

## Re: Slightly OT. Heat and a Bench Light ...

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In article <[g4q8vq\\$mep\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:g4q8vq$mep$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,  
Baron <[baron.nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:baron.nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I've seen electric heaters repaired with those plastic choc-blocks put in them. I once had an old lady ask me to look at one. She said it smells funny and there is something dripping out of the back. The plastic surround had almost compleatly gone and the connections were hanging in mid air. I had a go at the guy who repaired it and was un-politely told to sod off..... Sadley there weren't the consumer protections in those days !

There's no difference from a choc block than any other screw connector – like those found in sockets, etc. Make a poor connection or use an incorrectly rated one and it *\*will\** give trouble.

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*\*Certain frogs can be frozen solid, then thawed, and survive \**

Dave Plowman [dave@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:dave@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) London SW  
To e-mail, change noise into sound.

One general thing to be aware of these Anglepoise lamps. Well the stronger

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older , all metal ones.

Make sure all the little rubber grommets are present and correct, not perished, at each of the channel holes that the mains cable passes through.

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I was a little concerned that these would not still fit, when I put the 3 core cable in, but they did, just fine.

And to Baron. I've had the thing a long long time. It's an orange one that came from BHS originally, but a genuine Terry's Anglepoise, none-the-less. Before that, I had the even earlier one with the black 'flying saucer' shade. I can't remember what happened to that one. Over the years, it has had much work done on it, but I'm pretty sure that it never had anything other than a 2 core plastic cable on it. I can't imagine that I would ever have replaced a three core with a 2 core. The old black one had plaited cotton-covered rubber cable as I recall, but I still don't remember that one being earthed, either.

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