

EE-511 Sensors in medical instrumentation

Chapter 3 – BASIC SAFETY OF ME EQUIPMENT



MEDICAL ELECTRICAL

- 3.1 Safety assurance
- 3.2 MEANS OF PROTECTION (against electric shock)
- 3.3 Leakage current protection
- 3.4 Defibrillation-proof protection

Objectives

understand:

- regulations, medical devices vs. ME EQUIPMENT, standard family 60601
- classification
- MOP, MOPP, MOOP
- ENCLOSURE, touch connection, APPLIED PART, PATIENT CONNECTION
- LEAKAGE CURRENT, AUXILIARY CURRENT
- defibrillator-proof

Section 3.1 – SAFETY ASSURANCE

- 3.1.1 EU regulations
- 3.1.2 Medical device
- 3.1.3 Standards for ME EQUIPMENT
- 3.1.4 Definition/scope of ME EQUIPMENT
- 3.1.5 ~~Definition/scope of ME SYSTEM~~
- 3.1.6 Definition of APPLIED PART
- 3.1.7 Protection against electric shock
- 3.1.8 Protection against ingress of dust and water
- 3.1.9 RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS
- 3.1.10 NORMAL and SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS

3.1.1 EU Regulations

- Manufacturers who wish to place a medical device onto the European market must apply the [CE mark](#) to their device to indicate compliance with the Medical Device Regulations (MDR).
- Compliance with **state-of-the-art standards** is the preferred method of demonstrating compliance with the applicable General Safety and Performance Requirements (GSPR) of the [Medical Devices Regulation \(MDR\) \(EU\) 2017/745](#).
- To find out which harmonized medical standards and version (date of issue) are applicable, visit [eur-lex.europa.eu](#).

3.1.2 Medical device (definition)

- any instrument, software, implant, material, etc. intended by the manufacturer to be used for human beings for:
 - diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, prediction, prognosis, treatment, or alleviation of **disease**
 - diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of, or compensation for, an **injury or disability**
 - investigation, replacement, or modification of the **anatomy** or of a physiological or pathological **process or state**
 - providing information by means of **in vitro examination of specimens** derived from the human body, including organ, blood, and tissue donations

and which does not achieve its principal intended action by pharmacological, immunological, or metabolic means.

3.1.2 Medical device (classification)

- The class of a medical device shall consider its *intended purpose*. There are four classes of medical devices:
 - **class I** (e.g., non-invasive everyday low-risk devices: bandages, walking aids, etc.)
 - **class IIa** (e.g., hearing-aids, catheter, diagnosis/monitoring devices for signals that will not be used to detect an immediate danger to the patient)
 - **class IIb** (e.g., ventilators, ICU equipment, diagnosis/monitoring devices for signals that are used to detect an immediate danger to the patient)
 - **class III** (e.g., high risk devices: heart valves, pacemakers, etc.)

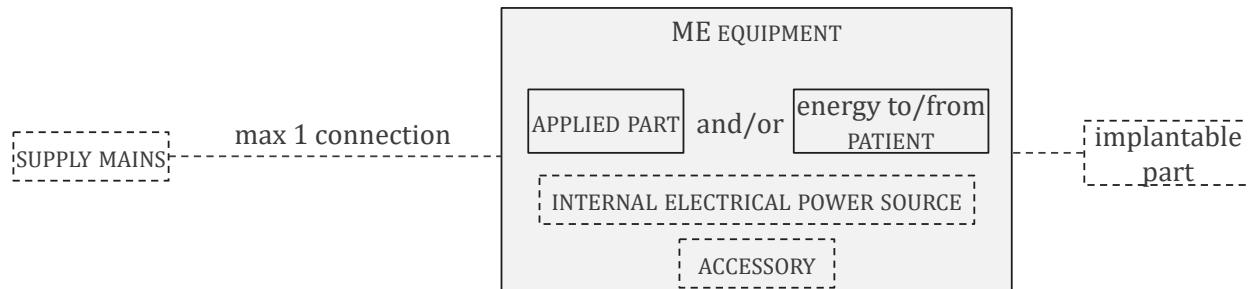
3.1.3 Standards for ME EQUIPMENT (IEC 60601-1)

- **IEC**: International Electrotechnical Commission, **ISO**: International Organization for Standardization, **EN**: European Norm, **UL**: US
- 60601-1: **General requirements** for:
 - **BASIC SAFETY**
 - **ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE**

“Delivery of energy or therapeutic substances, processes and displays of physiological data have an impact on the PATIENT”
- 60601-1-**XX**: **Collateral** standards for ME EQUIPMENT
- 60601/80601-2-**XX**: **Particular** standards for particular types of ME EQUIPMENT

3.1.4 Definition of ME EQUIPMENT

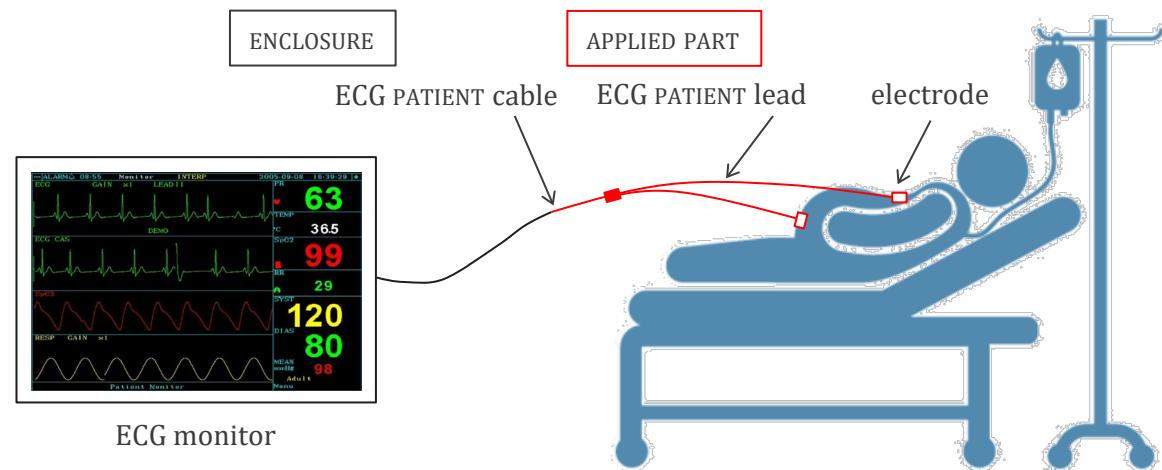
- must contain an **APPLIED PART**, and/or **transfer energy** to/from a PATIENT
- MUST HAVE NO MORE THAN ONE CONNECTION TO SUPPLY MAINS
- MUST BE INTENDED BY ITS MANUFACTURER TO BE USED:
 - in the diagnosis, treatment, and/or monitoring of PATIENT, and/or
 - compensation or alleviation of disease, injury, or disability
- must not include any implantable part (covered by ISO 14708-1)



3.1.6 Definition of APPLIED PART

- parts in contact with PATIENT
(or potentially in contact, or from where a current can flow to/from the PATIENT)

→ stringent requirements (e.g., temperature, LEAKAGE CURRENT)



3.1.7 Protection against electric shock

- ME EQUIPMENT

- CLASS I



- CLASS II

- INTERALLY POWERED ME EQUIPMENT

- APPLIED PART

- TYPE B



- TYPE BF



- TYPE CF



class I, II *ME EQUIPMENT*
must not to be confused with
class I, IIa, IIb, III *medical devices*

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3.1.8 Protection against ingress of dust and water

- IEC 60529
- IP X4, IP 3X

A diagram of a right-angled triangle. The horizontal base is at the bottom, and a vertical height line is drawn from the top vertex to the base, meeting it at a right angle. The triangle is shaded with diagonal lines.

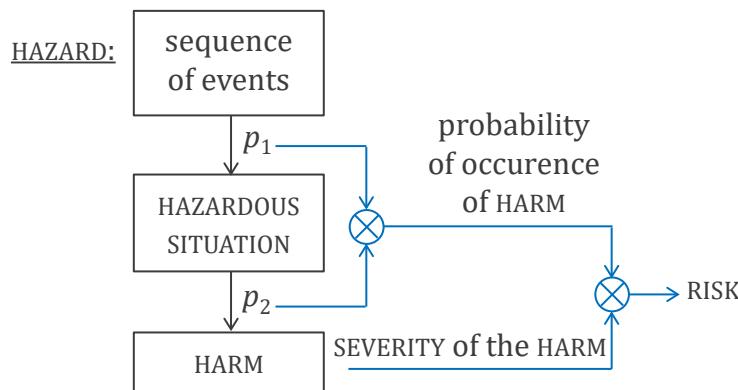
X means:

