

Measuring neutral wire grounding in distribution box



Article Overview

To measure neutral wire grounding in a distribution box, verify the connection between the neutral bar and the grounding electrode system, ensuring low resistance and compliance with NEC standards.

Understanding Neutral Grounding

The neutral conductor in a distribution system is typically the grounded conductor connected to the system's neutral point and carries current under normal operation. Proper grounding ensures that in the event of a fault, dangerous voltages are safely conducted to earth, allowing overcurrent protective devices to operate correctly. The neutral bar in the distribution box is bonded to the equipment grounding conductor and connected to the grounding electrode system via a grounding electrode conductor (GEC).

Steps to Measure Neutral Grounding

- **Visual Inspection:** Ensure the neutral bar is securely bonded to the main bonding jumper and that the GEC is connected to the grounding electrode(s) such as rods, plates, or metal water pipes.
- **Continuity Test:** Using a multimeter, check for continuity between the neutral bar and the grounding electrode. A low-resistance reading indicates a proper connection. Typical resistance should be less than 25 ohms for effective grounding.
- **Resistance Measurement:** For more precise verification, use an earth ground tester (fall-of-potential or clamp-on type) to measure the resistance between the neutral b...

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When the neutral point of a 3-phase system (e.g. 3-phase generator, 3-phase transformer etc.) is directly*connected to earth (i.e.

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