



Electrical Glossary

Amp — A unit used to measure the strength of an electrical current.

Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter — A safety device designed to prevent fires caused by dangerous electrical discharges by shutting off electricity.

Circuit — The complete path that an electrical current can flow around.

Circuit Breaker — A device that switches the electricity off when there is too much current in the system.

Electrical Outlet — A wall socket receptacle providing a place in a wiring system where electrical devices can be plugged in to operate them.

Electrical Switch — A mechanical device used to connect and disconnect a circuit at will and is usually operated manually.

Extension Cord — An insulated, flexible electric wire fitted with a plug at one end and one or more outlets on the other. It provides a convenient, yet temporary way to use electrical equipment that can't reach a wall outlet.

Fuse — A safety device in electrical equipment that cuts off the power if something goes wrong.

Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter — An electrical device that detects electrical current leakage and immediately shuts off the power so that no one is injured.

Power Strip — A strip of sockets that attaches to the end of a flexible cable and allows multiple devices to be plugged in.

Wattage — A unit for measuring electrical power.

