

“USE UNTIL” Date Labels

- The **USE UNTIL** date label is attached to electrical insulated equipment that has passed the required dielectric test in the TEST LAB of ESB Networks.
- The purpose of the **USE UNTIL** date label is to inform the end user that the electrical insulated equipment has undergone and passed the required dielectric test.
- The date on the **USE UNTIL** date label corresponds to the date on a Dielectric Test Certificate for that specific equipment.
- When the date on the label has expired the equipment shall **NOT** be used until retested and certified..
- The terminology **USE UNTIL** shall only be used on specified electrical equipment that requires and has passed a dielectric test.
- Only Approved ESB Networks HV Test Lab Technicians are Authorised to attach the **USE UNTIL** date label to equipment which has passed the required dielectric test.

The following two breaches were discovered on equipment that was returned to the HV test lab recently.

The unauthorised label incorrectly indicated that these rods were ok to use for five years after the authorised date :

Unauthorised “USE UNTIL” date labels fitted.



Authorised “USE UNTIL” date label was covered.

The unauthorised label incorrectly indicated that this IAD was certified until 28/04/2018, certification had actually expired on 27/04/16

Unauthorised “USE UNTIL” date label fitted.



This IAD had its annual Dielectric test completed and is certified to 27/04/17

- **Never** Cover, Interfere or use the terminology **USE UNTIL** with date labels on electrical insulated equipment as this is misleading and will put the life of the end user in a dangerous situation.

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