

Section 4

General Rules

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4.1 Safety

All persons and contractors are responsible for all aspects of safety related to work performed by the said persons or contractors, their employees and agents.

The work should be performed in accordance with all relevant regulations, codes of practice, standards and the Rules within this document that are related to the safety of the work being performed.

4.2 Compliance with Regulations, Codes of Practices and these Rules

Every new electrical installation, alteration, addition, maintenance or repair to an electrical installation to be connected or reconnected to the Distributor's mains is required to comply with the current edition of the Electricity Industry Act, Electricity Safety Act and the Regulations and Codes of Practices under jurisdiction of those Acts, including compliance with these Rules, and other relevant Acts, Regulations, Codes of Practice and Guidelines.

The Distributor may inspect the electrical installation or occupancy to determine compliance with these Service & Installation Rules.

4.3 Testing

The Electricity Safety Act and Regulations require all electrical installation work to be tested in accordance with that Act and Regulations. Underground consumer mains shall also be tested to ensure compliance with SIR Clause 7.7.6.2 (Minimum Insulation Resistance).

4.4 Equipment Acceptance

Equipment used to interface with Distributor assets in accordance with these Rules must comply with the Electricity Safety Act and Regulations and be of a standard acceptable to the relevant Distributor.

4.4.1 Equipment Required to be Accepted

The relevant Distributor may refuse to connect equipment required to be accepted that has not been accepted, and/or is not suitably identified in accordance with these Rules.

Service raiser brackets, and direct metering enclosures and surrounds that are intended to be stocked and marketed by Electrical Wholesalers and similar distributors are required to be accepted for use by the SIR Management Committee prior to being connected to supply.

Service raiser brackets specifications may be referenced in Clause 7.3.5.3 (Specification, Acceptance and Installation) and direct metering enclosures and surrounds in Clause 8.4.3 (Meter Surrounds and Enclosures).

All inquiries and submissions relating to acceptance of equipment should be forwarded to the SIR Management Committee in accordance with Clause 2.7 (SIR Management Committee Contact) at the earliest opportunity.

4.4.2 Equipment Not Required to be Accepted

It is recommended manufactures and/or suppliers of equipment used to interface with Distributor assets and not required to be submitted for acceptance, submit their proposed equipment and installation arrangement to the Management Committee for comment prior to use where there is no clear evidence of compatibility or compliance with the Distributors assets and these Rules.

Examples of such equipment include service protection devices, supply connection facilities, CT metering facilities, service brackets and metering enclosures not required to be accepted.

The relevant Distributor may require certified evidence of such equipment's compliance to the Rules specification and its suitability for its intended purpose. The relevant Distributor may accept such equipment, provided they are satisfied with the evidence provided.

Certified evidence may include provision of documents to certify compliance with the specification contained in these Rules and its intended purpose by a suitably qualified person, eg, an engineer, inspector or practitioner.

A Distributor may refuse to connect equipment where they are not satisfied that the relevant specifications have been met, and/or where suitable certified evidence is not provided.

4.5 Labelling

Every label required by these Rules shall be permanent, indelible, legible and suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. For guidance, labels should be of laminate and manufactured with letters and numbers of not less than 6mm in height.

4.6 Access to Distributors' Equipment

A customer must provide the Distributor's representatives at all times a safe, convenient and unhindered access to their equipment in accordance with these Rules and the Electricity Distribution Code for any purposes associated with the supply, metering or billing of electricity, inspection and/or testing of the customer's electrical installation including connection, disconnection or reconnection of supply.

4.7 Victorian Power Industry Lock

A Victorian Power Industry Lock is required where a Customer is obliged to or wishes to install a locking system to doors and enclosures which require dual access by both the Customer and Distributor representatives.

Locations for the use of the locks may be for perimeter gates, meter enclosures and supply connection facilities requiring unimpeded access by both the Distributor and customer.

The system uses a Victorian Power Industry (VPI) Lock that is available in many lock styles, and which is available from many hardware outlets, electrical wholesalers and master locksmiths throughout Victoria.

The locks may only be operated by the customer's key and authorised Distributor representatives using a Master Key.

Unique customer keys are supplied with individual locks. However a "key alike" system is available for the customer's key which enables the customer to use their key on as many of their VPI locks as they choose. This enables customers to customise their locks to other locks compatible with the system.

The locks shall be subject to the following conditions:

- The locking system is only used where specifically referred to and permitted by these Rules
- Other locks may be customer keyed to this system but the Master Key will only operate the Power Industry Lock.



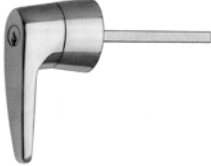
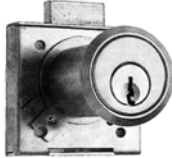
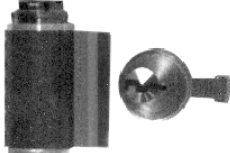


 <p>Pi 201 Series Nightlatch Cylinder</p>	 <p>Pi 234 45mm Padlock</p>	
 <p>Pi 8474 Meter Box and Garage Door Lock</p>	 <p>Pi 691 Cupboard Lock</p>	
 <p>Pi 530-20 Cylinder for 530 Series Key in Knob Locksets</p>	 <p>Oval Pi 570-2 Cylinder for Mortice Locks</p>	 <p>Pi 8555 Euro Cylinder for Security Doors</p>

Figure 4.1 Victorian Power Industry Lock

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