

**Electrical Severity Measurement Tool  
Revision 2**

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## **Electrical Severity Measurement Tool**

**Purpose:** This tool is intended to determine the severity of an electrical energy event based on an evaluation of a series of electrical factors. The primary factors include: electrical hazard, environment, shock proximity, arc flash proximity, thermal proximity and any resulting injury(s) to affected personnel. This tool is also intended to assist DOE organizations in determining and classifying ORPS reportability.

**Scope:** This tool establishes a standardized approach for tracking and trending electrical energy events across the DOE complex. Specifically this approach provides a consistent method for the complex to determine the severity of an electrical event and to measure performance over a period of time. The Electrical Severity calculation is to be performed by an Electrical Subject Matter Expert (SME) with working knowledge of NFPA 70E.

**Limitations:** This tool is not intended to evaluate events that do not involve a worker being exposed to electrical energy.

*Note: failure to establish an electrically safe work condition (e.g., lockout/tagout) resulting in the discovery of an incomplete isolation of hazardous electrical energy is considered exposed as defined by NFPA 70E. This **does not include** discoveries made by zero-energy checks before work is authorized or administrative errors.*

This tool establishes a metric that can be consistently applied to allow a DOE organization to compare relative performance against itself. Comparison of one organization's performance to another is considered inappropriate without further normalization due to anomalies and variables that may exist in work scope (e.g., D&D vs Research), environmental conditions, etc.

This tool is not intended to be used to develop electrical safety program requirements. Since NFPA 70E does not cover all electrical hazards found in the DOE complex, such as high current/low voltage, high voltage/low current, radiofrequency, and capacitors, there are portions of this document based on classification of electrical hazards used in the DOE Electrical Safety Handbook and laboratory programs. Thus, portions of this tool go beyond or supplement current national codes and standards. The intent of this tool is to provide a relative ranking of the severity of the event to electrical hazards.

## User Guidelines

(1) The tool is not intended to cover all factors that contribute to an electrical event. For example, the tool does not take into account (a) training, (b) work control (except for establishing an electrically safe work condition and wearing proper PPE), and (c) equipment maintenance. The tool is intended to give a relative rank of the severity of the injury, or potential for injury.

*Consider only the data required by the Severity Equation.*

(2) The tool should be used without speculation on what could have occurred, or “what ifs”. The tool is intended to give a quantitative, reproducible score of an event, no matter where or when it occurred. Ideally, the tool should give the same result regardless of the user.

*Do not speculate about what “could have happened”.*

(3) The tool is not intended to be the sole measure of the severity of a safety event, but to give a measure of the electrical hazard component. There may be other hazards involved (e.g., confined space, radiological), other issues (e.g., lack of training, lack of engineering controls), and other similar management concerns.

*Other factors may need to be considered in the overall event assessment.*

(4) The tool gives a medium significance score for a dry hand, 120 V shock. There are varying opinions on this result, and considerable thought went into the tool development and pilot results. Consider that, across the country, there are estimated to be 100s of dry hand, 120 V shocks daily while performing everyday activities such as inserting a plug into a receptacle, especially across the fingers of one hand. It is very rare that such shocks result in injury or fatality, but it is important to record them, to look for trends or concerns. The tool does take into account the factors that can cause such shocks to be harmful or fatal, namely a wet environment.

*A dry-hand, 120 V shock ranks medium significance.*

(5) Equipment failures, containing the electrical hazard, do not result in a worker being exposed to an electrical hazard, thereby giving a score of zero. If the electrical energy escapes, such as no equipment ground in place, or inadequate arc flash containment, then a worker may be exposed if within the boundaries.

*Equipment failures may not result in a worker being exposed to an electrical hazard.*

## Electrical Severity (ES)

Each electrical event is reviewed to determine its Electrical Severity (ES) using the following equation:

$$\text{Electrical Severity (ES)} = (\text{Electrical Hazard Factor}) * (1 + \text{Environment Factor} + \text{Shock Proximity}^1 \text{ Factor} + \text{Arc Flash Proximity}^1 \text{ Factor} + \text{Thermal Proximity}^1 \text{ Factor}) * (\text{Injury Factor})$$

<sup>1</sup>Note that you cannot have both an Arc Flash Proximity Factor and a Thermal Proximity Factor. If the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used while performing the work then these factors can be reduced to zero (refer to PPE Mitigation section).

