DC Voltage Interface Standards for Naval Applications

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Considerations in establishing standard DC interfaces

- Existing commercial and military interface standards should be used to the maximum extent practical.
- Different standard voltage levels should differ significantly. (greater than 25%)
- Higher voltages enable lower currents, and lighter cables.
- Standard voltage ratings of available semiconductor devices and insulation ratings should be considered.

Interface terms



Proposed Low Voltage DC Standards

- Ship Service Loads
 - 155 V (MIL-STD-1399 section 390)
 - 375 V (Based on DDG 1000 and ETSI EN 300 132-1)
 - 650 V (Based on DDG 1000)
- Special Loads (equipment designed for aircraft and vehicles)
 - 28 V (MIL-STD-704)
 - 270 V (MIL-STD-704)

Proposed High Voltage DC Standards

- Intra-zone power distribution and load utilization
 - $-1 \, kV$
- Inter-zone power distribution and high power load utilization (inspired by IEEE 1709)
 - 6 kV
 - 12 kV
 - 18 kV

Proposed Pulse Load Requirements

- For pulse loads, the duty cycle, ramp rates, and peak currents must be negotiated in operation through a control interface between the load and the power management system.
- The load may not violate the non-pulse load requirements without first gaining concurrence from the power management system.
- Synchronization of the pulse application by the load and power system dynamics may be required via the control interface.

Proposed Compliance Testing

Load Characterization Measurements

- Line to Ground Capacitance
- DC Resistance to Ground
- Current Ripple
- Load Current Rate of Change (non-pulse)
- In-Rush / Initialization Current (non-pulse)
- Peak In-rush Current Rate of Change (non-pulse)
- Load Impedance

• Susceptibility Tests

- Voltage Tolerance
- Voltage Transient
- Voltage Ripple
- Voltage Spike
- Voltage Offset Tests (terminal to ground)
- Abnormal Service Steady Stage Voltage

• Pulse Load Tests (if applicable)

- Control Interface Operability
- Power Ramp Rate
- Maximum Current
- Pulse Width
- Pulse Recovery Time

What's next?

- Conduct additional research in Maximum Load Line-to-Ground Capacitance
- Perform additional development of pulse load requirements
- Incorporate feedback from industry and academia
- Develop new section(s) of MIL-STD-1399