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Model: 185SS-US-7XX

1. Introduction

This user manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your TrickleStar 186SS-US-7XXXA 7 Outlet Advanced PowerStrip. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product and retain it for future reference.

The TrickleStar Advanced PowerStrip is designed to provide premium quality, fireproof surge protection and to eliminate standby power consumption from your PC and TV peripherals, contributing to energy savings.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock, fire, or injury, always follow basic safety precautions when using electrical products.

- Do not exceed the electrical ratings of the power strip (125 Volts, 15 Amps).
- Do not use in wet environments or near water.
- Do not open or modify the power strip. There are no user-serviceable parts inside.
- Ensure the power strip is properly grounded.
- · Keep out of reach of children.
- California Proposition 65 Warning: This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

3. PRODUCT FEATURES

The TrickleStar 186SS-US-7XXXA Advanced PowerStrip offers the following key features:

- 7 Outlets: Includes 1 Control Outlet, 2 Always On Outlets, and 4 Switched Outlets (one transformer-spaced).
- Energy Saving: Eliminates standby power consumed by PC and TV peripherals.
- Surge Protection: Provides 36,000 Amps / 540 Joule ceramic surge protection.
- Circuit Breaker: 15A resettable circuit breaker for overload protection.

- Auto-Disconnection: Automatically disconnects if surge protection fails.
- Noise Filtering: Less than 40dB noise filtering.
- Angled Space Saver Plug: Designed for convenience in tight spaces.



Figure 3.1: Top-down view of the TrickleStar Advanced PowerStrip, showing the layout of the 7 outlets.

4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. **Unpack the Power Strip:** Carefully remove the power strip from its packaging. Inspect for any damage.
- 2. **Choose a Location:** Place the power strip on a flat, stable surface, away from moisture and heat sources. Ensure the 3-foot cord can reach a wall outlet without strain.
- 3. Plug into Wall Outlet: Insert the power strip's angled space saver plug into a standard 125V AC wall outlet.
- 4. Identify Outlet Types:
 - **Control Outlet:** This outlet controls the power to the Switched Outlets. Plug your primary device (e.g., computer, TV) into this outlet.
 - Always On Outlets (2): These outlets provide continuous power, regardless of the Control Outlet's status. Ideal for devices that need constant power (e.g., modem, router, DVR).

Switched Outlets (4): These outlets receive power only when the device plugged into the Control Outlet is
active. Ideal for peripherals (e.g., monitor, speakers, printer, game console). One of these is transformerspaced for larger plugs.



Figure 4.1: Close-up view of the TrickleStar Advanced PowerStrip, highlighting the Control, Always On, and Switched outlets.

5. **Connect Devices:** Plug your electronic devices into the appropriate outlets as described above.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The TrickleStar Advanced PowerStrip operates automatically based on the power status of the device connected to the Control Outlet.

- When the device in the **Control Outlet** is turned **ON** (e.g., your computer is active, or TV is on), power will be supplied to the **Switched Outlets**.
- When the device in the **Control Outlet** is turned **OFF** or enters a low-power standby mode, power to the **Switched Outlets** will be cut off after a short delay. This eliminates phantom load and saves energy.
- The Always On Outlets will continuously supply power to connected devices, regardless of the Control Outlet's status.

To reset the 15A circuit breaker in case of an overload, press the small button located on the side or end of the power strip (location may vary slightly by model revision).



Figure 5.1: Angled view of the TrickleStar Advanced PowerStrip, illustrating its compact design.

6. MAINTENANCE

The TrickleStar Advanced PowerStrip requires minimal maintenance.

- Cleaning: Disconnect the power strip from the wall outlet before cleaning. Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosols.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the power cord and the power strip for any signs of damage, such as frayed wires or cracked casing. If damage is found, discontinue use immediately and replace the unit.
- Surge Protection Failure: The power strip features auto-disconnection if the surge protection fails. If your devices are no longer receiving power through the surge-protected outlets, the surge protection may have been compromised. In such a case, the unit should be replaced to ensure continued protection.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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No power to any outlets.	Power strip not plugged in, wall outlet not active, or circuit breaker tripped.	Ensure power strip is securely plugged into a live wall outlet. Check your home's circuit breaker. Press the reset button on the power strip.
Switched Outlets not receiving power.	Device in Control Outlet is off or in standby mode.	Ensure the device plugged into the Control Outlet is fully powered on and active.
Devices plugged into Switched Outlets turn off unexpectedly.	Device in Control Outlet entered standby mode or was turned off.	This is normal operation for energy saving. Ensure your Control Outlet device is configured to stay on if you need continuous power to Switched Outlets. For devices requiring constant power, use the Always On Outlets.
Surge protection indicator light is off (if applicable) or devices are damaged after a surge.	Surge protection has been compromised or failed.	The power strip's surge protection may no longer be active. Replace the power strip immediately to ensure continued protection for your electronics.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Model Number	185SS-US-7XX
Total Outlets	7 (1 Control, 2 Always On, 4 Switched)
Voltage Rating	125 Volts
Amperage Capacity	15 Amps
Surge Protection	540 Joules / 36,000 Amps (Ceramic)
Noise Filtering	<40dB
Cord Length	3 feet
Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.75 x 2.5 x 1.5 inches
Weight	12.5 ounces
Material	Ceramic (for surge protection components)
Plug Type	Type A (Angled Space Saver)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information and customer support, please refer to the documentation included with your product at the time of purchase or visit the official TrickleStar website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Manufacturer: Trickle Star

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