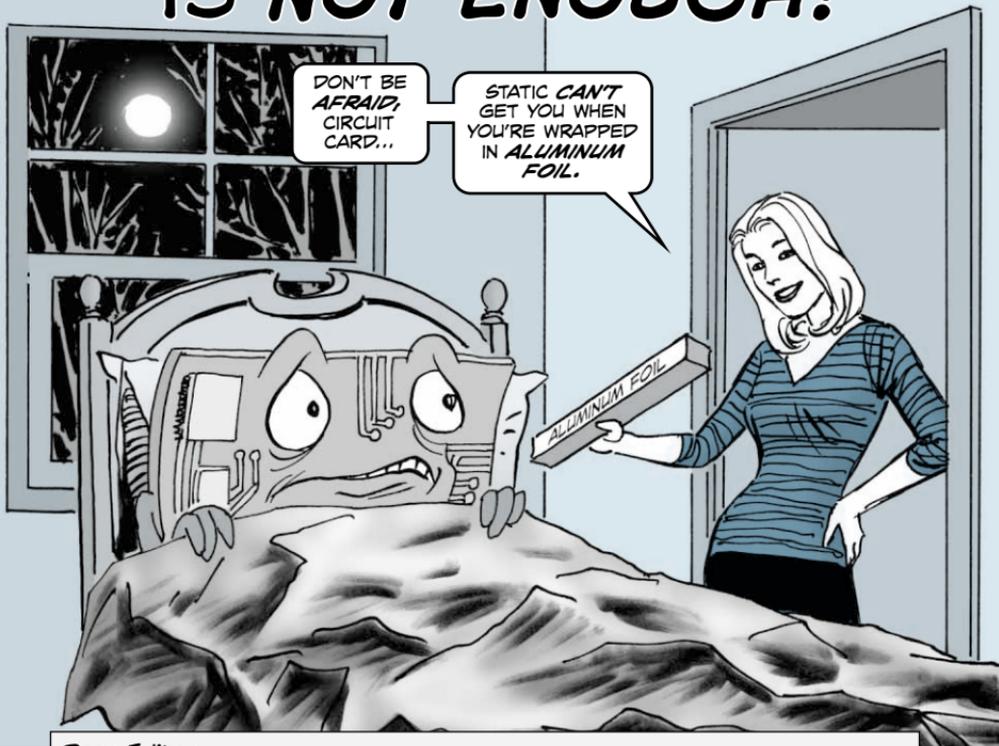


# WHEN 'IN THE BAG' IS NOT ENOUGH!

DON'T BE  
AFRAID,  
CIRCUIT  
CARD...

STATIC CAN'T  
GET YOU WHEN  
YOU'RE WRAPPED  
IN ALUMINUM  
FOIL.



Dear Editor,

When packaging a static sensitive component, many people make the mistake of thinking that using an anti-static bag will protect the component. This is not the case.

An antistatic bag will not generate static, but does not protect from static. It is easy to destroy the component while it is in a sealed antistatic bag. Just walk across a carpet on a dry day and touch the top of the bag while it is sitting on a metal work bench.

**Zap!**

The *right way* to protect a static sensitive component is to wrap it in aluminum foil before you put it in an antistatic bag.

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*(Editor's note: When it comes to all things electrical, Mr. Clarke, knows his stuff. Thanks for the reminder about the bags, Brooke.)*