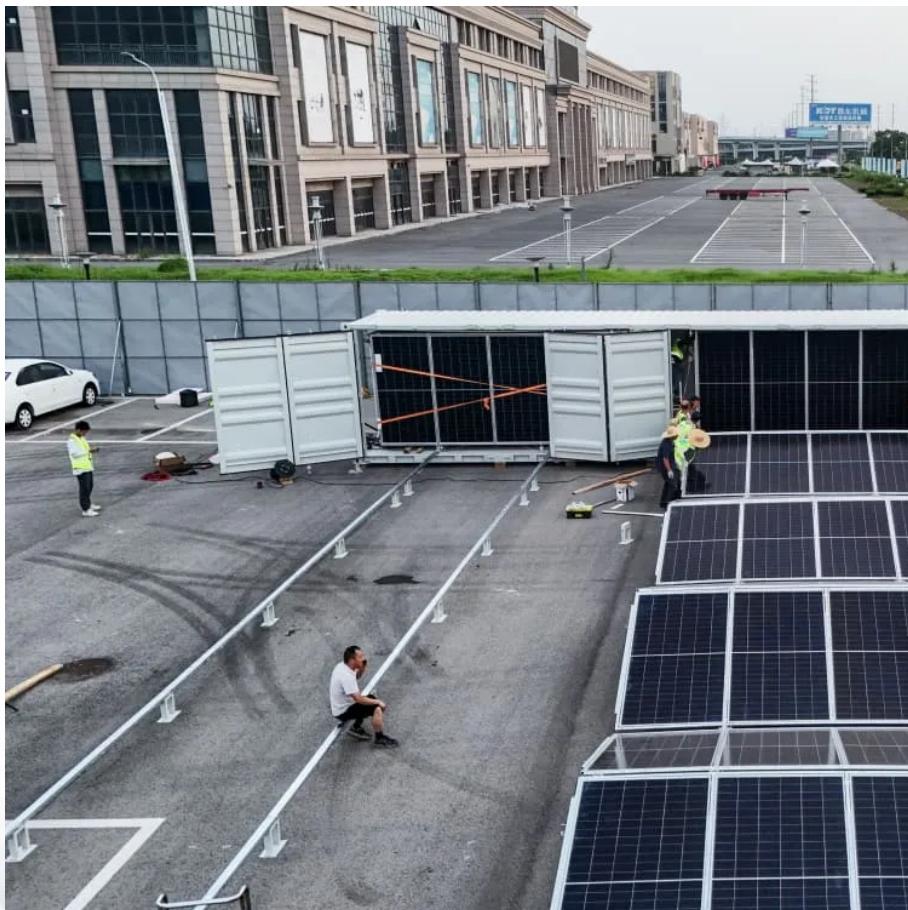




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Overview

Do PV systems need grounding?

It is a mandatory practice required by NEC and IEC codes to protect both equipment and personnel from damage and electric shock hazards. This article covers grounding in PV systems, which differs slightly from standard grounding systems.

How to ground a PV inverter?

In general, effective grounding can be achieved with a grounding transformer as shown in Figure 1 (a). If the PV inverter has an internal transformer with the grounded wye to delta configuration, a grounding reactor can be used instead by accessing the neutral point of the inverter transformer.

What is grounding a solar inverter?

Grounding a solar inverter is referred to as connecting the metal casing of the inverter to the earth, creating a path for extra electrical current to be safely discharged. This concept is an important safety measure that can help you prevent electrical shock and reduce the risk of fire in the event of a fault or surge in the system.

How do I ground a DC system in a PV array?

However, there are multiple methods for grounding DC systems in PV arrays. The recommended approach is to use a separate DC grounding electrode for PV arrays and frames, as this enhances protection against lightning and transient voltage. For lightning protection associated with grounding systems, refer to NFPA 780 and NEC 250.106.



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