EXTENT AND LIMITATIONS

WHEN DO YOU AGREE THE LIMITATIONS?

Agreed with the client, in writing, **before work starts**. It records what is being inspected and what is not.

	WHAT IT MEANS	EXAMPLE
Extent	How much of the installation is covered	The whole installation, or named circuits only
Limitations	What cannot or will not be inspected, and why	Cables concealed in walls, in conduit or under floors

It goes in the **extent and limitations** section of the report. If the space is not enough, use a continuation sheet and reference it rather than writing microscopically. **Guidance Note 3** · Section 5 · pp.156–157 carries a worked example.

> `If you agreed three circuits, inspect three circuits. Going beyond the agreement is as much a problem as falling short of it`

Common limitations.
Cables concealed within the building fabric, in trunking or in conduit, not inspected. You are not chasing holes in someone's wall to look at a cable — but it must be recorded as a limitation, not left unsaid.

✋ **If the limitations change on site** — something beyond your control stops you doing what was agreed — record it under operational limitations, with the reason, on an attached sheet, and renegotiate.

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