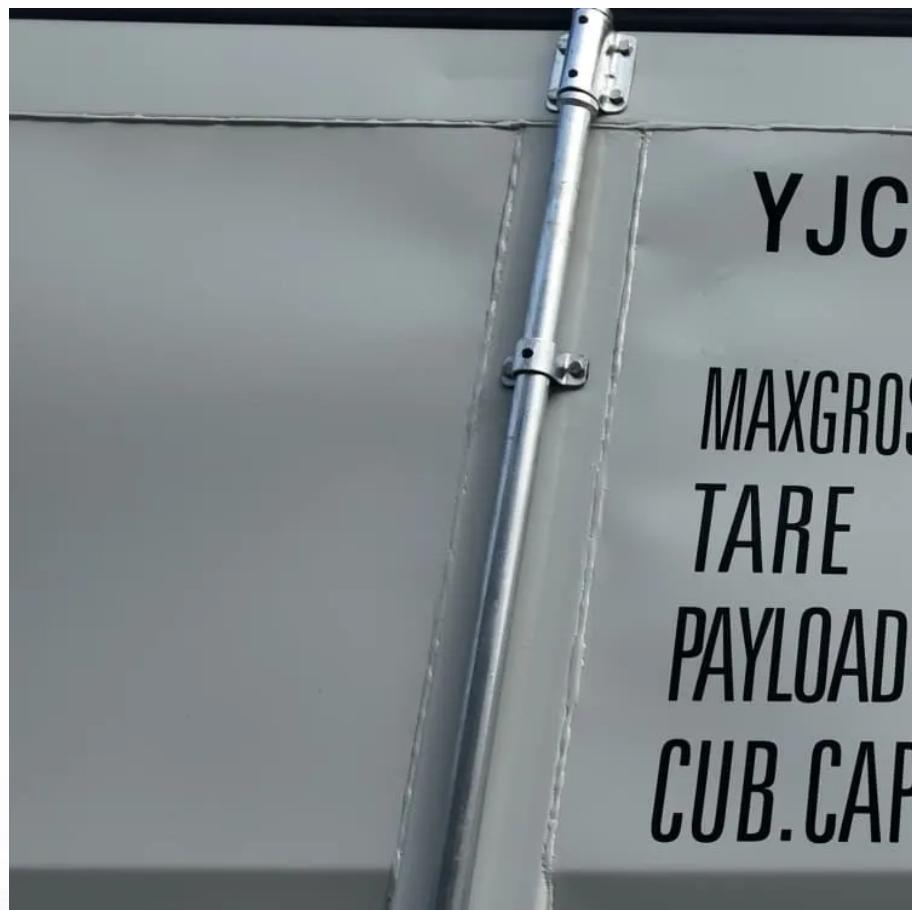




# How to ground an outdoor base station





## Overview

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How do I design a grounding system for a high-powered station?

When designing a grounding system for a high-powered station, there are several technical factors to consider: **Grounding Resistance:** The resistance between your grounding system and the earth should be as low as possible, typically under 10 ohms, but ideally below 5 ohms for optimal safety.

What is a base station antenna?

Base station antennas are fixed installations for receiving radio signals, and are usually on tall structures placed at a great height over the ground. This makes them easy targets for lightning strikes, as they're usually high structures made of a conductor.

What is a high-powered radio station grounding system?

A typical high-powered amateur radio station grounding system includes the following components: **Grounding Rods:** These are typically made of copper or copper-clad steel and are driven into the ground to provide a low-resistance path to earth. A common practice is to use multiple ground rods placed several feet apart.

Why do radio stations need to be grounded?

A properly grounded system minimizes this interference, ensuring cleaner transmission and reception. **Safety from Electrocution:** Grounding ensures that if any part of your radio station's equipment becomes electrically charged, the energy will flow into the ground, minimizing the risk of electric shock.



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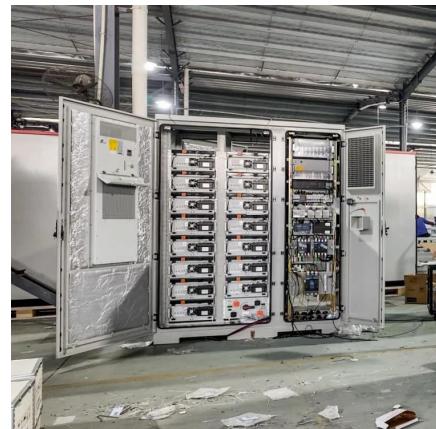
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The Ground (earth) appears as a series resistance in the antenna equivalent circuit. Therefore, without radials, ground mounted vertical antennas are not much more than dummy ...

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In setting up a base station it's recommended that you place a 8' ground rod into the ground directly below the antenna. Run a #8 solid copper ground wire from the U-Clamp ...

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