### **Static Grounding System**



To ground and monitor multiple items of equipment at points like multi drum loading stations and mixing stations, tote loading stations and railcar loading racks, a large number of conventional static grounding systems would be required to minimize the accumulation of static electricity. In addition to flammable liquid and gas operations, powder processing equipment that typically includes interconnected pipes, fluid bed dryers, hoppers and micronizers would require multiple grounding systems. With the Earth-Rite® MULTIPOINT II up to eight individual items of potentially isolated equipment can be ground monitored simultaneously with a single static grounding system.

The Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II is a cCSAus / ATEX / IECEx certified static grounding system which identifies when equipment exceeds ground resistance levels outlined in recommended practice documents like IEC TS 60079-32-1 and NFPA 77.

The system consists of a hazardous area monitoring unit that contains eight pairs of red and green LED indicators that verify when the equipment at risk of static charge accumulation has a resistance of 10 Ohms or less to the plant's designated true earth grounding point.

For applications where ground monitoring indication is required at the point of operation (e.g. drum filling) local ground status indicator stations can be specified.

Each ground monitoring channel interfaces with it an individual dry contact as standard. In addition to the 8 individual dry contacts a group relay is provided so that multiple ground monitoring channels can be setup to provide a permissive / non-permissive condition to external equipment (e.g. PLCs, pumps, valves, sounders).

#### Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II applications include:

- multiple railcar loading points
- multiple drum / tote loading points
- liquid / powder mixing and blending
- · powder conveying equipment
- fluid bed dryers
- silo / container filling and emptying
- hoppers and dust collectors
- powder micronizing, pulverising and grinding equipment



**Static Grounding System** 

# **Earth-Rite® MULTIPOINT II**



The **Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II's** monitoring unit contains 8 pairs of LED ground status indicators (red and green).



The Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II's energy efficient remote indicator stations provide ground status indication for each individual channel. The attention grabbing high intensity GREEN LED pulses continuously when a positive ground connection is made.



The Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II's 230 V/110 V AC power supply unit houses eleven (11) dry contacts. 8 of these interface with each monitored grounding channel, 2 provide the grouped channel function and 1 relay provides the fail-safe redundancy output function.

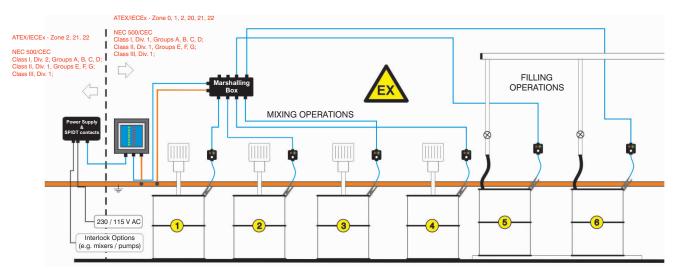


The Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II's 4 way and 8 way marshalling junction boxes link the monitoring unit with the external ground connection points and external LED ground status remote indicator stations. The marshalling boxes can be supplied as GRP and stainless steel.

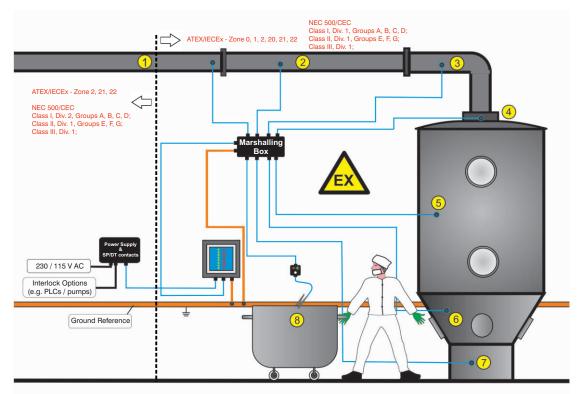


**Static Grounding System** 

## **Earth-Rite®MULTIPOINT II**



The Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II's monitoring unit and power supply can be configured to ground and monitor a wide range of equipment. In this example the system is setup to ground four mixing stations (1 to 4) and two filling stations (5 and 6). Each mixer is interlocked with an individual relay corresponding to the equivalent ground monitoring channel. Channels 5 and 6 are grouped via the group relay so that if either drum is not grounded the pump feeding the filling station is shut down immediately, thereby mitigating the build up of static on the drums.



