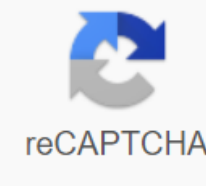




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Dan has been a licensed electrician at the travel level for about 17 years. He has a lot of experience in most areas of electrical commerce. The uses of 4-Way Switches4 switches are always wired in combination with two 3-way switches. This means that whenever you find a 4-way switch, there will also be two 3-way switches that control the same fixture. 4-way switches are only used when there are 3 or more light switches that control a light fixture. Extra light fixtures do not require special switches as long as they are meant for everything to come up at the same time. Each such lighting circuit will include two 3-way switches and one or more 4-way switches (the number of 4-way switches that can be used in such a switch configuration is unlimited). Because there will always be 3-way switches present it is necessary to understand how to wire a 3-way switch before attempting to understand and use a 4-way switch. If you do more than simply replace a faulty 4-way switch please consider connecting on how to wire a 3-way switch before proceeding; will open in a new window that will return the reader here when it is closed. If, on the other hand, you simply replace a 4-way switch on an existing circuit, the next section will address this simpler task.4-Way SwitchBack side of the 4-way switch. There are 4 places to shut down the cable, plus a green screw at the top of the switch for the green or bare ground cable. This switch has screws on the sides as well as holes in the back. Non-contact voltage detector from Amazoning a 4-Way SwitchBegin works by disabling power. Make sure the power is turned off before continuing. Turn on the light and turn off the switches or remove the fuses one at a time until the light goes out. It's a good idea to apply a piece of tape over the switch handle to a second person, trying to turn the circuit back to restore lights to a different room, realize that there's a reason for it to be off and not turn it back on while you're working on the circuit. Remove the two screws on the cover plate and set aside along with the cover. There are two more screws that hold the switch in place. unscrew these and undo them as well. Grab the switch from the ears at the top and bottom and gently pull it out of the electric box, taking care not to touch the wires on the sides. Good electrical safety practices here dictate that a voltmeter is used to check two stations that the circuit is actually off use a contactless voltage detector or volt meter with a catheter at each side terminal (one at a time), while the other is touched on the green ground screw near one end of the switch. You may have turned off the wrong switch, the lamp may have burned while you were away on the switch panel, or someone else may have been turned on again. Make sure the circuit is before continuing or touching any bare wire. There are four cables terminated (fixed to) a 4-way switch, plus green or bare ground cable. In almost any case these cables will enter the wall box on 2 separate cables. These cables will probably contain at least one more cable each, but these additional cables are simply spliced together in the wall box and do not end on the switch there is no reason to bother them at all unless you wish to simply verify that the connections are fixed. Remove the cables from their shutdowns on the switch. If the cables are under the side screws, loosen these screws (they cannot be completely removed) and bend the cable under the screw. If the cables are pushed into a small hole in the back of the switch, insert a small screwdriver or other tool into the socket next to them. This will release spring tension and allow cables to be pulled out of the hold. Occasionally frozen in place after years of use. If this happens, cut the cable as close to the switch as possible and remove about 1/2 of the insulation from the end of the cable for use with the new switch. Fold the wires that were on top of the switch up and out of the box, and the wires that were at the bottom down and out of the box. This will be a reminder of where they are going to end up on the new switch, but if you disturb them and you can't tell where they're going, find out where each cable comes from. Although there may be two multi-wire cables entering the box through the same hole in the electric box, you will find two cables on each cable that go into the switch. Two cables from one cable will finish on top of two screws (no matter which of the first two screws is used for which wire) and two of the other cable will end on the bottom two screws. The last cable will be either green or, more commonly, completely bare of insulation. This cable goes to the green screw located near the end of the switch and is the ground cable. Modern electrical codes require this cable on every switch, but older homes may not have it if it's missing from your box, just leave the green screw blank. While it is quick and easy to simply push cables into the new switch, and most electricians do that in the interest of saving time, it is preferable to put them under screws as the springs in the holes will relax over the years and make a poor connection. Using a pliers needle nose or other tool, bend the bare end of the wire into a small circle, loosen the screws as they go, and the wire under the screw head and around the screw in a clockwise manner (if put back tightening of the screw will tend to unbend the wire and can come away from the screw). Firmly tighten the screw and repeat for each whisk. End the grounding cable on the ground screw if there is a grounding cable in the box. Insert the switch switch in the box, neatly wrap the wires as you do. Try to keep all