

## STATION PROTECTION AND GROUNDS

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1.02 This section is reissued to:

- Change title of section
- Update and spell out rules for grounding that are more appropriate for present conditions
- Include information on the 6A3A and 1A4A-type terminal blocks, NH16 and NH25 cable terminals, 57B1A(MD)-type connecting blocks, and 118B protectors
- Add information on 93D1 protector mounting, protector mounting post (PMP), and 114A bracket
- Include information on 2A, 2B, 4A, 5A, and 6A ground strips
- Consolidate information formerly contained in Issue 2 of Sections 460-100-100 and 460-100-101, and Issue 3 of Sections 460-100-200 and 460-100-201.

Since this reissue covers a general revision, arrows ordinarily used to indicate changes have been omitted.

1.03 Section 876-101-100 provides descriptions of the electrical protection devices available with illustrative examples, functional descriptions, characteristics, theory of operation, and simplified block schematics to illustrate applications. The functional classification of protection devices and an introduction to their application to the telephone system are covered in Section 876-100-100.

### 1. GENERAL

1.01 This section covers the requirements for protection of subscriber stations (including coin telephones), provides information for identification, selection, and installation of station protectors, identifies signaling grounds, describes bonding procedures, and outlines requirements for protecting PBX circuits.

1.04 Cable, wire, strand, etc, which are subject to disturbance by lightning, possible contact or induction from electric circuits in excess of 300 volts to ground, or ground potential rises from nearby power generating stations, substations, or higher voltage industrial transformers (34KV and above), are called **exposed** cable, wire, or strand.

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1.05 Cable, wire, strand, etc, which are not subject to disturbances by lightning, possible contact or induction from electric circuits in excess of 300 volts to ground, or ground potential rises from nearby power generating stations, substations, or higher voltage industrial transformers, are called **unexposed** cable wire or strand.

1.06 In nonlightning areas, the exposure status of cable or wire is based only on power exposure. In lightning areas, protection is required regardless of power exposure.

1.07 Isolated sections of aerial cable are considered as open wire, for the purpose of determining the type of protectors required, unless the cable is effectively grounded to a multigrounded neutral of a power system.

1.08 Station protectors are used in areas where telephone plant is considered exposed as outlined in 1.04. Station protectors are designed to provide safety to customers and telephone company personnel and to prevent damage to telephone equipment from abnormally high voltages. Protector units limit the magnitude of a foreign voltage at the station by arcing to ground and by shorting permanently to ground when there is excessive follow-through current.

1.09 Nearby lightning strokes can develop large potential (voltage) differences between telephone wiring, power wiring, water pipes, and building steel. Therefore, it is important that these systems be bonded together on the telephone customers' premises and the bonding conductors be as short and as straight as possible (see Fig. 1).

1.10 When installing protectors at mobile home locations, refer to Section 461-220-100.

1.11 Grounding and special protection requirements for key telephone systems are covered in Section 518-010-105.

1.12 Stations requiring special protective measures are:

- Stations located at power substations or generating stations (see Section 876-310-100)
- Stations located in hazardous atmospheres containing explosive vapors, gas, or dust (see Section 502-415-100)

- Customer-owned stations or stations connected to privately-owned circuits or facilities. Interfaces required for connecting to these stations are covered in other sections and will be coded on the service orders. If they are not, consult your supervisor.

1.13 Where stations are served by open wire, rural wire, or drop wire run on the same poles with primary power conductors, **a fusible link, consisting of a 2-foot minimum length of block wire**, must be installed at the pole serving the station as outlined in Section 460-300-121.

1.14 Stations served by more than 1000 feet of rural wire or drop wire on jointly used poles, supporting power distribution circuits having voltages of more than 2900 volts to ground or more than 5000 volts between conductors and include a multigrounded neutral wire, may require a 118B protector. Refer to Section 624-730-200 and Part 3 of this section for requirements. The 118B protector is designed to protect telephone circuits in the event of a contact between higher voltage power wires and telephone wires.

## 2. LOCATION OF PROTECTORS

2.01 Plan station installations so that the station protectors can be grounded to the power ground wire, power service entrance conduit, power ground rod, acceptable metallic water pipe or acceptable building ground electrode, using the shortest possible length of ground wire run in the most direct route. Fuseless station protectors installed indoors should be located near the point of entrance of the drop wire. Fuse type protectors installed indoors must be located as close as practical to the point of entrance of the drop wire.

2.02 Where 123A1A, 123B1A, or 128A1A-2 fuseless protectors must be located remotely from the power service and there is an acceptable metallic water pipe available for grounding, use 72A, 90A, or 114A brackets to mount indoor fuseless protectors directly on the water pipe.

2.03 Place protector in an accessible location where it will not be subject to damage or immersion. Do not place protectors on front of buildings, in living quarters, or where a ladder is necessary for installation and maintenance. Protectors installed indoors without covers must not be located where inadvertent contact by a customer is likely.

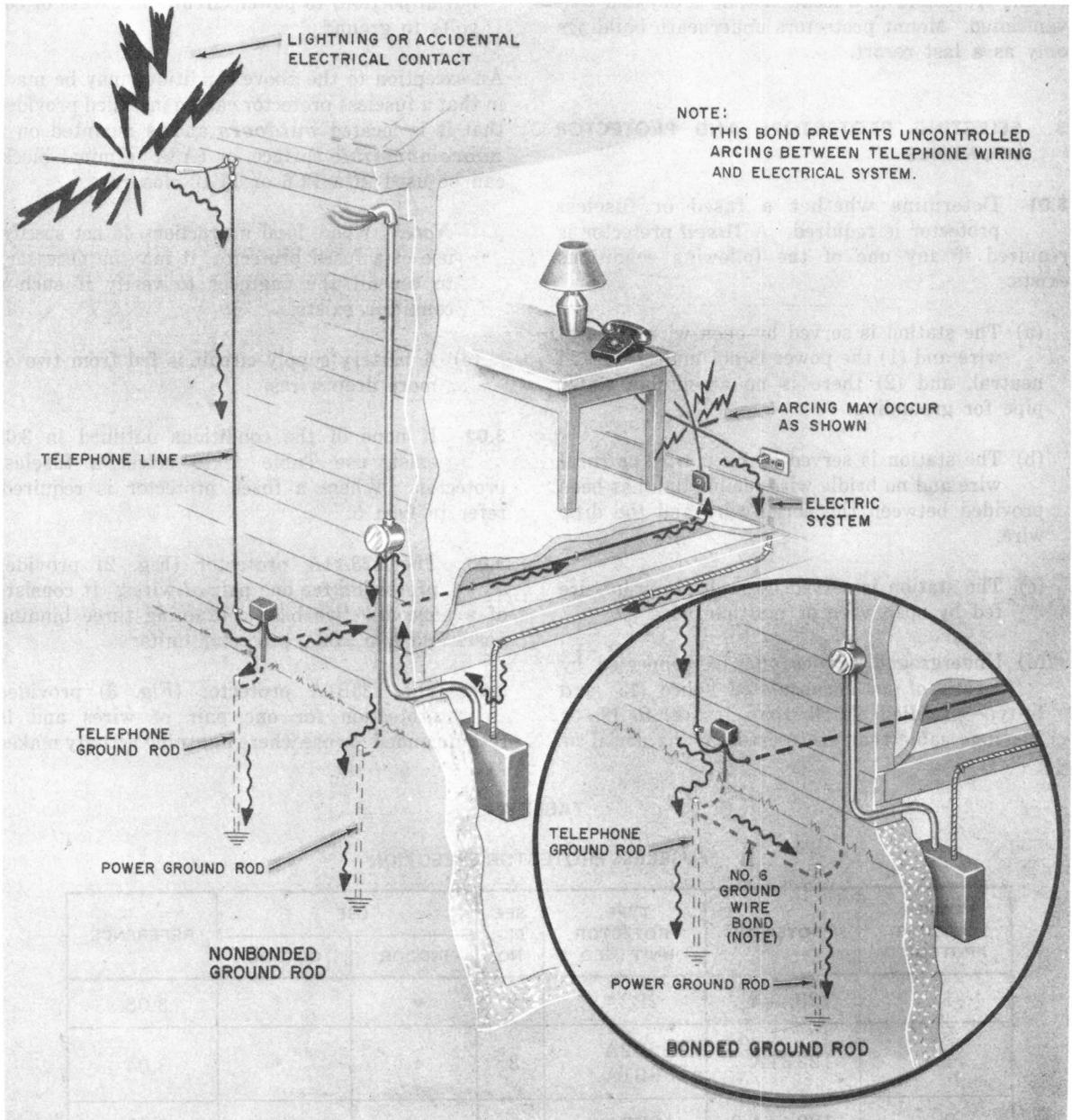


Fig. 1—How Bonding Reduces Differences of Potential Between Telephone Wiring and Electrical Systems That are Grounded to Separate Electrodes

Mount protectors in a location that is dry and well ventilated. Mount protectors underneath buildings only as a last resort.

### 3. SELECTING PROTECTORS AND PROTECTOR MOUNTINGS

3.01 Determine whether a fused or fuseless protector is required. A *fused* protector is required if any one of the following conditions exists:

- (a) The station is served by open wire or rural wire and (1) the power is not multigrounded neutral, and (2) there is no acceptable water pipe for grounding.
- (b) The station is served by open wire or rural wire and no bridge wire fusible link has been provided between the aerial wire and the drop wire.
- (c) The station is served by multiple drop wire fed by open wire or multiple wire.
- (d) Underground service wire is connected by means of an encapsulated splice (13- and 14-type prefilled distribution closure) to 19- or 22-gauge cable that is exposed (in the aerial or

burial portion) to power circuits in excess of 300 volts to ground.

An exception to the above conditions may be made in that a fuseless protector can be installed provided that it is located *outdoors* and is mounted on a *noncombustible* surface, or 6A3A terminal blocks can be used in a PC6 or PC12 closure.

**Note:** Where local instructions do not specify use of a fused protector, it may be necessary to consult the engineer to verify if such a condition exists.

- (e) A battery supply circuit is fed from two or more drop wires.

3.02 If none of the conditions outlined in 3.01 exist, use Table A to select a fuseless protector. Where a fused protector is required, refer to Part 5.

3.03 The 123A1A protector (Fig. 2) provides protection for one pair of wires. It consists of a nonconductive base containing three binding posts and two 2B2A protector units.

3.04 The 123B1A protector (Fig. 3) provides protection for one pair of wires and is recommended for use where lightning activity makes

TABLE A

FUSELESS PROTECTOR SELECTION

| NUMBER OF PAIRS PROTECTED | PROTECTOR | TYPE PROTECTOR UNIT USED | SEE FIG. NO. | USE    |         | REFERENCE |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|
|                           |           |                          |              | INDOOR | OUTDOOR |           |
| 1                         | 123A1A    | 2B2A                     | 2            | •      | *       | 3.03      |
| 1                         | 123B1A    | 2B2A<br>6B1A             | 3            | •      | *       | 3.04      |
| 2                         | 128A1A-2  | 2B2A                     | 5            | •      | *       | 3.05      |
| 1-3                       | 6A3A      | 2A1A                     | 6            |        | •       | 3.06      |
| 3-6                       | 116C      | 2A1A                     | 8            |        | •       | 3.08      |
| 3-6                       | 117B      | 2A1A                     | 9            | •      |         | 3.09      |

\* Provide a 150B cover, 93D1 or 305A2 protector mounting for outdoor installations.

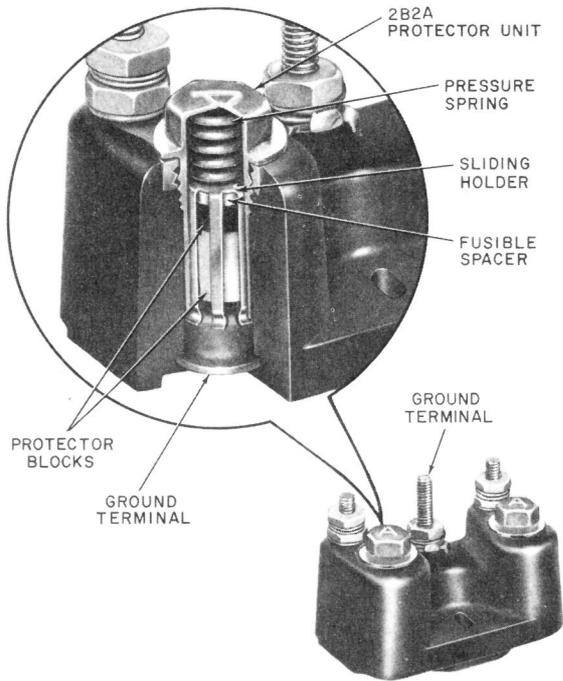


Fig. 2—123A1A Protector

frequent replacement of protector blocks necessary. It consists of a nonconductive base containing three binding posts and two 6B1A gas tube protector units (Fig. 4) in parallel with two 2B2A protector units. The 6B1A protector units are not grounded permanently by lightning surges but may be damaged by power currents. Therefore, carbon protector backup is provided to assure fail-safe protection.

**3.05** The 128A1A-2 protector (Fig. 5) provides protection for two pairs of wires. It consists of a nonconductive base containing five binding posts and four 2B2A protector units. The bottom left and right binding posts are tip and ring for the first line, and the top left and right binding posts are tip and ring for the second line. The two bottom 2B2A protector units protect the first line, and the two top 2B2A protector units protect the second line. The center binding post is the ground line. The 128A1A-2 protector should be grounded with a ground wire no smaller than a No. 12 ground wire (see Table B).

**3.06** The 6A3A terminal block (Fig. 6) can be used in lieu of fuseless station protectors

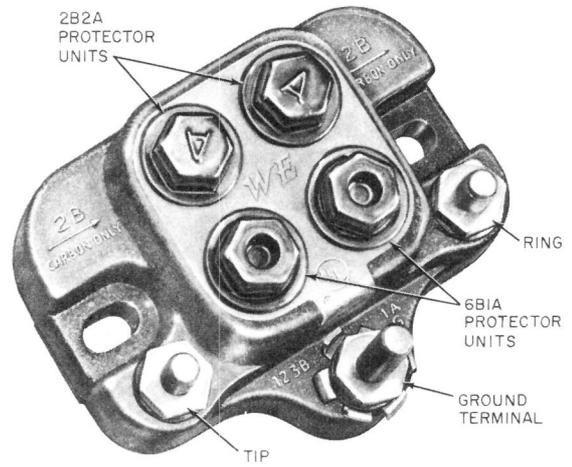


Fig. 3—123B1A Protector

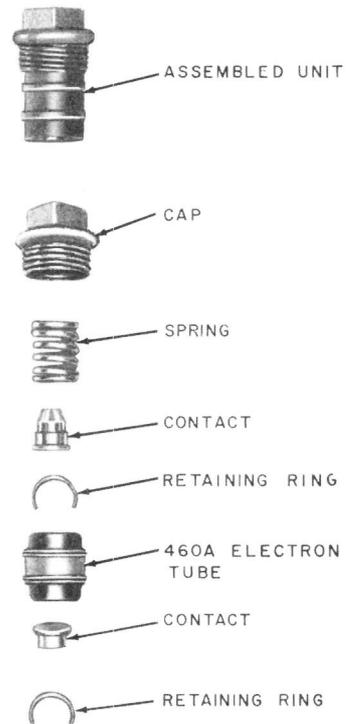


Fig. 4—6B1A Protector Unit

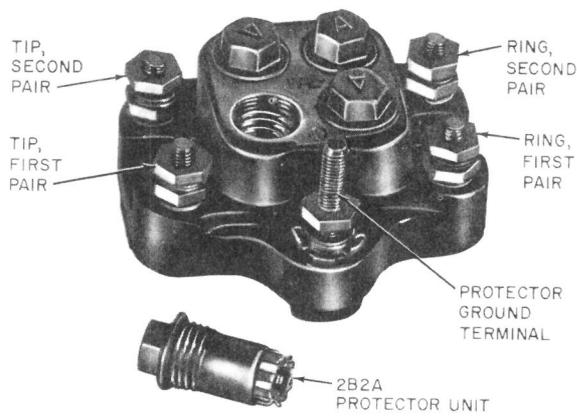


Fig. 5—128A1A-2 Protector

TABLE B

GROUND WIRE CAPACITY

| GROUND WIRE SIZE | NO. OF PROTECTED CIRCUITS |           |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
|                  | FUSELESS                  | FUSED     |
| No. 14           | 1                         | 3         |
| No. 12           | 2                         | 6         |
| No. 10           | 6                         | 7         |
| No. 6            | 7 or More                 | 8 or More |

*Note:* The ground wire between protectors shall be the same size as the ground wire between the protector and the grounding electrode.

shown in Fig. 7. The 6A3A terminal blocks should not be used for station protectors when a PC6 or PC12 cable closure is used to feed separate buildings and is located remotely from them. Individual 123A1A or 128A1A-2 protectors should be provided at each building.

**3.07** The 6A3A terminal block consists of a nonconductive base containing six binding posts with a 2A1A protector unit associated with each binding post. The terminal block is equipped with six color-coded 24-gauge leads (white-blue, white-orange, white-green), one to each binding post and 2A1A protector unit. Two mounting studs are provided to mount the terminal block in a cable closure.

**3.08** The 116C protector (Fig. 8) consists of a nonconductive base containing twelve binding posts, twelve 2A1A protector units, and two binding posts for signaling ground connections. The base is housed in a metal container with a hinged metal cover. The metal housing is equipped with a clamp for the station ground wire. The wire used to ground the 116C protector should be no smaller than a No. 10 (see Table B). The 116C protector is designed for outdoor or indoor use and is generally used with 6-pair multiple drop wire.

**3.09** The 117B protector (Fig. 9) consists of a nonconductive base containing twelve binding posts, twelve 2A1A protector units, one binding post for signaling ground, and one binding post (equipped with a pronged washer) for signaling ground and protector ground. The 117B protector should be grounded with a wire no smaller than a No. 10 ground wire (see Table B). The 117B protector is designed for indoor use and is generally used with 6-pair multiple drop wire.

**3.10** Cable terminals, connecting blocks, protectors, or terminal blocks designed to protect 10, 16, 25, 50, or 100 pairs of wires, are used at apartment complexes, commercial or industrial

where stations are served by buried cable and the cable closure (such as PC6 or PC12 cable closure) is installed on the premises served. The 6A3A terminal block mounts inside the cable closure as

