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## Exp. 14 - "0 TO 9V DC POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT"

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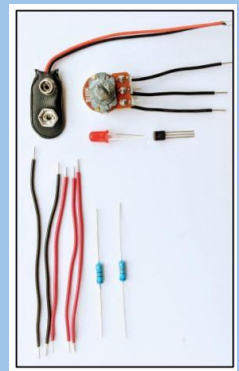
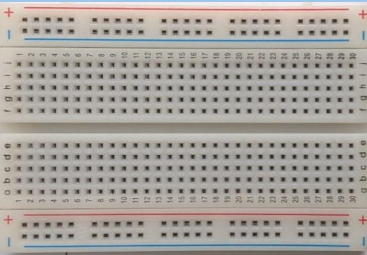
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**PREPARATION:** You can put the Page 12 poster up on your classroom wall to announce the fact that you are going to do the Science-Electronics Experiment.

**Step 1** - Make a copy of pages 1 through 8 for each student. The students can read and do these pages on their own or you can guide them.

**Step 2** - Hand out Parts Kit #MC1-00-PK (that has the Solderless Circuit Board) and Parts Kit #MC1-14-PK (that has the experiment parts) with a 9-Volt battery. Give these items to each student along with the 8 pages.

**Step 3** - When your students have completed the experiment, collect all the Parts Kits and batteries for later use.

**Step 4** - Collect all the Written Quizzes for grading and use the Answer Key to grade them.

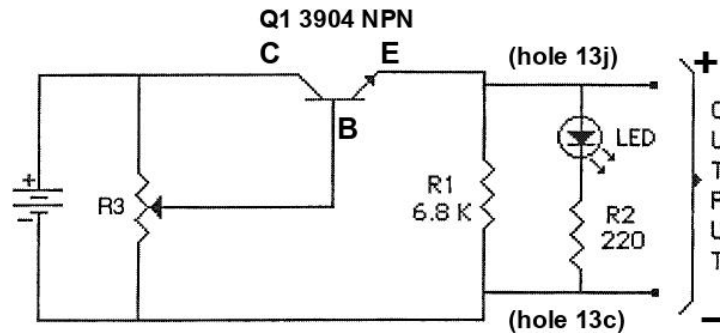
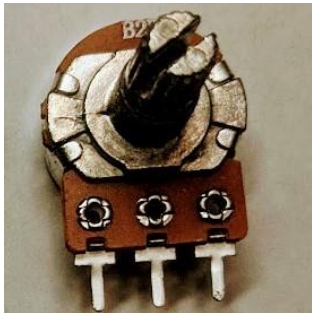
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## EXPLANATION OF EXPERIMENT part 1 of 2

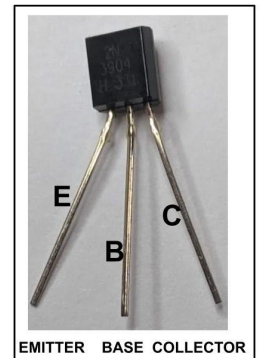
\*\*\* You are going to build a variable power supply circuit that will put out from 0 to 9VDC, 0 to 50mA. Here is the SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM of the circuit you will build.

## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

## POTENTIOMETER



R1: 6.8 K (Blue, Gray, Red, Gold).  
R2: 220 ohm (Red, Red, Brown, Gold).  
R3: 100K Potentiometer.  
Q1: 2N3904 (NPN)



This interesting circuit was invented by engineers who needed a circuit that would have an input of a fixed 9 volts DC and output of a variable DC voltage of between 0 and 9 volts DC between 0 and a current output of between 0 and 50 milliamps..

(50 milliamps = 50mA = 0.050 Amps)

This circuit uses a Potentiometer with an NPN Bipolar Transistor to vary the voltage.

The LED in the circuit tells you the power supply is working and is brighter as the voltage increases.

You can use this power supply to power portable transistor radios that run on 4 to 9 VDC and needs about 30 milliamps to operate.

