



# Before you plug it in

Quick user checks anyone can do. Most electrical faults can be seen.

**Look at the plug, the cable and the appliance. Stop if you see:**

- ☐ **Damage to the cable**  
Cuts, fraying, crushing or heavy scuffs on the outer cover.
- ☐ **Damage to the plug**  
A cracked or broken case, bent pins or loose parts.
- ☐ **Coloured wires showing**  
Where the cable goes into the plug or into the appliance.
- ☐ **Tape or joins**  
Tape wrapped round the cable, or two cables joined together.
- ☐ **Damage to the appliance**  
Cracks in the case, missing screws or loose parts.
- ☐ **Signs of overheating**  
Burn marks, scorching or brown staining on the plug, cable or appliance.
- ☐ **Wet or dusty conditions**  
Equipment used or stored somewhere it could get wet or clogged with dust.
- ☐ **Overloaded leads**  
More than 13 amps on one extension lead, or one lead plugged into another.

## Found a problem?

Switch it off and unplug it. Do not use it again.

Label it DO NOT USE and keep it somewhere nobody will pick it up.

Report it to: \_\_\_\_\_

## Check log

| Date | Checked by | Items or area checked | Problems found |
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Based on HSE guidance INDG236. User checks do not replace formal inspection and testing by a competent person.