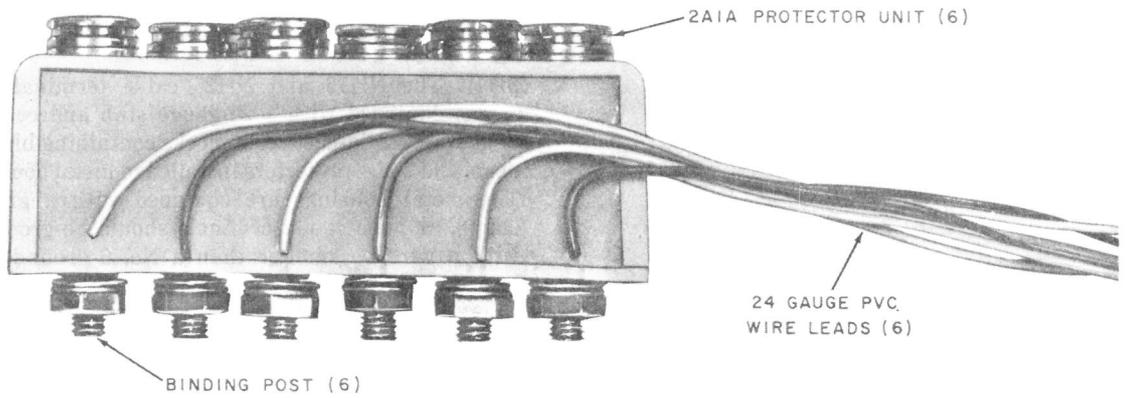


Fig. 6—6A3A Terminal Block

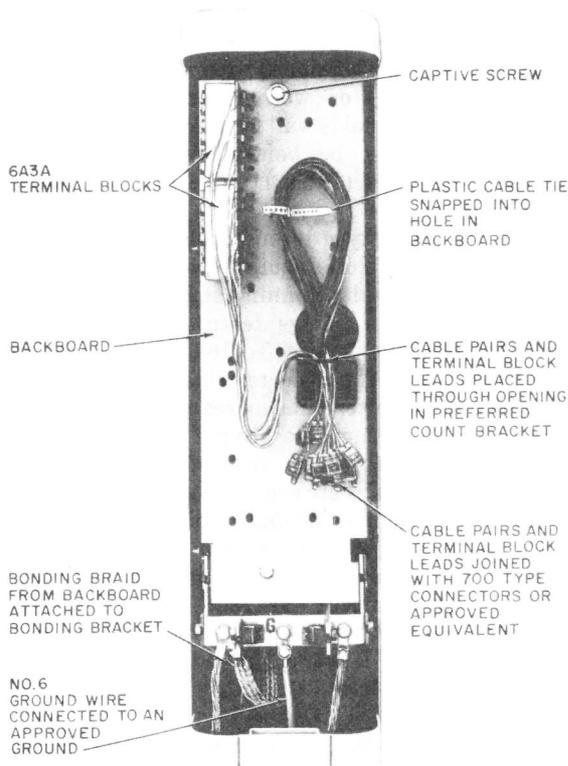


Fig. 7—6A3A Terminal Blocks Installed in PC6/48 Closure

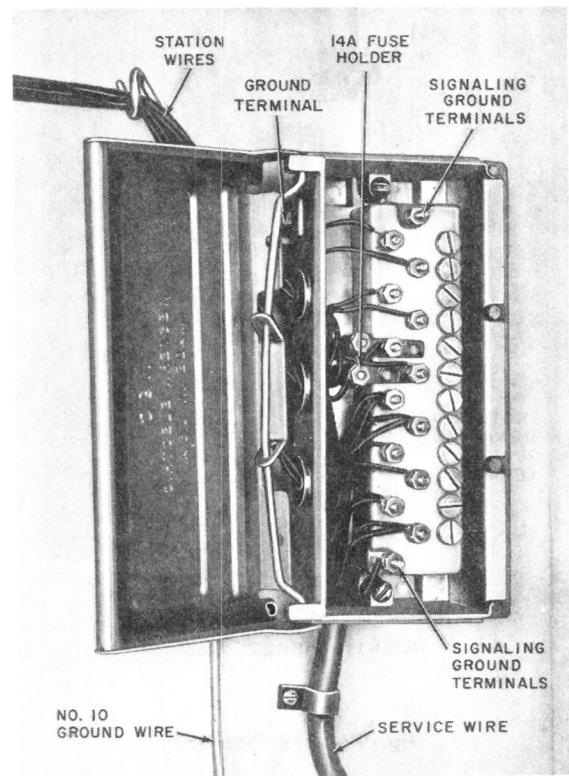


Fig. 8—116C Protector

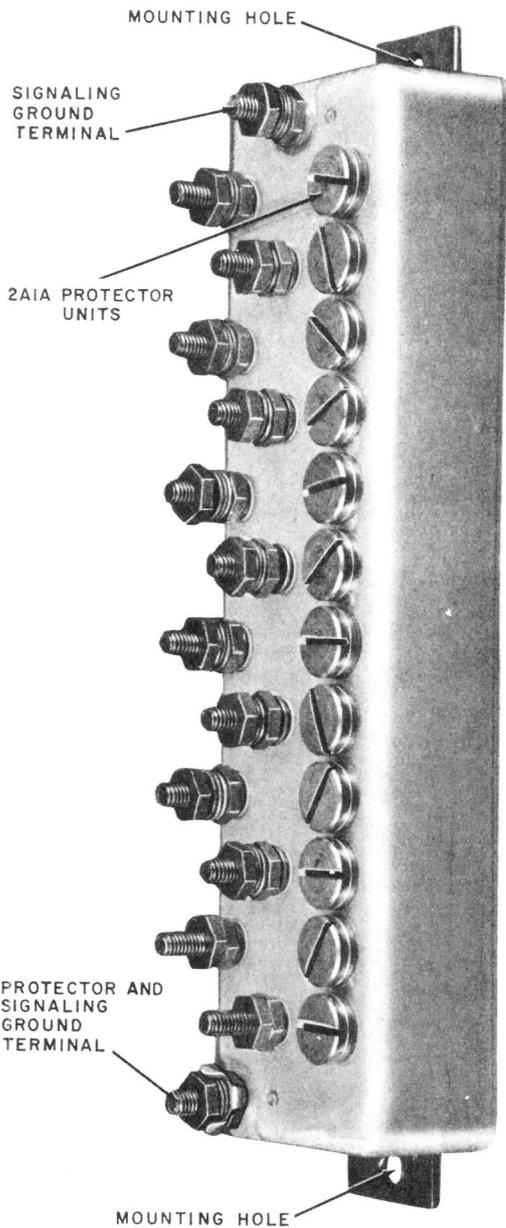


Fig. 9—117B Protector

locations. These large capacity (10 pairs or more) protectors may be referred to as multipaired protectors. Multipaired protectors (Table C) used for station protection must:

- Be equipped with 2A1A protector units

- Be equipped with a ground clamp for grounding to an approved ground electrode.

**3.11** The NH16 and NH25 cable terminals are equipped with a 24-gauge stub and consists of gastight solid-cast resin blocks containing binding posts and 2A1A protectors installed in metal housings. The metal housings are equipped with a ground clamp, and the cable terminals should be grounded with a wire no smaller than a No. 6 ground wire (see Table B).

**3.12** The NH16 cable terminal has thirty-two binding posts, thirty-two 2A1A protector units, and the housing is equipped with a hinged cover. It may be strand-, pole-, or wall-mounted. Where the NH16 cable terminal is wall mounted on a customer's premise, it must be bonded (grounded) to an acceptable ground (Table D).

**3.13** The NH25 cable terminal (Fig. 10) has fifty binding posts, fifty 2A1A protector units, and the housing is equipped with a drop-type cover. It may be pole- or wall-mounted. Where the NH25 cable terminal is wall mounted on a customer's premise, it must be bonded (grounded) to an acceptable ground (Table D).

**3.14** The 1A4A-type terminal blocks are gastight cast-resin blocks equipped with binding posts, 2A1A protector units, fanning strip, ground clamp, and a removable linkage feature. The terminal blocks are available in 10-, 16-, 25- and 50-pair sizes (see Table C). The terminal blocks may be mounted in cable terminal boxes or cable terminal sections. The removable ground linkage provides a means of establishing an insulating joint, for corrosion reasons, between the lead stub and the grounds within the terminal block. The fanning strip provides a means of fanning out the connecting wires. The ground clamp permits the connection of a station protector ground. The 1A4A-type terminal blocks should be grounded with a wire no smaller than a No. 6 ground wire (see Table B). Fig. 11 shows a 1A4A-16 terminal block.

**3.15** The 57B1A-type(MD) connecting blocks consist of binding posts and 2A1A protector units in injection-molded blocks. The blocks are equipped with insulation-crushing hardware, fanning strips, and a ground clamp. The ground clamp permits the connection of a station protector ground. The connecting block should be grounded with a wire no smaller than a No. 6 ground wire (see Table B). The connecting blocks were made in 10-, 16-,

TABLE C

## MULTI-PAIR STATION PROTECTORS

| TYPE PROTECTOR    |              | PAIRS PROTECTED | SEE FIG. NO. | REFERENCE SECTION |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Cable Terminals   | NH-16        | 16              |              | 631-210-101       |
|                   | NH-25        | 25              | 10           |                   |
| Terminal Blocks   | 1A4A-10      | 10              |              | 631-440-211       |
|                   | 1A4A-16      | 16              | 11           |                   |
|                   | 1A4A-25      | 25              |              |                   |
|                   | 1A4A-50      | 50              |              |                   |
| Connecting Blocks | 57B1A-10(MD) | 10              | 12           | 461-603-100       |
|                   | 57B1A-16(MD) | 16              |              |                   |
|                   | 57B1A-25(MD) | 25              |              |                   |
|                   | 57B1A-50(MD) | 50              |              |                   |
| Protectors        | 134A1A-16    | 16              |              | 631-460-111       |
|                   | 134A1A-25    | 25              | 13           |                   |
|                   | 134A1A-50    | 50              |              |                   |
|                   | 134A1A-100   | 100             |              |                   |

25- and 50-pair sizes (see Table C). Fig. 12 shows a 57B1A-10 connecting block. The 57B1A-type connecting block may be installed in G-type terminal boxes, 1A1 or H202 cable terminal sections (see Section 461-603-100).

**3.16** The 134-type protectors consist of a cast-resin block containing 2A1A protector units, a 26-gauge stub cable (to serve as a fusible link), a 24-gauge terminating stub cable, and two ground lugs. The protectors are available in 16-, 25-, 50- and 100-pair sizes (see Table C). Either of the ground lugs can be used for a protector ground, and a ground wire no smaller than a No. 6 should be used to ground the protectors (see Table B). The 134-type protectors can be installed in cable closures, cable terminal sections, or on B cable

terminal frames. Fig. 13 shows a 134A1A-25 protector installation.

**3.17** The 134-type protectors do not have binding posts; therefore, the terminating stub cable must be terminated on connecting blocks or spliced to cables. See Section 631-460-111 for more descriptive information and use of the 134-type protectors.

**3.18** Noninsulated drop wire building attachments should be used with fuseless protectors or with fused-type protectors that have been converted to fuseless operation. See Section 460-300-123, Drop and Block Wire, Attaching and Fastening.

**3.19** Where the 123A1A, 123B1A, or 128A1A-2 protectors are installed outside, a 150B

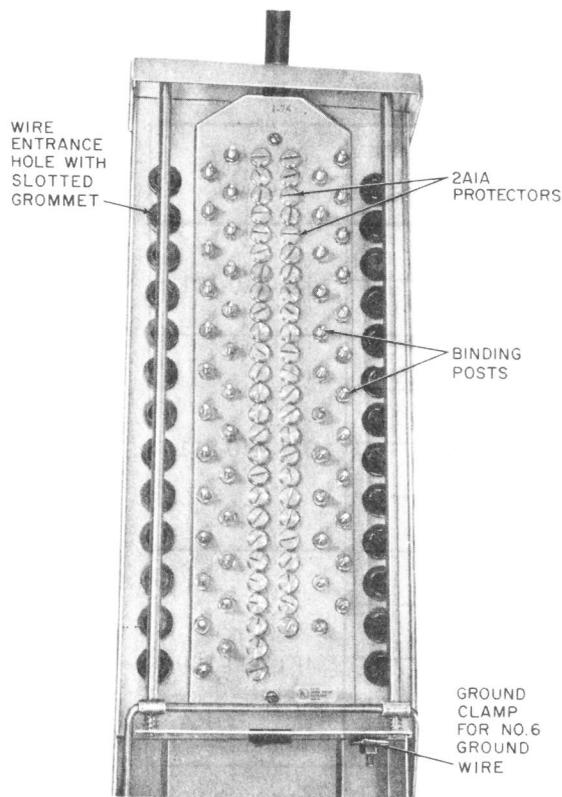


Fig. 10—NH25 Cable Terminal

cover (Fig. 14) is installed over the protector, or the protectors may be housed in a 93D1 (Fig. 15) or a 305A2 (Fig. 16) protector mounting. The 150B cover may be used to cover protectors installed indoors when a protective covering is required.

**Caution:** *The 150B cover is made of semiflexible plastic and, in extremely hot locations, may become soft and not hold over the protector. In extremely cold locations, the 150B cover may become brittle and be difficult to remove from the protector. The 305A2 protector mounting is preferred in lieu of the 150B cover for extremely hot or extremely cold locations.*

**3.20** When using the 150B cover, bring all the wires together under a common clamp. The clamp is the last attachment and is placed about 2 inches below the protector. To remove the 150B cover, grasp the sides of the cover with the thumb

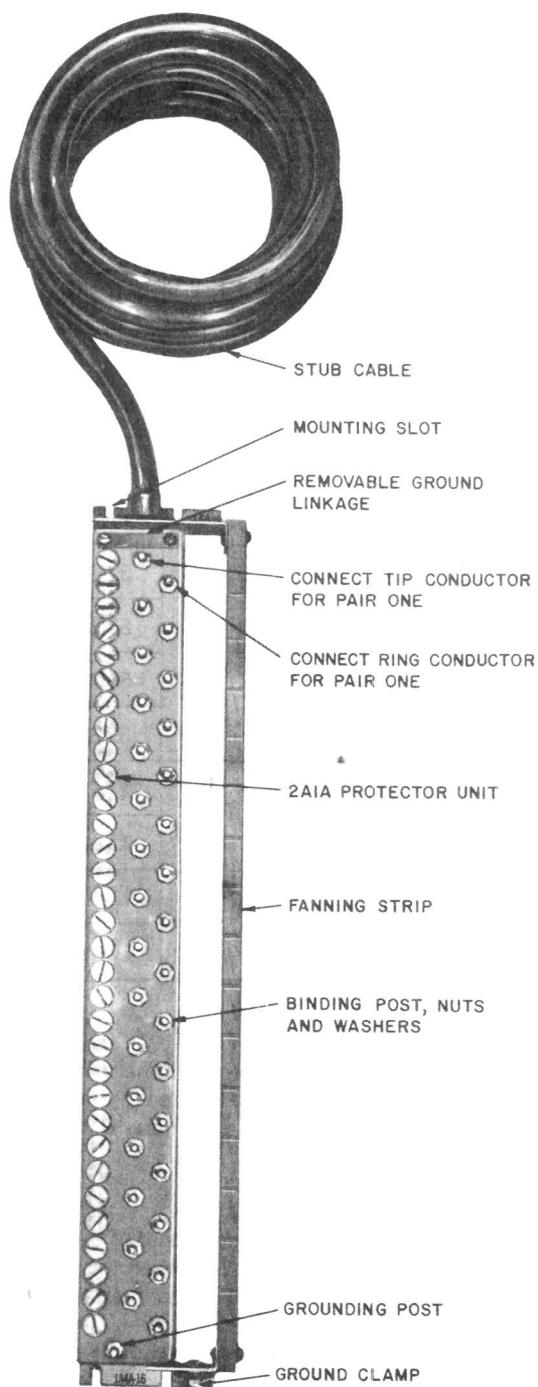


Fig. 11—1A4A-16 Terminal Block

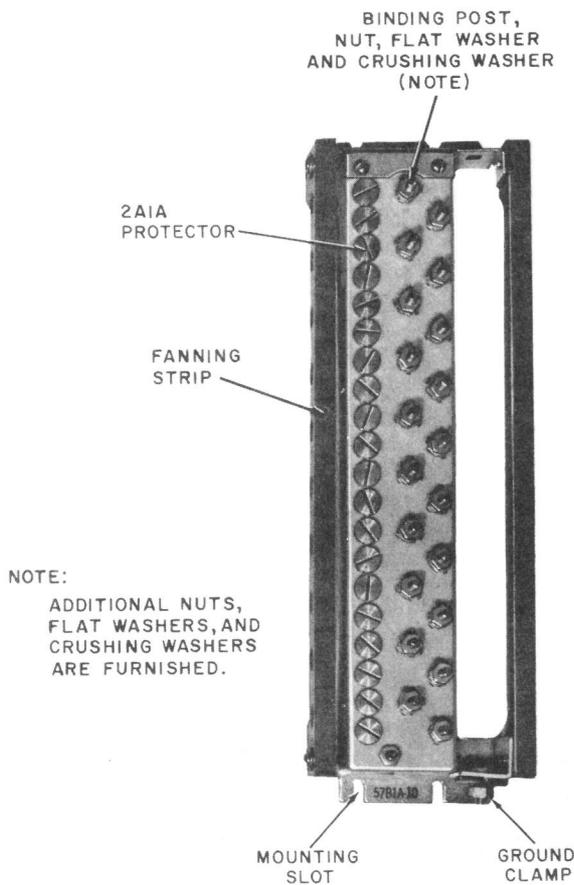


Fig. 12—57B1A-10(MD) Connecting Block

and forefinger and, at the same time, apply pressure with the middle finger at the central tapered portion in an upward direction. When the cover lugs clear the base of the protector, the cover may be lifted off.

**3.21** The 93D1 protector mounting is designed to house four 123- or 128-type protectors. It is intended to be mounted on a protector mounting post (PMP) where stations are served by buried service wire (Fig. 17) or may be installed on any flat surface.

**3.22** The 93D1 protector mounting consists of a base, an adapter plate, a cover, a grounding connector, and four screws. The back of the base has two slotted mounting holes, for installing on a flat surface, and two round holes (about 1-3/4 inches

up from the bottom) for mounting on a PMP. Two other holes in the back of the base are provided for attaching the adapter plate. Three openings in the bottom of the base are equipped with grommets as an entry for service wires, station wires, and ground wire. A knockout is provided in the back of the base. Where it is more practical for station wires to enter the back of the protector mounting, the knockout can be removed and a B plastic tube inserted through the opening. The B plastic tube offers mechanical protection to station wires. Cut the B plastic tube to the desired length.

**3.23** The 123- and 128-type protectors are mounted in a vertical position on the adapter plate of the 93D1 protector mounting. The ground connector provides a method of connecting the shield of a service wire to the ground terminal of a protector mounted in one of the lower positions on the adapter plate. The ground connector is connected to the shield of a service wire in the same manner as the F connector (Fig. 18).

*Note:* When installing the 93D1 protector mounting on a PMP, the adapter plate must be removed to provide access to the mounting holes in the back of the protector mounting base.

**3.24** The 305A2 protector mounting consists of a metal base and a removable metal cover. The base has two slotted mounting holes and four tapped holes, two vertical and two horizontal, for installing 123-type and 128A1A-2 protectors. Two screws are furnished with the mounting. The 305A2 protector mounting can be mounted on any flat surface (Fig. 19) or on a PMP (Fig. 20).

**3.25** The protector mounting posts, PMP-38 (Fig. 21) and PMP-50, are designed to mount a 93D1 protector mounting, a 305A2 protector mounting, a 123-type protector, or a 128A1A-2 protector where protectors are served by buried service wire. The PMP is available in 38-inch and 50-inch sizes to suit various conditions. It can be installed freestanding, at the edge of a mobile home, or can be installed on the side of a permanent building or a power service entrance conduit. When used freestanding, the PMP must be in the ground a minimum of 12 inches.

**3.26** As the mounting plate at the top of the PMP is riveted to the stake portion, the PMP *cannot* be driven into the ground. This

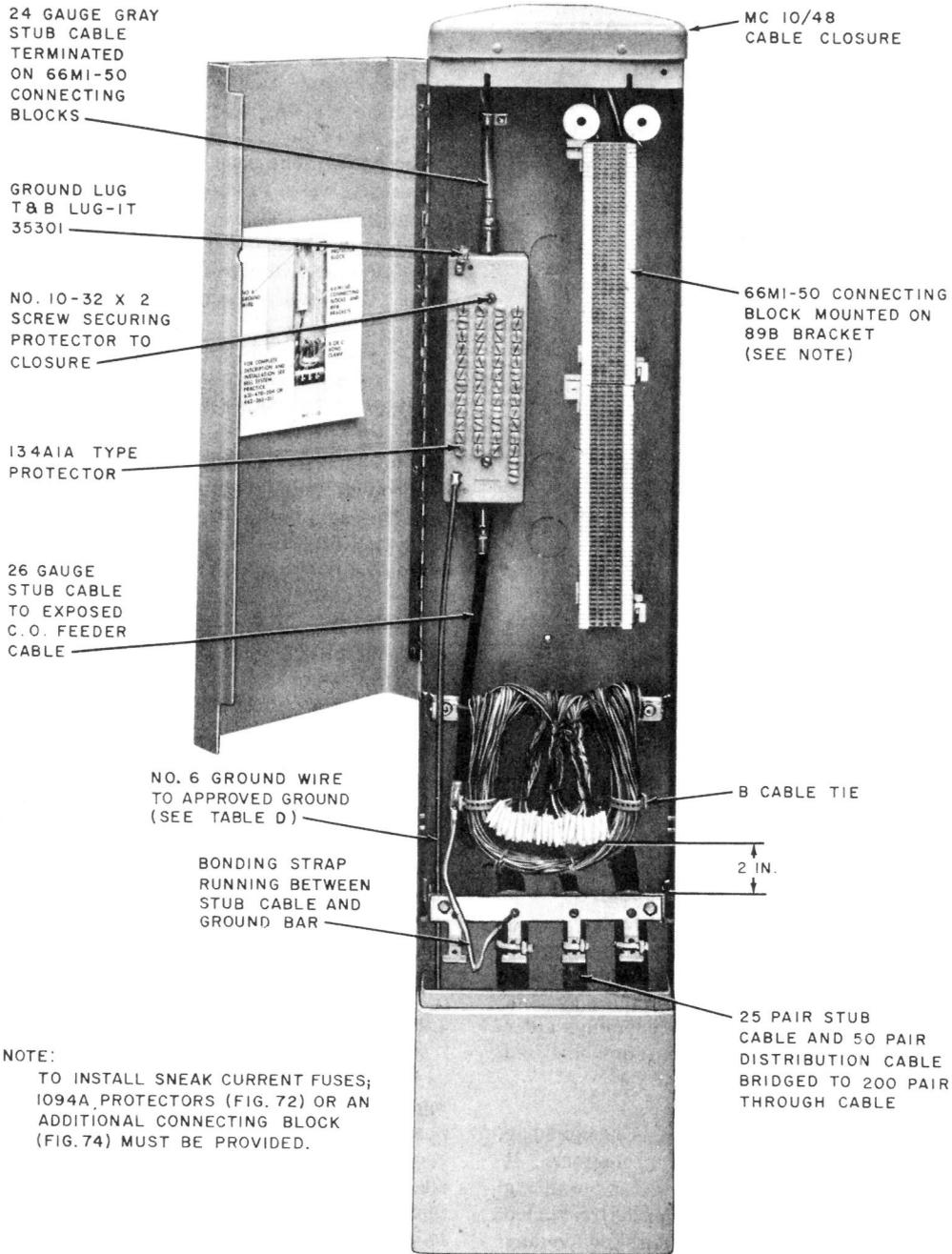


Fig. 13—134A1A-25 Protector Installed in Cable Closure

necessitates installing the mounting post as the service wire is being buried so it can be placed in the open trench. Installing the PMP as the service wire is being buried eliminates the possibility of damaging the service wire with the stake.

**3.27** The PMP has an open channel in the back of the stake portion to accommodate the service wire. The slotted holes in the stake permit the service wire to be fastened in the channel by using plastic cable ties or metal sealing clamps. The round holes in the stake permit attachment to structures where required. See Fig. 17 and 20 for examples of service wire terminations.

