

Electric Motor Rubric

Name _____

Date _____ Period _____ Score ____/4

Drawing / Captions / Labels

Place a check by each expectation you completely fulfilled

	Basic	Advanced
1. Figure 11 from page 234	_____	
2. Each armature tested is clearly identified – type of metal, thickness (gauge), length.	_____	
3. Drawing shows all parts of the set up – power source, paper clips, magnet, armature, alligator clips	_____	
4. Labels identify all parts of the set up	_____	
5. The time each armature spun is identified for each power level	_____	
6. The approximate (relative) speed each armature spun for each power level	_____	
7. Additional outcomes for each power level are identified – melting, smoking, sparks, etc.	_____	
8. Troubleshooting techniques are included- example, fixing an out-of-balance armature	_____	
9. Wobbling identified.	_____	
10. The sanded portion of the armature is identified	_____	

Summary Paragraphs(s)

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1. <i>The armature becomes an electromagnet.</i>	_____	
a. The sanded portion of the armature is identified as the commutator-which switches the electromagnet on and off as it spins		_____
b. The paper clips serve as the brushes of conventional electric motor-which act as conductors to the commutator.		_____
2. <i>The electromagnet is attracted to and repelled by the permanent magnet</i>	_____	
a. The poles of the armature are reversed by the commutator which switches repulsion into attraction between the permanent magnet and the electromagnet.		_____
b. The pole reversal is the result of the current being reversed by the commutator.		_____
3. <i>When the coil (armature) moves around it briefly becomes non-magnetic.</i>	_____	
4. <i>The momentum of the coil allows it to continue moving until it becomes re-magnetized</i>	_____	
5. <i>Energy transformations are identified</i>		
a. Electricity to mechanical (motion)	_____	
b. Electricity to heat (thermal)	_____	
c. Electricity to light (glowing, sparks)	_____	
6. <i>The source of heat is identified as electrons that are piling up in the armature and the paper clip.</i>		_____

4	3	2	1
15 of the basics covered AND 3 advanced topics are discussed	12-14 basic expectations are covered.	9-11 basic expectations covered.	1-8 basic expectations covered.