

Control and transformation of energy

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Complete this Concept Review so you can keep a record of what you have learned.

Definitions

- A closed circuit is a circuit in which electric current flows in a loop.
- An open circuit is a circuit in which electric current cannot flow in a loop.
- Control is the electrical function performed by any component that can open and close a circuit.
- The transformation of energy is the electrical function performed by any component that can convert electrical energy into another form of energy.

Electrical components that are used to transform energy

Component	Description	Form of energy obtained
<i>Incandescent light bulbs</i>	<i>The electrons that make their way to the light bulb must flow through a tungsten filament. The filament resists the current, heating up to the point of emitting white light.</i>	<i>Luminous energy</i>
<i>Heating elements</i>	<i>As in light bulbs, the electrons must pass through a material that resists the current. The material warms up, converting the electrical energy into heat.</i>	<i>Thermal energy</i>
<i>Piezoelectric crystals</i>	<i>When an electric current is applied to a piezoelectric crystal, the crystal starts to vibrate.</i>	<i>Mechanical energy or sound energy (vibrations)</i>
<i>Electromagnets</i>	<i>The electrons flow through a coil of electrical wire wrapped around an iron core. The current flow gives the iron a magnetic charge, creating a magnetic field.</i>	<i>Magnetic energy</i>