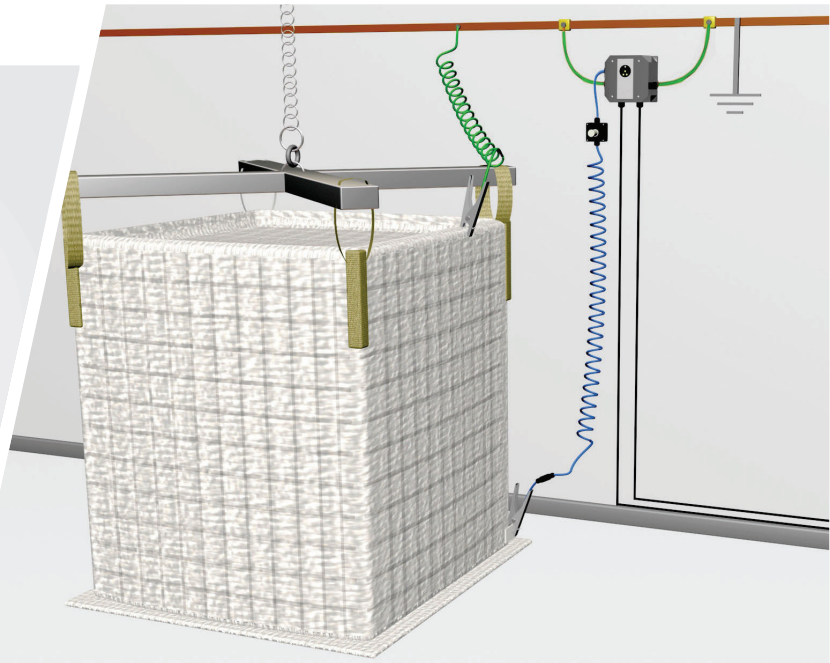


Earth-Rite® II FIBC

Static Earthing Protection for Type C FIBCs



Earth-Rite II FIBC Type C Static Earthing System



Typical Earth-Rite II FIBC installation consisting of two grounding clamps that establish a continuous ground monitoring loop with the site's locally verified true earth ground source.

CLC/TR 60079-32-1 addresses the potential for static charge accumulation on FIBC and lists the four types of FIBC specified in IEC 61340-4-4.

With respect to Type C FIBC, it states: "Type C FIBC are designed to be connected to earth during filling and emptying operations."

The Earth-Rite® II FIBC is a grounding system for Type C bags that are manufactured in accordance with IEC 61340-4-4. It consists of a grounding system and a pair of grounding clamps.

If the resistance through the conductive or static dissipative elements of the Type C bag is less than the required threshold, the ground status indicators switch from red to pulsing green.

It should be noted that the grounding system is not a substitute for the test methods outlined in IEC 61340-4-4. The grounding system indicates that the threshold resistance of the conductive dissipative / components of the bag are in line with the specified resistance range and that a ground loop has been established with the site's locally verified ground source.

The static dissipative performance of the bag is the sole responsibility of the bag manufacturer and the site owner.

*** Recommended upper monitoring resistance level:-**

- > IEC 61340-4-4 Electrostatics – Part 4-4: Standard test methods for specific applications – Electrostatic classification of flexible intermediate bulk containers (FIBC), states that the resistance through a Type C FIBC bag should not exceed 1×10^8 Ohms (100 Meg Ohm).
- > NFPA 77 Recommended Practice on Static Electricity, states that the resistance through a Type C FIBC bag should not exceed 1×10^7 Ohms (10 Meg Ohm).



The Earth-Rite II FIBC includes:

- > Static Dissipative GRP Enclosure with Intrinsically Safe Monitoring Circuits.
- > FIBC Grounding Clamp with single conductor Hytrel® Protected Cable.
- > Junction Box with Stowage Pin for stowing FIBC Grounding Clamp.

