

Steam
Cleaners,
Pressure
Washers...

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS STILL REQUIRED



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issued Safety of Use Message (SOU) 00-016 in 2000 that stated all Army steam cleaners and commercial cleaners and pressure washers must be used with ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection.

Since that SOUM was published, the Army has stopped issuing steam cleaners. The AAC for steam cleaners NSN 4940-00-186-0027, NSN 4940-00-473-6218, and NSN 4940-01-025-9856 has been changed to L, local purchase.

But the GFCI requirement of SOUM 00-016 is still in effect. The requirement can be met in two ways:

- Connect the steam cleaner or power washer plug into a power supply outlet with a GFCI protection system certified by a licensed electrician. Or...
- Connect the steam cleaner or power washer to an electric supply cord with a built-in GFCI (250 volts AC or less, single-phase.) Attach a tag to the cord that says "IAW UL 1776."

If you buy a new steam cleaner or power washer, make sure it meets the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Standard for Safety 1776, *High Pressure Cleaning Machines*. It needs to have been tested and certified as meeting the requirements of a nationally recognized testing laboratory (NRTL). NRTLs include UL, the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc (ETL).

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