

52. The time it takes for the voltage difference across the capacitor to reach V_L is given by $V_L = \mathcal{E}(1 - e^{-t/RC})$. We solve for R :

$$R = \frac{t}{C \ln[\mathcal{E}/(\mathcal{E} - V_L)]} = \frac{0.500 \text{ s}}{(0.150 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}) \ln[95.0 \text{ V}/(95.0 \text{ V} - 72.0 \text{ V})]} = 2.35 \times 10^6 \Omega$$

where we used $t = 0.500 \text{ s}$ given (implicitly) in the problem.