

# ARC FLASH ARK BLAST

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An **arc flash** is the light and heat produced as part of an **arc fault** (sometimes referred to as an **electrical flashover**), a type of electrical explosion or discharge that results from a connection through air to ground or another voltage phase in an electrical system.

Arc flash is different from the **arc blast**, which is the supersonic shockwave produced when the conductors and surrounding air are heated by the arc, becoming a rapidly expanding plasma. Both are part of the same arc fault and are often referred to as simply an arc flash, but from a safety standpoint they are often treated separately. For example, (PPE) can be used to effectively shield a worker from the radiation of an arc flash, but that same PPE (40Cal) may likely be ineffective against the flying objects, molten metal, and violent concussion that the arc blast can produce. Note the over 40 Cal arc flash label. An arc flash-blast occurs when the circuit is connected to a lower impedance fault that results in an instantaneous excessive current flow. Depending on how fast the overcurrent device can interrupt the current flow results in the flash-arc blast energy. PPE Category 4 ( $167.5\text{J}/\text{cm}^2$ ) requires a 40Cal rated clothing. 40 Calories is the maximum protection available. The energy released over 40 calories is life threatening.

Arc flash temperatures can reach or exceed 35,000 °F (19,400 °C) at the arc terminals.<sup>[3]</sup> The massive energy released in the fault rapidly vaporizes the metal conductors involved, blasting molten metal and expanding plasma outward with extraordinary force.<sup>[3]</sup>

The rule of thumb is that arc flash is typically not an issue when the fault current of a system is below 10,000 AIC which stands for Ampere Interrupting Capacity. Arc flash calculations are done by calculating the clearing time of the overcurrent device with a (calculated short circuit current value) which will decrease with increasing distance from the source along with a factor for the dimensions of the enclosure. The calculation is further complicated with the fact that the clearing time curve for a circuit breaker increases with a reduction of current flow. In some cases, a panel closer to the source will have a lower arc flash rating due to the faster clearing time of the circuit breaker than one further away. The result of the arc flash calculations is label placed on a given device that displays the incident energy in calories. I attached a typical label

For a 125KVA transformer with a % impedance of .03% operating a 208/120 VAC the fault current calculation is:  $125000/208/1.73/.03 = 11579$  amperes with 10 feet of conduit and conductor between the source and the equipment you are just above the 1.2 Cal/CM<sup>2</sup>. There is also a shock hazard that is applicable as noted on the label along with PPE requirements.

A 500 KVA transformer with a % impedance of .048% operating at 480/277VAC the fault current calculation is:  $500,000/480/1.73/.048 = 12,544$  amperes with 10 feet of conduit and conductor between the source and the equipment the fault current. Phase to phase and phase to neutral.

A 500 KVA transformer with a % impedance of .03% operating at 480/277VAC the fault current calculation is:  $500000/480/1.73/.048 = 20,700$  amperes with 10 feet of conduit and conductor between the source and the equipment the fault current. phase to phase and phase to neutral. Due to the need to coordinate with the maximum trip time is 2 seconds.

Insert Arc Flash Video

# ARC FLASH LABEL REQUIREMENTS

## NFPA 70E 2024

NFPA 70E includes tables that give estimations for arc flash boundaries in specific situations.

Arc flash labels are described in section 130.5(H), "Electrical Equipment...maintenance while energized shall be marked with a label containing all the following information":

The diagram shows a rectangular label with an orange header band at the top. The header band contains a black exclamation mark icon followed by the word "WARNING" in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the header band, the text "Arc Flash & Shock Hazard Present" and "Appropriate PPE Required" is centered. The main body of the label is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "FLASH PROTECTION" and contains the following text: "Flash Protection Boundary 36 in", "Flash Hazard at 18 in", "Incident Energy 4.00 cal/cm", "Working Distance 18 in", and "Confirm PPE with Current NFPA 70E Arc-rated shirt & pants or arc-rated coverall. Arc-rated face shield with wrap-around guarding or arc-rated flash hood." The right column is titled "SHOCK PROTECTION" and contains the following text: "Shock Hazard when cover is removed", "240 VAC and below", "Limited Approach 3 ft 6 in", "Restricted Approach 0 ft 0 in", and "Glove Class 00". At the bottom of the label, there are two fields: "Equipment Name: Panel-126C" and "Date of Arc Flash Risk Assessment 1/10/2023". Three callout lines with arrows point to specific parts of the label: Callout A points to the orange header band, Callout B points to the "Limited Approach" and "Restricted Approach" boundaries in the shock protection section, and Callout C points to the "Date of Arc Flash Risk Assessment" field.

