

# Early-career power engineer training resources

This document provides links to educational resources and training tools targeted toward early-career power engineers. Leveraging this guide navigates you directly to tools, calculators, videos, design guides and other resources to help increase your power distribution knowledge and understanding as well as get you up to date on emerging technologies such as microgrids and electrical vehicle charging infrastructure.

## Power system design basics



**One of the most highly respected and most often referenced documents in the power system design industry.** Formerly Tab 1 of the Westinghouse / Cutler-Hammer / Eaton Consulting Application Guide, this document is a must have for both new and experienced power system engineers. This resource includes overviews of power system design as well as detailed system analysis, grounding, protection, power quality, and other application information and reference data.

## DER and microgrid design guide



This guide can be leveraged as a starting point for consulting engineers and developers to help them **navigate the complexity of DER and microgrid electrical system design.** The design guide covers the benefits and use cases for a DER system or microgrid, DER technologies, process and planning, design principles, code and regulatory considerations, technical control sequences as well as a few project examples.

## Eaton consultant portal ([Eaton.com/Consultant](https://www.eaton.com/consultant))



Eaton's consultant portal is a curated collection of design, specification, educational content and tools for consultants and power system design engineers.

### Design Resources

- [Design guides](#) – Product-specific design and application data
- [Guide specifications](#) – Editable product specification guides in industry standard CSI format
- [National Electrical Code \(NEC\) 2023 changes](#)
- **Tools**
  - [Harmonics calculator](#)
  - [Variable frequency drive energy savings estimator](#)
  - [Fault current calculator – Bussmann](#)

### Quarterly Consultant Newsletter

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## Eaton ExL series—in-person, hands-on experiential learning



**Eaton's Experiential Learning (ExL) series** classes are held at one of Eaton's Experience Centers, manufacturing facilities or enterprise data centers. Courses are designed to further professionals' understanding and knowledge of power systems at any stage of their career. Below are ExL courses specifically tailored for early-career engineers:

- **PowerUP**—(1.5 Day)—Power system design fundamentals and calculations, connect theory to real-world applications, collaborate with peers and industry experts
- **PowerBOOST**—(1.5 Day)—Breaker, transformer, switching device types and applications, switchboard/switchgear differences, key codes and standards, communication protocols and networking

**Contact your local Eaton Application Engineer** for more information about Eaton's ExL series courses and availability.

## Educational videos from Eaton Experience Centers



**Eaton Experience Centers offer first-of-their-kind, hands-on classroom training and demonstration environments** that allow you to experience complete power management solutions. Additionally, Experience Center engineers have created a vast library of educational video content on a wide variety of power system engineering topics.

**The following are specific videos applicable to early-career power systems engineers**

- VIDEO:** • [Electricity 101 - the water analogy](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Motors 101](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Transformers 101](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Generators 101](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Formulas and calculations for transformers and motors](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Grounding and bonding](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Grounding and bonding of generators and transfer switches](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Fuses explained](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Circuit breakers explained](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Overcurrent protective devices: fuses, breakers, and contactors](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Circuit protection](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Medium-voltage air-insulated and gas-insulated switchgear explained](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Low-voltage drawout switchgear explained](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Variable frequency drives - benefits and applications](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Multi-tenant high-rise - design and code considerations](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Residential power systems](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Utility power systems explained](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Understanding codes and standards - NEC](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Short circuit current rating \(SCCR\)](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Arc flash safety](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Short circuit, coordination, and arc flash study overview](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Load flow, power factor correction, and harmonics study overview](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Motor starting and motor protection](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Transformer application considerations and calculations](#)
- VIDEO:** • [EVCI - basics of EV charging](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Eaton's EnergyAware UPS](#)
- VIDEO:** • [UL certification process explained](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Seismic bracing for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing](#)
- VIDEO:** • [EV level 2 charging infrastructure](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Motor control fundamentals](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Electrical arcs and sparks - why electricity jumps](#)
- VIDEO:** • [DC fast charger overview](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Switchboard basics](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Ohmic voltage sensing](#)
- VIDEO:** • [What is a UPS and how does it work?](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Current transformers \(CT\)](#)
- VIDEO:** • [VFD basics](#)
- VIDEO:** • [ATS bypass isolation transfer switch basics](#)
- VIDEO:** • [Medium voltage motor controls](#)

## Fundamentals, FAQs and technical product explanations



These web-based fundamentals pages are a quick way to learn about typical product attributes, available configurations and application considerations.