The Earth-Rite II FIBC can be installed in Zoned / Classified combustible dust atmospheres. If gas and vapour atmospheres are present an Ex(d) / XP, Zone 1 / Class I, Div. 1 system may be specified.

Earth-Rite® II FIBC

Features

Continuous Ground Loop Monitoring

The grounding system clamp, which must be connected to the identified earthing tab on the bag, provides an intrinsically safe signal that returns to the grounding system via a locally verified ground source.

This circuit establishes a ground monitoring resistance loop so that when the resistance threshold is below (100 Meg Ohm) or (10 Meg Ohm) the grounding system will go permissive. When the permissive condition is met the ground status indicators switch from red to pulsing green. The most consistent method of achieving a ground return path is with a second grounding clamp supplied with the system. This must be connected to a separate identified grounding tab connection point, preferably to the opposite end of the bag to which the system grounding clamp is connected.

The locally verified and maintained/tested ground source must be verified by the site owner/responsible as being connected to the general mass of the earth suitable to dissipate static charges. (Contact Newson Gale for further details).

Volt Free Contacts

Earth-Rite system output contacts can be interlocked with process equipment and/or strobes. Interlocking the grounding system with the process equipment can enhance the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) before the movement of material can take place. Interlocking with strobes provides personnel with a wider field of view that the grounding SOP is underway.

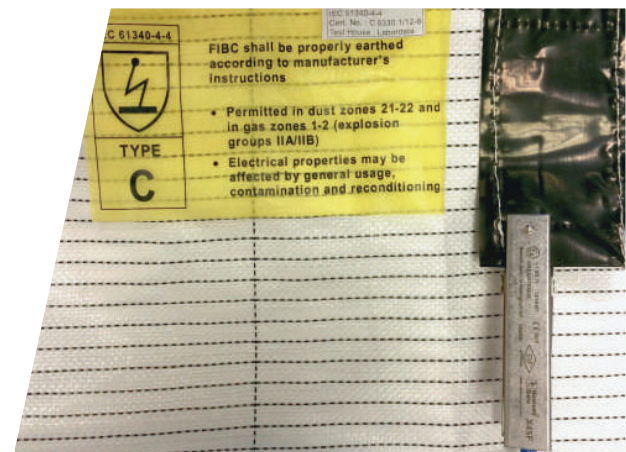
On rare occasions grounding clamps can be removed by operators or lose contact with equipment due to unstable connections being made initially or overstretching of the cable connected to the grounding clamp. The grounding system can, via the output contacts, halt the process. However, please be aware that the movement of the product may not stop even though the equipment has halted. This could lead to the continued generation of static charge. In such circumstances it is the responsibility of the site operator to ensure their SOPs cater for such scenarios. This assumes the grounding system has been installed in accordance with the Instruction Manual. If you do not have access to an Instruction Manual contact Newson Gale.

Loading Operation:

Varying cable lengths are available to attach the clamp to the FIBC bag. However, if the bag loading / unloading process is aggressive and could cause the grounding clamp connection to be compromised irrespective of cable length, an alternative means of grounding the bag will need to be sourced.



Earth-Rite II FIBC stainless steel grounding clamp
with Quick Connect and optional lengths of Hytrel
protected single core cable included



Earth-Rite® II FIBC

Technical Specification

GRP (Zone 2 Gas / Vapour Atmospheres - Zone 21 & 22 Dust Atmospheres)

Power Supply & Monitoring-Unit

Power Supply	115 V or 230 V AC, 50-60 Hz 12 V or 24 V DC
Power Rating	10 watt
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°C to +55°C
Ingress Protection	IP 66
Weight	1.5 kg (3.3 lbs) nett
Construction	Carbon-Loaded GRP
Monitoring Circuit	Intrinsically safe
Operational Monitoring Resistance of Bag	Nominally $\leq 1 \times 10^6$ or 1×10^7 Ohm ($\pm 10\%$)
Output Relay Contact Rating	2 volt free change over switch contacts, 250 V AC, 5 A, 500 VA max resistive, 30 V DC, 2 A, 60 W max resistive
Cable Entries	7 x M20 (2 x plugged)

