



Product example images above – this is not an exhaustive list of all

### Overview

- This is a general user guide aimed at providing important tips on how to correctly use Cord Tech extension leads.
- This guide is not intended to be an exhaustive list that caters for every possible situation, it aims to provide some guidance on topics which would allow for safe use of your product.
- Failure to use electrical devices correctly may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious personal injury.

## 1 Important Warnings

Extension Leads should be treated with care, there is some general and important guidance which you should always follow when using these products.

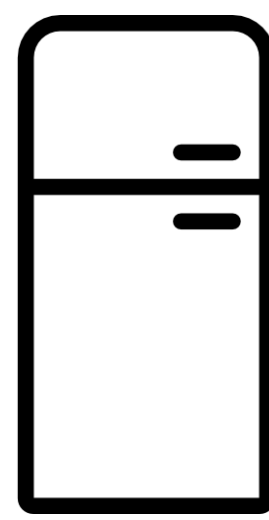
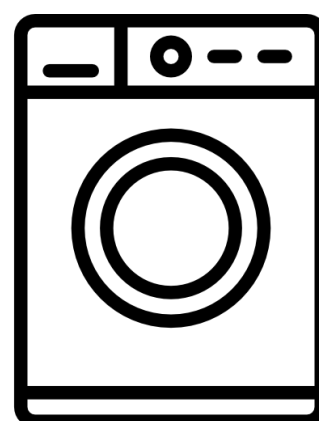
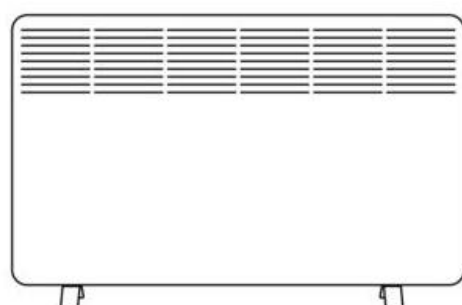
- Do Not modify the product in any way.
- Do Not step on, pull, fold or knot the cables.
- Do Not suspend heavy items / tools from the extension lead.
- Do Not use excessive force when maneuvering or stowing the lead, using excessive force can damage the product.
- Do Not drop large or heavy objects onto the lead.
- Do Not drive on/over.
- Do Not cover with any materials.
- Do Not overload.
- Do Not submerge any part of the product in water.
- Always turn off the power to your extension lead BEFORE inserting or removing plugs from the socket outlets. Only turn back on once fully removed or inserted.
- For Indoor Use Only – unless specifically noted on the extension lead.
- Keep away from high temperature objects.
- Fully uncoil the cable/cord before use, keep fully uncoiled at all times during use.
- If the product is damaged in any way cease use immediately.
- Keep out of reach of children, this is not a toy.

## 2 Tips

### **LARGE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:**

Large electrical appliances (e.g heaters, air conditioners, fridges, washing machines, dryers etc.) can operate at wattages which are close to the maximum capacity of your extension lead.

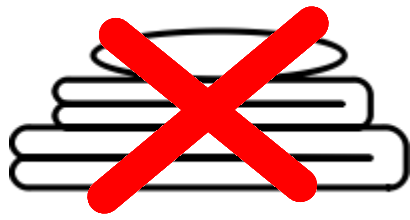
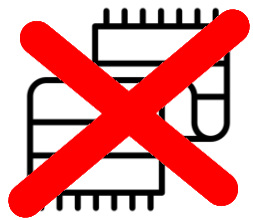
- *We recommend you plug these large appliances directly into a wall outlet / power point.*
- *Always check the ratings of the product and connected equipment before use. Do NOT overload.*
- *We Do NOT recommend interconnecting multiple extension leads or power boards together - this will create an environment which allows for the product to easily become overloaded.*



**DO NOT COVER:**

Extension Leads should not be covered with any materials e.g. blankets, clothes, sheets, bedding, curtains etc.

- *Your extension lead should be free from any covering. It should remain well ventilated at all times.*
- *Covering extension leads will increase the potential for heat building-up in and around the product.*
- *Sheets, bedding and other materials are often flammable and must be kept well clear of electrical devices.*

**FULLY UNCOIL CABLES/CORDS:**

Fully uncoil the cable/cord before use, keep fully uncoiled at all times during use.

- *Cables that are coiled, bunched or gathered will provide opportunity for a build-up of heat.*
- *Always ensure they are fully uncoiled before and during use.*

**INDOOR USE ONLY:**

Unless specifically noted, most extension leads will be specified for indoor use only.

- *Outdoor use provides greater opportunity for water and dust ingress into the product.*
- *Always be vigilant when using your product and only use as intended i.e. indoors only.*
- *Do not place in areas where it may be subject to water or moisture.*
- *Do not allow dust and other debris to gather on or in the device.*

**IMPACT HAZARDS:**

Be careful not to drop heavy objects onto your extension lead or create impacts which may damage the internal or external structure of the cord.

