Intrinsic Safety

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Responsibilities – plant operator

Plant and Installations are classified according to:

- •The nature of the Hazardous Atmosphere
 - Industry Group
 - Gas/Apparatus Grouping
 - Ignition Temperature



•The *probability* that the Hazardous Atmosphere will be present

• Area Classification







Area classification IEC/European member countries

Areas are classified with regard to the probability of a potentially explosive atmosphere being present and the length of time for which it is likely to exist:

Hazard	Zone	Definition
Gas	0	in which an explosive gas-air mixture is continuously present or present for long periods
	1	in which an explosive gas-air mixture is likely to occur in normal operation
	2	in which an explosive gas-air mixture is not likely occur in normal operation, and if it occurs it will exist only for a short time
Dust	20	in which a combustible dust atmosphere is continuously present or present for long periods
	21	in which a combustible dust atmosphere is likely to occur in normal operation
	22	in which a combustible dust atmosphere is not likely occur in normal operation, and if it occurs it will exist only for a short time







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Intrinsic Safety

- Fundamental of IS
 - origins, principles, apparatus, type of interfaces
- Customise Backplane Solution
- IS application
 - Selection of product (AI,AO,DI,DO,PULSE & TEMPERATURE)
- Design of IS system
 - Level of protection, Gas classification, Temperature classification
 - Compatibility of IS isolator and field device Determine the permitted cable parameter Solution for long cable application
- Installation
 - Cable installation
 - New requirement based on IEC60079-14: 2013
 - Terminal boxes with more than one IS circuit
 - Earthing
- Inspection and maintenance







Intrinsic Safety System

A system, comprising apparatus and interconnecting wiring, in which any spark or thermal effect in any part of the system intended for use in hazardous areas is incapable of causing ignition.







