



# Detailed method of lightning protection and grounding of photovoltaic panels





## Overview

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For lightning protection associated with grounding systems, refer to NFPA 780 and NEC 250. However, the grounding process and methods differ slightly, offering multiple options, such as separate grounding or combined grounding. This is especially concerning for large-scale C&I PV plants, where system interruptions can result in significant damage to fuses and circuit breakers caused by lightning (poor grounding). Low flash density areas could still result in damage to utility scale PV plants. Meshes are. Lightning protection systems (LPS) provide a protective zone to assure against direct strikes to PV systems by utilizing basic principles of air terminals, down conductors, equipotential bonding, separation distances and a low-impedance grounding electrode system. Both metal and wiring serve as excellent paths for electrical currents, making solar installations natural.



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