

# DC

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Damage Controlman

Damage Controlman DC's do the work necessary for damage control, ship stability, firefighting, fire prevention, and chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) warfare defense. They also instruct personnel in the methods of damage control and CBR defense, and repair damage control equipment and systems.

### What they do

The duties performed by DCs include:

- Operating, repairing and maintaining installed firefighting systems and equipment, damage control equipment, and chemical, biological and radiological defense equipment
- Training shipboard personnel in the operation, maintenance and repair of damage control systems and equipment, life saving devices, and various firefighting methods
- Performing emergency repairs to decks, structures and hulls by emergency pipe patching, plugging, and shoring
- Performing maintenance and repair of watertight closures and assorted fittings
- Performing emergency repairs to piping fittings and fixtures
- Acting as the ships Fire Marshal and fire fighting leaders
- Training ship's company in chemical, biological and radiological defense

### Credit Recommendations

The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits in the associate/bachelor degree programs and vocational certificate categories for courses completed in this rating.

### Qualifications and Interests

An important qualification for people interested in the DC rating is the ability to use portable tools, equipment and machines. They also need good vision and normal color perception, manual dexterity, a good memory and resourcefulness. The ability to do detailed work and to work successfully in a team operation is essential. They should feel comfortable in front of small groups. Prior experience in leading others is a valuable asset. Writing, speaking and arithmetic skills, curiosity, physical strength, the ability to keep records and do repetitive tasks are also helpful. Normal color perception is required.



### Working Environment

Damage Controlmen work in a variety of climates at sea and ashore. They normally perform their work at sea in a controlled climate, but are often called upon, to work in machinery spaces and flight decks in various sea states and weather conditions.

USN DC's are stationed primarily aboard USN deploying ships, TAR DC's are stationed aboard Naval Reserve Force (NRF) ships that deploy or conduct local operations. They may work in noisy environments on some assignments. People in this rating work closely with others, usually supervise and teach others and often do physical work.

### Opportunities

Entry opportunities are limited. Only highly qualified applicants have an opportunity for placement in this rating. Advancement opportunities are excellent in the DC rating! About 3,500 men and women work in the DC rating.

### Related Civilian Jobs-Dept. of Labor Dictionary of Occupational Titles

Firefighter

Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this rating card is subject to change.

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### Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through on-the-job training or formal Navy schooling. Advanced training in this rating is available during later stages of career development.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Engineering Common Core	Great Lakes, IL	4 Weeks	Introduction to technical documentation and basic mechanical theory.	Group instruction with practical application
Class "A" Technical School	Great Lakes, IL	8 Weeks	Indoctrination installed firefighting systems and equipment, shipboard damage control, shipboard ventilation systems, fundamentals of ship stability, firemain and drainage systems, communication, and emergency breathing devices, desmoking and gas analyzing equipment.	Group instruction, consisting of live firefighting involving various structures and aircraft.

After completion of "A" school, USN DC are assigned to ships of all types in the U.S. or overseas, Tar DC are assigned to NRF ships in CONUS. In a typical 20-year period in the Navy, they spend about 65% of their time on sea duty and about 35% on shore duty. Upon completing sea tours, USN DC will be assigned to shore duty in fleet concentration areas. TAR DC will be assigned to reserve centers across the nation including the heartland. While assigned to a reserve center TAR DC will train and administer selected reserve personnel.

All personnel now receive sea pay at sea (E-1 to E-9)



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