

CORRECT ELECTRICAL ISOLATION PROCEDURE

Start

Get permission from an authoritative figure, identify ALL sources of supply (primary, secondary, tertiary — PV, UPS, batteries, generators, EV chargers), complete your Risk Assessment and confirm whether a Permit to Work is required.

Locate all secondary and tertiary supplies and lock off all secondary and tertiary supplies, fit padlocks, retain keys and fit warning notices.

Inspect all test equipment per PUWER and GS38. Prove your voltage indicators, **NON-CONTACT** and **CONTACT** voltage indicators are working on a known live source/proving unit before and after use. MFTs must **NOT** be used to prove dead.

Use a contact voltage indicator on the main incoming head to check for tracking.

OV MEASURED

Place a CT clamp ammeter on the main earth cable. Any reading above 15mA is potentially dangerous.

<15 mA OF CURRENT PRESENT

Check for voltage with a non-contact voltage indicator on the main earth conductor.

OV MEASURED

With the presence of DNC current alleviated or managed you can proceed to complete your original task.

Locate the circuit for your original task. Isolate, fit padlocks, retain key and fit warning notices. Test all conductors at the locked-off OCPD or isolated main switch in the correct order.

For a single phase circuit/ equipment

N-L, E-L, N-E

For a 3-phase circuit/ equipment

N-L1, N-L2, N-L3,
E-L1, E-L2, E-L3,
L1-L2, L1-L3, L2-L3,
N-E

OV MEASURED

Re-prove your test equipment on a known live source. System confirmed dead — safe to work.

BEGIN WORK

EQUIPMENT DAMAGED

STOP WORK

VOLTAGE PRESENT

STOP WORK AND CALL THE DNO ON 105

>15 mA OF CURRENT PRESENT

Check for voltage with a non-contact voltage indicator on the main earth conductor. Check any metallic surfaces with a contact voltage indicator. If voltage is detected, investigate the source whether internal or a network fault - alter your RAMS, you are now fault finding.

VOLTAGE PRESENT
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Upon the main switch Opening:
• A slight reduction in current will be the properties earth leakage disappearing.
• If the current disappears drastically then this property likely has an **INTERNAL FAULT** driven by internal loading.
• If the current does not change then there is an external fault. Being driven by external loads.
• High Net currents - The 15 mA danger threshold comes from IEC/BS EN 60479-1 (effects of electric current on the human body).

THE CURRENT DISAPPEARS DRASTICALLY

The property likely has an internal fault driven by internal loading. You now need to discuss this with the client.

THE CURRENT DOES NOT CHANGE

There is an external fault being driven by external loads. Stop work and report and log your findings with your CPS provider.

STOP WORK AND CALL THE DNO ON 105



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