

**2018 18th Edition (BLUE BOOK)**

You already have protection against **short circuit and overcurrent** (MCB)

You should have protection against **earth fault current** (RCCB)

Yes, these devices protect you against fire ... (Hager 63 Amp 30mA RCD (RCCB) Double Pole)

Or you even have protection against **short circuit, overcurrent and earth fault current** (RCBO)


Eaton's New **AFDD+** Extended protection


- Only trips affected circuit
- LED and tripping indicator show status and tripping reason
- Adds convenience and peace of mind for end users
- Saves time when tracing faults


Arc faults (AFDD)  
 + Short circuits and overcurrents (MCB)  
 + Earth fault currents (RCCB)


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**Part 4 – Protection for Safety**

**Methods of reducing the likelihood of electric shock**

1. Limit the **current flow to a person**
2. Limit the **current flow through a person**
3. Limit the **duration of the shock**

### Part 4 – Protection for Safety

#### 1. Limit the current flow to a person (Basic Protection)

- Insulation (416)
- Class II equipment (412)
- Barriers and enclosures (416.2)
- Non-conducting Location (418.1)  
restricted to trained personnel
- Obstacles and Placing Out Of Reach (417)
- Electrical Separation (413, 418.3)

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#### 2. Limit the current flow through a person

##### (Basic & Fault Protection)

- SELV (414)
- PELV (414)
- FELV (**411.7**)
- RLV (411.8)
- PROTECTIVE BONDING (415.2)
- EARTH FREE - PROTECTIVE 'EARTH' BONDING ZONE (418.2)  
“...intended to prevent the appearance of a dangerous touch voltage”

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#### 3. Limit the duration of the shock

##### (Fault Protection)

- AUTOMATIC DISCONNECTION OF SUPPLY  
(RCD, OPD not shock protection) (411)
- RCD IN TT SYSTEMS (411.5)

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#### **Certain conditions apply for Automatic Protection (ADS) 411.4.4**

1. Under fault conditions the supply must be disconnected from a circuit within the time stated - Table 41.1
2. Have an Earth Fault Loop Impedance below or equal to  $U_0/I_a$  - Tables 41.2 and 41.3
- 3. This has changed to... $U_0 \times C_{min} / I_a$**

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**From the BS7671 DPC 17th Edition Amendment 3**

**NOTE 1:** The circuit loop impedances given in the table should not be exceeded when:  
 (i) the line conductors are at their normal the appropriate maximum permitted operating temperature, as given in Table 52.1, and  
 (ii) the circuit protective conductors are at the appropriate assumed initial temperature, as given in Tables 54.2 to 54.5.  
 If the conductors are at a different temperature when tested, the reading should be adjusted accordingly. See Appendix 14.

**NOTE 2:** The circuit loop impedances have been determined using a value for factor  $C_{min}$  of 0.95.

$$Z_s \leq \frac{U_0}{I_a} \quad \rightarrow \quad Z_s \times I_a \leq U_0 \times C_{min}$$

**Adjusts for a lower European supply voltage 230V-220V**  
**Changes in supply voltages at sub-station transformers**

### 411 - Shock Protection

**Automatic disconnection under fault conditions**  
**Instantaneous disconnection assumes 5 x In for**  
**a type 'B' MCB**

**Zs Maximum = Uo (218.5V) / 5 x In**

**Assumed touch voltage (right hand side of Table 41.3)**

Type	Amd 2	Amd 3	Time(s)	Zs
B	46/In	43.7/In	0.1 - 5	Max
C	23/In	21.9/In	0.1 - 5	Max
D	11.5/In	10.9/In	0.1 - 3	Max
D	N/A	21.9/In	5	Max

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**The functioning of the symbols with regard to calculating Zs**

**411.4.4** The characteristics of the protective devices (see Regulation 411.4.5) and the circuit impedances shall fulfil the following requirement:

$$Z_s \times I_a \leq U_0 \times C_{min}$$

where:

