

## Re: DC plug tip converters?

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<William P.N. Smith> wrote in message  
news:callu09imekr99erhpp3hef488tku8hkdd@4ax.com...  
> *Melissa* <melissa@colorado.xxx> wrote:  
> > *Ken* <user@domain.invalid> wrote :  
> > > *Melissa* wrote:  
> > > > *just get a inexpensive package of plug tip adapters, that could  
change  
> > > > one size plug into another?*  
>  
> > > *Try Radio Shack.*  
>  
> *The home of "You've got questions, we've got blank stares." 8\*)*  
>  
> > *I did, all they have is their newer models of adapters*  
>  
> *I don't think the thing you want exists, as \_usually\_ the act of using  
> a wall wart with the product it didn't come with is a sure way of  
> destroying at least one of them.*

I've seen that a number of times, where the uninformed consumer goes to Rat Shaft and says I have a Panabaloney answering machine with rice cooker that has a bad wall wart adapter. The salesdroid looks at the wall wart and says this is what you need, and sells her a 12VDC, 1A or so adapter along with the adapter plug that goes on the end, total coming to the \$20 or more range. She gets home and plugs the whole mess together and burns out the answering machine with rice cooker because no one told her that the polarity has to be observed when putting the adapter plug into the pin plug of the adapter.

The moral is you've got questions, Rat Shaft gives only half the answer.

Now that the ans mach with rice cooker is burned out, the salesdroid can sell her a new one when she comes back in and tells him that smoke came out of the whole thing when she plugged it in. :-(

> *However, if you know anyone who can solder, you can buy the  
> appropriate plug end and have someone attach it to the wallwart of*

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> *your choice...*