

#### **Contacts/Connectors and Other Hardware Panel:**



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#### **400VDC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**



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#### **Topics to be addressed :**

- Nominal voltage rating of connectors
- Wiring configuration for cord/plugs and connectors

- Receptacle & Plug Physical Design Considerations
- Branch circuit control options

### **Standards**

- What standards exist today for DC connectors?
  - Swedish TC 23
  - IEC Standards
  - IEEE NEMA NFPA(NEC) UL
  - Others?
- Examples from other industries?
  - TELCO
  - Transit
  - Electric Vehicles
  - Military

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- Alternative Energy (Solar Fuel Cell Etc..)
- DC Link in AC UPS
- Proposed Standard = International
- Standardization Process for DC Connectors?

# **Voltage Rating**

- Nominal voltage rating of connectors
  - 600vDC
  - 500vDC
  - 400vDC
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# Wiring Configuration

Wiring configuration for cord/plugs and connectors

- Plus, Minus, Ground and Enable
- Impedance Issues?
- Cord Rating and Construction

#### **Receptacle & Plug Design**

- Receptacle & Plug Physical Design Considerations
  - Base on existing standards for AC connectors Or develop new configuration that is DC specific
  - Impedance Issues
  - Insertion & Withdrawal Force
  - Contact Metallurgy & Mechanics
  - Contact Resistance / Reliability
  - Contact Wear & Arc Resistance
  - Physical Retention / Locking Receptacle?

### **Branch Circuit Control**

- Branch circuit control options
  - Build in controls to verify system is off before plug or unplug action can occur
  - What is the real arcing hazard exposure?



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#### **EXAMPLES**

#### PowerPak configurations for 400 VDC









10 Amp Plug w/latch



Red spacer location will be replaced by future 4 circuit signal module































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