

Richard Pearlstein | Electrical Engineer, PE, CFEI

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Professional Summary:

Electrical investigations in a wide variety of industrial, commercial & residential failures & accidents. Detail-oriented electrical power & controls engineer, experienced in all phases of project development, from concept through startup, testing and troubleshooting.

- Fires and explosions of electrical origin
- Lightning and surge damage
- Power systems, including high-voltage systems found at industrial facilities
- Motors
- Appliance failures
- Low-voltage systems and electronic component damage

Licenses and Certifications:

Professional Engineer, Georgia #PE021071

Professional Engineer, Alabama #37006-E

Professional Engineer, Florida #PE83882

Professional Engineer, North Carolina #PE045725

Professional Engineer, South Carolina #PE34856

Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator, #23504-13425

Unrestricted Electrical Contractor, Georgia #EN215861

Project Experience:

Commercial Damages, working for Travelers Insurance College Park, GA

Evaluation of electrical repair estimates after copper theft. Extensive and detailed review of the electrical contractors' initial estimate of \$280,000 lowered this figure to under \$200,000.

Polarity Electric, Norcross, GA Electrical switchgear explosion

Determine the cause and origin of an electrical panel explosion in Dunwoody, GA, which injured two workers. The incident caused significant business losses, because a utility transformer was destroyed when an upstream circuit breaker failed to trip, leaving approximately two dozen business tenants without power for several days. Was able to show that Polarity Electric was not at fault.

Professional Experience:

Cherry Electric [Commercial Electrical Contractors] – *CEO / President*, 2010 - 2015
Polytron – *Senior Controls Engineer*, 2007 – 2009
Power Industry Consultants – *Startup Engineer*, 2007
Factory Automation Systems – *Controls Engineer*, 2006 – 2007
Intelligent Switchgear Organization – *Project Engineer*, 2004 – 2006
Intelitec Corporation – *Senior Systems Specialist*, 2002 – 2003
Dean Oliver International – *Control Systems Engineer*, 2000 – 2002
Lockwood Greene Engineers – *Power Engineer*, 1989 – 1994; *Controls Engineer*, 1994 – 2000
Oglethorpe Power – *Energy Management Co-op*, 1984 – 1987; *Operations Engineer*, 1988

Specialized Education:

“Advanced Fire & Explosion Investigation Training”, National Association of Fire Investigators, Ron Hopkins, Jason Sutala, Mick Beasley & Tom Bajzek, 2018
“Evaluating Water-Damaged Electrical Equipment”, Independent Electrical Contractors, Bryan Holland, 2017
“Neutral Corrosion: Causes, Consequences and Solutions” [based upon IEEE 1617], Transmission & Distribution World, J.G. Bertini, 2017
“Arc Energy Reduction Techniques”, Schneider Electric, Joe Richard, 2016

Education:

Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, 1987

Affiliations:

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying [NCEES]
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers [IEEE]
National Association of Fire Investigators [NAFI]

Courses Instructed/ Guest Lecturer:

“Surge Protection: Technical Background & Basics”, presented to CNA, 2015

****Litigation CV available upon request.