

Extension Cords

- Use approved extension cords only when necessary and only on a temporary basis.
- Look for a certification label from an independent testing lab such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or ETL (Electrical Testing Laboratories) on the package and on the product.
- Use insulated cords with polarized plugs or grounded three-pronged plugs.
- High wattage appliances need special, heavy-duty extension cords.
- Extension cords used outside should be specifically designed for outdoor use.
- Always insert plugs fully so that no part of the prongs are exposed.
- Never cover cords with rugs or other objects because trapped heat may result in a fire.
- Do not overload cords with too many appliances.
- If a cord feels hot to the touch, stop using it and throw it away.
- Do not drive over or roll equipment over a cord.