**3.28** The mounting plate at the top of the PMP has two elongated holes which can be used to attach the mounting post to structures where

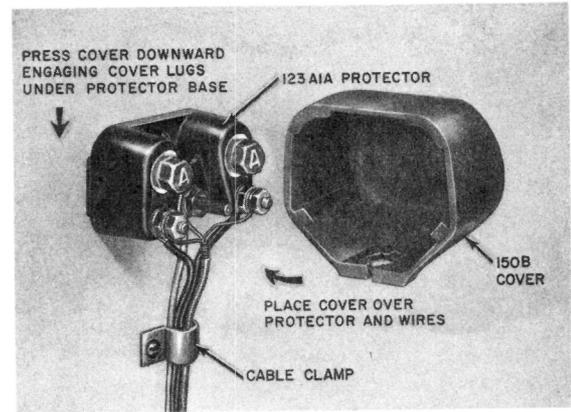


Fig. 14—150B Cover

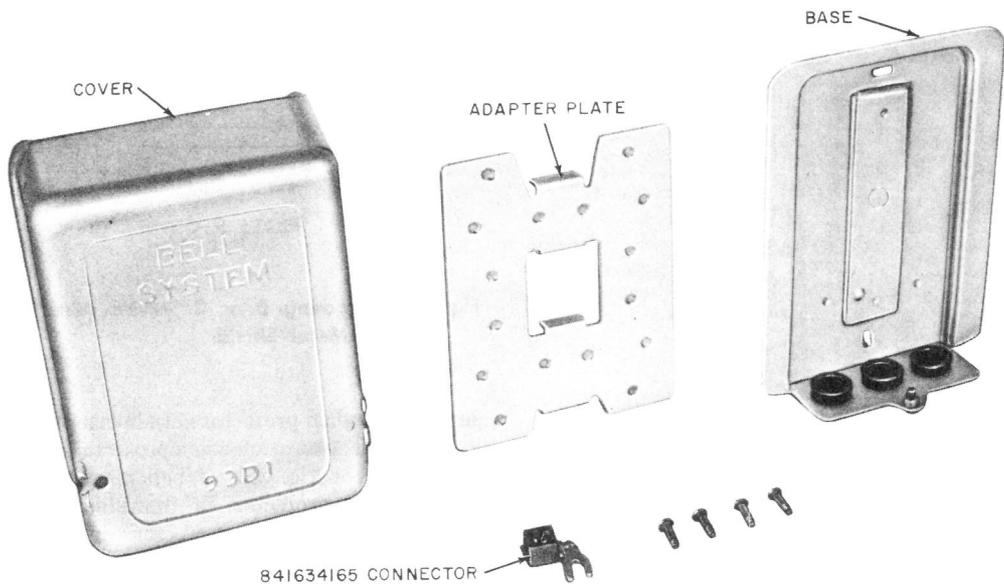


Fig. 15—93D1 Protector Mounting

required. The other five holes in the mounting plate are for mounting the various protectors or protector mountings. Install 150B covers on 123- and 128-type protectors when the protectors are installed directly on the PMP.

#### 4. INSTALLING PROTECTORS

**4.01** All screws and fasteners shall be of sufficient length and size to mount protectors securely.

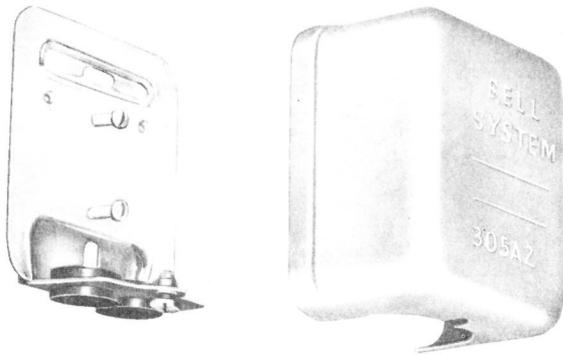


Fig. 16—305A2 Protector Mounting

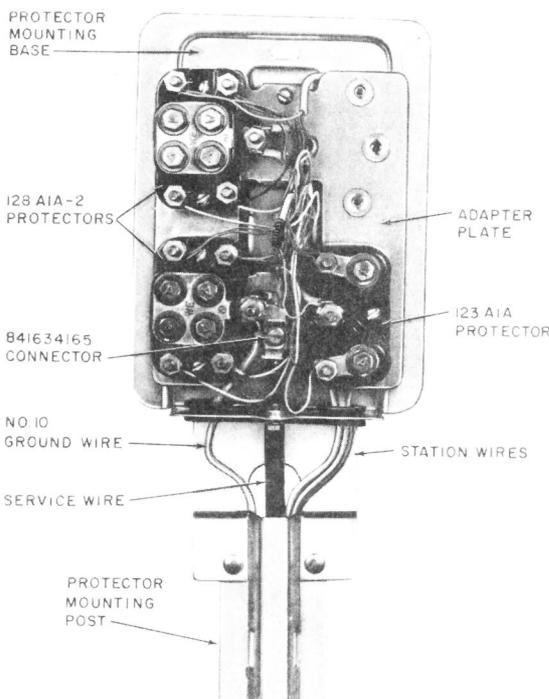
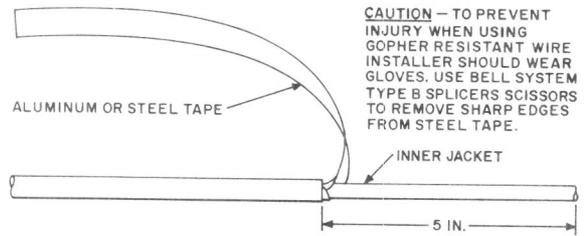


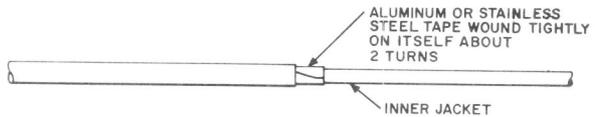
Fig. 17—93D1 Protector Mounting Installed on Protector Mounting Post

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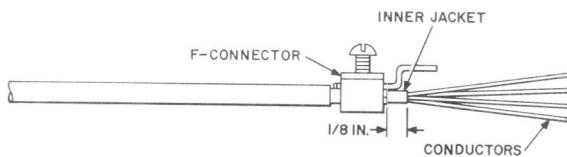
4.02 Where more than one protector is installed at the same indoor location, provide a 1-inch



REMOVE OUTER SHEATH



WRAP ALUMINUM OR STEEL TAPE



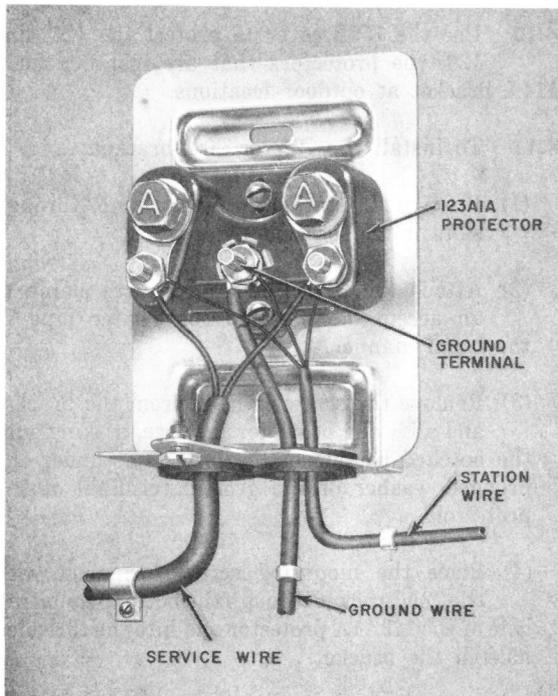
PLACE F-CONNECTOR

Fig. 18—Preparing B or C Service Wire for Bonding of Metal Shield

separation when protectors are horizontally mounted and a 2-inch separation when protectors are vertically mounted (see Fig. 22). When more than one 123- or 128-type protector is installed at the same outdoor location, the protectors may be installed in a 93D1 protector mounting.

4.03 Where the 150B cover is to be used with 123- or 128-type protectors, mount the protectors in an upright position to permit proper installation of the cover.

4.04 Terminate line and station wires on the protector with the ring conductors (single tracer or red wires) connected to the right-hand terminals of the protector. Unused station wire conductors should be looped back and coiled around the station wire jacket or stored in such a manner as to prevent them from coming into contact with protector terminals or bare wires.

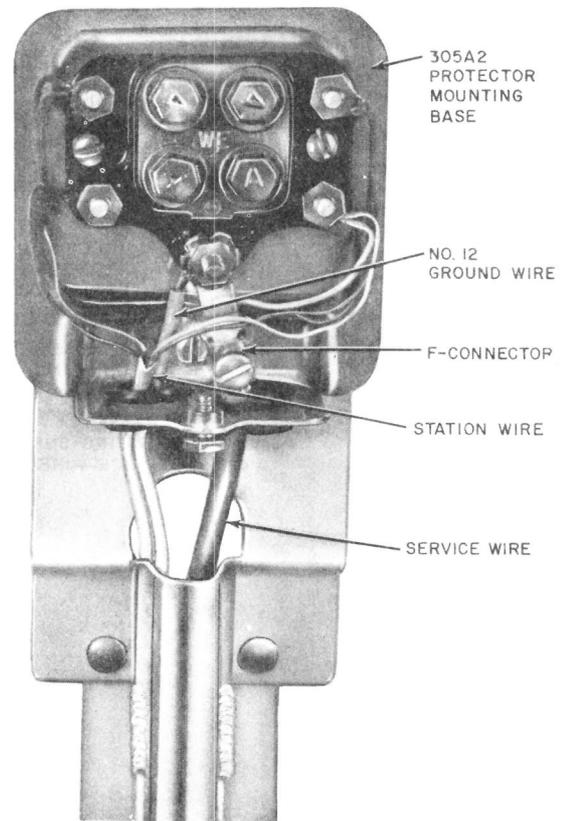


**Fig. 19—123A1A Protector Installed in 305A2 Protector Mounting**

**4.05** Current production 123- and 128-type protectors are manufactured with two nuts on each line terminal. Terminate line wires under the bottom washer and nut. After tightening the bottom nuts, place station wiring under the top nuts. Use washers between wires when more than one wire is placed under a nut. Use caution when terminating small gauge station wires on the protector terminals as the wire may catch in the threads of the terminal and be cut or broken when nuts are tightened. Older 123- and 128-type protectors have one nut on each line terminal.

**4.06** Make sure all nuts are tight.

**4.07** Where an acceptable metallic cold water pipe is used as the ground electrode, it is preferable to install the 123- and 128-type protectors directly on the water pipe. Protectors installed in this manner are grounded with a minimum resistance to ground.



**Fig. 20—305A2 Protector Mounting Installed on a Protector Mounting Post**

**4.08** Install protectors on acceptable metallic cold water pipes using one of the following brackets:

- 72A bracket (Fig. 23)—use with 123A1A protectors for indoor location
- 90A bracket (Fig. 24)—use with 123B1A or 128A1A-2 protectors for indoor location
- 114A bracket (Fig. 25)—use with 123A1A, 123B1A or 128A1A-2 protectors for indoor or outdoor locations.

**4.09** The 114A bracket can also be used to install the 123- or 128-type protectors directly on power service entrance conduit.

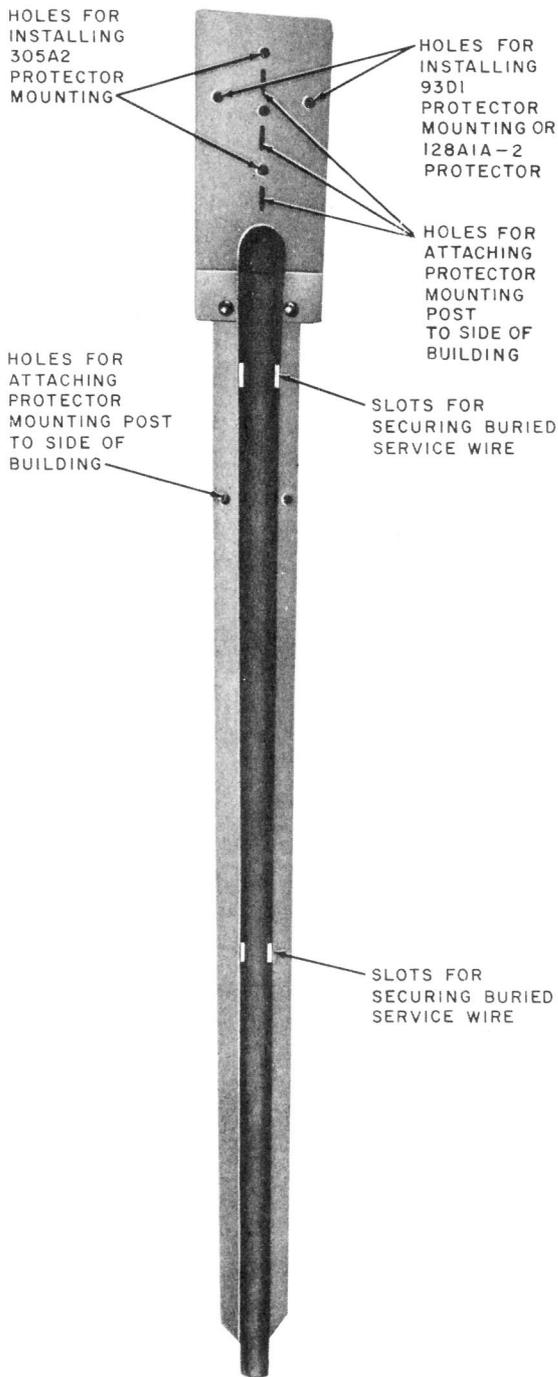


Fig. 21—Protector Mounting Post (PMP)

**4.10** Use the 150B cover to protect the 123- and 128-type protectors that are installed on a 114A bracket at outdoor locations.

**4.11** To install the 72A or 90A bracket:

- (1) Place a B station ground clamp through slots in the bracket (Fig. 26).
- (2) Attach the B station ground wire clamp to an acceptable metallic cold water pipe in the usual manner.
- (3) Remove the screw or bolts from the bracket and slide the protector in place, making sure the notched portion of the bracket is under the pronged washer of the ground terminal of the protector.
- (4) Place the mounting screw furnished with the 72A bracket through the bottom mounting hole of the 123A1A protector and into the threaded hole in the bracket.

or

Place the mounting bolts furnished with the 90A bracket through the side mounting holes of the 123BA1A or 128A1A protector and through the holes in the bracket. Thread nuts on the mounting bolts.

- (5) Tighten mounting screw or bolts (see Fig. 27).
- (6) Install Form E-3013B. This form may be placed on the B station ground clamp (Step 2).

**4.12** To install the 114A bracket:

- (1) Place a B station ground clamp through slots in the bracket. Select horizontal or vertical slots in the bracket, whichever will permit mounting the bracket in an upright position.
- (2) Attach the B station ground clamp to an acceptable metallic cold water pipe or to the power service entrance conduit in the usual manner (Fig. 28).

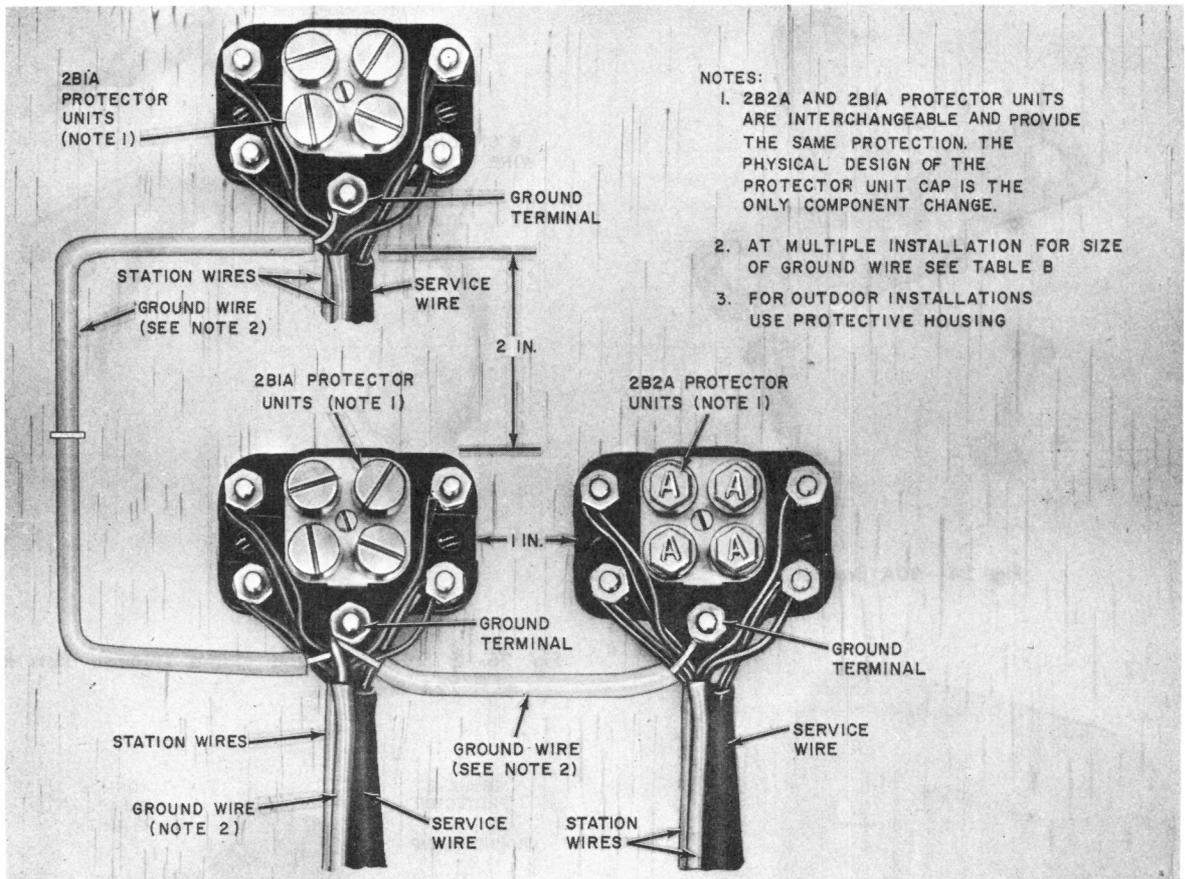


Fig. 22—Installing Protectors in Multiple

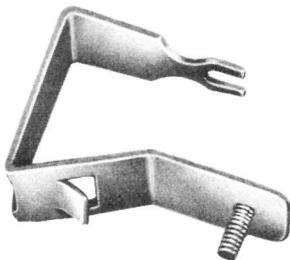


Fig. 23—72A Bracket

- (3) Mount the 123- or 128-type protector on the 114A bracket using the two No. 8-32 self-tapping screws furnished with the bracket.
- (4) Connect the 2-inch length of copper wire (attached to the bracket) under the pronged washer of the protector ground terminal (Fig. 29).
- (5) Connect service wire and station wires in the usual manner.
- (6) Install Form E-3013B. This form may be placed on the B station ground clamp (Step 2).

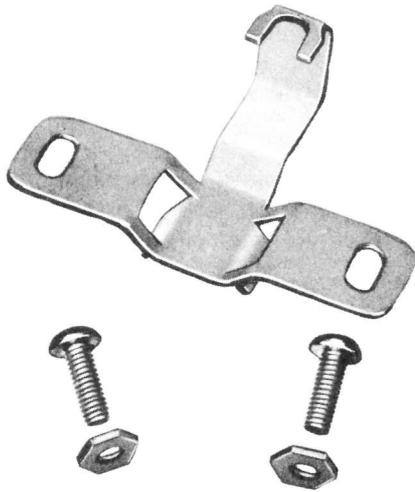


Fig. 24—90A Bracket

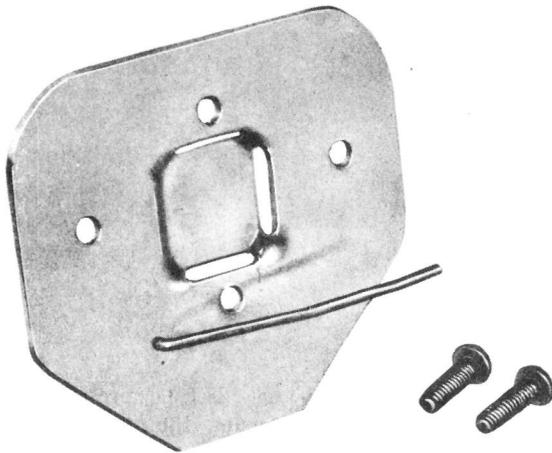


Fig. 25—114A Bracket

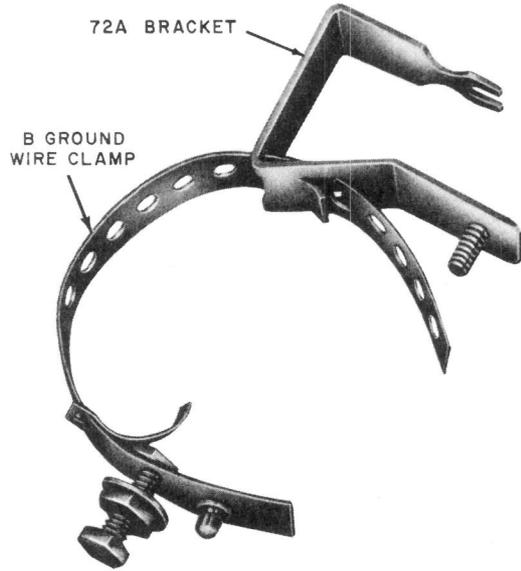


Fig. 26—B Station Ground Clamp Through Slots in 72A Bracket

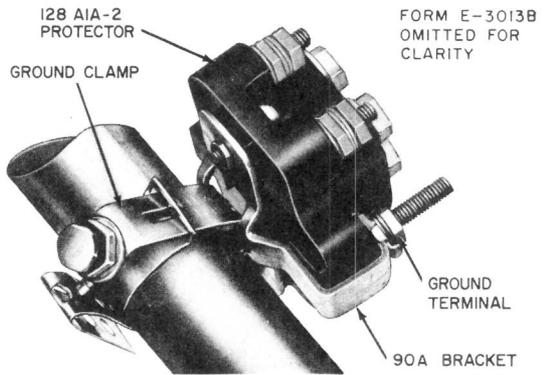


Fig. 27—Protector Installed on Metallic Water Pipe

(7) Install 150B cover at outdoor locations, where mechanical protection is required, or where appearance is a factor.

