THE RCD TEST BUTTON: PRESS IT FIRST

PRESS THE TEST BUTTON FIRST, OR NOT?

Guidance Note 3 · 2.6.18 · p.95 . The book has you press the RCD's own test button **before** you use the test instrument — and the earth fault loop impedance is tested **before** the RCD tests.

Practice on site:
press it **before** you test, carry out the RCD tests, then press it **again afterwards** to confirm the device is still functioning. Twice.

✋ **If the button does not trip it, stop.** The device has failed and is replaced — there is no point carrying on with the RCD tests. Testing manually rather than on auto lets you run half times and one times without the optional five times test.

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