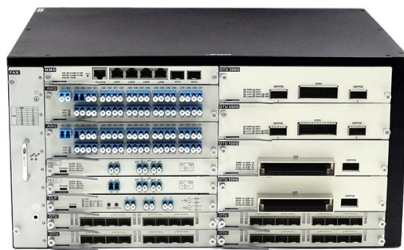


Grounding Requirements for Transformers and Distribution Boxes



Summary of Content

Proper grounding of transformers and distribution boxes is essential for safety, voltage stability, and code compliance, requiring neutral grounding, bonding of non-current-carrying metal parts, and adherence to NEC and industry standards.

Transformer Grounding

Neutral Grounding: Transformers, especially those with a secondary that is a separately derived system (SDS), must have their neutral point intentionally connected to ground. This establishes a stable reference for the system, controls phase-to-ground voltages, and ensures that ground-fault currents have a defined path for protective devices to operate effectively. Without proper neutral grounding, systems may experience floating voltages, transient overvoltages, or ferroresonance, which can damage insulation and connected equipment.

Bonding vs. Grounding: Grounding involves connecting a system to earth or a conductive body that serves as a ground, while bonding ensures electrical continuity between conductive parts. In transformer installations, bonding jumpers connect all metallic parts to create a continuous path for fault currents, ensuring protective devices can clear faults quickly.

Separately Derived Systems: Transformers that provide galvanic isolation create a secondary system electrically isolated from the primary. According to NEC Article 100, these systems require a neutral-to-ground bond to prevent floating voltages and ensure proper operation of protective devices.

Equipment Grounding: All non-current-carrying metal parts of the transformer, including enclosures, must be grounded to prevent shock hazards and maintain system reliability. A correctly sized grounding conductor provides the primary return path for fault currents.

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Understanding transformer grounding and bonding is therefore essential for engineers, electricians, and facility

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When distribution electrical equipment shares the same transmission structure, the grounding conductor can be common or kept

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