

11.4 Electric Power

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Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **electric power**.

You must be able to:

- calculate **electric power** 电功率 delivered to a device, $P = IV$
- rewrite power for a resistor as $P = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}$
- relate power to the **energy** transferred over time, $E = Pt$

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

■ Power

$P = IV$, in watts. For a resistor, using $V = IR$ gives two more forms:

$$P = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}.$$

■ Energy

$E = Pt$ — power multiplied by time.

■ Example

A device drawing 2.0 A at 12 V: $P = 24$ W.

2 Practice

2.1 A device draws 3.0 A at 12 V. Find the power. [2]

2.2 A $6.0\ \Omega$ resistor carries 2.0 A. Find the power dissipated. [2]

2.3 A 60 W bulb runs for 120 s. Find the energy transferred. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Electric power is [1]

- A IV
- B I/V
- C V/I
- D IR

3.2 The power dissipated in a resistor can be written as [1]

- A V^2R
- B V^2/R
- C I/R^2
- D IR^2

3.3 A 240 V heater has a resistance of $60\ \Omega$.

(a) Find the current it draws. [2]

(b) Find the power it dissipates.

[2]

Solutions

2.1 $P = IV = 3.0 \times 12 = 36 \text{ W}.$

2.2 $P = I^2 R = (2.0)^2 \times 6.0 = 24 \text{ W}.$

2.3 $E = Pt = 60 \times 120 = 7200 \text{ J}.$

3.1 A.

3.2 B.

3.3 (a) $I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{240}{60} = 4.0 \text{ A}.$ (b) $P = IV = 4.0 \times 240 = 960 \text{ W}.$