About Us

For 100 years Prysmian Group has been designing, manufacturing and installing high voltage and extra high voltage cable systems throughout the UK and the rest of the world.

When it comes to maintenance and repair of existing fluid filled or polymeric insulated cable systems in the UK, there is no other company who can claim to have greater experience than us. Our company has been installing and maintaining high voltage pressurised fluid filled cable systems, MIND insulated and polymeric cable systems since their first introduction into the UK.

We are unique within the UK cable network maintenance sector in being able to utilise our manufacturing units, jointing and fluid technician training school and high voltage and chemical laboratories to support our maintenance activities.

What is Energy Network Solutions?

Prysmian Group’s Energy Network Solutions (ENS) business operates a team of engineers, cable jointers and fluid technicians and our 24-hour call out rota system couples with our emergency hotline to ensure that we can provide a response 24 hours a day.

Whether the problem is catastrophic damage or an oil pressure alarm indication, ENS can provide the specialist response expected from a leading manufacturer of power cables and accessories with a 100-year history in the UK.

Prysmian Group operates 51 factories worldwide which include both cable and accessory manufacturing plants within the UK, supported by regional operational bases.
Health and Safety

The health and safety of our employees is a priority. Therefore, we have adopted procedures and management systems supported by the accreditation to OHSAS18001:2007 and ultimately ISO45001:2018. These are further developed to include the behaviours and mental awareness of the workforce.

We are committed to ensure that health and safety objectives are set, customer requirements are determined and that the requirements of the management system are sufficiently resourced to be fully implemented.

By involving the work force in key safety aspects and taking account of their knowledge and experience, there is an empowerment to ensure actions are completed correctly and safely the ‘first-time round.’

Competency is a key factor in delivering a safe project which is why we continue to train, retrain and expand on experience to develop the competency of our main asset.

Environmental

We recognise the impact of climate change. The need to reduce carbon emissions is a major issue in today’s society, with it being not only strategic for business but also an operational issue. We understand our responsibility to the environment and hold this in high regard, which is demonstrated by reducing our carbon footprint with various initiatives. To ensure this continues, our management systems are accredited to ISO14001:2015.

Quality

A rigorous approach to quality contributes enormously to our success. Our quality management system, accredited with ISO9001:2015 is designed to improve efficiency through continuous improvement, control and corrective actions.
Asset Monitoring Systems & Diagnostics

For Data-Driven Power

The worlds of monitoring, condition assessment and asset management of electrical systems are undergoing a revolution that can help prevent failures and service interruptions, increasing uptime and safety, enhancing longevity and significantly reducing maintenance costs and risks.

PRY-CAM is a breakthrough technology paired with a suite of electronics-based products that allow performing online measurement and data gathering of key parameters without service interruption, supported by a cloud data management platform.

Partial Discharge (PD) Monitoring Solutions

PD measurement is a key parameter to assessing the conditions of any electrical system. Nevertheless, PD testing has never been widely used as a powerful online diagnostic tool due to several limitations of traditional PD technologies, which are usually complex, expensive, unscalable to the whole asset and nearly impossible to integrate with all key asset parameters. In addition, defect detection and localisation cannot always be performed online.

PRY-CAM innovative wireless technology allows PD testing to be performed online - i.e. without having to switch the system off - and without the need for a direct connection to what is being tested, which means also greater safety for operators. Hundreds of failures have already been prevented using PRY-CAM condition assessment and defect localisation systems and services.
**PRY-CAM Portable**

PRY-CAM PORTABLE is an integrated portable instrument for the automatic acquisition, processing and classification of pulse signals generated by PD phenomena occurring in insulating materials of medium and high voltage (MV and HV) electrical systems and equipment, such as transformers, electrical machines, cables systems and switchgear.

PRY-CAM PORTABLE provides an instant snapshot of the conditions of the object being monitored, that is easy and immediate to read thanks to a red-yellow-green traffic-light-like visual interface, based on a proprietary artificial intelligence algorithm.

**PRY-CAM Grids**

PRY-CAM GRIDS is a fixed device for the temporary and permanent monitoring of PD in Alternating Current (AC) electrical systems through PRY-CAM WINGS sensors. Key features include online installation, no galvanic connection, several data connectivity modes for remote communication and access, automatic advanced warning and alarms based on PRY-CAM BRAIN A.I. algorithm.

PRY-CAM WINGS sensors are active sensors that provide higher sensitivity, up to 70 MHz bandwidth, suitable for continuous monitoring of PD and temperature and are IP 68 rated (can be installed in critical water environment).

For HV Direct Current (DC) electrical systems PRY-CAM GATE is the only PD monitoring solution available on the market to date.
**What is PFT?**

PFT stands for perfluorocarbon tracers. These specialist compounds with excellent insulation properties are added to the cable fluid in minute quantities. Where the cable system is damaged, the PFT compound will permeate through the ground and can be picked up using highly sophisticated detection equipment.

