Light Meter Using a Photoresistor and a DMM



Explanation: The light meter uses an ammeter or a digital multimeter to display light intensity values. A photoresistor serves as a light sensor. When dark, the resistance of the photoresistor is high, limiting the amount of current flowing through the ammeter. In a bright condition, the photoresistor resistance is much lower, allowing more current to pass through the meter. The potentiometer adjusts for calibration. The photoresistor used is Jameco part #120299; see:

http://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?langId=-1&productId=120299&catalogId=10001&freeText=120299&app.products.maxperpage= 15&storeId=10001&search_type=jamecoall&ddkey=http:StoreCatalogDrillDownView.

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