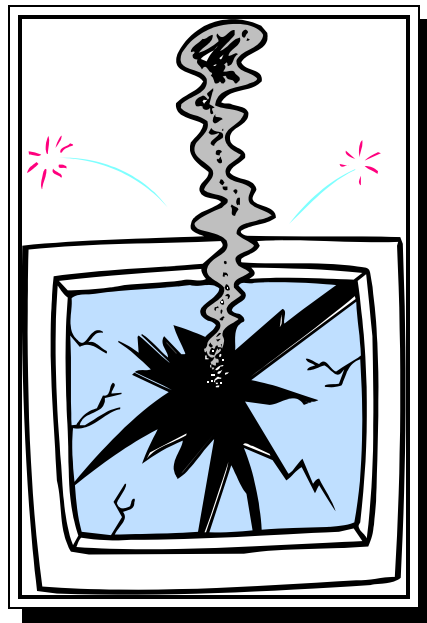


Don't Keep Bad Parts



I used to work in a depot level computer repair shop. We would fix printed circuit boards and machines down to the component level. It was important to repair and test each machine so that it was "as good as new" when it left our shop. Quality control was paramount!

There was a guy in our shop who liked to save defective parts in the hope he might someday fix them. I had to help him understand that we must just throw any questionable parts right into the trashcan. That might seem a little wasteful, but otherwise they could find their way into another machine that would fail and end up back in our shop. Not only would that affect our profitability, it would tarnish our reputation as a quality repair facility.

I can understand the desire to economize, but when you are in the business of fixing machines, you can't afford to have bad parts in the shop. They are like a virus that could make you sick! Am I being too melodramatic? Not in the least!

If your business lives and dies on quality service it's a small price to pay to just throw those bad parts away - even if you end up throwing a few good parts away!

If you are an electronics hobbyist the same lesson applies. Do you want your projects to be reliable and stable? Then don't even think about it - just throw those bad parts in the trashcan! I know, I know, you paid money for them, but just do it, throw them out.