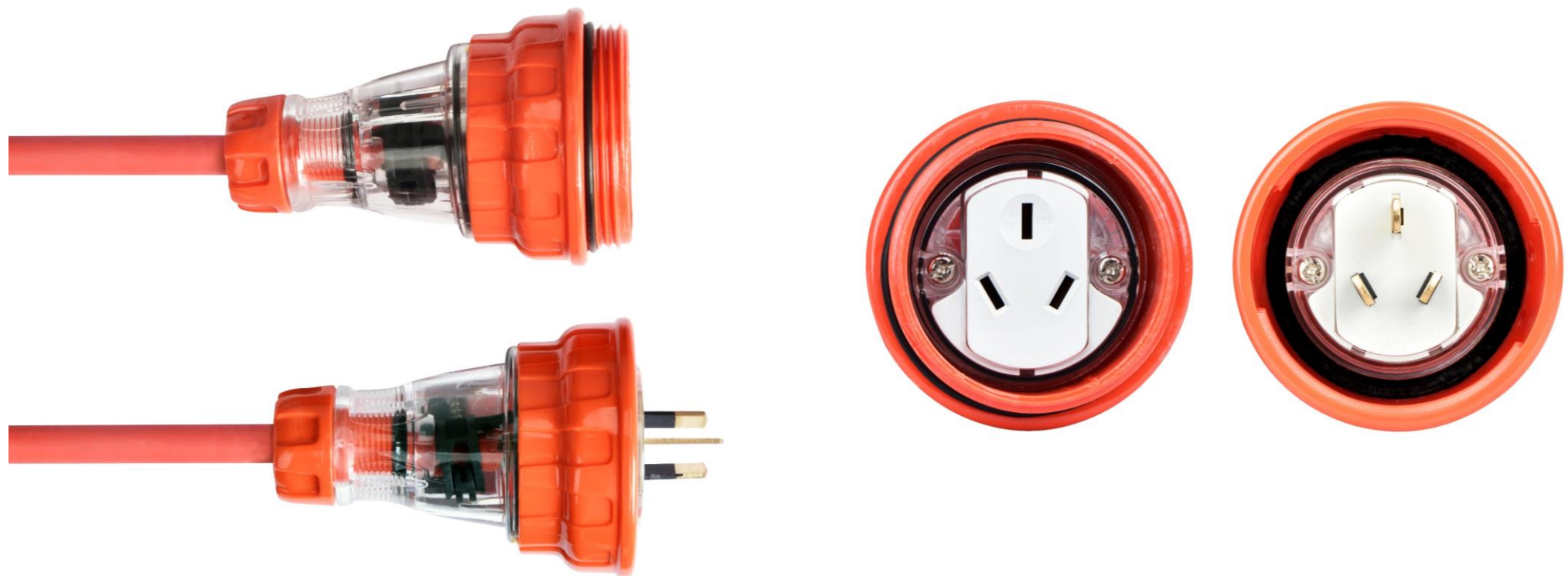
**TRIPPING HAZARDS:**

Be careful not to place the cord / cable where it could easily become a tripping hazard or be damaged during use.

**IP66 PLUGS & SOCKETS:**

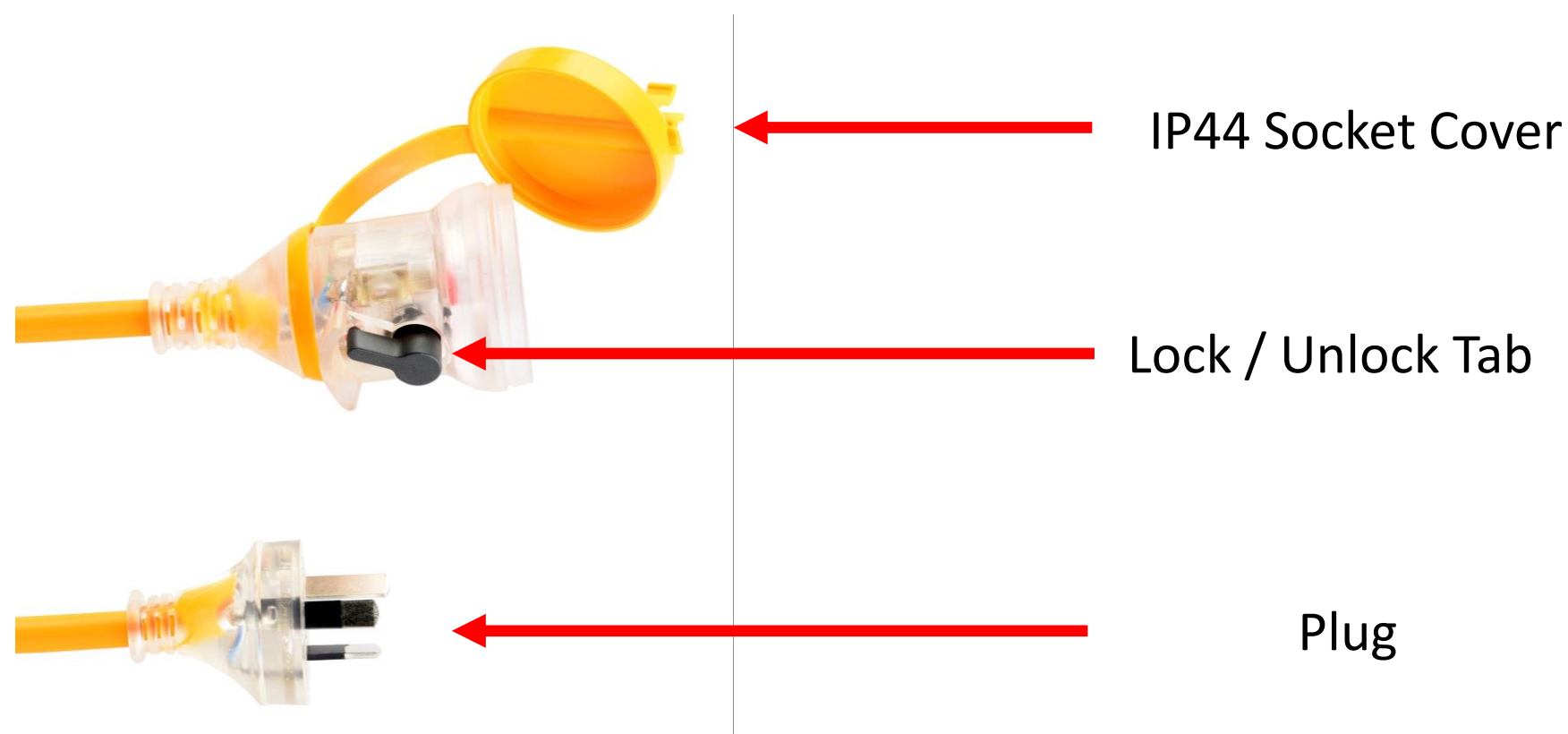
Some extension leads come with IP66 twist lock plugs & sockets.

