# Grounding calculation for temporary distribution boxes

## Overview

Temporary electrical wiring for construction sitesAll 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere recepta-cles shall be of the grounding type and their conta.

## Key Takeaways

Proper grounding of temporary distribution boxes ensures personnel safety, equipment protection, and compliance with electrical codes.

### Key Principles of Grounding Temporary Distribution Boxes

Temporary power distribution boxes (TPDBs), often used on construction sites, must be grounded to provide a low-impedance path to earth, stabilizing voltage and protecting personnel from electric shock in case of faults. Grounding involves connecting the box's metal enclosure and all non-current-carrying parts to a dedicated grounding conductor, which is then connected to a grounding electrode system.

### Steps for Grounding Calculation

Determine Maximum Fault Current Identify the maximum potential fault current that could flow through the grounding system. This depends on the source voltage, transformer rating, and system impedance. Select Grounding Electrode Type Common electrodes include ground rods, plates, or a grounding grid.

The choice depends on soil resistivity, available space, and environmental conditions. Measure Soil Resistivity Soil resistivity significantly affects grounding effectiveness. Use a soil resistivity test or reference local geotechnical data.

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Lower resistivity soils provide better grounding. Calculate Electrode Resistance The total grounding resistance should typically be less than 5 ohms for temporary distribution boxes, though local codes may specify stricter limits. Use formulas or grounding calculators to determine the number and length of electrodes required.

Size Grounding Conductors Grounding conductors must be sized according to NEC Article 250, based on the ampacity of the feeder and the type of conductor (copper or aluminum). For example, a 50-amp feeder may require a minimum 6 AWG copper grounding conductor. Bonding and Connection All metallic parts of the TPDB, including enclosures, bus bars, and receptacle frames, must be bonded to the grounding conductor to ensure a continuous low-impedance path.

Connections should be mechanically secure and corrosion-resistant. Temporary Protective Grounding When performing maintenance or connecting/disconnecting circuits, temporary grounding jumpers may be used to ensure personnel safety. These jumpers should be rated for the maximum fault current and installed according to lockout/tagout procedures.

## Tools and References

Grounding System Calculators: Tools like the TAKO Grounding System Designer Calculator can help determine electrode configuration, conductor size, and expected resistance based on soil resistivity and site conditions. Standards Compliance: Follow NEC Article 250, IEEE 80, and IEEE 142 for grounding design, and ensure OSHA requirements for temporary wiring are met.

## Safety Considerations

Ensure all temporary circuits are protected with GFCI devices for personnel protection. Verify grounding connections visually and with a tester before energizing the box. Inspect periodically, especially in outdoor or wet conditions, to maintain low-resistance grounding.

By following these steps, temporary distribution boxes can be safely grounded, minimizing the risk of electric shock, equipment damage, and regulatory non-compliance.

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Temporary Grounding and Bonding Techniques

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Effective temporary grounding techniques must utilize a combination of grounding and bonding; grounding to clear accidental re-energization and minimize potential; bonding to ensure workers are

NFPA 70E 120.4 (B) (7) Temporary Protective Grounding.

Sometimes, installing temporary protective grounding is necessary. Temporary protective grounding may include using a grounding cluster equipped with clamps which are connected to each de

GROUND GRID SPECIFICATIONS

STEEL CONDUITS, JUNCTION BOXES, CABLE TRAYS AND RECEPTACLES (OUTDOOR): MUST BE BONDED TO STRUCTURE GROUND WITH ONE #4 AWG COPPER CABLE. LOW VOLTAGE

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