Arc Flash & Shock Hazard Present Appropriate PPE Required	
<b>FLASH PROTECTION</b>	<b>SHOCK PROTECTION</b>
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Equipment Name: Panel-126C      Date of Arc Flash Risk Assessment 1/10/2023	

## Requirements

- Nominal System Voltage** – The nominal system voltage, offers a quick way to assess the potential shock hazard and general degree of danger represented by a system. It can be measured in VAC (volts, alternating current) or VDC (volts, direct current). Common values are 120, 208, 220, and 480.
- Arc Flash Boundary** – The arc flash boundary, is the distance from the equipment at which an unprotected person would receive second-degree burns in the event of an arc flash. The distance is calculated in a variety of ways, and the calculation method must be documented. It does not need to appear on the label.
- Protective Equipment** – At a minimum choose one of the following
  - Incident energy and corresponding working distance, or the arc flash PPE category.
  - Minimum arc rating of clothing
  - Site-specific level of PPE

## Other Label Elements

- Warning/Danger Header** – These labels warn of a hazard that could result in serious injury or death. An ANSI Z535-compliant header should be used. The header can be either an orange band with the word "WARNING" in black, or a red band with the word "DANGER" in white. "Danger" should be used for more serious threats. In either case, the "alert" symbol should be included to the left of the header text.
- Shock Boundaries** – Electrical equipment that poses an arc flash hazard also presents a shock hazard. The Limited Approach Boundary is a distance from the equipment that should only be crossed by qualified workers, or workers properly equipped and accompanied by a qualified worker. The Restricted Approach Boundary, should only be crossed by qualified workers with a written and approved plan of action.
- Date of Risk Assessment** – All arc flash labels should include a Date of Risk Assessment. NFPA 70E requires the analysis to be reviewed at least once every five years, and labels must be updated whenever the relevant information has changed. CSA Z462 (the Canadian standard to NFPA 70E) requires this date appears on the label.

## Available Fault Current Calculation

Utility Fault Current  amperes kVA =  by John Sokolik Ver. 2021  
 E =  imp1ids@comcast.net  
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 $I_{SCA} = \frac{\text{trans. FLA} \times 100 \times PF}{\text{transformer } Z} =$  PF =   
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Point to Point Method Length (distance)  FEET  L =  Three Phase 208/120  
 (ASC)  $I_{SCA} =$   Copper in Nonmetallic Raceway  
 $f' \text{ factor} = \frac{1.732 \times L \times I}{N \times C \times E_{L-N}}$  # conductors per Ø N =   
 Ø conductor constant C =  Phase Conductor   
 $'Z' = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L \times X_L) + (R_{AC} \times R_{AC})}$  Voltage L-L E L-L =  Volt  
 $'C' = 1/(Z/1000)$  f =   
 Neutral conductor constant C =  Neutral Conductor   
 Voltage L-N E L-N =  Volt  
 Multiplier f =   
 $M = \frac{1}{1 + f}$  Line to Line M =   
 Line to Neutral M =   
 Fault Current at Service Equipment  
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**Arc Flash and Shock Risk Hazards**  
**Appropriate PPE Required**  
**Failure to Comply Can Result in Death or Injury!**

317 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
117.6 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

DO NOT WORK ON LIVE!

480 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: PNL-MPDP-1-MAIN

Protection: MaxTripTime @2.0s


NOTE: Changes in equipment settings, configuration, or lack of maintenance will invalidate the calculated values and PPE requirements.



**Arc Flash and Shock Risk Hazards**  
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90 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
15.7 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

AR flash suit jacket, pants, hood, gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, and hearing protection

240 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: PNL-MPDP-2-MAIN

Protection: MPDP-1 - T-2 CB


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**Appropriate PPE Required**  
**Failure to Comply Can Result in Death or Injury!**

78 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
12.4 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

AR flash suit jacket, pants, hood, gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, and hearing protection

480 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: ATS EMERGENCY

Protection: GEN - ATS CB


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**Appropriate PPE Required**  
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57 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
7.63 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

AR shirt, pants, face shield, balaclava, safety glasses, hard hat, hearing protection, and gloves

240 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: MCC-2

Protection: MPDP-2 - MCC-2 CB


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90 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
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12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: PNL-MPDP-2

Protection: PNL-MPDP-2-MCB


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**Arc Flash and Shock Risk Hazards**  
**Appropriate PPE Required**  
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11 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
0.54 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

AR shirt, pants, face shield, safety glasses, hard hat, hearing protection, and gloves

480 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: SPD-1

Protection: MPDP-1 - SPD-1 CB


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57 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
7.63 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

AR shirt, pants, face shield, balaclava, safety glasses, hard hat, hearing protection, and gloves

240 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: MCC-1

Protection: MPDP-2 - MCC-1 CB


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**Arc Flash and Shock Risk Hazards**  
**Appropriate PPE Required**  
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75 in Flash Hazard Boundry  
11.8 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> Incident Energy at 18 in

AR flash suit jacket, pants, hood, gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, and hearing protection

480 VAC	Shock Hazard	
00	Glove Class	
42 in	Limited Approach	920-234-2500 January 22, 2024
12 in	Restricted Approach	

Location: MCC-3

Protection: MPDP-1 - MCC-3 CB





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# ARC FLASH PPE CATEGORIES

## NFPA 70E 2024

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) uses four Arc Flash PPE Categories to classify ranges of arc flash hazards, and the corresponding acceptable combinations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). These categories inform workers about the protection they need while working on energized equipment.

