



# How to troubleshoot photovoltaic panel grounding fault





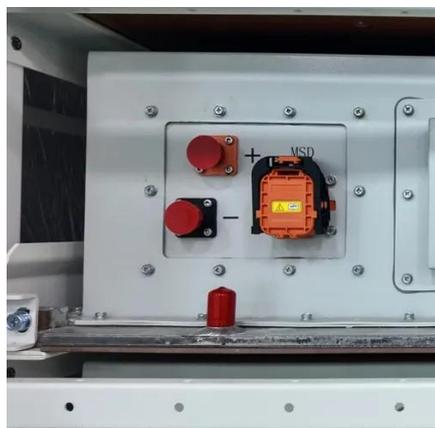
## Overview

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If a ground fault is present, determine the location of the ground fault via the ratio of the two measured voltages and eliminate the ground fault. A ground fault in a solar PV system is one of the more common array issues to come across, especially in string inverter and commercial systems. This test should only be performed by qualified personnel. DC systems can carry lethal voltages. The exact procedure is described in the following sections. If the voltage measurement was not successful, check the PV system. According to the Photovoltaic Systems textbook (published by NJATC), a solar PV ground fault occurs when current unintentionally flows through the grounding conductor. It can often be challenging to determine which test will provide the fastest and most accurate results.



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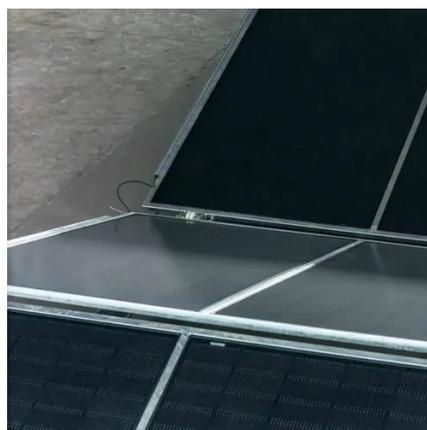
Impact of Ground Faults  
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In general terms, we can understand Photovoltaic Riso faults as short circuit faults, that lead to electrical current flow in the grounding gear connecting the DC power generation and the System Power Components, see Figure 1. The electrical isolation resistance Riso can vary over time when insulation materials degrade. When this happens the collec See more on emazys Fluke Corporation

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Most solar inverters will have an earth fault detection and interruption (EFDI) device (in accordance with AS/NZS4777.2 clause 2.4) to detect and stop earth faults. It can identify the earth fault, generate an ...



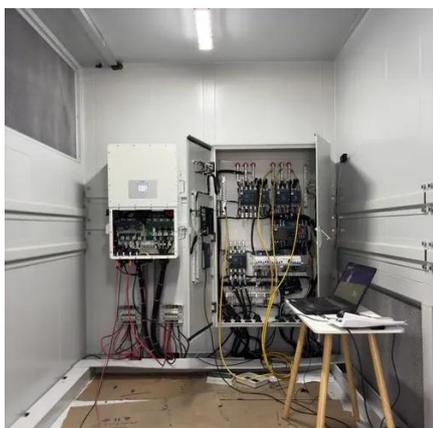
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Ground-fault detection and interruption typically occur within the PV inverter, alerting the site owner to the fault's presence. Locating the fault, however, can be challenging. This article will ...



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Solar panel defects: A solar panel will produce less than average power if it has faults, such as microcracks, chips, delamination, snail trails (discoloration), and faulty junction boxes.



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Check the PV wire for chaffing, severing or if the cable has been chewed on by wildlife. Likely you will spot the damage that lead to the fault. Replace the faulty module if necessary then replace the GFDI ...

## Checking the PV System for Ground Faults

In order to check the PV system for ground faults, perform the following actions in the prescribed order. The exact procedure is described in the following sections.



### [Solar Ground-Fault: How to Identify, Locate, and Repair](#)

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