

Guidance for Labelling Prewired and Nonrewirable Products

The UK Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1994 (SI 1994 No. 3260) require a user to be made aware of any particular characteristic relating to the safe operation of equipment.

1. Information can be provided by the manufacturer of the plug, or by the manufacturer of the associated equipment. In either case, the substance of the following instructions must be supplied to the user:

"This product is fitted with a pre-wired plug incorporating a X+ amp fuse. If it does not fit your socket-outlet, the plug should be removed from the mains lead and disposed of safely. The flexible cord insulation should be prepared as appropriate and a suitable plug fitted. If the replacement plug is intended to be fitted with a fuse, then a X+ amp fuse must be used".

"If it is necessary to replace the fuse in the plug supplied, a X+ amp ASTAapproved, BS 1362 fuse must be used".

(For X+ insert the appropriate rating of fuse.)

2. Except where a plug fitted with a flexible cord is supplied direct to a manufacturer for incorporation in equipment, the free end of such an assembly shall be encapsulated in insulating material and have a label attached stating the substance of the following:-
 - a) **the flexible cord of this accessory must be connected to a piece of equipment before being plugged into a socket-outlet.**
 - b) **the maximum rating, in amperes, of the equipment to which it may be fitted.**
 - c) **Wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:**

Green/Yellow	=	Earth (if any)
Blue	=	Neutral
Brown	=	Live
 - d) If the plug is fitted with a 2 core flexible cord the following statement must also be included:

`This lead must not be used with equipment requiring the protection of an earth continuity conductor'.
3. Pre-wired products shall be provided with adequate instructions for the safe connection of appropriate flexible cords, including clear instructions for the removal of insulation from the conductors.

This is the minimum information, which must be supplied. Illustrations or further, clarifying instructions can also be provided.