insufficient data to
claim a given level protection

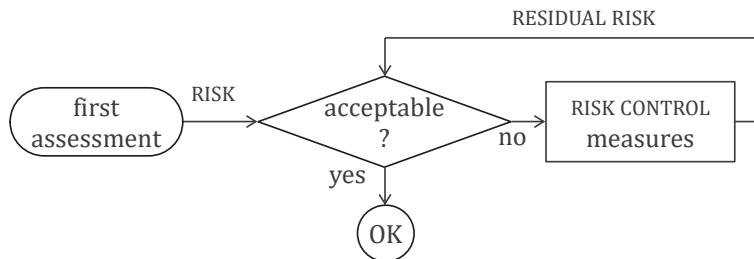
| 1 st numeral - solid foreign objects | | 2 nd numeral - water | |
|---|--|---|---|
| 0 | No protection |  | |
| 1 | Protected against solid foreign objects of 50 mm Ø and greater |  | |
| 2 | Protected against solid foreign objects of 12.5 mm Ø and greater |  | |
| 3 | Protected against solid foreign objects of 2.5 mm Ø and greater |  | |
| 4 | Protected against solid foreign objects of 1.0 mm Ø and greater |  | |
| 5 | Dust-protected |  | |
| 6 | Dust-tight |  | |
| Example: | |  | +  |
| IP 65 | | Protected against water jets Dust-tight | |
| 0 | No protection |  | |
| 1 | Protected against vertically falling water drops |  | Vertically falling drops shall have no harmful effects |
| 2 | Protected against vertically falling water drops when enclosure tilted up to 15° |  | Vertically falling drops shall have no harmful effects when the enclosure is tilted at any angle up to 15° on either side of the vertical |
| 3 | Protected against spraying water |  | Water sprayed at an angle up to 60° on either side of the vertical shall have no harmful effects |
| 4 | Protected against splashing water |  | Water splashed against the enclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effects |
| 5 | Protected against water jets |  | Water projected in jets against the enclosure from any directions shall have no harmful effects |
| 6 | Protected against powerful water jets |  | Water projected in powerful jets against the enclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effects |
| 7 | Protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water |  | Ingress of water in quantities causing harmful effects shall not be possible when the enclosure is temporarily immersed in water under standardized conditions of pressure and time |
| 8 | Protected against the effects of continuous immersion in water |  | Ingress of water in quantities causing harmful effects shall not be possible when the enclosure is continuously immersed in water under conditions which shall be agreed between manufacturer and user but which are more severe than for numeral 7 |
| 9 | Protected against high pressure and temperature water jets |  | Water projected at high pressure and high temperature against the enclosure from any direction shall not have harmful effects |

3.1.9 RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

- ME EQUIPMENT shall be designed and manufactured to be SINGLE FAULT SAFE so that two independent faults have a negligible probability of occurring during the EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE.
- Rating or RISKS:



RISK CONTROL



3.1.10 NORMAL and SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS

- NORMAL CONDITION: “all means to reduce RISK are intact”
- SINGLE FAULT CONDITION:
 - “a single means of reducing a RISK is defective” or
 - “a single abnormal condition exists”

Section 3.2 – MEANS OF PROTECTION (against electric shock)

- 3.2.1 MOP, MOPP, MOOP
- 3.2.2 PATIENT CONNECTION
- 3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY
- 3.2.4 Insulation
- 3.2.5 PROTECTIVE EARTH CONNECTION
- 3.2.6 AIR CLEARANCE and CREEPAGE DISTANCE
- 3.2.7 Component impedance

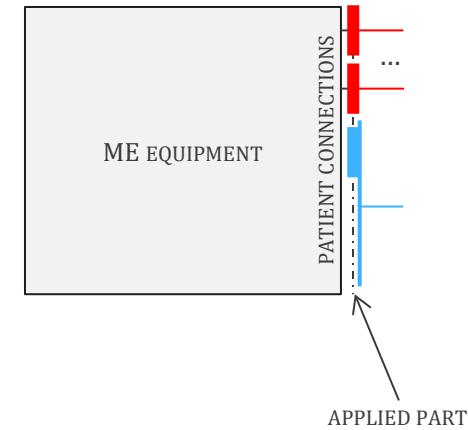
3.2.1 MOP (MEANS OF PROTECTION)

- MOPP: MEANS OF PATIENT PROTECTION
- MOQP: MEANS OF OPERATOR PROTECTION
- MOPs include:
 - solid insulation
 - PROTECTIVE EARTH CONNECTION
 - AIR CLEARANCE and CREEPING DISTANCE
 - component impedance

3.2.2 PATIENT CONNECTION

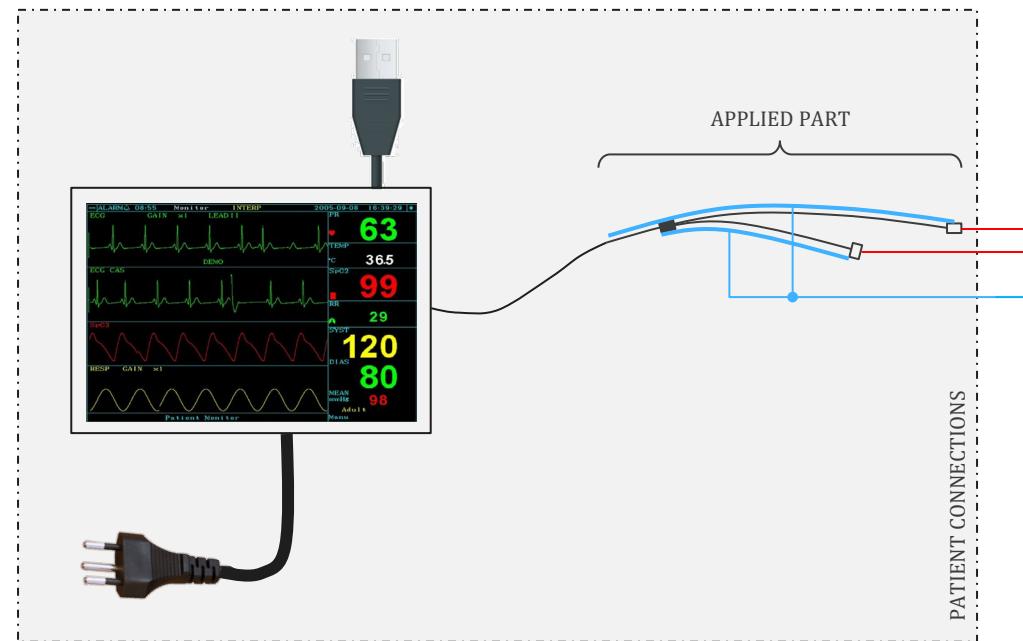
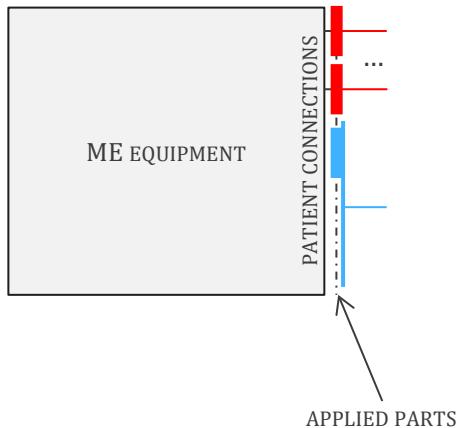
- PATIENT CONNECTIONS are areas of APPLIED PART:

- one for each **conductive** area (MOPP)
(e.g., electrode, intra-vascular fluid line, sheet, sweat)
- one for all **non-conductive** areas (MOPP)
(covered by a metallic foil or immersed in saline)



3.2.2 PATIENT CONNECTION

- Example:



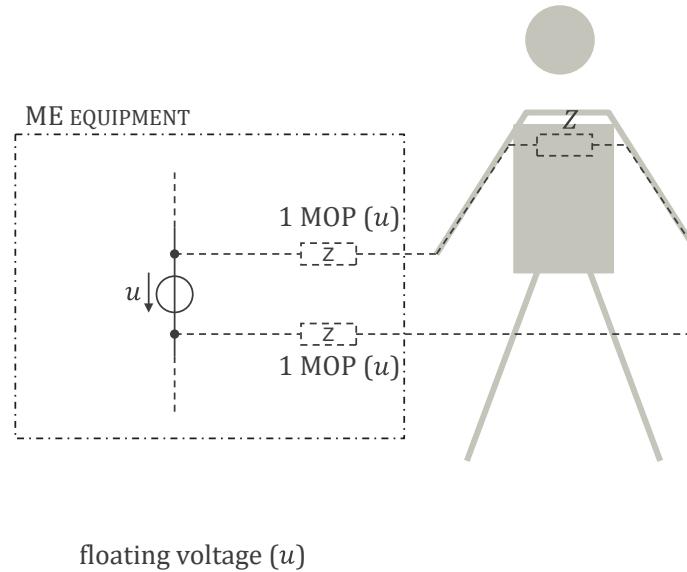
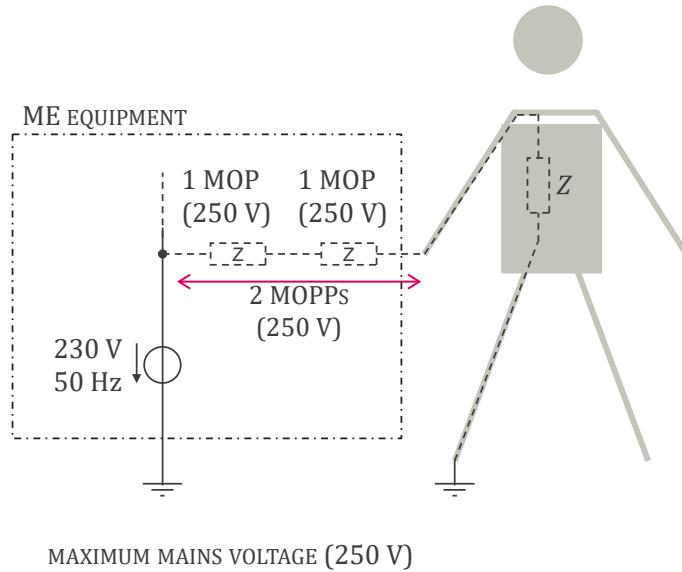
3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY

- BASIC SAFETY:
 - limits currents not intended to produce physiological effects, to avoid:
 - d.c. (< 0.1 Hz): tissue necrosis
 - a.c. (≥ 0.1 Hz): ventricular fibrillation or interference with heart pumping action
 - $i \geq 10$ mA: burns
 - 2 MOPs

1 MOP: NORMAL CONDITION (WORKING VOLTAGE)

1 MOP: SINGLE-FAULT CONDITION (failure of first MOP or unexpected voltage)

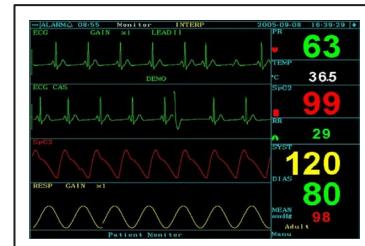
3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY (continued)



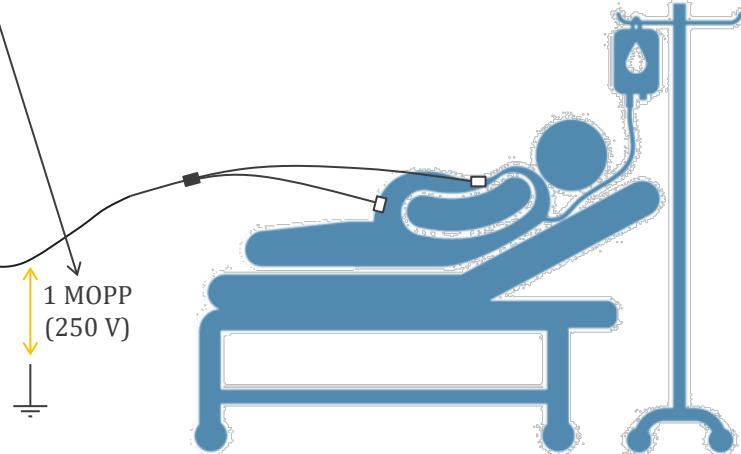
3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY (continued)

- One MOP (250 V) for PATIENT cable and leads

1 MOPP is sufficient because patient is normally at “0 V with earth”

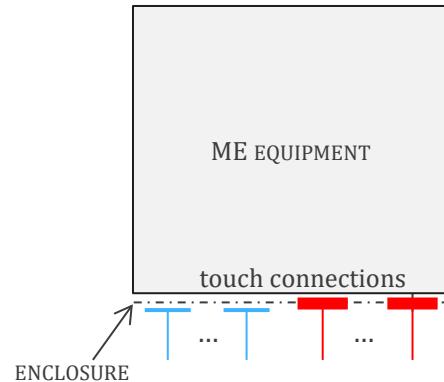


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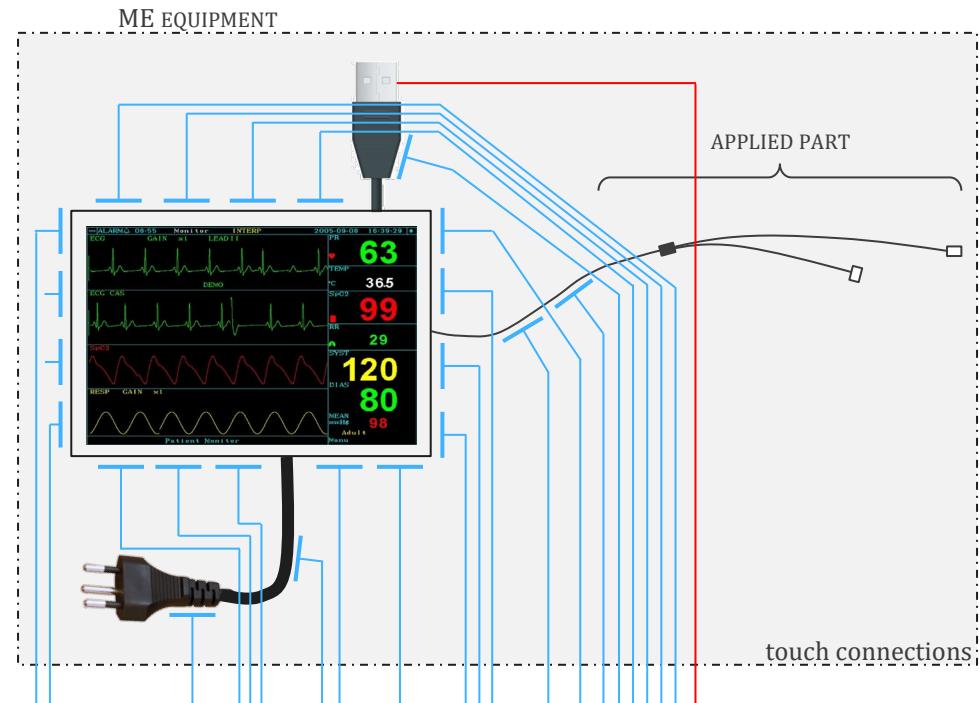
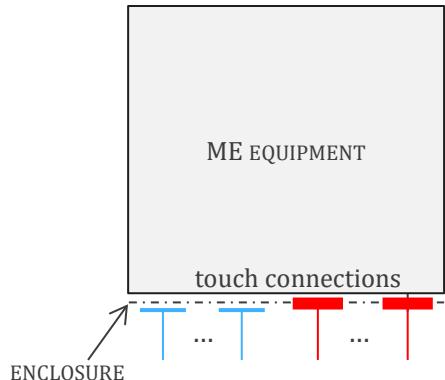
- ENCLOSURE is the exterior surface of ME EQUIPMENT
- touch connections are areas of ENCLOSURE:
 - one for each **conductive** ACCESSIBLE PART (MOP)



- one for every **non-conductive** areas (MOP) covered by a metallic foil of $20 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$ ('hand' model)
(larger areas if OPERATOR may contact ENCLOSURE with a larger body part than hand)

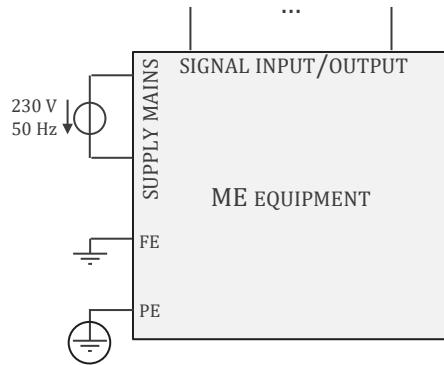
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- Example:



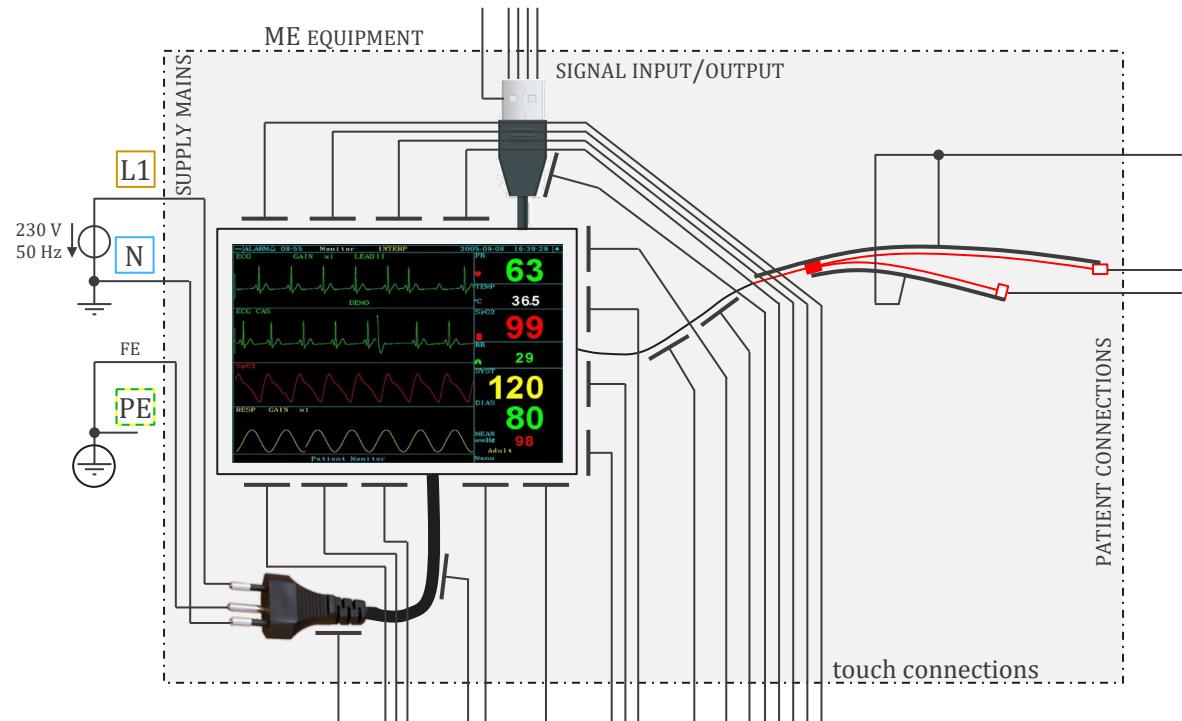
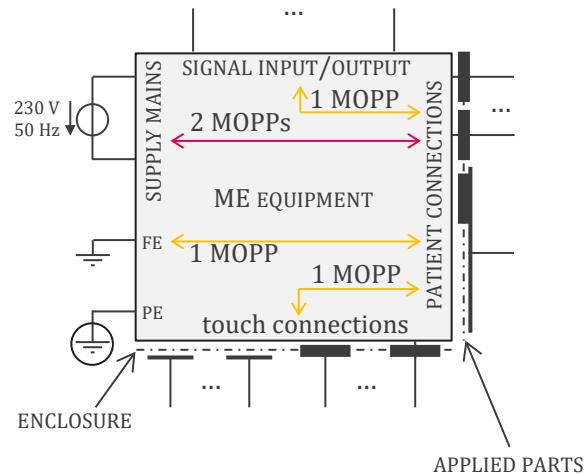
3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY (continued)

