

Step 5. Calculating circuit voltage drop: App 4. (BGB page 304)

Calculating circuit voltage drop:

For a lighting circuit the maximum permitted is 3% of the supply voltage.

(=6.9V for Uo of 230V, and 12V for U of 400V.)

For all other circuits the maximum permitted is 5% of the supply voltage.

(=11.5V for Uo of 230V, and 20V for U of 400V.)

For cables that have 3 figures: r (resistive) x (reactive) z (impedence). Use the z value for mV/A/m

$$\text{Actual voltage drop} = \text{VD} = \frac{\text{length of circuit} \times \text{design current (In)} \times \text{mV/A/m}}{1000}$$

for example, see Table 4D2B for mV/A/m of SY cable

$$\text{VD} = \frac{40 \times 32 \times 2.4}{1000} = 3.072 \text{ V}$$

$$= 0.768 \%$$

Step 6. Shock Protection

Maximum permitted Zs from BS 7671 Table 41.3 (BGB page 56)

Circuit Breakers to BS EN 60898

OCPD (Overcurrent Protective Device) Type and Rating **Type C, Rating 32A**

$$\text{Maximum Zs} = 0.72 \Omega \times 80\% = 0.576 \Omega$$

R1 = resistance of line conductor for a distribution or final circuit (Ω)

R2 = resistance of circuit protective conductor (cpc) for a distribution or final circuit (Ω)

To calculate actual Zs = Ze + (R1 + R2)

Zs = Ze+ (mΩ/m x length x change in temp) therefore **Zs = Ze+ (Ω/m / 1000 x length x change in temp)**

See OSG table I1 (sheet 182) or Ohms Page for Ω/m

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega/m &= 2.3 \\ \text{Max cable temp} &= 70 \\ \text{Temp change from 20deg} &= 50 \\ \text{Degree different} &= 1 + (\text{temp change} \times 0.004) = 1.2 \\ Zs &= 0.35 + (0.110) = 0.460 \Omega \\ 0.460 \Omega &\text{ should be lower than } 0.576 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

Step 7. Thermal constraints.

$$\text{To find actual fault current (If)} = \frac{Uo}{Zs} = \frac{400}{0.460} \text{ V} = 868.8 \text{ amps}$$

The use adiabatic equation to determine minimum CPC size. (BGB page 160)

S = is the normal cross-sectional area of the conductor in mm

I = Fault Current. (amperes) See (If) above

t = Opening time of the protective device. (in seconds) (BGB pages 301-303)

k = Factor taken from Table 54.3 (BGB page 161)

$$\begin{aligned} &868.8 \\ &0.01 \\ &115 \end{aligned}$$

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{(I^2 \times t)}}{k} = ?? \text{ mm} \quad \sqrt{(I^2 \times t)} = 86.881$$

$$S = \frac{\sqrt{(I^2 \times t)}}{k} = 0.76 \text{ mm}$$

so nearest available size = 1.00 mm

If wiring the CPC in single then see Section 543.1.1 BGB (page 160)