



Lever Edge™ smartlockpro™

# Installing and Testing a GFCI Receptacle

Please read this leaflet completely before getting started.

Avoid miswiring the GFCI. See video link for help on wiring.



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## CAUTION

- To prevent severe shock or electrocution always turn the power OFF at the service panel before working with wiring.
- Use this GFCI receptacle with copper wire. Do not use it with copper-clad or aluminum wire.
- Do not install this GFCI receptacle on a circuit that powers life support equipment because if the GFCI trips it will shut down the equipment.
- For installation in damp or wet locations, the GFCI receptacle must be Listed and marked as Weather Resistant (WR).
- For installation in wet locations, protect the GFCI receptacle with a cover plate or outlet box hood suitable for wet locations that will keep both the receptacle and plug face dry.
- Must be installed in accordance with national and local electrical codes.

## 1. What is a GFCI?

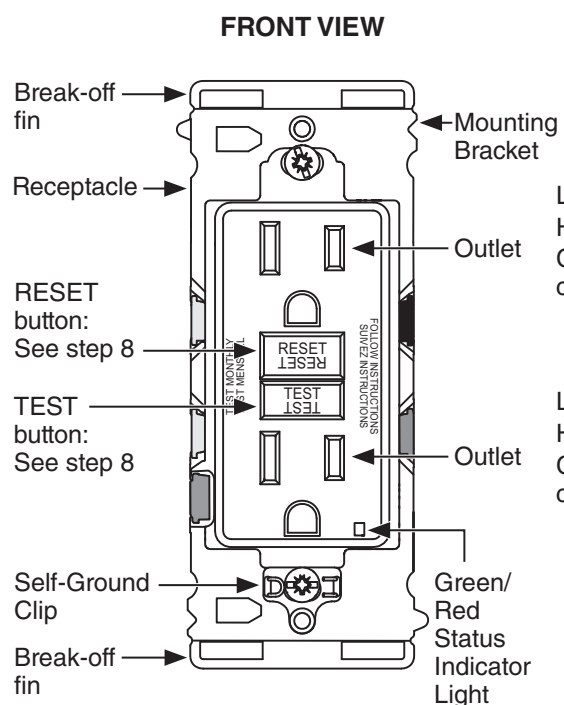
A GFCI receptacle is different from conventional receptacles. In the event of a ground fault, a GFCI will trip and quickly stop the flow of electricity to prevent serious injury.

**Definition of a ground fault:** Instead of following its normal safe path, electricity passes through a person's body to reach the ground. For example, a defective appliance can cause a ground fault.

A GFCI receptacle does **NOT** protect against circuit overloads, short circuits, or shocks. For example, you can still be shocked if you touch bare wires while standing on a non-conducting surface, such as a wood floor.

- NOTE:** GFCIs contain a lockout feature that will prevent RESET if:
- There is no power being supplied to the GFCI.
  - The GFCI is miswired due to reversal of the LINE and LOAD connections.
  - The GFCI cannot pass its internal test, indicating that it may not be able to provide protection in the event of a ground fault.

