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Keep A Spare Thermocouple On Hand For A Quick Fix!

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It is good practice to keep a spare thermocouple on hand when doing regular firings with your kiln. Stopping a firing or being unable to get your projects done because your thermocouple has malfunctioned can be very frustrating.

When you receive a fail message on your controller, that indicates there is a problem with the thermocouple. If you have a multiple zone kiln, it will flash fail followed by the problem thermocouple. As long as you have one working thermocouple, you will be able to fire. That is why it's especially important for those of you with single zone kilns to keep a spare on hand.

If the thermocouple fails in a single zone kiln, it will be out of commission until the problem is resolved. The best way to test if it is a problem with the thermocouple or the circuit board, do a thermocouple bypass test. With a spare on hand, you can be up and running in a matter of minutes. If not, you'll either have to wait a few days, or pay outrageous shipping charges to get it to you over night.

Keeping a spare thermocouple is a simple way to ensure you'll be able to continue firings even if one fails. It is one of the most frequently changed parts on a kiln so why not? Check back with us next time for more information and tips!

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