

Lightning protection and grounding for all levels of distribution boxes



Article Overview

Effective lightning protection and grounding for distribution boxes require coordinated surge protection devices, proper grounding, and adherence to recognized standards like NFPA 780, UL 96/96A, and IEC 62305.

Key Principles

1. Surge Protection Device (SPD) Placement

- Type I SPDs are installed at the main distribution board or feed-in point to handle direct lightning strikes and high-energy surges. They should be installed as close as possible to the power supply entry to minimize line lead length and maximize protection efficiency .
- Type II SPDs are installed at sub-distribution boards to protect downstream equipment, limiting voltage to safe levels (typically below 4 kV), .
- SPDs must comply with insulation coordination, ensuring voltage limitation matches the system's rated insulation strength .

2. Grounding and Bonding

- All distribution boxes should be connected to a low-resistance grounding system to safely dissipate lightning currents .
- Grounding conductors should provide a direct, low-impedance path from the SPD to the earth, avoiding sharp bends or long loops .
- Common bonding of all metallic systems (electrical, communication, and structural) is recommended to prevent potential differences that could cause equipment damage .

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For each of the lightning protection levels, a minimum current level to be protected against has been determined (selected). Table 5

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The lower lightning protection levels (LPL II, III & IV) each increase the air-terminal spacing, reducing their ability to capture smaller

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BONDING AND GROUNDING The first step in securing effective lightning protection is bonding and grounding. Bonding is simply a

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Issue #1 – Large lightning current passing through the RCD could cause damage to the

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