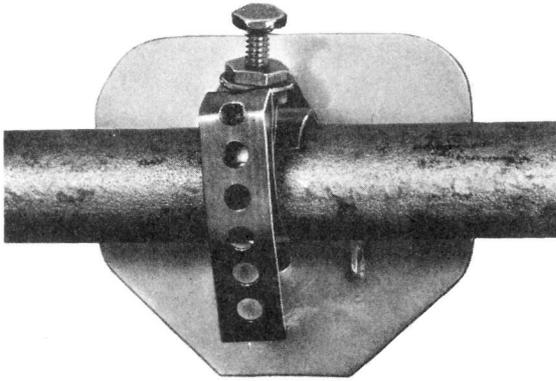
4.13 The 6A3A terminal blocks are installed in a PC6 (Fig. 7) or PC12 cable closure as follows:

(1) Remove upper front cover from the cable closure.

(2) Loosen captive screw at top of backboard and tilt backboard forward.

(3) Insert mounting studs of the 6A3A terminal block through the holes in the backboard (starting at the top left).

(4) Thread nuts on mounting studs and tighten.



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Fig. 28—114A Bracket Installed on Water Pipe or Power Entrance Conduit

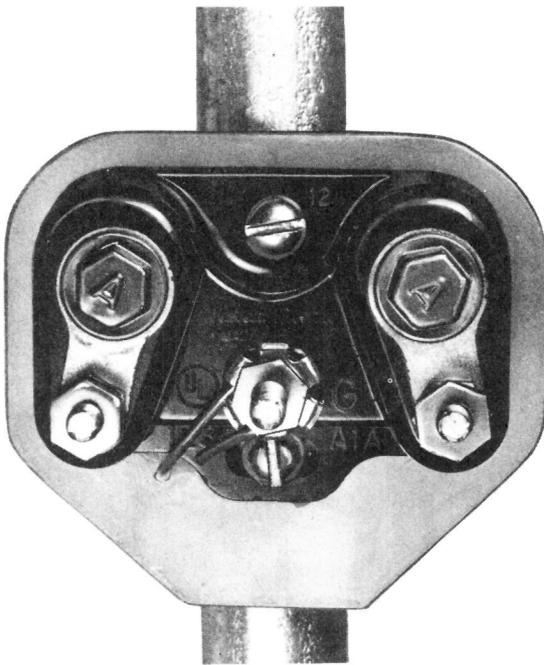


Fig. 29—Ground Wire of 114A Bracket Connected to Protector Ground Terminal

- (5) Secure the backboard in the upright position.
- (6) Run a No. 6 ground wire from the ground connector mounted on the grounding and bonding bar to an approved grounding electrode.
- (7) Join the terminal block leads to the cable pairs with approved wire connectors.
- (8) (When a signal ground is required and there are no facilities for a signal ground at the telephone location, a 2A ground strip can be mounted on the backboard of the cable closure and used for a signal ground terminal. The 2A ground strip must be provided separately.)
- (9) Using plastic cable ties, dress cable closure per Fig. 7.
- (10) Replace upper front cover on the cable closure.

**Note:** If the station wires are being brought in through the back of the closure, it will be necessary to remove the knockout from the back of the closure. **Seal this opening with duct seal.** If closure is mounted on a combustible wall, place metallic conduit from the knockout through the wall.

4.14 The 116C protector is wall mounted by means of two screws. The protector may be mounted horizontally or vertically. When mounted horizontally, the protector should be positioned so the cover drops down.

4.15 The 117B protector is wall mounted by means of two screws and may be mounted in the horizontal or vertical position.

4.16 Multipair protectors are generally placed at the time cable facilities are installed or are installed as specified by detailed plans. When multipair protectors are to be otherwise installed, reference should be made to the section pertaining to the particular protector being installed (see Table C).

## 5. FUSED PROTECTORS

5.01 The 1293C protector (Fig. 30) is used for outdoor installations, and the 106C protector (Fig. 31) is used for indoor installations. These

protectors are the same except that the 1293C protector is comprised of a 106C protector enclosed in a 93C protector mounting (Fig. 32).

used. Also, insulated tubing must be used where drop or service wires are fed through combustible walls.

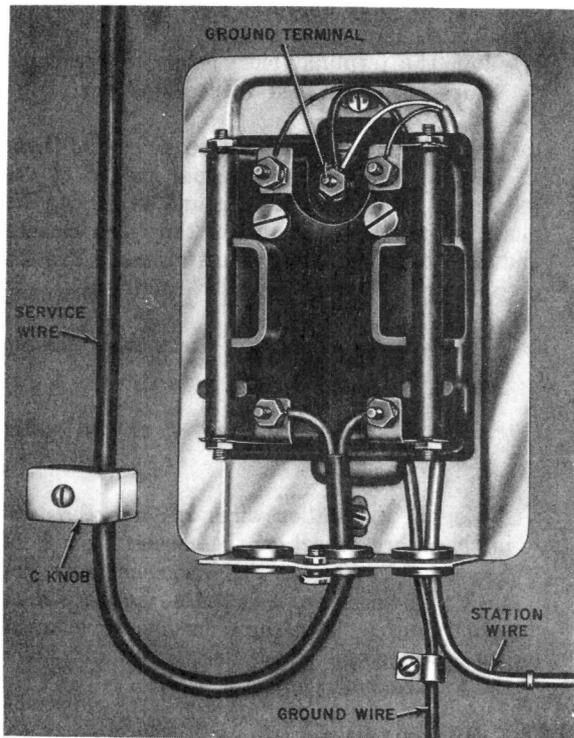


Fig. 30—1293C Protector, Cover Removed

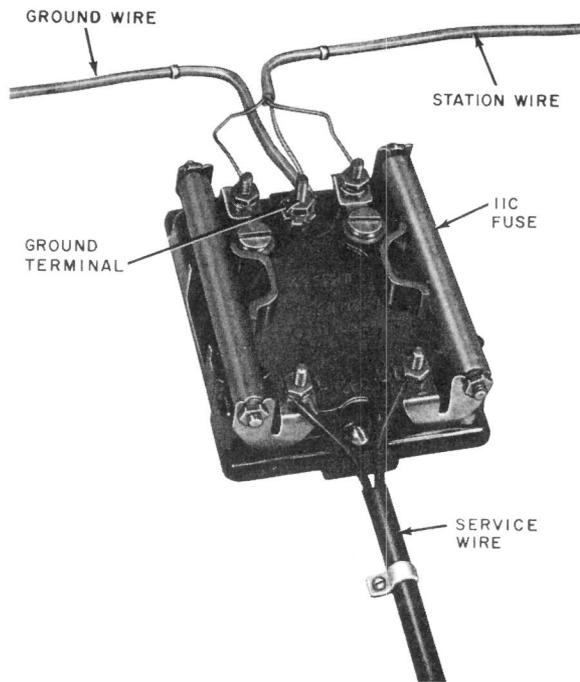


Fig. 31—106C Protector

5.02 The 106C protector consists of a base of nonconductive material containing five binding posts, two 11C fuses (Fig. 33), and two 2A1A protector units.

5.03 Where it is necessary to protect more than one pair of wires with fused-type protectors, additional 1293C or 106C protectors must be used.

5.04 Where the 106C protector is installed indoors, it must be mounted where the drop or service wire enters the building, keeping the length of drop or service wire within the building to a minimum.

5.05 Insulated building attachments must be used for attaching drop or service wires to combustible surfaces where fused protectors are

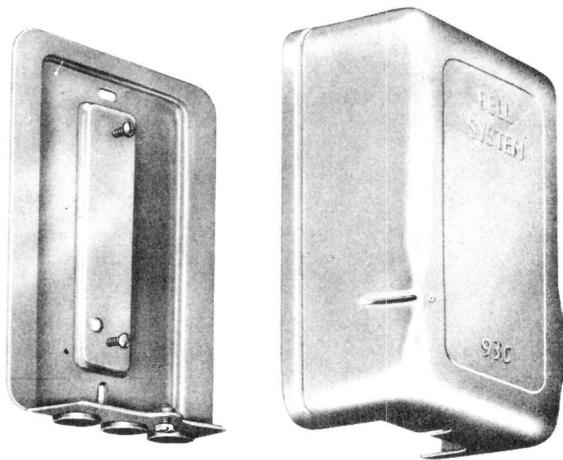


Fig. 32—93C Protector Mounting

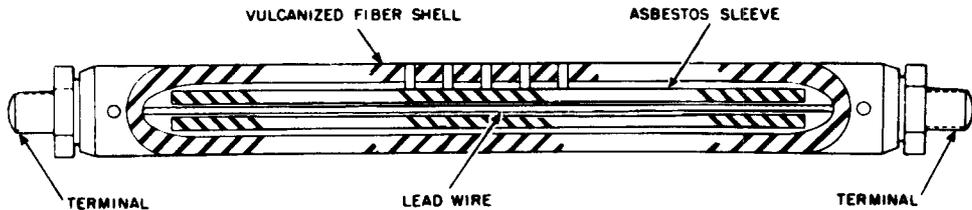


Fig. 33—11-Type Station Line Fuse

**5.06** At older installations, the 98A(MD) protector may still be in use. The 98A(MD) protector (Fig. 34) consists of a base of nonconductive material containing five binding posts, two 11C fuses, and a carbon block protector well arranged for the use of No. 26 and No. 27 protector blocks. For outside installations, the 98A(MD) protector is mounted in a 93C protector mounting.

## 6. GROUNDING AND BONDING



*All protector grounds and bonds should be as short and as straight as practical. Avoid making sharp bends in grounding and bonding conductors.*

**6.01** Before selecting a protector ground, determine how the power service is grounded (see Table D). The National Electric Code requires that, where available, an acceptable metal underground water pipe system shall always be used as the grounding electrode for the power system. (An acceptable water pipe electrode is one that has at least 10 feet of metallic pipe buried in the earth and may be either part of a municipal water system or a private well.) The code also requires that, if an acceptable water pipe is not available, the interior metal cold water pipe of the premises must always be bonded to the power ground. Where an acceptable water pipe system is not available, the power service may be grounded to any of the following:

- The metal frame or steel of a building where effectively grounded
- Bare No. 4 AWG or larger copper wire or steel reinforcing rod not less than 20 feet in length and encased in the concrete footing of the building

- A ground rod, galvanized pipe or plate buried in the earth.

**6.02** Do not connect station protector grounds wires to:

- Gas pipes
- Electrical service branch circuit conduit
- Armor of BX cable
- Interior of any electrical box
- Aluminum conductors or conduit.

**6.03** Connections may be made to aluminum power service ground conductors only when it is necessary to run a bonding wire to an interior metallic water pipe.

**6.04** Station protectors installed at locations with the power grounded to an acceptable water pipe, as described in 6.01, should be grounded as shown in Fig. 35 or installed directly on the water pipe.

**6.05** Station protectors installed at locations where the power is grounded to a concrete encased electrode or to grounded building steel should be grounded as shown in Fig. 36 and 37.

**6.06** Where the power is grounded to a ground rod and an acceptable water pipe or building ground does not exist, it is necessary to know if the power service is MGN (multigrounded neutral). This information should be obtained according to local instructions. Station protectors installed where an MGN power system is grounded to a ground rod should be grounded as shown in Fig. 38. Where

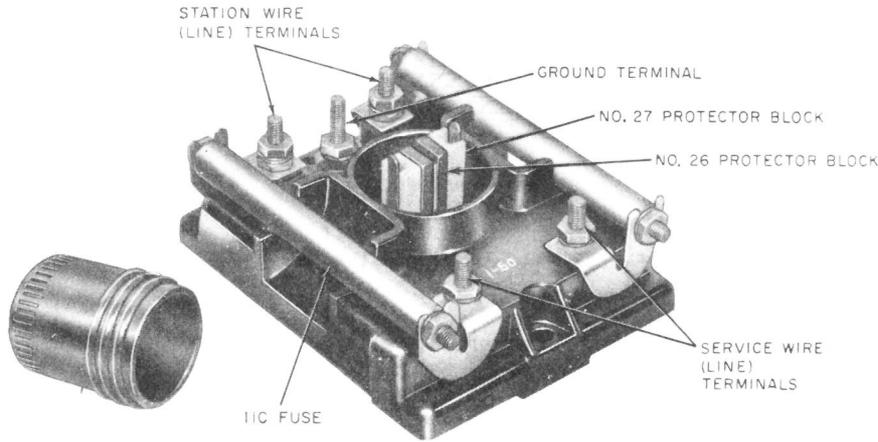


Fig. 34—98A(MD) Protector

a non-MGN power system is grounded to a ground rod, protectors should be grounded as shown in Fig. 39.

**6.07** *Where the power ground is not bonded to the interior metal cold water pipe as described in 6.01, place a bond between the power service ground and the cold water pipe using a No. 6 ground wire.*

**6.08** Telephone service may be installed where a power ground is not provided. However, the customer should be informed immediately of the need for a power ground and be requested to notify the telephone company when the ground has been provided. The procedure for notifying the customer shall be covered by local instructions. Station protectors installed where there is no power, or the power ground is inaccessible, should be grounded as shown in Fig. 40 or 41.



*Caution should be exercised on visits (installation or repair) to locations where structures are under construction or are being remodeled. At these locations, temporary power and water pipe arrangements are often encountered. Therefore, it is very important to select a ground electrode of a permanent nature. Also, ground wire runs should be made in such a manner they will not be removed, changed, broken, or present a hazard.*

**6.09** Use Table D to select the best protector ground. Table D is designed to help identify the best ground electrode available for most job situations. The decision blocks contain questions regarding the conditions for grounding, the responses to which will lead to the selection of an acceptable ground. The table should be followed until the last block in the path is reached. The referenced notes and figures (Fig. 35 through 41) provide additional information and installation procedures.

**6.10** See Table E for ground clamp selection. See Table F and Fig. 18, 42, 43, 44, and 45 for wire connectors. Connections to building steel may be made by using a C or D insulator support (see Fig. 46).

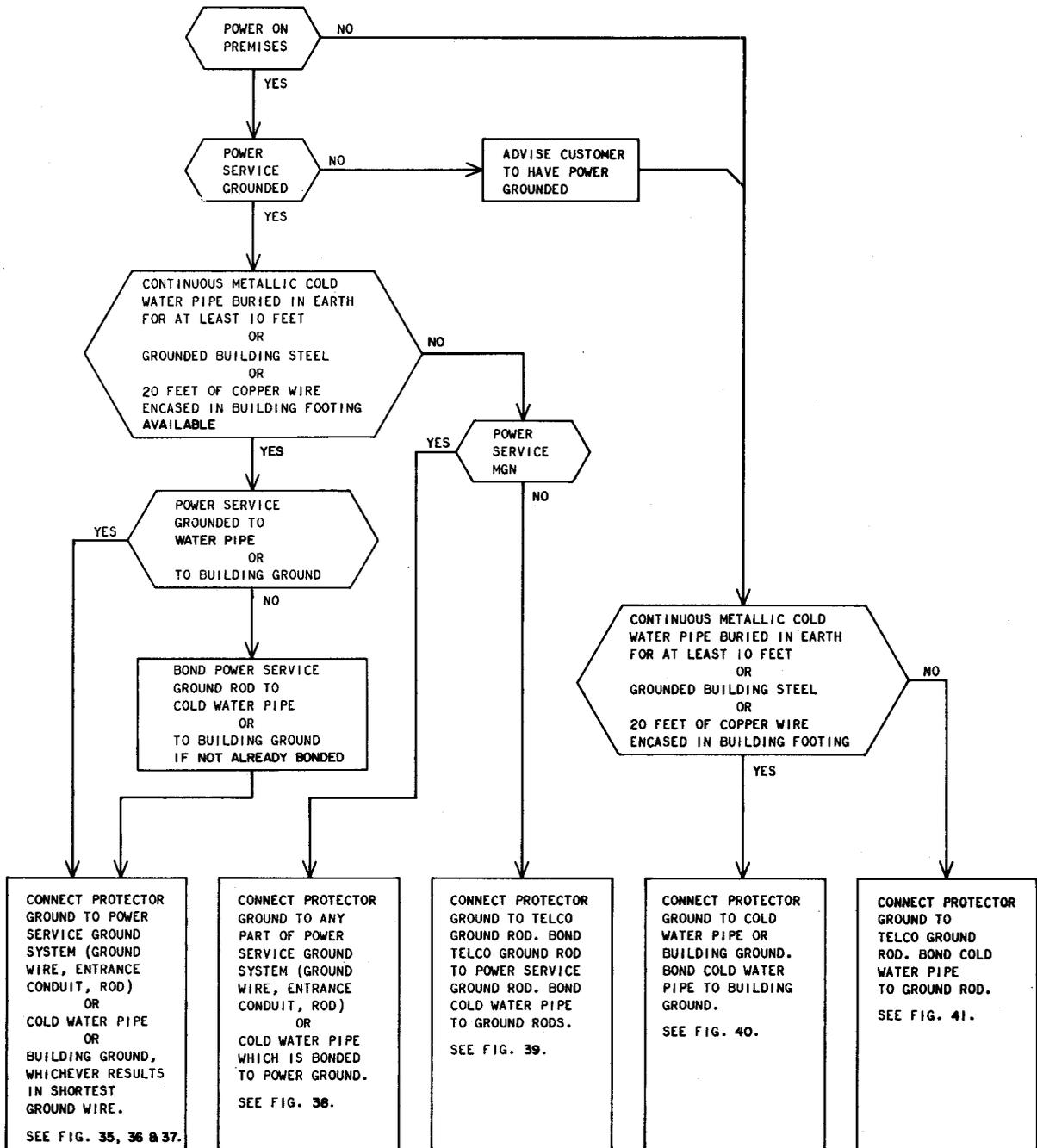
**6.11** Some areas have building codes that stipulate the electric service must use a ground rod in addition to a water pipe ground. Where the power is grounded in this manner, it is unnecessary to install a separate ground rod, and the protector should be grounded as shown in Fig. 35.

**6.12** Due to possible corrosive action, do not connect protector grounds to **aluminum power ground conductors**.

**6.13** If the power ground wire is encased in metallic armor or conduit, the metallic armor or conduit may be considered as the grounding conductor.

TABLE D

SELECTION OF PROTECTION GROUND



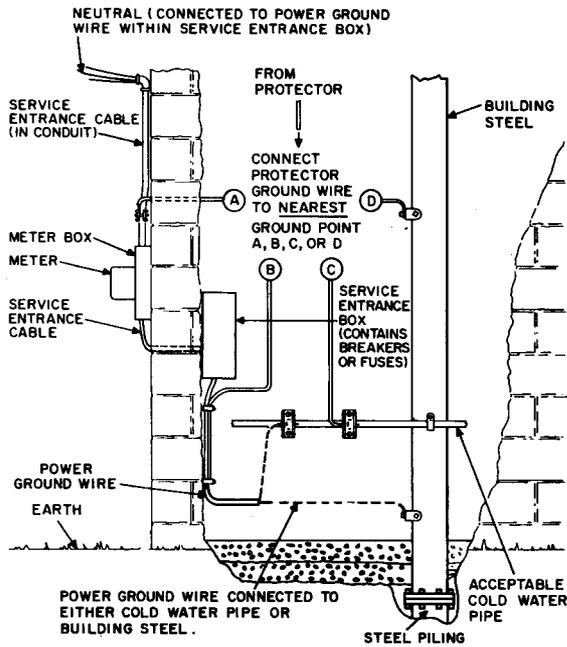


Fig. 35—Acceptable Water System or Building Ground (Power Service Grounded to Cold Water Pipe or Building Steel)

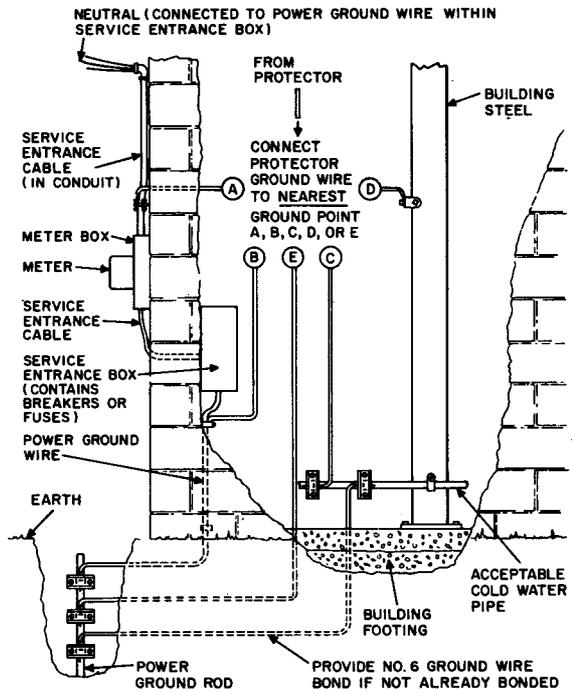


Fig. 37—Acceptable Water System (Power Grounded to Ground Rod)

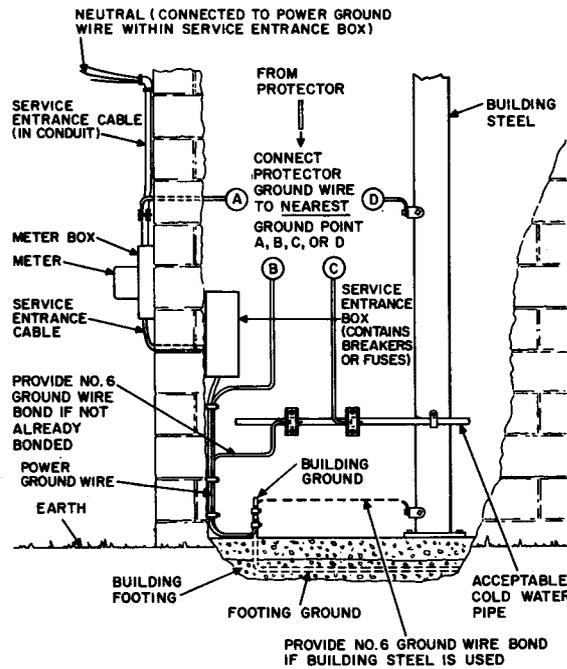


Fig. 36—Acceptable Water System or Building Ground (Power Service Grounded to Footing Ground)

