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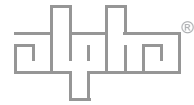


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# Safety Notes

Review the drawings and illustrations contained in this manual before proceeding. If there are any questions regarding the safe installation or operation of the system, contact Alpha Technologies or the nearest Alpha representative. Save this document for future reference.

To reduce the risk of injury or death, and to ensure the continued safe operation of this product, the following symbols have been placed throughout this manual. Where these symbols appear, use extra care and attention.

## **ATTENTION**

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The use of ATTENTION indicates specific regulatory/code requirements that may affect the placement of equipment and /or installation procedures.



## **NOTE:**

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A NOTE provides additional information to help complete a specific task or procedure.



## **CAUTION!**

The use of CAUTION indicates safety information intended to PREVENT DAMAGE to material or equipment.



## **WARNING!**

WARNING presents safety information to PREVENT INJURY OR DEATH to the technician or user.

# Battery Maintenance Guidelines

The battery maintenance instructions listed below are for reference only. Battery manufacturer's instructions for transportation, installation, storage or maintenance take precedence over these instructions.

- To prevent damage, inspect batteries every 3 months for:
  - **Signs of battery cracking, leaking or swelling.** The battery should be replaced immediately by authorized personnel using a battery of the identical type and rating.
  - **Signs of battery cable damage.** Battery cable should be replaced immediately by Authorized Personnel using replacement parts specified by vendor.
  - **Loose battery connection hardware.** Refer to battery manufacturer's documentation for the correct torque and connection hardware for the application.
- Apply battery manufacturer's specified antioxidant compound on all exposed connections.
- Verify battery terminals and/or exposed connection hardware is not within 2 inches of a conductive surface. Reposition batteries as necessary to maintain adequate clearance.
- Clean up any electrolyte (battery emission) in accordance with all federal, state, and local regulations or codes.
- Proper venting of the enclosure is recommended. Follow the Battery Manufacturer's approved transportation and storage instructions.
- Always replace batteries with those of an identical type and rating. Never install old or untested batteries.
- Do not charge batteries in a sealed container. Each individual battery should have at least 0.5 inches of space between it and all surrounding surfaces to allow for convection cooling.
- All battery compartments must have adequate ventilation to prevent an accumulation of potentially dangerous gas.

# Recycling and Disposal Instructions

Spent or damaged batteries are considered environmentally unsafe. Always recycle used batteries or dispose of the batteries in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations.

# Electrical Safety

- Lethal voltages are present within the power supply and electrical boxes. Never assume that an electrical connection or conductor is not energized. Check the circuit with a volt meter with respect to the grounded portion of the enclosure (both AC and DC) prior to any installation or removal procedure.
- Always use the buddy system when working under hazardous conditions.
- A licensed electrician is required to install permanently wired equipment.
- Input voltages can range up to 240 VAC. Ensure that utility power is disabled before beginning installation or removal.
- Ensure no liquids or wet clothes contact internal components.
- Hazardous electrically live parts inside this unit are energized from batteries even when the AC input power is disconnected.

# Mechanical Safety

- Keep hands and tools clear of fans. Fans are thermostatically controlled and will turn on automatically.
- Power supplies can reach extreme temperatures under load.
- Use caution around sheet metal components and sharp edges.

# Battery Safety Notes



## WARNING!

Lead-acid batteries contain dangerous voltages, currents and corrosive material. Battery installation, maintenance, service and replacement must be performed only by authorized personnel.

## Chemical Hazards

Any gelled or liquid emissions from a valve-regulated lead-acid (VRLA) battery contain dilute sulfuric acid, which is harmful to the skin and eyes. Emissions are electrolytic, and are electrically conductive and corrosive.

*To avoid injury:*

- Servicing and connection of batteries shall be performed by, or under the direct supervision of, personnel knowledgeable of batteries and the required safety precautions.
- Always wear eye protection, rubber gloves, and a protective vest when working near batteries. Remove all metallic objects from hands and neck.
- Batteries produce explosive gases. Keep all open flames and sparks away from batteries.
- Use tools with insulated handles, do not rest any tools on top of batteries.
- Batteries contain or emit chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Battery post terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds. Wash hands after handling (California Proposition 65).
- Wear protective clothing (insulated gloves, eye protection, etc.) whenever installing, maintaining, servicing, or replacing batteries.
- If any battery emission contacts the skin, wash immediately and thoroughly with water. Follow your company's approved chemical exposure procedures.
- Neutralize any spilled battery emission with the special solution contained in an approved spill kit or with a solution of one pound Bicarbonate of soda to one gallon of water. Report chemical spill using your company's spill reporting structure and seek medical attention if necessary.
- All battery compartments must have adequate ventilation to prevent an accumulation of potentially dangerous gas.
- Prior to handling the batteries, touch a grounded metal object to dissipate any static charge that may have developed on your body.
- Never use uninsulated tools or other conductive materials when installing, maintaining, servicing or replacing batteries.
- Use special caution when connecting or adjusting battery cabling. An improperly connected battery cable or an unconnected battery cable can make contact with an unintended surface that can result in arcing, fire, or possible explosion.

