

Maintenance

Frequency

- The frequency of preventive maintenance depends primarily on the operating conditions of the electrical switchboard.
- For operating conditions found in normal environments, the frequency should be as indicated in the recommended calendar.
- It may be extended if the switchboard is used in a particularly clean environment and not in an intensive manner.
- It must be reduced if the switchboard is used in a particularly aggressive environment (dust, humidity, corrosive vapours, heat) or is used intensively.
- Recommended calendar

Type	Action	Frequency
General inspection	Visual checks and general cleaning. Visual check of busbars. Running tests	Once a year
Maintenance on functional units	Inspection of the connections	Every 5 years
Maintenance of ventilation system	Cleaning of filters	Every 6 months
Maintenance of devices	According to the respective handbooks	

General recommendations

Before any intervention on the connections, switch off the functional unit, remove the protective screens and the partitioning sheets and boxes.

■ For interventions on the connections, refer to chapter "Connections", profession Install.

■ When reassembling the connections:

- use new screws, washers, nuts of the same type (class 8.8)
- tighten to the defined torque (refer to the tightening torques table in the chapter "Connection/Tools required")
- apply varnish.

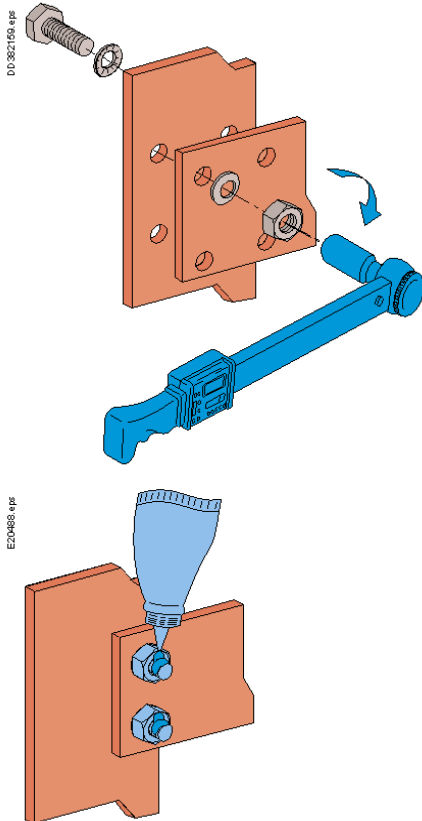
Method of inspection of the electrical connections

■ Connections by lugs or screwed bars: presence of varnish, colour changes of a copper bar.

■ Connections by cage type terminals: if necessary, re-screw to the torque defined by the manufacturer to compensate for a possible creep.

Please ensure that you consult the "General" chapter section dealing with safety instructions.

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General inspection

Visual checks and general cleaning of the cubicles

- Check the lack of humidity and foreign bodies inside and outside the switchboard.
- Examine the outer finish. If necessary, touch up any paint scratches and replace any damaged or rusted parts.
- Clean the switchboard, preferably with a vacuum cleaner.
- If necessary, clean the ventilation system and change the filters.

Visual check of busbars

- Connections do not need to be tightened as they were already be tightened to the tightening torque in workshop and the use of a contact washer compensates for possible creeps due to overheating. The presence of vernish guaranteeing correct tightening torque, is intact.
- The control of busbars connections and outgoing cables connections can be carried when disassembling the protection (out of supply) or if a hot point is detected (infrared control or thermal sensors). A hot point materialises by a change in the copper colour.
- In case of hot point see "Corrective maintenance".
- Check the condition of insulating busbars supports.

Cleaning of panel ventilation filters

Standard or fine filters

- Wash with water (preferably using a high-quality detergent).
- It is also possible to remove the dust by tapping, vacuuming or blowing with compressed air.
- If there is any oil or grease, change the filter.

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General

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- When reassembling the connections:
 - use new screws, washers, nuts of the same type (class 8.8)
 - tighten to the defined torque (refer to the tightening torque table in chapter "Connection/Connection of power cables")
 - apply varnish.

Hot point

Screwed connection

- Identify the cause: generally a loosening connection.
- Dismantle the assembly.
- Clean and rub down surfaces in contact (e.g. sandpaper N° 400).
- Set the connection up.

Maintenance after a fault has occurred

The high currents resulting from a fault cause damage to structures, components, busbars and cables.

Following a fault, contact your local Schneider Electric office.

Troubleshooting and interventions

For any interventions other than those described in this manual, **contact your local Schneider Electric agency.**





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