The Electrical Severity (ES) is based on the following factors:

<b>Electrical Hazard Factor</b>	blue - no hazard	0
	green - low hazard	1
	yellow - moderate hazard	10
	red - high hazard	50
	maroon - very high hazard	100

*The Electrical Hazard Factor is determined by classifying the source of electrical energy that the worker was exposed to during the event and then assigning a value to it, based on the **Electrical Hazard Classification Charts**<sup>2</sup> found in the back of this document and color coded as shown above. Failure to establish an electrically safe work condition (e.g., lockout/tagout) resulting in the discovery of an incomplete isolation of hazardous electrical energy is considered an exposure. This **does not include** discoveries made by zero-energy checks before work is authorized or administrative errors.*

<sup>2</sup>The hazard classification charts cover six broad areas, ac 60 Hz (Chart 2), dc (Chart 3), capacitors (Charts 4 & 5), batteries (Chart 6), rf (Chart 7) and sub-rf (Chart 8). These charts, taken collectively, represent almost all of the electrical hazards found in electrical equipment. Consequently, all classes should be considered when identifying the hazards associated with any piece of electrical equipment. A single piece of equipment may have multiple electrical hazard classifications, and the worker may have been exposed to a combination of hazards. To aid hazard identification, each chart has cross-reference notes. For example, the dc chart has cross-reference notes to capacitance, battery, and ac 60 Hz. Event evaluators should have a thorough understanding of the equipment involved in the electrical event. Consulting manuals and schematics and speaking with factory service representatives and SMEs are ways to ensure that all of the hazards are fully understood and that all the pertinent classes are taken into account.

<b>Environment Factor</b>	Dry	0
	Damp	5
	Wet	10

*The Environment Factor<sup>3</sup> is determined by analyzing the environmental condition found in the area of the event. The Environment Factor is determined in order to assess the level of severity at the time of the event. Human skin resistance can vary considerably from a dry location to one that contains conductive fluids (e.g., end mill misters present in a machine shop). If the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used while*

*performing work then this factor can be reduced to zero (refer to PPE Mitigation section).*

<sup>3</sup>Dry is indoors unless otherwise noted, Damp is outdoors unless otherwise noted, Wet is assumed when water, snow, or other conductive liquids were involved. Examples: Outdoors can be dry, in certain arid climates, and Indoors can be wet, in work conditions involving conductive fluids.

<b>Shock Proximity Factor</b>	Outside Limited Approach Boundary	0
	Within Limited Approach Boundary	1
	Within Restricted Approach Boundary	3
	Within Prohibited Approach Boundary	10

*The Shock Proximity Factor is determined by performing a Shock Hazard Analysis. Determine whether you have a shock hazard using Table 1, then determine the approach boundaries in Table 2(ac 60 Hz) or Table 3(dc), which are based on Table 130.2(C) of NFPA 70E. Assign the factor based on the approximate distance of the worker(s) to the exposed energy source. All dimensions are distance from the exposed live part to the employee. If the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used while performing work then this factor can be reduced to zero (refer to PPE Mitigation section).*

Table 1 - Thresholds for defining shock hazards.

Source	Includes	Thresholds
ac	60 Hz	> 50 V and > 5 mA
dc	all	> 100 V and > 40 mA
Capacitors	all	> 100 V and > 1 J, or > 400 V and > 0.25 J
Batteries	all	> 100 V
Subrf	1 Hz to 3 kHz	> 50 V and > 5 mA
rf	3 kHz to 100 MHz	A function of frequency

**Notes:**

- 1) It is possible for a worker to be exposed to more than one shock hazard at any given location.
- 2) There may be other electrical hazards below the above shock thresholds (e.g., a thermal burn hazard). See Tables below.
- 3) Injuries may result from startle reactions due to contact with energized components, even though there is no shock hazard, especially high voltage, low energy
- 4) Shock and burn hazards from induced and contact rf currents become negligible above 100 MHz.

## Shock Boundary Analysis for 60 Hz

Shock boundary analysis, including the determination of the Limited, Restricted, and Prohibited Shock Boundaries, is based on the nominal system voltage range, phase to phase with the distance being from the exposed energized electrical conductor or circuit part to the employee. Shock boundary tables are found in NFPA 70E for 60 Hz power, and can be adapted to dc, including batteries and capacitors. This table is taken from NFPA 70E, Table 130.2(C). Notes help to explain the content and use of the table.

Table 2 - Approach boundaries to exposed energized electrical conductor or circuit part for shock protection, ac 60 Hz.