PPE CATEGORY 1	PPE CATEGORY 2	PPE CATEGORY 3	PPE CATEGORY 4
<p>Minimum Arc Rating of <b>16.75 J/cm<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p><b>Arc Rated Clothing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AR long-sleeve shirt and pants, or AR coverall</li> <li>• AR face shield, or AR flash suit hood</li> <li>• AR jacket, parka, high-visibility apparel, rain wear, or hard hat liner (as needed)</li> </ul> 	<p>Minimum Arc Rating of <b>33.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p><b>Arc Rated Clothing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AR long-sleeve shirt and pants, or AR coverall</li> <li>• AR flash suit hood, or AR face shield and AR balaclava</li> <li>• AR jacket, parka, high-visibility apparel, rain wear, or hard hat liner (as needed)</li> </ul> 	<p>Minimum Arc Rating of <b>104.7 J/cm<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p><b>Arc Rated Clothing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required: AR long-sleeve shirt, AR pants, AR coverall, AR flash suit jacket, and AR flash suit pants</li> <li>• AR flash suit hood</li> <li>• AR gloves or rubber insulating gloves with leather protectors</li> <li>• AR jacket, parka, high-visibility apparel, rain wear, or hard hat liner (as needed)</li> </ul> 	<p>Minimum Arc Rating of <b>167.5 J/cm<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p><b>Arc Rated Clothing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required: AR long-sleeve shirt, AR pants, AR coverall, AR flash suit jacket, and AR flash suit pants</li> <li>• AR flash suit hood</li> <li>• AR gloves or rubber insulating gloves with leather protectors</li> <li>• AR jacket, parka, high-visibility apparel, rain wear, or hard hat liner (as needed)</li> </ul> 
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Each category includes a minimum Arc Rating (AR) value for the required PPE. This value is determined by the PPE manufacturer to indicate the amount of heat energy (in cal/cm<sup>2</sup>) that the clothing can absorb or block before the wearer is burned. (Second-degree burns are expected when skin is exposed to 1.2 cal/cm<sup>2</sup> of incident energy.)

Category 1 and 2 requirements can be met with a single layer of arc-rated PPE. To meet category 3 or 4 requirements, multiple layers of PPE may be required. These layers need to be tested together to receive a complete system arc rating.

With regards to operating circuit breakers and disconnects: When the cover is in place with all the screws in place there is not an issue operating a circuit breaker or disconnect switch of UL listed equipment that is in operable condition. That said if you ever get into a situation where a Disconnect Switch or circuit breaker seems to be jammed or otherwise defective. Do not operate the equipment but rather reach out for assistance. Once the equipment cover is removed ARC Flash mitigation is required.

The previous page references NFPA 70E 2024 based on the Category risk/category work on energized live parts **“INCLUDING VOTAGE TESTING”** triggers various PPE provisions including Fire rated clothing “FR” rated, hearing protection, HD leather gloves, AR gloves or rubber insulating gloves with leather protectors. [4]

## TESTING FOR ABSENCE OF VOLTAGE

Voltmeters used for testing and troubleshooting need to be CAT III rated, which includes UL or CSA listed, 600VAC/VDC rated. Surge protected 6KV, fused at 11A 1000VAC.

NFPA 70E does NOT permit using a noncontact type tester (see image) when testing for the absence of voltage on electrical systems rated at less than 1000 volts or less.

