DOCUMENT ALL LOOP DETECTOR VALUES BOTH CALCULATED AND MEASURED.

DEFINITIONS:

LOOP: #14 AWG WIRE IN SAWCUT, TERMINATED IN HANDHOLE, IMSA SPEC 51-7.
LEAD-IN: 14/2 SHIELDED TWISTED PAIR CABLE FROM HANDHOLE TO CONTROLLER, IMSA SPEC 50-2.
LOOP CIRCUIT: LOOP SAWCUT WIRE SPLICED TO 14/2 LEAD-IN CABLE.
AMPLIFIER: ELECTRONIC DEVICE CONNECTED TO LOOP CIRCUIT. SENSES CHANGE IN RESONANT FREQUENCY AND CREATES AN OUTPUT TO THE CONTROLLER.
MEGOHMETER: INSTRUMENT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO TEST THE INSULATION RESISTANCE OF A CIRCUIT. COMMON MANUFACTURERS: AMEC®, AMPROBE®, FLUKE®, MEGGER®.

1: RESISTANCE:

1a: INSULATION RESISTANCE: PERFORM A 600 VOLT (MINIMUM) MEGOHMETER TEST ON LOOP CIRCUIT. THE LOOP AMPLIFIER MUST BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE LOOP CIRCUIT OR THE LOOP AMPLIFIER WILL BE DAMAGED. THE RESISTANCE OF THE LOOP WIRE TO GROUND MUST BE GREATER THAN 100 MEG OHMS.

1b: WIRE RESISTANCE: MEASURE THE DC RESISTANCE OF THE LOOP CIRCUIT. THE LOOP CIRCUIT MUST BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE AMPLIFIER. USING AN OHMMETER CONNECTED ACROSS THE LOOP CIRCUIT, MEASURE THE DC RESISTANCE OF THE CONDUCTORS. THE RESISTANCE SHOULD BE LESS THAN 4 OHMS.

NOTE: ALL TESTS SHALL BE DONE AT THE CONTROLLER ASSEMBLY (CA), HOWEVER IT IS RECOMMENDED TO PERFORM A PRELIMINARY MEGOHMETER TEST AT THE HANDHOLE PRIOR TO SEALING THE SAWCUT AND SPLICING TO THE LEAD-IN. IF A DEFECTIVE LOOP WIRE IS FOUND, IT MAY BE EASILY REPLACED.

2: LOOP CIRCUIT INDUCTANCE:

2a: CALCULATE INDUCTANCE OF LOOP (L_{LOOP}) AND LEAD-IN CABLE ($L_{14/2}$).

LOOP INDUCTANCE (ENGLISH)

$L_{LOOP} = (P/4)(N^2 + N)$

LEAD-IN INDUCTANCE

$L_{14/2} = (0.24\,\mu h/FT)(D)$

LOOP INDUCTANCE (METRIC)

$L_{LOOP} = (3.28P/4)(N^2 + N)$

LEAD-IN INDUCTANCE

$L_{14/2} = (0.78\,\mu h/m)(D)$

WHERE:

L_{LOOP} = INDUCTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL LOOP SEGMENTS IN MICROHENRIES (μh).
$L_{14/2}$ = INDUCTANCE OF LEAD-IN CABLE.
P = PERIMETER OF INDIVIDUAL LOOP SEGMENT, IN FEET OR METERS.
N = NUMBER OF TURNS.
D = LENGTH OF LEAD-IN CABLE FROM SPLICE IN HANDHOLE TO CONTROLLER, IN FEET OR METERS.
$L_T = L_1 + L_2 + L_3$ etc.,
(TOTAL INDUCTANCE OF SEGMENTED LOOP SPLICED IN SERIES.)
$L_T = 1 / [(1/L_1) + (1/L_2) + (1/L_3) + \text{etc.}]$,
(TOTAL INDUCTANCE OF SEGMENTED LOOP SPLICED IN PARALLEL.

WHERE:

L_T = TOTAL INDUCTANCE OF THE SEGMENTED ARRANGEMENT.
L_1, L_2, L_3 = INDUCTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL LOOP SEGMENTS.