- $Z_s$  is the impedance in ohms ( $\Omega$ ) of the fault loop comprising:
  - the source
  - the line conductor up to the point of the fault, and
  - the protective conductor between the point of the fault and the source
- $I_a$  is the current in amperes (A) causing the automatic operation of the disconnecting device within the time specified in Regulation 411.3.2.2, or Regulation 411.3.2.3. When an RCD is used this current is the residual operating current providing disconnection in the time specified in Regulation 411.3.2.2, or Regulation 411.3.2.3
- $U_0$  nominal AC rms or ripple-free DC line voltage to Earth
- $C_{min}$  is the minimum voltage factor to take account of voltage variations depending on time and place, changing of transformer taps and other considerations.

**NOTE:** For a low voltage supply given in accordance with the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations,  $C_{min}$  is given the value 0.95.

### Fault and Short Circuit Protection

**Table 41.3 Maximum Zs for 0.1-5 Seconds disconnection**

(a) Type B circuit-breakers to BS EN 60898 and the overcurrent characteristics of RCBOs to BS EN 61009														
Rating (amperes)	3	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	$I_n$
$Z_s$ (ohms)		7.28		2.73		1.75		1.09		0.69		0.44		43.7/In
	14.57		4.37		2.19		1.37		0.87		0.55		0.35	
(b) Type C circuit-breakers to BS EN 60898 and the overcurrent characteristics of RCBOs to BS EN 61009														
Rating (amperes)	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	$I_n$	
$Z_s$ (ohms)	3.64		1.37		0.87		0.55		0.35		0.22		0.17	21.9/In
		2.19		1.09		0.68		0.44		0.27		0.17		
(c) Type D circuit-breakers to BS EN 60898 and the overcurrent characteristics of RCBOs to BS EN 61009														
Rating (amperes)	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	$I_n$	
$Z_s$ (ohms)	1.82		0.68		0.44		0.27		0.17		0.11		0.09	10.9/In
<b>0.4 seconds</b>		1.09		0.55		0.34		0.22		0.14		0.09		
$Z_s$ (ohms)	3.64		1.37		0.87		0.55		0.35		0.22		0.17	21.9/In
<b>5 seconds</b>		2.19		1.09		0.68		0.44		0.27		0.17		

**For the above devices :**

Type B	Type C	Type D	Type D
43.7/In	21.9/In	10.9/In	21.9/In

**Part 4 – Protection for Safety**  
 TABLE 41.3 –  
 Maximum earth fault loop impedance ( $Z_s$ ) for circuit-breakers with  $U_0$  of 230 V, for operation giving compliance with the 0.4 s disconnection time of Regulation 411.3.2.2 and 5 s disconnection time of Regulation 411.3.2.3 (for RCBOs see also Regulation 411.4.204)

(a) Type B circuit-breakers to BS EN 60898 and the overcurrent characteristics of RCBOs to BS EN 61009-1														
Rating (amperes)	3	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	$I_n$
$Z_s$ (ohms)	14.57	7.28	4.37	2.73	2.19	1.75	1.37	1.09	0.87	0.69	0.55	0.44	0.35	230 x 0.95/(5I <sub>n</sub> )
(b) Type C circuit-breakers to BS EN 60898 and the overcurrent characteristics of RCBOs to BS EN 61009-1														
Rating (amperes)	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	$I_n$	
$Z_s$ (ohms)	3.64	2.19	1.37	1.09	0.87	0.68	0.55	0.44	0.35	0.27	0.22	0.17	230 x 0.95/(10I <sub>n</sub> )	
(c) Type D circuit-breakers to BS EN 60898 and the overcurrent characteristics of RCBOs to BS EN 61009-1														
Rating (amperes)	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	80	100	125	$I_n$	
$Z_s$ (ohms) 0.4 sec	1.82	1.09	0.68	0.55	0.44	0.34	0.27	0.22	0.17	0.14	0.11	0.09	230 x 0.95/(20I <sub>n</sub> )	
$Z_s$ (ohms) 5 secs	3.64	2.19	1.37	1.09	0.87	0.68	0.55	0.44	0.35	0.27	0.22	0.17	230 x 0.95/(10I <sub>n</sub> )	