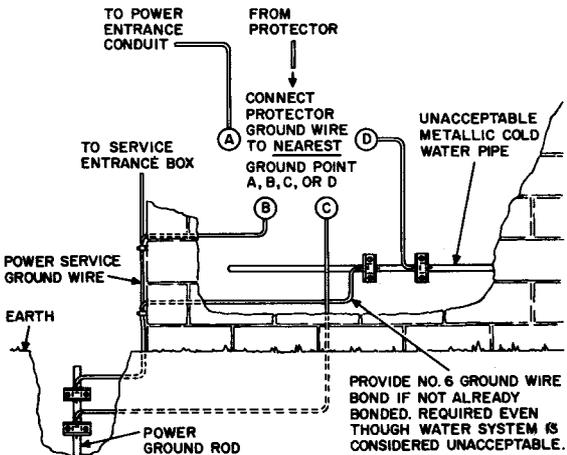
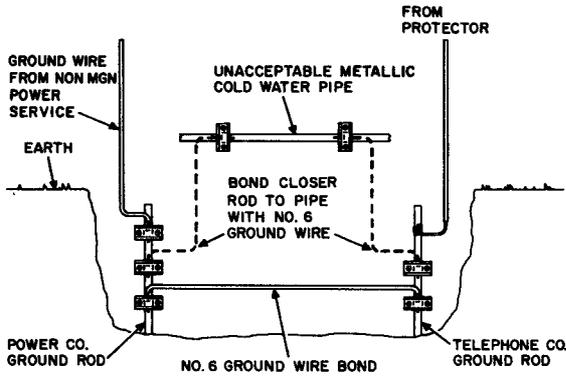
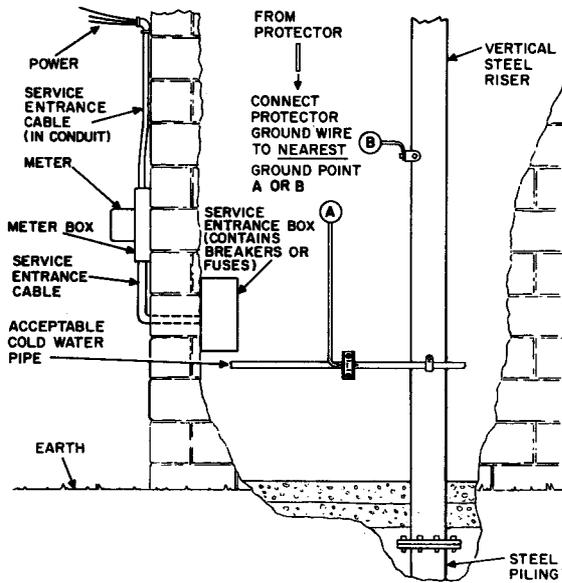


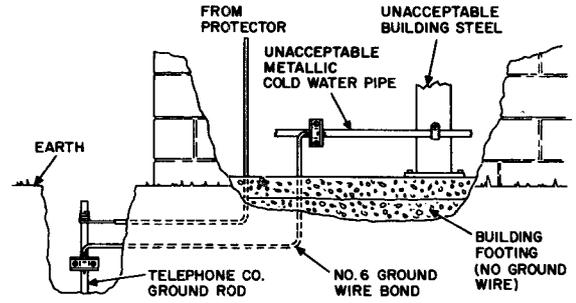
Fig. 38—Unacceptable Water System or Building Ground (Multigrounded Neutral Power System Grounded to Ground Rod)



**Fig. 39—Unacceptable Water System or Building Ground (Multigrounded Neutral Power System Grounded to Ground Rod)**



**Fig. 40—Acceptable Water System or Building Ground (Power Service not Grounded)**



**Fig. 41—Unacceptable Water System or Building Ground (Power Service not Grounded)**

6.14 Power service entrance conduit may be used for the protector ground instead of the power ground wire, and the protector can be mounted on the entrance conduit by using a 114A bracket. (Refer to 4.12 for installation of the 114A bracket.) The power service entrance conduit is the conduit through which the power service conductors feeding the premises enter the box containing the main power breaker or fuse.

6.15 Where protectors are located so that running wire to an acceptable water pipe results in a shorter length of wire than if run to the power ground, the water pipe may be used, **provided the water pipe is bonded to the power ground**. An acceptable metallic water pipe is the preferred ground where the power ground is inaccessible or there is no power.

6.16 When installing a protector directly on a metallic water pipe or when connecting the protector ground wire to a water pipe, **make sure that the pipe is metallic for at least 10 feet in the earth** where it leaves the premises. Determine that there are **no** insulating joints, plastic sections, or plastic water meters in the water pipe on which

**TABLE E**  
**GROUND CLAMPS**

| GROUND CLAMP              | SEE FIG. NO. | WIRE SIZE | GROUND ELECTRODE (SIZE IN INCHES) | USE   |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| B Station Ground Clamp    | 48           | No. 14    | 3/8 - 1-3/4                       | Connect protector ground to water pipe or power service entrance conduit<br>or<br>Mount 72A, 90A, or 114A bracket |
| 6-3/4 Inch                |              | No. 12    |                                   |   |
| 12-1/2 Inch               |              | No. 10    |                                   |   |
| L Ground Clamp            | 49           | No. 6     | 1 - 3                             | Connect protector ground or bond to water pipe or power service entrance conduit                                  |
| B Ground Clamp (see note) | 55           | No. 6     | 1/2 - 1                           | Connect protector ground or bond to ground rod or water pipe  |

*Note:* Use caution when attaching the B ground clamp to copper pipes. The pipes can be damaged by the wire loop in the clamp if the clamp is tightened excessively.

**TABLE F**  
**WIRE CONNECTORS**

| CONNECTOR                              | FIG. NO. | CONDUCTOR SIZE                                   | USE  |
|--|----------|--|--|
| E Connector Size 1                     | 42       | No. 14 thru 4                                    | Connect or bond ground wire to bare power ground wire.   |
| E Connector Size 2                     |          | No. 14 thru 1/0 and 8 thru 4 armored ground wire | Connect or bond ground wire to armored power ground wire.  |
| AT 7796X<br>Size 6<br>Size 4<br>Size 2 | 43       | No. 14 thru 6<br>No. 8 thru 4<br>No. 6 thru 2    | Ground shield of cable or buried service wire at terminals or cable closures.  |
| Blackburn PAC 3                        | 44       | No. 6 thru 8 copper                              | Connect No. 6 ground wire to aluminum power ground wire for bonding.   |
| FARGO GA610C                           | 45       | No. 2 thru 4 aluminum                            |  |
| F Connector                            | 18       | No. 6  | (A) Connect service wire shield to protector ground terminal.<br>(B) Connect No. 6 ground wire to ground bracket of cable closure housing. |

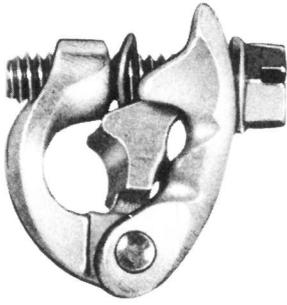


Fig. 42—E Connector

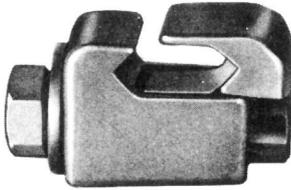


Fig. 43—AT-7796X Connector

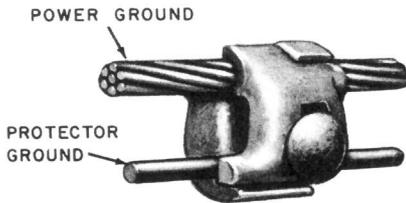


Fig. 44—Blackburn PAC3 Connector

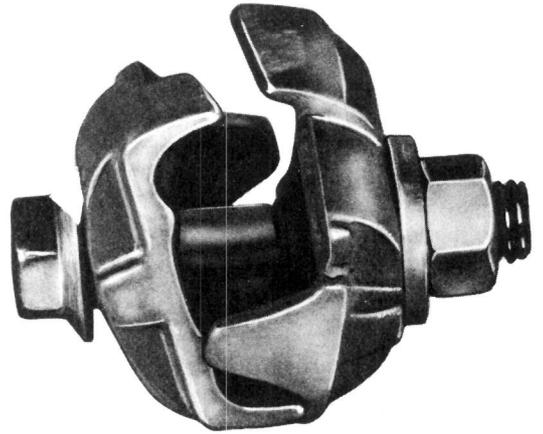
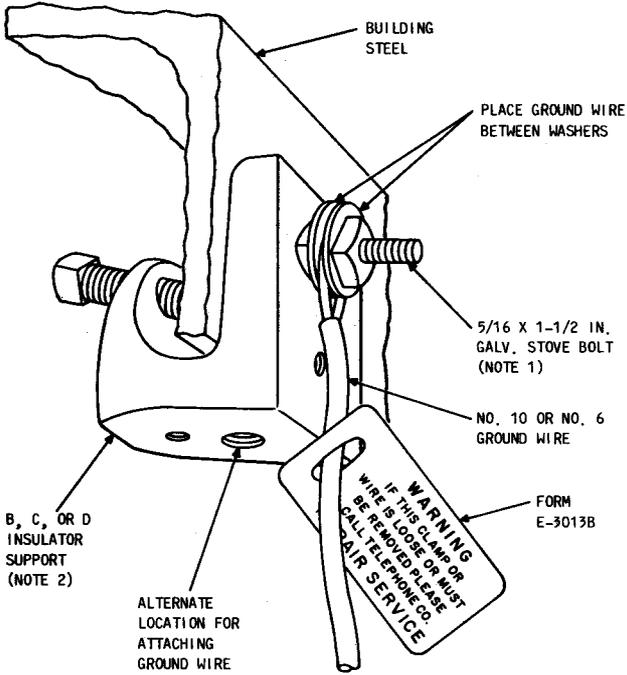


Fig. 45—Fargo GA610C Connector

a protector is to be mounted or the ground wire is to be connected. Avoid water pipes having meters, pumps or valves that may be removed for maintenance. ***Where such pipes must be used, install a bond (of No. 6 ground wire) around the meter, pump or valve, so the continuity to ground will not be broken.***

6.17 Protectors located remotely from the power service may be grounded to an ***unacceptable*** metallic water pipe or to building steel ***provided that the water pipe or building steel is bonded to the power service ground.*** This is preferable to making very long ground wire runs to the power service ground or to a remote acceptable water pipe.



INSTALL AS FOLLOWS:

PLACE BOLT THROUGH INSULATOR SUPPORT, INSTALL BOTTOM NUT AND TIGHTEN. ATTACH INSULATOR SUPPORT TO BUILDING STEEL IN USUAL MANNER. PLACE WASHERS AND TOP NUT ON BOLT. REMOVE INSULATION FROM GROUND WIRE AND BEND BARE CONDUCTOR AROUND BOLT BETWEEN WASHERS. TIGHTEN TOP NUT.

NOTES:

1. BOLT, NUTS, AND WASHERS ARE NOT PROVIDED WITH INSULATOR SUPPORT.
2. THE B AND D INSULATOR SUPPORT WILL ACCOMMODATE METAL FLANGES UP TO 3/4 INCH. THE C INSULATOR SUPPORT WILL ACCOMMODATE METAL FLANGES UP TO 1 INCH.

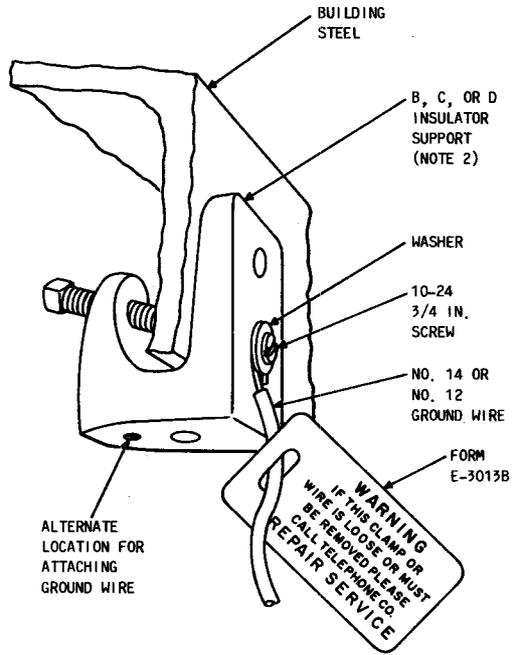


Fig. 46—Grounding to Building Steel

**6.18** Where it is necessary to multiple protectors, select the proper size ground wire for the number of protectors to be installed, including anticipated growth (see Table B). Where more than one protector is installed, use the same size ground wire between protectors as used between the protector and the grounding electrode.

**6.19** A continuous length of ground wire should be used for a protector ground. However, the ground wire may be spliced using a sleeve-type splice. When splicing ground wire, consider the following:

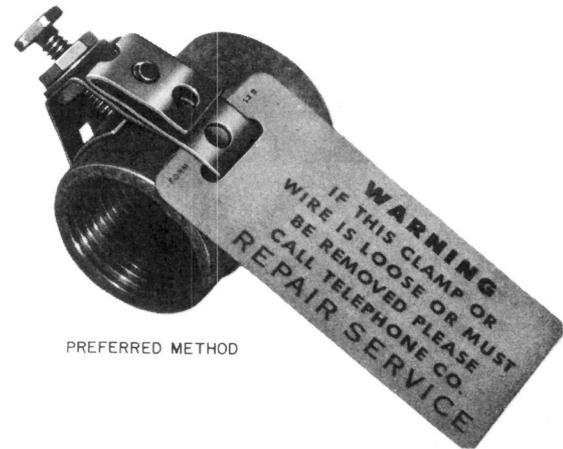
- Do not splice new ground wire runs.
- Do not splice existing ground wire runs of less than 10 feet.
- When splicing an existing ground wire, do not use a smaller gauge wire to extend a larger gauge wire.
- Concealed ground wire runs may be spliced with the proper size sleeve and wire if the continuity of existing wire is checked and the splice will be accessible.
- Do not tape ground wire splices.
- Do not locate splice at a corner or turn.
- A ground wire run shall have no more than one splice.

**6.20** Refer to Section 461-200-205 for sleeves for splicing ground wire and sleeve pressing tools required.

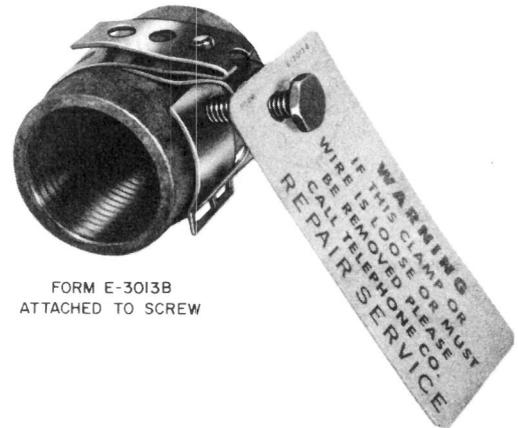
**6.21** Form E-3013B (Fig. 47) should be placed at all ground wire terminations to warn people not to disturb clamps or wire.

**6.22** The B station ground clamp (Fig. 48) is installed as follows:

- (1) Clean pipe thoroughly.
- (2) Back off locknut to head of set screw.
- (3) Back off set screw until it does not protrude through the soldered nut.



PREFERRED METHOD



FORM E-3013B  
ATTACHED TO SCREW

**Fig. 47—Form E-3013B Attached to B Station Ground Clamp**

- (4) Place Form E-3013B on strap. Bend strap around pipe and place strap on the rivet using hole in strap that provides the least slack.
- (5) Bend strap sharply at next hole beyond rivet.
- (6) Tighten set screw. If the set screw is tightened excessively, the clamp will break or set screw will slip off center and copper pipe may be dented. When fastening clamp to copper pipe, avoid making a dent in the pipe that is more than barely perceptible.
- (7) Place ground wire under the washer and tighten locknut (see Fig. 49).

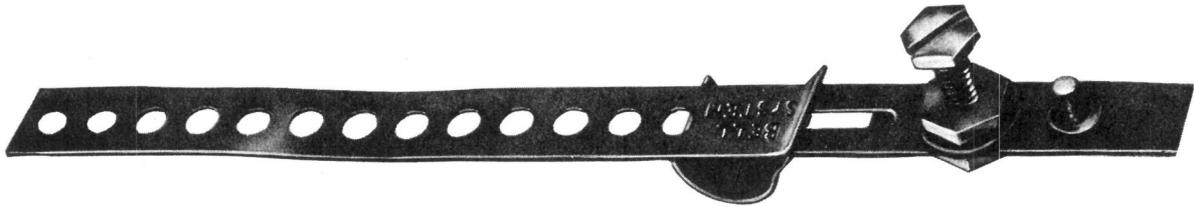
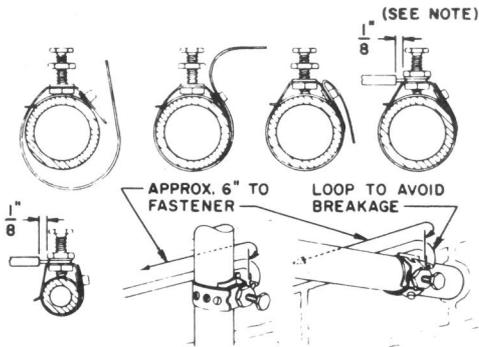


Fig. 48—B Station Ground Clamp



NOTE: PLACE GROUND WIRE UNDER WASHER AND TIGHTEN LOCK NUT FIRMLY.

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Fig. 49—Installing B Station Ground Clamp

(6) Mount the square washer and lower nut on the bolt of the initial clamp and tighten nut.

(7) Break off excess strap at the square washer and cut off excess length of bolt if it interferes with the installation of the clamp or projects in a hazardous manner (Fig. 53). (See Fig. 54 for typical installations of L ground clamp.)

(8) Attach Form E-3013B.

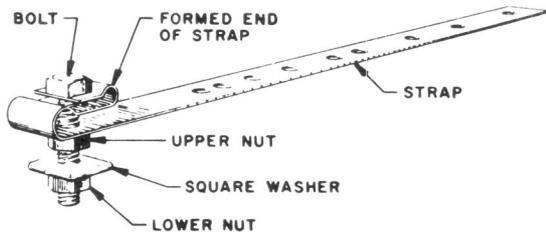


Fig. 50—L Ground Clamp

6.23 The L ground clamp (Fig. 50) is used to terminate No. 6 ground wire and is installed in the following manner:

- (1) Clean pipe thoroughly.
- (2) Remove approximately 1 inch of insulation from the ground wire and clean conductor.
- (3) Remove the lower nut and the square washer from the bolt of the ground clamp.
- (4) Insert the ground wire conductor into the smaller loop of the ground clamp and secure it by tightening the upper nut on the bolt (Fig. 51).
- (5) Bend the strap around the pipe and engage the bolt with the farthest possible hole from the end of the strap. (On pipes larger than 3 inches, fasten two straps together [Fig. 52].)

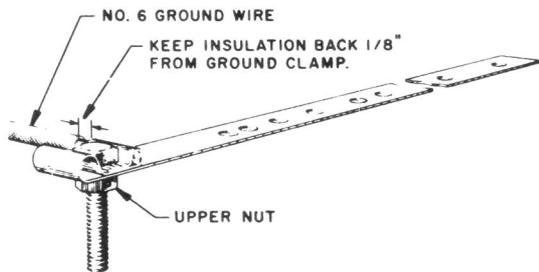


Fig. 51—Attaching No. 6 Ground Wire to L Ground Clamp

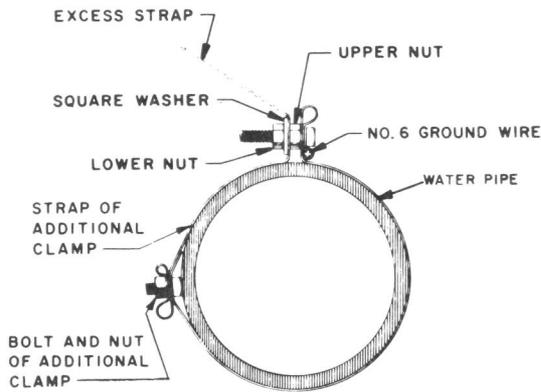


Fig. 52—Attaching L Ground Clamp to Pipes Larger Than 3 Inches

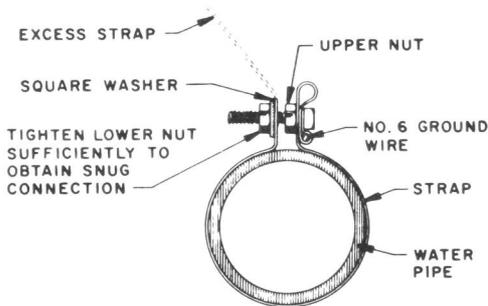


Fig. 53—Attaching L Ground Clamp to 3-Inch and Smaller Pipe

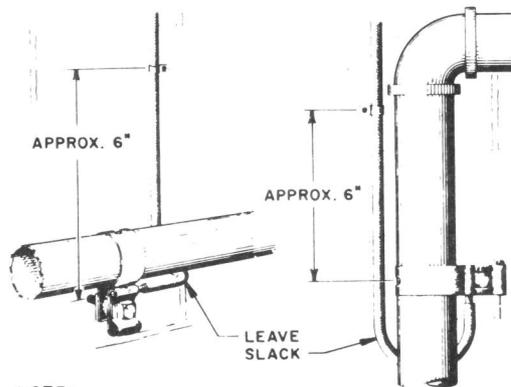


Fig. 54—Typical Installation—L Ground Clamp

6.24 The B ground clamp (Fig. 55) is installed as follows:

- (1) Clean pipe, conduit, or ground rod thoroughly.
- (2) Remove approximately 1 inch of insulation from ground wire and clean conductor.
- (3) Insert bare end of ground wire through small loop in top part of clamp.
- (4) With a pair of pliers, press loop firmly around ground wire.
- (5) Place clamp over ground electrode.
- (6) Place Form E-3013B over machine screw, between top and bottom parts of clamp.
- (7) Tighten both screws firmly.



