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Is it necessary to install a Japanese outdoor power supply



Overview

Do all outlets in Japan have a grounding transformer?

Yet in Japan, they're very commonplace, with grounding only being recommended relatively recently. Does every wall outlet in Japan have an isolating transformer or is every appliance a Class II double insulated apparatus?

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What safety standards are required for power supplies?

Power supplies and other electrical equipment must be safe. Therefore, there are laws established to ensure that electrical equipment is safe. In Japan, this corresponds to the Electrical Appliance and Material Safety Law.

Are ungrounded outlets legal in Japan?

Here in the US, ungrounded outlets are unlawful in buildings constructed after 1960 because of the risk of the appliance being grounded through you, which can be deadly. Yet in Japan, they're very commonplace, with grounding only being recommended relatively recently.

Can I use a ground pin in Japan?

Grounded pins come either with three pins or with two pins and a ground wire. Some North American equipment will work fine in Japan without an adapter and vice versa; however, certain equipment, especially equipment involving heating (e.g. hair dryers), may not work properly or even get damaged.

Does Japan use 100V?

I did some research and found out that not only does Japan use 100V, their wall plugs are variations of the NEMA standard and a lot of them are ungrounded. Here in the US, ungrounded outlets are unlawful in buildings constructed after 1960 because of the risk of the appliance being grounded

through you, which can be deadly.

Are Japanese electrical plugs polarized?

Japanese electrical plugs and outlets resemble North American ones. Plugs come in various versions, but most commonly they are non-polarized and ungrounded with two pins. Grounded pins come either with three pins or with two pins and a ground wire.

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