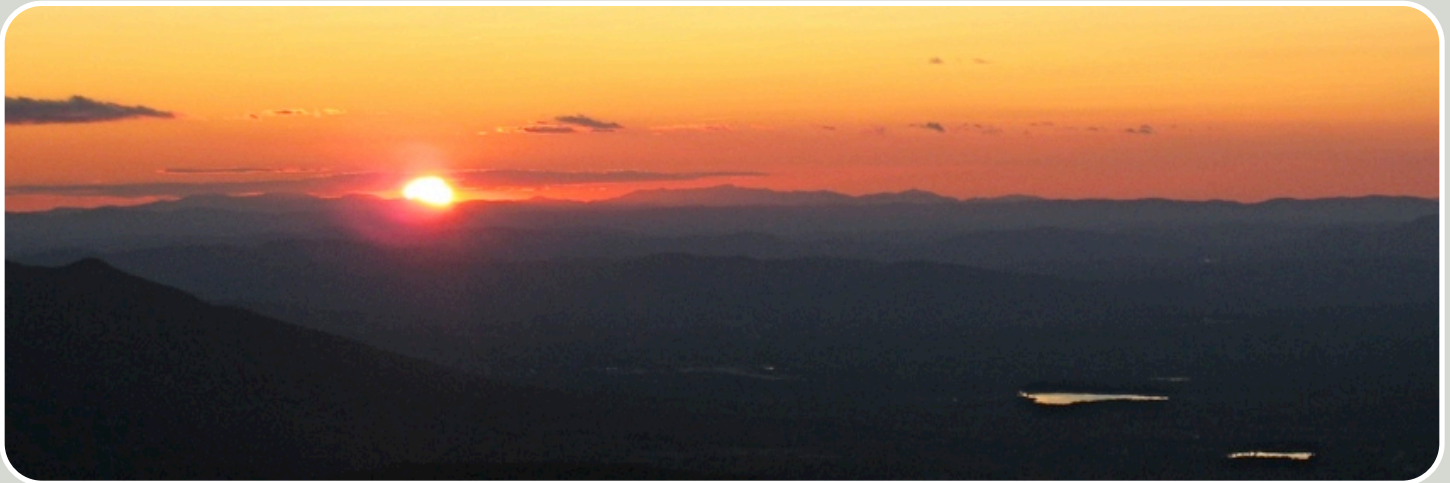


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Appliantology

In this issue...

- New, powerful parts search right at Fixitnow.com!
- Half a dozen appliance goodies that EVERYONE can use. Fun for the whole family!



QUELLING APPLIANCE INSURRECTIONS EVERYWHERE...

Hang on to your brewskis, Grasshoppahs, 'cuz it's another edition of *Appliantology* IN YOUR FACE!

*Comin' to ya'
on a dusty road.
Good lovin',
I got a truck load.
I'm a souuul man...*

Appliance Parts Soul-Searching Comes to Fixitnow.com

Nookin' pa nub in awl da wong paces? Well, stop it! Now, you can read your favorite Samurai posts AND find the appliance parts you need all in one cool place: Fixitnow.com [Samurai Appliance Repair Man](#)! Daf right, Homey-- I've added a parts search form in a yellow box at

the top of every page. It's the one that be titled, "Find Parts Fast!" Check it out, yo. For beast results (did you catch that typo?), search by part number or model number. If you don't know your model number, try searching by appliance type, brand name or even part type. The spiffy new parts search engine is powered by our budrows at RepairClinic.com. Oh, it's waaaay cool. Hey, all your other friends are doing it. How 'bout you?

The World-Famous Samurai Three-Step Appliance Repair Program

So you have a broken appliance; you're trying to figure out what's wrong and how to fix



Samurai Webcam

A live, exciting action shot of the Samurai pausing for a brief respite during mortal combat with an insolent appliance who has refused to fulfill its design function.

it. And you're all flustered because you don't even know where to start getting help. Well, you just unfurrow that brow and unbunch those panties, Grasshoppah, because the Samurai will walk you through your repair journey with his [world famous three-step appliance repair program](#). The three steps are (drum roll, please):

1. [Browse the appliance repair FAQs](#).
2. [Get interactive appliance repair help](#) (if needed).
3. [Get the parts and tools you need to finish the job!](#)

See, we're so good, we only need three steps to help you rehabilitate your appliances.