**NOTE 1:** The circuit loop impedances have been determined using a value for factor  $C_{min}$  of 0.95.

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**Maximum  $Z_s$  for Fuses to BS 88-2, BS 88-3, BS 3036 & BS 1362**

TABLE 41.2 –  
 Maximum earth fault loop impedance ( $Z_s$ ) for fuses, for 0.4 s disconnection time with  $U_0$  of 230 V (see Regulation 411.4.201)

(a) General purpose (gG) and motor circuit application (gM) fuses to BS 88-2 – fuse systems E (bolted) and G (clip-in)												
Rating (amperes)	2	4	6	10	16	20	25	32	40	50	63	
$Z_s$ (ohms)	33.1	15.6	7.80	4.65	2.43	1.68	1.29	0.99	0.75	0.57	0.44	
(b) Fuses to BS 88-3 fuse system C												
Rating (amperes)	5	16	20	32	45	63						
$Z_s$ (ohms)	9.93	2.30	1.93	0.91	0.57	0.36						
(c) Fuses to BS 3036												
Rating (amperes)	5	15	20	30	45	60						
$Z_s$ (ohms)	9.10	2.43	1.68	1.04	0.56	0.40						
(d) Fuses to BS 1362												
Rating (amperes)	3	13										
$Z_s$ (ohms)	15.6	2.30										

**NOTE 1:** The circuit loop impedances have been determined using a value for factor  $C_{min}$  of 0.95.

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**412. Protection by Double or Reinforced Insulation**

**412** PROTECTIVE MEASURE: DOUBLE OR REINFORCED INSULATION

**412.2** Requirements for basic protection and fault protection

**412.2.1.1** Electrical equipment shall be of the following types, type-tested and marked to the relevant standards:

- (i) Electrical equipment having double or reinforced insulation (Class II equipment)
- (ii) Electrical equipment declared in the relevant product standard as equivalent to Class II, such as assemblies of electrical equipment having total insulation (see BS EN 601439-1).

**NOTE:** This equipment is identified by the symbol . Refer to BS EN 60417: Class II equipment.

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**414 Protection through Extra Low Voltages**

**414** PROTECTIVE MEASURE: EXTRA-LOW VOLTAGE PROVIDED BY SELV OR PELV

**414.2** Requirements for basic protection and fault protection

~~Both~~ basic protection and fault protection ~~are~~ deemed to be provided where:

- (i) the nominal voltage cannot exceed the upper limit of voltage Band I, and
- (ii) the supply is from one of the sources listed in Regulation 414.3, and
- (iii) the conditions of Regulation 414.4 are fulfilled.

**NOTE 1:** If the system is ...

**Band 1 voltages: <50Vac, 120Vdc**

**Band 2 Voltages: >50Vac < 1000Vac, >120Vdc < 1500Vdc**

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#### Chapter 41 - Protection against Electric Shock



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Fault Protection  
(Indirect Contact)



### Part 4 – Protection for Safety

#### 416 - 417 Basic Protection (Direct Contact) Basic Insulation of Live Parts (416.1)



Barriers or Enclosures (416.2)



Obstacles(417.2),Placing out of Reach (417.3)



Class II Equipment (412)



### Part 4 – Protection for Safety

418 Basic Protection where supervised by a skilled or instructed person

Non-conducting Location (418.1)  
(no earth contact at sockets)

Earth Free Local Equipotential Bonding (418.2)  
(Faraday's Cage)

Electrical separation from more than one item of electrical equipment (418.3)  
e.g., common neutrals in IT systems