Three Principles of Ex i Design

1. Limit Current

2. Limit Voltage

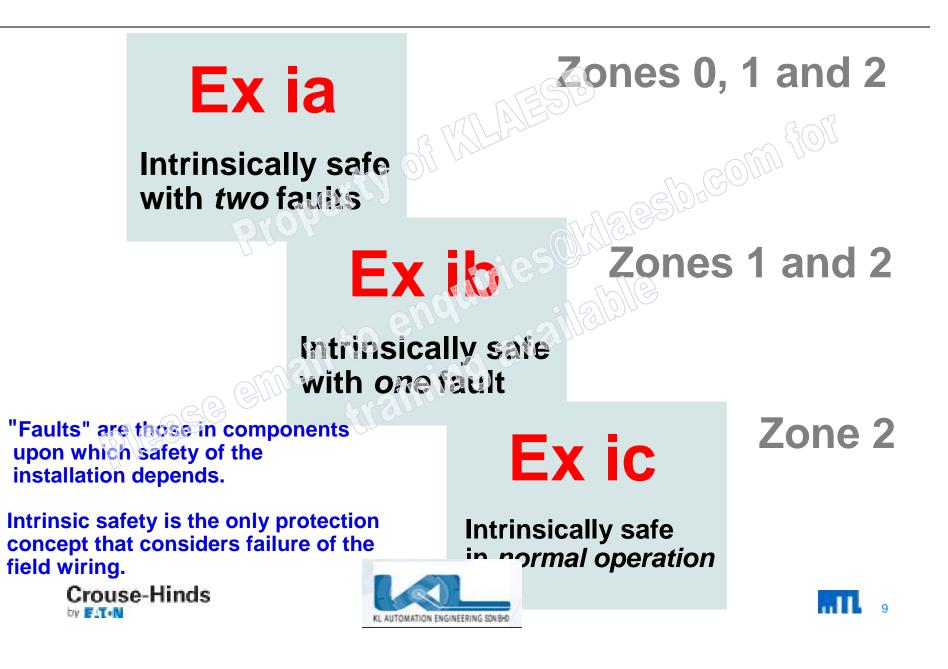
3. Limit Stored Electrical Energy



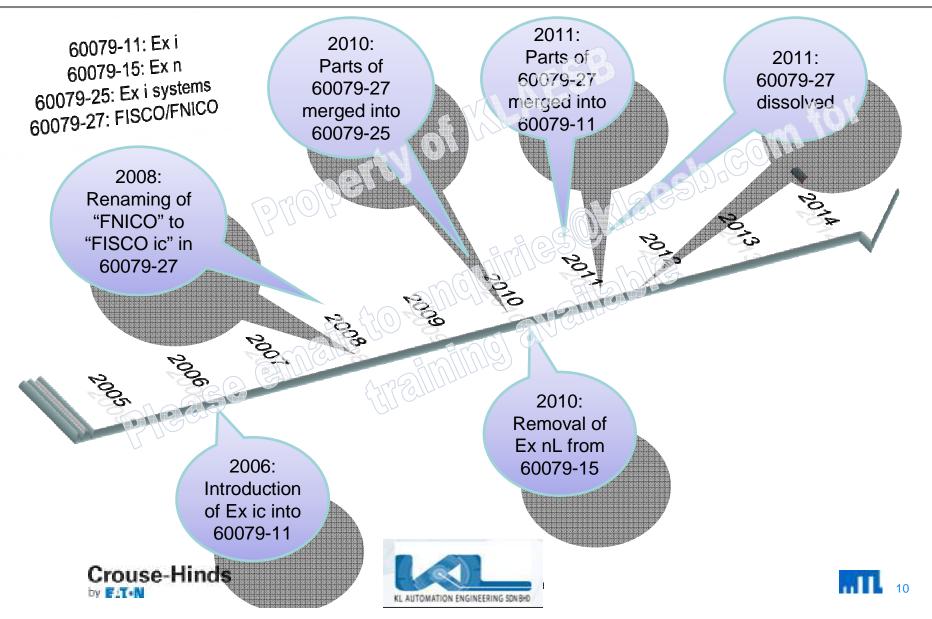




Intrinsic safety levels of protection



Changes in Ex Standards on Ex ic



Ex nL versus Ex ic

Characteristic	Ex nL	Ex ic
Basic method of protection	Energy Lin	nitation
Acceptable Zone of use	Zone	2
Applicable standard and protection method	IEC 60079-15: Ex n (safe in normal operation)	IEC 60079-11: Ex i (intrinsic safety)
Live-working permitted?	Yes	Yes
Cables may share same multi-core* as IS circuits?	enNolling	Yes
Cables may share same multi-core as non-IS circuits?	Yes	No
Separation of terminals •from I.S. circuits •from non-I.S. circuits	•50 mm •Not required	•Not required •50 mm
Applicability	Obsolete, phasing out	Current, future-proof

* Multi-core cable for I.S. circuits has to meet certain criteria







Uniqueness of IS system

- Suitable for zone 0
- Permits live maintenance, personnel safe
- Simple appratus rules offer great flexibility

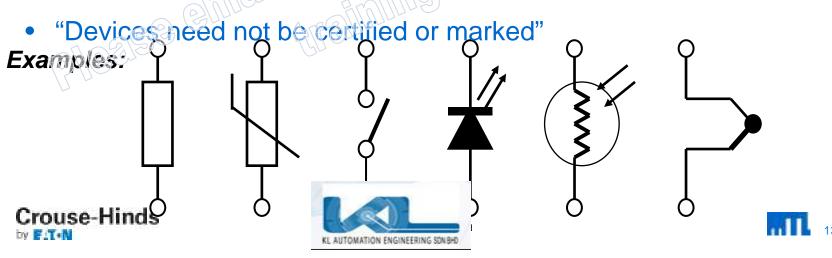






Simple Apparatus

- What is considered Simple Apparatus?
 - Passive components e.g. switches, junction boxes, potentiometers and simple semiconductor devices
 - Sources of stored energy within well defined parameters
 - Sources of generated energy which do not exceed 1.5V, 0.1A or 25mW
- IEC 60079-11: 2012, Clause 5.7 says:-



Types of IS interface

There are 2 type of IS interface:

1. Zener Barrier

Also referred to as just 'barrier', 'Shunt diode barrier', 'Zeners' or 'safety barrier'

2. Isolating Barrier Also referred to as IS Isolator, Galvanic Isolator

These may also be located in, or part of, other equipment.







