SAD COWSE — WHAT THE INSPECTION LOOKS FOR

WHAT DOES SAD COWSE STAND FOR?

The detailed inspection is a **visual** exercise, and the acronym is the memory hook for it. **Guidance Note 3** · Section 3 lists the same things in full; highlight that list and tab the page.

		LOOKING FOR
S	Safety	Anything presenting a risk of shock, burn or fire
A	Ageing	Material degradation with time — brittle insulation, perished rubber
D	Damage	Impact, rodents, work by other trades, water
C	Corrosion	Rust, verdigris, armour left out of a gland
O	Overloading	Signs of heat, discolouration, circuits carrying more than intended
W	Wear and tear	Worn accessories, loose fixings, cracked faceplates
S E	Suitability & External influences	Right equipment for the environment it is in

Corrosion arrives quickly.

Armour pulled out of a gland on an outdoor SWA will show corrosion within weeks in a normal British autumn — faster if it is wet.

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