

OCR (B) Physics GCSE

PAG 6: Circuit Components

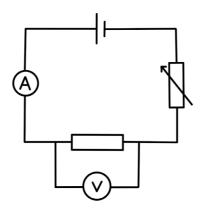








Investigating the IV characteristics of circuit elements



- 1. Set up the circuit as shown above with a variable voltage supply
- 2. Set the EMF at intervals from **0 to 6 V**, and measure the **potential difference** and **current** across the fixed resistor
- 3. Reverse the connections to the power supply to obtain negative values of V
- 4. Repeat the process three times for each voltage and find mean values of I and V
- 5. Plot a graph of mean I against V and draw a line of best fit
- 6. Replace the fixed resistor with a **filament lamp, thermistor, LDR or Diode** and repeat procedure to obtain their I-V characteristics.