*When the B ground clamp is installed on a copper pipe, be careful the wire loop in the clamp does not damage the pipe. The clamp should be tightened firmly but not excessively.*

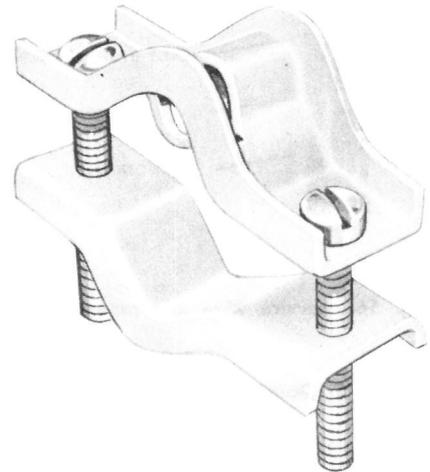


Fig. 55—B Ground Clamp

6.25 Locate ground clamps at accessible points where they will not be subject to excessive movement, vibration, or damage. Where a pipe is not firmly secured or is subject to vibration,

tape the ground wire to the pipe in close proximity to the ground clamp.

**6.26** The shield or armor of a small diameter cable, service wire, or underground wire is connected to the ground terminal of a station protector using an F connector. The F connector has a spade tip which can be placed under the pronged washer of the protector ground terminal. Fig. 18 and 56 show the method for installing the F connector on the shield of B or C service wire and connecting service wire to a protector.

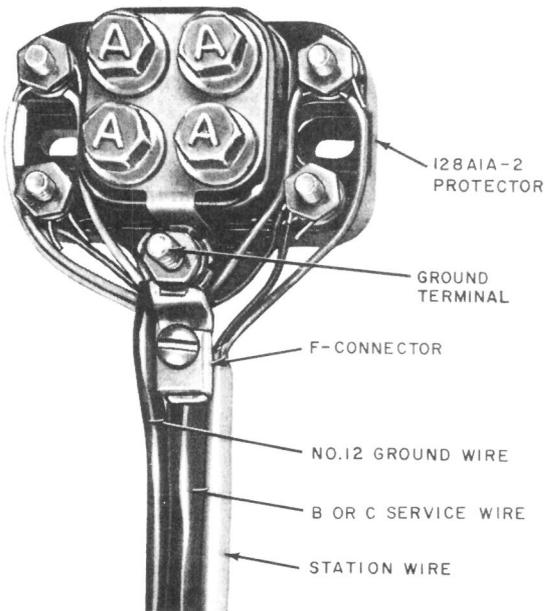


Fig. 56—Service Wire on Protector

## 7. SIGNALING GROUND

**7.01** Where a signaling ground is required, the protector ground should be used as a first choice. At unexposed stations where there is no protector and telephone apparatus is connected to a telephone company-provided power unit (operated from a commercial power source), the signaling ground should be connected to the power unit ground or to a ground that is bonded to the commercial power ground (see Table D). Where there is no protector and the telephone apparatus

is not associated with commercial power, any ground suitable for a protector ground should be used (see Table D). The shield of a buried service wire or cable may also be used.

**7.02** Ground strips are available to provide signal ground terminals (or binding posts) in cable closures, cable terminals, cable terminal sections, or terminal boxes. Where the ground strips are mounted in terminals or on surfaces that are not grounded to a cable sheath or by a separate ground wire, it is necessary to install a No. 12 ground wire from the ground strip to an acceptable ground electrode (see Table D).

**7.03** The 2A ground strip (Fig. 57) consists of a brass plate with two binding posts. The plate has a "U"-shaped slot for a mounting screw and a depressed tab which prevents the ground strip from turning after it is installed. The 2A ground strip has a capacity of 14 wires. Fig. 58 illustrates the 2A ground strip installed in a GA-type cable terminal. The 2A ground strip can also be installed on the backboard of a PC6 or PC12 cable closure.

**7.04** The 2B ground strip (Fig. 59) consists of an assembly of the 2A ground strip and a mounting bracket (see Table G). See Fig. 60 for a typical installation of the 2B ground strip.

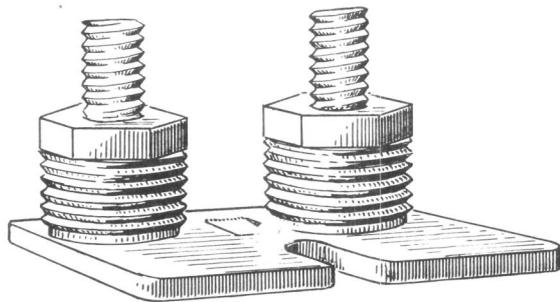
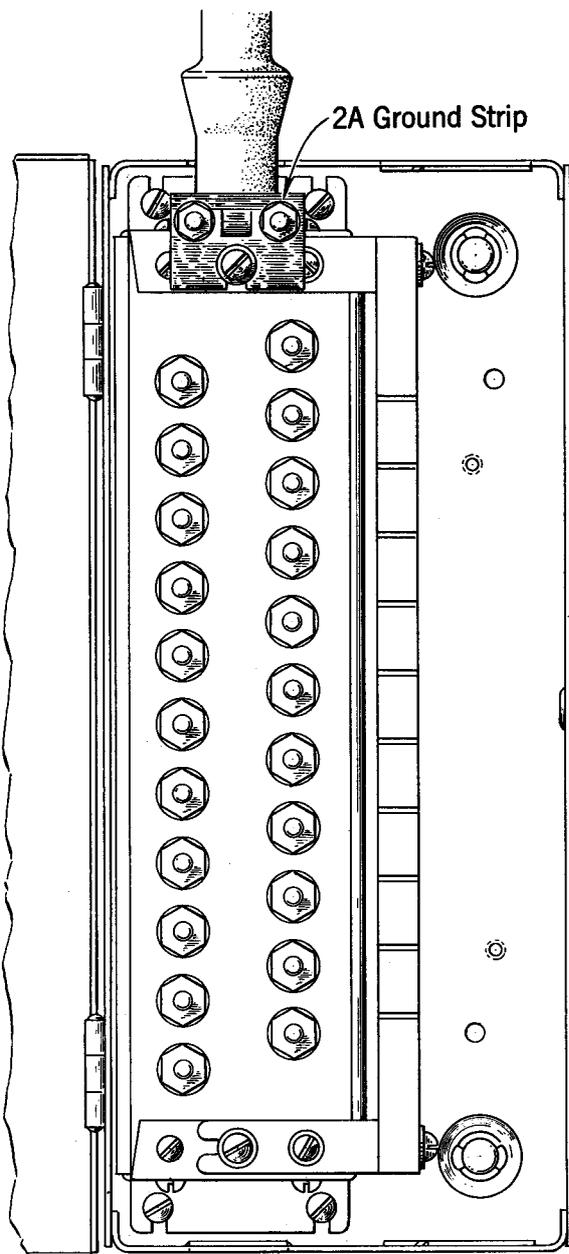


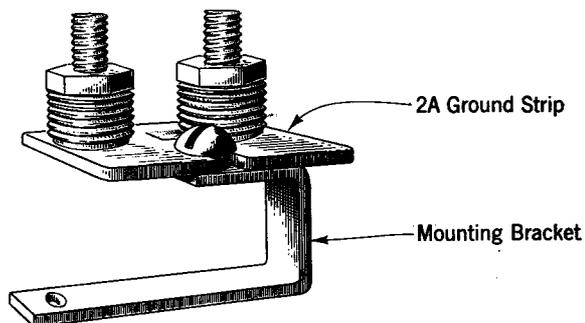
Fig. 57—2A Ground Strip

**7.05** The 4-type ground strips are angular-metal brackets equipped with terminal screws and two binding posts. They are used with 102-type adapters when installed with connecting blocks (Table G). See Fig. 61 and 62 for typical 4-type ground-strip installations.



**Fig. 58—2A Ground Strip Installed in GA-Type Cable Terminal**

**7.06** The 5A ground strip (Fig. 63) consists of a brass plate with two binding posts. It is intended for use in 10- and 16-pair NC, NE, NF, and NH cable terminals. A hole is provided in



**Fig. 59—2B Ground Strip**

the plate of the 5A ground strip for mounting it in a cable terminal using the screw which holds the terminal block in the terminal housing (Fig. 64). The 5A ground strip has a capacity of 10 wires.

**7.07** The 6A ground strip (Fig. 65) consists of a brass plate with two binding posts. It is intended for use in 26-pair NC, NE, NF, and NH cable terminals and is mounted in the same manner as the 5A strip (see Fig. 66). The 6A ground strip has a capacity of 10 wires.

**Note:** The NE cable terminals are not provided with grounded housings; therefore, it is necessary to place a bond between the 5A or 6A ground strip and the cable sheath (or to an acceptable ground as outlined in Table D) using a ground wire no smaller than a No. 14 ground wire.

## **8. COIN STATION GROUND**

**8.01** The protector ground should be used as first choice for a coin-station ground.

**8.02** At unexposed coin stations where there is no protector, any ground that is suitable for a protector ground may be used as a coin ground (see Table D).

**8.03** Outdoor coin telephones are installed on metal shelves, metal mountings, or in metal booths. If the associated protector ground terminal is not already bonded to the shelf, mounting or booth, this bond must be made using a ground wire no smaller than a No. 14 ground wire.

TABLE G  
GROUND STRIPS

| TYPE | BINDING POSTS | TERMINALS | WIRE CAPACITY | USED WITH   | FIG. NO. |
|------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---|----------|
| 2A   | 2             | —         | 14            | GA-type cable terminal, PC6 or PC12 cable closure   | 57       |
| 2B   | 2             | —         | 14            | 30- and 31-type connecting blocks                   | 59       |
| 4A   | 2             | 11        | 11            | 102B adapters when installed with connecting blocks | 61       |
| 4B   | 2             | 16        | 16            | 102C adapters when installed with connecting blocks | —        |
| 4C   | 2             | 26        | 26            | 102D adapters when installed with connecting blocks | 62       |
| 5A   | 2             | —         | 10            | 10- and 16-pair NC, NE, NF and NH cable terminals   | 63       |
| 6A   | 2             | —         | 10            | 26-pair NC, NE, NF and NH cable terminals           | 65       |

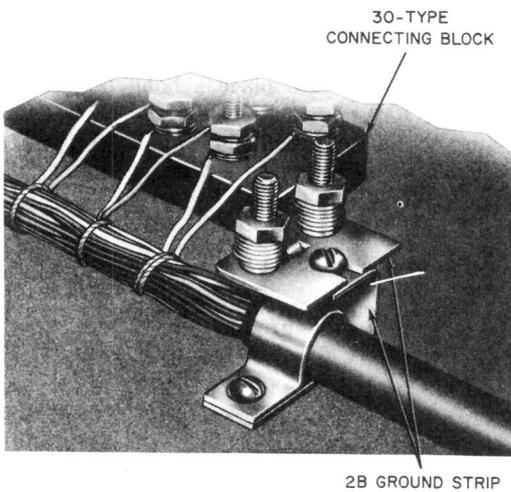


Fig. 60—Typical Installation of 2B Ground Strip

**8.04** When a coin telephone is installed outdoors, a ground rod for protector grounding must be installed unless:

(1) At least 10 feet of metallic conduit buried in permanently moist soil is connected to the coin shelf, mounting, or booth.

or

(2) The power ground rod of an MGN power system is bonded to the coin shelf, mounting, or booth with a ground wire no smaller than a No. 6 ground wire.

or

(3) An acceptable metal water pipe is bonded to the coin shelf, mounting, or booth with a ground wire no smaller than a No. 6 ground wire.



**The grounding conductor (third wire of an electrical wiring system) must never be used as the protector ground.**

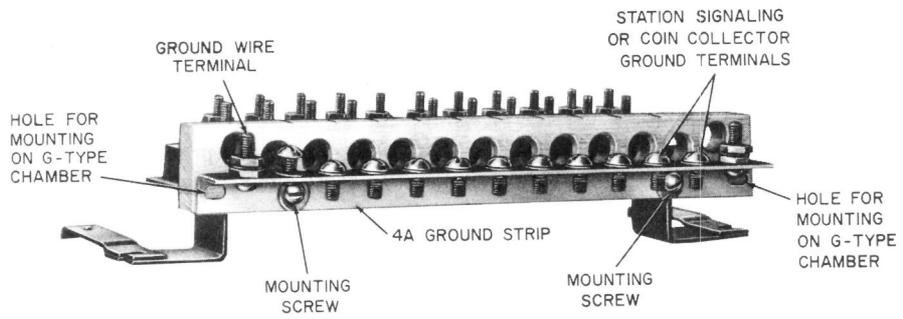


Fig. 61—Typical Installation of 4A Ground Strip

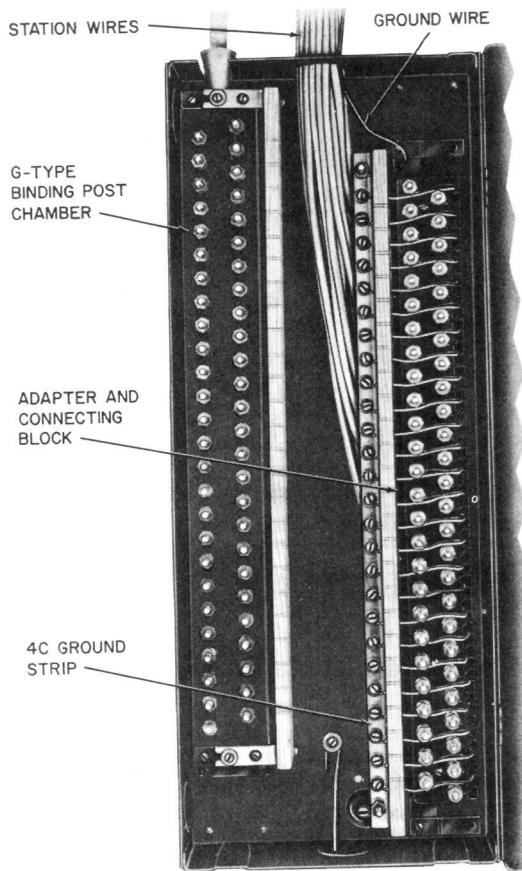


Fig. 62—Typical Installation of 4C Ground Strip

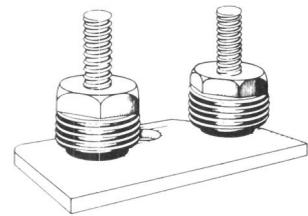


Fig. 63—5A Ground Strip

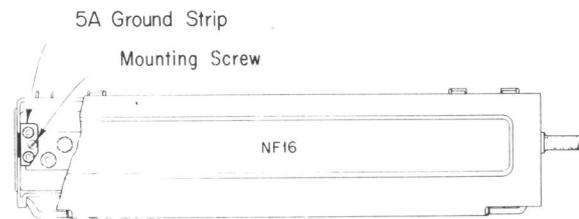


Fig. 64—5A Ground Strip Installed in NF16 Cable Terminal

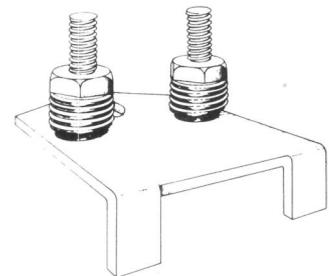


Fig. 65—6A Ground Strip

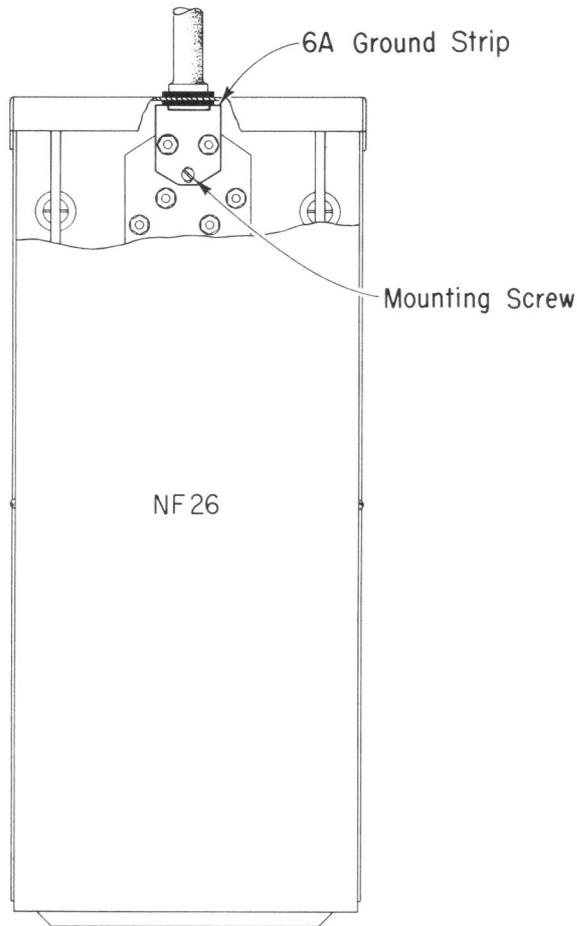


Fig. 66—6A Ground Strip Installed in NF26 Cable Terminal

- 9.01 Locate and install ground rods as follows:
- Where least likely to be damaged or tampered with.
  - As near as practical to masonry walls in earth-floor basements.
  - Approximately 12 inches from outside walls (Fig. 67).
  - Approximately 2 feet from base of wooden poles or posts where conditions permit.
  - At least 6 feet from power or lightning protection ground rods.

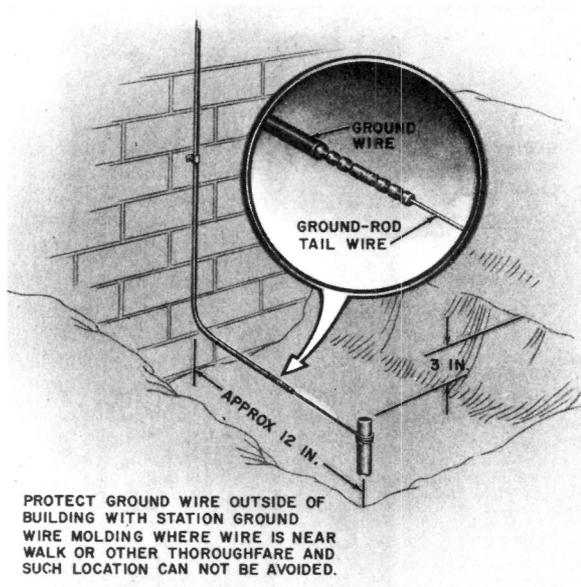


Fig. 67—Ground Rod Installed Near Wall

## 9. LOCATING AND INSTALLING GROUND RODS

**Warning:** Avoid personal injury by protecting eyes and hands when driving ground rods. Wear safety glasses and heavy gloves.

9.02 Do not unspiral the tail wire attached to the ground rod until just before the driving operation is complete. Drive ground rods until the top of the rod is approximately 3 inches below ground level. Increase depth where digging is likely.

9.03 Avoid making ground wire runs where the wire may be damaged or tampered with. If

such locations cannot be avoided, protect the ground wire with station ground wire molding.



**Check with property owner or manager regarding the location of any underground electric power cable, water, gas, or fuel tank installations before driving a ground rod.**

**9.04** Inspect ground rods before and after driving to make certain that tail wires are not broken. If the tail wire is broken, replace ground rod or use a suitable ground clamp of size or type as listed in Table E.

**9.05** After the ground wire is installed, the No. 14 station ground wire is spliced to the ground rod tail wire with a 0.064 (blue band) brass sleeve. The sleeve is pressed six times, three times on each side of center. Do not tape splice. When a larger size of ground wire must be terminated on the ground rod, select the proper size and type of ground clamp as listed in Table E.

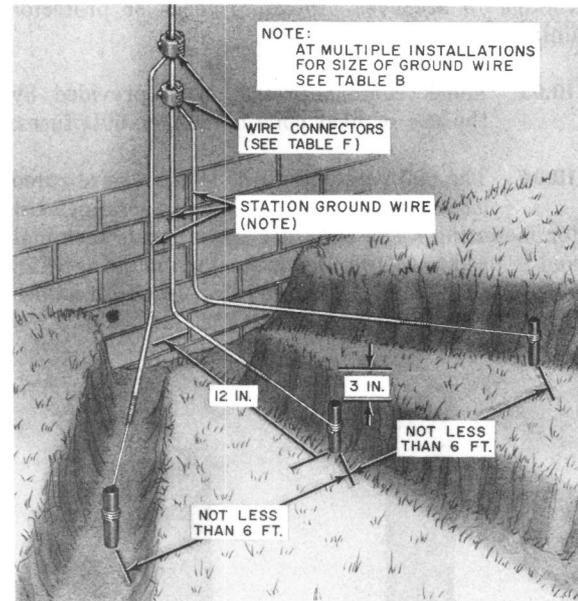
**9.06** When two or more protectors requiring ground rods are installed at the same location, proceed as follows:

**Note:** Use the proper size station ground wire as listed in Table B.

(a) If a power ground rod is not available, install a ground rod for each protector. Bond all protectors together. Select wire connectors from Table F. No more than three ground rods need be placed. Space ground rods at least 6 feet apart (Fig. 68).

(b) If a power ground rod is available, one telephone ground rod is sufficient. Bond all protectors together and bond telephone ground rod to power ground rod (Fig. 38).