Nominal System Voltage Range, Phase to Phase	Limited Approach Boundary		Restricted Approach Boundary, Includes Inadvertent Movement Adder	Prohibited Approach Boundary
	Exposed Movable Conductor	Exposed Fixed Circuit Part		
≤ 50	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
50 – 300	3.05 m (10'0")	1.07 m (3'6")	Avoid contact	Avoid contact
301 – 750	3.05 m (10'0")	1.07 m (3'6")	304 mm (1'0")	25 mm (0'1")
751 – 15 kV	3.05 m (10'0")	1.53 m (5'0")	660 mm (2'2")	178 mm (0'7")
15.1 – 36 kV	3.05 m (10'0")	1.83 m (6'0")	787 mm (2'7")	254 mm (0'10")
36.1 – 46 kV	3.05 m (10'0")	2.44 m (8'0")	838 mm (2'9")	432 mm (1'5")
46.1 – 72.5 kV	3.05 m (10'0")	2.44 m (8'0")	1.0 m (3'3")	660 mm (2'2")
72.6 – 121 kV	3.25 m (10'8")	2.44 m (8'0")	1.29 m (3'4")	838 mm (2'9")
138 – 145 kV	3.36 m (11'0")	3.05 m (10'0")	1.15 m (3'10")	1.02 m (3'4")
161 – 169 kV	3.56 m (11'8")	3.56 m (11'8")	1.29 m (4'3")	1.14 m (3'9")
230 – 242 kV	3.97 m (13'0")	3.97 m (13'0")	1.71 m (5'8")	1.57 m (5'2")
345 – 362 kV	4.68 m (15'4")	4.68 m (15'4")	2.77 m (9'2")	2.79 m (8'8")
500 - 550 kV	5.8 m (19'0")	5.8 m (19'0")	3.61 m (11'10")	3.54 m (11'4")
765 – 800 kV	7.24 m (23'9")	7.24 m (23'9")	4.84 m (15'11")	4.7 m (15'5")

### Notes:

- 1) The symbol ' is used for feet and " for inches. Thus, 3'6" means 3 feet, 6 inches.
- 2) All dimensions are distance from exposed energized electrical conductor or circuit part to worker.
- 3) Voltage, Phase to Phase refers to three-phase power systems. This value also can be used for phase to ground, or conductor to ground voltage.
- 4) Exposed Movable Conductor means that the bare conductor can move (e.g., an overhead transmission line conductor). This is unlikely indoors.
- 5) Exposed Fixed Circuit Part means the bare conductor or other circuit part is stationary and will not move. This is the most common Limited Approach Boundary value used.
- 6) The odd voltage ranges (e.g., 46 – 72 kV) were selected in NFPA 70E because of the typical voltages of utility transmission systems.

7) The odd distances in meters result from conversion of English system units to metric.

## Shock Boundary Analysis for DC

Shock Boundary values for dc are not found in NFPA 70E, but can be inferred because the principles of air breakdown distance are similar. Differences in the physics of air gap breakdown from 60 Hz ac to dc are small compared to the conservative values chosen for the boundaries. To determine a similar value for dc, the ac phase to phase voltage was converted to the peak of a phase to ground. This would give a value that is 0.82 x rms value of the phase to phase voltage used in NFPA 70E. Thus, to use the values in the NFPA 70E table is more conservative than NFPA 70E. This table gives approach boundaries to exposed energized electrical conductor or circuit part for dc, which is applicable to dc circuits, batteries, and capacitors. Notes help to explain the content and use of the table.

Table 3 - Approach boundaries to exposed energized electrical conductor or circuit part for shock protection, dc.

Nominal Voltage Conductor to Ground	Limited Approach Boundary Exposed Fixed Circuit Part	Restricted Approach Boundary, Includes Inadvertent Movement Adder	Prohibited Approach Boundary
≤ 100	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
100 – 300	1.07 m (3'6")	Avoid contact	Avoid contact
300 – 1000 V	1.07 m (3'6")	304 mm (1'0")	25 mm (0'1")
1 – 5 kV	1.53 m (5'0")	450 mm (1'7")	100 mm (0'4")
5 – 15 kV	1.53 m (5'0")	660 mm (2'2")	178 mm (0'7")
15 kV – 45 kV	2.5 m (8'0")	0.84 m (2'9")	0.44 m (1'5")
45 kV – 75 kV	2.5 m (8'0")	1 m (3'2")	0.66 m (2'2")
75 kV – 150 kV	3 m (10'0")	1.2 m (4'0")	1 m (3'2")
150 kV – 250 kV	4 m (11'8")	1.7 m (5'8")	1.6 m (5'2")
250 kV – 500 kV	6 m (20'0")	3.6 m (11'10")	3.5 m (11'4")
500 kV – 800 kV	8 m (26'0")	5 m (16'5")	5 m (16'5")

### Notes:

- 1) The symbol ' is used for feet and " for inches. Thus, 3'6" means 3 feet, 6 inches.
- 2) All dimensions are distance from exposed energized electrical conductor or circuit part to worker.
- 3) Voltage is conductor to ground.
- 4) The voltage ranges were simplified from NFPA 70E. Conservative values (e.g., the higher values) were chosen.
- 5) The distances were rounded up to generate simpler numbers.
- 6) It is unlikely that a worker will work near exposed conductors over 100 kV, dc.

