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Electronic Vocabulary

• Voltage, electric potential difference, electric pressure or electric tension (denoted ΔV or ΔU) is the difference in electric potential energy between two points per unit electric charge. It is measured in units of volts.



An electric current is a flow of electric charge.
 The SI unit for measuring an electric current is the ampere, which is the flow of electric charge across a surface at the rate of one coulomb per second.

 The electrical resistance of an electrical conductor is a measure of the difficulty to pass an electric current through that conductor. The SI unit of electrical resistance is the ohm (Ω) .



 Analog instruments move a pointer across a scale in proportion to the voltage of the circuit.



 Digital instruments give a numerical display of the value of the measure by use of an analog to digital converter.



 A voltmeter is an instrument used for measuring electrical potential difference between two points in an electric circuit.



 An ammeter is a measuring instrument used to measure the current in a circuit.



• An ohmmeter is an electrical instrument that measures electrical resistance.



 A multimeter or a multitester, also known as a VOM (Volt-Ohm meter or Volt-Ohmmilliammeter), is an electronic measuring instrument that combines several measurement functions in one unit.



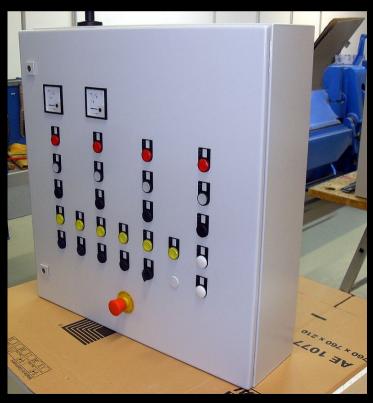
 An oscilloscope, previously called an oscillograph, it is used to observe the change of an electrical signal over time, such that voltage and time describe a shape which is continuously graphed against a calibrated scale. The observed waveform can be analyzed for such properties as amplitude, frequency, rise time, time interval, distortion and others.



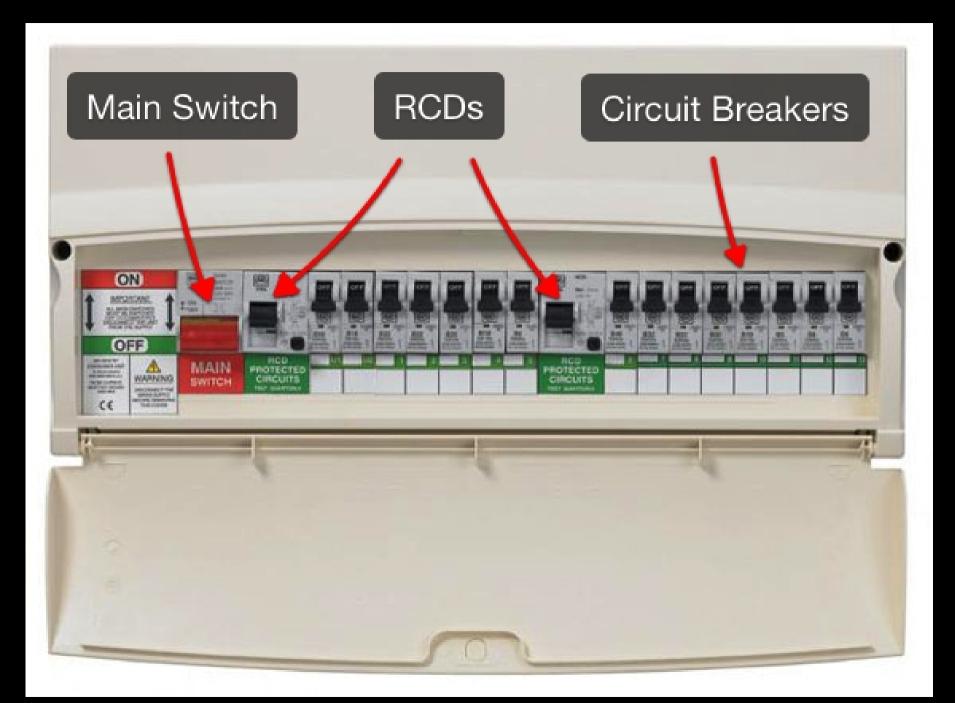
 A spectrum analyzer measures the magnitude of an input signal versus frequency within the full frequency range of the instrument. The primary use is to measure the spectra of electrical signals, dominant frequency, power, distortion, harmonics, bandwidth, and other spectral components of a signal.



 A control panel is a flat, often vertical, area where control or monitoring instruments are displayed.



 A distribution board is a component of an electricity supply system that divides an electrical power feed into subsidiary circuits, while providing a protective fuse or circuit breaker for each circuit in a common enclosure. Normally, a main switch, and in recent boards, one or more residual-current devices (RCD) or residual current breakers with overcurrent protection (RCBO), are also incorporated.



• A residual-current device (RCD), is a device to quickly disconnect current to prevent serious harm from an ongoing electric shock.



 A circuit breaker is an automatically operated electrical switch designed to protect an electrical circuit from damage caused by overload or short circuit.

 AC power plugs and sockets are devices that allow electrically operated equipment to be connected to the primary alternating current (AC) power supply in a building. Electrical plugs and sockets differ in voltage and current rating, shape, size and type of connectors.





Some of main electrical terms translations

Electrical terms translations

- (to) Plug: inserire, immettere, connettere.
- (to) Unplug: disinserire, scollegare, disconnettere.
- (to) Switch-on: accendere, avviare.
- (to) Switch-off: spegnere, fermare.
- Mains: (terminali o bus) generali, portanti.
- Live cable: cavo sotto tensione, cavo alimentato.
- (to) Cut-out: (isolare,) sezionare (una parte specifica del circuito o dell'impianto).

End.

