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### **Some Data about Electrical Accidents**

- 5333 (+1,5%) workers were killed on the job in 2019
- 732 worker fatalities were related to contact with objects and equipment
- 166 (+6) of the total deaths were attributed to electrocution
- Electrocution is the sixth leading cause of workplace death (Was the third in 2018)
- 3 of the top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards violated are electrical based
- More than 30,000 non-fatal shock accidents occur each year
- Estimated 5 to 10 arc explosions occur in electrical equipment every day in the US
- Average cost per incident estimated at over \$1.000.000
- The average cost of medical treatment for survivors of arc flash is \$1.5 million. Total cost have been estimated at \$12 – 15 million per incident
- In addition 93 fatal injuries in 2019 were linked to running equipment or machinery

Source: www.osha.gov/oshstats/commonstats.html



### **CENELEC/IEC Standards**

#### EN 50110-1:2013 Operation of electrical installations – Part 1: General Requirements



The absence of operating voltage shall be verified on all phases or poles of the electrical installation at or as near as practicable to the work location. This condition for parts of the installation that have been switched off shall be verified in accordance with the practice laid down in local instructions. These include for example the use of voltage detectors, voltage detecting systems built into the equipment and/or the use of separately applied voltage detecting systems. Voltage detectors and separately applied voltage detection systems shall be proved immediately before and where possible after use.

... Voltage detectors or voltage detecting systems (VDS) shall comply with IEC 61243-1, -2, -3, or -5. Panduit EMEA I Press Conference 19 May 2022



### **Portable Testers Have Limitations**

#### **Error Setting Function Selection Switch**

Electrician severely burned when a multimeter switch **was incorrectly placed in resistance mode** prior to making contact with terminals in a 480V MCC.<sup>[1]</sup>

Inadequately Rated Tester Arc created when a voltmeter was connected across two phases of a bus bar. Arc caused tester to overload and explode resulting in one fatality and another worker with serious burn injuries.<sup>[2]</sup>

Error Reading Digital Display "OL" or over-range was misinterpreted to mean "zero" or no voltage present, resulting in a near-miss.<sup>[1]</sup>



**Use of Improper Portable Tester** Although a **non-contact voltage probe** did not indicate voltage, a lighting circuit was in fact energized, resulting in electrical shock.<sup>[3]</sup>

# Using a Voltmeter for verification has limitations...

- Hardware failures
- Human error
- Process failures
- Misinterpretation
- Exposure to hazards

 H. L. Floyd and B. J. Nenninger, "Personnel safety and plant reliability considerations in the selection and use of voltage test instruments," IEEE Trans. Ind. Appl., vol. 33, no. 2, pp. 367–373, 1997.
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[3] J. Prigmore, J. Bishop and J. Martens, "Electrical Investigations: Case Studies, Common Electrical Safety Mistakes, and Lessons Learned," IEEE Electrical Safety Workshop, 2018.



### Panduit's Absence of Voltage Tester

VeriSafe

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### VeriSafe Absence of Voltage Tester (AVT)

A permanently-mounted tester used to verify a circuit is de-energized prior to opening an electrical enclosure





### **Comparison of Test Methods**





### **VeriSafe 2.0 Absence of Voltage Tester**





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### VeriSafe 2.0

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### VeriSafe 2.0 AVT

### All existing VeriSafe AVT features, plus...

- Battery-free option
- Expanded ratings
- Initiate the test from multiple locations
- Network connectivity







### **Indicator Module**

- Battery-free option when space savings is crucial
- Select faceplate optimized for your power system
- Option for two indicators









**Battery-Powered Indicator** 



#### **Battery-Free Indicator**

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### **Isolation Module**

- Prevents hazardous voltage from reaching door
- Universal mounting (DIN rail or surface tabs)
- Approximately 10,16 x 12,7 x 2,54 cm
- Option for three-phase or DC/single-phase
- Sensor leads (pigtail)