- SUPPLY MAINS
- FUNCTIONAL EARTH
- PROTECTIVE EARTH
- SIGNAL INPUT/OUTPUT (e.g., USB)



3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY (continued)

- Example:



3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY (continued)

APPLIED PART



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APPLIED PART



- TYPE-B APPLIED PARTS (= MOPP with earth)

- TYPE-F APPLIED PARTS (= MOPP with earth)

‘unintended voltage between PATIENT and earth \Rightarrow low PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT’

- TYPE-BF APPLIED PARTS

(e.g., if electrodes)



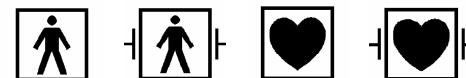
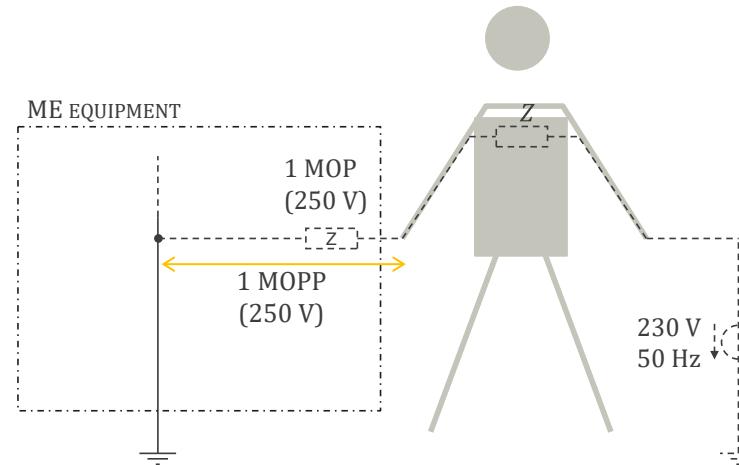
- TYPE-CF APPLIED PARTS

(e.g., if DIRECT CARDIAC APPLICATION, ECG electrodes)



3.2.3 BASIC SAFETY (continued)

- One MOP (250 V) to earth for BF or CF APPLIED PART



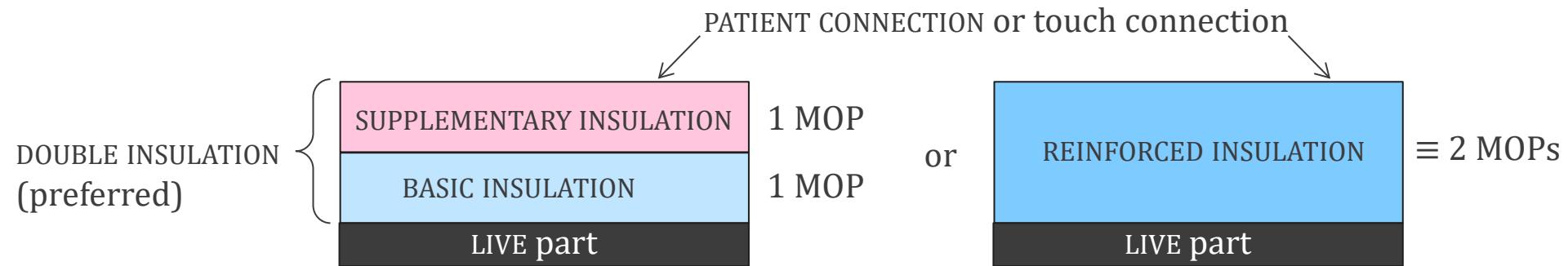
3.2.4 Insulation

- (solid) insulation

e.g., CLASS II ME EQUIPMENT



| MAINS PART (250 V) | dielectric strength for at least 1 min (V rms ac) | SECONDARY CIRCUITS (≤ 60 V dc) | dielectric strength for at least 1 min (V rms ac) |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 MOOP | 1500 | 1 MOOP | — |
| 2 MOOP | 3000 | 2 MOOP | — |
| 1 MOPP | 1500 | 1 MOPP | 500 |
| 2 MOPP | 4000 | 2 MOPP | 1000 |



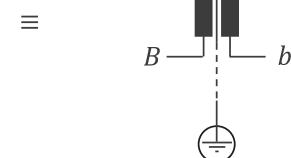
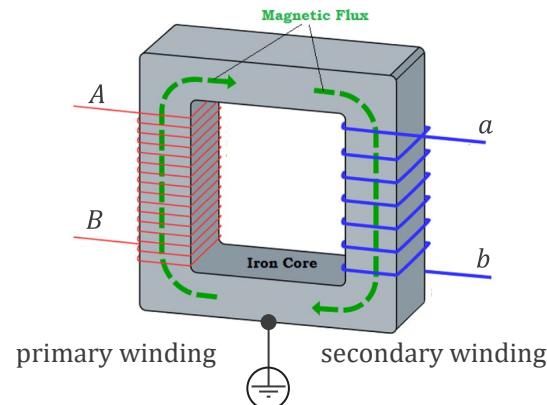
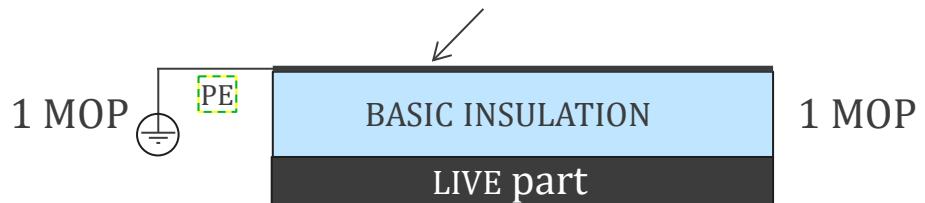
3.2.5 PROTECTIVE EARTH CONNECTION

- PROTECTIVE EARTH CONNECTION

e.g., CLASS I ME EQUIPMENT

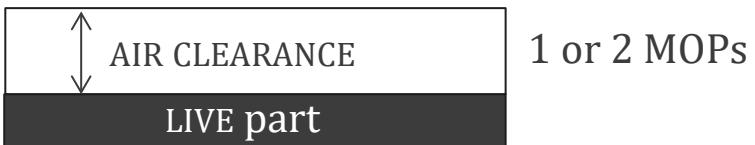
| MAINS PART (250 V) | dielectric strength for at least 1 min (V rms ac) | SECONDARY CIRCUITS (≤ 34 V dc) | dielectric strength for at least 1 min (V rms ac) |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 MOOP | 1500 | 1 MOOP | 500 |
| 1 MOPP | 1500 | 1 MOPP | 1500 |

