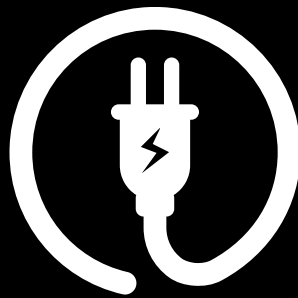




TRAILER PLUG



What is a trailer plug?

A trailer plug is a connector that links the electrical systems of a towing vehicle and a trailer, enabling the trailer's lights, brakes, and other systems to operate in sync with the towing vehicle. Here's a comprehensive guide to trailer plugs, covering types, wiring, functions, and standards used globally.

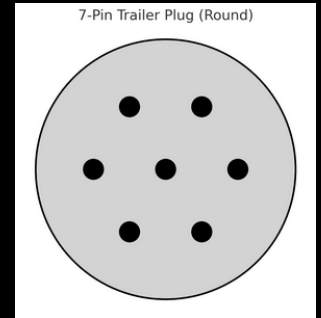
Trailer Plugs Operate Components like-

- o Tail lights
- o Brake lights
- o Turn signals
- o Reverse lights
- o Electric brakes
- o Auxiliary power (e.g., battery charging or refrigerator)





Holroyd Components offers a variety of trailer plugs and sockets, commonly used in trailers, caravans, and towing setups.



Common Trailer Plugs We Stock-

7 Pin Flat Plug & Socket (Australian Standard)

- Most common in Australia for light trailers.
- Suitable for basic lighting: indicators, brake lights, tail lights.
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7 Pin Round Plug (Small Round - Australian Standard)

- Also common for trailers, particularly older setups.
- Functions the same as the flat 7 pin, just a different shape.

7 Pin Large Round Plug (Heavy Duty – ADR Compliant)

- Used more for commercial or heavy-duty towing.
- Can handle more current and is more robust.

12 Pin Flat Plug & Socket

- For caravans or trailers with additional power needs (e.g., fridge, battery charging).
- Combines standard lighting functions with auxiliary power circuits.

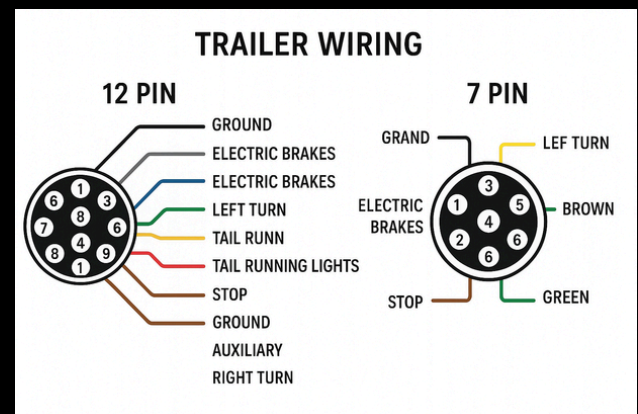
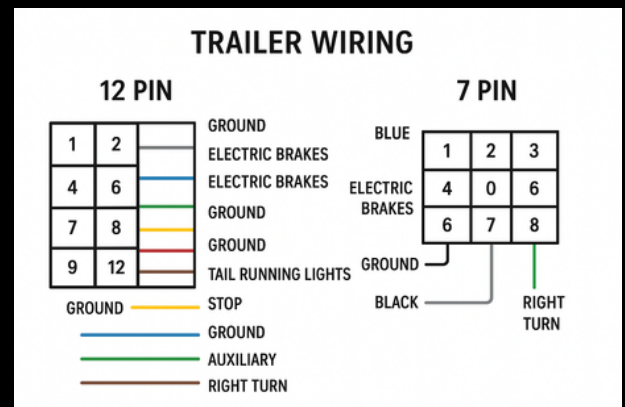
Anderson Plugs (50A, 120A etc.)

Used for high-current power needs like charging caravan batteries or powering appliances.

- Often used alongside 7 or 12-pin plugs.

Adaptors & Plug-to-Socket Converters

- Holroyds typically sell plug adaptors (e.g., 7-pin flat to 7-pin round)
- to ensure compatibility between car and trailer.

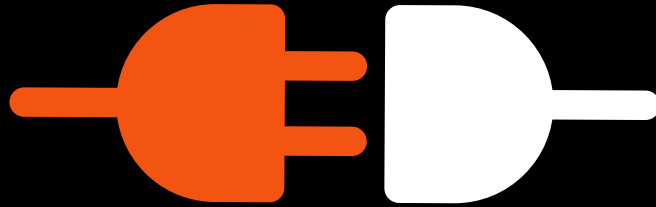


Features You Can Expect:

- ADR-approved components
- Durable plastic or metal housings
- Easy wire entry and secure screw terminals
- Dust and weather-resistant caps



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SOCKET & PLUG



Plug (male)

- Location: Usually on the trailer lead.
- Shape: Has protruding pins (male contacts) that slide into the socket's holes.
- Purpose: Delivers power/signals from the towing vehicle when plugged into the socket.
- Wiring: Trailer-side wires are connected to the plug's terminals inside the housing.
- Tip: Think "plug = pins = on the cable you move around."

