

What is the UL Subject Outline 1363A?

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) develops standards and test procedures for products, materials, components, assemblies, tools and equipment, dealing with product safety. UL standards, and the testing by recognized laboratories to these standards, are the primary means by which users can meet the requirements to use listed equipment in the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70), the Standard for Health Care Facilities (NFPA 99) and national, state and local codes.

In 2007, UL developed the subject outline that addresses the testing and certification of permissible relocatable power taps in patient care areas. The UL web site states, "UL has issued a new Outline of Investigation for Specialty Purpose Relocatable Power Taps, Subject 1363A to cover Component Relocatable Power Taps that are intended for use with medical equipment in General Patient Care Area or Critical Patient Care Areas."

Components to UL1363A meet the current UL requirements for medical use relocatable power taps. UL will no longer test and certify relocatable power taps for medical use to UL60601-1 or any other standard or subject other than UL1363A. For more information, click here to view the UL website.

How do I know if my PowerMATE™ is certified to UL1363A?

The UL label underneath the PowerMATE™ specifies "Special Purpose Relocatable Power Tap" and displays the symbol with a reference to file number E312536.

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