

## Dark Tip: Reach Out and Zap Someone

Turn your crappy camera into a zestful zapper.

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When you live in fear-driven times such as these, having grown up with MacGyver as a role model has its advantages. Kevin and I thought it would be cool to MacGyver our own shocking device in glove form, using simply what we had lying around the house. What was lying around the house was a simple one-time-use camera.

### That crappy camera is perfect for this

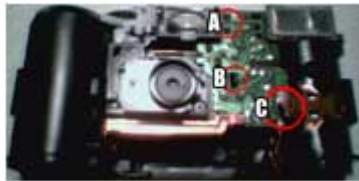
These disposable cameras (about \$5 dollars a pop) have a capacitor that can store up to 600 volts of stopping power. When the capacitor discharges those volts, it delivers an amperage comparable to stun guns. Perfect for our shocking device.

### What you need

- A glove
- Some wire
- A [battery holder](#)
- A one-time-use camera, in our case, the Fujifilm QuickSnap camera

### Make that zapper

1. Open the packaging.
2. Remove the cardboard casing.
3. Pry open the camera to reveal the circuit board inside.
4. Your camera should now look something like the picture below.



5. Note which direction the battery is oriented in the case.
6. Remove the battery to avoid accidentally shocking yourself.

7. Push in the tab highlighted in section B to remove the circuit board from the casing.
  - o You can throw away the plastic casing along with that flash that's still attached to the board. This glove is for stunning people, not for flashbulb rave parties.
8. Open the battery case and use pliers to remove those plastic dividers. You're making room for the circuit board you just removed from the camera casing.
9. Connect the switch inside the battery case to the two surface contacts in section C. When this switch is turned on, it will activate the charging mechanism.
10. Take about 6 inches of wire, strip it, and solder it onto the two contacts in section A. These will be the shocking electrodes; anything they touch will receive about 600 volts of pain.
11. Throw all of this into the battery case along with a single AA battery, tape the shocking electrodes to the outside of the glove, flip the switch, and let the fireworks (or a lawsuit) begin.

### A cautionary tale



This is what my arm looked like the morning after I was shocked by our clever device. The two little red marks in the circle are burns I got. Being on the receiving end of that glove was not a day at the park.

I don't recommend doing this to friends, nor do I recommend doing it to enemies -- unless you can hold the zapper to their necks for at least five seconds. The brief encounter my arm had with it wasn't enough to knock me out, but it did make me weak in the knees. Either way, don't try this at home, kiddies.

Thanks to [Muchosucko.com](http://Muchosucko.com) for giving us the shocking camera idea. Also we received a few emails on a similar project by XlogicX - check out his dope project [here](#), and an audio episode on Radio Freak America [here](#).

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