<b>Arc Flash Proximity Factor</b>	Outside Arc Flash Boundary	0
	Inside Arc Flash Boundary	10

*The Arc Flash Proximity Factor is determined by performing a Flash Hazard Analysis using one of the methods as described in NFPA 70E 130.3(A). The method used cannot differ from the method that the institution is using to determine Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect against arc flash. The approximate distance of the worker to the energy source is used again to determine the arc flash hazard. If the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used while performing work then this factor can be reduced to zero (refer to PPE Mitigation section). Note that you cannot have both an Arc Flash Proximity Factor and a Thermal Proximity Factor.*

The Table for arc flash hazards below is based on IEEE 1584, which describes when an arc flash hazard is present.

Table 4 – Thresholds for arc flash hazards.

Source	Includes	Thresholds
ac	50 and 60 Hz	< 240 V and the transformer supplying the circuit is rated $\geq 125$ kVA, or < 240 V and the circuit is supplied by more than one transformer, or $\geq 240$ V
dc	all	> 100 V and > 500 A
Capacitors	all	> 100 V and > 10 kJ
Batteries	all	> 100 V and > 500 A
sub rf	1 – 3 kHz	> 250 V and > 500 A
rf	NA	Not Applicable (NA)

Thermal Proximity Factor	Power	
	1-30 kW	>30 kW
No contact	0	0
Contact	3	10

*The Thermal Proximity Factor is determined by performing a Thermal Hazard Analysis by analyzing whether a conductive media came into contact with an energized source. The hazard to the worker in this case is a thermal one, (e.g., burn received from holding a wrench that came into contact with a high current energy source). The severity is determined by human contact with the conductive media and the power available to the contacting media. If the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is used while performing work then this factor can be reduced to zero (refer to PPE Mitigation section). Note that you cannot have both an Arc Flash Proximity Factor and a Thermal Proximity Factor.*

Table 5 – Thresholds for thermal burn hazards.

Source	Includes	Thresholds
dc	all	< 100 V and > 1000 W
Capacitors	all	< 100 V and > 100 J
Batteries	all	< 100 V and > 1000 W
subrf	1 – 3 kHz	< 50 V and > 1000 W
rf	NA	NA

### **PPE/Equipment Mitigation**

Correct for Environment hazard	reduces the Environment Factor to 0
Correct for Shock hazard	reduces the Shock Proximity Factor to 0
Correct for Arc Flash hazard	reduces the Arc Flash Proximity to 0
Correct for Thermal hazard	reduces the Thermal Proximity Factor to 0

*Reduces the appropriate factor(s) to zero when the proper equipment and/or appropriately rated PPE is used. Appropriately rated PPE means that it is designed and manufactured to protect the worker from the electrical hazard associated with that factor and has been tested and certified (if applicable) to do so. The type and ratings (if applicable) of PPE must be determined. Proper equipment means that the equipment being used has been designed and manufactured to protect the worker from the electrical hazard associated with that factor.*

<b>Injury Factor</b>	None	1
	Shock (no fibrillation) or burn (1 <sup>st</sup> degree)	3
	Arc Flash/Blast or burn (2 <sup>nd</sup> degree) <sup>1</sup>	5
	Shock resulting in effects on heart <sup>2</sup>	10
	Permanent disability or burn (3 <sup>rd</sup> degree) <sup>1</sup>	20
	Fatality	100

*The Injury Factor is determined by the injury to the worker(s) involved in the event.*

<sup>1</sup> Assign the value if the burn injury is affecting more than five percent of the body surface.

<sup>2</sup> Effects on the heart are determined by an Electrocardiogram (ECG).

## Electrical Severity Significance

The Electrical Severity (ES) equation generates scores from 0 to 310,000. This range provides an exponentially rising severity that, when based on a logarithmic scale, breaks down into 3 categories of significance (as shown below) High, Medium and Low.

Table 6 – Electrical severity significance categories.

<b>Significance</b>	<b>Electrical Severity (ES)</b>
High	$\geq 1750$
Medium	31 – 1749
Low	1 - 30

Low (score 1-30) events are usually those items that truly did not pose a risk to the worker such as carpet shock and mishaps that were expected to happen in the work control document for which the worker was appropriately prepared for. Therefore, an event with a calculated ES value of 1-30 is not an electrical event.

The belief is that the Low (score 1-30) events are low enough in severity that they should be addressed on site by the contractor having them but may not add any overall value when reported through the ORPS system.

## Electrical Severity Index (ESI)

The Electrical Severity Index (ESI) performance metric was developed to normalize the events against organizational work hours.

The ESI should be calculated monthly.

The rolling twelve month ESI average should also be calculated monthly to limit small period fluctuations.

Both the monthly ESI and the rolling twelve month ESI average should be tracked graphically.

The ESI is calculated when each event is weighted for severity and then averaged with other events to obtain a result representing performance.

The Electrical Severity (ES) is used as the weighting factor for each event in the Electrical Severity Indicator (ESI) metric below.