**9.07** Multiple station protectors, such as the 116- or 117-type, should **not** be connected to a single telephone ground rod unless the rod is bonded to the power system ground rod. If a power system ground rod is not available, a multiple station protector may be connected to an array of three telephone ground rods, spaced at least 6 feet apart, and bonded together with No. 6 ground wire (Fig. 68).



**Fig. 68—Three Ground Rods**

**9.08** Always bond ground rods using No. 6 ground wire.

## 10. INSTALLING SNEAK CURRENT FUSES

**10.01** Sneak current fuses are required to provide additional protection for:

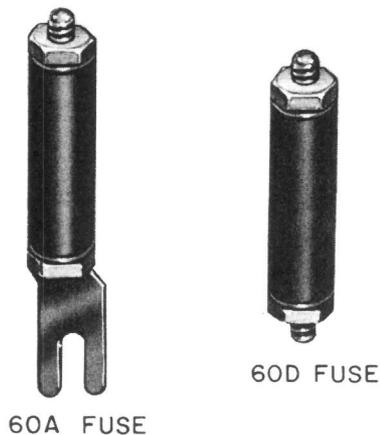
- No. 1 and No. 2 ESS Centrex data link cabinet trunks
- No. 1 and No. 2 ESS Centrex attendant trunks
- PBX trunk circuits
- PBX off-premise extensions exposed to power or explosive atmosphere
- PBX battery or ringing feed circuits
- Certain special circuits or leased lines.

**10.02** Sneak current is foreign current, caused by a “cross” with or induction from power conductors. The sneak current is too low to burn open fusible links of wire or cable and of insufficient

voltage to arc over protector blocks or protector units.

**10.03** Sneak current protection is provided by the use of heat coils or 60A or 60D fuses.

**10.04** The 60A and 60D fuses (Fig. 69) are rated 0.350 ampere and differ only in arrangement for mounting. The 60A fuse has a spade terminal and is used with the 94A protector mounting (Fig. 70). The 60D fuse is mounted in a 14A fuse holder (Fig. 71) or 1094A protector (Fig. 72).



60A FUSE

60D FUSE

Fig. 69—60A and 60D Fuses

**10.05** A typical installation of the 14A fuse holder and 60D fuse is shown in Fig. 73. The fuse holder fits on the binding post (under the bottom nut) of a protector, protector terminal, or connecting block. One end of the 60D fuse attaches to the fuse holder and the station wire is connected to the other end. This places the fuse in series with the line. As only one station wire can be attached to a fuse, a connecting block arrangement is required to terminate additional station wires.

**10.06** Where 134A1A protectors and 66- or 68-type connecting blocks are employed, it is not possible to mount the 14A fuse holder. Therefore, when sneak current fuses are required, (1) an additional connecting block such as a 57A2-10 or

57A2-16 connecting block must be installed in order to mount the 14A fuse holder as shown in Fig. 74, or (2) the 1094A protector, one for each pair of wires, must be used.

**10.07** The 1094A protector consists of a metal base with two No. 94A protector mountings and two 60D fuses (Fig. 72). When installed outdoors, the 1094A protector is mounted in a 93C protector mounting.

## 11. PBX PROTECTION

**11.01** In addition to the preceding requirements covering bonding, grounding and sneak current protection, the following protective measures must be applied at PBX locations.

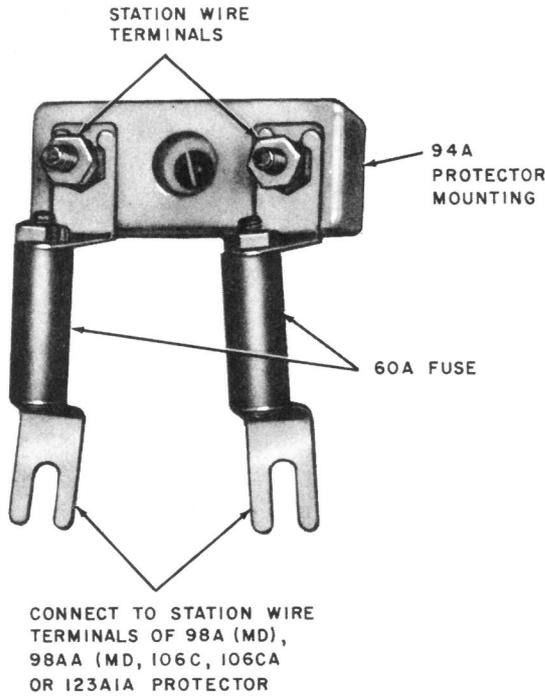
**11.02** The shield of building entrance cables must be bonded to an approved ground electrode (see Table D). Building entrance cables terminating in 1A4A terminal blocks, NH-type cable terminals, or 134A1A protectors, can be grounded by connecting the ground clamp or ground lug of the terminal block, terminal or protector, to an acceptable grounding electrode with a No. 6 ground wire. This ground wire **must** be installed. The sheath of a building entrance cable is **not** a grounding electrode.

**11.03** The PBX signaling ground must be connected to the protector ground.

**11.04** Sneak current fuses must be provided as specified in 10.01, or heat coils must be used.

**11.05** Exposed off-premises extensions must be provided with protection at the station end as well as at the PBX end.

**11.06** An older type PBX may have battery and ringing voltages supplied from the central office. Also, some newer type PBXs may have battery and ringing voltages supplied from the central office for reserve power in the event of a commercial power failure. When two or more cable pairs are used in multiple to supply battery and these pairs are extended by two or more drop wires, fused-type protectors are required. When the battery supply is extended by a single drop



**Fig. 70—60A Fuses Connected to 94A Protector Mounting**

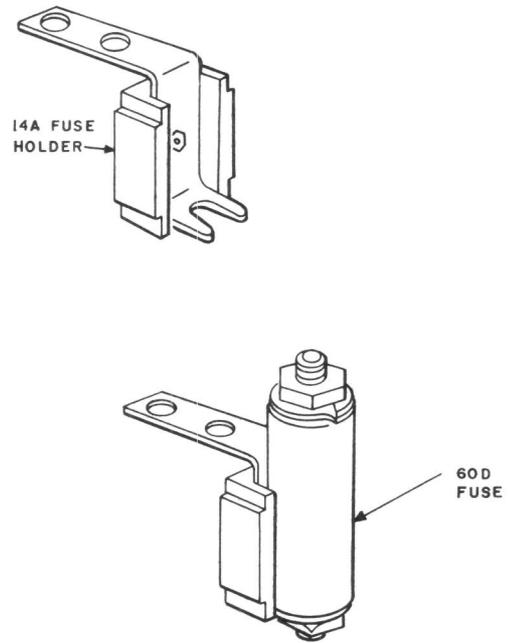
wire, fuses are not required. Ringing feeder circuits are fused with 60-type fuses.

11.07 Fig. 72 shows the 1094A protector which may be used where station protectors are not required, used with 134A1A-type protectors, or used for ringing feeder circuits.

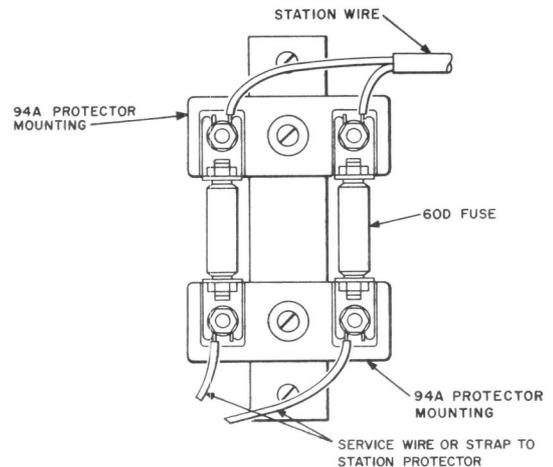
11.08 Fig. 73 illustrates two battery feeder pairs terminated at a 117-type protector equipped with 14A fuse holder and 60D fuses. The pairs are strapped on the PBX side of the fuses.

11.09 Fig. 75 shows a fuseless protector equipped with 60A fuses for outdoor installations.

11.10 Fig. 76 shows a fused protector equipped with 60A fuses, and Fig. 77 shows a converted protector equipped with 60A fuses.

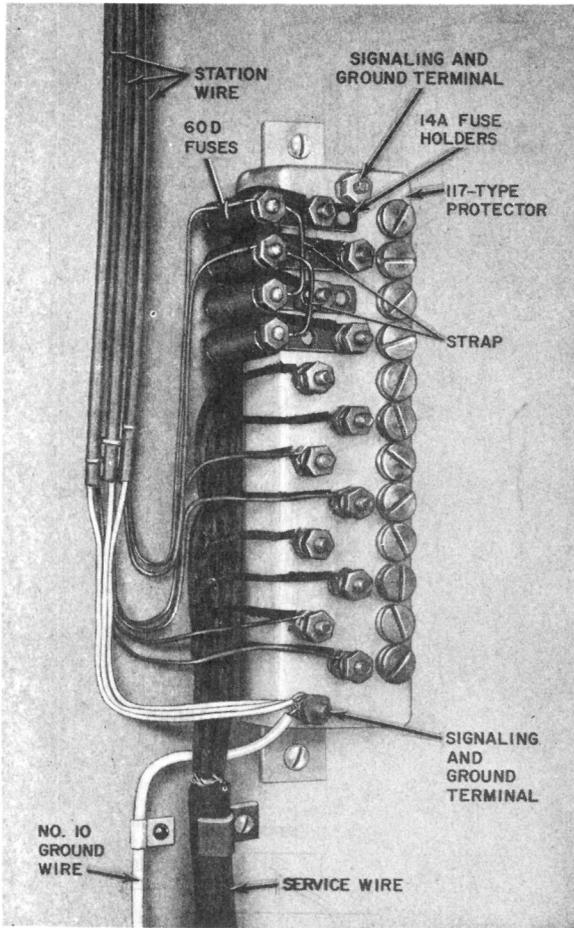


**Fig. 71—14A Fuse Holder**



NOTE:  
USE 93C PROTECTOR MOUNTING FOR OUTDOOR INSTALLATION.

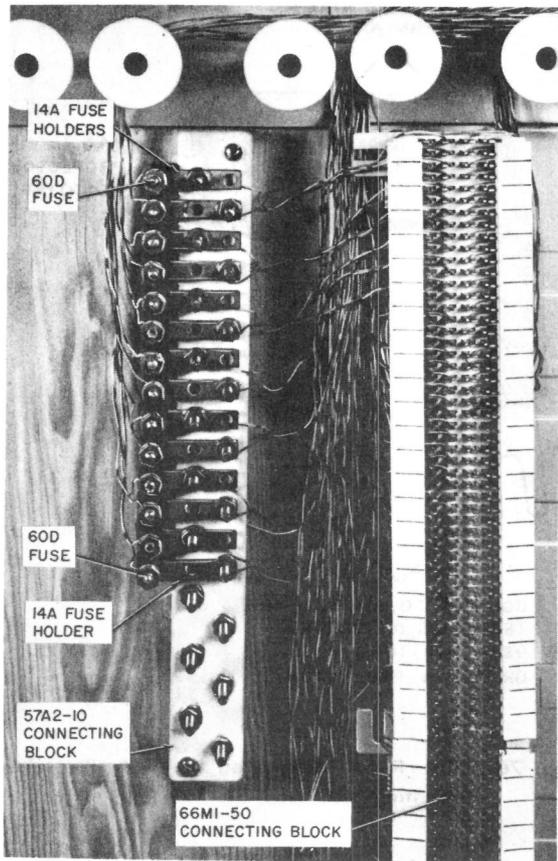
**Fig. 72—1094A Protector**



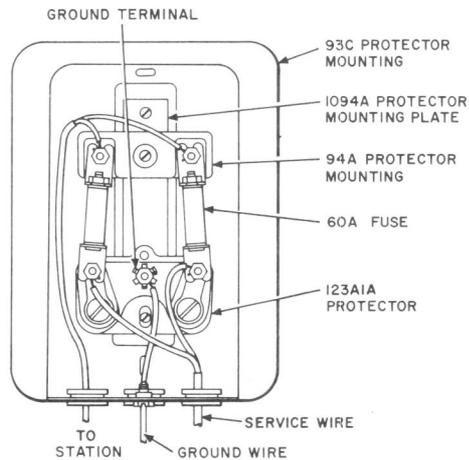
**Fig. 73—Method of Installing 60D Fuses and 14A Fuse Holder on 117-Type Protector (Battery Feed Circuit Illustrated)**

11.11 Fig. 78 shows two battery feeder pairs terminated on fuseless station protectors equipped with 60A fuses and bridged to one station wire.

11.12 A maximum of three service wires furnishing battery for a system may be terminated on one fused protector and must be bridged on the line side of the protector (Fig. 79). In the event more than three service wires are required to extend a battery feed circuit, additional protectors must be installed (Fig. 80). Use two 11C fuses, one for the tip conductors and one for the ring conductors. If it is necessary to strap the conductors at the binding posts, remove the 2A1A protector



**Fig. 74—Sneak Current Fuse Arrangement for 66M1-50 Connecting Block**



**Fig. 75—Fuseless Protector Equipped With Sneak Current Fuses, Outdoor Installation**

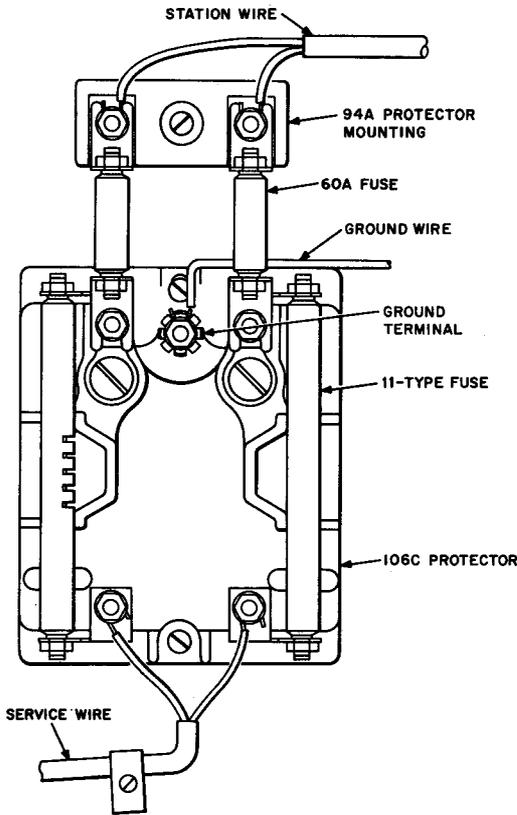


Fig. 76—60A Fuses Used With 94A Protector Mounting and 106C Protector

units and substitute 2A1D (dummy) protector units where fuses have been removed as shown in Fig. 80. On disconnects, replace the 2A1D protector units with 2A1A protector units and replace fuses.

**12. EXPOSED DROP WIRES CONNECTED TO UNEXPOSED CABLE**

**12.01** Drop wires, connected to an unexposed cable terminal and extending into an exposed area, expose both the subscriber station and the distribution cable. To avoid changing the status of the unexposed cable, protectors are required at the junction of the drop wire and the cable.

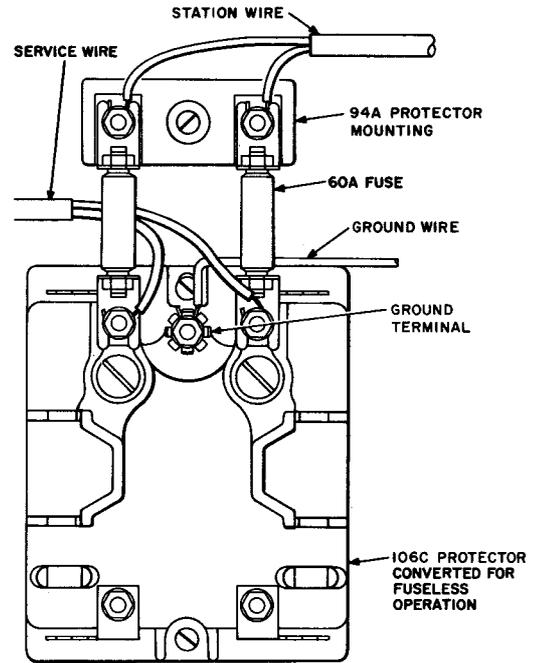


Fig. 77—60A Fuses Used With 94A Protector Mounting and Converted 106C Protector

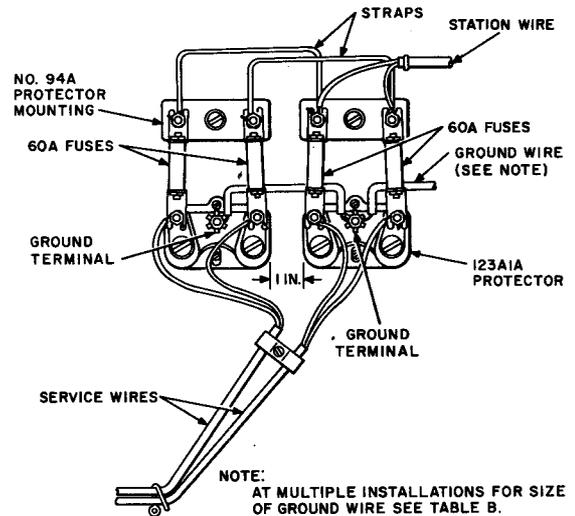


Fig. 78—Fuseless Protectors Used for Bridging Service Wires on Battery Feed Circuits

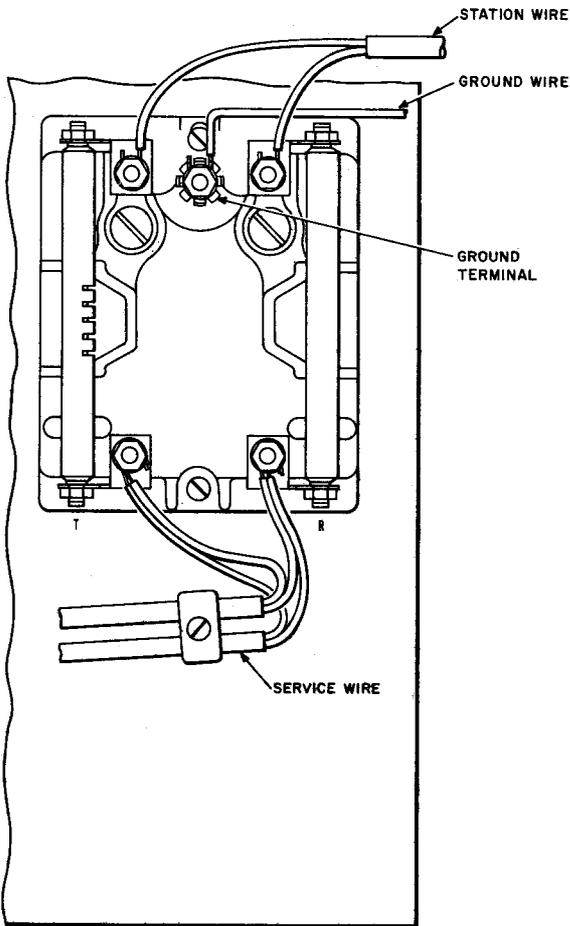
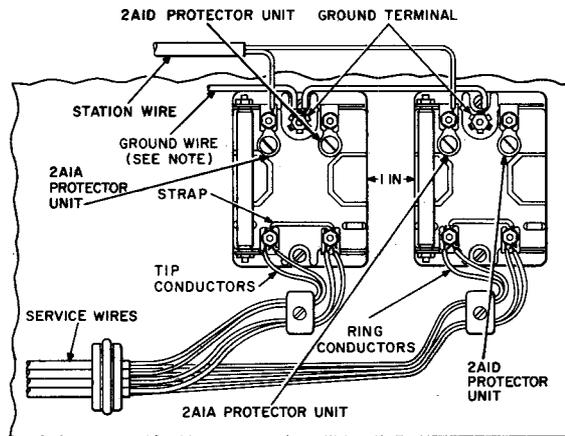


Fig. 79—Two Service Wires Bridged at Fused Protector



*It is extremely important that telephone craft personnel be informed of locations as described in 12.01. If service orders do not specify protection required or the cable terminals are not specifically identified, local instructions must provide this information. Where there is any doubt on the part of the telephone craft force, maximum protection should be provided, treating telephone stations as exposed stations.*



NOTE:  
AT MULTIPLE INSTALLATIONS FOR SIZE OF GROUND WIRES SEE TABLE B.

Fig. 80—Bridging Four Pairs at Fused Protectors

**12.02** Where an exposed drop wire is to be connected to an unexposed pair of 19- or 22-gauge cable, a fusible link of bridle wire is required between the cable pair and the drop wire, in addition to the protector.

**12.03** Protectors must be installed at station locations as well as at terminal locations when exposed drop wires are connected to unexposed cables.

**12.04** Where exposed drop or block wires are to be connected to unexposed cables terminated in 49-type terminals, install 3A3-3 protected terminal blocks in place of the unprotected blocks.