# Grounding Connection Notes

In order to provide a ready, reliable source of backup power it is necessary to connect the power supply to an effective grounding and Earthing system that not only provides for the safety of the service personnel responsible for its operation and maintenance, but also facilitates the proper operation and protection of the equipment within the network. Such a grounding system provides protection with respect to operator safety, system communication, and equipment protection.

## Safety Ground

The safety ground is a two-part system, comprised of the utility service and the Alpha system.

1. First, utility service;

As a minimum requirement for the protection of Alpha equipment, the local utility service must provide a low-impedance path for fault current return to Earth. This must meet or exceed the requirements of the US National Electrical Code. The connection between the Alpha Power Supply and the utility must also meet or exceed the requirements of the US National Electrical Code.

2. Second, the Alpha grounding system,

The Alpha grounding system consists of a low-impedance connection between the enclosure and an Earth Ground (located at least 6' away from the Utility Earth connection).

This impedance between the enclosure and Earth must be 25 Ohms or less at 60 Hertz.

Local soil conditions will determine the complexity of the grounding system required to meet the 25 Ohm (maximum) resistance specified above.

For example, a single 8' ground rod may be sufficient to meet the requirement. In some cases, a more elaborate system may be required such as multiple ground rods connected by a #6AWG solid copper cable buried 8-12" below the surface. Where this is not possible, contact a local grounding system expert for alternate methods that will meet the 25 Ohm (maximum) specification.



**NOTE:**

All ground rod connections must be made by means of a listed grounding clamp suitable for direct burial or exothermically welded.

## Signal Ground

For proper operation, the Service Power Inserter (SPI) must be securely grounded to the enclosure chassis. This is of particular importance in systems using an external status monitoring transponder. The transponder chassis is grounded via a separate ground wire to the SPI case. For systems using an embedded transponder, the ground connection is made either through a separate chassis ground block, or by means of the internal mounting hardware which grounds the transponder through the XM2/XM2HP power supply. Please refer to the appropriate Communications product manual for installation procedures.

## Strike (Lightning) Ground

Lightning strikes, grid switching, or other aberrations on the power line and/or communications cable have the potential to cause high-energy transients which can damage the powering or communications systems. Without a low-impedance path to ground, the current, when traveling through wires of varying impedance, produce damaging high voltage. The most viable method available to protect the system from damage is to divert these unwanted high-energy transients along a low-impedance path to ground. A low-impedance path to ground prevents these currents from reaching high voltage levels and posing a threat to equipment. The single-point grounding system provides a low-impedance path to ground, and the key to its success is the proper bonding of the ground rods, so the components of the grounding system appear as a single point of uniform impedance. Alpha recommends the use of a surge arresting device electrically bonded to the Alpha Ground System.



**WARNING!**

Low impedance grounding is **mandatory for personnel safety** and critical for the proper operation of the cable system .

## 1.1 Node Power Supply (NPS) Enclosures

The NPS enclosures are equipped with AC service entrances, AC distribution and are supported with a wide range of accessories, including Alpha's XM Series 2 Model 906 power supply, AlphaCell™ 85GXL batteries and HPL-FT front terminal batteries providing extended standby runtime and life. An optional Fan Kit is available for the NPS enclosure (see Section 2.9, Cooling Fan Kit Installation).

The NPS is specifically designed for indoor or outdoor installations requiring lower power, a smaller footprint and embedded DOCSIS® or proprietary status monitoring capability. The NPS is available in pole-, rack-, wall- or floor-mount configurations. The NPS is an ideal solution for back-up power where traditional equipment is too large and bulky.



Fig. 1-1, Node Power Supply Enclosures, pole-mount, rack-mount, and wall-mount configurations

1.2 Node Power Supply (NPS) Specifications

Models	NPS-R	NPS-W1	NPS-W2	NPS-F	NPS-P			
<b>Configurations</b>								
Installation	Indoor	Indoor	Outdoor	Indoor	Outdoor			
Description	19" and 23" Rack Mount	Wall mount	Wall mount	Floor mount	Pole Mount			
<b>Mechanical</b>								
Dimensions H x W x D (in/mm)	24.85 x 17 x 14.1 / 631 x 432 x 358	24.85 x 17 x 14.1 / 631 x 432 x 358	24.85 x 17 x 14.1 / 631 x 432 x 358	24.85 x 17 x 14.1 / 631 x 432 x 358	24.85 x 17 x 14.1 / 631 x 432 x 358			
Weight (lb/kg)	39 / 17.7	39 / 17.7	39 / 17.7	39 / 17.7	39 / 17.7			
<b>Specifications</b>								
Material:	Exterior powder-coated aluminum							
Vent Screen:	Stainless mesh (required for outdoor applications; optional for indoor configurations) with .005" x .005" / .12mm x .12mm opening size to minimize snow, water and dust ingress							
Door and Lid Seal:	Poron gasketing							
Hardware:	Stainless steel							
Color:	Gray (Custom colors available)							
Tamper Switch:	Optional							
Battery Slide Tray:	Optional							
Safety Ground:	Adjacent to AC outlets (Optional stainless steel ground stud)							
Lid:	Removable							
Door:	Hinged removable							
Pole:	Galvanized steel brackets for wood, and concrete pole mount and wall mount							
<b>Estimated Load (Amps)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
85 GXL, 60V Runtime (hr)	15.8	9.6	7.4	5.7	4.4	3.7	3.1	2.7
85 GXL, 90V Runtime (hr)	10.0	6.1	4.6	3.6	2.8	2.3	N/A	N/A
115 HPL, 60V Runtime (hr)	20.0	12.6	9.7	7.6	5.9	5.0	4.2	3.7
115 HPL, 90V Runtime (hr)	12.7	8.1	6.1	4.8	3.7	3.1	N/A	N/A
*Note: Battery temperature = 77°F/25°C Load PF = 0.92 Accuracy = 0.25 hour								