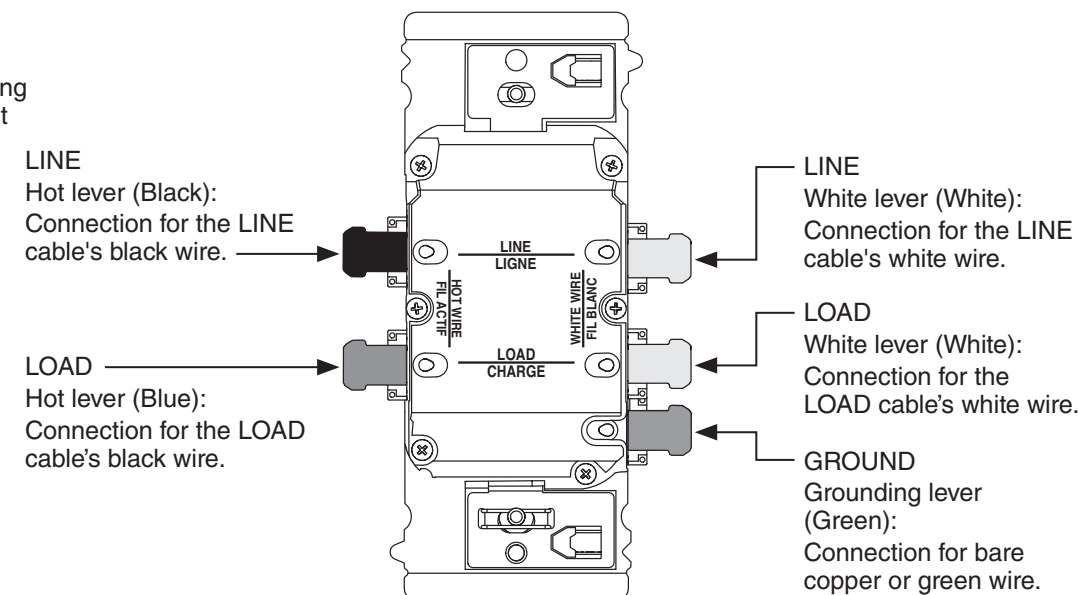
## 2. The GFCI's features



**LINE**  
Hot lever (Black):  
Connection for the LINE cable's black wire.

**LOAD**  
Hot lever (Blue):  
Connection for the LOAD cable's black wire.

## BACK VIEW



## 3. Should you install it?

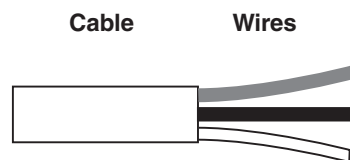
Installing a GFCI receptacle can be more complicated than installing a conventional receptacle.

Make sure that you:

- Understand basic wiring principles and techniques
- Can interpret wiring diagrams
- Have circuit wiring experience
- Are prepared to take a few minutes to test your work, making sure that you have wired the GFCI receptacle correctly

## 4. LINE vs. LOAD

A cable consists of 2 or 3 wires.



### LINE cable:

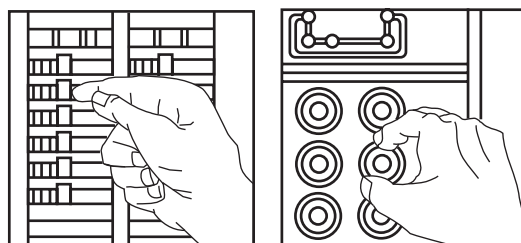
Delivers power from the service panel (breaker panel or fuse box) to the GFCI. If there is only one cable entering the electrical box, it is the LINE cable. This cable should be connected to the GFCI's LINE levers only. These are the black and white levers.

### LOAD cable:

Delivers power from the GFCI to another receptacle in the circuit. This cable should be connected to the GFCI's LOAD levers only. These are the blue and white levers.

## 5. Turn the power OFF

Plug an electrical device, such as a lamp or radio, into the receptacle on which you are working. Turn the lamp or radio ON. Then, go to the service panel. Find the breaker or fuse that protects that receptacle. Place the breaker in the OFF position or completely remove the fuse. The lamp or radio must turn OFF.



Next, plug in and turn ON the lamp or radio at the receptacle's other outlet to make sure the power is OFF at both outlets. If the power is not OFF, stop work and call an electrician to complete the installation.

## 6. Identify cables/wires

**Important:** DO NOT install the GFCI receptacle in an electrical box containing (a) more than four (4) wires (not including the grounding wires) or (b) cables with more than two (2) wires (not including the grounding wire). Contact a qualified electrician if either (a) or (b) are true.

If you are replacing an old receptacle, pull it out of the electrical box without disconnecting the wires.

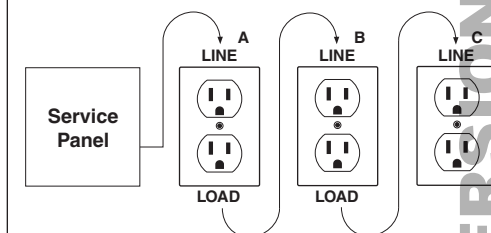
- If you see one cable (2-3 wires), it is the LINE cable. The receptacle is probably in position C (see diagram to the right). Remove the receptacle and go to step 7A.
- If you see two cables (4-6 wires), the receptacle is probably in position A or B (see diagram to the right). Follow steps a-e of the procedure to the right.

