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Subject: Re: Ordering from Parts Express - ART discount?  
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That's nothing... when I was a kid we lived in Tektronix's back yard. They used to (may still) have a "Tek Country Store" that was open (IIRC) Wednesday afternoons. You could go in and buy non-working scopes, modules, tools, surplus parts, wire, etc. One time a buddy and I bought this giant rack size CRT tester. It would hold, I think, 10 or 12 5" CRTs for testing. Consequently this thing had a monster serious power supply.

Well, my friend and I talked a stranger into putting the contraption in the back of his pick up and taking us to my house. There we powered it up and quickly found that there is, in fact, a breakdown voltage on VOM probe leads. When we hit the power switch, and after a few relays and stuff clicked on, POW! Juice hit the HV rail and my buddy went flying across the room. Landed against a concrete wall. Thank goodness we were 16 or so and survived such mishaps. Wiser now, and the buddy survived, too!

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