

Absolute shocker of the week

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Fifteen amp plug tops are designed to be used with 15 amp socket-outlets and do not fit the standard 10 amp socket outlets due to the larger earth pin.

Never modify the size of the earth pin by grinding or filing (top left) or breaking the earth pin off (top right) to fit a 10 amp socket-outlet. These modifications can expose users to the risk of electric shock and the higher current being drawn through the socket-outlet can cause fires.

Plug tops must never exceed the rating of the socket-outlet. If higher current is required, have an electrician install a compatible socket-outlet.

Always inspect electrical leads and power tools before using and don't use equipment if the plug top is modified or damaged.

See [Preventing electrical shock from power tools and electrical leads.](#)

For more information on electrical safety go to worksafe.vic.gov.au.

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