## Procedure: box with two (2) cables (4-6 wires):

- Detach one cable's white wire and hot wires from the receptacle and cap each one separately with a wire connector. Make sure that they are from the same cable.
- Re-install the receptacle in the electrical box, attach the faceplate, then turn the power ON at the service panel.
- Determine if power is flowing to the receptacle. If so, the capped wires are the LOAD wires. If not, the capped wires are the LINE wires.
- Turn the power OFF at the service panel, label the LINE and LOAD wires, then remove the receptacle.
- Go to step 7B.

**Placement in circuit:** The GFCI's place in the circuit determines if it protects other receptacles in the circuit.

### Sample circuit:



Placing the GFCI in position A will also provide protection to "load side" receptacles B and C. On the other hand, placing the GFCI in position C will not provide protection to receptacles A or B. Remember that receptacles A, B, and C can be in different rooms.

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## 7. Connect the wires (choose A or B)... only after reading other side completely

### Preparing Wires:

**WARNING: TO AVOID FIRE, SHOCK, OR DEATH, TURN OFF POWER** at circuit breaker or fuse and test that power is OFF before wiring!

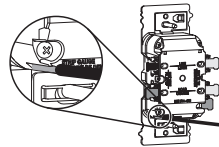
1. Recommend cutting previously used sections of copper wire, ensuring the ends are straight.

#### NOTES:

- Use with #12 AWG or #14 AWG solid or stranded wire only.
- **DO NOT** use copper-clad or aluminum wires in this device.

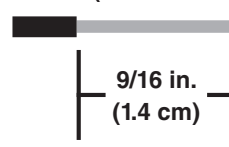
2. Strip each wire in the wallbox, as shown below.

Use Built-in Strip Gauge on the Outlet



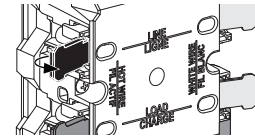
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Use Strip Gauge as shown below (Not to scale)

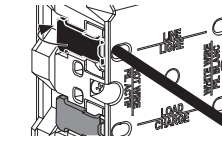


### About Wire Connections:

1. Fully open lever.

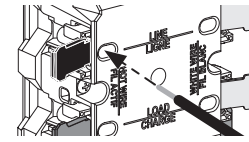


3. Fully close lever.



2. Insert the proper wire into the wire hole per the wiring diagrams shown below. Make sure the wire is fully inserted and no bare wire is exposed.

