



Ohms Law Circuit Building and Testing

## Outdoor Power and Recreation

SECONDARY

Competitor Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_

### Ohm's Law Trainer

Do not start this lab until told that the competition is ready to start.

**If there is something you don't understand, you may ask for clarification from the person in charge.**

If you have completed this lab early, please check your answers and wait quietly until everyone has finished or all the time is used.

**Source voltage MUST be set to 14.5 VDC.**

### **LIGHT BULB CIRCUITS WITH PROBLEMS**

This lab challenges your knowledge of the operation of combination circuits and lighting circuits with problems. Use the answer sheet to record all your measurements and question answers.

#### **1. Wire L1 and L2 NORMALLY to observe it normal condition:**

CONNECT **RED** JUMPER WIRES BETWEEN:

- A. Any of the red positive receptacles to terminal O of SW1
- B. Terminal I of SW1 to terminal A of L1
- C. Terminal I of SW1 to terminal C of L2

CONNECT **BLACK** JUMPER WIRES BETWEEN:

- D. Terminal B of L1 to any of the black ground receptacles.
- E. Terminal D of L2 to any of the black ground receptacles.

#### **2. Judges Check – Observe the intensity of the 2 lamps.**

#### **3. Now, remove all wires and rewire the board as follows:**

CONNECT **RED** JUMPER WIRES BETWEEN:

- A. Any of the red positive receptacles to terminal O of SW1.
- B. Terminal I of SW1 to terminal M of R2.
- C. Terminal L of R2 to terminal A of L1
- D. Second wire from terminal I of SW 1 to terminal C of L2

CONNECT **BLACK** JUMPER WIRES BETWEEN:

- E. Terminal B of bulb L1 to any of the black ground receptacles.
- F. Terminal D of L2 to terminal R of R5
- G. Terminal S of R5 to any of the black ground receptacles.

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#### 4. Judges Check

**5.** Draw the circuit you have just constructed on a blank template (located on the last page) and label it: **LIGHT BULB CIRCUIT WITH PROBLEM.**

**6.** What is the description of each bulb's performance?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Bulb L1's condition.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ Bulb L2's condition.

**7.** A. \_\_\_\_\_ Available voltage at bulb L1.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ Available voltage at bulb L2.

**8.** Voltage drop testing of bulbs L1 and L2:  
A. \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage drop across bulb L1 **positive circuit (not L1).**  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage drop across bulb L1 **ground circuit.**  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage drop across bulb L2 **positive circuit (not L2).**  
D. \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage drop across bulb L2 **ground circuit.**

**9.** Compared to the expected voltage drops in a **normally** functioning circuit, indicate below if your readings taken in Q#8 are NORMAL or ABNORMAL.  
Measurement A (NORMAL or ABNORMAL).  
Measurement B (NORMAL or ABNORMAL).  
Measurement C (NORMAL or ABNORMAL).  
Measurement D (NORMAL or ABNORMAL).

**10.** A. \_\_\_\_\_ Available voltage at L1 A terminal with bulb removed.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ Available voltage at L1 A terminal with bulb installed.

**11.** \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage drop across L1

**12.** \_\_\_\_\_ Voltage drop across L2

**13.** \_\_\_\_\_ Current flow in L1 circuit

**14.** \_\_\_\_\_ Current flow in L2 circuit

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**15. CALCULATED RESISTANCE of L1 circuit showing your work:**

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**16. CALCULATED RESISTANCE of L2 circuit showing your work:**

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**17. Actual resistance of R2** \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Actual resistance of R5** \_\_\_\_\_

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- **SCHEMATIC/DRAWING**

