

Why is the main body of the construction site electrical distribution box grounded



Overview

System grounding connects one of the current-carrying conductors of an electrical supply, usually the neutral, to the earth. This stabilizes voltage throughout the distribution system and helps overcurrent protection devices like breakers and fuses operate correctly. When properly done, current from a short or from lightning follows this path, thus preventing the buildup of voltages that would. Article 250 of the NEC covers the grounding and bonding of electrical systems. If the power supply to the electrical equipment at the job site is not grounded or the path has been broken, fault current may travel through a worker's body, causing electrical burns or death. Image used courtesy of Pixabay What Are Ground and Grounding?

The OSHA's grounding requirements are spelled out primarily in two sets of regulations: 29 CFR 1910 Subpart S for general industry workplaces, and 29 CFR 1926 Subpart K for construction sites.



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The main goal of grounding is to limit voltages caused by lightning, line surges, or accidental contact with higher-voltage lines and to stabilize the voltage during normal operations.

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The Basics of Grounding and Bonding

First and foremost is the safety of personnel within a building. Ensuring the proper grounding and bonding of the electrical system could very well be the reason an employee within the building avoids ...

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Correct grounding of services depends upon understanding the definition and role of the grounded conductor. The neutral conductor is typically the grounded conductor connected to the system's ...

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"Grounding" a tool or electrical system means intentionally creating a low-resistance path to the earth. When properly done, current from a short or from lightning follows this path, thus preventing the ...

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Grounding and Bonding Requirements in the NEC

Grounding is the act of connecting the electrical system or equipment to the earth or a conductive object that extends the connection to the earth. Bonding is connecting things together with a conductive ...

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Electrical grounding and bonding per NEC

There are two main reasons for understanding grounding and applying the correct design for grounding and bonding: safety and correct operation of sensitive electronic equipment.

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