

# POWER VS. WORK

**CONCEPT** The introduction of time in the context of power vs. work refers to the development of systems for measuring and quantifying the amount of work that can be done in a given amount of time. This includes the development of power systems that convert energy into work, as well as devices such as motors and engines that use this energy to perform work. By measuring the amount of work that can be done per unit of time, engineers and scientists can evaluate the efficiency of power systems and determine the most effective ways to use energy. The introduction of time enables the efficient use of energy to power a wide range of industrial, commercial, and residential applications.

# HISTORY

The history of AC power systems and their essential components and terms dates back to the late 19th century when inventors such as Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse were competing with Thomas Edison's direct current (DC) power systems. Tesla and Westinghouse advocated for alternating current (AC) power systems, which they believed were more efficient and practical than DC power systems. The development of AC power systems, including the development of transformers and the standardization of frequency, played a significant role in the growth of modern society, enabling the efficient and reliable distribution of electrical power. Today, AC power systems are used to power a wide range of applications, from residential homes to industrial factories. and continue to play a critical role in the functioning of modern society.



### FORMULAS

**POWER FACTOR (PF) FORMULA:** The power factor is the ratio of real power (P) to apparent power (S). The formula for power factor is PF = P/S.

**REACTIVE POWER (Q) FORMULA:** The reactive power is the product of the voltage (V), current (I), and sine of the phase angle ( $\theta$ ) between them. The formula for reactive power is Q = VI sin( $\theta$ ).

**VOLTAGE (V):** The potential difference between two points in an electrical circuit, measured in volts (V).

**CURRENT (I):** The flow of electric charge in a circuit, measured in amperes (A).

#### TERMINOLOGY

**POWER:** Power is a measure of the rate at which energy is transferred or work is done. It is measured in watts (W) or horsepower (hp) and is a critical component of power systems. The ability to measure power allows engineers and scientists to evaluate the efficiency of power systems and determine the most effective ways to use energy.

**WORK:** Work is a measure of the amount of energy transferred when a force is applied over a distance. It is typically measured in joules (J) or foot-pounds (ft-lb) and is an essential component of power systems. By measuring the amount of work that can be done per unit of time, engineers and scientists can evaluate the efficiency of power systems and determine the most effective ways to use energy.

**TIME:** Time is a fundamental aspect of the introduction of time in power vs. work. By measuring the amount of work that can be done per unit of time, engineers and scientists can evaluate the efficiency of power systems and determine the most effective ways to use energy.

#### Make sure it measures up

**POWER FACTOR:** The power factor is a measure of the efficiency of an AC power system. It is defined as the ratio of the real power (measured in watts) to the apparent power (measured in voltamperes). A power factor of 1 indicates that the power system is operating at maximum efficiency, while a power factor less than 1 indicates that some of the energy is being lost as reactive power.

**REACTIVE POWER:** Reactive power is the power that is used to create and maintain magnetic fields in AC power systems. It is measured in volt-amperes reactive (VAR) and is an essential component of AC power systems. Reactive power is necessary to ensure power systems operate efficiently and reliably.

**LOAD:** The load is the electrical component or device that is connected to an AC power system and consumes power. Loads can take many forms, including lights, appliances, and industrial machinery. The load is an essential component of an AC power system, as it is the device that ultimately consumes the power generated by the power system.

## **APPLICATION**

One relevant application of the essential components and terms related to AC power systems is in the design and operation of electric motors. Electric motors are a critical component of a wide range of industrial and commercial applications, from pumps and fans to manufacturing equipment and transportation systems.

In designing and operating electric motors, it is essential to understand the concepts of power factor, reactive power, load, transformer, and frequency. For example, to ensure an electric motor operates efficiently and reliably, it is necessary to match the voltage and frequency of the power supply to the specifications of the motor. A transformer may be used to adjust the voltage to the correct level, while the frequency is maintained by the power grid.





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