

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Socket outlets with insulation piercing terminals

This information bulletin applies to determining what standards to apply to a socket outlet, for use with plugs complying to figure 2.1 of AS/NZS 3112, where the socket outlet uses insulation piercing terminals for connection to the fixed wiring.

AS/NZS 3112 or AS/NZS 60884.1 are current standards that may be used for certification of socket outlets, however these standards do not address termination by insulation piercing terminals.

For certification of a socket outlet with insulation piercing terminals the following applies:

- a) The terminations would be required to meet requirements of AS/NZS 60998.2.3 Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with insulation-piercing clamping units
- b) The terminations would need to be for Active, Neutral and Earth terminations.
- c) Any cover over insulation piercing terminals must comply with the nondetachable parts test of AS/NZS 60335.1

Information contained in this bulletin is supplied to give guidance on application of requirements in the following jurisdictions:

<u>Australian Capital Territory, New Zealand, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia</u>

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New South Wales