.5 X 4.2 mV = 2.1 A

Shunts

Calculation



$$V / R = I$$

Measurement (V) / R (0.1Ω, 0.01Ω, or 0.001Ω) = I (A)

Measurement of 32.1 mV = .0321 V / 0.1Ω = .321 A

Measurement of 32.1 mV = .0321 V / 0.01Ω = 3.21 A

Measurement of 32.1 mV = .0321 V / 0.001Ω = 32.1 A

Basic Electrical Efficiency Rating Calculation

$$\frac{\text{DC Watts (Output)}}{\text{AC Watts (Input)}} = (\text{answer}) \cdot 100 = \text{Eff. Rating \%}$$

For example,

Measurement of AC current and AC voltage on the inlet of the transformer.

$$\frac{I \cdot E = P \text{ (watts) DC Output}}{I \cdot E = P \text{ (watts) AC Input}}$$

$$\frac{10\text{amps} \cdot 20 \text{ Volts} = 200 \text{ Watts}}{20\text{amps} \cdot 30\text{Volts} = 600 \text{ Watts}} = .33 \cdot 100 = 33\%$$

Review: Rectifier Inspections

- ❖ **Observe all safety precautions while performing rectifier inspections !**
- ❖ **Check physical condition of rectifier unit and area surrounding rectifier**
- ❖ **Obtain DC voltage reading and record**
- ❖ **Obtain DC amps reading by either method illustrated**
- ❖ **Record accurate readings on appropriate forms**

Additional Information Annual Inspections

- ❖ Clean and tighten all connections
- ❖ Clean all screens, vents
- ❖ Check all meters for accuracy
- ❖ Replace damaged wires
- ❖ Check all protective devices - fuses, lightning arresters
- ❖ Inspect all components for damage
- ❖ Clean rectifier unit of dirt, insects

Questions?

Thanks!

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