Socket (female)

- Location: Fixed to the tow vehicle (car, ute, truck).
- Shape: Has recessed holes (female contacts) that accept the plug's pins.
- Purpose: Receives the trailer plug and passes the vehicle's electrical signals to it.
- Wiring: Vehicle-side wiring is run to the socket's terminals inside the housing.
- Tip: Think "socket = stationary = where the plug goes in."



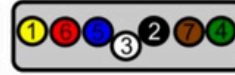
- Socket stays (on the vehicle).
- Plug pulls away (with the trailer).

Trailer & Plug wiring Diagram

7 Pin Flat

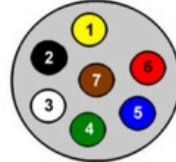


Socket View

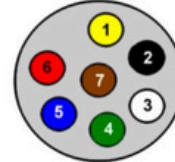


Plug View

7 Pin Round



Socket View

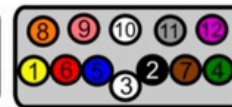


Plug View

12 Pin Flat

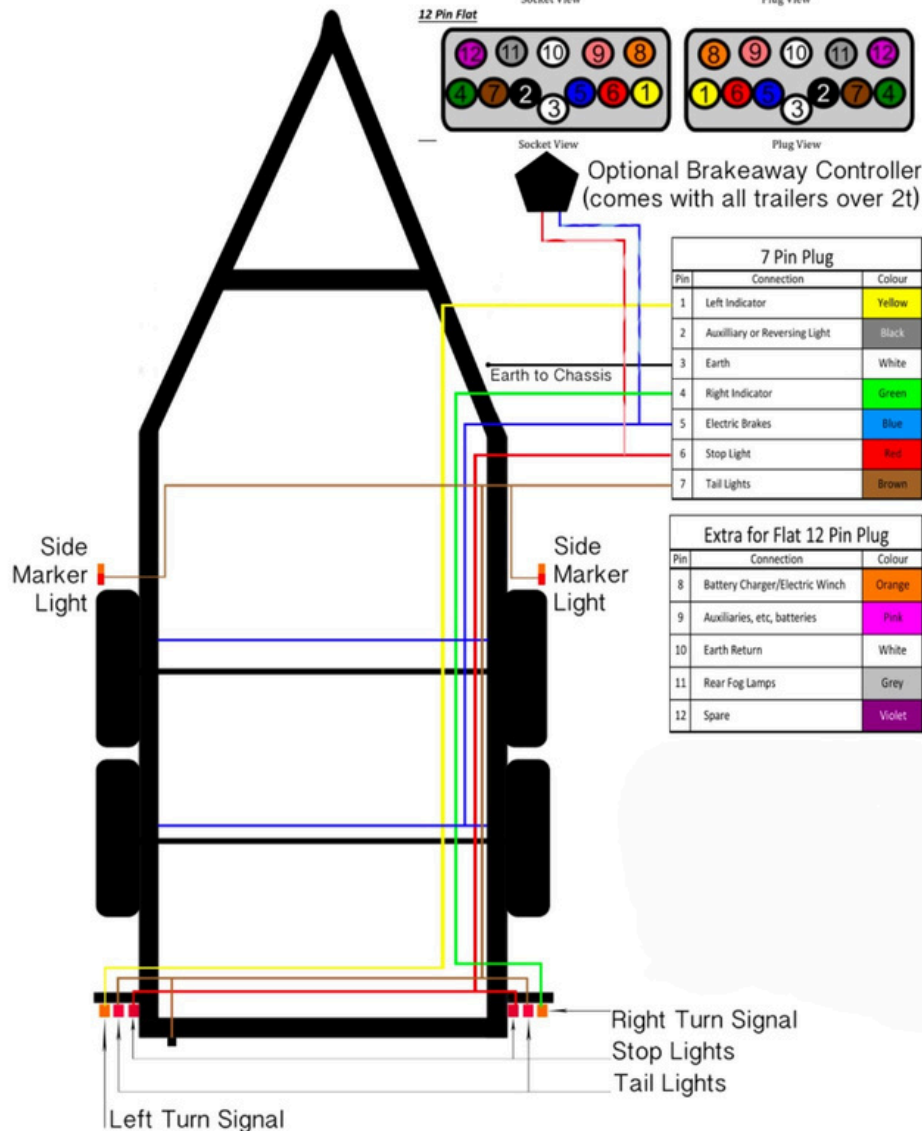


Socket View



Plug View

Optional Brakeaway Controller
(comes with all trailers over 2t)



7 Pin Plug		
Pin	Connection	Colour
1	Left Indicator	Yellow
2	Auxiliary or Reversing Light	Black
3	Earth	White
4	Right Indicator	Green
5	Electric Brakes	Blue
6	Stop Light	Red
7	Tail Lights	Brown

Extra for Flat 12 Pin Plug		
Pin	Connection	Colour
8	Battery Charger/Electric Winch	Orange
9	Auxiliaries, etc, batteries	Pink
10	Earth Return	White
11	Rear Fog Lamps	Grey
12	Spare	Violet