EXAMPLE: (IN ENGLISH)

6' x 6', 4 TURNS, APPROXIMATELY 300' FROM THE CONTROLLER

$L_{LOOP} = (24/4)(4^2 + 4)$
$L_{LOOP} = (6)(20)$
$L_{LOOP} = 120\,\mu h$

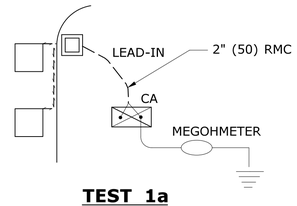
$L_{14/2} = (0.24\,\mu h/FT)(300)$
$L_{14/2} = (0.24)(300)$
$L_{14/2} = 72\,\mu h$

2b: MEASURE INDUCTANCE OF LOOP AND LEAD-IN AT CONTROLLER. USE INSTRUMENT DESIGNED TO MEASURE LOOP CIRCUIT INDUCTANCE.

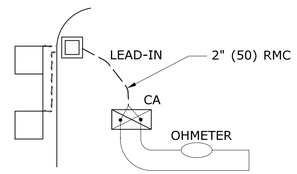
3: POWER INTERRUPTION:

AFTER THE AMPLIFIER HAS TUNED AND IS OPERATING, DISCONNECT POWER BY REMOVING FUSE OR HARNESS CONNECTOR. RETURN POWER TO THE AMPLIFIER AND CONFIRM IT RE-TUNES AUTOMATICALLY WITHOUT ANY MANUAL ADJUSTMENTS.

INDUCTIVE LOOP TEST PROCEDURE



TEST 1a



TEST 1b

PROJECT:
TOWN: LOCATION:

LOOP NUMBER	RESISTANCE OHMS		INDUCTANCE MICROHENRIES (μh)		AMPLIFIER POWER INTERRUPTION
	TO GROUND (1a)	LOOP WIRE (1b)	CALCULATED (2a)	MEASURED (2b)	PASS/FAIL (3)
D1 FRONT					
D1 REAR					
D2A					
D2B					
D4A FRONT					
D4B REAR					
D5					
D6A					
D6B					

LOOP CIRCUIT TEST DATA (EXAMPLE)

PIN	COLOR	FUNCTION
A	WHITE	110 VAC Neutral
B	BROWN	Output Relay Common (moving contact)
C	BLACK	110 VAC (Fused)
D	RED	Loop
E	ORANGE	Loop
F	YELLOW	Output Relay Contact (Closes with moving contact when detecting vehicle)
G	BLUE	Output Relay Contact (Opens with moving contact when detecting vehicle)
H	GREEN	Chassis Ground
J	GREY	110 VAC Delay/Extend Override
Shell		Ground (shall be connected to pin H in the connector)

DETECTOR AMPLIFIER PIN DESIGNATION

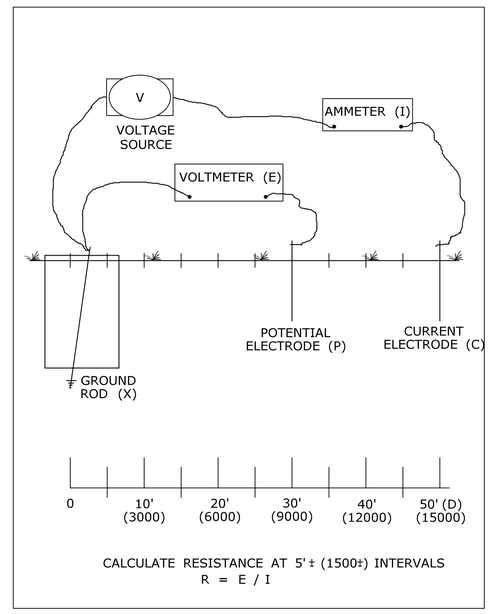
TEST PROCEDURE:

- INSERT ELECTRODE (C) A DISTANCE (D) FROM THE FOUNDATION. RECOMMEND A MINIMUM 50'.
- CONNECT A VOLTAGE SOURCE AND AMMETER BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION GROUND ROD (X) AND C.
- MEASURE THE CURRENT FLOW (I) BETWEEN X AND C.
- INSERT POTENTIAL ELECTRODE (P) AT 5' (1500) INTERVALS IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO ELECTRODE C.
- MEASURE VOLTAGE (E) AT EACH LOCATION OF P.
- CALCULATE RESISTANCE (R) AT EACH LOCATION OF P USING THE FORMULA R=E/I.
- PLOT THE VALUES ON A RxD GROUND RESISTANCE CHART.
- THE ACTUAL GROUND RESISTANCE IS WHERE THE PLOTTED CURVE IS RELATIVELY FLAT, USUALLY AT 62%± OF D.
  SEE EXAMPLE CHART: CURVE FLATTENS OUT AT 10 OHMS, APPROXIMATELY 30' (9000) FROM FOUNDATION.
- IF GROUND RESISTANCE IS GREATER THAN 10 OHMS, PERFORM CORRECTIVE ACTION AND RE-TEST.

