

Grounding flat iron connection to distribution box



Overview

Connection between distribution box and grounding flat iron. Submit plans showing the location of system grounding electrodes and connections, and the routing.

Key Takeaways

Proper grounding of a flat iron connection to a distribution box ensures safety by providing a low-resistance path for fault currents, preventing electrical shock and equipment damage.

Key Principles

Grounding a distribution box or metal component involves connecting it to a dedicated ground system that safely directs electrical faults into the earth. This protects both people and equipment from electrical hazards and ensures compliance with electrical codes .

- **Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC):** Use a bare or green-insulated copper wire to connect the metal box or flat iron component to the main panel's ground bus bar .
- **Connection Points:** Attach the grounding wire to a threaded stud or designated grounding point on the distribution box. Use a green grounding screw or lug to ensure a secure, low-resistance connection .



- **Wire Sizing:** For US installations, a 10 AWG (5.26 mm²) wire is standard; in other markets, a 6 mm² wire is recommended. For connections between mounting plates and spindles, larger wires (e.g., 6 AWG or 16 mm²) may be required depending on cable length and number of spindles .

Installation Steps

- **Power Off:** Always shut off power at the circuit breaker before starting any grounding work .
- **Prepare the Connection:** Clean the metal surface to remove paint, rust, or debris to ensure a solid metal-to-metal contact .
- **Attach Ground Wire:** Connect the grounding wire to the flat iron or mounting plate using a green screw or lug, then run it to the distribution box's ground bus or central grounding point .
- **Verify Continuity:** Ensure all metal components are bonded together. If multiple spindles or long tool cables are used, consider parallel grounding wires to maintain total resistance below 0.1 ohm .
- **Test Resistance:** Measure the ground resistance to confirm it meets safety standards. For general installations, resistance should be less than 25 ohms, while industrial setups may require

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