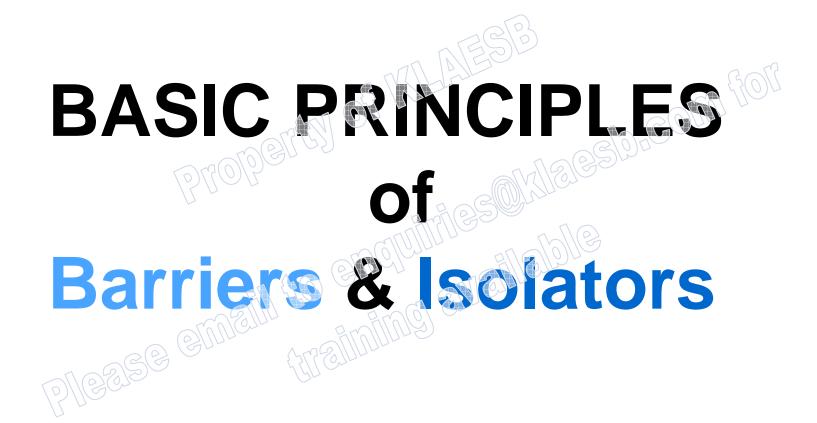
IS Interface Products







IS Interface

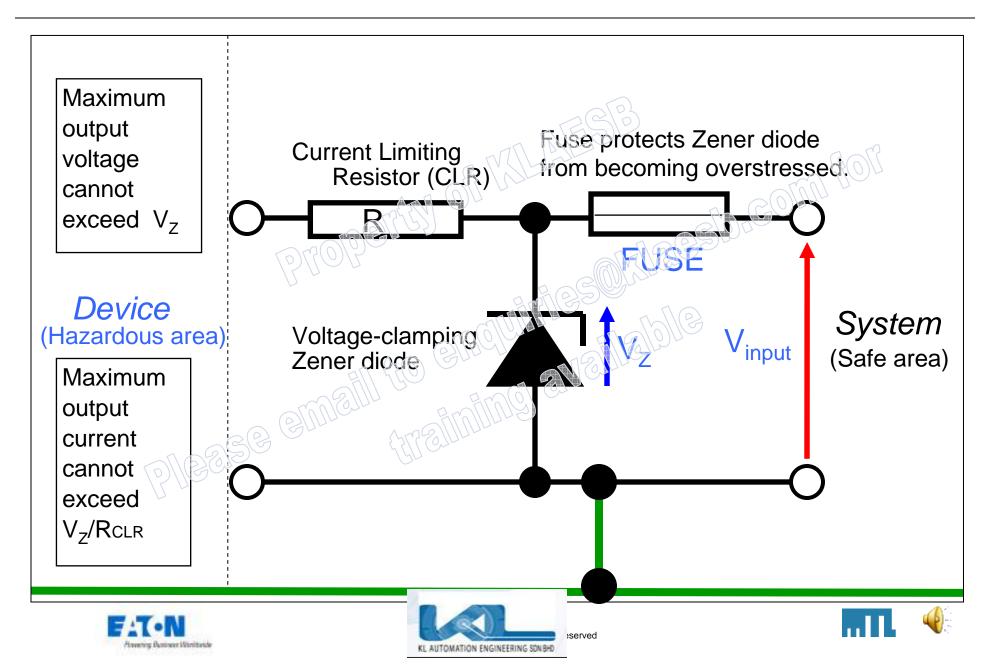




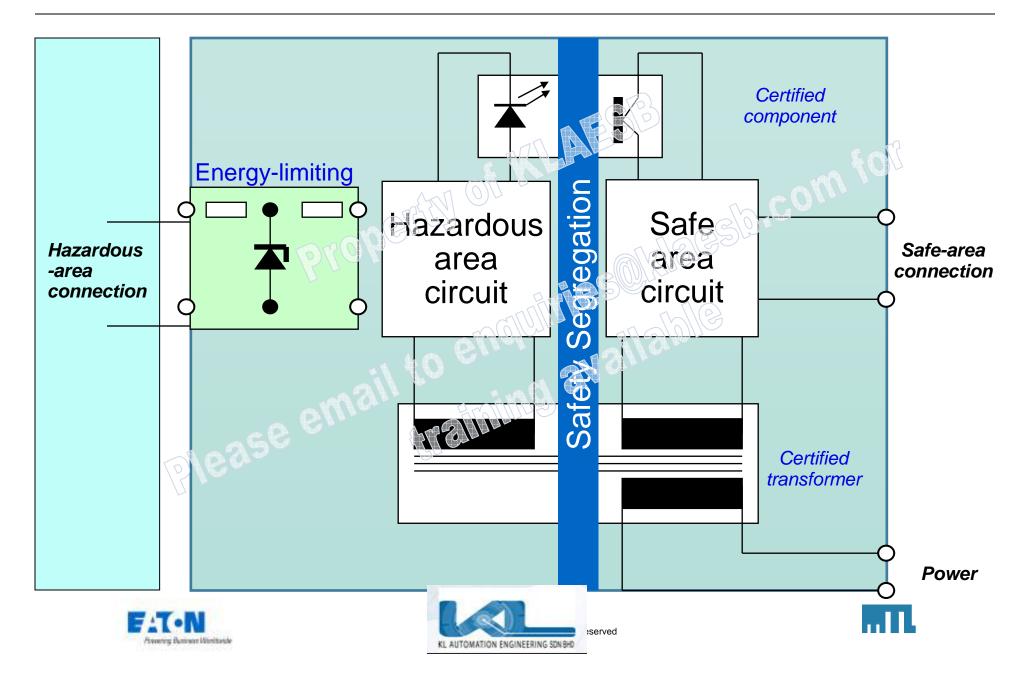