In this example the Earth-Rite MULTIPOINT II is configured to ground multiple interconnected components for a fluid bed dryer system. The marshalling box feeds seven channels out to seven permanent ground connection points [the connection points may be disconnected for routine cleaning, inspection and maintenance]. Channels 1 to 7 are grouped together to provide a single output contact controlling the flow of powder into the fluid bed dryer. Channel 8 utilises an external ground status LED remote indicator station/clamp/cable to provide the operator with a visual confirmation that the mobile bin is grounded when filled.



**Static Grounding System** 

# **Earth-Rite® MULTIPOINT II**

# **Technical Specification** (with GRP power supply)

#### **Monitoring unit**

#### Class I, Div.1 Installations

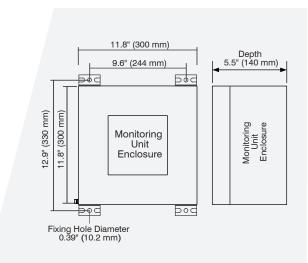
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°F to +140°F	
Ingress Protection	Type 4X (IP66)	
Construction	Stainless Steel (SS grade: 304)	
Monitoring Circuit	Intrinsically Safe (ia)	
Monitoring Loop Resistance	Nominally ≤10 0hm (± 10%)	
Cable Entries	3 x M20, 1 X M25 (NPT adaptors available)	

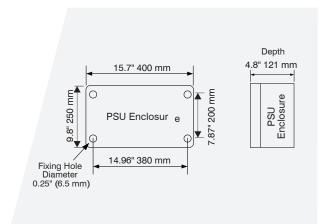
#### **Power Supply Unit**

#### Class I, Div.2 (Class II, Div.1) Installations

Power Supply	115 V or 230 V AC, 50-60 Hz		
Current Rating	200 mA		
Power Rating	10 Watts		
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°F to +140°F		
Ingress Protection	Type 4X (IP66)		
Construction	GRP with carbon loading		
Output to Monitoring Unit	Intrinsically safe		
Output Channel Relay	8 off dry change over switch contacts		
Output Group Relay	2 off dry change over switch contacts		
Output Fault Relay	1 off dry change over switch contacts		
Relay Contact Rating	240 V AC, 5 A, 500 VA max resistive 30 V DC, 2 A, 60 W max resistive		
Cable Entries	12 x M20 (NPT Adaptors available)		

Marshalling Junction Box		
Enclosure Material	GRP with carbon loading	
Cable Entries	8 Way - 10 x M20, 1 x M25 4 Way - 6 x M20, 1 x M25 (NPT Adaptors available)	
Remote Indicator Station Associated Apparatus - Class I, Div. 1 installation		
Enclosure Material	GRP with carbon loading	
Cable Entries	1 x M20 (NPT Adaptors available)	





Product Description	Length	Height	Depth
8-Way Junction Box	10.2"	6.3"	3.6"
4-Way Junction Box	6.3"	6.3"	3.7"
Remote Indicator Station	4.8"	4.8"	3"
Junction Box with Stowage Pin	3.15"	3"	2.2"

For more detailed mechanical descriptions please refer to instruction manual



**Static Grounding System** 

# **Earth-Rite® MULTIPOINT II**

# **Technical Specification** (with stainless steel power supply)

#### **Monitoring unit**

#### Class I, Div.1 Installations

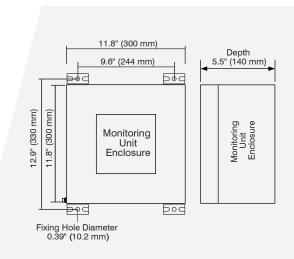
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°F to +140°F	
Ingress Protection	Type 4X (IP66)	
Construction	Stainless Steel (SS grade: 304)	
Monitoring Circuit	Intrinsically Safe (ia)	
Monitoring Loop Resistance	Nominally ≤10 0hm (± 10%)	
Cable Entries	3 x M20, 1 X M25 (NPT Adaptors available)	

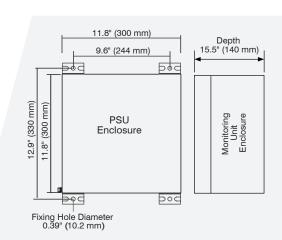
#### **Power Supply Unit**

#### Class I, Div.2 (Class II, Div.1) Installations

Power Supply	115 V or 230 V AC, 50-60 Hz		
Current Rating	200 mA		
Power Rating	10 Watts		
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°F to +140°F		
Ingress Protection	Type 4X (IP66)		
Construction	Stainless Steel (SS grade: 304)		
Output to Monitoring Unit	Intrinsically Safe (ia)		
Output Channel Relay	8 off dry change over switch contacts		
Output Group Relay	2 off dry change over switch contacts		
Output Fault Relay	1 off dry change over switch contacts		
Relay Contact Rating	240 V AC, 5 A, 500 VA max resistive 30 V DC, 2 A, 60 W max resistive		
Cable Entries	12 x M20 mm (NPT Adaptors available)		

