

# HOW A DYNAMO WORKS - FACT SHEET 11

### A DYNAMO is a machine which converts movement into electrical energy. A GENERATOR is a giant dynamo.

#### A dynamo needs a source of energy to spin or turn it.



### THE SECRET INSIDE

Inside every dynamo is a coil of wire and strong magnets.

Michael Faraday, in 1831, discovered that if you spin a coil of copper wire between magnets you could get a flow of electricity. The more loops of wire you have, the more electricity is generated.

By **turning** the handle on the dynamo, you turn the **coil** between the two **magnets**. This motion causes an **electric current** to flow through the coil of wire.

Electricity flows along the wire and lights the bulb

### RENEWABLE ENERGY MACHINES

Renewable energy technology uses **TURBINES** to turn **GEARS** which then turn a **SHAFT** inside a **GENERATOR**. The turning shaft spins a huge coil of wire past giant magnets and generates **ELECTRICITY**.



#### See over for information on electric motors

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# HOW AN ELECTRIC MOTOR WORKS - FACT SHEET 11 SIDE B

An electric motor is a dynamo in reverse.

# FIRST ELECTRIC MOTOR

The first, very simple, electric motor was made by Michael Faraday in 1821. He showed that a single wire, suspended between magnets would revolve when a current was passed through it.

## **ELECTRIC MOTOR**



