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NOTE: This guide specification covers electrical  
general requirements, complete.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide  
Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing  
this guide specification or preparing new project  
specification sections. Edit this guide  
specification for project specific requirements by  
adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed  
items, choose applicable item(s) or insert  
appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in  
respective project, whether or not brackets are  
present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for  
this guide specification are welcome and should be  
submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

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NOTE: The following information shall be shown on  
the project drawings:

1. Extent and location of work to be accomplished.
2. Wiring, equipment, and accessories necessary for  
a complete installation.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the  
publications cited in the text of the guide  
specification. The publications are referred to in  
the text by basic designation only and listed in

this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

References not used in the text will automatically be deleted from this section of the project specification when you choose to reconcile references in the publish print process.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to in the text by the basic designation only.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM D709 (2017) Standard Specification for Laminated Thermosetting Materials

INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS (IEEE)

IEEE 100 (2000; Archived) The Authoritative Dictionary of IEEE Standards Terms

IEEE C2 (2017; Errata 1-2 2017; INT 1 2017) National Electrical Safety Code

IEEE C57.12.28 (2014) Standard for Pad-Mounted Equipment - Enclosure Integrity

IEEE C57.12.29 (2014) Standard for Pad-Mounted Equipment - Enclosure Integrity for Coastal Environments

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NEMA)

NEMA 250 (2018) Enclosures for Electrical Equipment (1000 Volts Maximum)

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)

NFPA 70 (2017; ERTA 1-2 2017; TIA 17-1; TIA 17-2; TIA 17-3; TIA 17-4; TIA 17-5; TIA 17-6; TIA 17-7; TIA 17-8; TIA 17-9; TIA 17-10; TIA 17-11; TIA 17-12; TIA 17-13; TIA 17-14; TIA 17-15; TIA 17-16; TIA 17-17 ) National Electrical Code

1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: To apply this guide specification to other divisions of the project specification, insert the

appropriate division number and title. Ensure that the appropriate sections having electrical equipment include the following paragraph:

"1.X RELATED REQUIREMENTS: Section 26 00 00.00 20 BASIC ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS, applies to this section, with the additions and modifications specified herein."

Delete sections in the paragraph that are not in the job. The requirements of this specification section are being incorporated into the other specification sections that reference it with the intent of phasing out this section. As the requirements of this section are incorporated into each specification section, that section should be added to the list in the paragraph below. Do not use this section, and delete reference to it, if the only sections used in the job are listed below.

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This section applies to certain sections of[ Division 02, EXISTING CONDITIONS][ Division 11, EQUIPMENT,][ Division 13, SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION,][ and][ Division 14, CONVEYING EQUIPMENT][ and][ Divisions 22 and 23, PLUMBING and HEATING VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING]. This section applies to all sections of Division 26 and 33, ELECTRICAL and UTILITIES, of this project specification unless specified otherwise in the individual sections. This section has been incorporated into, and thus, does not apply to, and is not referenced in the following sections.

Section 26 12 19.10 THREE-PHASE, LIQUID-FILLED PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS  
Section 26 12 21 SINGLE-PHASE PAD-MOUNTED TRANSFORMERS  
Section 26 11 16 SECONDARY UNIT SUBSTATIONS  
Section 26 20 00 INTERIOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
Section 26 23 00 LOW VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR  
Section 26 24 13 SWITCHBOARDS  
Section 26 51 00 INTERIOR LIGHTING  
Section 26 56 00 EXTERIOR LIGHTING  
Section 27 10 00 BUILDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLING SYSTEM  
Section 33 71 02 UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION  
Section 33 82 00 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUTSIDE PLANT (OSP)

### 1.3 DEFINITIONS

- a. Unless otherwise specified or indicated, electrical and electronics terms used in these specifications, and on the drawings, shall be as defined in IEEE 100.
- b. The technical sections referred to herein are those specification sections that describe products, installation procedures, and equipment operations and that refer to this section for detailed description of submittal types.
- c. The technical paragraphs referred to herein are those paragraphs in PART 2 - PRODUCTS and PART 3 - EXECUTION of the technical sections that describe products, systems, installation procedures, equipment, and test methods.