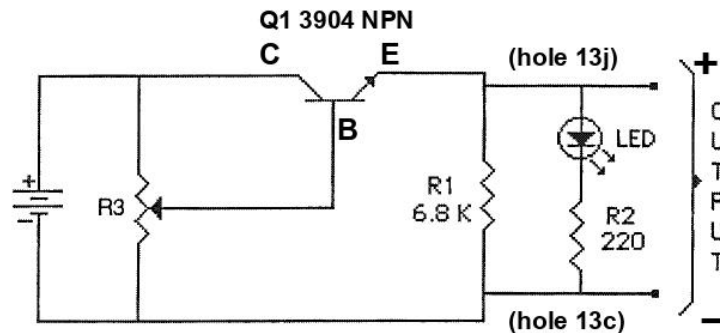
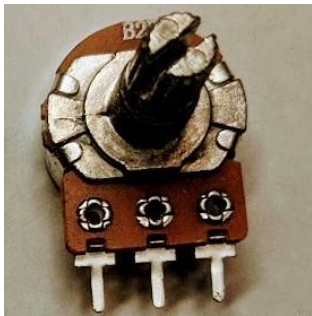
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## EXPLANATION OF EXPERIMENT part 2 of 2

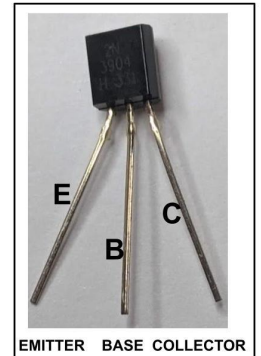
Let's talk about how the circuit works. Here is the schematic of the 0 to 9V DC Power Supply circuit that you will build. (Also called a DC to DC Power Supply.)

## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

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In this circuit, transistor Q1 is used as an adjustable resistor. The Potentiometer controls the voltage applied to the BASE of the transistor. The voltage applied to the BASE of the transistor controls its internal resistance between the COLLECTOR and the EMITTER.

The output of this variable DC Power Supply will be the maximum when the BASE of the transistor is close to ZERO volts and at minimum when the BASE is high.

The voltage across the resistor R1 is the output voltage. It has a positive and negative terminal. This is where you connect the output of this power supply to any device that requires a voltage up to 9V DC.

You can use a multimeter to measure the output voltage and current.

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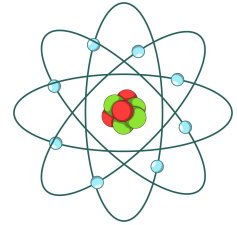


PURPOSE OF THIS EXPERIMENT

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\*\*\* To BUILD A 0 TO 9V DC POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT USING A TRANSISTOR AND A POTENTIOMETER.

