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where unskilled persons have access to their use -  
Distribution boards CONSOLIDATED TEXT

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The text of the draft was approved by CENELEC as EN 60439-3 on 10 December 1990.

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COMMON MODIFICATIONS

7.6.1 Replace the text by:

Fuses for outgoing circuits shall comply with the general requirements of IEC 269-3 or with a relevant National Standard where it is an established practice for such use.

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### A-deviations

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Clause No.	A Deviation
	<p><b>United Kingdom</b></p> <p>The Electricity Supply Regulations 1988 (S.I 1988 No. 1057) require electricity suppliers to state the maximum prospective short circuit current at the supply terminals. This information is given in Electricity Association publication P25. To meet this condition the following requirements are to be incorporated:</p> <p>Additional Definition:</p> <p><b>Customer Distribution Board :</b> An integrated assembly, for the control and distribution of electrical energy, principally in a household or similar premise, incorporating manual means of double-pole isolation on the incoming circuit(s), with polarity observed throughout. They are designed for use exclusively with specific protective devices on the outgoing circuits, and type-tested for use when energized through the specified 100 amp fuse. Note: Generally known in the UK as a Consumer Unit.</p>
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8.2	<p><b>Additional Test</b></p> <p><b>8.2.3 Verification of the Assembly Capability to withstand a 16 kA fault</b> The following test is applied to customer distribution boards as covered by the definition in Clause 2.1.11.</p> <p><b>8.2.3.1 Test arrangements.</b> The Customer Distribution Board shall be set up as in normal use. It will be sufficient to test a single functional use if the remaining functional units are constructed in the same way and cannot affect the test result.</p>

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	<p>8.2.3.2 <u>Short-circuit test procedure.</u> The following test procedure is intended to verify the performance of the incoming device and its connections, and any other item in the Consumer Distribution Board not separately rated in excess of 16 kA, when the complete Customer Distribution Board is protected by a fuse-link complying with BS 1361 :1971. This type test shall be deemed to cover the use of any other short-circuit protective device having a Joule integral (<math>I^2t</math>) and cut-off current not exceeding the values given in item (b) below, at the rated voltage, prospective current and power factor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It shall be verified that the representative samples of the final circuit protective devices used for the test comply with tables 101 and 102 where applicable</li> <li>b) The reference fuse shall be a 100 A fuse-link complying with type II of BS 1361 : 1971. Details of the fuse-links used for the test, i.e. manufacturer's name, reference, rated current, rated voltage and pre-arcing <math>I^2t</math>, shall be given in the test report</li> <li>c) The final circuit protective device shall be mounted as in service in the manufacturer's smallest recommended enclosure complying with Part 13 of BS 5486 (metal if offered in the catalogue). The connection on the load side of the protective device under test shall be in accordance with table 103 and <math>0.6 \pm 0.05</math> m in length.</li> <li>d) The test circuit shall be connected as shown in figure 101. The relative positions of the closing switch, inductive reactor and resistor are not obligatory, but the resistor shall be in series with the master circuit-breaker.</li> <li>e) The impedance used for limiting the prospective short-circuit fault current to the required value shall be inserted on the supply side of the circuit. Resistors shall be connected between line and neutral, after the impedances for adjusting the prospective current, so as to draw current of 10 A per phase at rated voltage from the supply. If an air-cored inductor is used, a resistor taking approximately 1% of the current through the inductor shall be connected in parallel with it. A lower value of shunt current may be used with the consent of the manufacturer</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="346 1380 1421 1807"> <caption>Table 101:- Requirements for final circuit protective devices: Miniature Circuit Breakers complying with BS 3871 Part 1</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Circuit Breaker Type</th> <th>Time h</th> <th>Test Current Rated Current</th> <th>Result</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1,2,3,4,</td> <td>2</td> <td>1.0</td> <td>No Trip</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1.5 (rating &lt;10A) 1.35 (rating &gt;10A)</td> <td>Trip Trip</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.C.D</td> <td>1</td> <td>1.13</td> <td>No Trip</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>1*</td> <td>1.45</td> <td>Trip</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Notes:- Test to be conducted at specified reference ambient temperature.</p> <p>* This test shall commence within 5 seconds of the end of the test at 1.13 In.</p>	Circuit Breaker Type	Time h	Test Current Rated Current	Result	1,2,3,4,	2	1.0	No Trip		1	1.5 (rating <10A) 1.35 (rating >10A)	Trip Trip	B.C.D	1	1.13	No Trip		1*	1.45	Trip
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8.2.3.3 Circuit conditions. The applied voltage shall be not less than 100% and not more than 110% of the rated single phase voltage of the final circuit protective device. The recovery voltage measured two cycles after operation shall be not less than 95% nor more than 105% of the rated single phase voltage of the final circuit protective device, and shall be maintained for at least 30 s after the interruption of the short-circuit current. The higher limit of 105% may be exceeded with the consent of the manufacturer.