Table 1-1, NPS Configurations, Specifications and Runtimes

### 1.3 Parts List

Enclosure Components	
Description	Part Number
Enclosure Assembly, NPS	031-295-20

Installation Components	
Description	Part Number
Pole Mount Kit, Wooden Pole	746-032-20
Pole Mount Brackets, Wooden poles	744-670-20
Pole Mount Kit, Steel/Concrete poles	746-032-20
Brackets, pole mount, concrete/steel poles	591-557-20
Kit, Wall installation	746-034-20
Kit, Rack mounting	746-033-20
Kit, Indoor cover	746-036-20
Kit, Battery Cable, 36Vdc	746-038-20

Optional Components	
Description	Part Number
LA-P+ 120V	020-098-24
LA-P-SM	021-077-20
Surge Protector, 75 Ohm FF w/ground	162-028-10
Line Cord (Indoor version only)	874-540-38
Kit, optional Inline Fuse	746-039-20
Sliding tray, Battery (85GXL Batteries only)	746-030-20
AlphaGuard CMT-3SC 36V	012-306-20

Table 1-2, Parts List

## 2.1 Pole-mounted version

### 2.1.1 Dimensions and features

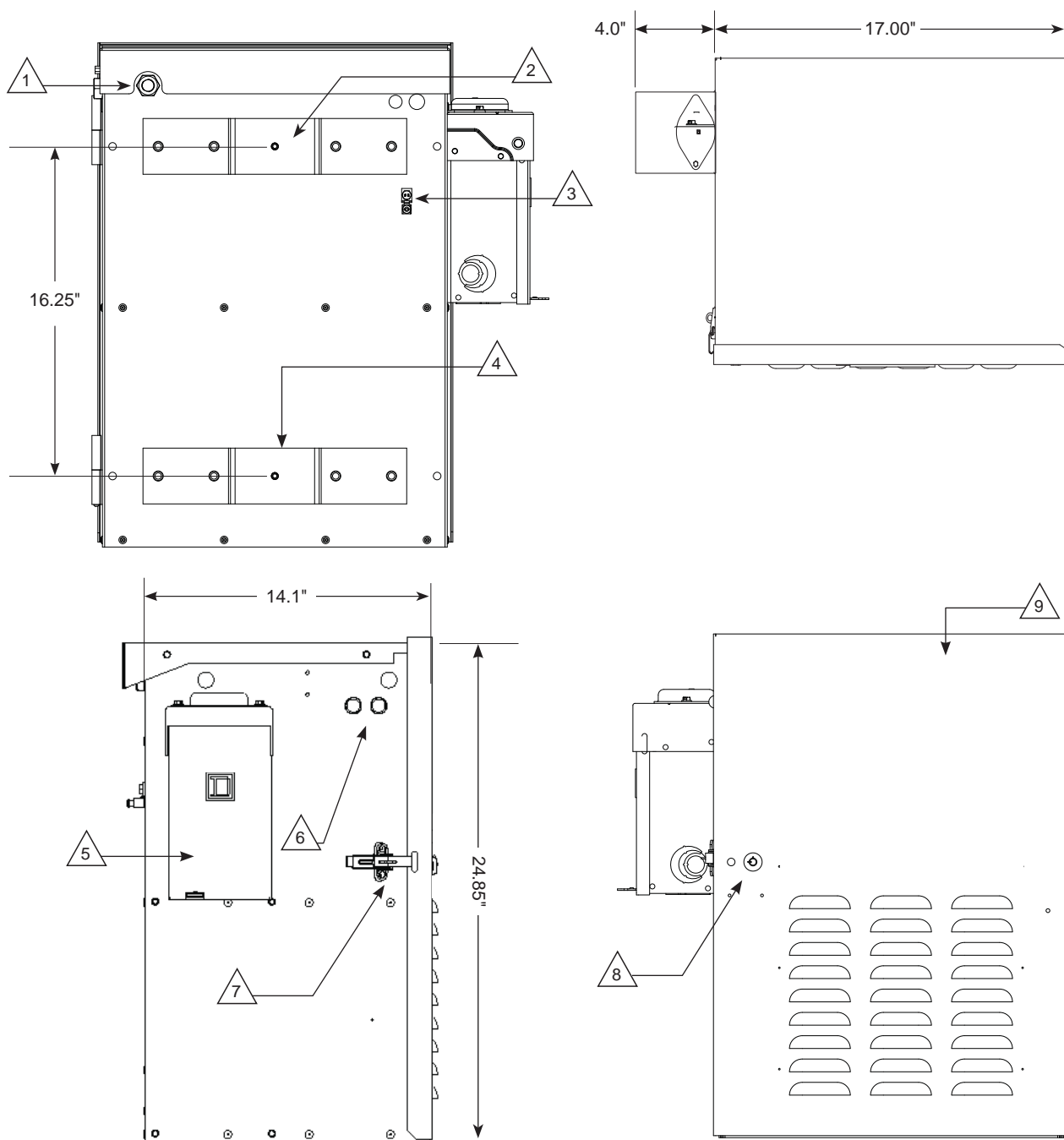


Fig. 2-1, Dimensions, pole-mounted NPS Enclosure

- |   |                        |   |   |
|---|------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | SPI                    | 6 | Knockouts for optional ACI, LRI indicator Lamps |
| 2 | Upper mounting strap   | 7 | Lockable door latch                             |
| 3 | Enclosure ground point | 8 | Optional GEM lock                               |
| 4 | Lower mounting strap   | 9 | Hinged, removeable door                         |
| 5 | Service entrance       |   |   |

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.1 Pole-mounted version, continued

#### 2.1.2 Installation on Wooden Pole



##### CAUTION!

Never transport the unit with batteries installed. Transporting the unit with installed batteries may cause injury to installer and/or damage to enclosure and installed equipment. Install batteries after transporting the unit to the installation site and securing it to the pole.



##### CAUTION!

Alpha recommends positioning enclosure on the opposite side of the pole from oncoming traffic. This can reduce the danger caused by falling equipment in the event that a pole is struck by an automobile. Mounting bolts must go completely through the wooden pole. Secure the bolts from the back with a large washer and nut.

