



## Testing intervals

The class of work determines how often specified electrical equipment and safety switches are tested.

<b>Class of work</b>	<b>Portable/specified electrical equipment</b>	<b>Type 1 or 2 safety switch (fixed)</b>	<b>Type 1 or 2 safety switch (portable)</b>
Construction work	At least 3 monthly intervals by a competent person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use inbuilt test button (at least monthly).</li> <li>An operating time/current test by a competent person at least annually.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use inbuilt test button – immediately after it is connected and immediately before it used, first time each day.</li> <li>By a competent person, at least every 3 months.</li> </ul>
Manufacturing work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If equipment is double insulated, at least every 12 months by competent person.</li> <li>If not double insulated, at least every 6 months by competent person and connected to a safety switch.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the inbuilt test button – at least every 6 months.</li> <li>An operating time/current test at least every 12 months by competent person.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the inbuilt test button – daily or before each use, whichever is longer.</li> <li>By a competent person, at least every 12 months.</li> </ul> <p>Note: From 1 March 2008, portable safety switches are not to be used in manufacturing work. Installed safety switches must be used.</p>
Service work	At least 12 monthly intervals by a competent person or connected to a safety switch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use inbuilt test button, at least every 6 months.</li> <li>An operating time/current test by a competent person, at least every 12 months.</li> <li>Longer test intervals may apply. Consult the <u>Electrical Safety Regulation 2002</u> and <u>AS/NZS 3760 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use inbuilt test button at least every 3 months or before each use, whichever is longer.</li> <li>An operating time/current test by a competent person, at least every 12 months.</li> <li>Longer test intervals may apply. Consult the <u>Electrical Safety Regulation 2002</u> and <u>AS/NZS 3760 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment</u></li> </ul>

Class of work	Portable/specified electrical equipment	Type 1 or 2 safety switch (fixed)	Type 1 or 2 safety switch (portable)
Office work	At least 5 yearly intervals by a competent person or connected to a safety switch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use inbuilt test button at least every 6 months.</li> <li>• An operating time/current test by a competent person, at least every 2 years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use inbuilt test button at least every 3 months.</li> <li>• An operating time/current test by a competent person at least every 2 years.</li> </ul>
Amusement work (specified electrical equipment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If equipment is double insulated, at least every 12 months by competent person.</li> <li>• If not double insulated, at least 6 months by competent person and connected to a safety switch.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the inbuilt test button – at least every 3 months.</li> <li>• An operating time/current test at least every 6 months by competent person.</li> <li>• Longer test intervals may apply. Consult the <u>Electrical Safety Regulation 2002</u> (PDF, 1 MB) and <u>AS/NZS 3760 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the inbuilt test button – daily or before each use, whichever is longer.</li> <li>• By a competent person, at least every 3 months.</li> <li>• Longer test intervals may apply. Consult the and <u>AS/NZS 3760 In-service safety inspection and testing of electrical equipment</u></li> </ul>
Amusement work (rides & devices)	Inspected and tested each after each onsite assembly, and every six months.		
Rural industry work (all plug in equipment)	Visual examination before each use.		
Rural industry work (Specified electrical equipment used under stated electrical risk factors)	Either: test and inspect every 12 months or protect with a safety switch.	Recommended push button test every three months.	Recommended push button test every three months.