

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

The Shock of Your Life!

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The goal of my project was to find out what gauge wire will have the least amount of power dropped at any length wire. This goal was important to me because it will really help out on the ROV team i am on.

Methods/Materials

My method was: measure the wires, cut the wire at the right lengths, make the light fixture, connect every thing together and get all my data. The materials i used were: a screw driver, a wire cutter, a tape measure, volt/amp meter, 200 ft. of 14 gauge wire, 200 ft. of 18 gauge wire, 200 ft. of 20 gauge wire, 200 ft. of 22 gauge wire, a 12 volt ROV battery, 60 watt light bulb, a light socket and a wood board.

Results

My resauts showed that the thicker the wire the less power is dropped.

Summary Statement

My project was to find out what gauge wire has the least amount of power dropped at any length wire.

Help Received

Mr. Mellenger helped with the background and was my mentor, Dad helped with the testing, Mom helped me fill out the applications.