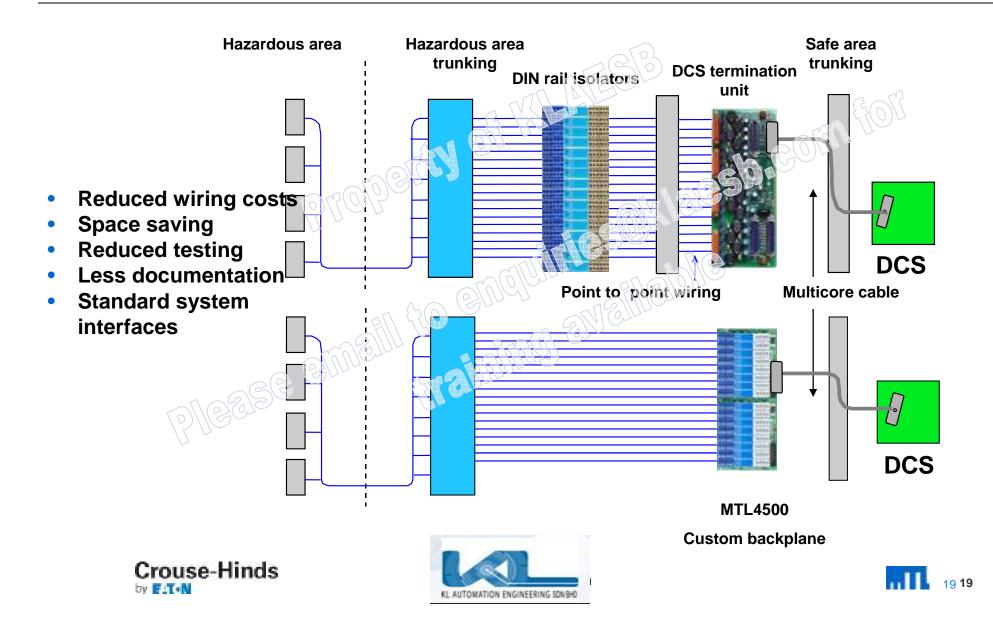
Barriers - How do they Work?



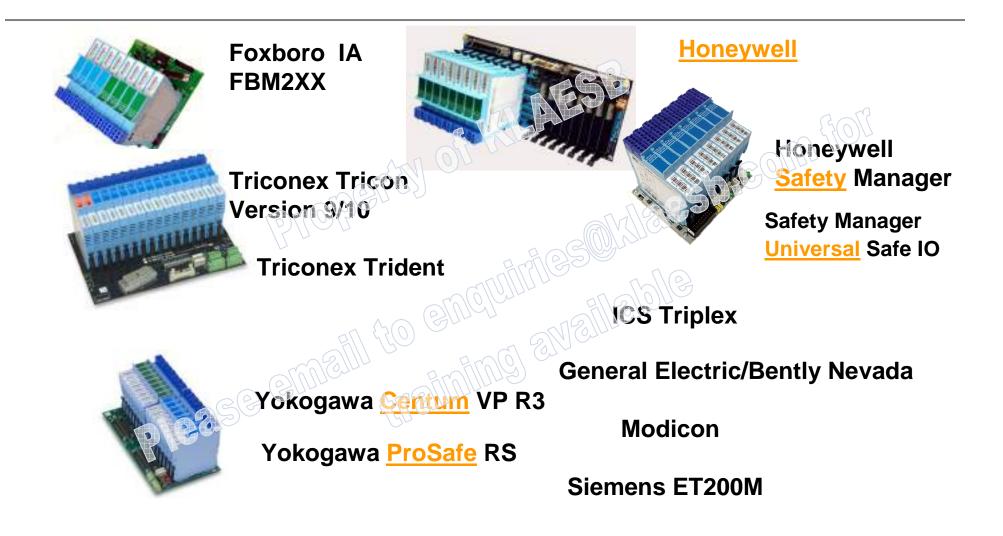
Isolators - How do they Work?



