

ELECTRICAL BONDING - Pro-Flex® CSST

In accordance with the NFPA 54 Section 7.13, Tru-Flex Metal Hose Corp., requires proper bonding of the Pro-Flex® gas-piping systems in a structure to the structure's electrical grounding system must be performed by a qualified person recognized by the local jurisdiction as capable of performing such work. These requirements are for all Pro-Flex® CSST installed from this date forward.

Direct bonding of Pro-Flex® CSST is required as part of the installation of all new CSST natural and LP gas piping systems whether or not the connected gas equipment is electrically powered. This requirement is provided as part of the manufacturer's instructions for single-family and multi-family dwellings. Bonding for commercial applications should be designed by qualified persons knowledgeable in electrical system design and the local electrical code.

Pro-Flex® CSST installed inside or attached to the exterior of a building structure shall be electrically continuous and direct bonded to an effective ground-fault current path. The gas piping systems shall be considered to be direct bonded when installed in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A bonding jumper is permanently and directly connected to the electrical service grounding system. This can be achieved through a connection to the electrical service equipment enclosure, the grounded conductor at the electrical service, the grounding electrode conductor (where of sufficient size) or to the one or more grounding electrodes used.
- A single bond connection is made to the building gas piping downstream of the utility meter or second stage regulator (LP systems), but near the gas service entrance of the structure, or downstream of the gas meter of each individual housing unit within a multi-family structure. (A bonding connection shall not be made to the underground, natural gas utility service line or the underground supply line from a LP storage tank)
- The bonding conductor shall be no smaller than a 6 AWG copper wire or equivalent. Bonding/ grounding clamps shall be attached in an approved manner in accordance with NEC and the listing of the clamp. Bonding/ grounding clamps shall be listed to UL 467. The point of attachment for the bonding conductor shall be accessible. This bond is in addition to any other bonding requirements as specified by local codes.
- For attachment to the CSST gas piping system, a single bonding clamp must be attached to either a Pro-Flex® brass fitting, a steel manifold or to any rigid pipe between the meter and the first CSST fitting in the system. *The corrugated stainless steel tubing portion of the gas piping system shall not be used as the point of attachment of the bonding conductor at any location along its length under any circumstances. See drawings 1,2 and 3.*

Proper bonding and grounding may reduce the risk of damage and fire from lightning strikes. Lightning is a highly destructive force. Even a nearby lightning strike that does not strike a structure directly can cause metallic systems (such as wiring, piping and ductwork) in the structure to become energized. If these systems are not properly bonded, the difference in potential between the systems may cause the charge to arc from one system to another and cause damage to the CSST. Bonding instructions set forth above should reduce the risk of arcing and its related damages.