Marshalling Junction Box		
Enclosure Material	Stainless Steel (SS grade: 304)	
Cable Entries	8 Way - 10 x M20, 1x M25 mm dia. 4 Way - 6 x M20, 1x M25 mm dia. (NPT Adaptors available)	
Remote Indicator Station Associated Apparatus - Class I, Div. 1 installation		
Enclosure Material	Stainless Steel (SS grade: 304)	
Cable Entries	1 x M20 (NPT Adaptors available)	





Product Description	Lengt	eigh	epth
8-Way Junction Box	11.8"	7.9"	3.2"
4-Way Junction Box	5.9"	5.9"	3.2"
Remote Indicator Station	5.9"	5.9"	3.2"
Junction Box with Stowage Pin	5.9"	5.9"	3.2"

For more detailed mechanical descriptions please refer to instruction manual



**Static Grounding System** 

### Earth-Rite® MULTIPOINT II

## **Hazardous Area Certification**

#### **Monitoring Unit**

#### North America:

#### **Europe / International Version Available:**

#### NEC 500 / CEC (Class & Division)

Intrinsically Safe Equipment Ex ia for use in

Class I, Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D Class II, Div. 1, Groups E, F, G

Class III, Div. 1

When installed per Control Dwg; X MPII Q15152 cCSAus

 $Ta = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +60^{\circ}C \text{ (-40°F to } +140^{\circ}F)$ 

OSHA recognised NRTL: CSA

CSA 15.70005381

NEC 505 & 506 (Class & Zoning) Class I, Zone O, AEx ia IIC T4 Ga

(gas & vapour)

Class II, Zone 20, AEx ia IIIC T135°C Da

(combustible dusts)

#### CEC Section 18 (Class & Zoning)

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da

#### **IECE**x

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da  $Ta = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +60^{\circ}C$ IECEx EXV 19.0062X IECEx Certifying Body: ExVeritas

#### ATEX

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# **Power Supply Unit**

#### **North America:**

#### **Europe / International Version Available:**

#### NEC 500 / CEC (Class & Division)

Suitable for use In Class I, Div. 2, Groups A, B, C, D Class II, Div. 1, Groups E, F, G

Class III, Div. 1

Provides intrinsically safe output for Class I, Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D; Class II, Div. 1, Groups E, F, G Class III, Div. 1;

When installed per Control Dwg;

X MPII Q15152

 $Ta = -40^{\circ}C \text{ to } +60^{\circ}C \text{ (-40°F to } +140^{\circ}F)$ 

OSHA recognised NRTL: CSA CSA 15.70005381

#### NEC 505 & 506 (Class & Zoning)

Class I, Zone 2, AEx nA[ia Ga] nC IIC T4 Gc (Gas & vapour) Class II, Zone 21, AEx tb IIIC T65°C Db (Combustible Dusts)

#### CEC Section 18 (Class & Zoning)

Ex nA[ia Ga] nC IIC T4 Gc Ex tb IIIC T65°C Db

#### **IECE**x

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#### ATEX

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# **Additional Certification**

EMC Tested:

to EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3 FCC - Part 15



**Static Grounding System** 

# **System Options**

#### 2-Pole Surface Mountable connector

With this assembly operators tasked with earthing mobile process equipment will have a dedicated earthing point to attach the easy to use screw thread connector. The 'plug and play' connector can interface with all Newson Gale 2 core systems to provide earth monitoring capability on a wide range of mobile processes and equipment where generic earthing clamps cannot be used.

The conical shape design aids in the reduction of powder deposit build up over time and aids in clean down operations.

- Made using Stainless Steel (SS grade: 304) with Viton O-Rings
- IP 66
- -40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)
- · Various lengths of straight or spiral Hytrel cable available.
- IECEx Ex h Certification: Ex h IIC T6 Ga Ex h IIIC T85°C Da Ta = -40°C to +60°C IECEx EXV 20.0033



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