Cost and space saving - high reliability



Custom solution for EASY system Integration









Applications – Selection of IS interfaces

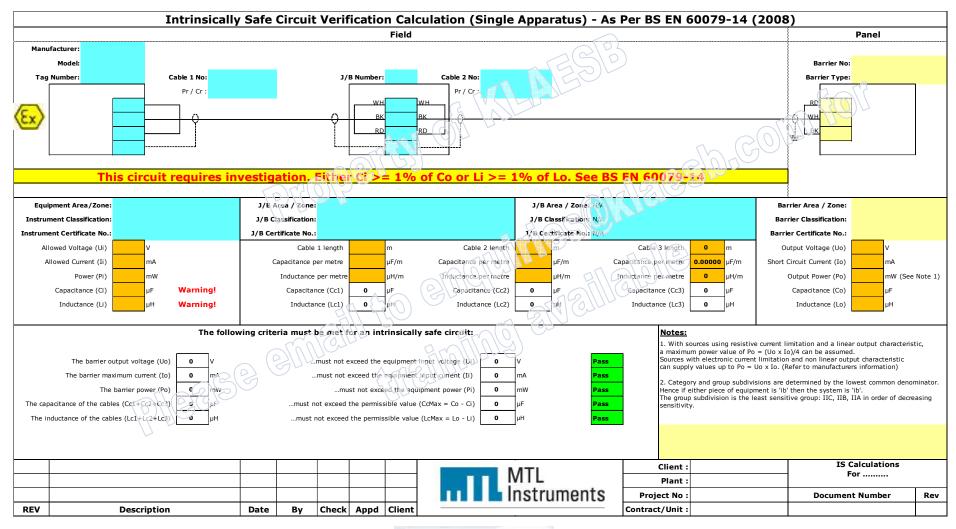
- The Application of Ex i Instrument Loops
 - Considering a System
- Use of Barriers and Isolators
 - Comparison of their use
- To demonstrate
 - Safety Compatibility
 - and
 - Operational Compatibility







Cable calculation tool





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Design of IS System

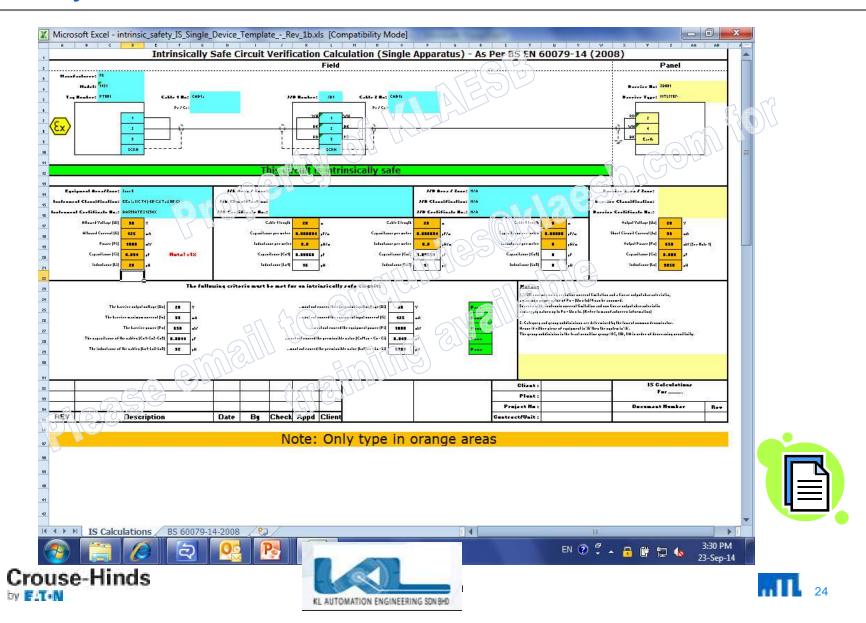
- Gas Classification
- Level of Protection
- Temperature Classification
- Safety Compatibility