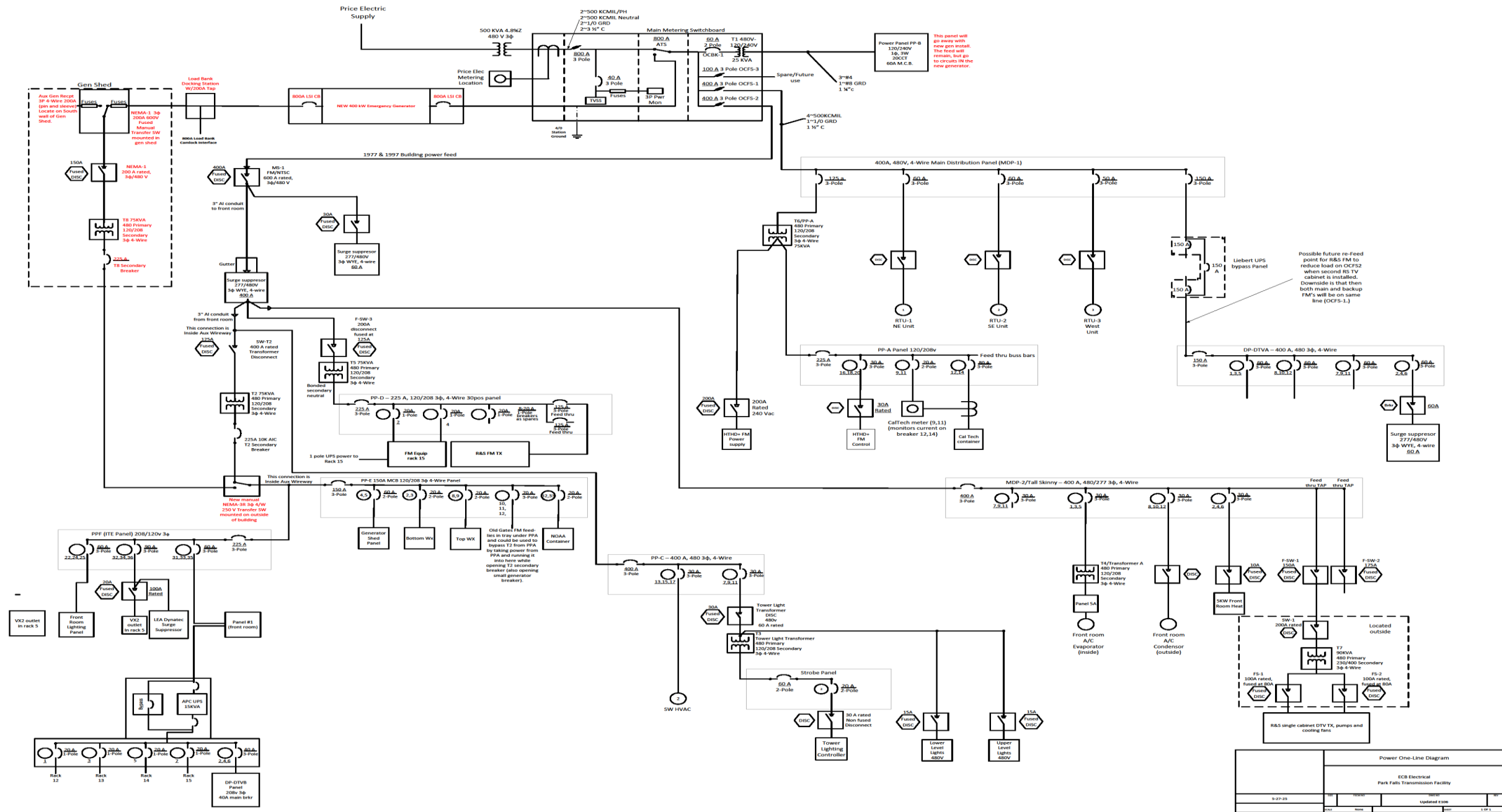
When testing for absence of voltage the meter first needs to first tested for voltage on a known energized source. Proceed with testing for absence of voltage phase to phase and phase to ground (earth) and retested on the known energized source.

# KNOW YOUR PLANT

MAIN SERVICE DISCONNECT(s)

MAIN GROUNDING ELECTRODE  
CONNECTION-MASTER GROUND  
BAR

ONE LINE DRAWINGS



WLEF Transmitter Site A/C Power Distribution for R&B Transmitter Installation

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T2-76KVA 480-120/208VAC XFMR Secondary with (4) 4/0 XHHW2 GEC #2 CU Bonded to Station Ground 225A Secondary Circuit Breaker															Secondary Disconnect								
Transfer Switch 250A 60KW 120/208 Generator with Main Circuit Breaker feeds ITE and FPE panelboards																							
ITE Panelboard 225A Main Circuit Breaker																							
Poles	Quantity	Label/ID	Description	K.P.	Equipment	Controls	Actions	OCP	Disconnect At XFMR	Motor Amp	Circuit Amp	Circuit Length		Notes	Feeder Size	EOG	Disconnect	Amperage	Type	Raceway Size	Notes	Controlled By	Notes
1	20	CB	Existing Lighting and Receptacle Circuits					20	SW-T2						#12	#12							
3	1	CB	UPS Bypass Panel		APC 15KW UPS			6							4-65	#6	SP SW	60	Fused	1"			
3	1	CB	HT-10 FM Transmitter					60							3-64	#6	NEMA-1	100	Non Fused	1-1/4"			
3	1	CB	Front XMTR Room		Lights and Receptacles			60							4-65	#6		Main CB		1"			
FPE Panelboard 160A Main Circuit Breaker																							

## FAULT CURRENT LIMITING

Fault current will be reduced by increasing the conductor distance between the source and the electrical equipment.

Installing current limiting fuses or electronic trip circuit breakers can reduce the fault current at the load point.

