Wattmeter

A wattmeter is a meter that measures the instantaneous power.

A <u>watt-hour meter</u> measures the amount of power used in a given time. It is installed by a power company on the outside of a home or business. Since a watt-hour is a very small unit, standard utility meters read in <u>kilowatt-hours</u> (kWh), or 1,000 watt-hours.

$$\frac{\# of kW}{1000} = \frac{E \times I}{1000}$$

Here is an example of a five-dial electric meter. The pointer in each dial moves from a smaller number to a larger one.



Some pointers move clockwise, others counter-clockwise. **Dials are read by starting at the right and moving to the left.** When a pointer is between two numbers, the smaller number is recorded.

- What is the reading of the watt-hour meter above? <u>75101 kWh</u>
- Look at the watt-hour meter below. Fill in the blanks to determine how many kWh were used.

