Technical advice, support and design services

National and international standards dictate the requirements for design and installation of lightning protection and earthing systems.

Given the complexity of these standards, confusion and misinterpretation can easily lead to project delays, budget overruns and costly extra time on site.

Our aim is to help customers to avoid these risks, by fully supporting our Furse product sales with a range of high quality technical support services.

Furse technical services

Furse technical services team actively participates in the development of national and international standards, and offers the ideal starting point for customers confronted by the challenges found in complex lightning protection projects.

Our engineers can provide advice and assistance on all aspects of lightning protection, transient overvoltage and earthing systems, including:

- Structural lightning and transient overvoltage protection system design
- Earthing design
- Supply of comprehensive drawings
- Soil resistivity surveys
- Full earth modelling analysis
- Earth resistance measuring
- Bespoke in-house and hosted training seminars

Using the latest computer aided design & draughting software we can produce detailed or budgetary earth electrode and lightning protection system designs, in compliance with any given standard and whatever the complexity of system required.

Structural lightning and transient overvoltage protection

In order for us to design a structural and/or transient overvoltage lightning protection system, we need the following information:

- Design standard, e.g. BS EN 62305, NFPA 780, IEC 62305
- A dimensioned roof plan & external elevations
- Construction details, e.g. steelwork, reinforced concrete, roofing materials, etc
- A single line diagram indicating voltage and current for each electrical system, e.g. power, data, telephones, fire alarms, CCTV
- Details of essential equipment, e.g. network servers, PLC controllers

Power earthing systems

There are a number of recognised national and international standards governing the provision of earthing systems. Our technical experience allows us to provide designs to any of these standards.

To design a power earth electrode system, we need the following information:

- Design standard, e.g. BS 7430, BS 7354, Ansi IEEE Std 80, ENA TS 41-24 etc
- A dimensioned site plan
- Overall electrical single line diagram
- Soil resistivity survey results
- Earth fault current magnitude (due consideration should be given to the proportion of current flowing through cable sheaths or the aerial earth wires of overhead transmission lines)
- Earth fault current duration

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Introduction

Customer site surveys

Proper site surveys and analysis complement fully our in-house service.

Through collation of all relevant information from site, including soil resistivity measurements and earthing analysis, our engineers can produce bespoke earthing designs complete with drawings, calculations and a detailed report, along with a structural lightning protection system if required.

Soil resistivity surveys

A comprehensive soil resistivity survey is key to creating an effective earthing system, as inadequate or erroneous soil resistivity readings are likely to result in a flawed design.

Furse site surveys take multiple accurate soil resistivity readings at various depths across the site. As these results form the basis of the whole earthing design, the experience of our engineers is critical in ensuring correct implementation of the test data.

Full earthing analysis

Full earthing analysis uses state-of-the-art technology to determine the step and touch voltages, earth potential rise and hot/cold site classification of the site generated by the initial design.

Earth resistance measurement

Earth resistance measurement is essential to accurately determine that the installed earthing system meets the anticipated criteria laid out in the initial design.

Our technicians ensure all measurements are correctly taken and interpreted, so that the true resistance of the earthing system can be defined precisely.

The benefits of coming to Furse

There are many benefits of coming to Furse for earthing, lightning and electronic systems protection designs, including:

- Specialist advice from a fully qualified technical team, which focuses solely on lightning protection issues and concerns
- Active contribution to national and harmonised European/international standards ensures our engineers remain at the forefront of new developments in lightning protection
- Designs that comply with all relevant standards - national and international
- Our responsibility for providing a design that is safe
- Experience and the software to provide an 'optimum' design - one that doesn't use more material than is necessary - saving you money
- Manufacturing experience & expertise - utilising our knowledge of the products available to provide a tailored design that can be installed using the most appropriate and up-to-date products
- In addition to technical support and supply of components, where necessary we can also provide for the installation of earthing and lightning protection systems via our partnerships with specialist installers

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