Caravan Parks & Marina: Electrical Supply Equipment

Product selection considerations and guidance on the 17th and 18th Editions of BS 7671. Issued 8 October 2026.

1. Section 708 - Caravan park supply equipment

1.1. Section 708 of BS 7671 covers electrical installations in caravan/camping and similar locations. Equipment must be selected for its installation environment and the complete electrical design.

Consideration	Selection / verification point
Industrial socket-outlets	Check appropriate BS EN 60309-2 type, rating, configuration and required ingress protection for the actual application.
Ingress and impact resistance	Check IP and IK classifications for the enclosure and the installed environment; do not treat a generic rating as proof of Section 708 compliance.
Shock and overcurrent protection	Verify RCD arrangements, protective-device selection, coordination and inspection/testing against the applicable edition of BS 7671.
Construction and access	Assess UV exposure, corrosion, mechanical damage, access restrictions and maintainability.
Identification	Provide suitable socket, circuit and pitch identification, as appropriate to the installation.

2. Section 709 - Marina & shore supply equipment

2.1. Section 709 adresses marinas and similar locations, where water exposure, corrosion and electric-shock risks require particular attention.

Consideration	Selection / verification point
Industrial socket-outlets	Select suitable BS EN 60309-2 socket-outlets and verify the required protection for the location and intended use.
Environmental protection	Assess water ingress, wave/spray exposure, corrosion and impact resistance; product ratings must match the exposure.
Electrical protection	Confirm RCD, overcurrent, earthing and isolation arrangements to the applicable Section 709 requirements.
Access and identification	Assess access control, circuit identification and inspection/maintenance arrangements.

Important: The original draft listed individual IP, IK and RCD specifications as universal mandatory rules. Exact requirements must be checked against the relevant clauses and installation conditions; this document is not a clause-by-clause certification checklist.

3. Which edition can be used?

The key distinction is between an existing installation built under a previous edition and new work being designed or installed now.

Standard / date	Practical position
17th Edition — BS 7671:2008 (including A3:2015)	Superseded. May help establish the standard applicable when an existing installation was designed/installed. Not the current standard for new work.
18th Edition — BS 7671:2018	Introduced for new work from 1 January 2019; subsequent amendments have updated its requirements.
18th Edition — A2:2022 + A3:2024	Remains a valid basis for work during the transition up to 15 October 2026.
18th Edition — A4:2026	Published 15 April 2026 and may be used immediately.
From 15 October 2026	The previous A2:2022 + A3:2024 version is withdrawn; A4:2026 becomes the current version.

3.1. Can a 17th Edition installation stay in use?

Yes, potentialy. A preivously compliant installation does not automatically become unsafe or require a complete upgrade solely because BS7671 has changed. Its actual condition, use, hazards, inspection results and legal duties still matter.

3.2. Can a contractor use the 17th Edition for a new carava or marina supply?

Not as the normal current compliance basis. New work and additions/alterations should be designed and verified to the applicable current BS7671 requirements. Existing equipment can sometimes be retained after assessment, replacement or altered parts must be suitable for the new work.

3.3. What about projects already designed to an older edition?

Contractual arrangements and the project stage may affect completion to withdrawn standard. This is a project-specific technical and contractual decision, not a blanket permission to install new work to the 17th Edition.

3.4. Customer-facing answer

“A safe existing 17th Edition installation does not automatically have to be replaced. However, for new caravan parks or marina installations we recommend specifying and verifying equipment against the applicable 18th Edition requirements, including the current amendments and Section 708 or 709 as relevant.”

4. October 2026 Changeover

At the date of this guidance (8 October 2026), the six-month transition is still in progress.

Period	Permitted standard basis
15 April – 14 October 2026	Either BS 7671:2018+A2:2022+A3:2024 or BS 7671:2018+A4:2026, subject to the work and contractual arrangements.
From 15 October 2026	Use BS 7671:2018+A4:2026 as the current standard for new work.

5. Checklist before specifying Famatel Equipment

5.1. Confirm whether the site is a caravan park (section 708), marina (section 709), or another application.

5.2. Cofirm whether the work is new, an alteration, a replacement or an inspection of an existing installation.

5.3. Identify the applicable edition/amendment and any agreed project transition arrengements.

5.4. Check the actual product datasheet for socket standard, IP/IK ratings, current rating and environmental suitability.

5.5. Verify the complete installation design, protective devices, earthing, labeling and certification with a complete electrical designer/installer.

6. Sources and furher reading

IET / BSI, 15 April 2026 — publication and transition: www.theiet.org/media/press-releases/press-releases-2026/press-releases-2026april-june/15-april-2026-iet-bsi-officially-publish-amendment-4-2026-to-bs-76712018-iet-wiring-regulations

IET, "Mythbuster #13", April 2026: electrical.theiet.org/wiring-matters/years/2026/109-april-2026/mythbuster-13-the-four-amendments-to-the-rumour-mill/

IET, "Ensure you are up to date": https://electrical.theiet.org/bs-7671-18th-edition-wiring-regulations/ensure-you-are-up-to-date-with-bs-7671

Technical note: This document is general guidance only, not a substitute for the full text of BS 7671, manufacturer documentation, site-specific risk assessment, inspection or competent professional design. Product compliance must be demonstrated separately.