

Abstract

Socket shutter mechanism

5 An electrical socket (1) comprises a 3-pin operated shutter assembly, the shutter assembly comprising: a live/neutral shutter (11) rotatably moveable between a shuttered position for blocking access to live and neutral contacts in the socket, and an unshuttered position for allowing access to the
10 live and neutral contacts, and a latch member (9) operable between a latched configuration in which the latch member (9) prevents rotation of the live/neutral shutter from the shuttered to the unshuttered position, and an unlatched configuration which allows rotation of the live/neutral
15 shutter from the shuttered to the unshuttered position. The latch member (9) is operable from the latched to the unlatched configurations by insertion of the earth pin (4) of a plug into the socket (1).

20 Figure 2a to accompany abstract on publication.