### Low-voltage power distribution and control systems

- [Busway fundamentals](#)
- [Safety switch fundamentals](#)
- [Automatic transfer switches \(ATS\) fundamentals](#)
- [Switchboard fundamentals](#)
- [Panelboard fundamentals](#)
- [Low-voltage switchgear fundamentals](#)
- [Intelligent motor control center fundamentals](#)
- [Ring vs. ringless style metering](#)

### Medium-voltage power distribution and control systems

- [Medium-voltage switchgear fundamentals](#)
- [Medium-voltage motor starters and drives fundamentals](#)
- [Unit substation fundamentals](#)
- [Prefabricated electrical assembly fundamentals](#)

### Electrical circuit protection

- [Circuit breaker fundamentals](#)

### Utility and grid solutions

- [Fundamentals of electric distribution system planning](#)
- [Fundamentals of AMI](#)
- [Fundamentals of substation automation](#)
- [Fundamentals of reclosers](#)
- [Fundamentals of power capacitors](#)
- [Fundamentals of network protectors](#)
- [Fundamentals of utility fuses and fusing equipment](#)
- [Fundamentals of surge arresters](#)
- [Fundamentals of medium-voltage cable accessories](#)
- [Fundamentals of three-phase overhead distribution switches](#)
- [Fundamentals of controls](#)
- [Fundamentals of power distribution voltage regulators](#)
- [Fundamentals of medium-voltage transformers](#)
- [Fundamentals of overhead distribution connectors](#)

### Retrofits upgrades and modernization

- [Circuit breaker and switchgear repair fundamentals](#)

### Residential

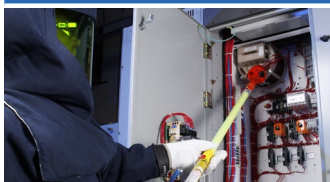
- [Load center fundamentals](#)

### GEIS

- [Fundamentals of encapsulation](#)
- [Fundamentals of emergency lighting](#)



## Electrical circuit protection tools



- [Selecting protective devices \(SPD\) handbook](#)
- [Selective coordination](#)
- [Short-circuit current ratings](#)
- [Protective device ratings](#)



## Protection, control and solutions tools



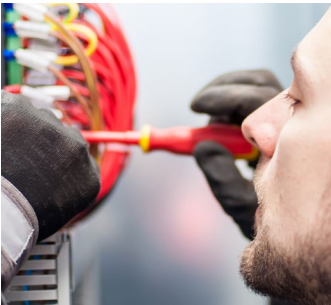
- [Variable frequency drives training](#)
- [How to select a variable frequency drive. Top 8 considerations](#)
- [Harmonics and harmonic frequencies in electrical systems](#)
- [Metering accuracy FAQs](#)

## Backup power, UPS, surge and IT control power distribution



- [Power distribution FAQs](#)
- [UPS maintenance bypass installation best practices](#)
- [Tips for UPS battery storage life](#)
- [EnergyAware UPS technology](#)
- [Power conditioners FAQ](#)
- [Power factor corrections FAQ](#)
- [Surge protection FAQ](#)
- [Rackmount PDU FAQ](#)
- [Top five UPS components that require preventive maintenance](#)
- [High density rack PDU FAQs](#)
- [Colocation assessment: key questions for both colocation providers and clients](#)
- [Power management FAQ](#)

## Conduit, cable and wire management tools



- [Cable tray use at high temperatures](#)
- [Non-metallic cable trays—performance at elevated temperatures](#)
- [Selecting the right materials for cable tray use at low temperatures](#)
- [Zinc whiskers](#)
- [Sway brace attachment](#)
- [Understanding wireway uses and selection](#)
- [What are branch line restraints?](#)

## Electric vehicle charging infrastructure tools



- [Fundamentals of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure](#)
- [Consumers guide to EV charging](#)
- [EV charging infrastructure solutions](#)

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