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Iron Box IBX-L1420P

Iron Box NEMA L14-20P 20A 120/240V 4-Wire Locking Plug Instruction Manual

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your Iron Box NEMA L14-20P 20 Amp, 120/240 Volt, 4-Wire Locking Plug. Please read these instructions thoroughly before use and retain for future reference.

Safety Information

WARNING: Risk of Electric Shock or Fire.
Always follow basic safety precautions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury when handling electrical products.

- Ensure power is disconnected at the source before attempting any installation or wiring.
- This product must be installed by a qualified electrician or knowledgeable individual familiar with electrical wiring codes and practices.
- Verify that the voltage and amperage ratings of the plug match the electrical system and equipment it will be connected to.
- Do not use this plug if it appears damaged.
- Keep children away from electrical connections.
- Use only in dry locations unless specifically rated for wet environments.

Product Features

The Iron Box NEMA L14-20P Locking Plug is designed for reliable electrical connections. Key features include:

- **NEMA L14-20P Male Plug:** Standard configuration for 20 Amp, 125/250 Volt applications.
- **UL Listed:** Certified for safety and quality standards.
- **Heavy-Duty Build:** Constructed for durability and long-lasting performance.
- **Rated for 20 Amps, 125/250V:** Suitable for demanding power requirements.
- **4-Prong Connector:** Provides two hot wires, one neutral, and one ground for 120/240V split-phase power.



Image: The Iron Box NEMA L14-20P 20 Amp, 120/240 Volt, 4-Wire Locking Plug, showing its robust construction and prong configuration.

Setup and Installation

Proper installation is crucial for safety and performance. Refer to local electrical codes and consult a qualified electrician if unsure.

1. **Gather Tools:** You will need a screwdriver (flathead and/or Phillips, depending on the plug's terminals), wire strippers, and potentially a multimeter for verification.
2. **Prepare the Cable:** Select an appropriate gauge cable for 20 Amp, 120/240V service. Strip the outer jacket of the cable to expose the insulated wires. Then, strip approximately 1/2 inch (1.2 cm) of insulation from each individual wire.
3. **Disassemble the Plug:** Unscrew the housing of the NEMA L14-20P plug to access the terminal block.
4. **Identify Terminals:** The L14-20P plug typically has four terminals: two hot (often brass or black screws), one neutral (silver screw), and one ground (green screw). Refer to the markings on the plug's terminal block for precise identification.
5. **Connect Wires:**
   - Connect the **black** wire (Hot 1) to one of the brass/black terminals.
   - Connect the **red** wire (Hot 2) to the other brass/black terminal.
   - Connect the **white** wire (Neutral) to the silver terminal.
   - Connect the **green** or bare copper wire (Ground) to the green terminal.

   Ensure all wire strands are securely under the terminal screws and tightened to the manufacturer's specifications. No loose strands should be visible.
6. **Reassemble the Plug:** Carefully reassemble the plug housing, ensuring no wires are pinched and the strain relief mechanism (if present) is properly engaged to prevent tension on the wire connections.
7. **Test Connection:** Before connecting to power, use a multimeter to verify correct wiring and continuity.

Operating Instructions

Once the NEMA L14-20P plug is correctly wired to your cable, follow these steps for safe operation:

1. **Ensure Compatibility:** Verify that the receptacle you are connecting to is also a NEMA L14-20R (20 Amp, 120/240V locking receptacle).
2. **Align and Insert:** Align the prongs of the L14-20P plug with the slots of the L14-20R receptacle. Insert the plug fully into the receptacle.
3. **Lock the Connection:** Once inserted, twist the plug clockwise until it locks into place. This locking mechanism

prevents accidental disconnection.

4. **Apply Power:** Only after the plug is securely locked, turn on the power at the circuit breaker or power source.
5. **Disconnecting:** To disconnect, first turn off the power at the source. Then, twist the plug counter-clockwise to unlock it and pull it straight out from the receptacle. Do not pull by the cable.

Maintenance

Regular inspection and basic maintenance will ensure the longevity and safe operation of your Iron Box NEMA L14-20P plug.

- **Visual Inspection:** Periodically inspect the plug for any signs of damage, such as cracks, discoloration, or bent/corroded prongs.
- **Cable Condition:** Check the cable connected to the plug for fraying, cuts, or insulation damage.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the plug free from dirt, dust, and moisture. Use a dry cloth for cleaning. Ensure the plug is disconnected from power before cleaning.
- **Tightness of Connections:** If the plug has been subjected to heavy use or vibration, periodically check the terminal screws inside the plug for tightness (with power disconnected).
- **Storage:** Store the plug in a clean, dry environment when not in use.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Iron Box NEMA L14-20P plug, consider the following:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power to connected equipment.	• Circuit breaker tripped. • Loose wiring connection inside the plug. • Faulty receptacle. • Damaged cable.	• Reset the circuit breaker. • **Disconnect power** and check internal wiring for tightness. • Test the receptacle with another known-good plug. • Inspect the cable for damage; replace if necessary.
Plug feels hot during operation.	• Overload on the circuit. • Loose connections. • Damaged plug or receptacle.	• Reduce the load on the circuit. • **Disconnect power** and check internal wiring. • Discontinue use and replace the plug or receptacle if damaged.
Plug does not lock into receptacle.	• Incorrect receptacle type. • Damaged plug or receptacle locking mechanism.	• Ensure receptacle is NEMA L14-20R. • Inspect both plug and receptacle for damage; replace if necessary.

If problems persist, consult a qualified electrician or contact Iron Box customer support.

Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Iron Box

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Model Number (ASIN)	IBX-L1420R (B01M7SG3IF)
Connector Type	NEMA L14-20P Male Locking Plug
Amperage Rating	20 Amps
Voltage Rating	125/250 Volts (120/240V)
Wire Configuration	4-Wire (2 Hot, 1 Neutral, 1 Ground)
Material	Iron (as per product specifications, likely referring to internal components or robust housing)
Item Weight	6.4 ounces
Certifications	UL Listed

Warranty and Support

For warranty information or technical support regarding your Iron Box NEMA L14-20P plug, please contact Iron Box directly.
Return Policy: The standard return policy for this product is 30 days from the date of purchase. Please refer to your retailer's specific return guidelines for details.
Manufacturer: Iron Box
For further assistance, visit the Iron Box Store on Amazon.

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