metallic PATIENT CONNECTION or touch connection

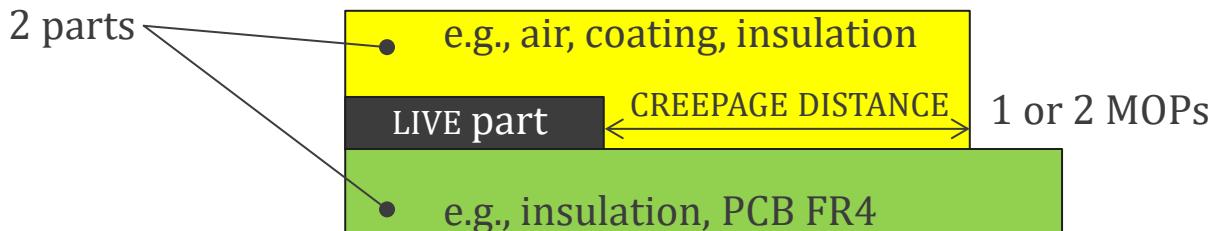


3.2.6 AIR CLEARANCE and CREEPAGE DISTANCE

- AIR CLEARANCE



- CREEPAGE DISTANCE



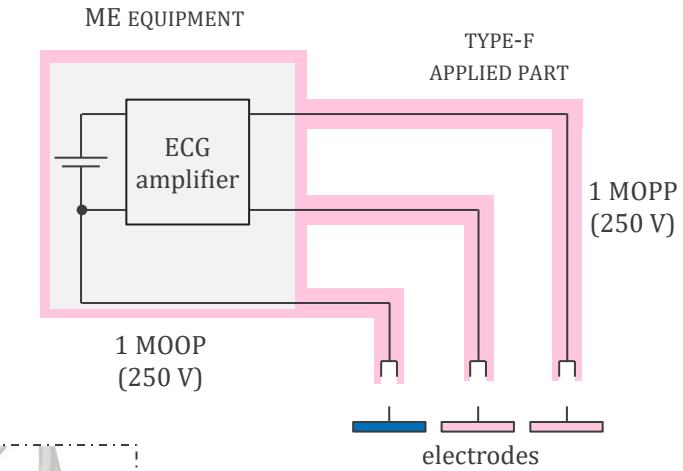
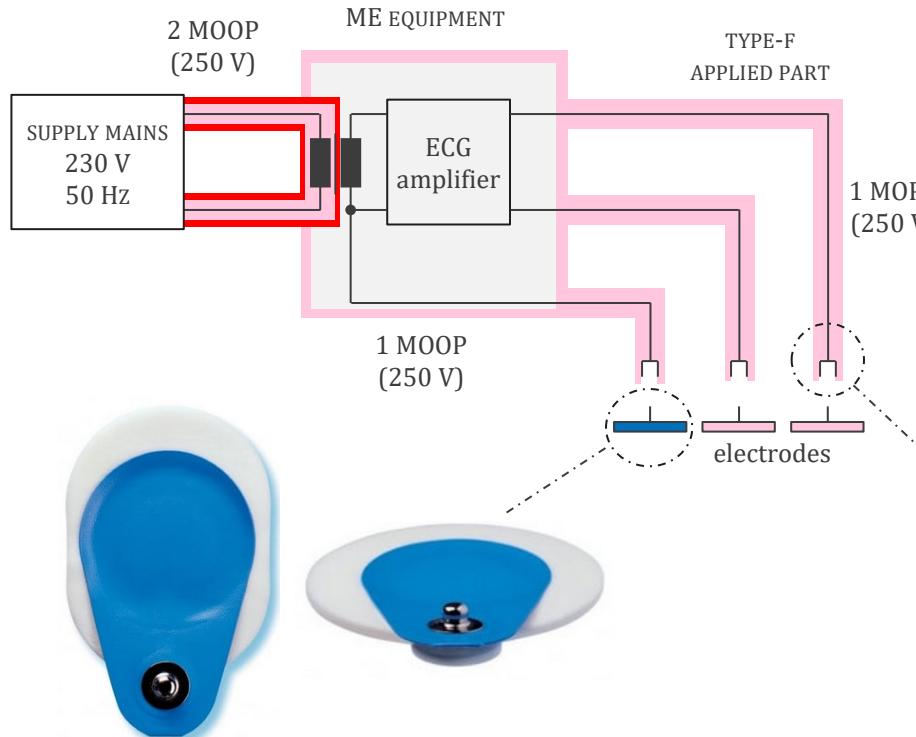
| MAINS PART (250 V) | AIR CLEARANCE (mm) | CREEPAGE DISTANCE (mm) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 MOOP | 2 | 4 |
| 2 MOOP | 4 | 8 |
| 1 MOPP | 2.5 | 4 |
| 2 MOPP | 5 | 8 |

| SECONDARY CIRCUITS (≤ 17 V dc) | AIR CLEARANCE (mm) | CREEPAGE DISTANCE (mm) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 MOOP | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| 2 MOOP | 1.6 | 3.4 |
| 1 MOPP | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| 2 MOPP | 1.6 | 3.4 |

3.2.7 Component impedance

- impedance (COMPONENT WITH HIGH-INTEGRITY CHARACTERISTICS = 2 MOP)
 - Y1 capacitors (500 V a.c. WORKING VOLTAGE, withstand voltages up to 4 kV a.c.)
2 MOOP (250 V) or 1 MOPP (250 V)
 - Y2 capacitors (300 V working voltage, withstand voltages up to 2.5 kV)
1 MOOP (250 V)

Examples



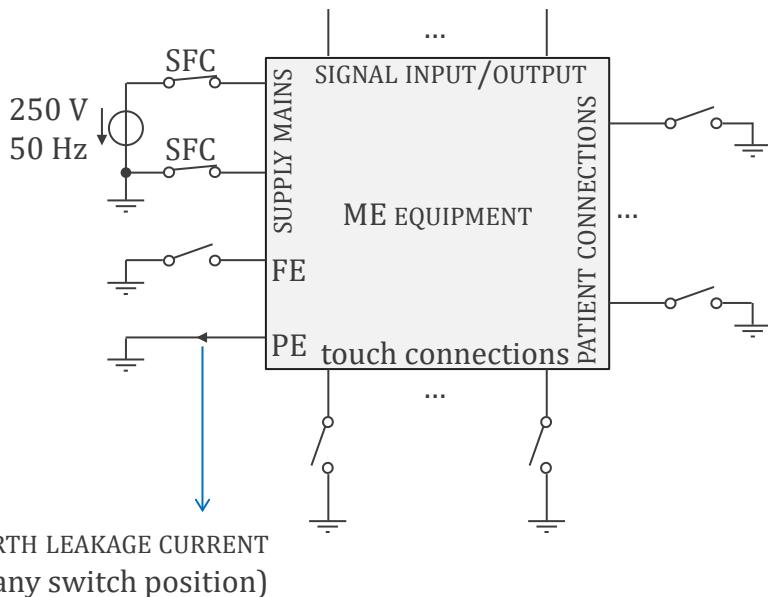
at least 0.5 mm AIR CLEARANCE with flat surface

Section 3.3 – Leakage current protection

- 3.3.1 EARTH LEAKAGE CURRENT
- 3.3.2 TOUCH CURRENT
- 3.3.3 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized PATIENT
- 3.3.4 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized SIGNAL INPUT/OUTPUT
- 3.3.5 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized ENCLOSURE
- 3.3.6 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized SUPPLY MAINS
- 3.3.7 PATIENT AUXILIARY CURRENT

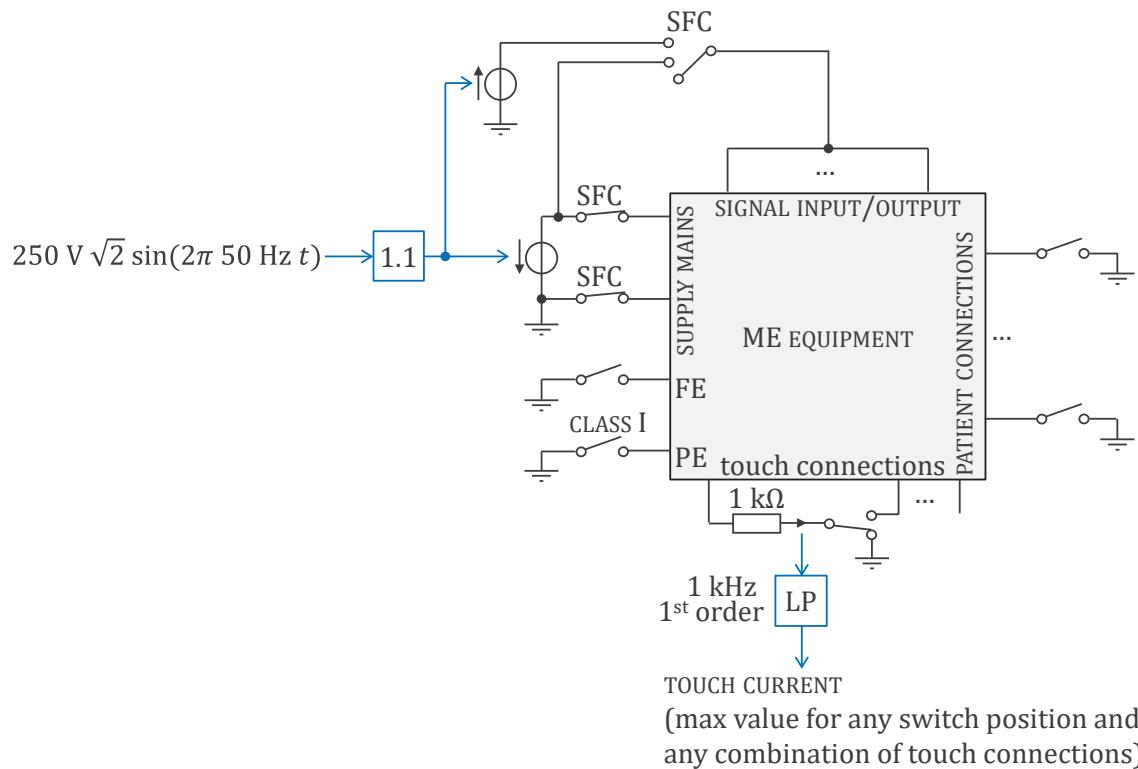
3.3.1 EARTH LEAKAGE CURRENT (PE current)

- CLASS I ME EQUIPMENT



| TYPE | | d.c. (μ A) | a.c. (μ A) |
|------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| B | NC | 5000 | 5000 |
| | SFC | 10000 | 10000 |
| BF | NC | 5000 | 5000 |
| | SFC | 10000 | 10000 |
| CF | NC | 5000 | 5000 |
| | SFC | 10000 | 10000 |