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$$ESI = \frac{200,000[(ES_{event1}) + (ES_{event2}) + (ES_{eventN}) \dots]}{\text{(hours worked)}}$$

where:

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*ESI* = Electrical Severity Index

*200,000* = constant (man hours for a 100 person work force)

*Event* = electrical safety event

*Hours worked* = actual work hours for work population (as reported in CAIRs)

*Note:* same as hours used to calculate OSHA Recordable Case Rate (RCR)

*ES* = the Electrical Severity calculated above for a specific event.

The ESI is intended to use a similar approach to calculating RCR (source of work hours is same). *It assigns a numerical weighting factor to each event, the more risk or consequence associated with the event, the higher the weighting factor. ORPS reportable occurrences serve as basis for events.*

An evaluation should be performed to determine if the goal for continuous improvement is being met. An occurrence that results in electrical injury would be considered unsatisfactory performance for the year.

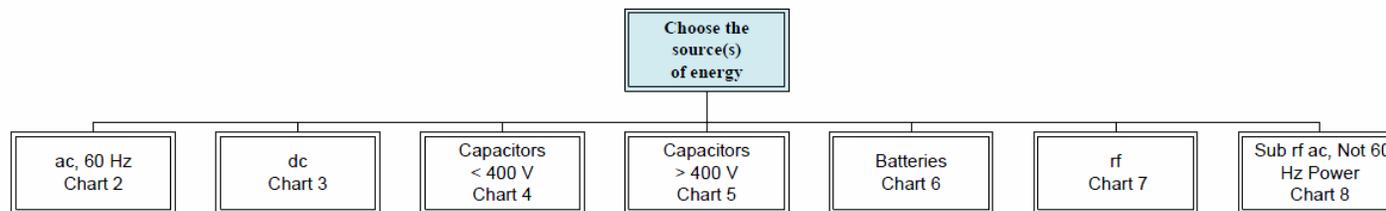


Chart 1 – Overview of Electrical Hazards

These charts, taken collectively, represent most of the electrical hazards found in electrical equipment. Consequently, all charts should be considered when identifying the hazards associated with any piece of electrical equipment. A single piece of equipment may have multiple energy sources, and the worker may have been exposed to a combination of hazards. To aid hazard identification, each chart has cross-reference notes. For example, the dc chart (Chart 3) has cross-reference notes to capacitance, battery, and 60 Hz hazard tables. Event evaluators should have a thorough understanding of the equipment involved in the electrical event. Consulting manuals and schematics and speaking with factory service representatives and SMEs are ways to ensure that all of the hazards are fully understood and that all of the pertinent classes are taken into account. Some guidelines on use of the hazard classification charts are given. They are general, and there may be exceptions to each one:

- If you do not understand these guidelines and your equipment, consult an electrical SME
- All equipment gets its power from the facility (Chart 2) or batteries (Chart 6). Thus, equipment starts with one of those classes
- Most small appliances, hand tools, and portable laboratory equipment plugs into facility receptacles. In general, if you can carry it, most likely it uses 120 to 240 V
- Larger facility and laboratory equipment may use up to 480 V.
- All electronic equipment and much other R&D equipment converts 60 Hz power into dc. All dc power supplies have some capacitance. Thus, dc power supplies have both dc hazards (Chart 3) and capacitor hazards (Charts 4/5). Both must be evaluated
- All UPSs have battery hazards (Chart 6), as well as 60 Hz power hazards (Chart 2), since they usually are tied into 60 Hz power (input), and produce 60 Hz type power (output)

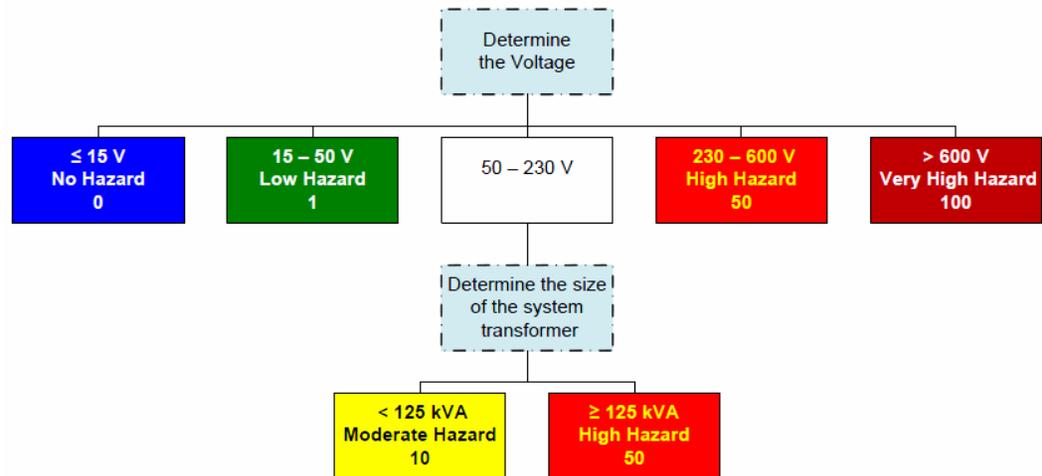


Chart 2 – ac, 60 Hz

Notes on use:

