Grounding of rooftop distribution box



Overview

Each DISTRIBUTION BOX and controller must be grounded. On the US market, a 5.26 mm 2 (10 AWG) ground wire must be used, and in all other markets a 6 mm 2 must be used.

Key Takeaways

Rooftop distribution boxes must be grounded using low-resistance, continuous conductors connected to a single-point ground, with proper wire sizing and bonding to structural elements to ensure safety and lightning protection. Key Grounding PrinciplesSingle-Point Grounding: All rooftop equipment, including distribution boxes, must connect to a single-point ground to prevent potential differences during lightning strikes or surges. This ensures that the top of the building and all connected equipment rise and decay in potential uniformly, reducing the risk of damage to sensitive electronics.

Wire Sizing and Material: Ground conductors should meet local standards: in the US, a 10 AWG (5. 26 mm^2) wire is typical, while other markets may require 6 mm^2. For connections between mounting plates and equipment, larger conductors (e.g., 6 AWG or 16 mm^2) may be used to maintain low resistance over longer cable runs.

Copper or copper-bonded steel is preferred for durability and corrosion resistance. Resistance Requirements: The total ground resistance between all system parts should be less than 0. 1 ohm for distribution boxes, ensuring effective dissipation of fault currents and lightning energy.

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If multiple rods are used, they should be connected with continuous conductors to achieve a resistance below 25 ohms per rod, tested after installation. Continuity and Bonding: Ensure continuous conductive paths from the distribution box to the building's structural steel or rebar and down to the earth ground.

Avoid PV

C fittings or insulating gaskets that interrupt continuity. Bond all metallic parts, including mounting plates and protective devices, to the grounding system. Lightning and Surge Protection: Rooftop distribution boxes should not share grounding with air terminal down conductors.

Use separate low-inductance conductors from surge protectors to the single-point ground to safely channel lightning currents without damaging equipment. Installation Practices: Grounding connections should be made to dedicated ground bars in the cabinet, avoiding double-tapping neutrals. All connections must be mechanically secure and corrosion-resistant.

Regular testing and inspection are recommended to maintain long-term reliability.

Summary Recommendations

Use properly sized copper or copper-bonded steel conductors. Maintain ground resistance

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a single point ground. In some poured concrete buildings there is no steel structure, only reinforci bar in the concrete. If local building codes permit, attach the single point groun

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When using a copper ground bar as a common point for internal shelter grounding, use one of the two methods shown below to attach the ground bar to communications shelter wall.

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GROUNDING OF UTILITY AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION

Essentially this workshop is broken down into system grounding, protective grounding and surge/noise protection of power and electronics systems normally found in distribution networks. A brief

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