

Ground wire connected in the distribution box



Article Overview

The ground wire in a distribution box should be securely connected to the PE (protective earth) bar, with all metal components bonded to ensure a low-resistance path for fault currents.

Steps for Proper Grounding

Locate the Grounding Bar: Open the distribution box and identify the PE bar or grounding plate, usually marked with "PE" or a grounding symbol. This is the main connection point for all grounding conductors . **Connect the Power Ground Wire:** Use a copper core wire, typically yellow-green insulated, with a cross-sectional area meeting local code requirements. Strip the wire, insert it into the PE bar terminal, and tighten the screw to ensure a firm connection . **Ground Electrical Components:** Any metal components or devices inside the box that require grounding should be connected to the PE bar using copper wires. This ensures that all conductive parts are bonded and safe during a fault . **Use Proper Hardware:** For metal boxes, a green grounding screw or listed grounding clip is used to attach a pigtail from the box to the PE bar. This maintains continuity even if devices are removed . **Verify Continuity:** After all connections, test with a multimeter or continuity tester to ensure a low-resistance path from the box and devices to the grounding system, ideally close to zero ohms .

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The metal box itself should be processed with a "box grounding bolt" (with PE mark), which must be connected to the grounded PE

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4. The part of the electrical components in the box that needs to be grounded must also be connected to the PE bus; 5. All ground

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