the cables behind the switch, not parallel to it. Fasten the switch with the two screws provided, reposition the cover plate using the same screws that you have carefully stored, and you're ready.3-Way and 4-Way Switch Wiring Diagrams3-way diagram switchSame diagram, but with 4-way switch added. Wiring a new 4-way switchThing the risk of being repetitive, make sure the power is off before making any connections to an existing circuit. While some of the work being done will be with cables that can't carry power yet, there should come a time when connections are made to what could be hot cables-be absolutely sure that that circuit is dead. For those readers who will install a whole new circuit, and are familiar with of course getting the cable from one place to another, an article on how to add an output contains valuable tips and instructions for the process. The process of pulling wire through walls, ceilings and attics is the same for either lights or containers. The two wiring diagrams above are from a 3-way setup switch and the same basic setting with a 4 way light switch added. While the physical position of the 4 way switch can be anywhere, the electrical position of the switch is always between the two 3 way switches. If additional 4-way switches are required, they will also go between 3-way switches. Electrically, the 3-way switches are always the first and last in the line of switches. If you are not familiar with 3-way switches the connection given near the top can be valuable and suggested reading. While other methods of course getting the necessary cables on each switch are possible (see article on wiring three-way switches), the 2011 National Electrical Code, Article 404.2.C, was changed to require a neutral (white) wire in each switch position whether it is actually used or not. In general practice, the above diagram is most commonly used and is a good guide to wiring a new 4-way switching circuit. When wiring the switch 4 mode is more simply described as simply cutting the two traveler cables (the two cables that go between the two 3 way switches and ending on each switch) and putting two cables from a switch on the top two terminals of the 4 way switch while putting the other two cables on the other switch on the bottom two terminals. The first of the two charts is taken directly from the article mentioned above; The second is simply the same diagram that was extended to allow the addition of a 4-way downtown. Each of the diagrams in the 3-way switch article can be treated in the same way; just add the 4 direction switch between the other two and terminate the traveler cables on the 4-way switch while making sure there is a neutral in each box. Be careful here-some of these diagrams make it almost impossible to have neutral cable in the box and were included these people who work in older homes. New tasks, as opposed to simply replacing a switch, should have neutral cable in each switch box. Any extra cables passing between the two switches (usually one more cable) are simply spliced into the 4-way switch box to continue uninterrupted. Make sure the green or bare ground cable is always cast out and expired on all switches. Using the diagram shown here a two-wire Romex cable (black and white cables) is used to provide power to the first switch. From there, 3 cable cables (black, white and red) are used between switches, with a final 2 cable cable going from the last switch to the light fixture. As can be seen, the neutral from power to cable simply passes through each electrical box, connecting as needed, and ends up in the light fixture in this way, the NEC code is satisfied with a neutral in each frame. When terminating cables on individual switches, the first, 3 way, switch has black power in cable terminated in the common terminal (screw is a slightly different color from the two traveler screws) and two traveller cables (black and red from 3 cable cable) in the other two terminals. Plus, of course, a ground cable; the ground cables are crushed on each switch and terminated in the green ground screw of the switch. The white, neutral wires from both wires are spliced together with a wire nut; strip insulation from the last 1/2 and twist a wire nut up. Tow firmly on each wire while holding the nut in the other hand. If it's going to dissolve much better that it does it now rather than later, back in the box where you can't see it. The second switch (4-way) has two traveler cables (black and red) from the first switch that ended up in the top two terminals, and two cables (again black and red) from the final (3-way) switch that ended in the bottom two terminals. Plus the ground. The white neutral cable is again simply spliced straight in with a wire nut. The final switch (3-way) has the two travelers from the 4-way finish on the travelers' terminals and the black foot switch from the fixture onto the common terminal. Shut down the ground cable and reconnect the neutral cables without shutting them down anywhere. One last word of caution; when purchasing switches, make sure that the volume of the switch is rated at least as much as the switch that turns off the power on the circuit you are working on. A 20 amp switch can be used in a 15 amp amplifiers, but never put a 15 amp switch on a 20 amp circuit. Be careful when re-using older switches, as some do not have terminal ground; the current NEC code requires that each switch be grounded. Similarly, each new cable used must match the existing wire in size. A 20 amp circuit requires 12 meter cable (either 12-2 or 12-3) while a 15 amp circuit can use 14 meter cable (14-2 or 14-3). 