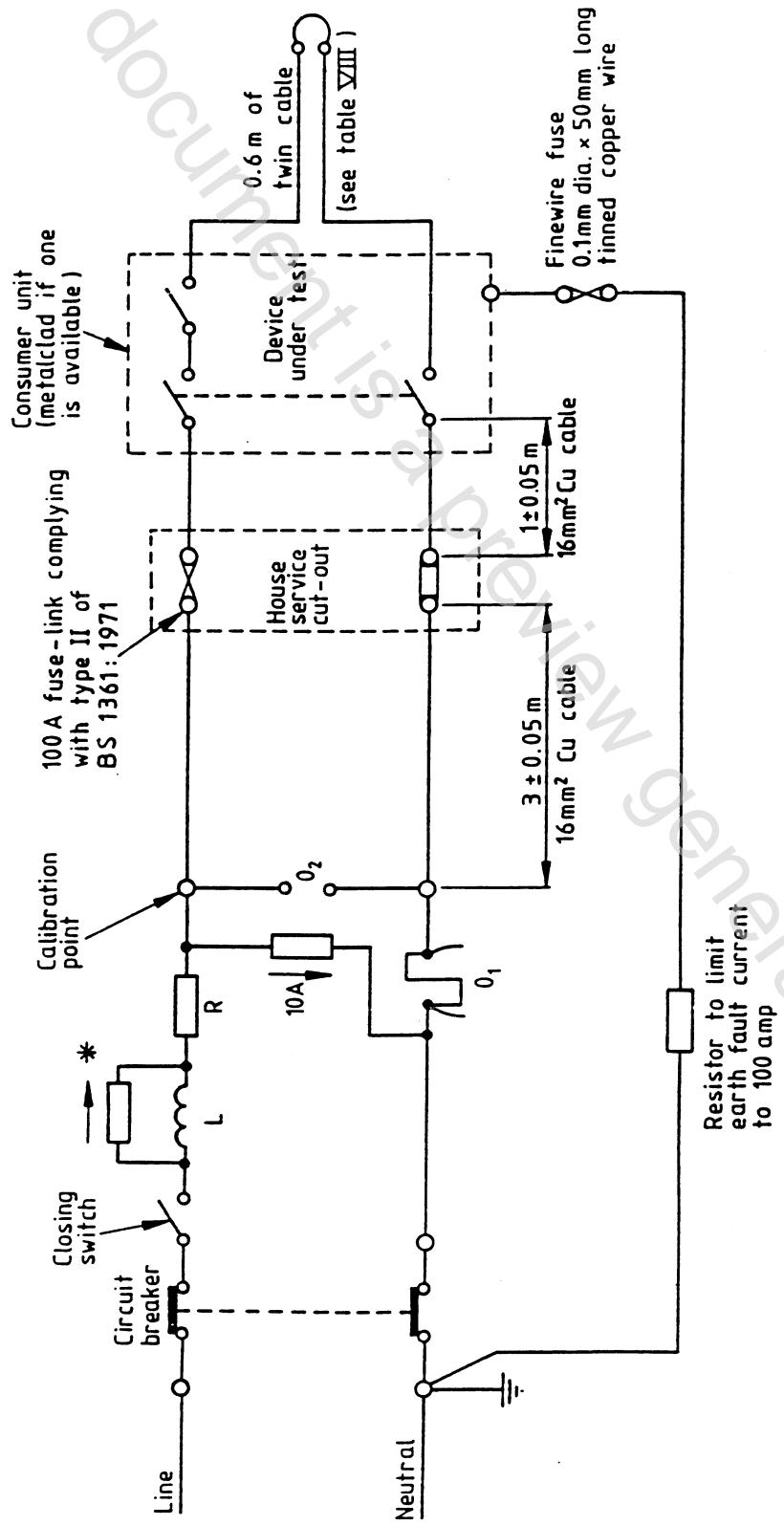
The value of the prospective short-circuit current shall be 16 kA - 0% at a power factor of  $0.6 \pm 0.05$  determined from a calibration oscillogram taken with a link of negligible impedance positioned as shown in figure 101. All parts of the equipment normally earthed in service, including its enclosure, shall be insulated from earth, but shall be connected to the neutral of the supply or to a substantially inductive artificial neutral, permitting a prospective fault current of at least 100 A. This connection shall include a reliable device, such as a fuse consisting of a copper wire of 0.1 mm diameter and not less than 50 mm in length, for the detection of the fault current and, if necessary a resistor to limit the value of the prospective fault current to approximately 100 A.