		Shence of Value	Roders a Ma	
Feature		VeriSafe 1.0 AVT	VeriSafe 2.0 AVT	
MAXIMUM VOLTAGE (NOMINAL)		600 V	1000 V	
OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY	CAT III CAT IV	600 V 300 V	1000 V 600 V	
VOLTAGE PRESENCE INDICATORS (RED LEDS)		AC only	AC & DC	
<b>POWER FOR AVT TEST</b> (YELLOW & GREEN LEDS)		3.6 V AA Battery - -	3.6 V AA Battery 12-24V DC PoE*	
ABSENCE OF VOLTAGE THRESHOLD		1.5 – 2.9 V	2.7 - 2.8 V	
CONNECTIVITY TEST		Open Lead Detection -	Open Lead Detection + Matched Pair Technology	
INTEGRATION		SOLID STATE CONTACTS Absence of Voltage (SIL 3) -	SOLID STATE CONTACTS Absence of Voltage (SIL 3) Voltage Presence* Network*	
VOLTAGE REPORTING		-	Measured Values*	
DEDICATED DC/SINGLE-PHASE SKUS		-	$\checkmark$	
NUMBER OF INDICATORS		1	2	
OPERATING TEMPERATURE		0 – 60 C	-25 – 60 C	
HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS		Class 1 Division II	Class 1 Division II	
* Requires Network Module, VS2-NET		(Separate SKU)	Class 2 Division II ATEX Zone 2 and 22 / IECEx	



### **Absence of Voltage Testers**

#### What's Different?

The next-generation VeriSafe AVT has an enhanced set of features and will be compatible with additional applications.

The 2.0 AVT uses new technology for the connectivity test and voltage threshold measurement, making it more robust for many applications.



### Network Module & Webserver Interface

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### What's in the VeriSafe Network Module?



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		L1	L2	L3	
Updated	7/20/21, 8:11 PM	E.	Ľ	Ľ	
Battery Voltage	3.2 V	7	7	7	
AVT Temperature	20°C (68°F)				
		Voltage Mea	Voltage Measurements		
Updated	7/20/21, 8:11 PM				
Connection Status L1	YES	Line To Ground	RMS	Peak	
Connection Status L2	YES	L1	480 Vrms	678 V	
Connection Status L3	YES	L2	479 Vrms	677 V	
Connection Status GND	YES	L3	480 Vrms	679 V	
Test Result 1	Pass	Line To Line	RMS	Peak	
Test Result 1 Date	7/20/21, 8:11 PM	L1-L2	277 Vrms	392 V	
Test Result 2	Pass	L1-L3	277 Vrms	392 V	
Test Result 2 Date	7/14/21, 2:36 PM	12-13	277 Vrms	302 1/	

#### Logout



VeriSafe 2.0 AVT with Network Module

Leverage solid-state contacts to integrate the AVT with other systems.

- Absence of Voltage Contacts
  - Located on Isolation Module
  - Redundant, part of safety function (SIL 3)
  - Normally open, change state with absence of voltage indicator (green LED)
- Voltage Presence Contacts
  - Located on Network Module
  - Normally open, change state with voltage presence indicators (red LEDs)

(optional)

## Support Infrastructure

### **Ideal Applications**

 Switchgear, Switchboards, PDUs, Disconnect Switches, Bus Duct, Motor Control Centers, HVAC controls

### **Value Prop**

- Increased safety and risk reduction
  - No exposure to electrical hazards during test
- Increased productivity
  - Results in less than 10 seconds
  - No need to call an electrician
- Simplified process for easier compliance
  - Recognized by NFPA 70E & CSA Z462





### **Target Markets**



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DISTRIBUTION



UTILITIES



AUTOMOTIVE



**PAPER & PULP** 



STEEL



FOOD & BEV



**OIL & GAS** 



### VeriSafe<sup>™</sup> Absence of Voltage Tester – Benefits





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### Thank You.