



Why the Zonit zLock C15 locking connector is relevant

The C15 connector has become much more popular in recent years, due to Cisco's incorporation of the C15 connector into their networking hardware. Cisco's decision was driven in part by the higher thermal rating that the C15 connector offers. As Data Center densities increase so too do the associated temperatures in the Data Center space, which makes the C15 connector well positioned for long term applicability.

Zonit decided to take a proactive stance towards thermal resiliency and include a locking C15 connector into the zLock power cord line. There are other ancillary benefits that the zLock locking C15 connector imparts to its users.

The first and most important benefit is that the C15 connector is backwards compatible with C13 deployment scenarios. This means that one inventory position can now accommodate multiple deployment scenarios, which subsequently simplifies the supply chain.

The zLock locking C15 connector also helps end-users save money because it is less expensive than the standard non-locking C15 that Cisco offers. What makes this possible is that Cisco does not always include a power cord with their hardware. Instead they require clients to purchase the Cisco "cord kit" which includes several power cords to meet the varying IT environments into which Cisco hardware is deployed. Most end users keep the one cord from the kit they need, dispose of the several cords that they don't need and pay for all of the cords regardless of whether they get used or not. Eschewing the Cisco cord kit for a zLock locking C15 cord reduces both cost and waste. It also secures the power path all the way to the devices in the server rack eliminating any accidental, vibration or nuisance disconnects in the process.

The zlock C15 connectors are available in multiple colors, lengths and varying angles. They are extremely versatile for both office and Data Center.

In conclusion, the Zonit zLock locking C15 is less expensive, provides more flexibility of deployment while offering greater functionality and security than the standard non-locking C15 offered by Cisco.

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