

Frequency of Inspection & Testing recommended by AS/NZS 3760:2010

Environment	Class 1, Class 2 equipment, cord sets, cord extension sets	Interval between inspection and testing Residual Current Devices (RCDs)			
		Push Button Test - by user		Operating Time and Push Button Test	
	and EPODs1	Portable	Fixed	Portable	Fixed
Factories/Workshops, manufacture, assembly, maintenance, fabrication	6 months	Daily before every use, whichever is the longer	6 months	12 months	12 months
Hostile Environment, where the equipment or supply flexible cord is subject to flexing in normal use OR is open to abuse ²	12 months	3 months	6 months	12 months	12 months
Normal use where the equipment or supply cord is NOT subject to flexing in normal use and NOT open to abuse or in a hostile environment	5 years	3 months	6 months	2 years	2 years
Residential type areas of: hotels, motels, hostels, residential institutions, boarding houses, halls, accommodation houses and the like	2 years	6 months	6 months	2 years	2 years
Commercial cleaning equipment	6 months	Daily or before every use, which is the longer	N/A	6 months	N/A
Hire Equipment Inspection	Prior to hire	Including push-button test by hirer prior to hire		N/A	N/A
Test & Tag	3 months	N/A		3 months	12 months
Repaired, serviced and second-hand equipment	After repair or service which could affect electrical safety, or on reintroduction to service, refer to AS/NZS 5762				

More frequent test may be required on equipment used on construction sites. Usually, it must be tested before its first use and then at 3-month intervals.

¹ EPOD commonly referred to as powerboards.

² A hostile environment is where the device is exposed to mechanical damage, moisture, heat, vibration, corrosive substances or dust. Examples include wet or dusty areas, outdoors, workplaces that use corrosive substances, commercial kitchens and manufacturing environments.