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	<p>8.2.3.4 <u>Test sequence</u>. The Customer Distribution Board shall be subject to the following two tests A and B with the outgoing way fitted with a final circuit protective device of the maximum thermal current rating.</p> <p>If the final circuit protective devices have a short-circuit rating less than 16 kA, two further tests A and B shall be carried out with a device of the minimum thermal rating fitted. In addition, if the Customer Distribution Board is designed to accept different types or ranges of outgoing devices, each type shall be further tested separately.</p> <p>The two tests are as follows:</p> <p>a) <u>Test A</u>. With the circuit connected as described above, with all fuses in place and all circuit-breakers closed, the test voltage is applied with the point-on-wave controlled to provide initiation of the fault at between 00 and 200 (electrical) on the rising voltage.</p> <p>b) <u>Test B</u>. A further short-circuit operation shall be applied after suitable preparation as indicated in table dependent on which of the alternative results of test A is achieved. If circuit-breakers are included in the Customer Distribution Board, the test shall be applied by reclosing a circuit-breaker with the test circuit energized. If fuses are used, the test shall be as in Test A.</p> <p>During the tests cheesecloth shall be placed on the outside of the enclosure at all openings, e.g. arc vents and handles. There shall be no ignition of the cheesecloth.</p> <p>The cheesecloth shall be clean and dry bleached plain cotton of approximately 30 g to 40 g per square metre. When placed into position the cheesecloth shall be folded loosely in such a manner that cut and torn edges will not be exposed directly to the arc or flash. Ignition of the cheesecloth is considered to have occurred when a flame is visible. Smouldering is not considered to be evidence of ignition. The cheesecloth may be changed following each test B. Details of the <math>I^2t</math> let through by the combination of devices during the test shall be given in the test report. A new Customer Distribution Board of the same design may be used for each of the two test sequences.</p>

Table 104. Preparation for test B

		Result of test A		
Reference fuse complying with BS 1361		Intact	Blown	
Protective device		Operated		Not operated
Final circuit preparation for test B	MCB complying with BS 3871 or RCCB complying with BS 4293	Nil	Replace reference fuse	Replace reference fuse, open circuit breaker
	Fuse complying with BS 3036	Rewire test fuse	Replace reference fuse. Rewire test fuse	Replace reference fuse
	Fuse complying with BS 1361	Replace test fuse	—	—

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	<p>8.2.3.5 <u>Conditions after test.</u> Where the incoming switch is a protective device, e.g. miniature circuit-breaker (rccb), the test report shall state which of the protective devices operated during the test, i.e. the incoming and/or outgoing devices. The earth fault indicating device shall be intact and the degree of protection of the enclosure shall not be impaired. The insulation resistance (a) shall be measured within 3 min of the conclusion of the series of tests. The insulation resistance for (b) and (c) shall be measured as soon as practical after measurement of (a), the times of measurement of (b) and (c) being recorded in the test report. The values shall be measured at 500 V d.c. and shall not be less than the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) 0.10 MΩ between the final circuit protective device incoming terminal and the corresponding outgoing terminal, with the isolating device open and with the blown fuse in position or the mcb opened, whichever is applicable.</li><li>b) 0.25 MΩ between the final circuit protective device terminals and earth, with the final circuit fuse rewired, the final circuit cartridge fuse replaced, or the mcb reclosed, whichever is applicable, and with the incoming isolating device open.</li><li>c) 0.25 MΩ between the final circuit protective device incoming terminals and any other metal parts which are unearthed and exposed in service.</li></ul> <p>The condition of the incoming isolating device shall comply with its produce specification with regard to isolating properties. The conductors shall not be deformed such that the clearance and creepage distances specified in 7.1.2 are impaired. There shall be no loosening of parts used for the connection of the conductors.</p> <p>Where an rccb is included in the Customer Distribution Board its operation shall be checked. With the rccb fully closed and connected to a supply at 0.85 times rated voltage <math>\pm</math> 5% the test device shall be operated. The rccb shall open.</p>



\* Regulator to take approximately 1 % of the current through the inductor.  
NOTE.  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  are oscillograph connections.

Figure 101. Test circuit to prove coordination of characteristics



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Annex ZA (see corrigendum April 1994)

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Annexe ZA (voir corrigendum avril 1994)

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### LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

#### Part 3: Particular requirements for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies intended to be installed in places where unskilled persons have access for their use – Distribution boards

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Distribution boards shall comply with all requirements of IEC 60439-1 (1999): *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies, Part 1: Type-tested and partially type-tested assemblies*, if not otherwise indicated hereinafter and shall also comply with the particular requirements contained in this publication.

The clauses of this standard supplement, modify or replace clauses in IEC 60439-1 (1999).

