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Overview

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Key Takeaways

Double grounding of a secondary distribution box involves connecting both the neutral and the equipment chassis to a reliable grounding system to ensure safety and equipment protection. Purpose of Double Grounding

Double grounding is implemented to:

- Protect personnel by safely channeling fault currents into the ground, reducing the risk of electric shock.
- Protect equipment from overvoltage, transient surges, and fault currents.
- Stabilize system voltage and ensure proper operation of protective devices under normal and fault conditions .

Implementation Steps

- Ground the Neutral: The neutral of the secondary distribution system should be grounded at the distribution transformer and at strategic locations in the network. This ensures a low-resistance path for fault currents and stabilizes voltage .



- **Ground the Equipment Chassis:** Attach a ground wire from a threaded stud at the bottom of the distribution box housing to the mounting plate. Then, connect a second grounding wire from the mounting plate to the main grounding system or factory central grounding point .
- **Wire Sizing:** Use appropriate wire sizes for grounding:
 - In the US, a 10 AWG (5.26 mm²) wire is standard.
 - In other markets, a 6 mm² wire is recommended.
- For longer tool cables or multiple spindles, parallel grounding wires may be used to maintain total ground resistance below 0.1 Ohm .
- **Ground Rods:** In high-resistivity soils, multiple ground rods or equivalent lengths may be required to achieve effective grounding .

Key Considerations

- **Continuity:** Ensure there is no discontinuity between the neutral, equipment grounding conductor, and the grounding electrode system.
- **Resistance:** The total ground resistance should be kept below 0.1 Ohm to ensure effective fault current dissipation .
- **Compliance:** Follow local electrical codes such as NEC or NESC for grounding requirements, including bonding, surge protection, and grounding electrode installation .
- **Safety:** Double grounding ensures that even if one ground connection fails, the system remains safe and operational.

Benefits

- Enhanced personnel safety and reduced risk of electric shock.
- Improved equipment reliability and protection against transient overvoltages.
- System stability during faults or abnormal operating conditions.
- Compliance with electrical safety standards and best practices . By following these guidelines, double grounding of a secondary distribution box provides a robust and reliable grounding system that safeguards both people and equipment.

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For all circuits of systems over 50 volts to ground, include an insulated equipment grounding wire sized according to NEC

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National Electric Safety Code (NESC) is designed for primary part of the distribution system and has been adopted by

NEC Requirements for Grounding of Services | EC&M

Correct grounding of services depends upon understanding the definition and role of the grounded conductor.

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Grounding Practices in Power Distribution Systems

The installation of grounding methods for transmission lines is absolutely necessary in order to guarantee the safety, dependability,

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NEC Basics: Connections and Continuity of Equipment

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1910.304

Distribution apparatus, such as transformer and capacitor cases, mounted on wooden poles, at a height exceeding 2.44 m (8.0 ft)

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3.1 Overview of ATCO's Electricity URD System Design The power supply to all single lot underground residential services is through

electrical grounding

That said, I want to add a properly-sized ground rod to "improve" the grounding system and hopefully comply properly with the

Is it ok to have mixed grounds and neutrals on bars in a breaker box?

National Electrical Code 2014 Article 250 Grounding and Bonding II. System Grounding 250.24 Grounding Service-Supplied

electrical

Changes to the Electrical Code now REQUIRE all unattached buildings with sub panels, to have the Neutral Bar Grounded with #6

Grounding requirements for main panel and subpanel

The main panel should be grounded (probably with 2 grounding rods) and the grounded (neutral) and grounding

Grounding wire from 2 Ground Rods to Main Panel

Question: Do I need to run 2 grounding wires to the electrical panel for 2 grounding rods, or can I connect the 2

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