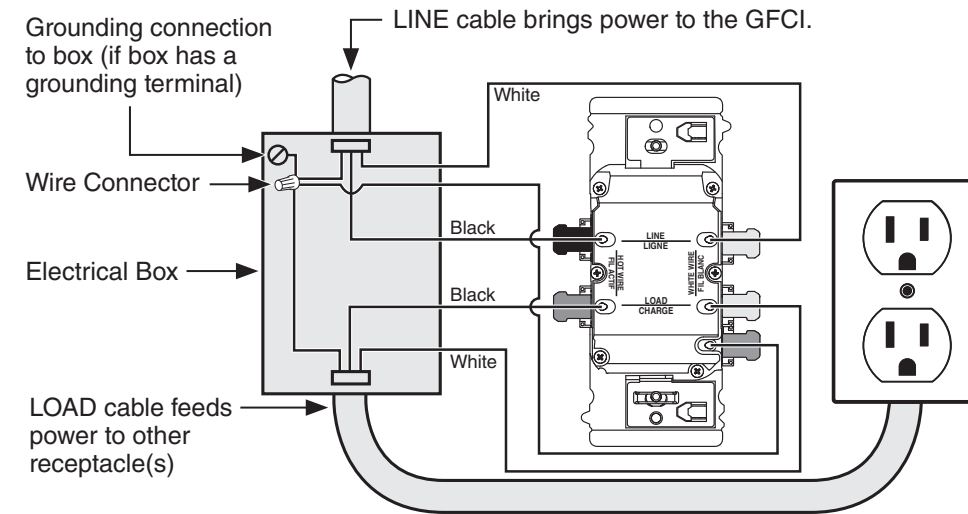
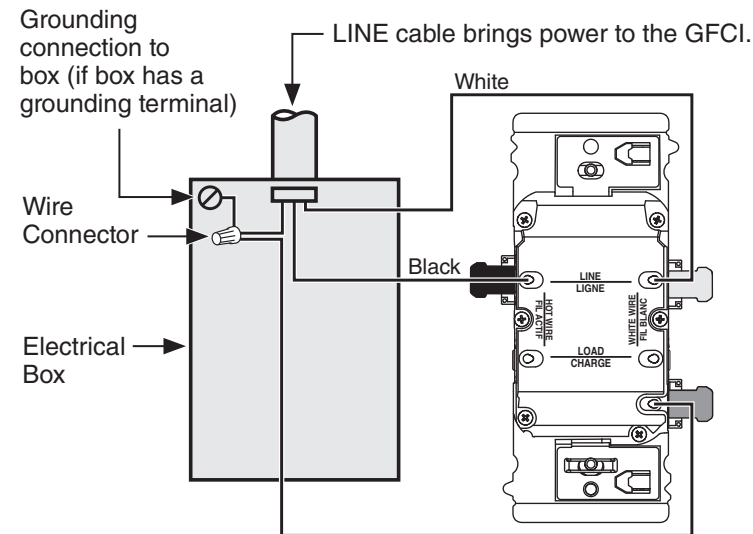
**NOTE:** If using stranded wire twist wire before insertion.



### A: One Cable (2 or 3 wires) entering the box

OR

### B: Two cables (4 or 6 wires) entering the box



### Connect the LINE cable wires to the LINE levers:

- The white wire connects to the WHITE lever
- The black wire connects to the BLACK lever

### Connect the grounding wire (only if there is a grounding wire):

- For a box with no grounding terminal (diagram not shown): Connect the LINE cable's bare copper (or GREEN) wire to the green lever.
- For a box with a grounding terminal (diagram shown above): Connect a 6-inch bare copper (or GREEN) 12 or 14 AWG wire to the green lever on the GFCI. Also, connect a similar wire to the grounding terminal on the box. Connect the ends of these wires to the LINE cable's bare copper (or GREEN) wire using a wire connector. If these wires are already in place, check the connections.

### Complete the installation:

- Fold the wires into the box, keeping the grounding wire away from the WHITE and HOT levers.
- Go to step 8.

### Connect the LINE cable wires to the LINE levers:

- The white wire connects to the WHITE lever
- The black wire connects to the BLACK lever

### Connect the LOAD cable wires to the LOAD levers:

- The white wire connects to the WHITE lever
- The black wire connects to the BLUE lever

### Connect the grounding wire (only if there is a grounding wire):

- Connect a 6-inch bare copper (or GREEN) 12 or 14 AWG wire to the GREEN lever on the GFCI. If the box has a grounding terminal, also connect a similar wire to the grounding terminal on the box. Connect the ends of these wires to the LINE or LOAD cable's bare copper (or GREEN) wire using a wire connector. If these wires are already in place, check the connections.

### Complete the installation:

- Fold the wires into the box, keeping the grounding wire away from the WHITE and HOT levers.
- Go to step 8.

## 8. Test your work

### Why perform this test?

- If you miswired the GFCI it may not prevent personal injury or death due to a ground fault (electrical shock).
- If you mistakenly connect the LINE wires to the LOAD terminals, the GFCI will not reset and will not provide power to either the GFCI receptacle face or any receptacles fed from the GFCI.

