

WORKSHEET

SERIES P3

Student Name _____ date _____ MB# _____

Students should be able to Calculate, Measure and Compare fundamental characteristics of a series circuit.

- **Measure:** The student will use a Digital Multimeter (DMM), to measure the current (I), voltage (E), and resistance (R) for the Circuit on the P3 circuit on the Miniboard Series Trainer (simulator).
- **Calculate:** The student will use the principles of ohms law to calculate, current (I), voltage (E), and resistance R for the Circuit using the measurements taken with the DMM on the Miniboard Series Trainer (simulator).
- **Compare:** The student will then compare the results of the measurements taken and those calculated using the DMM measurements to calculate.

Part A Measure

Measuring Voltages:

Measure and record Battery Voltage a _____

Measure and record Voltage Drop for resistor R1 b _____

Measure and record Voltage Drop for resistor R2 c _____

Measure and record Voltage Drop for resistor R3 d _____

Measure and record Voltage Drop for resistor R4 e _____

Measure and record Total Voltage Drop for series circuit P3 f _____

Measuring Resistance:

Measure and Record resistance of resistor R1 g _____

Measure and Record resistance of resistor R2 h _____

Measure and Record resistance of resistor R3 i _____

Measure and Record resistance of resistor R4 j _____

Measure and Record total resistance (R_t) or circuit P3 k _____

Measuring Amperage for circuit P3

Measure and Record the amperage of circuit P3 l _____

Part B Calculate

Calculate Voltage (IXR)

Calculate Voltage Drop by multiplying resistance x amperage for each resistor.

R1 voltage drop (g x l) m_____

R2 voltage drop (h x l) n_____

R3 voltage drop (i x l) o_____

R4 voltage drop (j x l) p_____

Circuit P3 Total voltage drop (m +n + o + p) Sum q_____

Circuit P3 Total voltage drop Calculated (k x l) r_____

Calculate Resistance (E/I)

Calculate Resistance by dividing voltage by amperage.

R1 Resistance (b / l) s_____

R2 Resistance (c / l) t_____

R3 Resistance (d / l) u_____

R4 Resistance (e / l) v_____

Circuit P3 (Rt) Resistance Total Sum w_____

Circuit P3 Calculated Resistance Total (f / l) x_____

Calculate Amperage (E/R)

Circuit P3 (It) Amperage Total (f / k) y_____

Part C Compare

Record measured and calculated results to complete the following table. Note: letters in each cell refer to your answers above. (Measured and calculated readings should be less than $\pm 5\%$)

Voltages	Measured	Calculated		< 5% difference Y /N
R1 voltage drop	b	m		
R2 voltage drop	c	n		
R3 voltage drop	d	o		
R4 voltage drop	e	p	Voltage Drop Sum	
P3 total voltage drop	f	r	q	
Resistance	Measured	Calculated		
R1 resistance	g	s		
R2 resistance	h	t		
R3 resistance	i	u		
R4 resistance	j	v	Resistance Sum	
P3 resistance total (Rt)	k	x	w	
Amperage	Measured	Calculated		
P3 circuit amperage	l	y		