IS system verification tool



Installation Overview

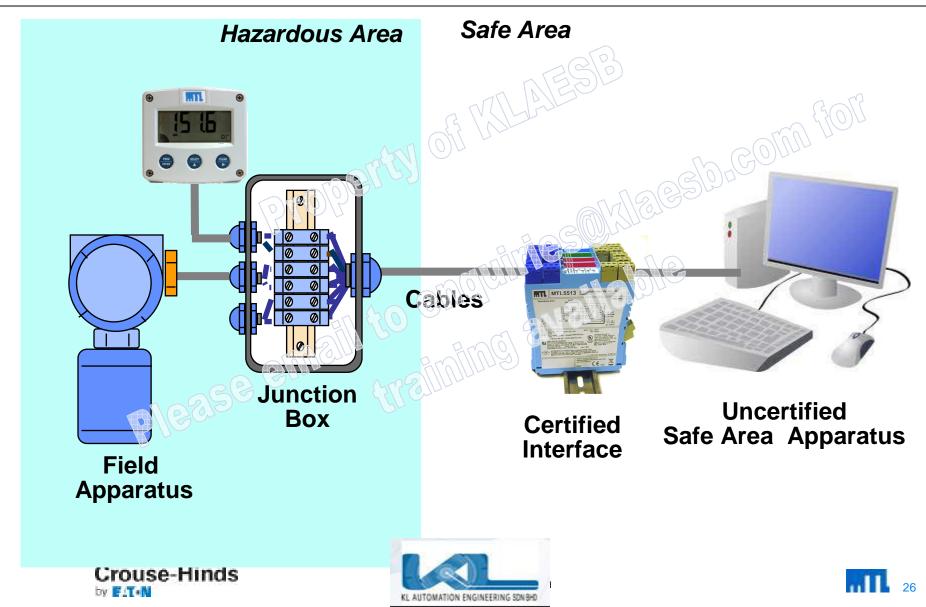
- Useful Information and Definitions related to intrinsic safety
 - Ingress Protection to IEC60529
 - Creepage and Clearance
 - Segregation
 - Typical installation
- Status of Codes of Practice
 - General requirements of IEC60079
 - Specific requirements for Ex i circuits
- Installations summary sections
 - Safe area apparatus, Interfaces, Cables, Junction Boxes and Hazardous Area Apparatus







Typical System Block



Interface (IS isolator) Installation Requirements Summary

- Location of Interfaces should be permanently marked to show the correct type of replacement in each position
- Interface designs and mounting must meet minimum of IP20
- Isolators are normally mounted in the safe area at the nearest convenient point to the hazardous/safe area boundary.
- Enclosures required for protection from unauthorised interference
- Hazardous area mounting is permissible if the appropriate type of protection is provided for interfaces and cabling:
 - Zone 1 : Flameproof (Ex d) enclosure
 - Zone 2 : normally an Ex e certified enclosure (Interface has certified for zone 2 mounted)







Earthing of IS circuits

BS EN 60079-14:2014 60079-14 © IEC:2013 -79 -16.2.3 Earthing of intrinsically safe circuits Intrinsically safe circuits shall be either a) isolated from earth, or b) connected at one point to the equipotential bonding system if this exists over the whole area in which the intrinsically safe circuits are installed. In intrinsically safe circuits, the earthing terminals of safety barriers without galvanic isolation (for example Zener barriers) shall be:

- 1) connected to the equipotential bonding system by the shortest practicable route, or
- 2) for TN-S systems only, connected to a high-integrity earth point in such a way as to ensure that the impedance from the point of connection to the main power system earth point is less than 1 Ω. This may be achieved by connection to a switch-room earth bar or by the use of separate earth rods.







Fault Finding

You may



Work live

- Short-circuit wiring on one loop at a time
- Open-circuit wiring on one loop
 Use screens as temporary returns

Claim "Simple Apparatus"for: -wire links as switches -resistors as loads

Perform measurements through interfaces



- Use correct tools (eg properly sized to avoid damage to enclosures)
- Use Certified (if complex) test equipment

Use barriers for measurements with uncertified equipment

Abide by site working rules (eg Permit to Work systems)





- Compromise safety of the loop by: -bridging the interface -interconnecting separate loops -incorrect substitution of interfaces
 - invading IS circuits with unrestricted power
- Interfere with the process without authorisation







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