

# THE 3 STEP ULTRASOUND ELECTRICAL ANALYSIS PROCESS



## LOOSE COMPONENTS

## DISCHARGE

### Corona

### Tracking

### Arcing

## 1. SOUND QUALITY

Indications are Repetitive or Potentially Similar to Electrical Faults

Steady, Consistent "Buzzing"

Inconsistent Popping with Buzzing (Bacon Frying)

Violent, Bursts of Energy

## 2. FFT

Harmonics Measured Unrelated to Line Frequency Intervals – non electrical cause

Harmonics related to the line frequency (0.5, 2x) – caused by electrical components

Harmonics Occurring at Line Frequency

Frequency Content May be Visible at Half the Height of Harmonic Peaks

Harmonics (if Present) Occurring at Line Frequency

Observe and Note a Rapid Loss or Absence of Harmonics

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## 3. TIME DOMAIN

Triangular Patterns Indicating Impact or "Ring Down". Repetitive/ Identical Events (Stamping)

Uniform Spacing in Time (T). Average Band Height. Minimal Sound Content Between Discharges

Inconsistency in Time Between Discharges. Sporadic Band Heights. Increase in Sound Content Between Discharges

Inconsistency in Time Between Discharges. Minimal Sound Content Between Discharges. Bursts for (Wide) Extended Durations of Time

\*If no observable indicators are present, recheck, rerecord, and reanalyze equipment\*