



## FEDERAL PACIFIC PANELS

Known defects are documented regarding possible hazards associated with "Federal Pacific Electric Stab-Lok" circuit breakers and service panels.

Federal Pacific Electric Stab-Lok service panels and circuit breakers are a latent hazard and can fail, leading to electrical fires. The problem is that some double pole (240 volt) FPE circuit breakers and possibly some single pole units simply may not work.

We also have reports that independent of the breaker problems, there have been panel and panel-bus fires and arcing failures in some equipment. The failure rate for these circuit breakers were significant and are documented.

Further information can be obtained on the internet by searching "Federal Pacific Electric".

The dangers do exist for a home inspector trying to remove the panel cover, therefore, our inspectors will not inspect these panels. Our recommendations will be to contact an electrical contractor for further evaluation of the electrical system.



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