Chapter 13-1

Electromagnetic Waves

 Electromagnetic Wave – A transverse wave consisting of oscillating electric and magnetic fields at right angles to each other. The spectrum includes more than visible light – not all light is visible to the human eye. Light is a wave and also a particle.

Electromagnetic waves vary depending on frequency and wavelength.

The Electromagnetic Spectrum



Electromagnetic Spectrum



Crystal Vision

The prism bends a beam of light And pulls it into colored bands. My fingers tremble with delight: I hold a rainbow in my hands. In visible light, the differences in frequency and wavelength account for different colors.

 The differences in wavelength and frequency also distinguishes visible light from invisible electromagnetic radiation, such as X Rays.

- Radio Waves Longest wave AM FM, TV, radar gun (baseball)
- Microwaves 2nd longest radar communication, microwaves
- Infrared waves 3rd infrared photography, night vision
- Visible Light 4th microscope, astronomy
- Ultraviolet Light 5th sterilization, forensics
- X rays 6th medical exam of teeth & bones, see structural damage, image of paintings
- Gamma Rays Shortest Wave Cancer treatment, food irradiation

 All electromagnetic waves move at the speed of light. Speed = wavelength x frequency Only the wavelength and frequency change. This change decides which type of electromagnetic wave it is, radio, gamma, etc.

 The speed of light in a vacuum = 2.99792458 x 10⁸ The speed of light in air = 2.99709 x 10⁸ •We use 3 x 10⁸

- Waves can be approximated as rays.
- Next chapter we'll be drawing out light rays.
- Brightness of light decreases by the square of the distance from the source.





Electromagnetic Waves

 Radio Waves – Radio, older tv's, and baseball radar guns



Electromagnetic Demos, Labs and Videos

1. Radio – Radar Gun

Electromagnetic Demos

• 2. Microwave Demos





Electromagnetic Demos 3. Infrared - Night Vision Goggles and Thermal Camera, RC Cars

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Electromagnetic Demos & Labs

4. Visible - Color Spotlight, diffraction glasses,
3d, bubbles, virtual goggles, eye dissection,
strobe light spinning and desktop strobe fountain

















Electromagnetic Demos 5. UV demos and coloring



Electromagnetic Demos

6. X rays



Electromagnetic Demos 7. Gamma Waves - Geiger Counter