

Re: A/C plug gets too hot

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lsmartino wrote:

Michael A. Terrell ha escrito:

If the plug is damaged, you need to have the outlet replaced as well. It may have been what caused the damage to the existing plug. I ran into an air conditioner where it was used with an approved A/C extension cord. There was excess plastic in the socket that only let one side make contact. This made the connection run warm and melted the plastic, which corroded the connection and fused the two connectors together. If I hadn't found it and made proper repairs, there would have been another electrical fire. I've lost two different breaker boxes in the last eight years. One had the ground buss bar burn, and the other box had the main breaker burn free of one of the two 120 VAC line buss bars. Both were installed by licensed electricians and inspected by the county, and a home inspection service before I bought the property.

What brand were the burnt breaker boxes? Were they "Federal Pacific" by chance?

They were both Square "D", but the two different electricians didn't use any contact lube to prevent corrosion. One box was pole mounted outside, and the other was 10 inches from the floor in an un-insulated outside wall, so both got a fair amount of condensation. The house was owned by midgets, and everything was mounted well below code height.

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Service to my country? Been there, Done that, and I've got my DD214 to prove it.
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