#### 1.4 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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**NOTE: Delete this paragraph for NAVFAC SE projects. Use IEEE C57.12.00 designations, such as 4160 V and 480Y/277 V, when referring to the primary and secondary voltages, respectively, in the following paragraph.**  
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Electrical characteristics for this project shall be [\_\_\_\_\_] kV primary, [single] [three] phase, [two] [three] [four] wire, [60] [50] [\_\_\_\_\_] Hz, and [\_\_\_\_\_] volts secondary, [single] [three] phase, [three] [four] wire. Final connections to the power distribution system at the existing [substation] [manhole] [\_\_\_\_\_] shall be made by the [Contractor as directed by the Contracting Officer] [Government].

#### 1.5 ADDITIONAL SUBMITTALS INFORMATION

Submittals required in other sections that refer to this section must conform to the following additional requirements as applicable.

##### 1.5.1 Shop Drawings (SD-02)

Include wiring diagrams and installation details of equipment indicating proposed location, layout and arrangement, control panels, accessories, piping, ductwork, and other items that must be shown to ensure a coordinated installation. Wiring diagrams shall identify circuit terminals and indicate the internal wiring for each item of equipment and the interconnection between each item of equipment. Drawings shall indicate adequate clearance for operation, maintenance, and replacement of operating equipment devices.

##### 1.5.2 Product Data (SD-03)

Submittal shall include performance and characteristic curves.

#### 1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

##### 1.6.1 Regulatory Requirements

In each of the publications referred to herein, consider the advisory provisions to be mandatory, as though the word, "shall" had been substituted for "should" wherever it appears. Interpret references in these publications to the "authority having jurisdiction," or words of similar meaning, to mean the Contracting Officer. Equipment, materials, installation, and workmanship shall be in accordance with the mandatory and advisory provisions of NFPA 70 unless more stringent requirements are specified or indicated.

##### 1.6.2 Standard Products

Provide materials and equipment that are products of manufacturers regularly engaged in the production of such products which are of equal material, design and workmanship. Products shall have been in satisfactory commercial or industrial use for 2 years prior to bid opening. The 2-year period shall include applications of equipment and materials under similar circumstances and of similar size. The product shall have been on sale on the commercial market through advertisements,

manufacturers' catalogs, or brochures during the 2-year period. Where two or more items of the same class of equipment are required, these items shall be products of a single manufacturer; however, the component parts of the item need not be the products of the same manufacturer unless stated in the technical section.

#### 1.6.2.1 Alternative Qualifications

Products having less than a 2-year field service record will be acceptable if a certified record of satisfactory field operation for not less than 6000 hours, exclusive of the manufacturers' factory or laboratory tests, is furnished.

#### 1.6.2.2 Material and Equipment Manufacturing Date

Products manufactured more than 3 years prior to date of delivery to site shall not be used, unless specified otherwise.

### 1.7 WARRANTY

The equipment items shall be supported by service organizations which are reasonably convenient to the equipment installation in order to render satisfactory service to the equipment on a regular and emergency basis during the warranty period of the contract.

### 1.8 POSTED OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Provide for each system and principal item of equipment as specified in the technical sections for use by operation and maintenance personnel. The operating instructions shall include the following:

- a. Wiring diagrams, control diagrams, and control sequence for each principal system and item of equipment.
- b. Start up, proper adjustment, operating, lubrication, and shutdown procedures.
- c. Safety precautions.
- d. The procedure in the event of equipment failure.
- e. Other items of instruction as recommended by the manufacturer of each system or item of equipment.

Print or engrave operating instructions and frame under glass or in approved laminated plastic. Post instructions where directed. For operating instructions exposed to the weather, provide weather-resistant materials or weatherproof enclosures. Operating instructions shall not fade when exposed to sunlight and shall be secured to prevent easy removal or peeling.

### 1.9 MANUFACTURER'S NAMEPLATE

Each item of equipment shall have a nameplate bearing the manufacturer's name, address, model number, and serial number securely affixed in a conspicuous place; the nameplate of the distributing agent will not be acceptable.

