**DuPont™ Nomex®**

**HOW TO MEET NFPA 70E STANDARDS WITH PROTECTION BASED ON NOMEX® AND PROTERA®**

### PROTECTIVE APPAREL

Improve your personal protection program by layering garments of DuPont™ Nomex® and Protera® fabric

Worker protection is a top priority. But what meets your safety needs today may not be right tomorrow. Layering garments made with Nomex® helps improve your protective apparel program and helps give you the flexibility to meet varying hazard needs day to day and hour to hour. And because workers are wearing ideal garments for the job, not a single heavier garment, comfort and performance are improved.

**A simple formula for finding protection for the job**

The following chart shows examples of typical garments to wear over a base garment system made of Nomex® or Protera® fabric to comply with NFPA 70E electric arc Hazard/Risk Categories 1, 2 and 3. To determine your day-to-day and highest Hazard/Risk Category requirements, use NFPA 70E or the DuPont brochure, *Protecting Your Workers Through NFPA 70E Compliance* (K-23292).

Once you know your PPE requirements, select a base garment you are using or considering to use from the left column of the chart. Then using Hazard/Risk Category 1, 2 or 3 color coding, find your highest risk. The appropriate outer garment(s) for layering with the base garment is found at the top of the chart.

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- Note all items are ATPV.
- It’s important to note that NFPA 70E Hazard/Risk Categories cover a range of arc ratings. For a more precise determination of your needs, you should run a thorough hazard analysis.
- In addition to garments, other personal protective equipment must be used for NFPA 70E compliance.
- These are typical arc ratings provided as guidance to aid you in your selection.
- ASTM F-1959 test method was used to obtain arc range on one or more test sample sets.
- Please refer to garment manufacturer’s label for the exact arc rating of a single-layer garment or multiple-layer garment.

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