We have developed specialised methods of mixing PFTs with cable oil to facilitate injection into the cable system with no detriment to the oils’ flow or its insulation properties. Through our unique position in continuing to manufacture accessories for fluid filled cable systems we have developed bespoke tagging equipment which is modular and easily deployable to site.

**Injection**

Circuit tagging can be carried out with or without the need for a circuit outage. We have developed technical solutions to overcome all variables in cable design and hydraulic installation parameters.

PFT technology has the following advantages:

Vulnerable cable systems that have high environmental impacts if they leak can be pre-tagged so that should a leak occur it can be located and repaired promptly.

Cable systems that have on-going small leaks can be tagged during an outage period and leak detection can take place whilst the system is energised.

Many fluid filled cables have poor quality cable fluid. Replacing the loose oil with modern alkylbenzene oils offers greater biodegradability should these fluids leak into the environment. Furthermore, modern alkylbenzene oil has superior electrical qualities and greatly improved gas absorption properties.
Detection

We have developed an advanced mobile laboratory which can detect background levels of perfluorocarbons in the atmosphere. Our mobile laboratory will sample the air over the cable route and detect any PFT which has permeated through the subsoil from the leaking cable fluid. The level of PFT above a cable leak is incredibly small, typically 40 to 100 parts per million however, by using our specialist equipment it is readily detectable above background levels of perfluorocarbon.

The main advantage of our PFT Solutions mobile laboratory is that the analysis time between taking the air sample and gaining the result is 90 seconds, meaning that detection results are achieved in real time. This compares very favourably with other technologies which require air sample tubes to be taken, sent by courier to specialist laboratories and then results received one/two weeks later.

Our PFT Solutions offers all the essential services, tools, equipment and specialist knowledge required for modern fluid filled cable maintenance.
Our Expert Jointers

All of our jointing operatives and fluid mechanics have undergone specialist training and certification in our very own purpose-built training school. Our cable jointers and fluid mechanics also undergo regular in-house refresher training to ensure that our high standards are being maintained. We not only train our own personnel but offer external training opportunities to the wider industry.

Our site operatives are supported by our dedicated maintenance engineers and from head office by jointing engineers, oil engineers, cable system & installation designers, cable accessory designers, high voltage cable technologists and our logistics department with its extensive holding of special jointing tooling and materials.

Whether it’s the installation of new cable accessories or the repair of existing cable accessories, we can provide all the necessary skilled resources required for all voltages up to and including 400kV.
Circuit Reinstatement

What We Offer

We can offer a full range of services required to maintain, repair or upgrade your transmission or distribution network. Services include design feasibility studies, circuit overlays, diversions and repairs, HV AC and DC testing with PD measurements and, with our in-house system and installation designers, engineers, jointers, fluid mechanics, civil operatives and diagnostic engineers, we have the capability and experience to engineer the solution to safely deliver your operational requirements.

Our UK based high voltage cable and accessory manufacturing facilities and expertise enables us to identify and provide all the materials required to reinstate the circuit to commercial operation in the shortest practical time scale.

Our company’s long history in the supply, installation, repair and maintenance of high voltage cables and systems, working with many different clients within the UK and worldwide, makes us fully aware of the critical importance of returning a power cable circuit into service as soon as possible following a circuit outage.

Whether the outage is planned or the result of a fault or third party damage, our clients can be assured that we have all the resources necessary to reinstate the circuit to full commercial operation quickly and economically, addressing diagnostics, repair and testing, without compromising the future integrity of the circuit.
High Voltage Testing

Mobile High Voltage Testing

In addition to our high voltage laboratory in Eastleigh, UK, we have extensive mobile high voltage testing facilities. High voltage tests are often required prior to returning a cable circuit into service following replacement of major components, such as cable joints or the diversion of an existing circuit. We can perform a full range of tests on a cable circuit whether as part of repair, diagnostics or routine maintenance performed in order to avoid a fault and hence a forced outage occurring in the future.

In the UK, we have in-house, three HV resonance test trailers capable of testing up to 400kV. This means we have the capacity to mobilise multiple HV test teams at any one time, anywhere in the UK. Further capacity, when required, is available from our affiliates in Europe.

We have a team of highly skilled operatives enabling us to offer a flexible service working with our customers to meet their installation programmes. We are also able to offer a wide range of ancillary testing services including PD monitoring, HV DC testing, sheath continuity testing and fault-finding services.

Mobile Testing Facilities Include:

Low Voltage Testing and DC Testing
- DC conductor resistance tests.
- Sheath resistance and continuity checks.
- Contact resistance measurement.
- Serving (oversheath) testing.
- Oversheath fault location.
- Insulation resistance measurement.
- Cable sheath voltage limiter (tests for correct operation up to 15kV).
- Cable cross bonding verification checks.
- Impedance measurements.
- Cable fault locations.

High Voltage Testing
- High voltage DC testing at voltages from 10kV to 400kV.
- High voltage AC testing at voltages up to 310kV.
- Partial discharge monitoring on termination and joints while energised by the AC test equipment.
- Online partial discharge monitoring of circuits on load.
We have regional depots throughout the UK allowing us to provide a nationwide reactive maintenance service.
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