##### ATTENTION

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The majority of poles are the property of the local Utility. Before installing an enclosure, the location and method of mounting must be approved by the Utility. Most codes require the base of the enclosure to be located a minimum height from the ground. Always verify height restrictions before proceeding.

Verify the following items are present before installation:

Pole mounting kit (Alpha p/n 746-032-20) qty. 1  
Pole mounting brackets (Alpha p/n 744-670-20) qty 2

Materials: (Customer supplied)

- Two 5/8" diameter machine bolts, length to suit pole
- Two 5/8" diameter zinc-plated flat washers
- Two 5/8" diameter hex nuts (UNC thread)

Tools: (Customer supplied)

- Auger or drill for boring 3/4" diameter holes in the wooden pole
- Mallet or hammer
- Assorted sockets

Procedure:

1. Unpack the enclosure and galvanized brackets; turn the enclosure facedown on a soft surface.
2. Slide a bracket into the enclosure's lower mounting strap. The bracket's flanges must face away from the enclosure. Secure the bracket to the mounting strap using a supplied 3/8" x 3/4" hex bolt. This prepositions the lower mounting bracket, enabling the installer to accurately locate the placement of the lower mounting hole.
3. Mark the position for the upper mounting bracket on the utility pole. Drill a 3/4" hole completely through the pole. Secure the bracket to the pole with a 5/8" machine bolt, washer and nut. Do not fully tighten the bolt at this time.
4. Position the enclosure on the upper mounting bracket. It may be necessary to slightly rock the enclosure and pull downward to properly seat it on the bracket. Center the enclosure on the pole.
5. Mark the hole for the lower mounting bracket. Lift the enclosure off the top bracket and drill the lower hole. Spacing between holes for enclosures is 16.25" on center.
6. Slide the enclosure back into place over the top bracket. Align the lower bracket with the hole and secure it with a 5/8" machine bolt, washer and nut. Tighten both brackets until the flanges seat into the wood.
7. The enclosure is now ready for the utility connection (per Section 2.5, *Connecting Utility Power*), power module, batteries and nodes.