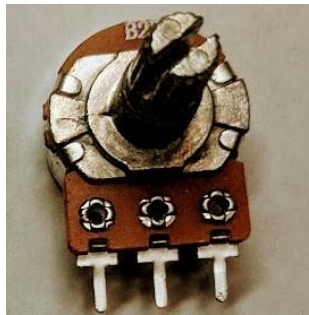
PARTS NEEDED FOR EXPERIMENT



In this experiment, you will use

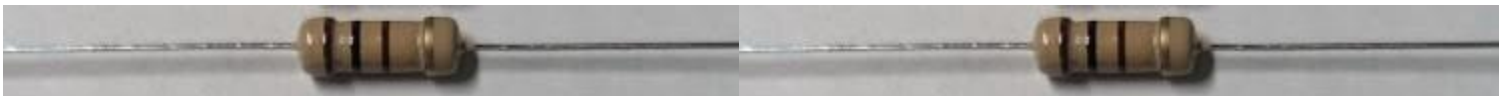
a BATTERY SNAP a POTENTIOMETER

one LED



220 Ohm resistor

6.8k Ohm resistor

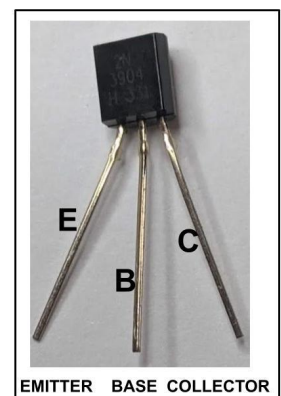
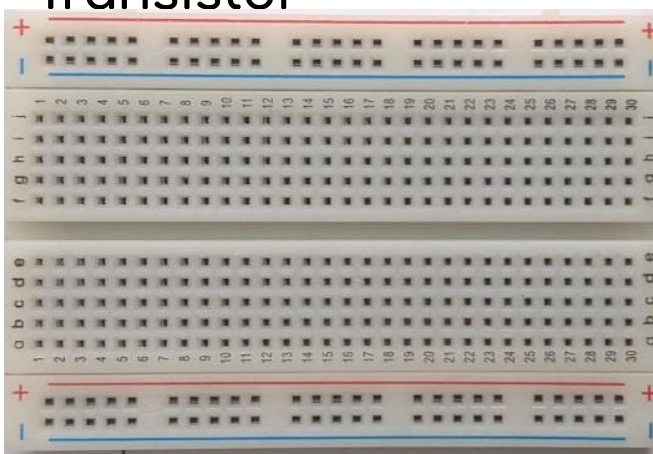


5 Jumper Wires



a SOLDERLESS CIRCUIT BOARD Transistor

an NPN



You will also need a good 9 Volt battery

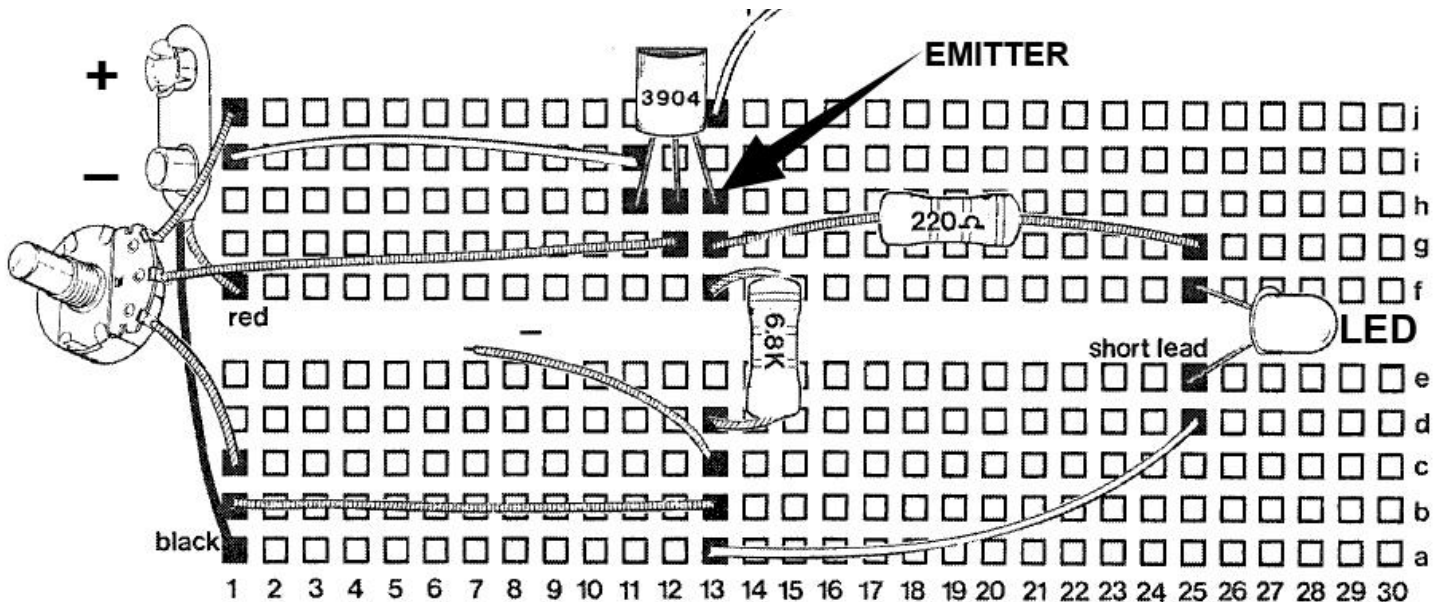
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## DO THE EXPERIMENT (part 1 of 2)