Junction Box/Stowage Point

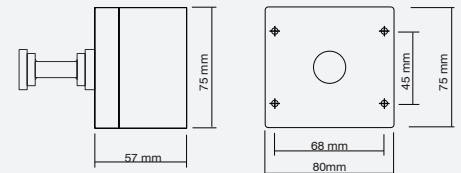
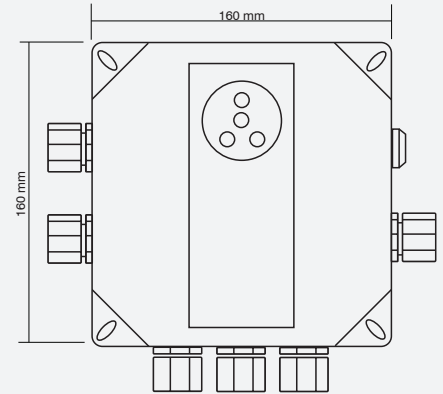
Enclosure Material	GRP with carbon loading
Terminals	2 x 2.5 mm ² conductor capacity
Stowage Device	Insulated universal stowage pin
Cable Entries	1 x 20 mm
Clamp Cable Connection	Quick Connect

Grounding Clamp

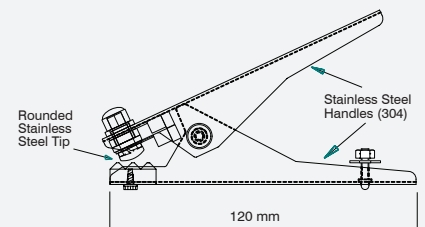
Clamp Design	1 pole with single stainless steel contact
Body	Stainless Steel (SS 304)
Certification	Ex II 1 GD T6

Spiral Cable

Cable	Blue Cen-Stat Hytrel sheath (Static dissipative, chemical & abrasion resistant)
Conductors	1 x 4.00 mm ² steel
Length	10 m extended / 1 m unextended 5 m extended / 0.5 m unextended (other lengths available - please enquire)



Simple Apparatus
 GRP junction box with nylon grounding clamp stowage pin



FIBC Monitoring Clamp

Earth-Rite® II FIBC

Hazardous Area Certification

Europe / International:

IECEX

Ex ec nC [ia] IIC T4 Gc(Ga)
(gas & vapour)
Ex tb IIIC T70°C Db
(combustible dusts)
Ta = -40°C to +55°C
IECEX EXV 19.0059X
IECEX Certifying Body: ExVeritas

ATEX

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Ex ec nC [ia] IIC T4 Gc(Ga)
Ex tb IIIC T70°C Db
Ta = -40°C to +55°C
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ATEX Notified Body: ExVeritas

North America Version Available:

NEC 500 / CEC (Class & Division)

Associated Equipment [Ex ia] for use in
Class I, Div. 2, Groups A, B, C, D
Class II, Div. 2, Groups E, F, G
Class III, Div. 2
Providing Intrinsically Safe circuits for
Class I, Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D
Class II, Div. 1, Groups E, F, G
Class III, Div. 1
When installed per Control Dwg;
ERII-Q-10165 cCSAus
Ta = -25°C to +55°C (-13°F to +131°F)

OSHA recognised NRTL: CSA

NEC 505 & 506 (Class & Zoning)

Class I, Zone 2, (Zone 0), AEx nA[ia] IIC T4
(gas & vapour)
Class II, Zone 21, AEx tD[iaD] 21, T70°C
(combustible dusts)

CEC Section 18 (Class & Zoning)

Class I, Zone 2 (Zone 0) Ex nA[ia] IIC T4
DIP A21, IP66, T70°C

Additional Certification

Safety Integrity Level:

SIL 2 (in accordance with IEC/EN 61508)

EMC Tested:

to EN 61000-6-3, EN 61000-6-2
FCC - Part 15 (Class B)