## 2.1 Pole-mounted version, continued

## 2.1.2 Installation on Wooden Pole, continued

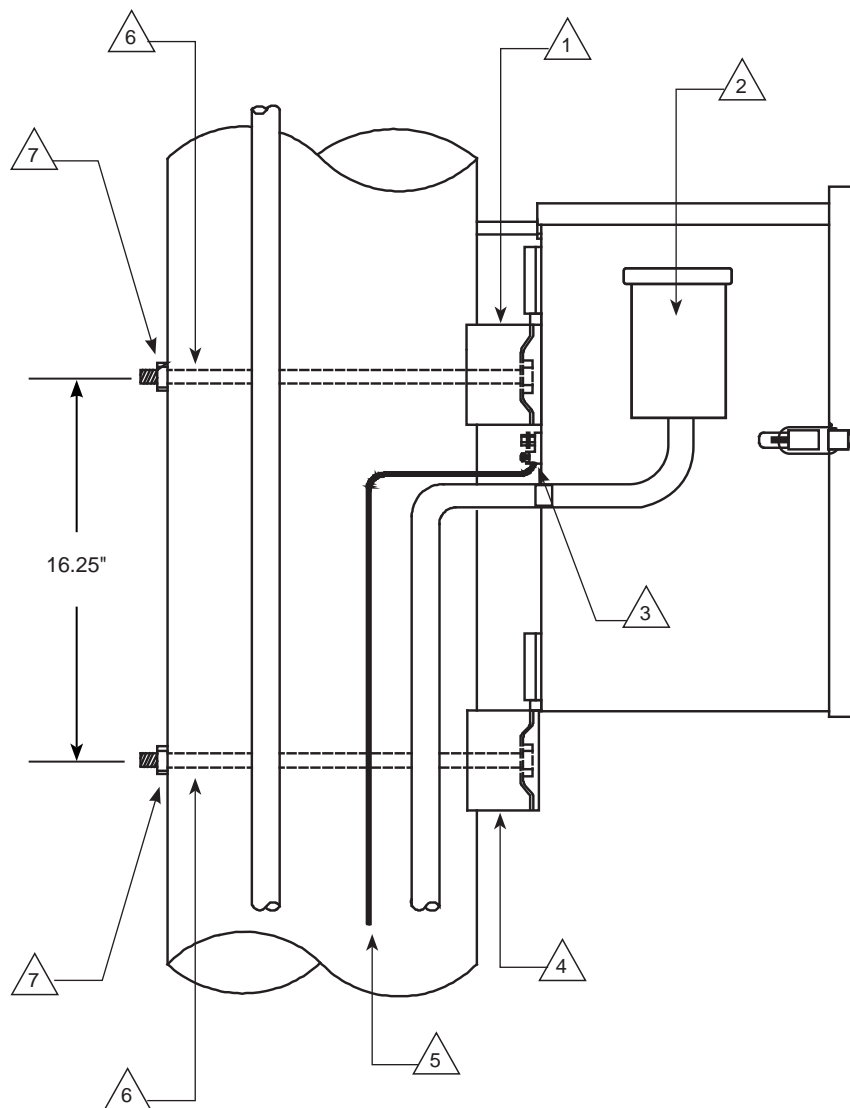


Fig. 2-2, Wooden Pole Installation

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|------------------------------|--|
| △ 1 Upper mounting bracket   | △ 5 #8 AWG (minimum) Copper Ground Wire to 8' Ground Rod |
| △ 2 Service entrance         | △ 6 5/8" through bolt (2 places)                         |
| △ 3 Enclosure ground fitting | △ 7 Nut and washer (2 places)                            |
| △ 4 Lower Mounting bracket   |  |

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.1 Pole-mounted version, continued

#### 2.1.3 Installation on Steel/Concrete Pole



#### CAUTION!

Never transport the unit with batteries installed. Transporting the unit with installed batteries may cause injury to installer and/or damage to enclosure and installed equipment. Install batteries after transporting the unit to the installation site and securing it to the pole.



#### CAUTION!

Alpha recommends positioning enclosure on the opposite side of the pole from oncoming traffic. This can reduce the danger caused by falling equipment in the event that a pole is struck by an automobile.

#### ATTENTION

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The majority of poles are the property of the local Utility. Before installing an enclosure, the location and method of mounting must be approved by the Utility.

Verify the following items are present before installation:

- Pole mounting kit (Alpha p/n 746-032-20) qty. 1
- Pole mounting brackets (Alpha p/n 591-557-20) qty. 2

Materials:

Two customer-supplied pole straps to fit pole.

Tools:

Assorted sockets

Procedure:

1. Unpack the enclosure and galvanized brackets; turn the enclosure facedown on a soft surface.
2. Slide a bracket up through the enclosure's lower mounting strap(s). The bracket's flanges must face away from the enclosure. Secure the lower mounting bracket using the 3/8" x 3/4" hex bolt included.
3. Position the upper mounting bracket on the pole and secure using a pole strap.
4. Lift the enclosure onto the upper mounting bracket and pull downward to properly seat it. Center the enclosure on the pole.
5. Secure the lower mounting bracket on the pole using a pole strap. Spacing between mounting straps for enclosures is 16.25" on center.
6. The enclosure is now ready for the utility connection (per Section 2.5, *Connecting Utility Power*), power module and batteries.

