



GRIP TENSION

Receptacle Tension Tester

This Receptacle Tension Tester by Woodhead ensures there is proper tension on all your outlets.

Item #: **38282**

Manufacturer: **Woodhead L P**

Manufacturer Item #: **1760 LSS**

Your Price **\$61.95**



Polarity Check

Check your electrical outlets to make sure they work safely.

Time

5 minutes per outlet

Difficulty

Easy

Expertise

None

Frequency

Once a year

Where

All US

Check your 3-pronged electrical outlets to see if they're functioning properly. A faulty electrical outlet can cause electrical shock or fire.

Write down problems you find so you can tell your electrician about them. Cover the holes of any malfunctioning outlet as a reminder not to use it until an electrician repairs it.

The most common fault with outlets is a condition called reversed polarity — the black wire and white wire are reversed where they connect to the outlet. (Consider a light fixture with no bulb. If wired correctly, the only live part is the button at the base of the socket. If wired with reversed polarity, the threaded collar is live.) Appliances plugged into an outlet with reversed polarity still work, but your risk of electrocution is greater. Have an electrician fix all outlets with reversed polarity.

Steps

1. Inspect the outlet (not the plate that covers it) for physical damage. Place tape over any cracked or broken outlets and have them replaced.
 - You can easily replace a cracked outlet plate. While the plate is off, look for damage to the sockets, outlet box or wiring
2. If the outlet is undamaged, plug a 3-prong socket tester into it and wiggle the tester to see if the outlet is loose. Have any loose outlets repaired.
3. Read the indicator lights on the socket tester. For most testers, the lights mean the following:
 - Two green lights indicate the outlet functions correctly.
 - A single green light means the outlet has power, but is not grounded. In essence, it is a 2-prong outlet, which is safe only for 2-prong plugs. If you want to use a 3-prong appliance, have the outlet repaired.
 - Amber or red light indicates a serious fault that should be corrected.
 - If you have no power, check the circuit breaker or fuse. If the circuit breaker or fuse is fine, the problem is with the outlet. Have it repaired.



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