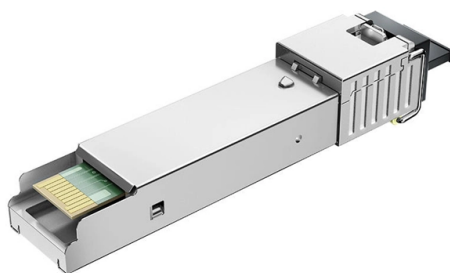


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How many grounding points are best for a distribution box



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Key Takeaways

A distribution box typically requires at least two grounding points: one connecting the box to a dedicated ground rod or electrode, and another linking the box to the central grounding system or mounting plate, ensuring total system resistance below 0.1 ohm.

Key Grounding Requirements

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Main Grounding Point: The distribution box must be connected to a grounding electrode or rod, which serves as the primary path for fault currents to safely dissipate into the earth. This is usually done via a dedicated ground wire attached to a threaded stud or grounding terminal on the box .

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Connection to Central Grounding System: A second grounding wire should connect the box's mounting plate or internal grounding bus to the facility's central grounding point. This ensures all system components share a common reference and reduces potential differences that could cause electrical hazards .

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Resistance and Wire Sizing: The total ground resistance between all system parts should be less than 0.1 ohm. Wire sizing depends on regional standards: in the US, a 10 AWG (5.26 mm²) wire is typical, while other markets may require a 6 mm² wire . For longer tool cables or multiple spindles, larger wires (e.g., 6 AWG or 16 mm²) may be needed to maintain low resistance .

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Main Panel vs Subpanel Considerations: In main service panels, the neutral bus bar is bonded to the grounding bus bar via the Main Bonding Jumper (MBJ), creating a single grounding point. Subpanels must keep neutral and ground separate to prevent objectionable currents on metal enclosures .

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Compliance with Codes: Grounding must follow NEC, IEC, or local electrical codes. The grounding electrode conductor should be connected at an accessible point from the load end of service conductors, and additional connections may be required for outdoor transformers or dual-fed services .

Practical Implementation

- Attach one ground wire from the distribution box to a ground rod or electrode.
- Attach a second wire from the box's mounting plate to the central grounding system.
- Verify total resistance is below 0.1 ohm using a proper tester.
- Ensure wire sizes match code requirements and consider longer cable runs or multiple spindles for low-resistance paths .

By following these guidelines, a distribution box will have adequate grounding for safety, compliance, and reliable operation.

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