MC1-14-R-4

Now you are going to build the circuit on a Solderless CB.

Step 1 - Take out all the parts needed for this experiment.



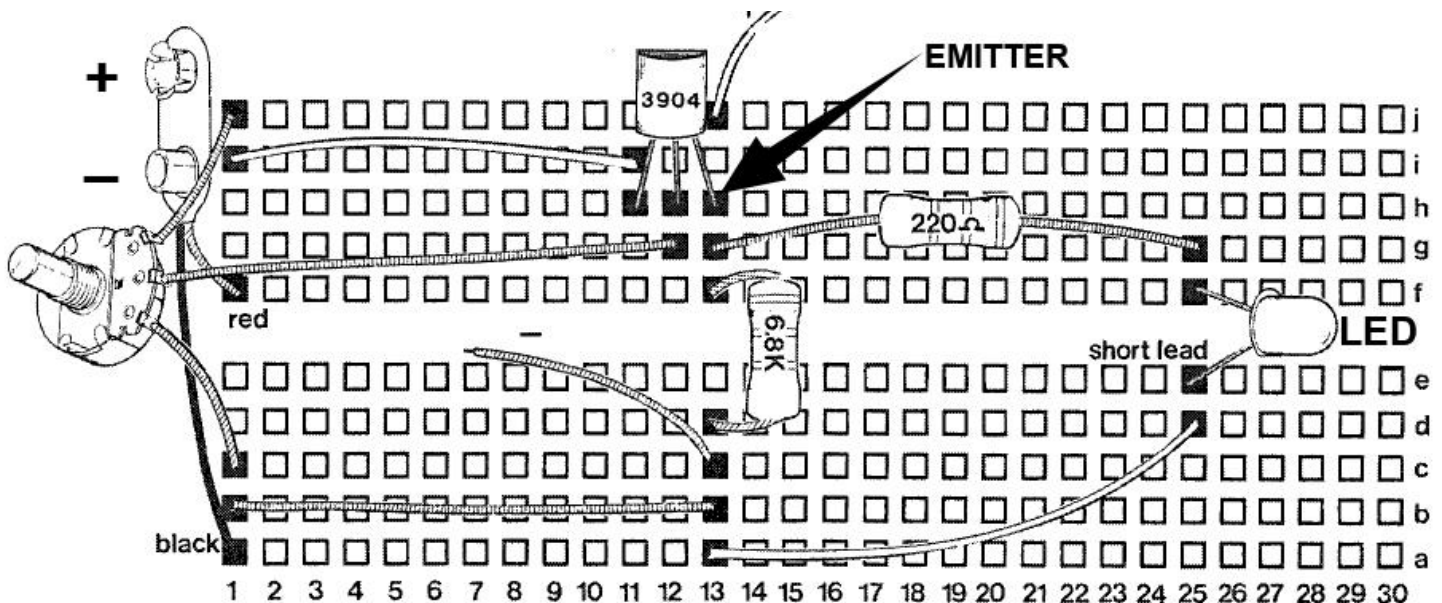
Step 2 - Install all the parts on the SCB as shown above.

