

Protective grounding of temporary power distribution boxes at construction sites



AI Overview

Temporary power distribution boxes on construction sites must be properly grounded according to NEC 250 and IRC 2024 requirements to ensure worker safety and code compliance.

Key Grounding Requirements

- **Proper Grounding of All Equipment** All temporary wiring, cord sets, and distribution boxes must be grounded. This includes portable panels, spider boxes, and any temporary feeders. Grounding ensures that any fault current has a low-resistance path to earth, reducing the risk of electrocution or fire .
- **GFCI Protection** Every 120-volt, 15- and 20-ampere receptacle on a construction site must have ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. GFCIs detect leakage currents as low as 5 milliamperes and interrupt the circuit within 1/40th of a second, providing essential protection in wet or damp conditions common on construction sites .
- **Generator Grounding** When temporary power is supplied by a generator, the generator must be bonded and grounded according to NEC 250 provisions. If the generator is used as a separately derived system, the neutral and generator enclosure must be bonded together to maintain proper grounding .
- **Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program (AEGCP)** While GFCI protection is preferred, NEC 590.6(B) allows an alternative grounding program (AEGCP), which requires a written program, a designated competent person, daily visual inspections, periodic testing, and documentation of results. However, most contractors rely on GFCIs because they are simpler and more reliable ...

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However, temporary power is essential to construction worksites and poses a great risk to workers. Follow these steps to ensure

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Temporary protective grounds shall be placed at such locations and arranged in such a manner that the employer can demonstrate

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