#### 1.10 FIELD FABRICATED NAMEPLATES

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**NOTE: Use the following paragraph where nameplates  
are fabricated to identify specific equipment  
designated on the drawings.**  
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**ASTM D709.** Provide laminated plastic nameplates for each equipment enclosure, relay, switch, and device; as specified in the technical sections or as indicated on the drawings. Each nameplate inscription shall identify the function and, when applicable, the position. Nameplates shall be melamine plastic, 3 mm 0.125 inch thick, white with [black] [\_\_\_\_\_] center core. Surface shall be matte finish. Corners shall be square. Accurately align lettering and engrave into the core. Minimum size of nameplates shall be 25 by 65 mm one by 2.5 inches. Lettering shall be a minimum of 6.35 mm 0.25 inch high normal block style.

#### 1.11 WARNING SIGNS

Provide warning signs for the enclosures of electrical equipment including substations, pad-mounted transformers, pad-mounted switches, generators, and switchgear having a nominal rating exceeding 600 volts.

- a. When the enclosure integrity of such equipment is specified to be in accordance with **IEEE C57.12.28** or **IEEE C57.12.29**, such as for pad-mounted transformers[ and pad-mounted SF6 switches], provide self-adhesive warning signs on the outside of the high voltage compartment door(s). Sign shall be a decal and shall have nominal dimensions of 178 by 255 mm 7 by 10 inches with the legend "DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE" printed in two lines of nominal 50 mm 2 inch high letters. The word "DANGER" shall be in white letters on a red background and the words "HIGH VOLTAGE" shall be in black letters on a white background.
- [ b. When such equipment is guarded by a fence, mount signs on the fence. Provide metal signs having nominal dimensions of 355 by 255 mm 14 by 10 inches with the legend "DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE KEEP OUT" printed in three lines of nominal 75 mm 3 inch high white letters on a red and black field.

#### 1.12 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

Electrical installations shall conform to **IEEE C2**, **NFPA 70**, and requirements specified herein.

#### 1.13 INSTRUCTION TO GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

Where specified in the technical sections, furnish the services of competent instructors to give full instruction to designated Government personnel in the adjustment, operation, and maintenance of the specified systems and equipment, including pertinent safety requirements as required. Instructors shall be thoroughly familiar with all parts of the installation and shall be trained in operating theory as well as practical operation and maintenance work. Instruction shall be given during the first regular work week after the equipment or system has been accepted and turned over to the Government for regular operation. The number of man-days (8 hours per day) of instruction furnished shall be as specified in the individual section. [When more than 4 man-days of instruction are

specified, use approximately half of the time for classroom instruction. Use other time for instruction with equipment or system. When significant changes or modifications in the equipment or system are made under the terms of the contract, provide additional instructions to acquaint the operating personnel with the changes or modifications.]

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 FACTORY APPLIED FINISH

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NOTE: This paragraph covers only the basic painting requirements for most electrical equipment. Include in the section specifying the equipment any special finishes for high or low temperatures and corrosive atmospheres. Retain the bracketed statement when switchgear and other equipment having specific paint requirements are specified.  
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Electrical equipment shall have factory-applied painting systems which shall, as a minimum, meet the requirements of NEMA 250 corrosion-resistance test[ and the additional requirements specified in the technical sections].

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 FIELD APPLIED PAINTING

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NOTE: Use and coordinate paint and coating requirements with Section 09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS when provided in the job. Use the second bracketed option when Section 09 90 00 is not provided or when requirements are beyond what is specified in Section 09 90 00.  
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Paint electrical equipment as required to match finish of adjacent surfaces or to meet the indicated or specified safety criteria. Painting shall be as specified in [Section 09 90 00 PAINTS AND COATINGS] [the section specifying the associated electrical equipment].

### 3.2 FIELD FABRICATED NAMEPLATE MOUNTING

Provide number, location, and letter designation of nameplates as indicated. Fasten nameplates to the device with a minimum of two sheet-metal screws or two rivets.

### 3.3 WARNING SIGN MOUNTING

Provide the number of signs required to be readable from each accessible side, but space the signs a maximum of 9 meters 30 feet apart.

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