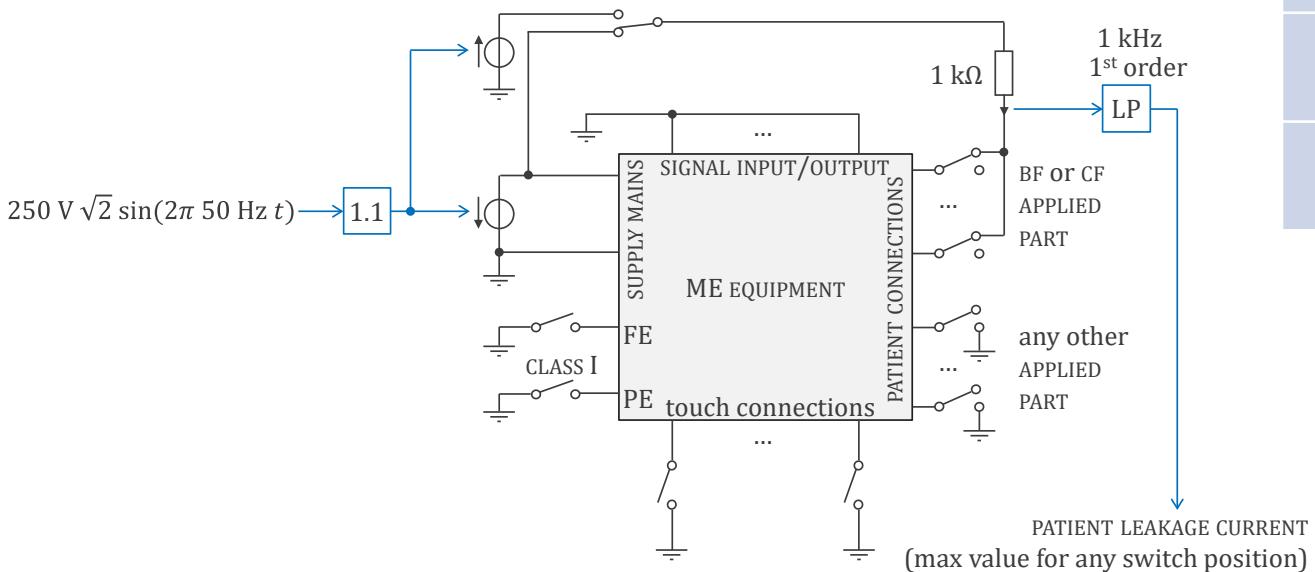
3.2.2 TOUCH CURRENT (ENCLOSURE leakage)



| TYPE | | d.c. (μA) | a.c. (μA) |
|------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| B | NC | 100 | 100 |
| | SFC | 500 | 500 |
| BF | NC | 100 | 100 |
| | SFC | 500 | 500 |
| CF | NC | 100 | 100 |
| | SFC | 500 | 500 |

without LP: 10000

3.3.3 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized PATIENT

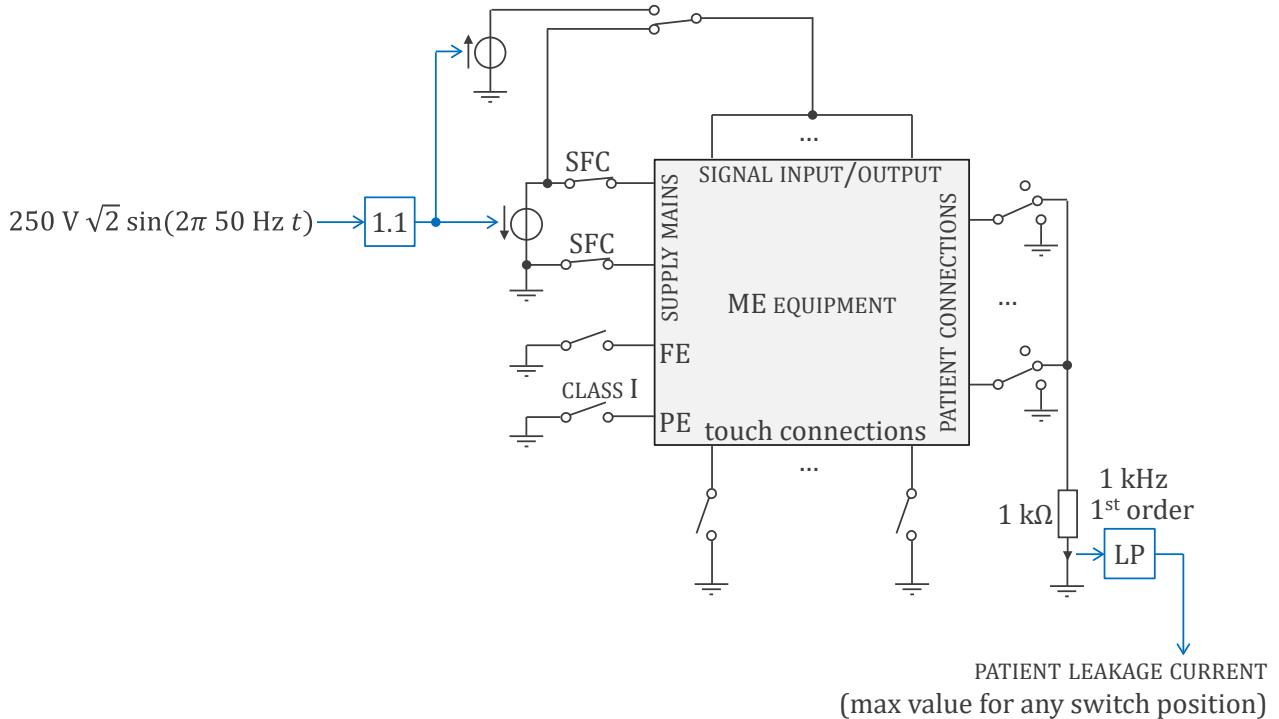


| | TYPE | d.c. (μA) | a.c. (μA) |
|----|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| B | | | |
| | SFC | — | — |
| BF | | | |
| | SFC | 5000 (5000) | 5000 (5000) |
| CF | | | |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 50 (100) |

without LP: 10000

(**Total**): all APPLIED PARTS together

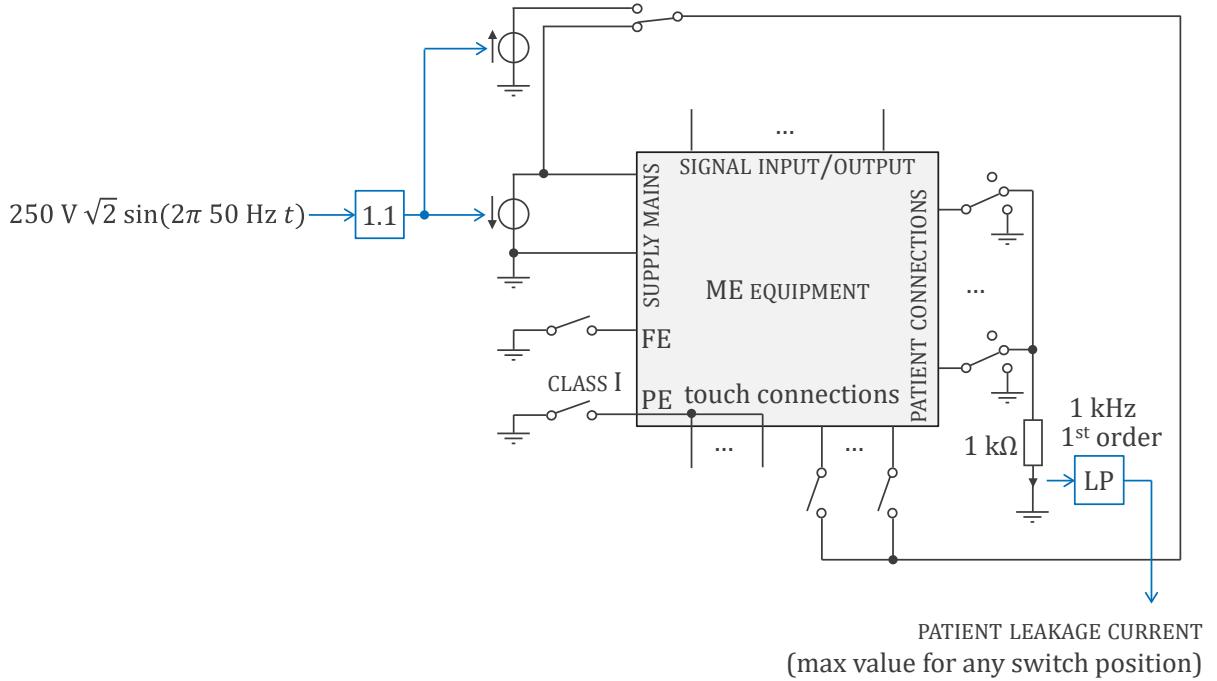
3.3.4 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized SIG. INPUT/OUTPUT



| TYPE | | d.c. (µA) | a.c. (µA) |
|------|-----|-----------|------------|
| B | NC | 10 (50) | 100 (500) |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 500 (1000) |
| BF | NC | 10 (50) | 100 (500) |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 500 (1000) |
| CF | NC | 10 (50) | 10 (50) |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 50 (100) |

without LP: 10000
(Total): all APPLIED PARTS together

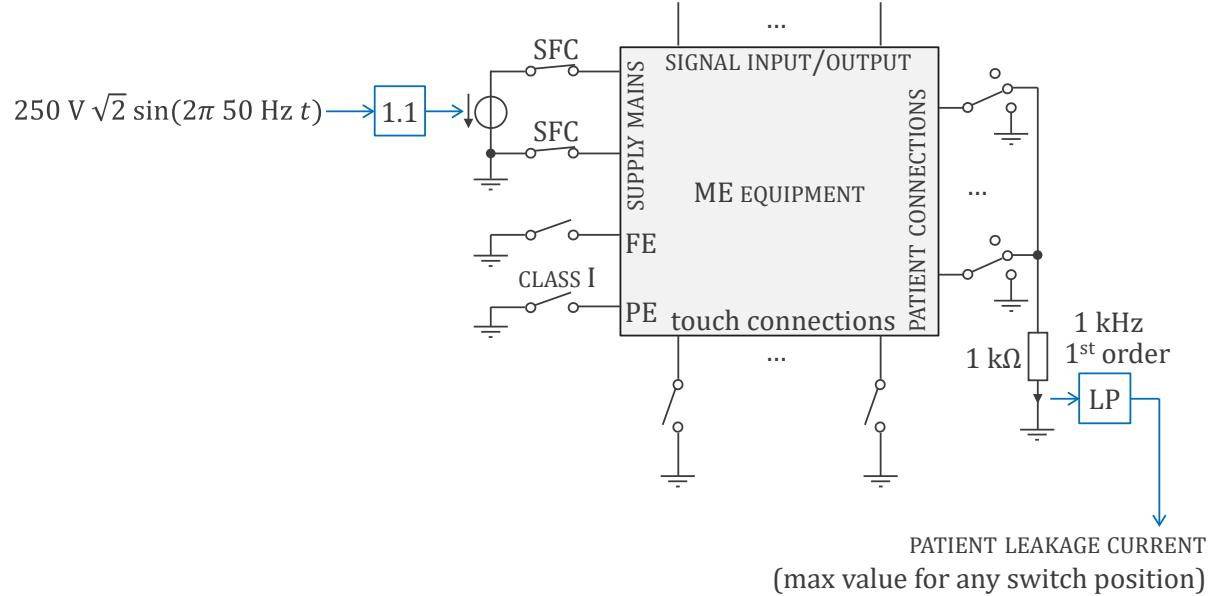
3.3.5 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized ENCLOSURE



