CONTINUITY METHOD 2 ON A PERIODIC YOU CAN'T SWITCH OFF

THE CLIENT SAYS THE POWER STAYS ON. CAN YOU STILL TEST THE CPCS?

On a periodic, the client may say the power can’t go off — a perfectly reasonable limitation, and one you write down. Method 1 needs the circuit dead. Method 2 doesn’t.

- **Don’t disconnect** any protective or bonding conductor on a live installation. Clip the long lead to the **MET** instead.
- Touch the other lead on each **exposed-conductive-part**: metal switch plates, metal-clad sockets, luminaire casings.

> ✋ **The reading includes parallel paths** when nothing is disconnected. It proves there is an earth path to each accessory; it doesn’t prove that circuit’s own CPC alone.

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