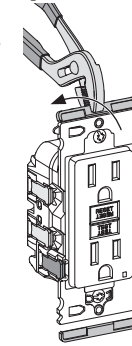
## Procedure:

- This GFCI is shipped from the factory in the tripped condition and cannot be reset until it is wired correctly and power is supplied to the device. If you choose to relocate the GFCI, please return the outlet to this configuration by pressing the TEST button before you move it. Plug a lamp or radio into the GFCI (and leave it plugged in). Turn the power ON at the service panel. Ensure that the GFCI is in the tripped condition by pressing the TEST button. If the lamp or radio is OFF, and the GFCI does not reset, go to the Troubleshooting section as the Line and Load connections are reversed.
- Press the RESET button **fully** and release. If the Status Indicator Light turns Green and the lamp or radio is ON, the GFCI has been installed correctly. If the Status Indicator Light turns or continuously blinks Red, or the GFCI cannot be reset, go to the Self-Test Operation section.
- If you installed your GFCI using step 7B, plug a lamp or radio into surrounding receptacles to see which one(s), in addition to the GFCI, lose power when you press the GFCI TEST button. Place a "GFCI PROTECTED OUTLET" sticker on every receptacle that lost power, then press the RESET button to reset the GFCI. **DO NOT** plug life saving devices into any of the receptacles that lost power.
- Press the TEST button (then RESET button) **every month** to assure proper operation. If the Status Indicator Light does not turn Green when the RESET button is depressed and then released, or the GFCI cannot be reset, it must be replaced.

## Wallplate installation preparation

The outlet strap is designed for midway wallplates. If you want to use a standard size wallplate, remove both break-off fins, as shown.

**NOTE:** Bend the break-off fins rapidly backwards first and then forward to easily remove.



## Wallbox installation

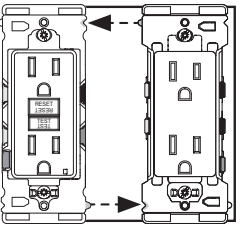
**WARNING: Turn the power OFF at the circuit breaker before you tighten the screws.**

### A: Single-gang box installation.

- Tighten the mounting screws into wallbox.
- Install wallplate, and restore power.

### B: Multi-gang box installation.

- To install the outlet next to other Lever Edge™ devices, use the alignment feature to easily place each device next to each other in the multi-gang box.
- Tighten the mounting screws into wallbox.
- Install wallplate, and restore power.



Button Action	Indicator	Load Power	GFCI Status/Action
Tripped (RESET button out)	OFF	OFF	GFCI in Tripped state, press RESET button (GFCI will not reset if there is no power on the circuit)
Set (RESET button in)	GREEN	ON	GFCI in normal working state
Tripped (RESET button out)	Solid or flashing RED	OFF	OFF - press RESET to see if issue is cleared. If RED indication continues or GFCI will not RESET replace GFCI
Tripped (RESET button out)	GREEN	OFF	Line and Load leads are reversed, review instructions for correct wiring
Set (RESET button in)	Solid or Flashing RED	ON	Press TEST to trip GFCI - press RESET to see if issue is cleared. If RED indication continues or GFCI will not RESET replace GFCI

Test your GFCI monthly

### TROUBLESHOOTING

Turn the power OFF and check the wire connections against the appropriate wiring diagram in step 7A or 7B. Make sure that there are no loose wires or loose connections. Also, it is possible that you reversed the LINE and LOAD connections. If the Status Indicator Light is not ON and the device is unable to reset, this could be a result of no power available. Start the test from the beginning of step 8 if you rewired any connections to the GFCI.

### SELF-TEST OPERATION

- A Self-Test GFCI receptacle has all the features of a conventional GFCI receptacle. In addition, this receptacle tests itself periodically to confirm the GFCI electronics are functional. The Status Indicator Light will be solid green when the GFCI is powered from Line side and working correctly.
  - **Self-Test Indications:** If the Status Indicator Light is solid or flashing RED a problem may exist. Press the TEST button to trip the GFCI. If unable to Reset, replace the GFCI.
- NOTE:** The status indicator may flash Red at power "ON" and Reset.

Self Test Cat. No.	Description
EGFT1	15A-125VAC, 60Hz Tamper Resistant GFCI
EGFW1	15A-125VAC, 60Hz Weather/Tamper Resistant GFCI

All devices rated 20A feed-through

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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### IC STATEMENT

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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