**12.05** Typical wall and pole installations, using protectors for cable protection, are shown in Fig. 81 through 84.

### 13. 118B PROTECTOR

**13.01** The 118B protector (Fig. 85), which supersedes the 99C protector, is designed to protect telephone circuits in the event of an accidental contact between power wires (of the MGN-type and carrying over 2000 volts) and telephone wires. The 118B protector consists of three carbon electrodes, having 0.020-inch gaps,

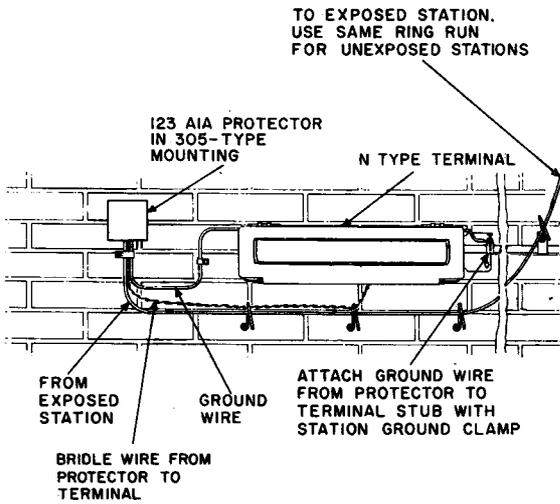


Fig. 81—N-Type Terminal, Wall Installation

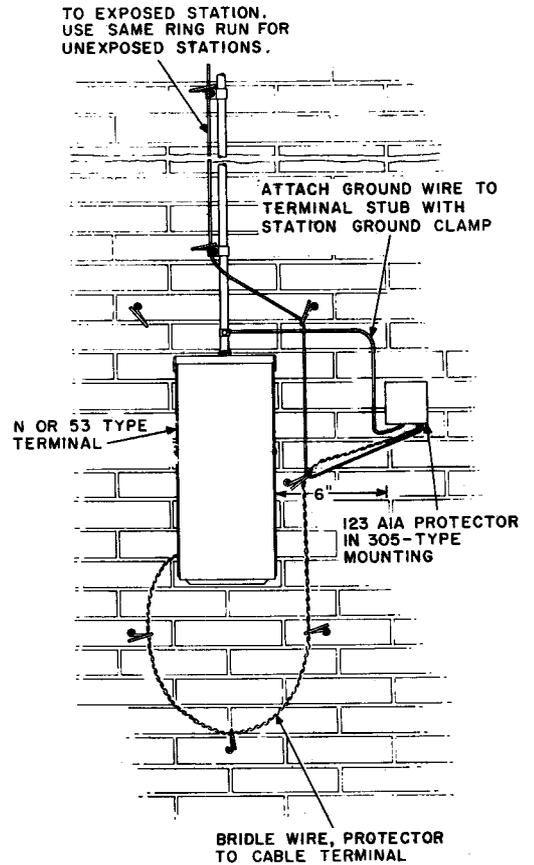


Fig. 83—N- or 53-Type Terminal, Wall Installation

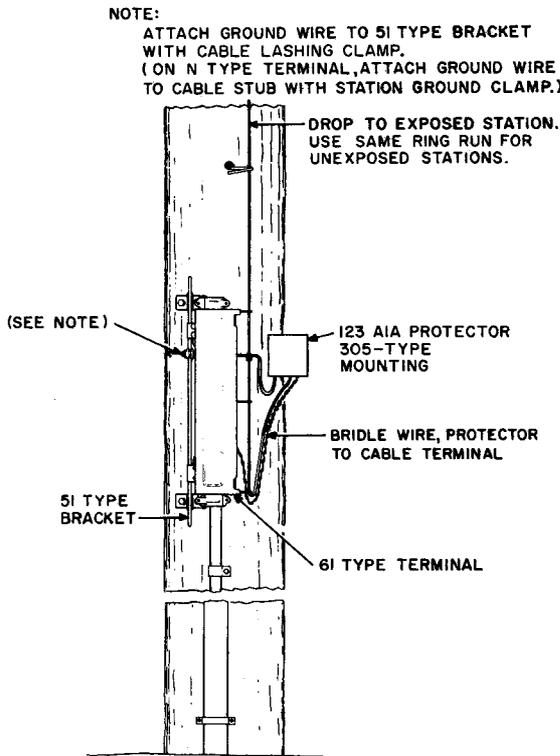


Fig. 82—N- or 61-Type Terminal, Pole Installation

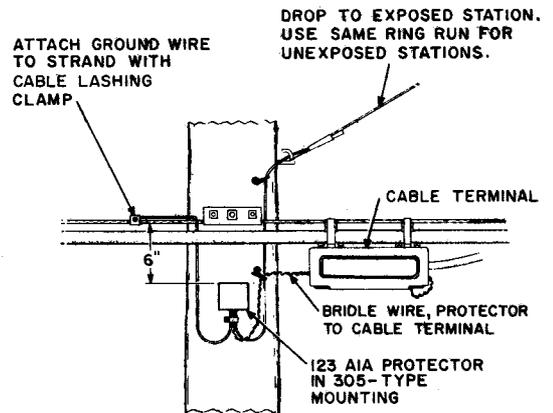


Fig. 84—N-Type Terminal, Strand Mounted

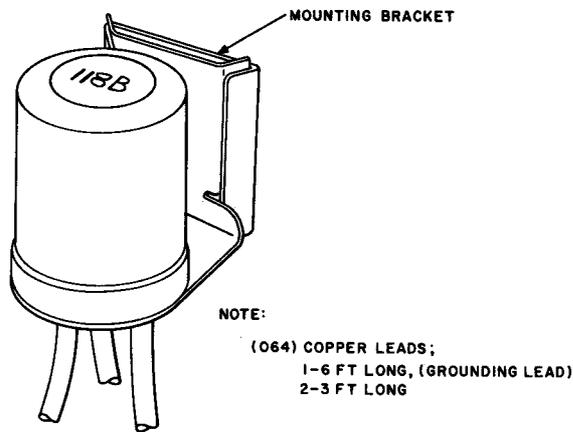


Fig. 85—118B Protector

mounted on a porcelain base and enclosed in a rubber case (Fig. 86). Three No. 14 gauge insulated wire leads extend from the bottom of the protector. One lead, 72 inches long, is connected to ground (of the MGN power) and two leads, 36 inches long, are connected to the telephone line wires.

**13.02** The 118B protectors are connected to drop wires (Fig. 87) or rural wires (Fig. 88) as specified by detailed plans, telephone company engineering or supervisory instructions. The 118B protector provides protection for a single drop wire or rural wire; however, the length of a drop wire or rural wire run may dictate the installation of additional protectors on the same drop wire or rural wire.

**13.03** Drop wires and rural wires, run on higher voltage joint use poles, do not require a 118B protector:

- Where wire runs (including branch runs) are 1000 feet or less in length
- Where wire runs are attached directly below aerial cables supported by effectively grounded strands.

**13.04** Refer to Section 624-730-200 for additional information and illustrations for installing the 118B protector on rural wire.

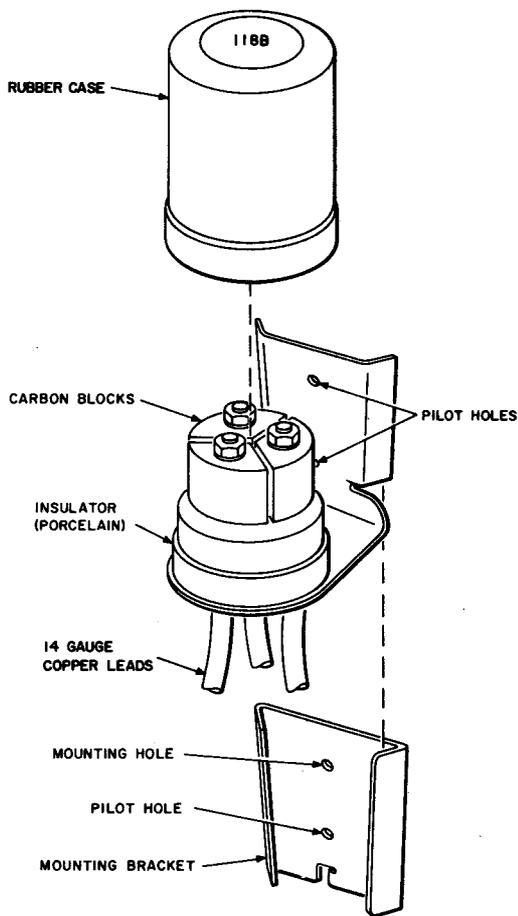


Fig. 86—118B Protector, Disassembled

**13.05** Do not remove 118B protectors from dead circuits on joint use poles.

**13.06** It is preferable to connect the ground wire of the 118B protector to a power vertical grounding conductor that is connected to both the power system multigrounded neutral wire and to a ground electrode. Grounding conductors on transformer poles which meet this requirement are satisfactory. ***Grounding conductors from power lightning arresters shall not be used unless they are connected to the power neutral wire.***

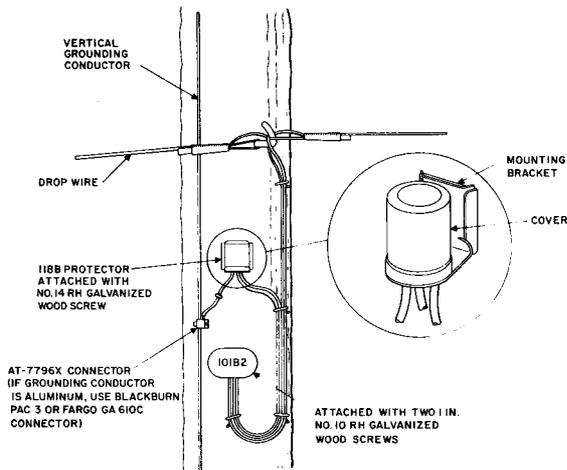


Fig. 87—118B Protector Connected to Drop Wire

Where local instructions and the power company permit, the connection between the ground lead of the 118B protector and the vertical grounding conductor may be made by telephone company personnel.

**Warning:** *The power vertical grounding conductor shall be tested with a B voltage tester as described in Section 460-300-109 before making this connection.*

**13.07** Where the power company has installed an aluminum vertical grounding conductor, do not use an AT-7796X connector due to the likelihood of corrosive chemical reaction between copper and aluminum. Make the grounding connection to an aluminum vertical grounding conductor with a Blackburn PAC3 or a Fargo GA610C connector.

**13.08** When a 118B protector is to be installed at locations where there are no power system vertical grounding conductors, install a ground rod at the base of the pole and run No. 6

ground wire from the ground rod to the top of the telephone space and leave coiled at that point an additional length (usually about 6 feet) sufficient to reach the power neutral wire. **Power company personnel shall make the connection to the power neutral wire.** Report all such installations to the supervisor immediately so arrangements may be made to have the grounding conductor connected to the power neutral as soon as practical.

**Warning:** *Do not perform any work in the power company space on the pole.*

**13.09** To install a ground rod and vertical grounding conductor:

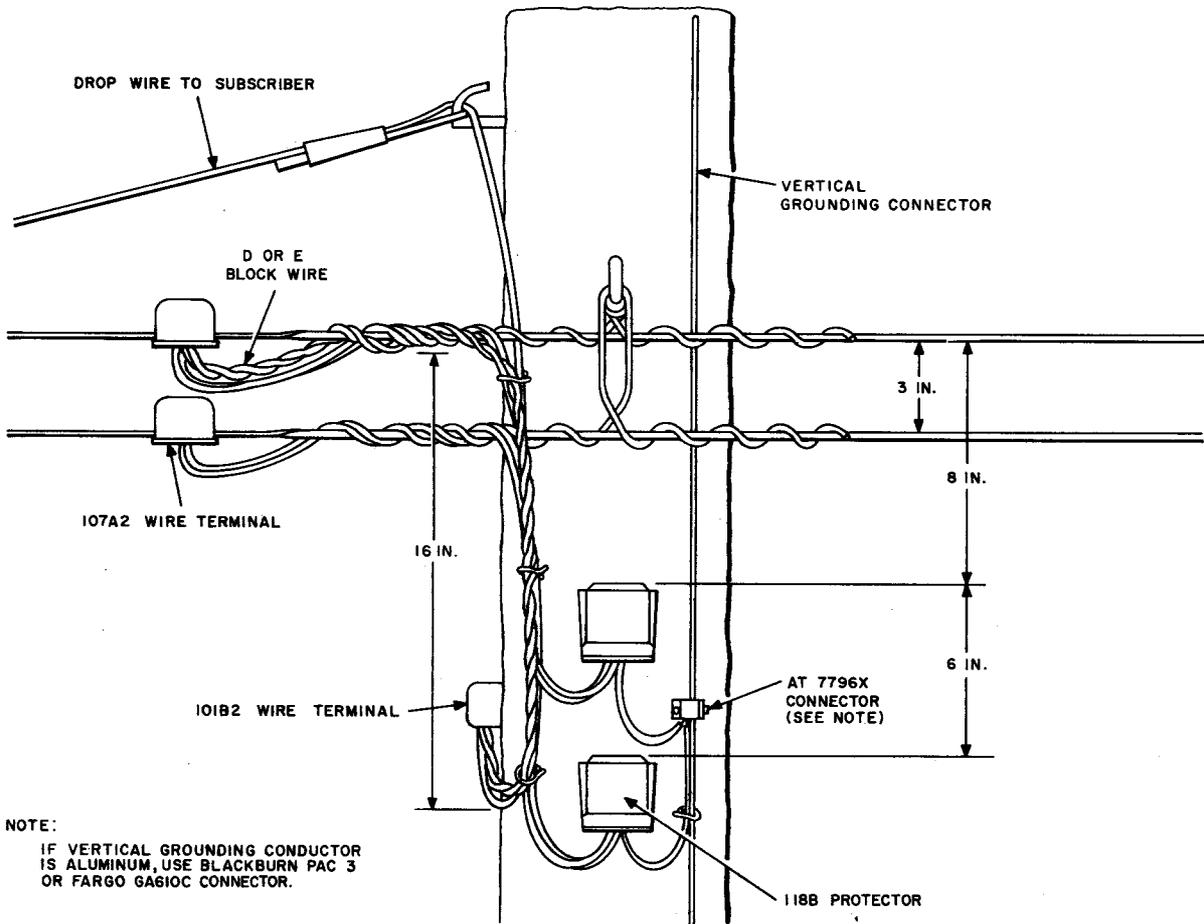
- (a) Drive a ground rod about 2 feet from the base of the pole with the top of the rod at least 3 inches below ground level. The ground rod should be located so the grounding conductor may be run on the side of the pole reserved for power company attachments.
- (b) Connect the vertical grounding conductor (No. 6 ground wire) directly to the ground rod with a B ground clamp.
- (c) Fasten the grounding conductor to the pole at 18-inch intervals with 1-1/4 inch B staples.
- (d) Where ground wire molding is used, fasten it to the pole with No. 16 cable straps and 1-1/2 inch strap nails at 4-foot intervals.

**13.10** The 118B protector is self-cleaning and generally should require no maintenance. It is possible, however, that an operation will cause the cover to be blown off or to rupture. When working on drop wires or rural wires connected to such a damaged protector, notify the supervisor or proceed according to local instructions.

#### 14. CONVERTING PROTECTORS



**When converting station protectors on SSM (Special Safeguarding Measures) and/or SSP (Special Service Protection) lines, arrangements must be made to have the special lines taken out of service before doing any work on the protector, since this work could readily cause service interruptions.**



**Fig. 88—118B Protectors Connected to Rural Wires**

**14.01** Fused protectors at stations not subject to conditions as outlined in 3.01, should be converted to fuseless operation or replaced by the 123- or 128-type protectors.

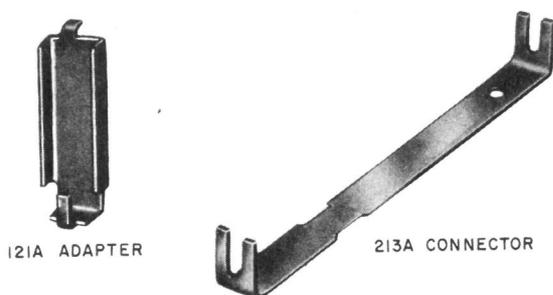
**14.02** The 98A(MD) protector (Fig. 34) can be converted to fuseless operation by adding two 121A adapters and two 213A connectors (Fig. 89) as follows:

(1) Disconnect line wires.

(2) Remove cap and protector blocks.

(3) Insert the 121A adapters all the way into the protector well with the flat side against the ground electrode.

(4) Check for ground at all protector terminals.  
With the protector blocks removed, the adapter should provide solid ground to the terminals.



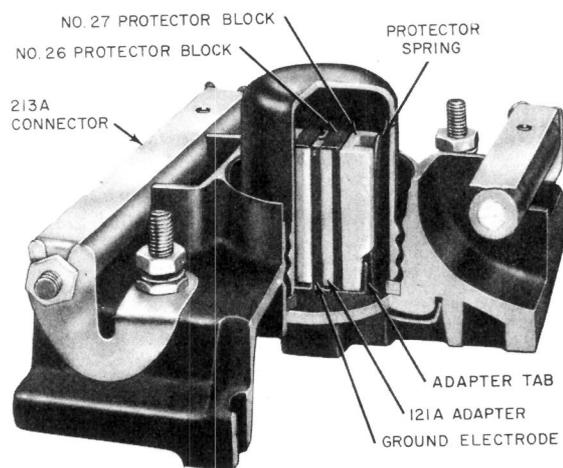
**Fig. 89—121A Adapter and 213A Connector**

**Note:** A check for ground may be made using the 1013A hand test set. With the TALK/MON switch of the test set in the TALK position, connect one cord clip to the ring side of the (working) line wire and, with the other cord clip, tap each line terminal of the protector. A pronounced click will be heard in the test set receiver when protector terminals are grounded.

- (5) Remove adapters from protector well and assemble each adapter with a No. 26 and a No. 27 protector block.
- (6) Install assemblies in protector well. Check for grounds; line terminals should not be grounded.
- (7) Where requirements of (4) and (6) are not met, discard adapters and replace with other adapters. If requirements cannot be met on the second attempt, do not try to convert the protector; install a 123- or 128-type protector instead. Do not attempt to bend or adjust the adapter tabs or protector block springs.
- (8) Reinstall cap.
- (9) Connect line wires using care not to reverse tip and ring.

**Note:** The line wire may be moved to the station side of the protector if it is of sufficient length. If not, proceed to next step.

- (10) Loosen nuts on 11C fuses.
- (11) Insert 213A connectors over each fuse with end inside fuse clips. In cases where fuses have shrunk slightly, one or both connector ends may be placed outside of fuse clips. Some bowing of the connectors is not considered objectionable.
- (12) Tighten nuts on fuses (see Fig. 90).



**Fig. 90—Converted 98A(MD) Protector**

**14.03** The 106C and the 1293C protectors may be converted to fuseless operation by connecting the line wires directly to the station side of the protector, provided the line wires are of sufficient length. The fuses may then be removed (Fig. 91). Where the line wires are too short to reach the station side of the protector, install two 213A connectors as described in 14.02(11). The 106C protector is equipped with 2A1A protector units; therefore, adapters are not required (Fig. 92).

**14.04** The 106A(MD) protector cannot be converted to fuseless operation because of insufficient current-carrying capacity.

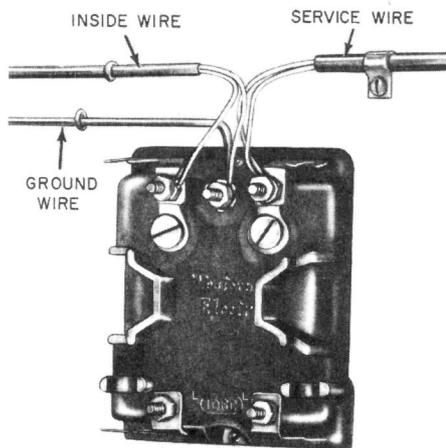


Fig. 91—Alternate Method of Converting 106C Protector

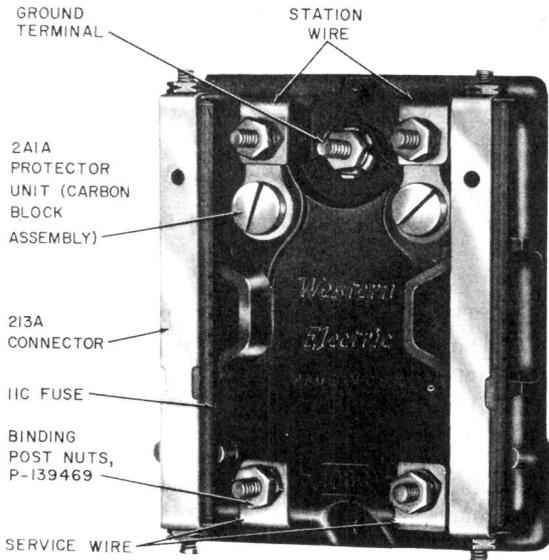


Fig. 92—Converted 106C Protector

## 15. MAINTENANCE

**15.01** When making station visits, inspect the telephone grounding system. If the protector ground is not connected to the best available ground electrode in accordance with Table D, change the ground conductor. **Make sure the protector ground, power service ground, and interior metallic water pipe are bonded together. If the protector and power are grounded to separate ground rods, make sure the ground rods are bonded together.**

**15.02** Inspect the ground wire, ground clamps and connectors for broken or disconnected wires or loose connections. Replace hardware if defective, damaged, or badly corroded. Make sure the ground wire tag (Form E-3013B) is in place.

**15.03** Replace grounded protector units, operated protector blocks, open fuses, and defective or badly corroded protectors. Replace protector units or protector blocks with proper types. **Do not use yellow or blue protector blocks.**

**15.04** The 2B1A and 2B2A protector units are equivalent and either may be used in a 123A1A or 128A1A protector. The 2B1A has a slotted screw type cap while the 2B2A has a 3/8-inch hexagonal cap which requires the 216B tool for removal.

**15.05** The 123B1A protector uses two 6B1A (gas tube) protector units in parallel with two 2B2A (carbon) protector units. When replacing protector units in the 123B1A protector, be sure to install the 2B2A protector units in the wells marked "CARBON ONLY" (Fig. 3).

**15.06** The 111A(MD) protector uses 2A1A protector units instead of the 2B1A or 2B2A protector units.

**15.07** When visiting PBX or KTS locations, make sure the proper size ground wire connects the protector ground terminal to the best available grounding electrode (see Tables B and D). A cable shield or sheath is not an acceptable grounding electrode.