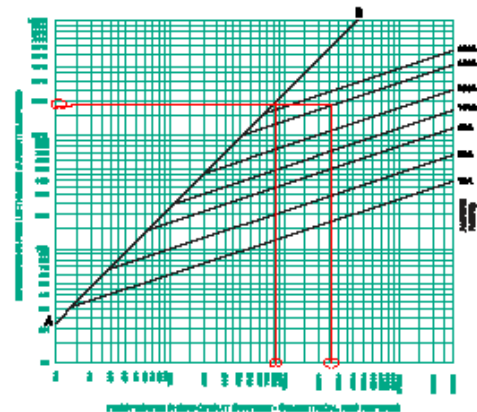
Other Mitigation methods for large industrial electrical systems:

Resistance Grounding-no neutral current available.

Arc detection equipment with shunt trip circuit breakers. High-Speed Detection—Arc-flash light sensing and overcurrent protection detect arc-flash hazards and send a trip signal to the breaker in as fast as 2 ms.

Many facilities require coordination of the opening of overcurrent devices. Coordination is done by layering tripping time curves of fuses and circuit breakers so that an upstream overcurrent device will not trip before a downstream OCP operates. Note: Reducing fault current reduces the available coordination range.

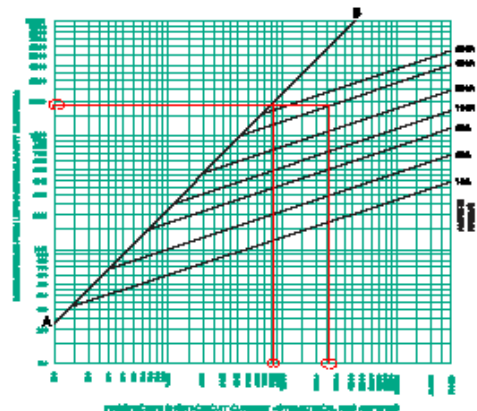


Low-Peak Class J, Dual-Element Time-Delay Fuses  
LPJ\_SP

LPJ\_SP Fuse – RMS Let-Through Currents (mA)

Prospect. Short- C.C.	Fuse Size						
	10	30	60	100	200	400	600
1,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3,000	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
6,000	1	1	1	2	3	5	5
10,000	1	1	2	2	4	6	6
15,000	1	1	2	3	4	7	8
20,000	1	1	2	3	4	7	10
25,000	1	1	2	3	5	8	10
30,000	1	1	2	3	5	8	11
40,000	1	1	2	4	5	9	12
60,000	1	2	3	4	6	10	13
80,000	1	2	3	4	6	11	14
100,000	1	2	3	5	7	12	15
150,000	1	2	4	6	8	12	17
200,000	1	2	4	6	9	14	19
250,000	2	3	4	6	9	14	21
300,000	2	3	4	6	9	16	24

Refer: For low value at 300,000 amperes, consult Factory.

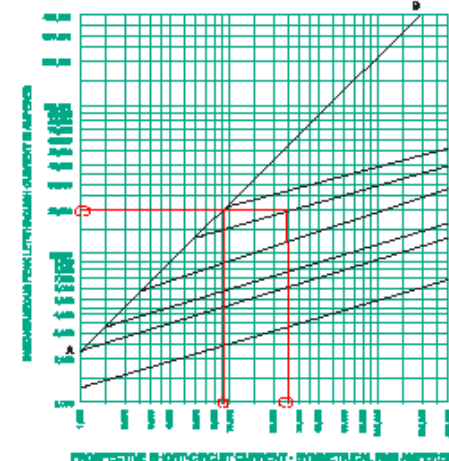
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30,000	1	1	2	3	5	8	11
40,000	1	1	2	4	6	9	12
60,000	1	2	3	4	6	10	13
80,000	1	2	3	4	6	11	14
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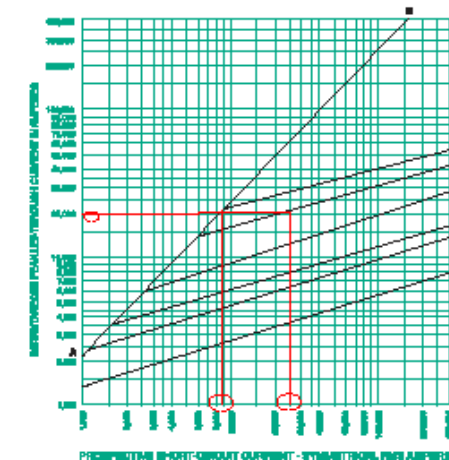
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See pages 67 to 69 for current-limiting definition and how to analyze fuse charts.