- Install an LED with the Short Lead in hole 25e and the Long Lead in hole 25f
- Install the 220 Ohm resistor (red, red, brown, gold) in holes 13g to 25g
- Install the 6800 (6.8k) Ohm resistor (blue, gray, red, gold) in holes 13d to 13f
- Install the NPN 3904 Transistor - Emitter in 13h, Base in 12h, Collector in 11h
- Install the Potentiometer, edge lead in 1c, middle lead in 12g, other edge in 1j
- Install Jumper Wire #1 in holes 1i to 11i
- Install Jumper Wire #2 in holes 1b to 13b
- Install Jumper Wire #3 in holes 13c and loose end
- Install Jumper Wire #4 in holes 13a to 25d
- Install Jumper Wire #5 in holes 13j and loose end
- Install the Battery Snap, Black lead in hole 1a and Red Lead in hole 1f

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## DO THE EXPERIMENT (part 2 of 2)

MC1-14-R-5



Step 3 - Connect the battery to the Battery Snap. Adjust the Potentiometer back and forth and observe the LED. The LED is an indicator of the output voltage and you should see it getting brighter and dimmer indicating the output voltage is changing.

You can connect the output to a voltmeter to see the actual voltage it is putting out.

## CONCLUSION

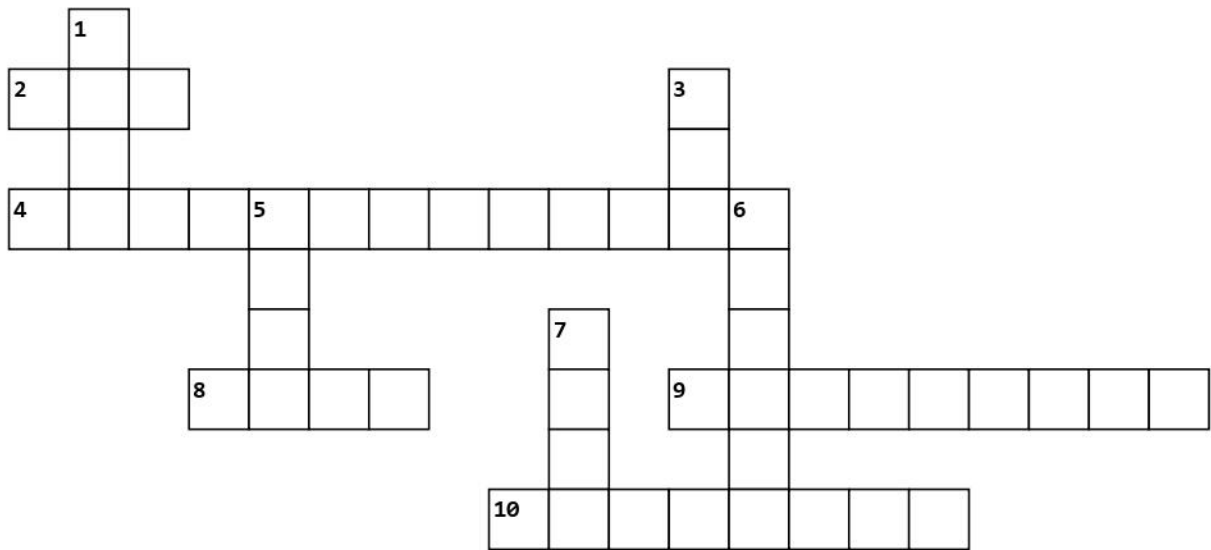
You should have observed that you can build a variable output 0 to 9V DC Power Supply with a transistor and potentiometer.

You can use this power supply with electronic projects requiring up to 9V DC.

**(End of Experiment 11)**

**CROSSWORD**

**Exp. 14 - "0 TO 9V DC POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT"**



**Across**

- 2.** We use an \_\_\_\_\_ to indicate there is output voltage from the power supply.
- 4.** What component do you adjust to change the output voltage of this power supply circuit?
- 8.** What is the minimum output voltage of this power supply?
- 9.** What does mA stand for?
- 10.** The transistor in this circuit is used as a variable \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Down**

- 1.** This power supply circuit will put out the maximum voltage when the voltage on the BASE of the transistor is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.** How many transistors does this power supply use?
- 5.** What is the input voltage for this power supply?
- 6.** This power supply is ideal for small transistor \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 7.** The Potentiometer varies the voltage on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transistor.

