

# Gently Removing an Electrical Box Punchout, Version 1.0

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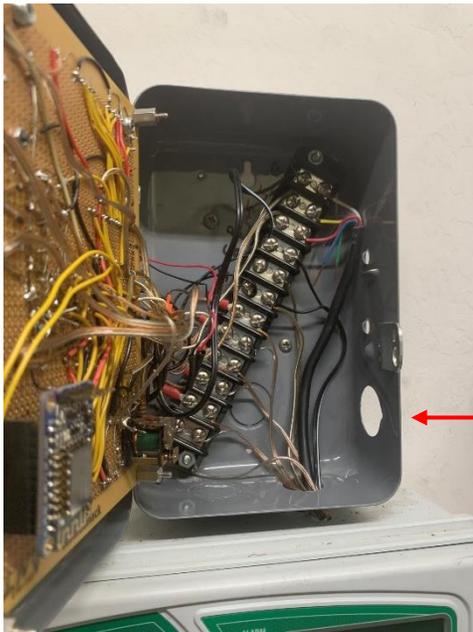
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Most of the time, removing a punchout from an electrical box can be done with a hammer and a screwdriver. The single diameter holes break out easily. The ones with two diameters are more of a fight.

But what do you do when you can't swing a hammer?



Say there is something delicate inside the box.

I removed this punchout with no risk to the wiring or electronics. There was just a little room to the right of the box.

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An easy way to get leverage on the punchout is to use a C-clamp<sup>2</sup>



With all of this leverage, the punchout can be bent back and forth a few times and falls out.



It doesn't matter if the anvil of the clamp is larger than the punchout since you are pushing into the box. Just be sure the foot is smaller.

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<sup>2</sup> What some outside the USA call a G-clamp. I have to admit, it is a better name.

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