



## **Method Statement for the installation of gas bonding and eb125**

In order for an effective and correct installation to take place the following methods of work and specific procedures will be adhered to and carried out as per this method statement. Any deviation from normal installation procedures will be set out on an alternative and site-specific method statement.

This method statement will also be supported by risk assessments. Additional random site audits together with photographic documentation on each project will also be attached where applicable.

Correct PPE will be worn in line with the Clients minimum standards and company procedures section 15.0. Flame-retardant long-sleeved polo shirt, flame retardant cargo trousers & bump caps. Safety boots with appropriate ankle support must be worn when working at height. NOTE: Hard Hat to be worn when working on or under scaffolding/pasma /mast climber /working at height) or where risk assessment highlights the requirement.

Tools & equipment required to complete the task in hand will be checked and calibrated/PAT tested (where applicable) and records to support this will be available. All power tools will be fit for purpose tagged with PAT test/calibration label.

An appointment shall be made, and the engineers will arrive to carry out these works at the appointed time (it may sometimes be subject to re appointment as agreed with the homeowner/resident.

Prior to arrival the engineer or person making the appointment must discuss the issue of Covid-19, asking if any persons within the house is showing symptoms at this time. Engineer to reference the Clients 'house entry procedures/Covid-19 house entry procedures' and Covid-19 RA47 v3.0 at this time.

Upon arrival to the site, a full site induction is to be carried out by the responsible person, relevant site identification will be produced, and it will be required to confirm that an adult/responsible person is available at the property. Should an elderly or vulnerable person be identified, a separate risk assessment will be carried out and the engineer will contact the contractor/client/line manager and seek advice before proceeding with any works.

Engineers' footwear will be clean and stain free. Where possible the use of dust sheets must be laid down from house entry to point of work area, where this is not practicable then the use of 'over-shoes' must be considered and applied to protect the customers property. Should the engineer feel that 'over-shoes' may not be suitable (i.e. a slip hazard), they must STOP and consult with their supervisor before proceeding.

Should consent not be given the engineer will contact the site supervisor and client and await further instructions.

Dust sheets will be set out on where deemed necessary to protect customer property and to maintain a safe working area.

Prior to touching any metallic surface or installation pipework; in line with GD PM MSL1 procedures the engineer will check the status of their LV50 volt stick and a volt stick check will be carried out on the existing installation. Any live pipework will need further investigation by a competent person and to be deemed safe before work begins.

If equipotential bonding requires extending to the new meter position carry out these works as per BS7671 requirements for earthing and bonding. Where operative hold MEB/PEB1 competency then alteration to Main Earth Bonding Terminal external to Fuse Board, may be undertaken. Where alteration to fuse board is needed then competent person shall adhere to the industry standards. Following any of these works a minor works certificate shall be issued in line with BS7671.

Additional guidance and advice has been populated on OWOW EB 186, EB 193.

If unable to carry out equipotential bonding, complete appropriate paperwork, take appropriate steps to pass to customer concerned for all follow up works required. Installation shall be left in a safe

condition and not be left without temporary Earth bond left in situ or the original earth bonding still attached to original meter position.

Notify property owner / occupier of proposed works and alteration to gas main earth Bonding, arrange appointment and notify site manager of works needed.