Selected Schematic Symbols. Electronics Circuits are like road maps. Each electronic component, or part, has a symbol representing it and each of its leads, or pins. On a schematic, lines like highways on a roadmap will show you the connections for the parts. The lines could be circuit traces on a PC Board, or simply wiring. On this page are very common symbols, ones that you will encounter soon. There are hundreds more and most are variations of these symbols and easy to figure out. When you 'read' a schematic, each part (symbol) will have an identifying number; for example resistors will be marked 'R1 and R2 etc. and a separate chart will give the value for each number. Capacitors will be C1 and C2; the number after the C will get bigger until you have a list of all capacitors and so on for other parts. §

