

## CONCEPT: CAPACITORS

- Two parallel plates of equal and opposite charge produce a \_\_\_\_\_ electric field between them.
  - UNIFORM = same magnitude everywhere always.
  - Electric field points ( **FROM** | **TO** ) positive plate ( **FROM** | **TO** ) negative plate.



- These are known as CAPACITORS → Things that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Between plates,  $E =$  \_\_\_\_\_ - Outside of plates,  $E =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - $\epsilon_0$  is the VACUUM PERMITTIVITY, and  $\epsilon_0 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - $Q$  is the charge on each plate,  $A$  is the area of each plate.

EXAMPLE: The electric field between two parallel plates is 1000 N/C. If the plates have an area of 5 cm<sup>2</sup>, what is the charge on each plate?

EXAMPLE: A capacitor produces an electric field  $E$  when it is formed by two plates that have charges  $Q$  and  $-Q$ . What happens to the electric field if the charge doubles, but the area of the plates halves?

### PRACTICE: KINEMATICS IN A CAPACITOR

An electron moves into a capacitor at an initial speed of 150 m/s. If the electron enters exactly halfway between the plates, how far will the electron move horizontally before it strikes one of the plates? Which plate will it strike?

