



COLTS NFL TEAM

Location

Indianapolis, IN

Market

Commercial

Unique Obstacle

Create a customized backup power solution while meeting the team's growing power needs.

Solutions

SD275 kW Diesel Generator
2 x MD350 kW Diesel Generators
SD1000 kW Diesel Generator

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Backup Power Solution Scores Big for NFL Team

After originally turning to Generac Industrial Power and EVAPAR, Generac's Indiana-based Industrial Distributor, the Indianapolis Colts called on the team yet again.

“The Colts wanted to upgrade their backup power supply, ensuring it met the same high standards as their players, managers and coaches,” said Steve Maser, vice president power systems manager, EVAPAR.

The Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center consists of two buildings: the practice facility with locker rooms, strength training area and multi-use pavilion, and the team office complex. To ensure smooth operations during critical periods, notably the NFL playoffs and the NFL draft, the Colts were forced to rely on rental generators. With the Colts regularly in playoff contention, bringing in rental generators was a frequent occurrence. The team decided to pursue a more permanent, reliable, and flexible solution.

The Colts turned to EVAPAR and Generac Industrial Power for their reliability and superior customer service. To ensure consistent power, EVAPAR originally specified a single diesel SD275 generator for the training facility. In addition, a Modular Power System (MPS) configuration was installed at the office complex. The MPS solution consisted of two diesel MD350 generators.

“Paralleling multiple generators offers increased reliability through redundancy,”

said Maser. “In most applications, the loads that require the highest degree of reliability are only a percentage of the generator's total capacity. We provide N+1, N+2 and greater redundancy, offering up to 99.999% reliability.”

With Generac's MPS, there is no single point of failure. If one unit was to go down for maintenance, the other generator(s) would be able to handle the critical load, ensuring power would never be lost to the facility.

Since then, the team's power needs continued to grow and the facility recently embarked on a large renovation and expansion project. The Colts again turned to EVAPAR and Generac Industrial Power to increase their back-up power capacity with the addition of a new 1 MW generator. EVAPAR worked with the project team to supply a new SD1000 diesel unit and two transfer switches at the complex to meet the new power demands.

“Ever since EVAPAR has been at our complex, we have had no issues whatsoever,” said Troy Glendenning, director of facilities and grounds, Indianapolis Colts. “We have had peace of mind ever since EVAPAR has been on board with the Colts.”

These gen-sets provide assurance of operation during outages, eliminating any concern over lost practice time during the NFL playoffs. The team said the generators have passed the test during several

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outages. “The generators have been extremely reliable, giving our team great peace of mind knowing we are always covered,” said Laura Porter, marketing manager, Indianapolis Colts. “The power at our training facility drops from time to time, and we have had a blown transformer on site. In one such incident, we were without power for three days. The generators kicked on immediately and restored power to the complex for the duration of the outage, which meant no down time for our team.”

A key reason the Colts went with EVAPAR was the customer service that they provided. The team has said EVAPAR went above and beyond any expectation. “We have had a great experience with EVAPAR,” said Porter. “Their team has been spot-on with routine maintenance and emergency repairs.”

Generac was able to accommodate the facility by providing them a backup power solution customized to meet their specific demands. “The service has been exceptional, and we would recommend them to anyone,” said Glendenning.

Working with the Colts has given a championship edge to Generac Industrial Power and EVAPAR. “Teaming with the Colts energized our team,” said Maser. “Our company has been able to evolve to meet marketplace demands using a philosophy of strategic and steady growth.” EVAPAR and Generac are proud to have collaborated with the Colts and help provide a customized solution that will give them every advantage to reach their championship goals.