Electrical Basics

October 18, 2022





What is Electrical?

- Electricity is the flow of electrons.
- Electrical is one of the most important aspects when it comes to building a robot.
 - There are many aspects when it comes to electrical including: wires, motors, modules, etc.





Wires



Electrical Wires

- Pieces of metal that transport electricity.
 - The things you need in order to make connections.
- There are two types of wires:
 - Regular Black and Red wires for connections
 - Green and Yellow wires for communications



Motors



Motors

• Powered by electricity that supplies motive power for devices with moving parts.



Modules



The Voltage Regulator Module and Pneumatics Control Module

- The Voltage Regulator Module provides a steady source voltage supply throughout all components.
- The Pneumatics Control Module provides full control of the pneumatic components.





Circuit Breaker

The circuit breaker provides the way of turning electrical/pneumatics components on and off.



PDP



Power Distribution Panel/PDP

• The Power Distribution Panel is where the main source of electricity and power is controlled.



RoboRio, Router, Light misc









Electrical Tools



Wire stripper/Cable Strippers

Used for stripping wires/cables.
 This tool strips the insulators
 from the wire in order to be able
 to make connections with the
 actual wire.





Soldering Iron

 Handheld tool that supplies heat to melt solder so that you can join two connections together.





Crimper/Wire Crimper

- A tool used to crimp connectors onto wires.
 - Ethernet Cables