## 2.1 Pole-mounted version, coninued

## 2.1.3 Installation on Steel/Concrete Pole, continued

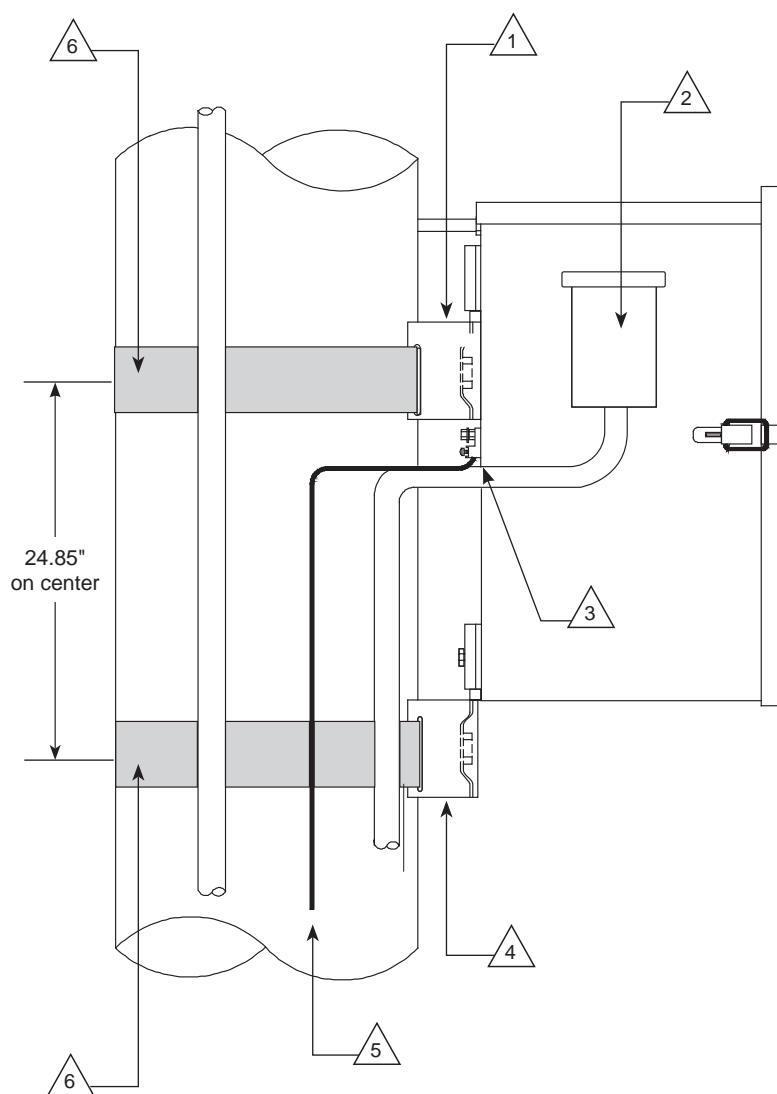


Fig. 2-3, Steel/Concrete Pole Installation

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|-------------------------------|--|
| △ 1 Upper Mounting Bracket    | △ 4 Lower Mounting Bracket                               |
| △ 2 Service Entrance          | △ 5 #8 AWG (minimum) Copper Ground Wire to 8' Ground Rod |
| △ 3 Enclosure Grounding Point | △ 6 Customer-supplied Mounting Strap (2 plcs)            |

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.1 Pole-mounted version, continued

#### 2.1.4 Populating the Cabinet and Turn-up

1. Make the necessary utility connections (per Section 2.5, *Connecting Utility Power*) to provide power to the enclosure.
2. Install the power supply.
3. Load the batteries and connect per the wiring diagram label on the enclosure door. Tighten hardware to battery manufacturer's specifications. Do NOT connect the battery string to the power supply at this time.
4. Connect the SPI, tamper switch and communications module at this time. *For complete installation procedures, please see Section 2.8.*
5. Apply utility power.
6. Connect battery string to XM Series 2 Power Supply.
7. Switch battery breaker on.
8. Wait for battery alarm to clear.
9. Unit is now ready to be placed into service.

