YOUR INSTRUMENTS HAVE TO BE MADE TO A STANDARD

IS CHEAP TEST GEAR WORTH THE RISK?

Go to **Guidance Note 3** · Section 4. Your test instrument itself has to be **manufactured to a British Standard**, and the section gives two of them — both concerned with **protecting you from electric shock** while you test.

> **Check the numbers against your own copy.**
> The two standards are given in Section 4 — read them off and highlight them. One covers the instrument, the other covers equipment for testing in low-voltage distribution systems.

The **"series"** wording there makes sense against something you already know: a circuit breaker is to **BS EN 60898-1**, and a different type in the same family would be **-2**. A series is just a standard with parts under it.

> ✋ **Counterfeit test gear is a real market.** Not just the obvious marketplaces — there are badly made testers out there that are genuinely unsafe. Buy direct from the manufacturer, or from a reputable wholesaler or merchant who buys direct. Buy cheap, buy twice.

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