- The voltage is the root mean square (rms) voltage for 60 Hz power.
- For current limited 60 Hz circuits ( $\leq 5$ mA), use Chart 8.
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For dc, use Chart 3
  - For Capacitors, less than 400 Volts, use Chart 4
  - For Capacitors, greater than 400 Volts, use Chart 5
  - For Batteries, use Chart 6
  - For rf, use Chart 7
  - For Sub-rf ac, use Chart 8

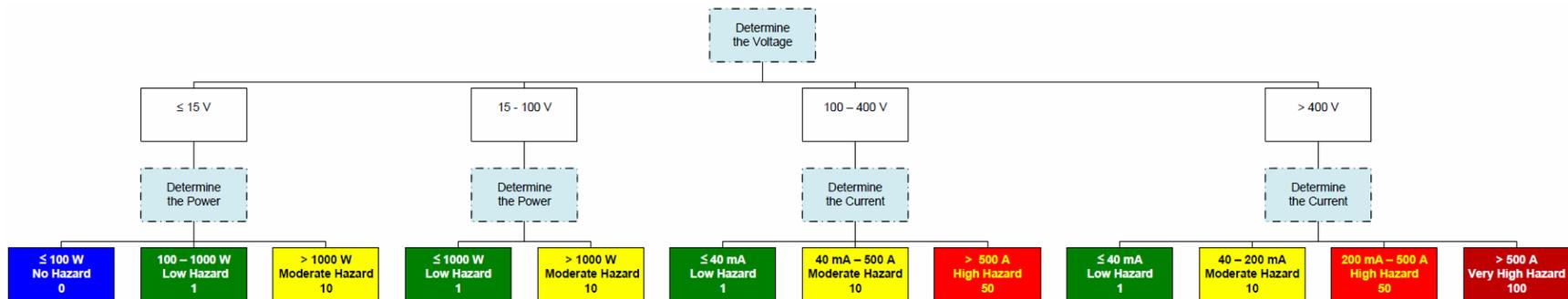


Chart 3 – dc

Notes on use:

- The voltage is the dc voltage.
- The power is available short-circuit power.
- The current is available short-circuit current.
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For ac 60 Hz, use Chart 2
  - For Capacitors, less than 400 Volts, use Chart 4
  - For Capacitors, greater than 400 Volts, use Chart 5
  - For Batteries, use Chart 6
  - For rf, use Chart 7
  - For Sub-rf ac, use Chart 8

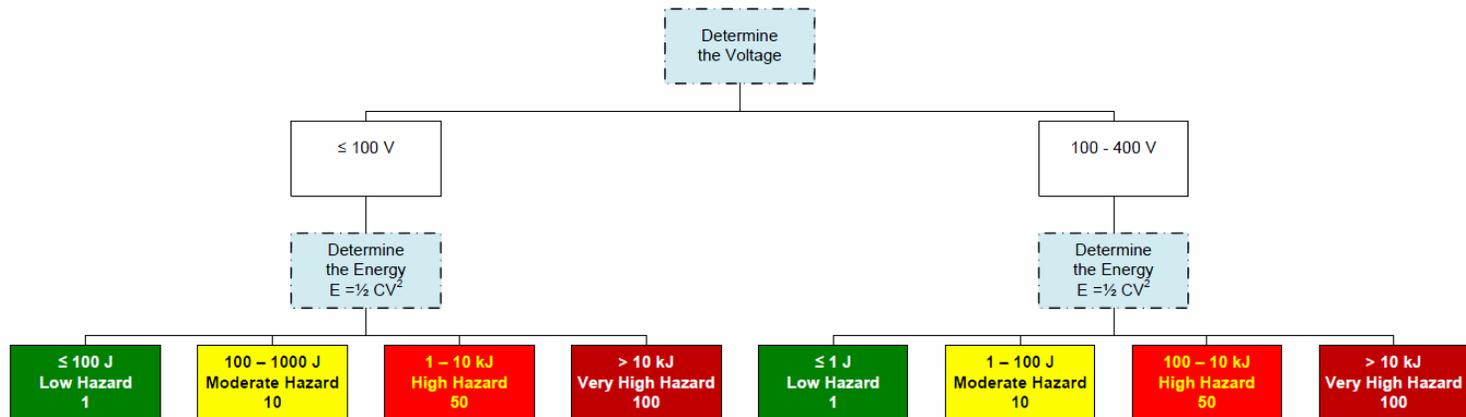


Chart 4 – Capacitors, < 400 V

Notes on use:

