

newsletter

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Recall of Voltage Testers PB 175!

Dear readers

Up to the year 2000 the PB voltage testers were manufactured with a screw cap at the end of the handle. They were dismountable and the components could be replaced.

Due to new regulations, voltage testers are not allowed to be dismantled any more. In order to conform to this specification, the PB voltage testers are delivered with a firmly fixed cap since the year 2000.

If defective items from the last series of this version are used, an electric shock of the user may occur.

We inform you in the following about the facts and show you how to find out, if your voltage tester may be concerned.

We apologize for the inconveniences we cause you with it.

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What May Lead to a Problem ?

- 1) There is absolutely no danger in using undamaged PB voltage testers.
- 2) Under the effect of blows, the glass component with the bulb can break. These tools are not dangerous yet.
- 3) If voltage testers with a broken glass component are exposed to repeated blows or strong vibrations, then the glass will shatter more and more.

In this way it is possible, that the soldered joint between bulb and resistor contacts the metal socket, forced by the spring. This results in a short circuit, which will cause an electric shock the next time the voltage tester is used.

Which PB Voltage Testers are concerned ?

The mentioned problem concerns the voltage testers PB 175/0, 175/1-50, 175/1-75, 175/1-100,

- 1) having a firmly fixed cap (cannot be unscrewed),
- 2) showing a white print
- 3) not having a separate resistor between bulb and blade

Please follow the instructions on the reverse how to identify your PB voltage tester

Characteristic #1 : Screw cap or firmly fixed cap

Example : PB 175/0 :



The screw cap version is not concerned.

Characteristic #3 : The separate resistor

PB voltage testers with a firmly fixed cap, which show a separate resistor between bulb and blade are unproblematic, too:



Resistor between bulb and blade

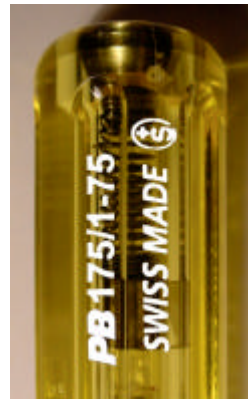
Characteristic #2 : The red printed inscription

PB voltage testers with a firmly fixed cap, which have an inscription printed in red, are unproblematic:



Characteristics #4 and #5 : The white print and the integrated resistor

Concerned are all PB voltage testers with a firmly fixed cap, a white print and a resistor, which is integrated in the part of the bulb:



Bulb contacts blade directly

What to do ?

According to the instructions, which are added to each voltage tester, defective voltage testers must not be used.

In any case it is not allowed to use voltage testers with defective glass components.

Please do not use PB voltage testers with a firmly fixed cap, which show the characteristics #4 and #5! We ask you to send them back to us. We will replace them, of course free of charge, as fast as possible with new ones.

To show the difference, the new type has a red printed inscription instead of a white one.