

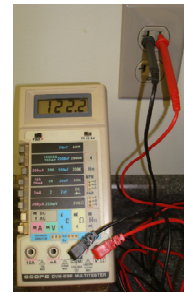
Requirement 4d: Installing an Electrical Outlet

Step 1: Make Sure Power is OFF



- Turn off the breaker and use a voltmeter or tester (or a lamp) to make sure power is OFF to the circuit you are working on
- Good to measure with power ON and then OFF to make sure you are reading the meter correctly

Voltmeter



Outlet Tester



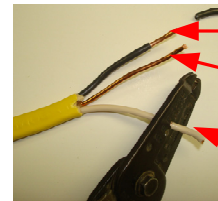
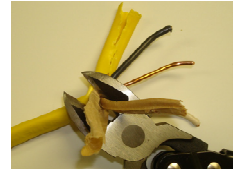
Step 2: Prepare the Wiring

- Use cutters to carefully “nibble” back the cable sheathing
- Cut off the sheathing and the protective paper inside
- Use wire strippers on 12 gauge setting to strip back ½” of insulation on white (Neutral) and black (Hot) wires
- Repeat for all wires to be connected



Either cut sheath from end OR “nibble” around wire and pull off

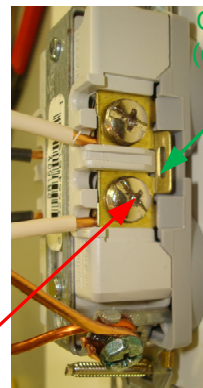
Be careful not to nick the insulation on the white and black wires



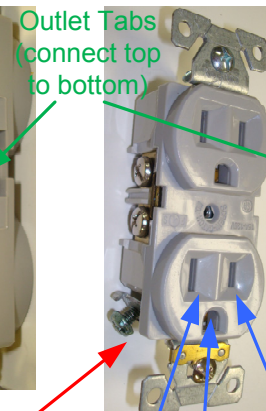
Black = HOT (carries power)
Bare Copper = Ground
White = Neutral

Step 3: Make the Connections

- Remember this rule: Black On Brass, White On Silver (BOB WOS)
- Connections can be push-in, screw compression, or screw head loops
- If outlet tabs are in place, connections can be made at any point per color
- Make sure all connections are tight



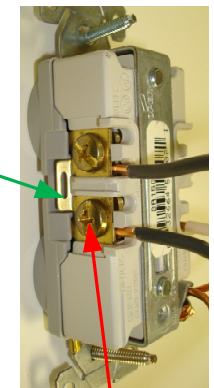
White on Silver (WOS)



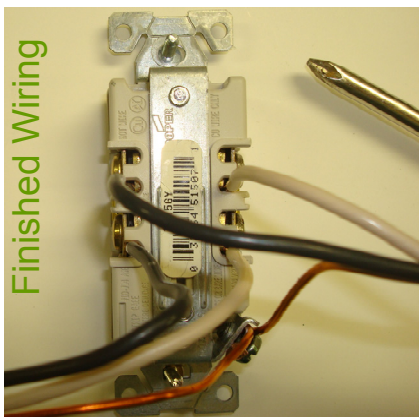
Ground Connection

White (wide) = Neutral

Black (narrow) = Hot

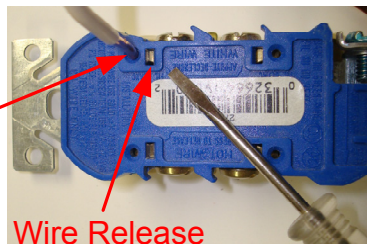


Black on Brass (BOB)



Finished Wiring

Push-In Connections



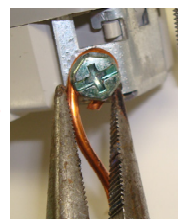
Push Wire In

Wire Release

Screw Head Loops



Loop Goes Clockwise, Pinch to Close



Step 4: Install Outlet Plate and Check Your Work

- Install the outlet plate (one screw)
- Turn power back on
- Use outlet tester to make sure your connections are correct before using (correct = 2 orange lights)



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