



## PowerMATE™ UL1363A FAQ

### ***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.


### ***Why wasn't the PowerMATE™ always certified to this UL1363A standard?***

At the time AIV launched the PowerMATE™, UL was in the process of upgrading its patient care standards. The standard for relocatable power taps (RPTs), UL1363, did not specifically cover patient care areas. Consequently, UL was not able to test the PowerMATE™ against an equivalent patient care standard and therefore listed the PowerMATE™ to UL962A, the standard covering Furniture Power Distribution Units.

### ***What is the difference between the previously launched PowerMATE™ and the 1363A PowerMATE™?***

The previously launched PowerMATE™ carried the UL962A listing. The UL962A PowerMATE™ and the UL1363A PowerMATE™ are different only in relatively minor design features. The 1363A PowerMATE™ includes an improved splash guard design and a reinforced thumbwheel. Additionally, the color of the indicator light on the front of the device changed from red to green. The UL 1363A PowerMATE™ is electrically the same as the UL962A PowerMATE™. The most significant difference between the products is that the two units carry different UL certifications.

### ***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.

### ***Can I recertify a PowerMATE™ with 962A certification to UL1363A?***

Only UL or another Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) is able to certify electrical products. AIV is unable to recertify a PowerMATE™ to UL1363A. Although the products are identical electrically, they differ physically (design change to the splash guard, a green indicator light, a reinforced thumbwheel, and changes to the labeling). UL has tested and certified the newer version to UL1363A.

### ***Can I trade in a PowerMATE™ with 962A certification?***

AIV is not conducting a trade in program. The 962A PowerMATE™ is not defective, nor is it unsafe to use.

### ***Has the price changed for the 1363A PowerMATE™?***

The price of the PowerMATE™ has not changed as a result of the different UL certification. For more information, please call 800-990-2911 or email at [sales@aiv-inc.com](mailto:sales@aiv-inc.com).