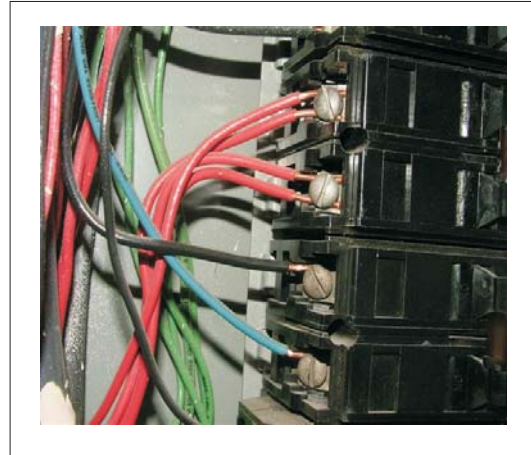




Tip Of The WEEK

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Double Tap Wiring Is considered a FIRE & SHOCK HAZARD



It's becoming more and more common to see two wires connected to a single pole breaker. With homeowners finishing their basements or adding circuits for computer and audio equipment, we need more outlets and lighting.

The problem is that two wires connected to a single pole breaker may allow the wires to "ARC" presenting a potential fire & shock hazard at the panel, not to mention the disruption of service.

Not only that, but a circuit when installed during construction was designed for a specific load. By double tapping into this breaker you may pull more electric than the breaker can handle causing it to trip.

As a new homeowner, your uses may be different than the previous homeowner. Therefore, the circuit may have never tripped before, but with a different or larger load – may trip off for you.

This can be a major inconvenience, not to mention a costly repair. Double tapped wiring should be referred to an electrician for further evaluation and upgrades to the service.



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