

How to connect the power cord to the switch



Overview

How To Wire A Switch Into An Electrical Cord | StorablesThis video explains how to connect a cable to a switch using clear steps for safe and reliable oper.

Key Takeaways

You can safely add a switch to a power cord by cutting the hot wire, connecting it to the switch terminals, and properly insulating the connections.Tools and Materials Needed

- Wire cutters and strippers
- Utility knife (for outer cord insulation)
- Screwdriver (usually Phillips head)
- Inline switch rated for your device's voltage and wattage
- Electrical tape or heat-shrink tubing
- Optional: marker or label for the switch location

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Safety First Unplug the device from the power source. Wear protective gloves and goggles, and work in a well-lit area .

- **Identify the Hot Wire** In a standard two-wire cord, the hot wire is usually black or unmarked, while the neutral wire is white or marked. For cloth-covered or round cords, the smooth side is typically hot, and the ridged side is neutral .
 - **Cut the Hot Wire** Decide where you want the switch to be located. Cut only the hot wire at that point; leave the neutral and ground wires intact .
 - **Strip the Wire Ends** Remove about ½ inch of insulation from both cut ends of the hot wire using wire strippers. If using a cloth-covered cord, secure fraying with a small piece of electrical tape .
 - **Connect to the Switch** Open the switch housing. Wrap the stripped ends of the hot wire around the switch terminals in the direction the screws tighten. Tighten the screws securely to ensure a good connection .
 - **Route the Neutral Wire** Pass the uncut neutral wire through the switch's pass-through channel so it remains unbroken .
 - **Insulate and Close** Use electrical tape or heat-shrink tubing to insulate the connections. Close the switch housing and secure it with screws .
 - **Test the Switch** Plug in the device and test the switch to ensure it turns the device on and off reliably .
- Tips for Safety and Longevity
- Always use a switch rated for the device's voltage and current.
 - Avoid cutting the neutral or ground wires.
 - Regularly inspect the cord and switch for wear or damage.
 - Keep the switch away from water or heat sources . By following these steps, you can safely add a convenient inline switch to your power cord, improving usability without compromising safety.

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