**Exp. 14 - "0 TO 9V DC POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT"**

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 E J T R S B E Y R S R D Y M E I P V S D  
 C J H P I Y A H X I E R B G T J A J S F  
 G K M Z O D Y A S Y T Q M T E D N G Q Z  
 K A E C D T M B Z L T L S F M M C Q L P  
 W V L Z U F E Q A F I F P H O V L K N Q  
 O V F A I L D N Q S M O L N I C D M I L  
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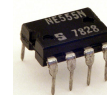
1. How many fixed value resistors does this power supply circuit use?
2. How many NPN transistors does this power supply circuit use?
3. What kind of voltage does this power supply output, AC or DC?
4. What component do you adjust in this circuit to vary the output voltage?
5. 50mA is the same as 50 \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. The Potentiometer controls the voltage on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transistor.
7. The voltage on the BASE of the transistor controls the internal resistance between the COLLECTOR and the \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. How many LEDs are used in this circuit?
9. In this circuit, resistor R3 is a \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. The transistor in this circuit is an NPN or a PNP?





QUIZ for Exp 14 or STEM KIT #14 in the Mr Circuit Electronics Training Lab 1

This Quiz covers the training learned by completing STEM Kit #14



“Build a 0 TO 9V DC Power Supply Circuit” Experiment 14

Circle the letter for your answer to each question and then hand this quiz in to your teacher.

A  
B  
C  
D

#1 This circuit has an input of a fixed DC voltage and an output of \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. a variable DC voltage  
B. an AC voltage  
C. a voltage higher than the input voltage  
D. a voltage from -5V to 5V

#6 The voltage applied to the base of the transistor controls the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transistor.  
A. external capacitance  
B. internal resistance  
C. external resistance  
D. internal capacitance

A  
B  
C  
D

A  
B  
C  
D

#2 What is the maximum current that can be provided by this DC to DC Power Supply?  
A. 10 milliamps  
B. 3 Amps  
C. 50 milliamps  
D. 1 Amp

#7 The potentiometer controls the voltage applied to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transistor.  
A. Collector  
B. Emitter  
C. Anode  
D. Base

A  
B  
C  
D

A  
B  
C  
D

#3 You can use this power supply to supply voltage for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. portable transistor radios  
B. large HAM radios  
C. large Televisions and Stereos  
D. microwave ovens

#8 The output of this DC to DC Power Supply will be a maximum when the \_\_\_\_\_ of the transistor is close to 0 volts.  
A. current applied to the Collector  
B. voltage applied to the Base  
C. voltage applied to the Emitter  
D. current applied to the Base

A  
B  
C  
D

A  
B  
C  
D

#4 In this circuit, transistor Q1 is used as \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. a capacitor  
B. an inductor  
C. a fixed capacitance  
D. an adjustable resistor

#9 When the \_\_\_\_\_ of transistor Q1 is high, the output voltage will be at minimum.  
A. external capacitance  
B. internal capacitance  
C. external resistance  
D. internal resistance

A  
B  
C  
D

A  
B  
C  
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#5 In this circuit, the potentiometer is used to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. vary the output voltage  
B. adjust the capacitance  
C. as a variable inductor  
D. keep the LED from burning out

