EICRs and Coding

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- 6 reasons for conducting periodics (or condition reporting):
  - The safety of persons and livestock against the effects of electric shock and burns
  - Protection against damage to property by fire and heat arising from an electrical installation defect
  - Confirmation of the correct rating and setting of protective devices providing adequate protection against electric shock

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- Confirmation of the correct rating and setting of monitoring devices
- Confirmation that the installation is not damaged or deteriorated so as to impair safety
- The identification of installation defects and non-compliances with regards to the requirements of BS 7671, that may give rise to danger.

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INTRODUCTION

- EICR Coding is a regular question on the ECA technical helpline
- Coding is not an exact science – depends on numerous factors
- The inspector is best placed to make the call
- Provide guidance/points to consider
- PRS 2020 – England Only

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It is a good idea for those involved with Inspection and Testing to read this document.

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- A non-bias industry guide
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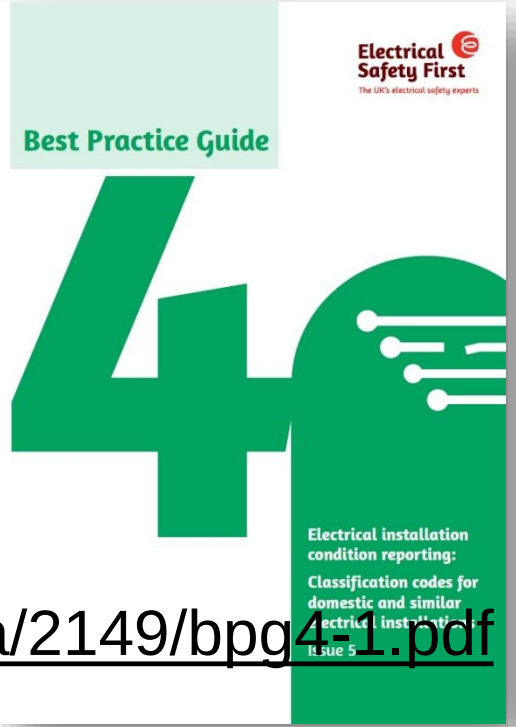

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THE FAULT CODES

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THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

- C1 – Danger Present. Risk of Injury. Immediate remedial action required aka Immediately Dangerous

The item is dangerous as it currently appears – no further actions must occur

A failure of basic protection – thus exposed live parts

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THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

- C2 – Potentially Dangerous – urgent remedial action required

If a fault occurred, it would lead to the installation becoming dangerous.

THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

- C3 – Improvement Recommended

A recommendation for improving the current installation, which does not impair the safety aspects

*Think of the language – swapped the word “dangerous” with “recommended”, so the level/type of fault must also reflect this

THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

- FI – Further Investigation without delay

Not normally required as most items can be sorted into C1,C2,C3

When it is not possible to pinpoint the defect, this code can be used – not to be done lightly as it will lead to the installation being unsatisfactory as a result awarding this code to an item

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WHAT CODE WOULD YOU GIVE IT?

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THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

C1

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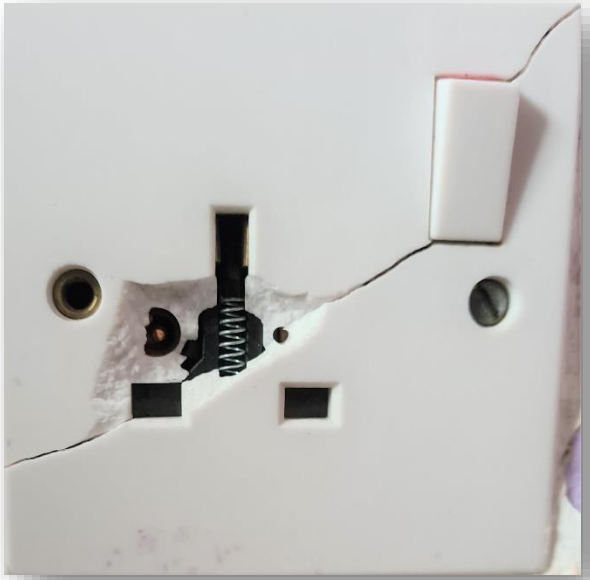

C1

And possibly a couple of

C3's

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THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

C3

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THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

C2

THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

A C1, C2 and a C3 all in one picture!

