

How to deal with static electricity in network server racks



Article Overview

Preventing static electricity in server racks requires proper grounding, ESD-safe flooring, environmental control, and staff adherence to anti-static protocols.

Grounding and Electrical Protection

Proper grounding is essential to prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) from damaging sensitive components. Connect server racks to a verified grounding point using copper jumpers (#6 gauge recommended) and avoid daisy-chaining multiple devices to a single ground point. Ensure all conductive enclosures and components are bonded to the rack frame to create a common reference point for static dissipation. Grounding is especially critical in high-availability or Level 4 data centers, where redundancy and fault tolerance are required for operational continuity .

Flooring and Environmental Controls

Install ESD or static-dissipative flooring to prevent static buildup and provide a safe path to ground for personnel and equipment. Conductive or moderately conductive vinyl or rubber flooring is recommended, with electrical resistance in the range of 10^3 – 10^9 ohms. Raised floors, while useful for airflow, can increase static accumulation if not properly controlled. Maintaining optimal humidity levels (typically 40–60%) reduces static generation, as low humidity increases the likelihood of ESD events .

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First of all, carpet in server room is also very dangerous when it's dry, because moving around on them generates static electricity

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