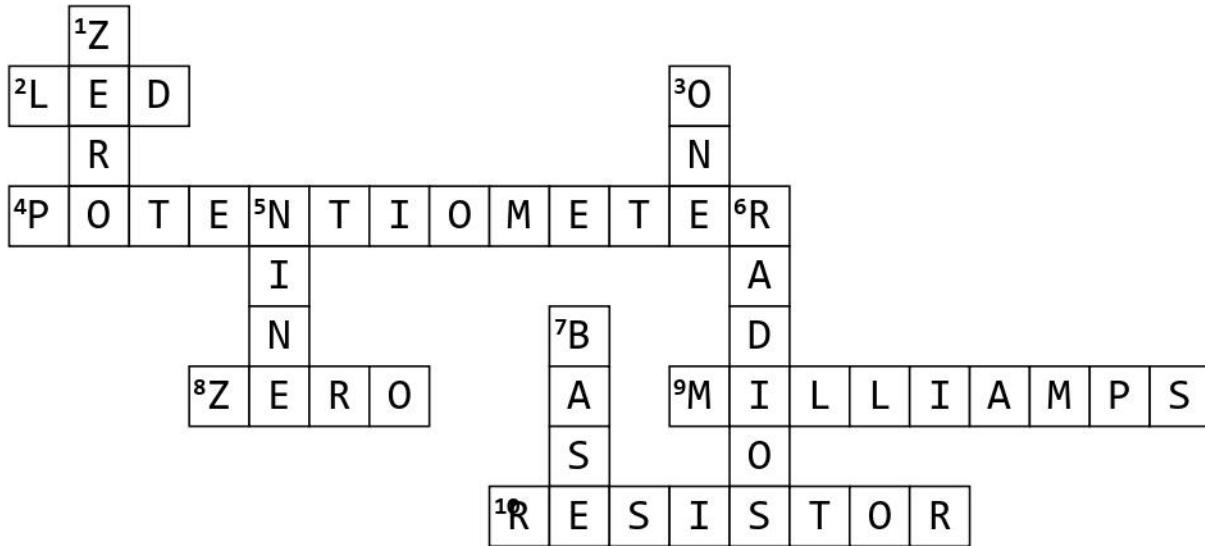
#10 In this circuit, the brightness of the LED is an indicator of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. output voltage  
B. input voltage  
C. input current  
D. output capacitance

A  
B  
C  
D

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**ANSWERS FOR CROSSWORD**

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# ANSWERS FOR WORD SEARCH

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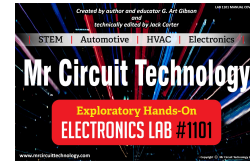
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 M D H S G R S X T I Q R S C N C V X Q E  
 W Q K U Q N P C O B O B W E E S H Y H H  
 G M C T Y P M C Y N R M L W T I U M Z P  
 M F G V W N A Z L B E T E E O D I P I M  
 Y K K V L O I I L A Y R T T P B W V M H  
 O S W H L T L K K B U R S O E Z W O T G  
 V H T H H E L D F Q E M E W L R R J T S  
 O I O E D G I V J C I R K M T T I K D Z  
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**QUICK-CHECK ANSWER KEY for Experiment 14 QUIZ  
for Mr Circuit Electronics Training (“0 TO 9V DC Power Supply”)**

Place this sheet over top of the STUDENT QUIZ (offset a little to the left and then offset to the right) to compare the answers on this sheet to the answers that the student marked. Put an ‘X’ for each wrong answer.

Count the right answers and record the score of right answers in your grade book.



**A** #1 This circuit has an input of a fixed DC voltage and an output of \_\_\_\_\_?

**B**

**C**

**D**

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- A**
- B**
- C**
- D**

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**B**

**C**

**D**

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- A**
- B**
- C**
- D**

**A** #3 You can use this power supply to supply voltage for \_\_\_\_\_.

**B**

**C**

**D**

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**C.** voltage applied to the Emitter  
**D.** current applied to the Base

- A**
- B**
- C**
- D**

**A** #4 In this circuit, transistor Q1 is used as \_\_\_\_\_?

**B**

**C**

**D**

**A.** a capacitor  
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**C.** a fixed capacitance  
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**B.** internal capacitance  
**C.** external resistance  
**D.** internal resistance

