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Electrical Problems? Check The Fuse

These little circuit protectors are frequently misdiagnosed as being good, when, in fact, they are bad. They can be misdiagnosed as good if they are checked with a test light while still installed in the fuse box, using the exposed metal areas of the fuse. Many times, voltage in a circuit with a blown fuse, will “back-track” through the electrical system and allow voltage to be present at both sides of a blown fuse when checked with your test light.

The best way to avoid being fooled by a blown fuse is to physically remove it from the fuse box and look at it. This procedure may take a little longer than the test light method. However, in the long run, it could save you a lot of time and aggravation.