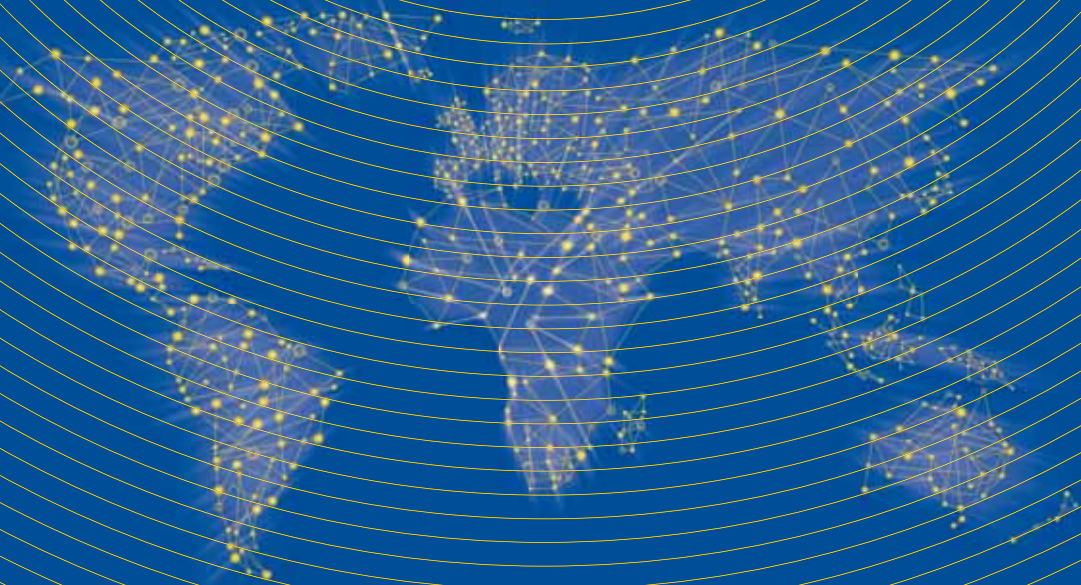


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INTERLOCKED SOCKET-OUTLETS

EN 60309-1 standard specifies that socket-outlets must have a suitable breaking capacity and must withstand, with no excessive wear, the mechanical, electrical and temperature stresses originated during standard operation.

If breaking capacity is too low (usually in higher capacity socket-outlets) or if additional safety is required under specific conditions (as envisaged by CEI 64/8), a suitable interlock device is required.



OPERATOR'S RISKS

When you plug in or unplug a plug into its socket, you run the risk of a direct electrical contact. If the fixed socket-outlet is a ground, you always run the risk of indirect electrical contact. Laboratory experiments made on 16A socket-outlets showed that when the short-circuit current exceeds 4-5kA, the arc can become very dangerous (violent expulsion of gas with explosive phenomenon). There are also risks which could be originated by the environment, such as the risk of fire, for which electrical components must not be a cause of ignition and drag.

RISK PREVENTION

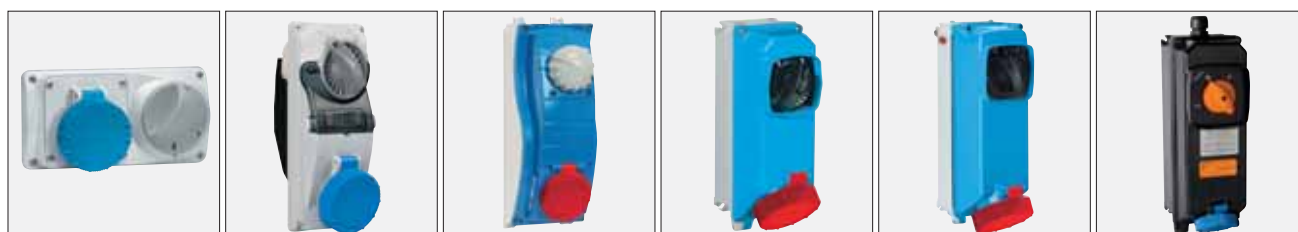
To prevent the risks operator is subject to, socket-outlets must prevent both direct and indirect electrical contacts.

A good method to prevent direct electrical contacts is the interlock device.

INTERLOCK DEVICES

Interlock devices must be connected to a disconnecter switch so as to prevent the plug from being unplugged from the fixed socket-outlet when the contacts are live and, at the same time, to prevent the plug from being plugged in while the disconnecter switch is in closed position.

This lock can be either mechanical or electrical. In case of mechanical lock, switch and socket-outlet must be integral with each other. In case of electrical lock, an auxiliary contact will be fitted on the socket-outlet and operated by plugging in the plug. This contact will operate on switch locking coil, allowing contact closing only with plug duly plugged in.



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