## 2.2 Rack-mounted version

### 2.2.1 Dimensions and features

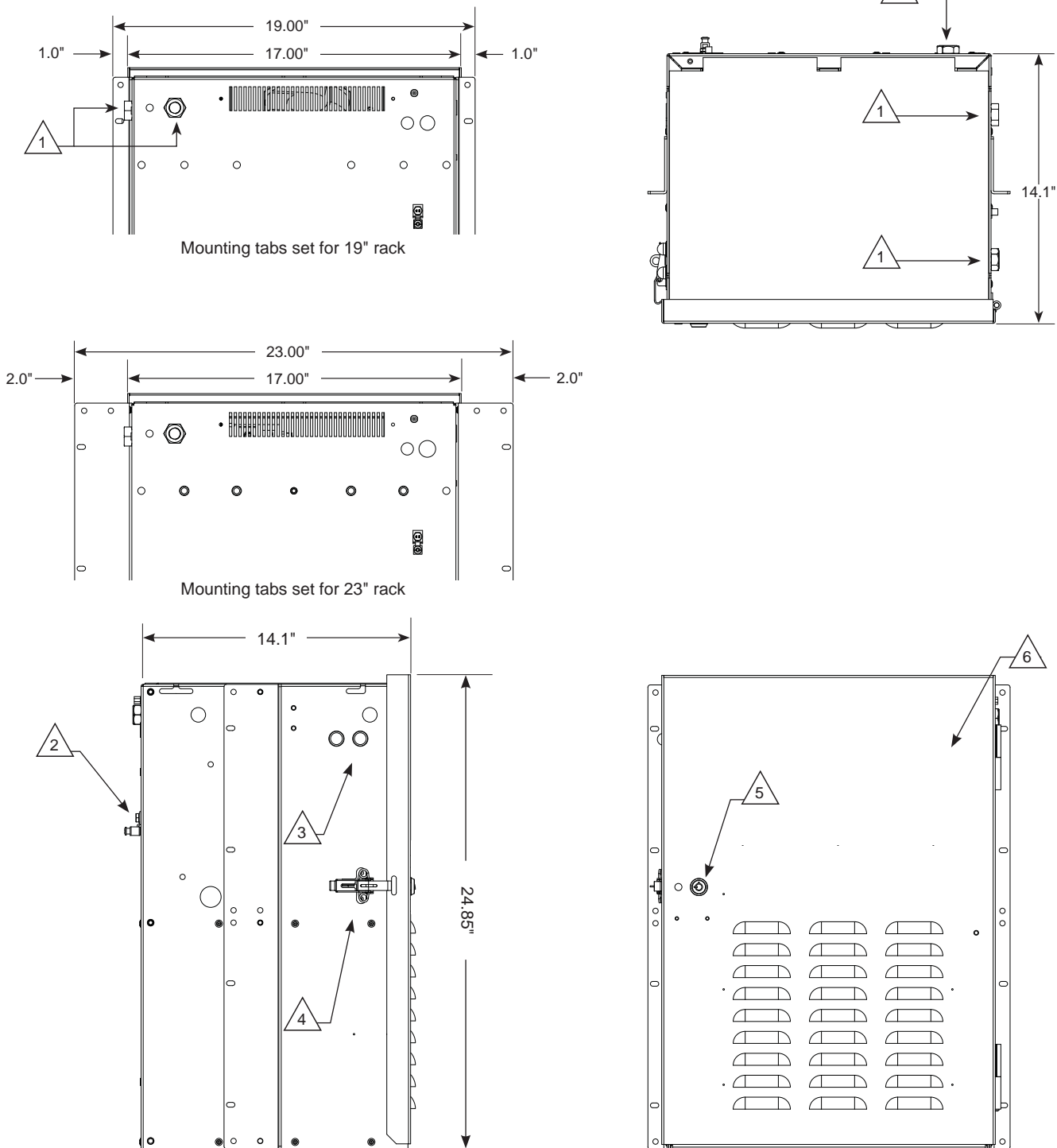


Fig. 2-4, Dimensions, Rack-mounted NPS Enclosure

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|--|---------------------------|
| ① Mounting locations for SPI             | ④ Lockable door latch     |
| ② Enclosure ground point                 | ⑤ Optional GEM lock       |
| ③ Knockouts for ACI, LRI Indicator lamps | ⑥ Hinged, removeable door |

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.2 Rack-mounted version, continued

#### 2.2.2 Installation Procedure

Tools required: 3/8" wrench and socket  
Torque wrench (for 36 in-lbs spec.)

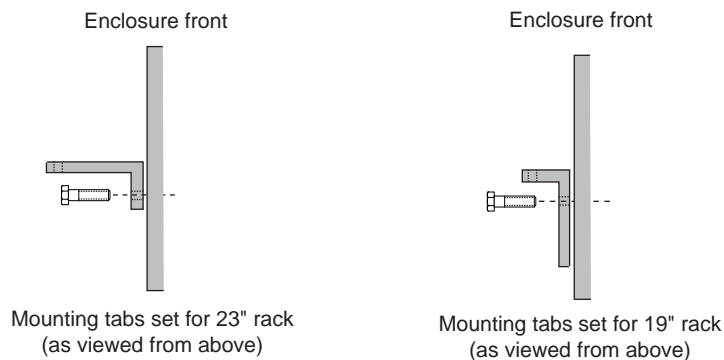
Verify the following are on hand:

- Kit, Cover, Indoor (Alpha p/n 746-036-20)
- Kit, Rack mounting (Alpha p/n 746-033-20)
- Customer-supplied mounting hardware

Verify the equipment rack is securely bolted to the floor and in areas of seismic activity, the mounting method should meet Zone-4 seismic standards or better.

Verify the batteries to be installed in the system are fully charged prior to installation.

1. Remove lid and door from enclosure. Set aside.
2. Orient the rack mounting tabs as shown below to fit the equipment rack and attach rack mounting tabs to sides of enclosure (1/4-20 hardware) tighten to 36 in-lbs.
3. While one installer lifts and holds the empty enclosure in place, start the mounting hardware (1/4-20 bolts, 6 places) in the corresponding holes in the rack. Tighten to 36 in-lbs.



#### CAUTION!

The populated cabinet will weigh approximately 240 lbs [109kg]. Use a minimum of six mounting bolts (3 per mounting tab) to securely hold the enclosure in place.

#### 2.2.3 Populating the Cabinet and Turn-up

1. Make the necessary utility connections (per Section 2.5, *Connecting Utility Power*) to provide power to the enclosure.
2. Install the power supply.
3. Load the batteries and connect per the wiring diagram label on the enclosure door. Tighten hardware to battery manufacturer's specifications. Do NOT connect the battery string to the power supply at this time.
4. Connect the SPI, tamper switch and communications module at this time. *For complete installation procedures, please see Section 2.8.*
5. Install lid and door.
6. Apply utility power.
7. Connect battery string to XM Series 2 Power Supply.
8. Switch battery breaker on.
9. Wait for battery alarm to clear.
10. Unit is now ready to be placed into service.