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30,000	1	1	2	3	4	8	13
40,000	1	2	3	4	5	9	14
60,000	1	2	3	4	6	10	16
80,000	1	2	3	4	6	11	18
100,000	1	2	3	4	6	12	20
150,000	2	3	4	6	8	14	24
200,000	2	3	4	6	9	16	28
250,000	2	3	4	6	9	18	32
300,000	2	3	4	6	9	20	36

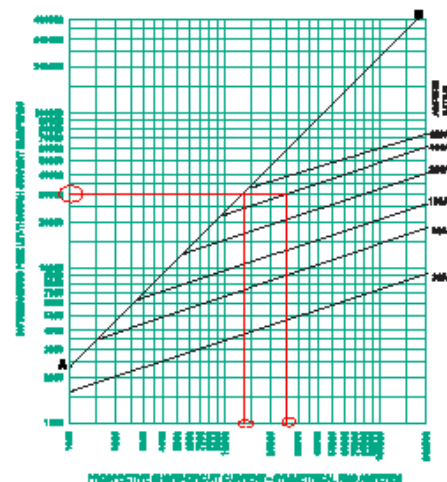
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LPN-RK\_SP

LPN-RK\_SP – RMS Let-Through Currents (mA)

Prospect. Short- C.C.	Fuse Size						
	10	30	60	100	200	400	600
1,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3,000	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
6,000	1	1	1	2	3	5	5
10,000	1	1	2	2	4	7	8
15,000	1	1	2	3	5	8	10
20,000	1	1	2	3	5	9	11
25,000	1	1	2	3	5	10	12
30,000	1	1	2	3	5	10	13
40,000	1	2	3	4	6	11	14
60,000	1	2	3	4	6	12	16
80,000	1	2	3	4	6	13	18
100,000	1	2	3	4	6	14	20
150,000	2	3	4	6	8	16	24
200,000	2	3	4	6	9	18	28
250,000	2	3	4	6	9	20	32
300,000	2	3	4	6	9	22	36

See pages 47 to 49 for current-limiting definition and how to analyze fuse charts.

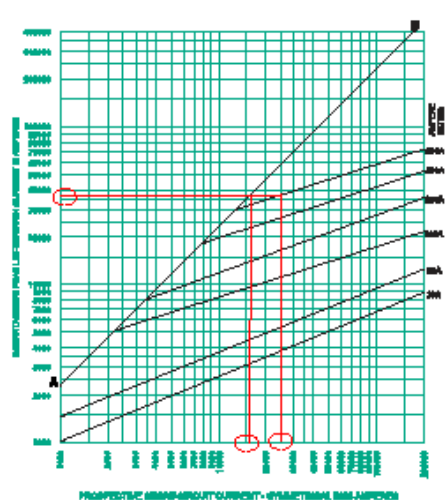
FuseTron Glass RMS Dual-Element Time-Delay Fuses  
FRN-R



FRN-R - RMS Let-Through Currents (A)

Prospect. Short C.C.	Fuse Size					
	25	30	100	250	400	600
	Am	Am	Am	Am	Am	Am
5,000	1	2	3	5	8	5
10,000	2	3	4	7	10	10
15,000	2	3	5	8	11	15
20,000	2	4	6	9	12	18
25,000	2	4	8	9	13	17
30,000	2	4	8	10	14	18
35,000	2	4	8	10	15	19
40,000	2	5	7	11	15	20
50,000	3	5	7	11	17	21
60,000	3	5	8	12	18	22
70,000	3	6	8	13	19	23
80,000	3	6	8	13	19	24
90,000	3	6	9	14	20	25
100,000	3	6	9	14	21	26
150,000	4	7	10	16	24	29
200,000	4	8	11	18	26	32

FuseTron Glass RMS Dual-Element Time-Delay Fuses  
FRB-R



FRB-R - RMS Let-Through Currents (A)

Prospect. Short C.C.	Fuse Size					
	25	30	100	250	400	600
	Am	Am	Am	Am	Am	Am
5,000	1	1	3	4	6	5
10,000	1	2	4	6	9	10
15,000	1	2	4	6	10	14
20,000	2	2	6	7	11	16
25,000	2	2	6	7	12	17
30,000	2	3	6	8	13	18
35,000	2	3	6	8	13	18
40,000	2	3	6	9	14	19
50,000	2	3	6	9	14	20
60,000	2	3	6	10	15	22
70,000	3	4	7	11	17	23
80,000	3	4	7	12	17	23
90,000	3	4	7	12	17	24
100,000	3	4	8	13	18	26
150,000	3	5	9	14	21	27
200,000	4	6	9	16	23	30

Other Mitigation methods for large industrial electrical systems:

Resistance Grounding-no neutral current available.

Arc detection equipment with shunt trip circuit breakers. High-Speed Detection—Arc-flash light sensing and overcurrent protection detect arc-flash hazards and send a trip signal to the breaker in as fast as 2 ms.

Many facilities require coordination of the opening of overcurrent devices. Coordination is done by layering tripping time curves of fuses and circuit breakers so that an upstream overcurrent device will not trip before a downstream OCP operates. Note: Reducing fault current reduces the available coordination range.

