



# Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)

## Ensuring electrical compliance and safety

### ✓ What items need to be tested?

Any appliances with a plug are classed as a Portable Appliance and therefore require testing.

### ✓ What does a Portable Appliance Test include?

We will carry out individual tests to all electrical appliances which are regarded as portable. The test is carried out by a qualified electrical engineer, who will systematically test and record all the portable electrical items i.e. fridge, kettle, etc. before compiling his report.

### ✓ What documentation is provided after the test?

- Certificate of results
- Appliance register – detailing the type and location of each device
- Detailed test results for each appliance

## Helping you to ensure the compliance and safety of your portable electrical appliances

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) is a term that is used to describe the examination of electrical equipment to ensure they are safe for use.



The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 specifically requires all electrical equipment that has the potential to cause injury it maintained and kept in a safe condition. PAT is a proven method of achieving and meeting this requirement.

### What is a Portable Appliance Test (PAT)?

A PAT test involves an inspection to check the appliance casing and flex for wear or damage which could prevent the device from operating correctly or cause an electrical or fire risk.

The plug is also checked to ensure it is correctly wired, not damaged & to ensure that the correct fuse rating is used for the device.

Upon passing the visual inspection each item will undergo a series of electrical tests using a fully calibrated electrical PAT tester machine.

Upon completion, a label will be attached to each individual appliance indicating the test results (pass or fail) meaning any item failing the tests will be easily identifiable allowing for them to be removed from service for repair or replacement. Test results are then compiled detailing the results for each

### How often should my appliances be tested?

The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 state that all electrical equipment that has the potential to cause injury is maintained and in a safe condition. The frequency of testing is not specified in the regulations.

The frequency of testing depends on the type of equipment and environment it is used in. A guide can be found on the HSE website by [Clicking Here](#).

As a standard, we will contact you every year to offer another service of PAT, it is of course your choice if you wish to do this more or less frequently, so just let us know your requirements and we will adapt to suit.



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