14 meter cable is easier to handle and cheaper too, also if you are trying to a 20 amp circuit you must use 12 meter cable. This article is accurate and true to the best of the author's knowledge. The content is for informational or recreational purposes only and does not replace personal advice or professional advice in business, financial, legal or technical matters. Q&A: I have three switch boxes connected to three wire cables the middle box has a two cable cable in the light. The power source is located in one of the end switch boxes. Can and how do I connect the cables for this four-way switch set up? Answer: It is possible, although it will not meet the current code. The black power goes to the audience of the first trio in black and red going to traveler terminals. White connections to feed neutral (white) with a wire nut. Always make sure the grounds are spliced along with a braid on the switch. In the center box, with a four-year switch, black and red from the first box goes to two terminals with black and red going to the third box with the other two terminals. The white neutral assembled in the white in the light. In the third box, black and red are travelers with white going to the public. This becomes a foot switch, hot when the light is on and you need to paint something other than white. The other end of that white foot switch, in the center box, must be colored (magic marker, black tape, some way to show that it is not neutral) and splices in black goes to light. The current code requires neutral in each switch box and you won't have one in the third box, so it won't meet the code in most locations. Question: I have a switch that has 2, 3-way switches and 1, 4-way. I want to install a timer on the wall, what should I do? Answer: Three-hour timers are available from Amazon or other vendors. Many require a neutral cable, so make sure it is available before buying. Question: We have a bedroom generally LED light that came out the other day. It flickered once after a few minutes and then it was out again. The three switches in the bathroom right next to the bedroom also didn't work when the bedroom light stopped working. We tried to install a new light switch container and still nothing works. What could be going on here? Answer: It may only be a long-distance guess like this, but I would suspect there is a bad connection from where the power comes from - probably another bedroom. Check to see if there's power on any of the switches. If not, open light fixture boxes (you should probably remove fixtures) and check if you find power anywhere, try to figure out how it gets to the switches and make sure there are no bad connections. If you don't find any power anywhere it means either the switch tripped or that it's lost in another room. Repeat the process for any other switches or fixtures anywhere on that circuit.© circuit.© Dan HarmonCommentsDan Harmon (author) from Boise, Idaho on August 3, 2017: The only time I had LED flash lights without the switch on was when used with an electronic dimmer. The cable installed next to another cable will get some voltage, though. Millivolts are all I've ever seen, except in the case of fluorescent light ballasts, though. Don on August 3, 2017: I have 3 separate lights powered by the same circuit. Two of the lights have been changed with two three-way switches. One has three switches, two threes and one four. The light with three switches & amp; one of the other lights that changed with two threes has a low voltage @ the light when the light is turned off, they have about 38 volts present in the light. The last light in the circuit has zero voltage @ light when it is turned off. I had an electrician here to investigate and he said it's common to have a tendency when the switches are turned off. Remember one of the lights that feed on two or three way switches has zero voltage @ light. He told me that light without any voltage @ the one with the switch is unusual. We've changed all the LED lights and after dark the lights turn on dimly with these two lights only. Where does the trend come from? Dan Harmon (author) from Boise, Idaho on July 4, 2017: It sounds like you lost the connection when you added the new lights. Check all your connections again and make sure something hasn't come out of a nut wire. If you want the switches to control the new lights, you need to connect to the same cables that the old light was. Brian Eagan on June 30, 2017: Can you help me with a change theme 4 way? I have a looped switch fixture with 3 switches after the power goes to light first (old style I know) and I added 4 extra fixtures from HOT and Neutral in the first fixture - and now only 2 of the 3 switches can control the lights - the 3rd switch has absolutely no AC going into it at all - really a scratch head for me - I checked my two connections - any of y'all have an idea of my problem? Dan Harmon (author) from Boise, Idaho on June 21, 2017: Look for loose connections, switches turned off and lamps burned. Check with a meter that you have power on each switch, since the previous switches are turned on (test, flip switches, and reset, as there is no real on). And finally, check again that everything is wired correctly - it's really easy to mis-wire somewhere in a set of 3 and 4 way switches. Andy on June 21, 2017: How do you do I wired up exactly how he stated and the switches still won't work any other sentenceDan Harmon (author) from Boise, Idaho on May 23, 2011: I never thought of that, but understanding the logic of a system 4 way switch would be a great way to start learning about control and logic circuits. Teresa Schultz from East London, South Africa on May 23, 2011: Confusion for me but it would have come in handy to show my boys when they were learning about electrical circuits and switches at school last year! Good information, and nicely explained.

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