- *IP66 Rated - When used in conjunction with a corresponding IP66 plug / socket and sealed correctly.*
- *It is important to ensure the rubber gaskets remain in place and are not damaged during use.*
- *When connecting to another IP66 receptacle, ensure the connections are firm and a watertight seal is created. Do not use excessive force as this may damage the thread or body.*
- *Be careful not to cross thread when twisting into place.*

**LOCK-ON SOCKETS:**

Some extension leads come with a Lock-On Socket w/ IP44 socket cover.

- *IP44 Rated Cover – This is designed to help protect the socket entry from dust or water splashes (only when socket cover is closed)*
- *When inserting or removing a plug from the socket, always ensure the “Lock / Unlock Tab” is in the **UNLOCKED** position.*



**ORDINARY / HEAVY / EXTRA HEAVY DUTY:**

Various types of cable specifications exist, always take note of the product specifications to determine which will best suit your needs.

- *Ordinary Duty (3 Core 1.0mm<sup>2</sup>) – generally found on products suitable for light domestic use i.e. small tasks around the home or office.*
- *Heavy Duty (3 Core 1.0mm<sup>2</sup>) – generally found on products suitable for domestic use i.e. tasks around the home, garden, shed.*
- *Extra Heavy Duty (3 Core 1.5mm<sup>2</sup>) – generally found on products suitable for domestic or commercial use i.e. tasks around the home, garden, shed, workshop.*

*Note: some products are suitable for use on construction & demolition sites. These will typically have information specific to this on the packaging.*

**10A / 15A:**

10A plugs/sockets are common amongst most domestic use products you would find in the household. 15A plugs/sockets have a larger earth pin and are used for heavier duty applications i.e. caravans, motorhomes etc.

- *Take note of the ratings on the product packaging to determine if you are selecting a 10A or 15A product.*
- *Note: A 15A plug will not fit into a 10A domestic power outlet / socket.*

**RUBBER / BRAIDED EARTH SCREENED:**

We do offer cables which have a rubber sheath, or a tough steel braided, earth screened jacket for heavier duty use.

- *Take note of the product specific ratings to determine suitability for your needs.*



Caring for your product is important and should be done on a regular basis.

- Ensure the product is turned off at the wall and the plug is disconnected prior to cleaning.
- Check regularly for a build up of dust or debris, keep the surfaces clean by wiping with a dry cloth.
- Do not use liquids, abrasive chemicals or detergents for cleaning.
- Check regularly for damage, if found cease use immediately.
- When not in use, wind up the cord and store in a dry location.

## Disposal

When your product is no longer used or required it should be disposed of with household waste. We recommend completing this in the most environmentally friendly way. Please recycle where facilities exist in your local area. Check with your council authority for recycling advice.

Recycling of packaging materials reduces the need for landfill. Please recycle packaging where possible. Check with your local council authority for recycling advice.

## Warranty

Products are protected by warranty for a period of 1 year from date of purchase against manufacturing defects in material and functionality. Should a product fail to perform as described within the warranty period, return to the original place of purchase and provide a copy of the proof of purchase for warranty claim.

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