- The voltage is ac (rms) or dc maximum charge voltage on the capacitor.
- The energy is maximum energy stored in the capacitor as determined by  $E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$ .
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For ac 60 Hz, use Chart 2
  - For dc, use Chart 3
  - For Capacitors, greater than 400 Volts, use Chart 5
  - For Batteries, use Chart 6
  - For rf, use Chart 7
  - For Sub-rf ac, use Chart 8

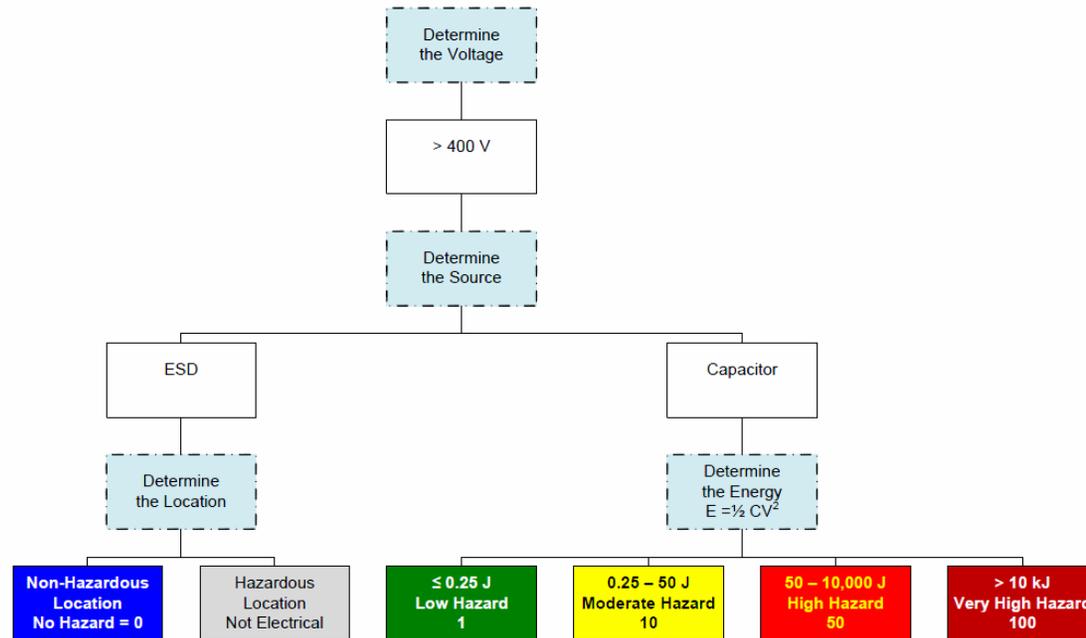


Chart 5 – Capacitors, > 400 V

Notes on use:

- The voltage is ac (rms) or dc maximum charge voltage on the capacitor.
- The energy is maximum energy stored in the capacitor as determined by  $E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$ .
- ESD in a hazardous location could potentially have a significant hazard. This tool cannot evaluate this hazard.
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For ac 60 Hz, use Chart 2
  - For dc, use Chart 3
  - For Capacitors, less than 400 Volts, use Chart 4
  - For Batteries, use Chart 6

- For rf, use Chart 7
- For Sub-rf ac, use Chart 8

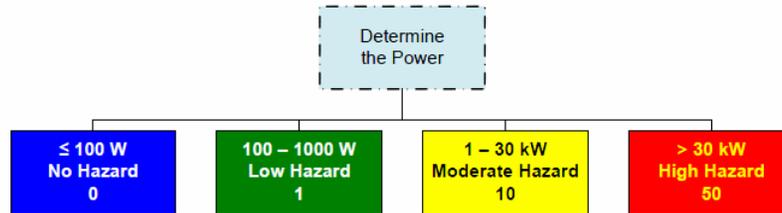


Chart 6 – Batteries

Notes on use:

- The power is available short-circuit power.
- Note that if the battery voltage is greater than 100 V also refer to Chart 3 to classify the shock hazard.
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For ac 60 Hz, use Chart 2
  - For dc, use Chart 3
  - For Capacitors, less than 400 Volts, use Chart 4
  - For Capacitors, greater than 400 Volts, use Chart 5
  - For rf, use Chart 7
  - For Sub-rf ac, use Chart 8