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THE DIFFERENT FAULT CODES

C2

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THE CONSEQUENCES OF A CODE

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CONSEQUENCES OF A CODE

- Any C1 / C2 / FI codes indicate that the installation is unsatisfactory and requires remedial actions

- C3 codes are recommendations and do not alone cause an installation to be awarded an unsatisfactory result

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CONSEQUENCES OF A CODE

- EICRs are another example of risk-based analysis within the electrical industry
- It is the inspectors judgement of the level of risk posed to the safety for building users, by the electrical defect
- Decisions should not be subjective - Must be able to justify any decision to code an item with reference to a contravention of the Regulations (BS 7671)

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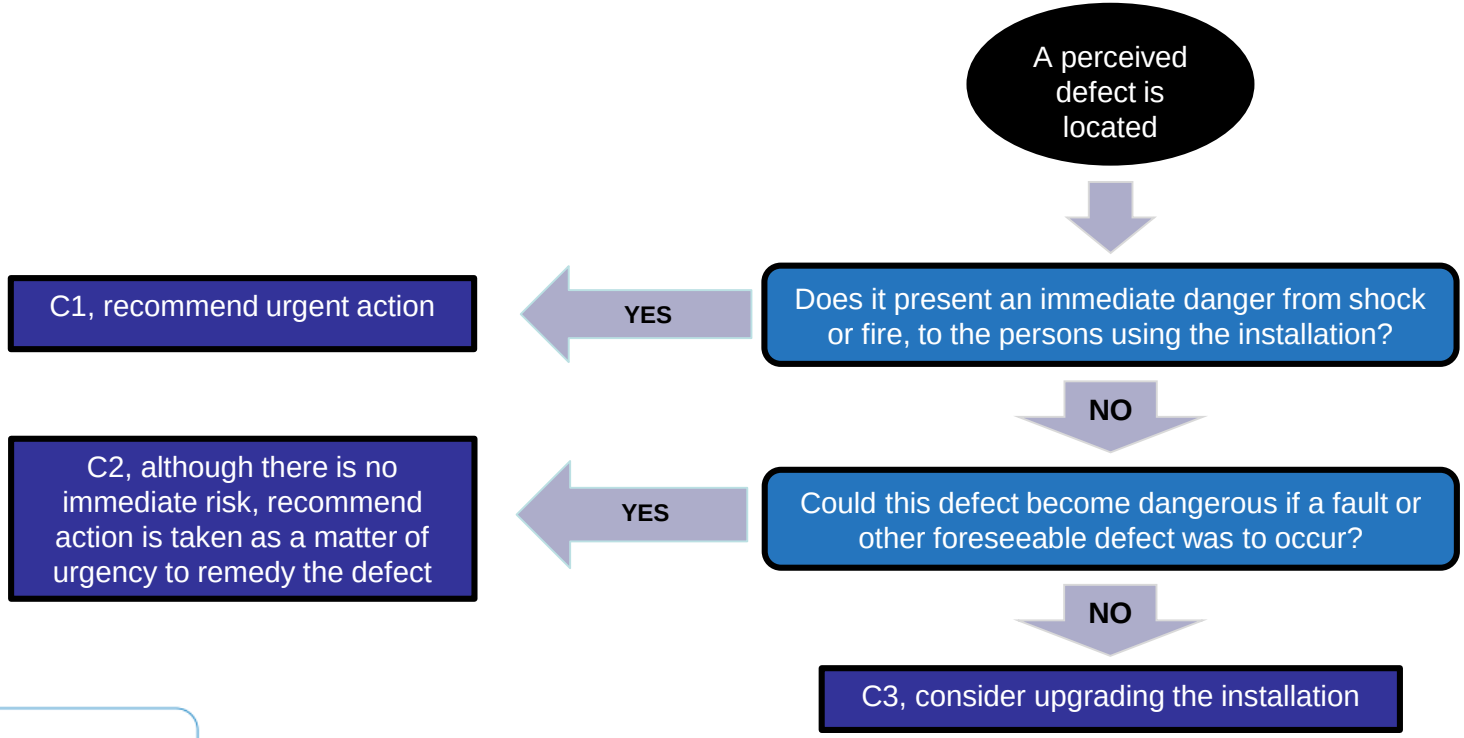
EICR CODING DECISION TREE



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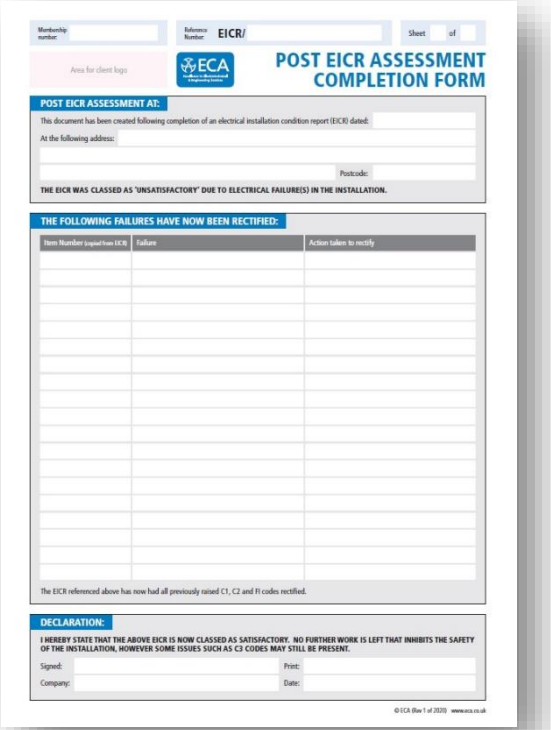
TO FIX OR NOT TO FIX?