Earth-Rite® II FIBC

Technical Specification

Exd (Zone 1 Gas / Vapour Atmospheres - Zone 21 Dust Atmospheres)

Power Supply & Monitoring-Unit

Power Supply	115 V or 230 V AC, 50-60 Hz 12 V or 24 V DC
Power Rating	10 watt
Ambient Temperature Range	-40°C to +55°C
Ingress Protection	IP 66
Weight	4.5 kgs (9.9 lbs) nett
Construction	Copper-free cast aluminium
Monitoring Circuit	Intrinsically safe
Operational Monitoring Resistance of Bag	Nominally $\leq 1 \times 10^6$ or 1×10^7 Ohm ($\pm 10\%$)
Output Relay Contact Rating	2 off voltage free change-over switch contacts, 250 V AC, 5 A, 500 VA max resistive 30 V DC, 2 A, 60 W max resistive
Cable Entries	7 x M20 (2 x plugged)

Junction Box/Stowage Point

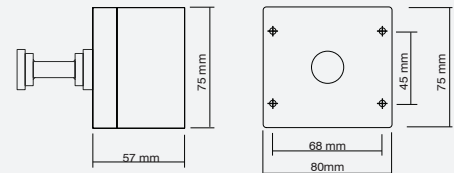
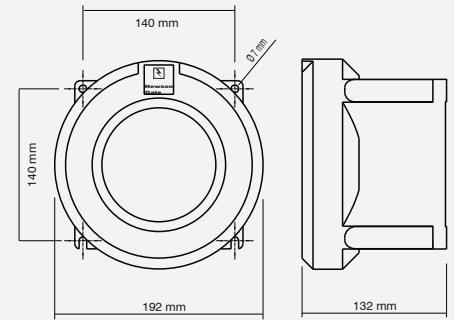
Enclosure Material	GRP with carbon loading
Terminals	2 x 2.5 mm ² conductor capacity
Stowage Device	Insulated universal stowage pin
Cable Entries	1 x 20 mm
Clamp Cable Connection	Quick Connect

Grounding Clamp

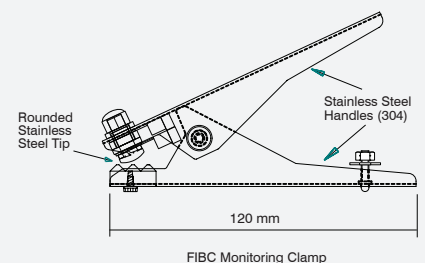
Clamp Design	1 pole with single stainless steel contact
Body	Stainless Steel (SS 304)
Certification	Ex II 1 GD T6

Spiral Cable

Cable	Blue Cen-Stat Hytrel sheath (Static dissipative, chemical & abrasion resistant)
Conductors	1 x 4.00 mm ² steel
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Hazardous Area Certification

Europe / International:

IECEX

Ex d[ia] IIC T6 Gb(Ga)
(gas & vapour)
Ex tb IIIC T80°C IP66 Db
(combustible dusts)
Ta = -40°C to +55°C
IECEX EXV 19.0052
IECEX Certifying Body: ExVeritas

ATEX

⚡ II 2(1)GD
Ex d[ia] IIC T6 Gb(Ga)
Ex tb IIIC T80°C IP66 Db
Ta = -40°C to +55°C
ExVeritas 19ATEX0537
ATEX Notified Body: ExVeritas

North America Version Available:

NEC 500 / CEC (Class & Division)

Associated Equipment [Ex ia] for use in
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Class III, Div. 1
Providing intrinsically safe circuits for
Class I, Div. 1, Groups A, B, C, D
Class II, Div. 1, Groups E, F, G
Class III, Div. 1
When installed per Control Dwg;
ERII-Q-10110 cCSAus
Ta = -40°C to +50°C (-40°F to +122°F)

OSHA recognised NRTL: CSA.

