

WJEC Wales Physics GCSE

SP1.9: Output of a Transformer Practical Notes

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Investigation of the output of an iron-cored transformer

Equipment:

- C-cores with 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 turns
- A.C. power supply
- 2x A.C. voltmeters
- Connecting wires
- Crocodile clips

Diagram

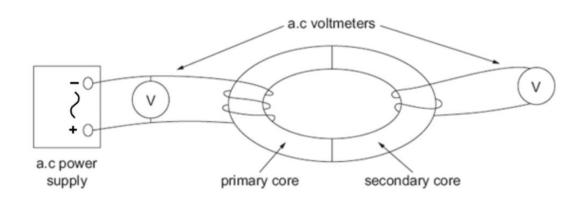


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Method

- 1. Set up the circuit as shown in the diagram, with 100 turns on the primary coil and 20 turns on the secondary coil.
- 2. Turn on the power supply and record the voltages.
- 3. Turn off the power supply and increase the number of turns on the secondary coil to 40.
- 4. Turn on the power supply and record the voltages.
- 5. Repeat, adding 20 turns to the secondary coil each time until there are 100 turns on the secondary coil.
- 6. Plot a graph of the number of turns on the secondary coil against the secondary voltage.

Safety Precautions

• Ensure the power supply is always off when making changes to the circuit to avoid the risk of electric shock.

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