



Safe Work Practices

Title: <h2>4' Shotgun Sticks</h2>	Reference: SWP-5.01	Revision:
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1.0 GENERAL		
1.1 The purpose of this document is to outline the use of the 4' shotgun hotline stick.		
2.0 ELECTRICAL TESTING		
2.1 Each stick is electrically tested, at the time of manufacture, with an A.C. voltage test of 100KV per foot for five minutes.		
2.2 A label indicating the date that this test has been done should be visible on each stick.		
2.3 The electrical integrity of a stick will decrease when it is subjected to atmospheric conditions which it sees in everyday use by a line crew. Maintenance and cleanliness are factors in maintaining this electrical integrity. See Versant Power Safety Manual 5.6.5.2.e,f&g		
2.4 The stick will be tested annually during a trucks P.M. and anytime the integrity of the stick is considered to be compromised.		
3.0 OPERATION		
3.1 This stick must only be used on circuits 15KV and under, energized or de-energized. It shall not be used on circuits greater than 15KV, even if the line is de-energized (installing grounds) until the line is effectively grounded.		
3.2 Rubber gloves shall be used in accordance to the Safety Manual 5.7.5.2.e		
3.3 For all Chance sticks a 26" mark will be labeled on the stick denoting the "MAD" zone. On Hastings sticks, the upper hand hold will be considered the mark and the user's hands must remain below that mark.		
4.0 STORAGE		
4.1 When sticks are stored in the truck, they shall be kept flat and dry. Care should be made to prevent unnecessary chaffing of the surface.		
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