- A**
- B**
- C**
- D**

**A** #5 In this circuit, the potentiometer is used to \_\_\_\_\_.

**B**

**C**

**D**

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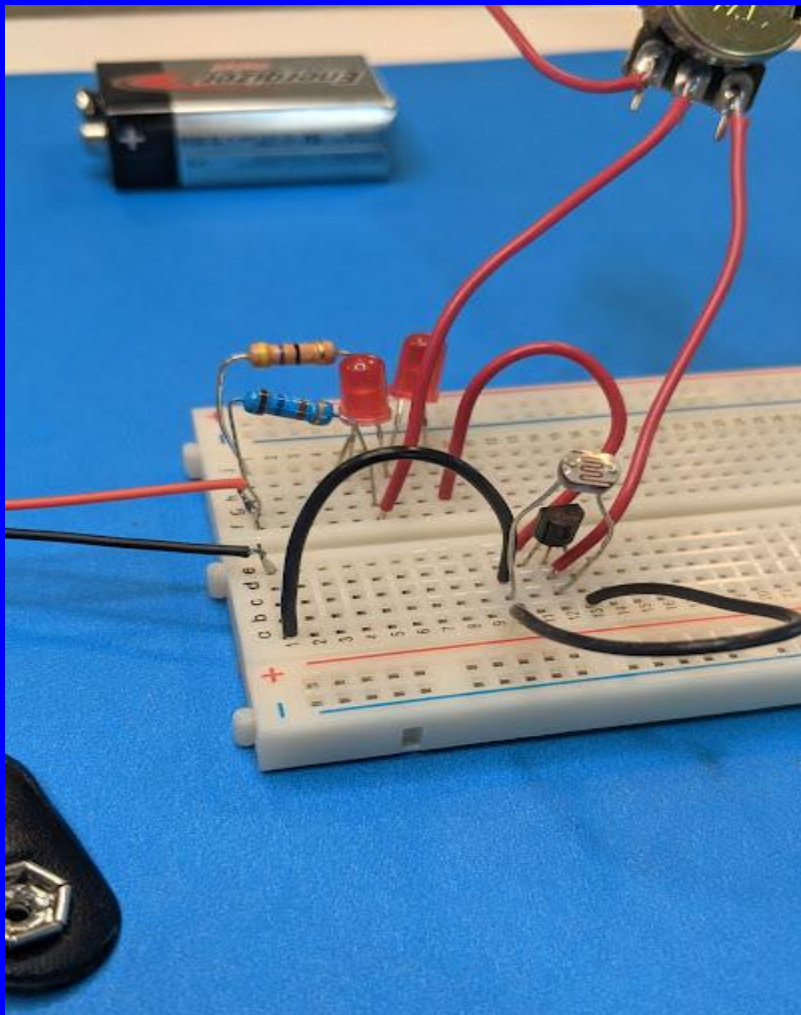
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- A**
- B**
- C**
- D**

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## **0 TO 9V DC POWER SUPPLY**



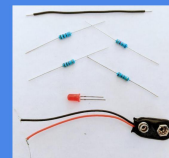
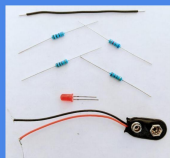
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## **“0 TO 9V DC POWER SUPPLY”**

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MC1-23-PK	Parts Kit for "Variable Timer circuit	\$3.95
MC1-24-PK	Parts Kit for "Moisture Detector circuit	\$2.95
MC1-25-PK	Parts Kit for "Code Oscillator circuit	\$4.95
MC1-26-PK	Parts Kit for "Audible Water Detector circuit	\$4.95
MC1-27-PK	Parts Kit for "English Police Siren circuit	\$4.95
MC1-28-PK	Parts Kit for "Electronic Canary circuit	\$7.95
MC1-29-PK	Parts Kit for "fantasy Space Machine Gun circuit	\$5.95
MC1-30-PK	Parts Kit for "Ultrasonic Pest Repeller circuit	\$5.95
<b>Set-MC1-PK</b>	<b>Complete Set of All Series 1 Parts Kits (31 total)</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>