

Electrical Theory - Terms

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Octagon Box:

A receptacle box often used to support ceiling fixtures and provide their electrical connections.



Receptacle Box:

A metal box designed to contain electrical connections between the house wiring and a receptacle.



Light Fixture:

A piece of lighting that's attached directly to the wiring of the building, rather than through an outlet. Eg, an overhead light is a light fixture, but a lamp is not.



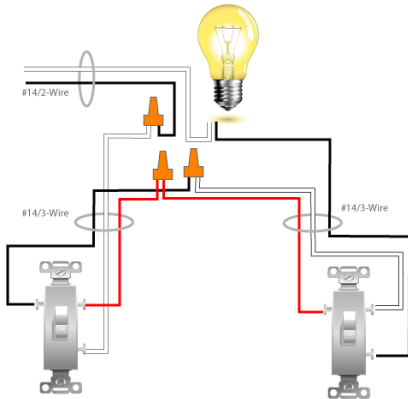
Single-Pole Switch:

A switch that directly controls a single circuit. Toggling this switch toggles the circuit on or off.



3-Way Switch:

A technique for wiring single-pole switches so that toggling either of the switches will change the state of the circuit. Commonly used to put switches on the top and bottom of a stairwell.



Receptacle:

Device to allow connections to the building's AC power supply. Outlets.



Marrette:

A connector used to fasten two or more low voltage conductors.



Wiring Staple:

A staple designed to fasten electrical wire to household studs.