## Circuit Diagrams [1]

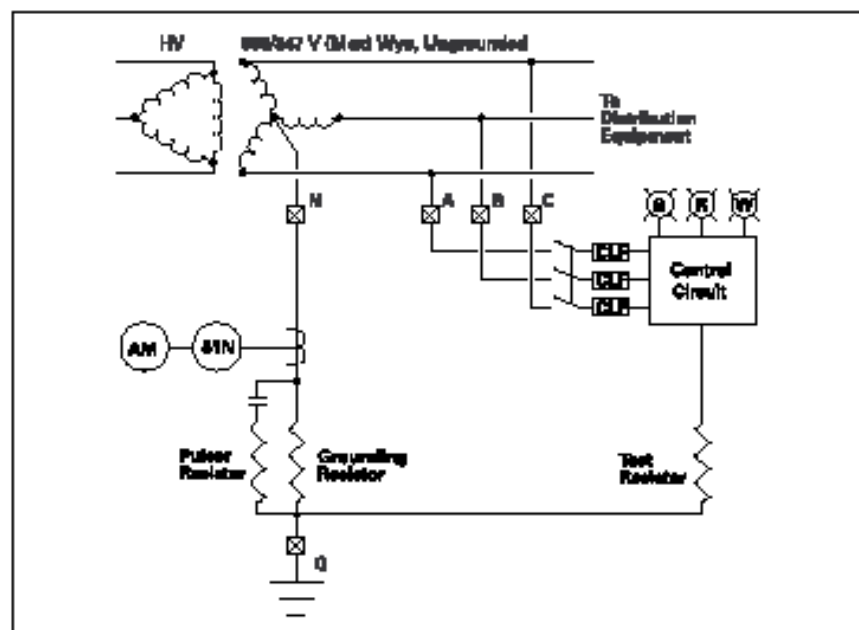
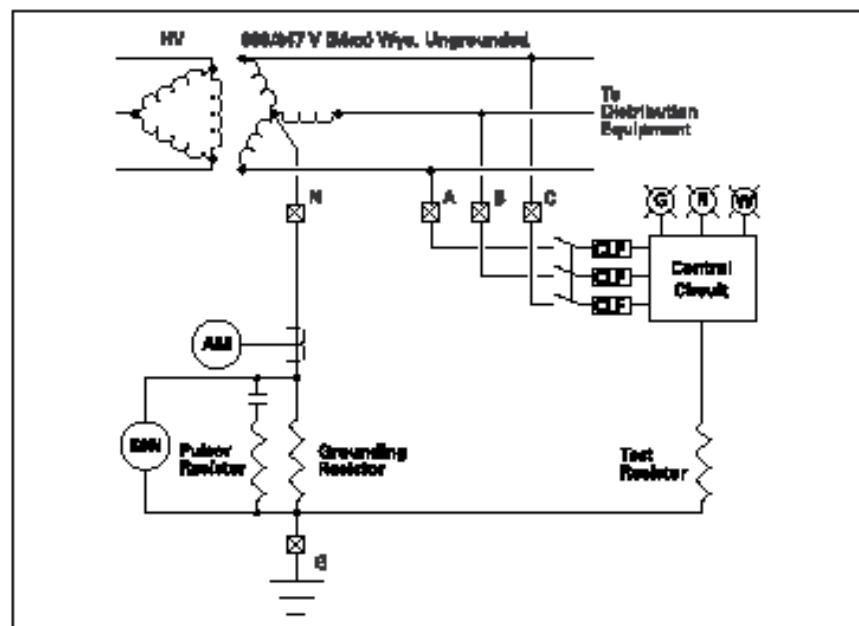


Figure 36.2-6. Four-Wire Source—Fault Detection via Current Relay



## ENERGIZED ELECTRICAL WORK PERMIT

## PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REQUESTER:

Job/Work Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Description of circuit/equipment/job location: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Description of work to be done: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Justification of why the circuit/equipment cannot be de-energized or the work deferred until the next scheduled outage: \_\_\_\_\_

Requester/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

PART II: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ELECTRICALLY QUALIFIED PERSONS DOING THE WORK:Check when  
complete(1) Detailed job description procedure to be used in performing the above detailed work: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐(2) Description of the safe work practices to be employed: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐(3) Results of the shock risk assessment: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐(a) Voltage to which personnel will be exposed ☐(b) Limited approach boundary ☐(c) Restricted approach boundary ☐(d) Necessary shock, personal, and other protective equipment to safely perform assigned task ☐(4) Results of the arc flash risk assessment: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐(a) Available incident energy at the working distance w arc flash PPE category ☐(b) Necessary arc flash personal and other protective equipment to safely perform the assigned task ☐(c) Arc flash boundary ☐(5) Means employed to restrict the access of unqualified persons from the work area: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐(6) Evidence of completion of a job briefing, including discussion of any job-related hazards: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐(7) Do you agree the above-described work can be done safely? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, return to requester.)

