

Requirements for grounding wire connection of distribution box



Overview

This Grounding Standard describes the technical requirements for grounding the SEC Distribution Network installations.

Key Takeaways

Grounding wires in a distribution box must be sized according to the overcurrent protection device, installed with low impedance paths, and tested to ensure resistance does not exceed 25 ohms.

Key Requirements

1. **Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) Sizing** The EGC connects non-current-carrying metal parts of equipment to the system ground, providing a path for fault current so that overcurrent devices trip quickly. According to NEC Table 250.122, the minimum size of the EGC is determined by the rating of the overcurrent protection device (OCPD) protecting the circuit. Copper and aluminum conductors have different sizing requirements, and parallel conductors or flexible cords may require special considerations.
2. **Grounding Electrode Conductor (GEC)** The GEC connects the electrical system to the grounding electrode, such as ground rods, metal water pipes, or concrete-encased electrodes. This conductor establishes the earth reference for the system and must be continuous and properly bonded to the distribution box. The GEC ensures that the system voltage is stabilized and fault currents have a low-impedance path to earth.
3. **Installation Practices**

- EGCs must run with all circuit conductors in the same raceway, cable, or cord to minimize impedance.

- Use a dedicated ground bar in the distribution box; avoid double-tapping neutrals or combining multiple grounds improperly .
 - Conductor routing should minimize bends and loops to reduce impedance and facilitate proper operation of protective devices .
 - Metal raceways and cable armor can serve as grounding paths, but a wire EGC is recommended to ensure reliability .
- #### 4. Resistance and Testing
- The total grounding system resistance should be under 25 ohms for the grounding electrode system .
 - Equipment grounding paths should have very low resistance, typically under 1 ohm from any point back to the service panel .
 - Multiple rods may be required if a single rod exceeds the resistance limit, and all connections must be continuous and corrosion-resistant.
- #### 5. Bonding Considerations
- The main bonding jumper connects the equipment grounding system to the neutral at the main service only .
 - Bonding ensures electrical continuity between metal parts and prevents potential shock hazards, while grounding establishes the earth reference .

Summary

To comply with NEC and ensure safety in a distribution box:

- Size EGCs according to OCPD ratings using NEC Table 250.122.
- Install GECs to connect the system to approved grounding electrodes.
- Maintain low-impedance paths with proper routing and dedicated ground bars.
- Test grounding resistance to ensure it meets the

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The ground busbar terminal in the service equipment (main panel) should be securely connected to the grounding rod using a

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How & Why to Ground Wiring

Install grounding wire to provide a current with alternate paths to avoid electrical shocks in case of power surges. Run

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Grounding is necessary to prevent fire starting from a surface arc within the home. If the outdoor wiring supplying the home should

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