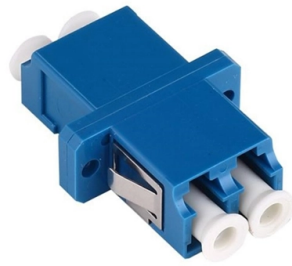


Selection of Grounding Wire for Primary Distribution Box



AI Overview

Grounding wires for primary distribution boxes must be sized according to fault current, overcurrent protection, and applicable standards, typically using copper conductors with resistance low enough to ensure safety. Key Considerations for Grounding Wire Selection

1. Conductor Material and Type Copper is the preferred material for grounding conductors, especially for buried or exposed runs, due to its high conductivity and corrosion resistance. Aluminum is generally avoided for underground grounding because it corrodes over time, reducing effectiveness.
2. Sizing According to Standards In the US, the National Electrical Code (NEC) Table 250.122 specifies equipment grounding conductor (EGC) sizes based on the rating of the overcurrent protection device (OCPD) protecting the circuit. For example, a 10 AWG (5.26 mm²) copper wire is commonly used for standard distribution boxes, while larger systems may require 6 AWG (13.29 mm²) or higher depending on fault current and cable length.
3. Ground Resistance Requirements The total grounding system resistance should be low enough to safely carry fault currents and limit step and touch potentials. For distribution boxes, a ground resistance of less than 0.1 ohm is recommended for industrial applications, while general installations may target less than 25 ohms for safety.
4. Connection and Routing Connect the grounding wire from the distribution box housing to a mounting plate or grounding bus. From the mounting plate, run a continuous conductor to the main grounding electrode or central grounding point. Ensure all connections are mechanically secure and corrosion-resistant.
5. Fault Current and Duration The grounding conductor must safely carry the expected ground fault current for the duration of the fault clearing time. This requires considering the magnitude of the fault, soil resistivity, and exposure to me...

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Ground Wire Size Chart NEC 2026: Complete Grounding Guide

NEC Table 250.122 is the primary reference for determining the minimum size of equipment grounding conductors based on the rating of the overcurrent protection device. This table

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Bond all metal enclosures, raceways, boxes, and equipment grounding conductors into one electrically continuous system. Consider the

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Its primary function is to create a path to ground for electrical current, such as lightning, line surges, and unintentional contact with high voltage lines. If

Distribution System Grounding

Good system grounding provides the path for normal load and fault currents while maintaining load and controls temporary overvoltages. Good equipment grounding ensures

Distribution System Grounding

National Electric Safety Code (NESC) is designed for primary part of the distribution system and has been adopted by law by most states and Public Service Commissions across the

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2) For stabilizing the voltage to earth during normal operation. Thus, improper grounding could result in equipment damage and fire — and the voltage-to

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Understanding Neutral, Ground, Grounding, and Bonding Return path of current Neutral The neutral, white-colored wire is the return path of electricity. Ex: when

Correct Connection Method Of Grounding Wire Of

This position is the connection point of the grounding wire in the box. 2. Connect the power ground wire Connect the ground wire in the power supply

Primary distribution box grounding

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