NEC 505 & 506 (Class & Zoning)

Class I, Zone 1 [0] AEx d[ia] IIC T6 Gb(Ga)
(gas & vapour)
Class II, Zone 21 [20] AEx tD [iaD] 21 T80°C
(combustible dusts)

CEC Section 18 (Class & Zoning)

Class I, Zone 1 [0] Ex d[ia] IIC T6 Gb(Ga)
DIP A21, IP66, T80°C

Additional Certification

Safety Integrity Level:

SIL 2 (in accordance with IEC/EN 61508)

EMC Tested:

to EN 61000-6-3, EN 61000-6-2
FCC - Part 15 (Class B)

System Options

Installer's Kit

The kits provide installation engineers with the necessary Ex (d) enclosure glands required to complete an **Earth-Rite II RTR** installation as specified in the system installation manual.

Kit A

Ex (d) IP68 glands (x2) for armoured cable 9 mm to 13.5 mm Ø*,
Ex (d) IP68 glands (x3) for non-armoured cable 4 mm to 8.4 mm Ø*,
IP68 plastic gland for junction box cable, 3m of 2 core conductor cable (x1) to connect system enclosure to clamp stowage box, 1m of solid green earth loop cable (x2) with PCB connectors and 10 mm bolt eyelets attached.

Kit B

Ex (d) IP68 glands (x5) for non-armoured cable 4 mm to 8.4 mm Ø*,
IP68 plastic gland for junction box cable, 3m of 2 core conductor cable (x1) to connect system enclosure to clamp stowage box, 1m of solid green earth loop cable (x2) with PCB connectors and 10 mm bolt eyelets attached.

Kit C (GRP/P1)

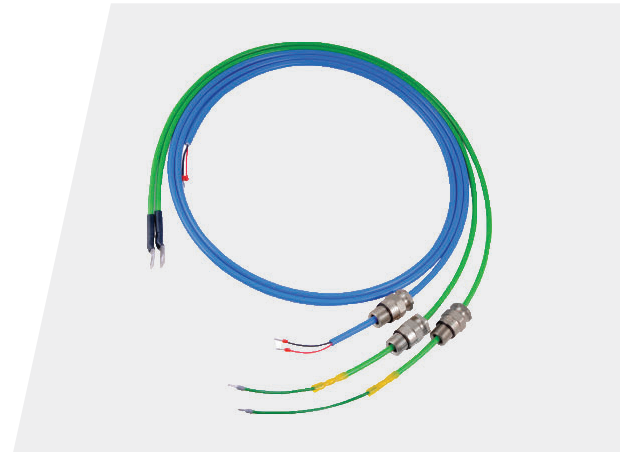
Ex (e) IP68 glands (x5) for non-armoured cable 6 mm to 13 mm Ø,
IP68 plastic gland for junction box cable, 3m of 2 core conductor cable (x1) to connect system enclosure to clamp stowage box, 1m of solid green earth loop cable (x2) with PCB connectors and 10 mm bolt eyelets attached.

* For areas not requiring IIC apparatus.

Intrinsically Safe (I.S) Switching PCB

The I.S Switching PCB is an additional circuit board added to Newson Gale system enclosures to enable users to directly interface with, and switch intrinsically safe circuits without the need for additional equipment. The I.S Switching PCB is designed not to affect the I.S signals electrical parameters and is compatible with the Earth-Rite II FIBC platforms.

- > 30 V DC, 500 mA
- > $L_i = 0H, C_i = 0F$
- > Suitable for Ex ia, ib, ic rated intrinsically safe circuits only
- > NAMUR Compatible



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Static Grounding Protection for Type C FIBCs

System Options

Universal Resistance Tester (URT)

The URT is designed to provide users of Newson Gale **Earth-Rite®** static grounding systems with a means of testing the permissive resistance range on a regular basis.

The easy to use tester consists of a pair of rotary switches that enable a competent electrical person to check the resistance level at which the grounding system should be working and conduct a PASS / FAIL test at the required setting.



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