Concept Question 8-5: How much average power is consumed by a reactive load? Explain.

$$P_{\text{av}} = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos 90^{\circ} = 0.$$
 (8.26)  
(purely reactive load)

▶ A purely reactive load can store power and then release it, but the net average power it absorbs is zero. ◀