Samurai Fixit-Cam

Now, for all you fixit freaks out there, I give you the Samurai Fixit-Cam. This is a set of videos I put together just for you on all sorts of fixit topics ranging from carpal tunnel surgery to auto repair to installing sheet rock. Seconds and seconds of endless entertainment for the whole family! Seats are limited so [come watch today!](#)

Samurai Appliance Apprentice Training

As many of you already know, the Samurai practices a unique style of appliance repair called [Fixite Do](#) (pronounced "fixi-tay doh"), shown [here](#).

My aggressive appliance repair techniques attracted the attention of the Goddfaddah himself! He recently approached the Samurai and "asked" him to train his nephew, Rocko, in the ancient art of Fixite Do. Let's just say he made me an offer I couldn't refuse.

It took a lot of time and work, but I think I finally managed to make a decent appliance tech out of my underworld apprentice. [This video](#) was recorded by a hidden camera during Rocko's first solo service call. Notice how he wields his wooden katana with Samurai precision as he troubleshoots the problem.

Enough Yada-yada! How 'Bout Some Appliance Tips?

Awwrite, grab 'hold of those two squishy lumps at the base of your spine and let's romp:

Getting Started in the Samurai Appliance Repair Forum: The Screencast

[The Samurai Appliance Repair Forums](#) are where you can get interactive help with your appliance problem. I get lots of emails from folks who are new to compooters and/or new to on-line forums and can't figger out how to get help in the repair forum. Since he is compassionate and of great gootness, the Samurai made a short video for his precious grasshoppers on how to get started using this forum. It includes how to register and how to post a question.

To watch the video, download it [here](#).

It's less than 10 minutes long and it's full screen so you can easily see what's going on. You'll need Quicktime to view it, which you can download for FREE [ratcheer](#).

Save Big Bucks on Appliance Repairs with Surge Suppressors

Most smart compooter owners use a surge suppressor to protect their precious silicon from surges, spikes, and other nasties that frequently haunt home power. This is good. But did you know that almost all home appliances made today also have a compooter inside of them? Yes, my leetle grasshoppers, I shi'ite you not.

To protect your appliances and avoid having to shell out big \$\$ for an overpriced, cheesy electronic board that got fried by garbage on your power lines, you need to use a surge suppressor on all your appliances. They don't cost much and will pay for themselves many times over in avoided repair costs. [Here are three good ones to choose from.](#)

Working with Electronic Circuit Boards in Appliance Repair

In case you already fried a control board in one of your appliances, despair not! If you have

a pulse and can fog a mirror then you, too, can [learn how to repair an electronic circuit board](#).

Using GFCI Outlets with Appliances

Don't do it. It's unnecessary, it's not required by the [National Electrical Code \(NEC\)](#), and will likely cause nuisance trips (killing the circuit when there's nothing wrong), especially on older appliances. The NEC does not require GFCI on permanent appliances such as disposals, dishwashers, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc., as long as they are not installed outdoors and a few other conditions[1]. Replacing the GFCI with a standard outlet, will solve the problem of nuisance tripping, but what if it does have a ground fault?

A properly grounded 3 prong outlet provides protection for both people and the appliance if a short circuit develops between a live wire and the cabinet. If you want more details, here are some good links for further reading:

- [A short explanation of how GFCIs work.](#)
- [A more detailed explanation and the causes for nuisance tripping.](#)

[1] The National Electric Code [NEC] 2008 (as of January 1, 2008) states that all garage and outlets in unfinished basements must be GFCI protected. That includes appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and sump pumps. Previous codes allowed single receptacles to be used for these appliances, thus avoiding the need for GFCI's.

Tips for Painting Appliances

Re-modeled the house and you'd like to spruce up the looks of your otherwise fully-functional appliances so they match the new decor? One way of doing this is to re-paint the appliances. Yeah, it's tedious, detailed, unforgiving work but, for some, it's a treasured tradition in the appliance repair martial arts. Here, now, are some rare pearls of wisdom from a Zen Master of the [ancient and mystical art of appliance painting](#).

Come, All Ye Faithful:

- [Fixitnow.com homepage](#)
- [Samurai Appliance Repair Forum](#)
- [United Samurai Beer Fund](#)