## 2.3 Wall-mounted version

### 2.3.1 Dimensions and features

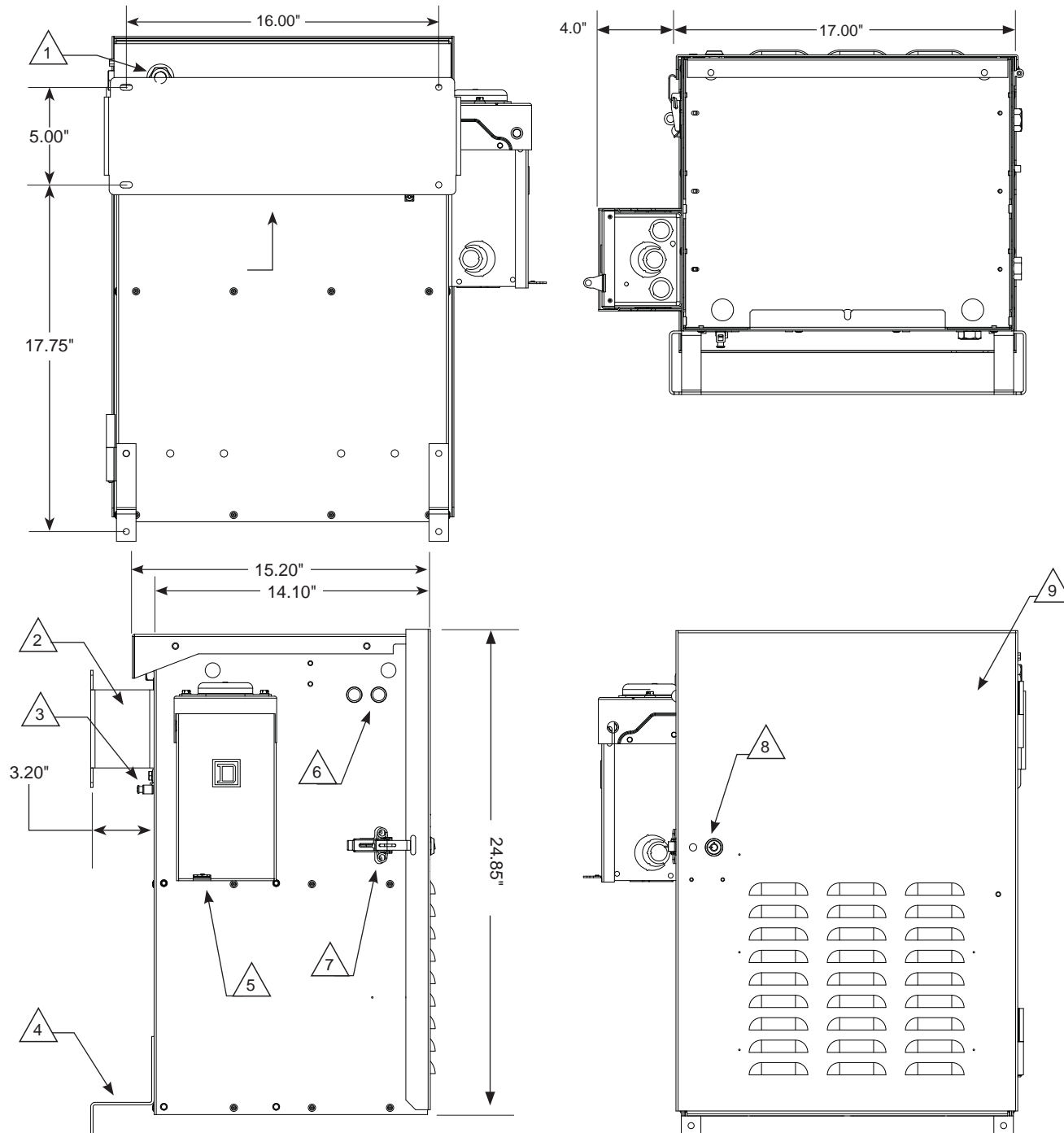


Fig. 2-5, Dimensions, Wall-mounted NPS Enclosure

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|---|------------------------|---|---|
| ① | Mounting location, SPI | ⑥ | Knockouts for optional ACI, LRI indicator Lamps |
| ② | Upper mounting bracket | ⑦ | Lockable door latch                             |
| ③ | Enclosure ground point | ⑧ | Optional GEM lock                               |
| ④ | Lower mounting bracket | ⑨ | Hinged, removeable door                         |
| ⑤ | Service entrance       |   |   |

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.3 Wall-mounted version, continued

#### 2.3.2 Installation

Verify the following are on hand before installation:

Kit, Mounting, Wall (Alpha p/n 746-034-20)

Customer-supplied mounting hardware

Tools required:

3/8" wrench and socket

Stud finder

Level

Hand Drill with 5/32" bit



#### CAUTION!

The populated cabinet will weigh approximately 240 lbs [109kg]. Direct mounting to wall studs is required.

1. Remove the lid and door of the enclosure and set aside.
2. Use stud finder to locate centers of two studs and mark.
3. Hold upper bracket to located centers and mark the two lower holes at this time.
4. Drill 4 5/32" pilot holes at the marks.
5. Use 4 3/4" x 2-3/4" lagbolts to fasten the bracket to the wall.
6. Attach the lower mounting brackets to the enclosure.
7. