

Grounding wire diameter of outdoor distribution box



Article Overview

For most outdoor distribution boxes, a copper grounding conductor of 4 AWG or larger is typically used, depending on the overcurrent protection rating and installation conditions.

NEC Guidelines

The National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 250 specifies that grounding conductors must provide a low-impedance path for fault current, sized according to the rating of the overcurrent protection device (OCPD) protecting the circuit . NEC Table 250.122 provides minimum sizes for equipment grounding conductors (EGCs):

- Copper conductors: 14 AWG for 15A circuits up to 3/0 AWG for 800A circuits
- Aluminum conductors: Typically one size larger than copper due to lower conductivity
- For OCPDs above 800A, the EGC must be at least 12.5% of the area of the largest ungrounded conductor For residential or small commercial outdoor distribution boxes (100–200A service), the typical grounding wire is 4 AWG copper or 2 AWG aluminum .

Material Considerations

- Copper is preferred for outdoor grounding due to superior conductivity, corrosion resistance, and mechanical strength .
- Aluminum can be used if upsized appropriately, but it is less durable in buried or...

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Overcurrent Device Rating (Breaker/Fuse) Copper EGC (min AWG) Aluminum EGC (min AWG) Common Use; 15A #14 AWG #12

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NEC Table 250.122 is the primary reference for determining the minimum size of equipment grounding conductors

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Size determination, installation method and wiring mode of distribution ...

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