- Minor issues – fixed on site
- How to record this information?
- Should not be on the EICRs
- ECA Post-EICR Assessment Completion Form



Membership number

Reference Number: EICR/

Sheet of

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POST EICR ASSESSMENT COMPLETION FORM

POST EICR ASSESSMENT AT:

This document has been created following completion of an electrical installation condition report (EICR) dated:

At the following address:

Postcode:

THE EICR WAS CLASSED AS 'UNSATISFACTORY' DUE TO ELECTRICAL FAILURE(S) IN THE INSTALLATION.

THE FOLLOWING FAILURES HAVE NOW BEEN RECTIFIED:

Item Number (copied from EICR)	Failure	Action taken to rectify

The EICR referenced above has now had all previously raised C1, C2 and FI codes rectified.

DECLARATION:

I HEREBY STATE THAT THE ABOVE EICR IS NOW CLASSED AS SATISFACTORY. NO FURTHER WORK IS LEFT THAT INHIBITS THE SAFETY OF THE INSTALLATION, HOWEVER SOME ISSUES SUCH AS C3 CODES MAY STILL BE PRESENT.

Signed: Print:

Company: Date:

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NON-BS 7671 ITEMS

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NON-BS 7671 ITEMS

- Outside the scope of an EICR as this are specific for checking an installation against BS 7671

- Best practice: To highlight other concerns that an inspector may have, but not to record on the EICR

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INSPECTION OR TESTING?

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INSPECTION OR TESTING?

- Truth is, both are required
- Inspection precedes testing and is a 50:50 partner in the relationship
- Can typically spot majority of defects via Inspection alone – if done properly

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INSPECTION OR TESTING?

- Be clear about the Extent and Limitations as agreed with client/rep
- Competency of inspector and familiarity with the type of installation
- Where feasible do a walk round survey
- Ask for previous documentation

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INSPECTION OR TESTING?

- Covid-19 – Social Distancing
- Reg 4 – Danger
- Reg 29 – Defence
- Advise your client about good record keeping

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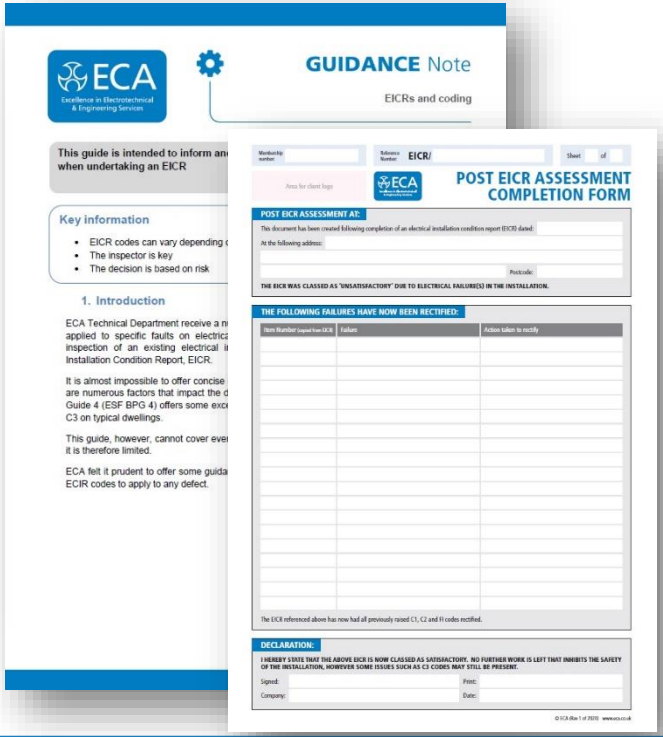
- Guidance Notes
- Technical Bulletins
- Application Guides
- Input on Industry Codes of Practice
- BSI / IET – JPEL Committees



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SUMMARY

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- The inspector is best placed to award a code
- Always have a balanced approach and think of the consequences of awarding a code
- Can a regulation number be attached to the fault, thus removing any bias from the decision
- EICRs are only to be used when checking against BS 7671
- Inspection is just as important as testing, if not more
- Rejuvenated by the new PRS legislation
- We are here to help our members...Just ask !

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QUESTIONS?

Q & A

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