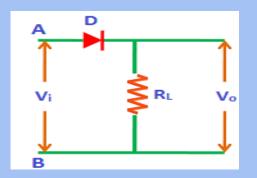
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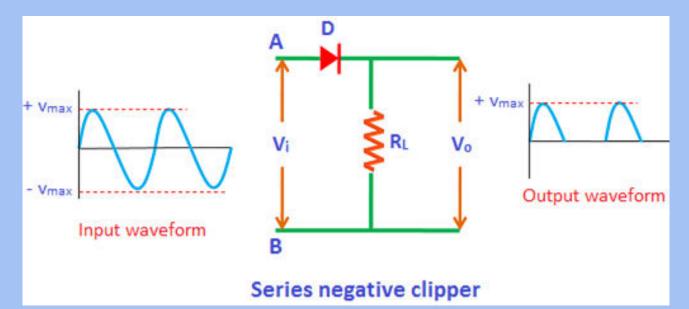
□ In series negative clipper, the negative half cycles of the input AC signal is removed at the output. The circuit construction of the series negative clipper is shown in the figure.



If the diode is arranged in such a way that the arrowhead of the diode points towards the output and the diode is in series with the output load resistance, then the clipper is said to be a series negative clipper. □ In simple words, in a series negative clipper, the diode is connected in a direction opposite to that of the series positive clipper.

The vertical line in the diode symbol represents the cathode (n-side) and the opposite end represents the anode (p-side).

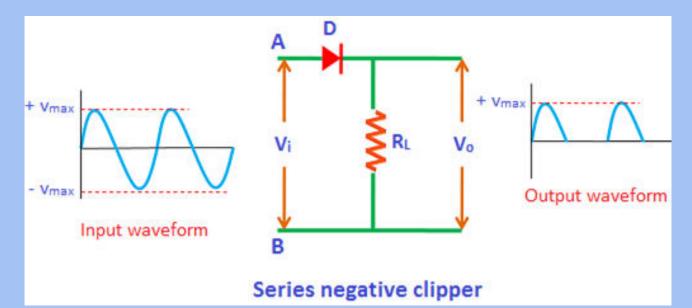
During positive half cycle:



During the positive half cycle, terminal A is positive and terminal B is negative. That means the positive terminal A is connected to p-side and the negative terminal B is connected to n-side of the diode. As we already know that if the positive terminal is connected to p-side and the negative terminal is connected to n-side then the diode is said to be forward biased. Therefore, the diode D is forward biased during the positive half cycle.

During forward biased condition, electric current flows through the diode. So the positive half cycle is allowed at the output. Therefore, a series of positive half cycles appears at the output.

During negative half cycle:



During the negative half cycle, the terminal A is negative and the terminal B is positive. That means the negative terminal A is connected to p-side and the positive terminal B is connected to n-side of the diode. As we already know that if the negative terminal is connected to p-side and the positive terminal is connected to n-side then the diode is said to be reverse biased. Therefore, the diode D is reverse biased during the negative half cycle.

During reverse biased condition, no current flows through the diode. So the negative half cycle is completely blocked or removed at the output. In other words, a series of negative half cycles are removed at the output.

Thus, the series negative clipper removes the series of negative half cycles.



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