



## High-Voltage Electrical Systems in Shipyards & Industrial Plants

*Ensuring Safe, Reliable, and Code-Compliant High-Voltage Operations*

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### High-Voltage System Design & Installation

- Ensure Proper Voltage Rating for Shipyard & Industrial Applications – Match system specifications to equipment load requirements (e.g., 4.16kV, 13.8kV, 34.5kV, or higher).
- Install High-Voltage Transformers & Switchgear According to NEC Standards – Use proper insulation and arc-resistant enclosures.
- Implement Load Flow Analysis & Short-Circuit Coordination Studies – Prevent overloading and uncoordinated fault protection.
- Ensure Proper Grounding & Bonding of HV Systems – Reduce shock hazards & transient voltage buildup.
- Deploy High-Voltage Isolation & Disconnect Systems – Provide safe maintenance access & emergency shutdown capabilities.

### High-Voltage Safety, PPE, & Arc Flash Protection

- Conduct Arc Flash Risk Assessments (NFPA 70E Compliance) – Establish safe working distances & PPE requirements.
- Equip Personnel with Class 2+ Insulated Gloves & Arc-Rated Gear – Protect against electrical flashover incidents.
- Require Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) Procedures for HV Equipment Maintenance – Prevent accidental re-energization of circuits.
- Ensure Proper Signage & Restricted Access to HV Areas – Only qualified high-voltage electricians should have access.
- Implement Infrared Thermography Inspections for HV Busbars & Conductors – Detect overheating & potential faults before failure occurs.

### High-Voltage Equipment Testing & Preventative Maintenance

- Perform Partial Discharge (PD) Testing on HV Insulation – Identify early breakdown of cable & transformer insulation.
- Conduct Megger (Insulation Resistance) Testing on HV Cables – Prevent dielectric breakdown & leakage currents.
- Test Circuit Breakers & Protective Relays for Proper Coordination – Ensure fast response times to electrical faults.
- Inspect High-Voltage Bus Ducts for Corrosion & Contamination – Maintain clean, secure power transmission.
- Schedule Transformer Oil Analysis & Dissolved Gas Testing (DGA) – Detect moisture, contamination, and insulation degradation.



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### **Emergency Response & Power Reliability Planning**

- Develop High-Voltage Emergency Shutdown Procedures – Train staff for rapid de-energization & safe power restoration.
- Ensure Backup Power Systems (HV Generators & UPS) Meet NFPA 110 Compliance – Prevent loss of critical operations.
- Monitor Power Quality & Load Balancing for Voltage Stability – Prevent sags, swells, and harmonics that impact operations.
- Deploy Smart Grid & HV Monitoring Systems for Real-Time Diagnostics – Use remote monitoring for fault detection & predictive maintenance.
- Schedule Routine HV Maintenance Shutdowns – Reduce unexpected failures & extend equipment lifespan.

### **Why High-Voltage Electrical System Maintenance is Critical**

Ensures Personnel Safety & Arc Flash Protection – Reduces risk of fatal electrical injuries.  
Prevents Equipment Failures & Costly Downtime – Protects expensive shipyard & industrial infrastructure.  
Ensures NEC, NFPA 70E, & OSHA Compliance – Meets government & industrial safety regulations.  
Improves System Efficiency & Power Stability – Reduces voltage fluctuations & excessive load draw.

### **Need Expert High-Voltage Electrical Solutions?**

MD Marine Electric specializes in high-voltage system design, maintenance, and compliance testing for shipyards, military bases, and industrial facilities.

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