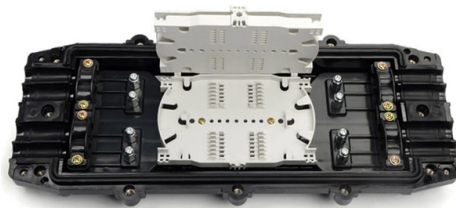


How to ground the fiber optic terminal box



AI Overview

Grounding a fiber optic terminal box is essential when metallic components are present, ensuring safety and compliance with electrical codes. Understanding the Need for Grounding Fiber optic cables themselves transmit data as light and are non-conductive, so the fiber core does not require grounding. However, many fiber optic cables and terminal boxes include metallic components such as steel armoring, aluminum moisture barriers, copper strength members, or metallic messenger wires. These components must be grounded to prevent electric shock, equipment damage, and fire hazards. Additionally, any metallic conduit or tray carrying fiber optic cables must also be grounded according to standard electrical codes (NEC Article 770, NFPA 70).

Step-by-Step Grounding Procedure

Identify Metallic Components Inspect the fiber optic cable and terminal box to determine if metallic elements are present. Check the cable datasheet or jacket markings for steel armor, copper wires, or foil layers.

Prepare the Bonding Surface Strip back approximately 6–8 inches of the outer jacket using a cable splitter or ringing tool. Clean the exposed metallic surface with a wire brush or fine sandpaper to remove oxidation or coatings. A clean, oxide-free surface ensures low-resistance bonding.

Attach a Bonding Clamp Use a UL-listed cable bonding clamp or grounding kit to secure directly to the exposed metallic component. Manufacturer-supplied grounding kits are recommended to ensure proper torque and contact area.

Connect the Grounding Conductor Run a minimum 14 AWG copper grounding wire (or as specified by local code) from the bonding clamp to the nearest grounding electrode or equipment grounding bus. Keep the conductor as short and direct as possible, avoiding sharp bends that could increase impedance.

Verify Electrical Continuity After installation, check the continuity between the terminal bo...

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