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# **DC MACHINES**

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#### Introduction

Most of the electrical machine in service are AC type.
 DC machine are of considerable industrial importance.
 DC machine mainly used as DC motors and the DC generators are rarely used.
 DC motors provides a fine control of the speed which can not be attained by AC motors.
 DC motors can developed rated torque at all speeds from standstill to rated speed.
 Developed torque at standstill is many times greater than the torque developed by an AC motor of equal power and speed rating.

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#### **Application of DC Machines**

The d.c. machine can operate as either a motor or a generator, at present its use as a generator is limited because of the widespread use of ac power.

Large d.c. motors are used in machine tools, printing presses, fans, pumps, cranes, paper mill, traction, textile mills and so forth.

Small d.c. machines (fractional horsepower rating) are used primarily as control device-such as tachogenerators for speed sensing and servomotors for position and tracking.



# Advantages & Disadvantages Of D.C. Motors

#### **Advantages**

- High starting torque
- Rapid acceleration and deceleration.
- Speed can be easily controlled over wide speed range.
- Used in tough gobs (traction motors, electric trains, electric cars,....)
- Built in wide range of sizes.

#### Disadvantages

- Needs regular maintenance
- Cannot be used in explosive area
- High cost



# **Construction of DC Machine**



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# **Construction of DC Machine: Field System**

The field system is to produce uniform magnetic field within which the armature rotates. This consists of Yoke or frame: Acts as a mechanical support of the machine



2000HP DC Motor field System

# **Construction of DC Machine: Armature**

The rotor or the armature core, which carries the rotor or armature winding, is made of sheet-steel laminations. The laminations are stacked together to form a cylindrical structure



The armature coils that make the armature winding are located in the slots

Non-conducting slot liners are wedged in between the coil and the slot walls for protection from abrasion, electrical insulation and mechanical support

Portion of an armature lamination of a dc machine showing slots and teeth

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# **Construction of DC Machine: Armature**



Armature of a DC Machine

# **Construction of DC Machine: Commutator**

Commutator: is a mechanical rectifier, which converts the alternating voltage generated in the armature winding into direct voltage across the brush. It is made of copper segments insulated from each other by mica and mounted on the shaft of the machine. The armature windings are connected to the commutator segments.



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# Principle of Operation The Faraday Disk and Faraday's Law An emf is induced in a circuit placed in a magnetic field if either: • the magnetic flux linking the circuit is time varying

• or there is a relative motion between the circuit and the magnetic field such that the conductors comprising the circuit cut a cross the magnetic flux lines.

• 1<sup>st</sup> form of the law is the basis of transformers.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> form is the basic principle of operation of electric generators.

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**Brush** 

shaft

Conducting

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Copper disk

# **Principle of Operation**

#### The right-hand rule and generator action

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## Single-Phase Full wave Rectifier

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#### **Principle of Operation: Armature Voltage**

$$Emf_{conductor} = \frac{Flux / \text{Re } v.}{time / \text{Re } v.} = \frac{p.\Phi}{(60 / N_m)} = \frac{p.\Phi.N_m}{60}$$

$$Emf_{conductor}$$

$$Emf_{Total} = \frac{Emf_{conductor}}{Number of conductor / path}$$
where
$$p = \text{number of poles}$$

$$Z = \text{total number of armature conductors}$$

$$a = \text{number of parallel paths, 2 for wave and p for lab.}$$

$$\Phi = \text{flux per pole} \quad (\text{Weber})$$

$$N_m = \text{speed of the motor in the revolutions per minute (rpm)}$$
time of 1 revolution = 60/Nm (sec)

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#### **Principle of Operation: Armature Voltage**

Let 
$$\omega_m = \frac{2.\pi N_m}{60} \Rightarrow N_m = \frac{\omega_m .60}{2.\pi}$$

 $\omega_m$  = speed of the motor in radians per second

$$Emf_{Total} = \frac{p.\Phi.Z}{60a} \cdot \frac{\omega_m.60}{2.\pi} = \frac{p.\Phi.Z.\omega_m}{2.\pi.a}$$

$$Emf_{Total} = K_a . \Phi . \omega_m$$

 $K_a$ : armature constant

 $K_a = \frac{p.Z}{2.\pi.a}$ 

Generated voltage: generator operationBack emf: motor operation

#### **Developed (or Electromagnetic) Torque**

Consider the turn shown in the following Figure.

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Production of Unidirectional Torque and Operation of an Elementary

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#### **Dc Generator Equations**

#### **Self-Excited DC Generators**

#### 1. Shunt generator

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$$V_{f} = R_{f}I_{f} = V_{t}$$
$$E_{a} = V_{t} + I_{a}r_{a}$$
$$E_{a} = K_{a}\Phi \omega_{m}$$
$$V_{t} = I_{L}R_{L}$$
$$I_{a} = I_{L} + I_{f}$$

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# **Dc Generator Equations**

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$$V_t = E_a - I_a(r_a + R_s)$$
$$I_L = I_a = I_f$$
$$E_a = K_a \Phi_s \omega_m$$

#### **Dc Generator Equations**

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# Power Flow and Efficiency

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#### **Torque-Speed Characteristics**

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#### **Torque-Speed Characteristics**

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#### **Starting of DC Machine**

If a d.c. motor is directly connected to a d.c. power supply, the starting current will be dangerously high.

$$I_{a} = \frac{V_{t} - E_{a}}{r_{a}} \quad \text{at starting} \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{0} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{E}_{a} = \boldsymbol{0}$$
$$\therefore I_{a} \Big|_{Starting} = \frac{V_{t}}{r}$$

Since  $r_a$  is small, the starting current is very large.

The starting current can be limited by the following methods:

1- Use a variable-voltage supply.

2- Insert an external resistance at start, as shown in the Figure.

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