Conductors and Insulators



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What Are Conductors?

Materials that allow electricity to flow

easily because their electrons can move

freely.

Properties of Conductors

- Allow electricity to pass
- Usually metals
- Also conduct heat

Examples of Conductors

- Copper
- Aluminum
- Iron
- Steel
- Salt water

What Are Insulators?

Materials that do NOT allow electricity to flow because their electrons do not move.



Properties of Insulators

- Do not allow electricity
- Keep us safe

Used to cover wires

Examples of Insulators

Plastic

Rubber

Wood

Glass

• Air



Why Are They Important?

Conductors help electricity move.

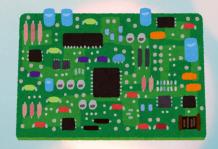
Insulators protect us from

electric shock.

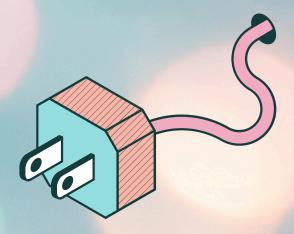
Where Do We Use Them?

Conductors: wires, circuits, devices





Insulators: wire covers, tools, plugs





Summary.

Conductors = electricity flows
Insulators = electricity blocked
Both are needed for safe
electricity use.