| TYPE | d.c. (µA) | a.c. (µA) |
|------|-----------|------------|
| B | | |
| | SFC | 500 (1000) |
| BF | | |
| | SFC | 500 (1000) |
| CF | | |
| | SFC | 50 (100) |

without LP: 10000
(Total): all APPLIED PARTS together

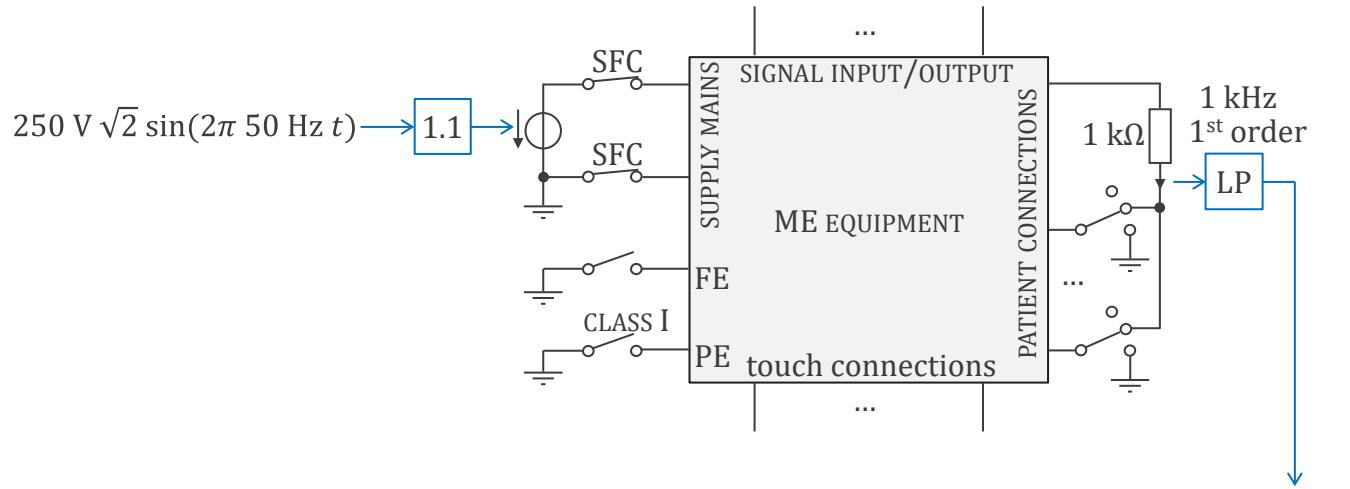
3.3.6 PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT—energized SUPPLY MAINS



| | TYPE | d.c. (μA) | a.c. (μA) |
|----|------|-----------|------------|
| B | NC | 10 (50) | 100 (500) |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 500 (1000) |
| BF | NC | 10 (50) | 100 (500) |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 500 (1000) |
| CF | NC | 10 (50) | 10 (50) |
| | SFC | 50 (100) | 50 (100) |

without LP: 10000
(Total): all APPLIED PARTS together

3.3.7 AUXILIARY CURRENT



| TYPE | | d.c. (μ A) | a.c. (μ A) |
|------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| B | NC | 10 | 100 |
| | SFC | 50 | 500 |
| BF | NC | 10 | 100 |
| | SFC | 50 | 500 |
| CF | NC | 10 | 10 |
| | SFC | 50 | 50 |

without LP: 10000

PATIENT AUXILIARY CURRENT
(max value for any switch position and
any combination of PATIENT CONNECTIONS)

