

# Troubleshooting

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Soldering

<https://github.com/MercedEnergy/Soldering>

# Cold Joint

- Problem: Components not heated properly
- Solution: Reheating Joints Closer

# Not Enough Solder

- Bad Mechanical Connections
- Solution : Reheat joint and add more solder.

## To Much Solder

- Problem: Short out leads of other components
- Solution : Remove using copper braid or solder sucker

## To Much Heat

- May damage or melt PCB or components
- Use less heat
  - Cold joints are easier to fix

## To Much Movement

- Disturbed joint
  - Solder is not smooth
- Solution: Use a third hand or PCB vise

## Wire Lead Soldered to PCB

- Creates a short circuit
- Solution: Do not bend leads more than 45 degrees
  - Fix by removing solder

# Removing Solder

- Reheat-and-Wipe
- Copper Braid
- Solder Sucker
  - Small Vacuum Pump





Thank You!

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