

# How to connect the busbars in a photovoltaic combiner box



## Article Overview

Connect each string's positive conductor through a fuse or breaker to the positive busbar, and connect all negative conductors directly to the negative busbar, ensuring proper grounding and polarity verification.

### Step-by-Step Connection Process

1. Prepare the PV Strings: Verify that each solar string's open-circuit voltage is within the combiner box's rated range and confirm correct polarity. Use color-coded conductors (red/white for positive, black for negative) to maintain consistency and reduce errors during installation . 2. Connect Positive Conductors: Each string's positive (+) wire should first connect to the line side of a fuse or DC circuit breaker. The load side of the fuse or breaker then connects to the positive busbar inside the combiner box. This isolates each string for overcurrent protection and allows selective disconnection for maintenance . 3. Connect Negative Conductors: All string negative (-) wires are connected directly to the negative busbar. Fusing is generally not required for negative conductors according to NEC 690.9(B), but ensure the busbar is rated for the total current of all connected strings . 4. Connect to the Inverter: From the output terminals of the positive and negative busbars, run appropriately sized DC cables to the inverter. Verify that the cables meet voltage and current ratings and that polarity is correct to prevent damage or short circuits . 5. Grounding and Bonding: Connect the combiner box's ground busbar to the system grounding electrode. Ensure that surge protection devices (SPDs) are also properly grounded to protect against voltage spikes . 6. Verify Connections: Check that all co...

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