Electrically Qualified Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Electrically Qualified Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PART III: APPROVAL(S) TO PERFORM THE WORK WHILE ELECTRICALLY ENERGIZED:

Manufacturing Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance/Engineering Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Electrically Knowledgeable Person \_\_\_\_\_

General Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Once the work is complete, forward this form to the site Safety Department for review and retention.

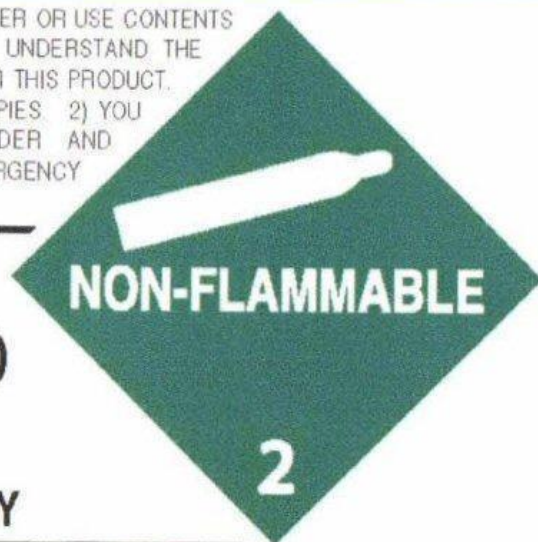
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Figure J.1 Sample Permit for Energized Electrical Work.

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**NF**  
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**FIRST AID:** IF INHALED, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician.

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Nitrogen safety:

Average atmospheric Oxygen levels are 21% when oxygen levels drop below 19.5% in the room it may cause disorientation, difficulties breathing and suffocation if inhaled in sufficient quantities. If encountered ventilate the room and move any affected to an outdoor location. Seek medical treatment for severe cases.





## SAFETY DATA SHEET

According to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) Article 31, Annex II as amended

## Nitrogen, compressed

Issue Date: 16.01.2013 Version: 1.6 SDS No.: 000010021697  
 Last revised date: 17.04.2023 1/14

## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

## 1.1 Product identifier

Product name: Nitrogen, compressed

Trade name: Gasart 220 Stickstoff, Gasart 221 Stickstoff 5.0, Gasart 222 Stickstoff 4.6, Gasart 226 Stickstoff 5.6 / 6.0, Gasart 223 Biogon® N, E941, Gasart 225 Stickstoff 5.3, Gasart 224 Stickstoff ECD, Gasart 407 VERISEQ® GAN Pharma, Gasart 412 Stickstoff med.

## Additional identification

Chemical name: Nitrogen  
 Chemical formula: N<sub>2</sub>  
 INDEX No. -  
 CAS-No. 7727-37-9  
 EC No. 231-783-9  
 REACH Registration No. Listed in Annex IV/V of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH), exempted from registration.

## 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses: Industrial and professional. Perform risk assessment prior to use. Aerosol propellant. Balance gas for mixtures. Blanketing gas. Calibration gas. Carrier gas. Fire suppressant gas. Food packaging gas. Inerting gas. Inflating tyres. Laboratory use. Laser gas. Pressure head gas, operational assist gas in pressure systems. Process gas. Purge gas. Test gas. Consumer use. Beverage applications. Shielding gas in gas welding. It is the responsibility of the end user to ensure that the product as supplied is suitable for its intended use.

Uses advised against: Industrial or technical grade is unsuitable for medical and/or food applications or inhalation.

## 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Supplier  
 Linde Gas GmbH  
 Carl-von-Linde-Platz 1  
 A-4651 Stadl-Paura  
 Telephone: +43 50 4273  
 E-mail: office@at.linde-gas.com

## 1.4 Emergency telephone number: Emergency number UMC0: +49 89 220 61012 (German), +44 1865 407333 (English)



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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

General: In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

## 4.1 Description of first aid measures

Inhalation: In high concentrations may cause asphyxiation. Symptoms may include loss of mobility/consciousness. Victim may not be aware of asphyxiation. Remove victim to uncontaminated area wearing self contained breathing apparatus. Keep victim warm and rested. Call a doctor. Apply artificial respiration if breathing stopped.

Eye contact: Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Skin Contact: Adverse effects not expected from this product.

Ingestion: Ingestion is not considered a potential route of exposure.

4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed: Respiratory arrest.

## 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

Hazards: None.

Treatment: None.

## SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

General Fire Hazards: Heat may cause the containers to explode.

## 5.1 Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media: Material will not burn. In case of fire in the surroundings: use appropriate extinguishing agent.

Unsuitable extinguishing media: None.

5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture: None.

Hazardous Combustion Products: None.

# QUESTIONS?

## Acknowledgements

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2-DuraLable-Category Chart, Typical Arc Flash Label. With permission.

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