

# Does PE of photovoltaic grid-connected inverter represent grounding wire

## How to ground a PV inverter?

In general, effective grounding can be achieved with a grounding transformeras 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 a grounding point of a PV inverter?

The grounding point of the inverter is connected onwards to the grounding system or grounding electrode of the residential facility or building (see figure below). 15) PV circuits having 30V or 8A more shall be provided with a ground-fault protection device (GFPD). Nowadays, in general, this is a built-in function of inverters.

### How does a PV inverter work?

This allows the EGC of the PV circuit to be connected to the grounding point provided by the inverter, eliminating the need for a separate DC grounding system. The grounding point of the inverter is connected onwards to the grounding system or grounding electrode of the residential facility or building (see figure below).

### What is a functionally grounded inverter?

14) Nowadays, functionally grounded inverters or PV arrays not isolated from the grounded output circuitof inverter are used. This allows the EGC of the PV circuit to be connected to the grounding point provided by the inverter, eliminating the need for a separate DC grounding system.

#### Can a solar panel inverter be grounded?

No, it is not advisable to only ground the inverter to the solar panel frame. The inverter must have a proper equipment grounding conductor running to establish grounding electrodes protected from physical damage. A bond should also be made between the inverter ground and the solar panel frame ground.

## Can a solar inverter be connected to a ground rod?

Yes, you can and should bond the solar inverter ground to the existing ground rods used for the main electrical service panel grounding electrode system. No need to install dedicated ground rods just for the inverter. Ensure proper wire sizing when tying the grounds together.



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