

Dangerous Electrical Panel Identification Guide

Many homes built between the 1950's and the 1980's have electrical panels made by Federal Pacific, Sylvania, and Zinsco. These panels were poorly made and are dangerous as evidenced by the large number of house fires they have caused. These panels are no longer made but were quite popular with builders. Millions have been installed and many remain in use in homes today. These panels can operate properly for many years, but have a high probability of failing with disastrous results.

Use the pictures at the right to determine if your panel is safe or dangerous. Open the door of your electrical panel and look at the circuit breakers. Safe electrical panels have circuit breakers with handles that are all black or all brown.

Dangerous electrical panels have circuit breakers with handles that are either: black with red tips; all green; all blue; or all red. Breakers with "Westinghouse" printed on them are an exception, they are safe. These dangerous panels are like ticking time bombs waiting to destroy your home and injure your family.

The majority of insurance companies will no longer insure homes with these panels due to the fire danger. When homes are found to contain these dangerous panels (usually when being sold), insurance companies will require that they are replaced with safe, modern panels before insurance will be issued.

If you think you have one of these dangerous panels, please request a free inspection. We will verify at no charge and answer any questions you have.

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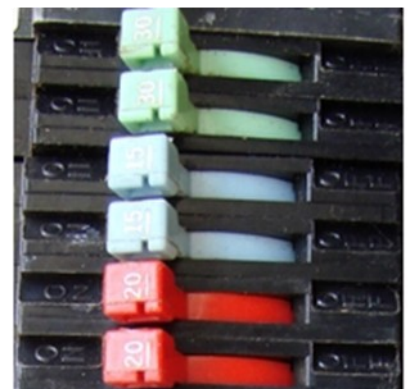
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Safe Panel Breakers



Dangerous Panel Breakers



What the experts say:

In 2011, an estimated 47,700 home and 16,400 non-home fires involved some type of electrical failure or malfunction. These fires resulted in a combined 421 civilian deaths, 1,813 civilian injuries, and \$1.9 billion in direct property damage.
(National Fire Protection Association)

An electrical system should not be taken for granted. It ages and wears out the same as other parts of your home. CPSC studies of residential electrical fires show that the majority of serious fires need not have occurred. The conditions that caused the fires probably would have been detected by an electrical inspection. If your last inspection was 10 or more years ago, inspection is advisable.

(U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission - Guide to home wiring hazards)

Thousands of people in the United States are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes each year.

(Electrical Safety Foundation International)



Result of an electrical panel fire.