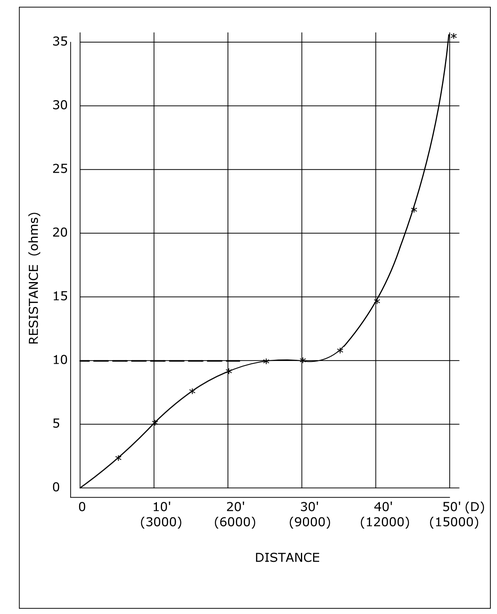
SUGGESTED CORRECTIVE ACTION:

A. INSTALL ADDITIONAL 10' (3000) GROUND ROD(S).
REFER TO NESC SECTION 09, RULE 94.B.2.
DRIVE ADDITIONAL GROUND RODS NO CLOSER TO FOUNDATION THAN 6' (1800). IF MORE THAN ONE IS NEEDED, SPACE MINIMUM 6' (1800) APART.
BONDS TO ADDITIONAL GROUND ROD(S) SHALL BE MADE BY A CLAMP DESIGN FOR DIRECT BURIAL OR BY EXOTHERMIC WELDING TECHNIQUE.
TOP OF ADDITIONAL GROUND ROD(S) SHALL BE 6" (150) BELOW GRADE.

B. IN AREAS OF SHALLOW BEDROCK, INSTALL A GROUND GRID OR ARRAY CONSISTING OF BURIED WIRE, RODS, STRIPS OR PLATES.
REFER TO NESC SECTION 09, RULE 94.B.3.
REFER TO NEC SECTION 250.
MINIMUM DEPTH OF 18" (450).
GRID CONNECTIONS AND BONDS ON GROUND GRID SHALL BE MADE BY CLAMPS DESIGNED FOR DIRECT BURIAL OR BY EXOTHERMIC WELDING TECHNIQUE.



3 POINT GROUND RESISTANCE TEST CIRCUIT



GROUND RESISTANCE CHART (EXAMPLE)

NOTES:

1. WHEN REQUESTED BY THE ENGINEER, MEASURE RESISTANCE-TO-GROUND OF GROUND ROD AT TRAFFIC CONTROL FOUNDATIONS. SEE FALL-OF-POTENTIAL METHOD. IF LESS THAN 10 ohms, INSTALL SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTRODES AS REQUIRED. NEC ARTICLE 250.
2. DURING THE TEST, THE GROUND ROD SHOULD NOT BE BONDED TO ANY RMC IN THE FOUNDATION.
3. THE VOLTAGE SOURCE, VOLTMETER, AMMETER, ELECTRODES P AND C, AND CONNECTING CABLES ARE AVAILABLE AS A SPECIALIZED TEST INSTRUMENT.
4. REFER TO NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CODE (NESC) SECTION 09, GROUNDING METHODS FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND COMMUNCATIONS FACILITIES.
5. REFER TO NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC) CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 250, GROUNDING.

3 POINT FALL-OF-POTENTIAL GROUND RESISTANCE TEST

LEGEND AS SHOWN ON TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PLAN:
INDUCTIVE LOOP DETECTOR
SAW CUT
RIGID METAL CONDUIT
HANDHOLE

REV.	DATE	REVISION DESCRIPTION
2	1-2014	REVISED GROUND RESISTANCE NOTES.
1	4-2012	MINOR REVISIONS.

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Plotted Date: 1/7/2014

DIMENSIONS ARE IN ENGLISH ('.") & METRIC UNITS (mm).
METRIC DIMENSIONS ARE ROUNDED:
- OVER 1" TO NEAREST 5 mm
- UNDER 1" TO NEAREST 1 mm.

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