Standard for grounding wire of secondary distribution box



Overview

Distribution System GroundingIt is recommended to ground the neutral at various strategic locations in distribution substations, overhead lines and undergr.

Key Takeaways

For a secondary distribution box, the standard grounding wire is typically a bare copper conductor sized according to the overcurrent protection device, commonly 35 mm² (approximately 2 AWG) for low-voltage applications.

Grounding Conductor Requirements

The equipment grounding conductor (EGC) connects all non-current-carrying metal parts of the distribution box to the grounding system, providing a low-impedance path for fault currents to ensure overcurrent devices trip quickly during faults (NEC Article 250. 122). For secondary distribution boxes, the EGC is usually bare copper, though insulated copper may be used in some installations.

Aluminum is generally avoided for buried or exposed runs due to corrosion concerns. Typical Wire SizesLow-voltage secondary distribution (LV, 120/240V or 277/480V): 35 mm² bare copper conductor is standard for grounding. Medium-voltage secondary systems: 70 mm² copper may be used depending on fault current and OCPD rating.

Sizing is based on the rating of the overcurrent protection device protecting the circuit, as per NEC Table 250. 122. If the ungrounded conductors are upsized for voltage drop, the grounding conductor must also be proportionally upsized to maintain effective fault protection.

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Grounding Rods and Connections

Standard grounding rods are 16 mm (5/8 inch) diameter, 2. 4 m long, or two rods of 1. 2 m each, connected with the grounding conductor.

The grounding conductor should be directly bonded to all accessible metal parts of the distribution box and connected to the system neutral at the substation or transformer. For difficult soil conditions, horizontal burial of copper wire at 500 mm depth can substitute for vertical rods, ensuring equivalent grounding performance.

Installation Best Practices

Maintain a maximum ground resistance of 25 ohms for effective fault dissipation. Ensure the grounding conductor runs with the circuit conductors in the same raceway or cable to minimize impedance. Use certified copper conductors to avoid corrosion and ensure long-term reliability.

Test the grounding system after installation to verify resistance and continuity.

Summary

For a secondary distribution box, use a bare copper grounding conductor sized according to the OCPD rating, typically 35 mm^2 for LV systems, connected to standard grounding rods or equivalent buried conductors. Proper installation ensures safety, compliance with NEC standards, and reliable fault current protection.

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Every pole with MV equipment installation shall be grounded with minimum of 4 ground rods. In high soil resistivity areas, such as rocky areas, loose soil, etc.; additional number of rods or equivalent length

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Grounding Paper

For purposes of grounding calculations, the concentric neutral on older underground residential distribution cables with bare neutral wires in direct contact with earth (not in conduit) can be treated

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The grounding-electrode system is at earth-ground potential and is the central ground for all electrical equipment and ac power within any facility. Use 8 AWG copper wire minimum for the grounding

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Install, own and maintain: transformer pad, reinforcement and grounding, oil containment where required by the Company or local authority, transformer mechanical protection, secondary equipment

Distribution System Grounding

Improper grounding in secondary systems can cause safety issues including fire and failure of equipment in homes. Most common problems are open secondary neutral, load incorrectly

NEC Ground Wire Size Chart – Electrical Grounding Guide

NEC Ground Wire Size Chart provides standard wire sizing for grounding conductors in electrical systems. It ensures safe fault current paths, compliance with NEC codes, and reliable protection for

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