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The purposes of this study were to investigate applied physics 1 problem solving process deficiencies of technical industry students at diploma level and students who had different industrial science learning achievement. The students were 272 first year industrial arts students of Rajamangala Institute of Technology in Bangkok in the academic year 1996. The research instrument was the problem solving test constructed by the researcher with the reliability of 0.97, the level of difficulty of 0.37 - 0.78 and the power of discrimination of 0.26 - 0.72. The data were analyzed by means of frequency and percentage.

The findings of this study were as follows :

1. Most of the students had problem solving process deficiency in the fifth step, calculation for the answer, followed by the fourth step, substitution of data in physics formula; the sixth step, identification of unit for the answer; the third step, writing the formula; the second step, analyzing the problem for what were provided ; and the first step, analyzing the problem for what were desired to know, respectively.
2. Most of the students in the groups with highest and average science learning achievement had not different in problem solving process deficiency in each step. Their most problem solving process deficiency failed in the fifth step, followed by the fourth, the sixth, the third, the second and the first steps, respectively. Most of the students in the lowest science learning achievement group had problem solving process deficiency in the fifth step, followed by the fourth, the sixth, the second, the third, and the first steps, respectively.

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