Lorsque cette norme ne comporte pas d'article ou de paragraphe correspondant, l'article ou le paragraphe de la norme principale s'applique sans modification.

Afin que la présente publication puisse être lue conjointement avec la CEI 60439-1, la numérotation de ses articles et paragraphes correspond à cette publication.

Les publications suivantes de la CEI sont citées dans la présente norme:

CEI 60269-3:1987, *Fusibles basse tension – Troisième partie: Règles supplémentaires pour les fusibles destinés à être utilisés par des personnes non qualifiées (fusibles pour usages essentiellement domestiques et analogues)*

CEI 60529:1989, *Degrés de protection procurés par les enveloppes (Code IP)*

CEI 60695-2-1:1980, *Essais relatifs aux risques du feu – Deuxième partie: Méthodes d'essai – Essai au fil incandescent et guide*

*Autre publication citée:*

ISO 4046:1978, *Papier, carton, pâtes et termes connexes – Vocabulaire*

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The following IEC publications are quoted in this standard:

IEC 60269-3:1987, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons (fuses mainly for household and similar applications)*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 69695-2-1:1980, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2: Test methods – Glow-wire test and guidance*

*Other publication quoted:*

ISO 4046:1978, *Paper, board, pulp and related terms – Vocabulary*

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## ENSEMBLES D'APPAREILLAGE À BASSE TENSION –

### Partie 3: Règles particulières pour ensembles d'appareillage BT destinés à être installés en des lieux accessibles à des personnes non qualifiées pendant leur utilisation – Tableaux de répartition

## 1 Généralités

### 1.1 Domaine d'application

*Remplacer la deuxième note par:*

Cette norme donne des prescriptions supplémentaires pour les tableaux de répartition (TRN) sous enveloppe lorsque ce sont des ensembles de série (ES) fixes comportant des dispositifs de protection et qu'ils sont destinés à être utilisés à l'intérieur, soit dans les applications domestiques soit en d'autres lieux où des personnes non qualifiées ont accès pendant leur utilisation. Des dispositifs de commande et/ou de signalisation peuvent également être inclus. Ils sont destinés à être utilisés en courant alternatif, sous une tension nominale phase/terre ne dépassant pas 300 V. Les circuits de départ comportent des dispositifs de protection contre les courts-circuits ayant chacun un courant assigné ne dépassant pas 125 A avec un courant total à l'arrivée ne dépassant pas 250 A.

NOTE La tension nominale phase/terre dans un schéma IT est considérée comme la tension nominale de ce schéma.

Les personnes non qualifiées ont normalement accès à ces ensembles, par exemple pour des opérations de manœuvre et de remplacement des fusibles.

## 2 Définitions

### 2.1 Définitions générales

#### 2.1.1.2 Ensemble dérivé de série (EDS)

Ne s'applique pas.

#### 2.1.9 Conditions d'essai

Ne s'applique pas.

#### 2.1.12 Tableau de répartition

Ensemble comportant des dispositifs de manœuvre ou de protection (par exemple des fusibles ou de petits disjoncteurs) associés à un ou plusieurs circuits de départ alimentés par un ou plusieurs circuits d'arrivée, ainsi que des bornes pour les conducteurs neutre et du circuit de protection. Il peut aussi comporter des dispositifs de signalisation et d'autres dispositifs de commande. Des dispositifs de sectionnement peuvent être compris dans le tableau ou peuvent être fournis séparément.

## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR ASSEMBLIES –

### Part 3: Particular requirements for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies intended to be installed in places where unskilled persons have access for their use – Distribution boards

## 1 General

### 1.1 Scope

*Replace the second note by:*

This standard gives supplementary requirements for such enclosed distribution boards (DBU), which are stationary, type tested assemblies (TTA) for indoor use, containing protective devices and intended for use either in domestic (household) applications or in other places where unskilled persons have access for their use. Control and/or signalling devices may also be included. They are for use on a.c., with a nominal voltage to earth not exceeding 300 V. The outgoing circuits contain short-circuit protective devices, each having a rated current not exceeding 125 A with a total incoming load current not exceeding 250 A.

NOTE The nominal voltage to earth in an IT system is taken as the nominal voltage of the system.

Unskilled persons normally have access to these assemblies, e.g. for switching operations and for replacing fuse-links.

## 2 Definitions

### 2.1 General definitions

#### 2.1.1.2 Partially type tested assembly (PTTA)

Not applicable.

#### 2.1.9 Test situation

Not applicable.

#### 2.1.12 Distribution board

An assembly containing switching or protective devices (e.g. fuses or miniature circuit-breakers) associated with one or more outgoing circuits fed from one or more incoming circuits, together with terminals for the neutral and protective circuit conductors. It may also include signalling and other control devices. Means of isolation may be included in the board or may be provided separately.