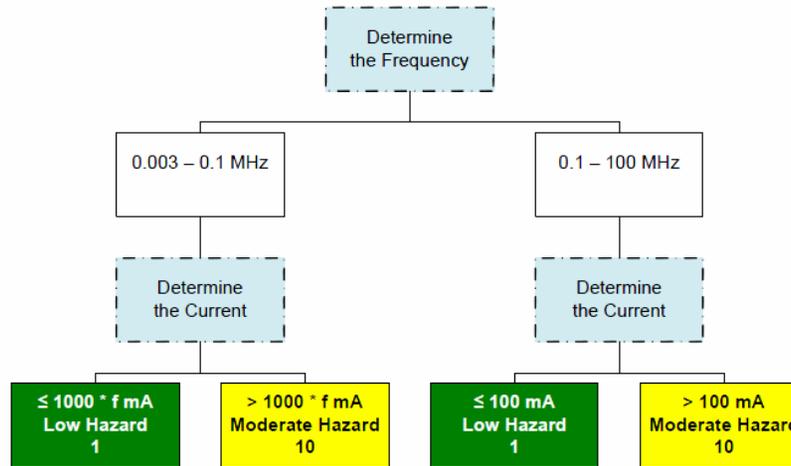


Chart 7 – rf circuits, 3 kHz to 100 MHz

Notes on use:

- f in the chart is frequency in MHz
- This chart only addresses the rf shock hazard, it does NOT address exposure to electromagnetic fields.
- The allowable shock currents are much higher than 60 Hz (e.g., 100 mA is allowed for 100 kHz).
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For ac 60 Hz, use Chart 2
  - For dc, use Chart 3
  - For Capacitors, less than 400 Volts, use Chart 4
  - For Capacitors, greater than 400 Volts, use Chart 5
  - For Batteries, use Chart 6
  - For Sub-rf ac, use Chart 8

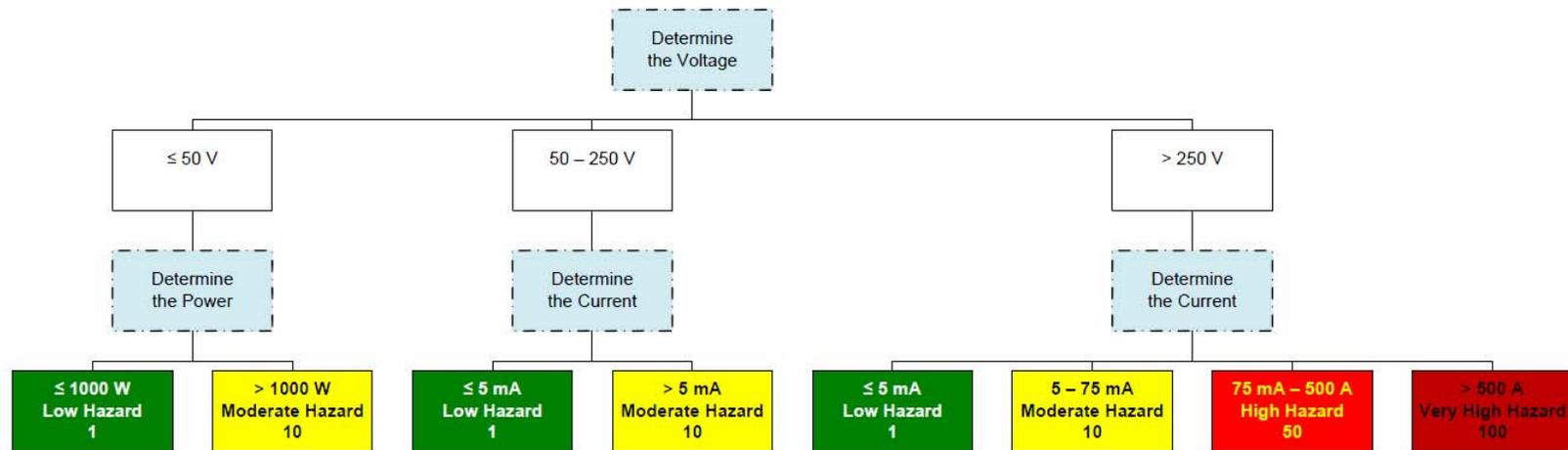


Chart 8 – Sub-rf ac, 1 Hz to 3 kHz, NOT 60 Hz Power

Notes on use:

- This chart is NOT to be used for 60 Hz power.
- The voltage is the root mean square (rms) voltage.
- The power is available short circuit power.
- The current is available short circuit current.
- Evaluate all energy sources that the worker was exposed to.
  - For ac 60 Hz, use Chart 2
  - For dc, use Chart 3
  - For Capacitors, less than 400 Volts, use Chart 4
  - For Capacitors, greater than 400 Volts, use Chart 5
  - For Batteries, use Chart 6
  - For rf, use Chart 7

## List of Acronyms

ac	alternating current
D&D	Decontamination and Decommissioning
dc	direct current
DOE	Department of Energy
EFCOG	Energy Facility Contractors Operating Group
ES	Electrical Severity
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
R&D	Research and Development
rf	radio frequency
rms	root mean square
SME	Subject Matter Expert
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply