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Golden Thread: Technological Advancement

Commercial switches



Push-to-break switch

The switch is off while the button is pushed, but returns to its 'on' position when button is released.



Push-to-make switch

When you push, the electricity flows through the circuit, but when you release it the circuit is broken and the switch is off.



Reed switch

Activated by a magnet – this closes the contacts and completes the circuit.



Toggle switch
Simple on/off switch



Glossary

- **Circuit** – path through which electricity passes.
- **Conductor** – a material which allows an electric current to pass through it.
- **Insulator** – a material which does not easily allow electric current to pass through it.
- **Prototype** – a model made to test whether a design will work.
- **Push-to-break switch** – a switch turned off by pressing it.
- **Push-to-make switch** – a switch turned on by pressing it.
- **Reed switch** – a switch operated by a magnet.
- **Toggle switch** – a switch operated when a lever is pressed.
- **System** – a set of related parts or components that together achieve a desired outcome.
- **Output devices** – components that produce an outcome e.g. bulbs and buzzers.
- **Input devices** – components that are used to control an electrical circuit e.g. switches.

Making secure connections

Connecting block



Bulb holder – Bend wire around screw in direction of turning when tightening

Twist strands of wire together



Wrap ends around



Tape over with insulating tape

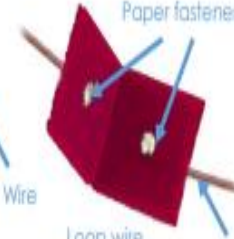
Handmade switches

Paperclip

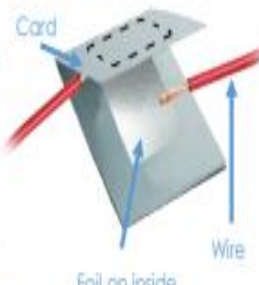


Paper fasteners

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Loop wire around paper fasteners



Foil on inside surfaces

