**Electricity and Electronics** 

# **Electronic Circuit Repair**





# Introduction

The purpose of this video is to help you quickly learn the most common methods used to troubleshoot electronic circuits. Electronic troubleshooting skills are needed to diagnose and repair several types of devices. These devices include stereos, cameras, VCRs, and much more. As mentioned, the program will explain how to diagnose and repair different types of electronic components and circuits. Viewers will also learn how to use the specialized tools and instruments needed to test these particular types of circuits and components. If students plan to enter any type of electronics field, viewing this program will prove to be beneficial.

The program is organized into major sections or topics. Each section covers one major segment of the subject. Graphic breaks are given between each section so that you can stop the video for class discussion, demonstrations, to answer questions, or to ask questions. This allows you to watch only a portion of the program each day, or to present it in its entirety.

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- Electrical Principles
- · Electrical Circuits: Ohm's Law
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- Electrical Components Part III: Transformers/Relays/Motors
- Electronic Components Part I: Semiconductors/Transistors/Diodes
- Electronic Components Part II: Operation-Transistors/Diodes
- Electronic Components Part III: Thyristors/Piezo Crystals/Solar Cells/Fiber Optics
- Electrical Troubleshooting
- Electronic Circuit Repair

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# **Student Objectives**

After viewing this program, the student will be able to:

- Describe how to begin properly troubleshooting electronic circuits.
- Detect certain circuit malfunctions in a VCR.
- List several types of electronic circuit problems.
- Properly inspect the condition of an electronic circuit and its components.
- Explain the function of an electronic power supply.
- Describe how to test the operation of a diode.
- Explain how to test the operation of a transistor.
- Describe the applications of an oscilloscope.
- List the two types of integrated circuit chips and their functions.
- Remove and install an integrated circuit chip.

# **Discussion Topics**

- 1. Describe the basic procedures used to troubleshoot a malfunction in a VCR.
- 2. Why is the use of service manuals so important when working on any type of electronic device?
- 3. Why is an intermittent electronic circuit malfunction difficult to detect?
- 4. What instruments should be used to inspect an electronic circuit for problems?
- 5. Explain how to properly clean an electronic circuit board.
- 6. Describe the basic procedures used to test a diode in an electronic power supply.
- 7. What normally causes an integrated circuit to malfunction?
- 8. Describe the basic procedures used to replace a component on an electronic circuit board.

# **Short Answers**

Briefly answer the following questions in your own words:

- 1. Where can you obtain the proper service manuals for the particular electronic unit being repaired?
- 2. List four types of electronic circuit faults.
- 3. How should you begin diagnosing an electronic circuit for problems?
- 4. What type of testing instrument should be used to compare operating temperatures of electronic components in a circuit?
- 5. What normally causes an electronic power supply malfunction?
- 6. Why do transistors fail more often than other components in a circuit?
- 7. Why is it important for an electronic replacement part to be the same type and specs as the original?
- 8. Describe some of the testing applications of an oscilloscope.
- 9. List the two types of integrated circuit chips.
- 10. Explain the term "diagnostic software."

### **Technical Terms**

Write definitions for the following terms. Use a textbook or review the video if needed.

AC voltage

logic probe

digital thermometer

electronic circuit	VCR	DC voltage	AC voltage
fuse	circuit board	circuit board condu	uctor
capacitor	resistor	transistor	ohmmeter
condensers	coils	integrated circuit	digital ther
oscilloscope	forward bias	reverse bias	multimeter
collector	emitter	base	waveform
color bars	IC pins	short	open
static electricity	ground strap	logic devices	logic probe
vacuum gun	soldering iron	computer trouble c	ode numbers

# Quiz

1. Once you understand the electronic circ and a logical sequence of tests	cuit and equipment being serviced, you can use s to detect the source of trouble.			
a. circuit testers	b. diagnostic scanners			
c. deductive reasoning	d. none of the above			
2. When diagnosing problems in a VCR, y might be causing the symptoms.	ou should first determine what of the			
a. section; output	b. part; rectifier			
c. section; chip	d. section; circuit			
3. What must a student of electronics first	understand before attempting to troubleshoot a circuit?			
a. The function of the circuit	b. The power capabilities of each transistor			
c. The power output of each chip	d. The types of rectifiers used			
4. A(n) electronic fault is one that changes with operating conditions.				
a. logic	b. intermittent			
c. permanent	d. parameter			
5. A(n) fault is caused when a(n) _	produces an incorrect output.			
a. intermittent; circuit board	b. permanent; IC chip			
c. intermittent; power transistor	d. logic; logic gate			
6. A(n) electronic fault is one	that causes the or to			
a. permanent: rectifier: transistor	b. intermittent: circuit: chip			
c. parameter; component; circuit	d. conductive; diode; transistor			
7 When inspecting an electronic circuit fo	r problems, you should use a to apply			
light pressure to the circuit board and components to locate bad connections.				
a. short screwdriver	b. plastic screwdriver			
c. digital probe	d. none of the above			
8. A will often show high or low res	sistance in both directions.			
a. faulty transistor	b. faulty IC			
c. bad diode	d. all of the above			
9. A(n) converts 120	_ volts into low voltage for the electronic			
components in the circuit.				
a. power supply; AC; DC	b. power transistor; DC; AC			
c. NPN transistor; AC; DC	d. none of the above			
10. A(n) will often swell up wher	n shorted or burned.			
a. variable resistor	b. circuit board			
c. NPN transistor	d. capacitor case			

11. A small line across a circuit board the circuit.	might indicate a crack and in	
a. component; high voltage	b. chip; high current	
c. conductor; high resistance	d. conductor; high current	
12 are good for testing diodes be the diode to turn it on.	ecause they use their battery to send current through	
a. Test lights	b. Analog meters	
c. Circuit testers	d. Digital probes	
13. To check a transistor still in the circuit, measure across the transistor.		
a. input resistance	b. output resistance	
c. voltage drops	d. current input	
14. A(n) measures voltage levels over time.		
a. ohmmeter	b. oscilloscope	
c. voltmeter	d. all of the above	
15. Today's trend is to perform circuit fail.	repairs when ICs or other components in the	
a. circuit level	b. component level	
c. circuit conductor	d. board level	

# **Answer Key**

Use your own judgment to evaluate the Discussion Topics, Short Answers, and Technical Terms.

**Quiz Answer Key:** 1. c 2. d 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. c 7. b 8. c 9. a 10. d 11. c 12. b 13. c 14. b 15. d

# **Useful Web Sites**

IEEE Virtual Museum—The History of Electricity, Electronics, and Computers www.ieee-virtual-museum.org

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