Section 3.4 – Defibrillation-proof protection

3.4.1 Operator protection test

3.4.2 Energy reduction test

3.4.3 ~~Integrity test~~

DEFIBRILLATION-PROOF APPLIED PART

TYPE-B



TYPE-BF

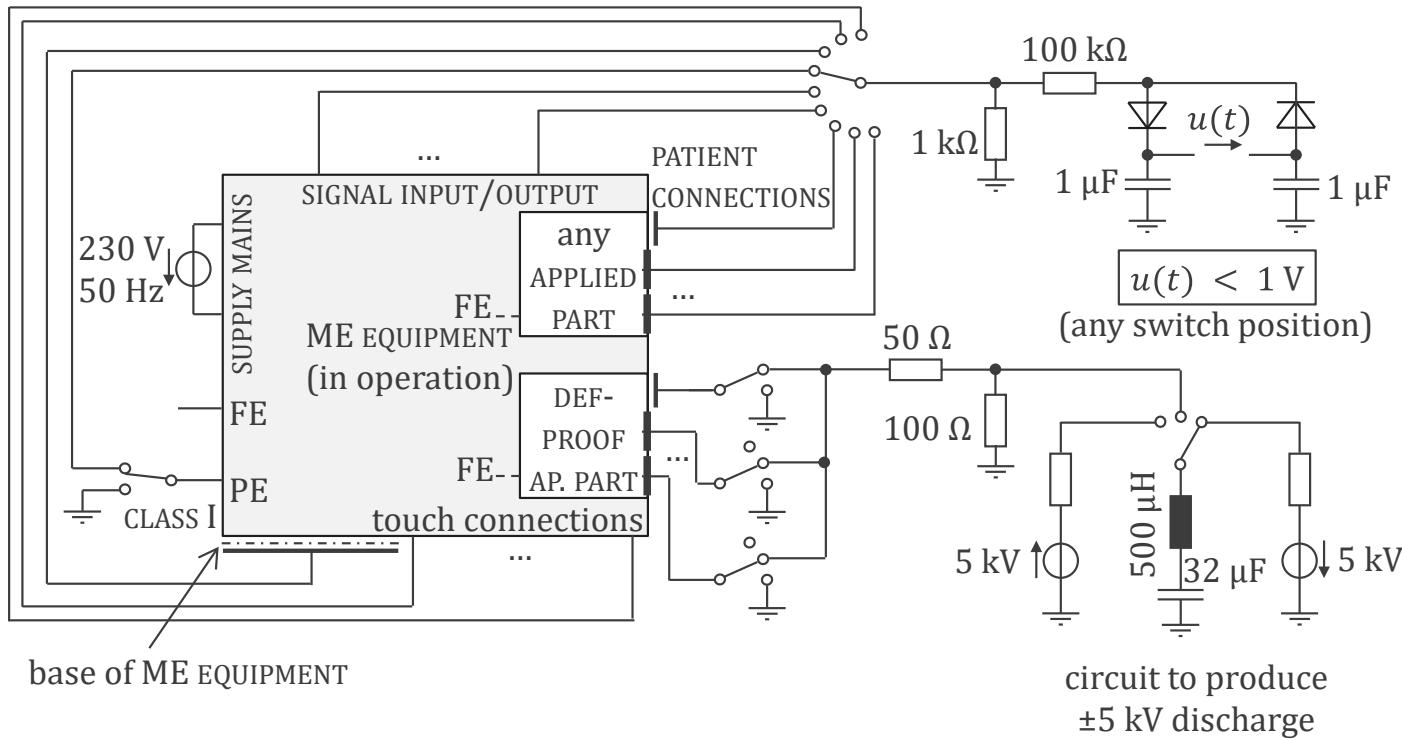


TYPE-CF

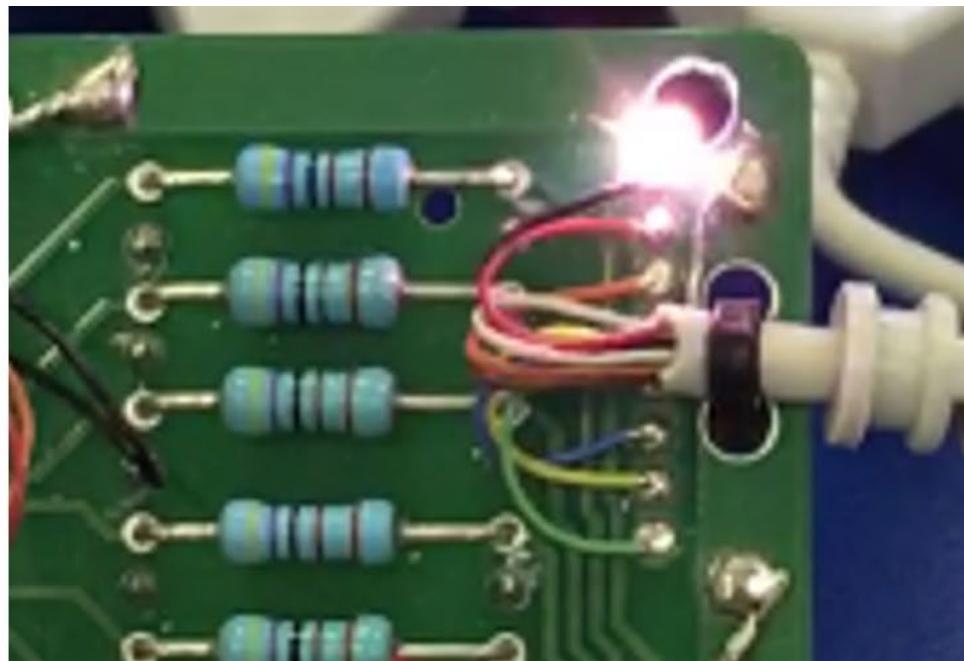
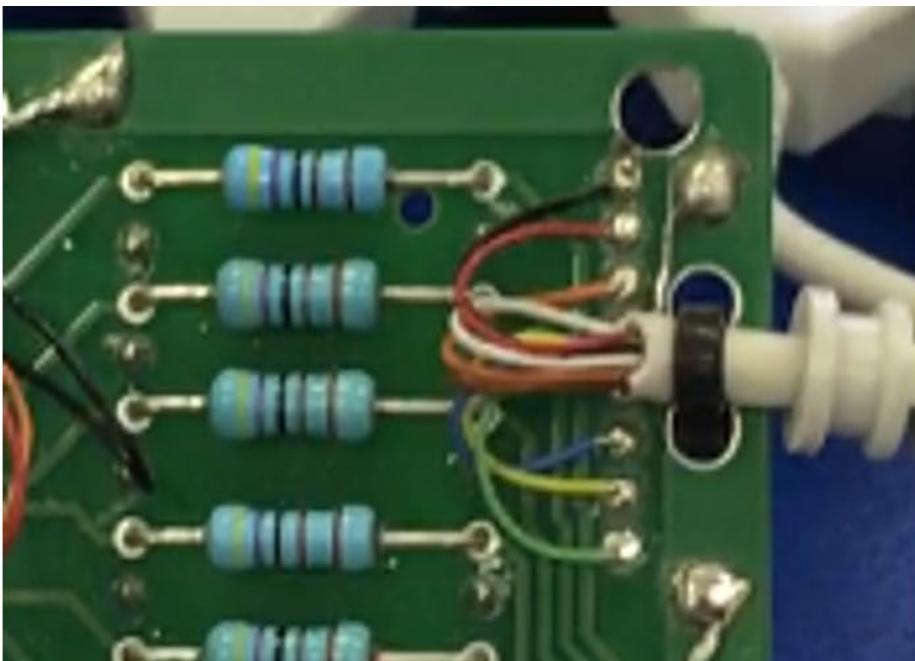


- recovery time: as stated in ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS
- AIR CLEARANCE: 4 mm
- CREEPAGE DISTANCE: 4 mm

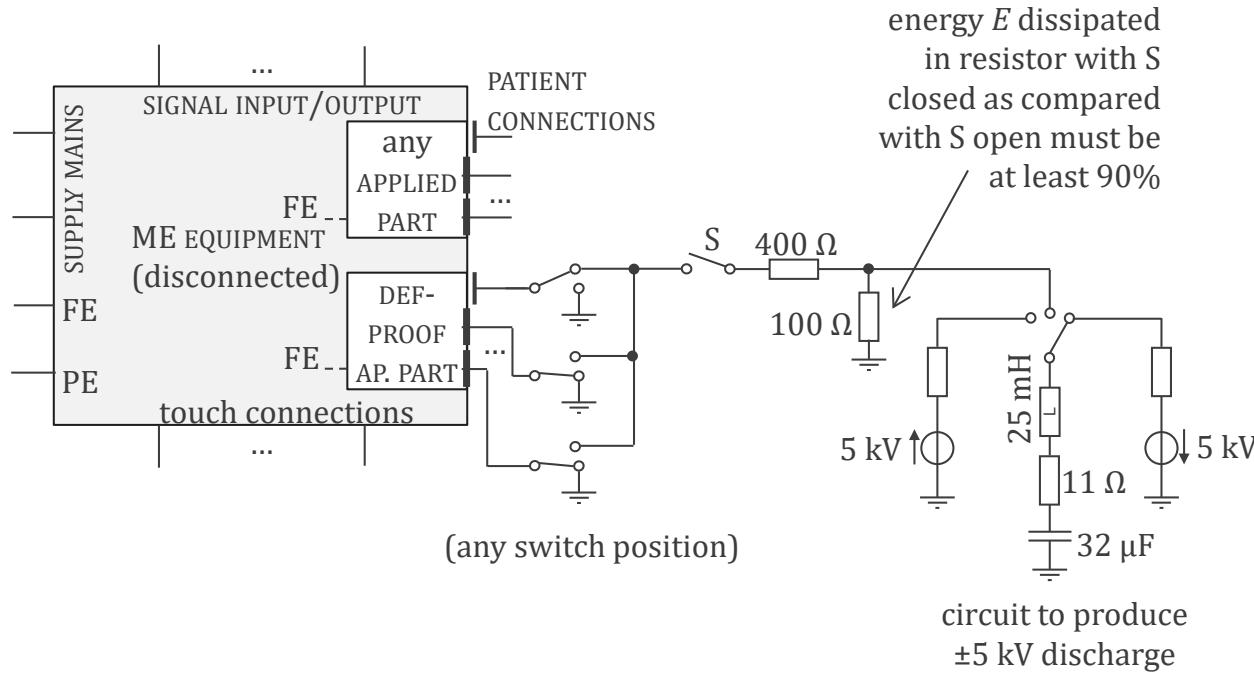
3.4.1 Operator protection test



Example (of failed test)



3.4.2 Energy reduction test

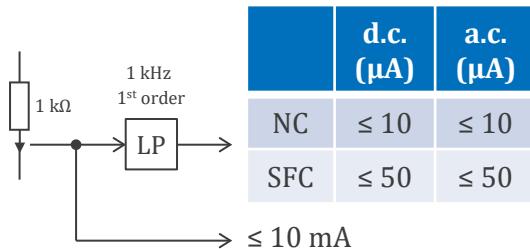


Summary (example: TYPE CF)

AUXILIARY CURRENT: between PATIENT CONNECTIONS

PATIENT LEAKAGE CURRENT: between PATIENT CONNECTIONS and

- earth
- SIGNAL INPUTS/OUTPUTS
- ENCLOSURE
- SUPPLY MAINS



- d.c. (< 0.1 Hz) tissue necrosis
- a.c. (≥ 0.1 Hz) ventricular fibrillation or interference with heart pumping action
- a.c. (≤ 10 mA) burns

NC: normal condition, SFC: single-fault condition



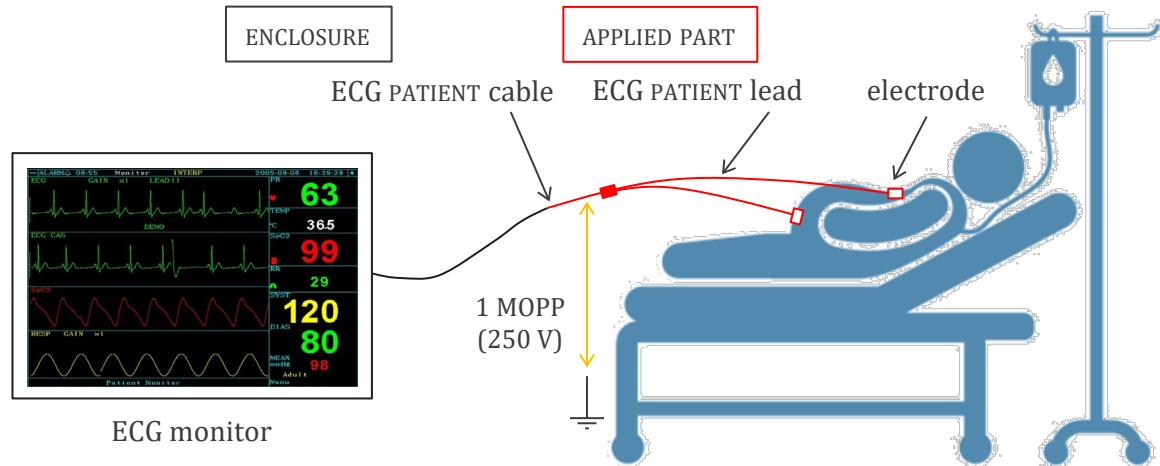
TYPE-CF APPLIED PART



DEFIBRILLATION-PROOF TYPE-CF APPLIED PART

PATIENT CONNECTIONS:

- electrodes
- all other parts of APPLIED PART together



Quiz

The AUXILIARY CURRENT is a current

- from PATIENT to earth
- supplied by a SIGNAL OUTPUT
- that is optional
- between two PATIENT CONNECTIONS

A risk is measured with

- its HARM probability
- its HARM SEVERITY
- the sum of HARM prob. and sev.
- the product of HARM prob. and sev.

This symbol means

- do no enter
- TYPE-BF APPLIED PART
- Faraday cage
- use antistatic clothing



This symbol indicates

- CLASS I ME EQUIPMENT
- high accuracy
- high protection
- not PROTECTIVELY EARTHED



Medical electrical equipment

- must comply with IEC60601-1
- must comply with ISO14708-1
- must comply with UL9001
- must comply with ISO81060-3

A patient lead must be protected by

- 2 MOPPs (for 250 V)
- 1 MOPP (for 250 V)
- 2 MOOPs (for 3.7 V)
- 1 MOOP (for 3.7 V)

In the IEC60601-1 family, SMALL CAPITALS are used to

- indicate terms that has been defined
- emphasize words
- indicate mandatory measure
- highlight important concepts