

Grounding Requirements for Outdoor Distribution Boxes



Article Overview

Outdoor distribution boxes must be properly grounded with dedicated ground bars, copper conductors, and electrodes to achieve a resistance of 25 ohms or less, following NEC and industry best practices.

NEC and General Requirements

Outdoor distribution boxes, including panelboards and load centers, must comply with NEC Article 312 for weatherproofing and grounding. The grounding system must include separate ground and neutral bars, with the neutral bonded to the equipment grounding conductor at the service disconnect. Load-side neutral connections to metal parts are prohibited to prevent dangerous neutral currents on conductive surfaces. Grounding electrode conductors (GECs) must be connected at accessible points from the load end of service conductors, including outdoor transformers or dual-fed services.

Grounding Electrode and Conductor Specifications

- **Electrode Material:** Use copper rods or approved conductive backfill like bentonite clay; avoid aluminum for buried runs due to corrosion.
- **Resistance:** The grounding system should achieve a maximum resistance of 25 ohms; if exceeded, install multiple rods connected with a continuous conductor.
- **Conductor Sizing:** Match the wire size to the overcurrent protection device; oversizing can cause bonding issues. Copper is preferred for durability and conduct...

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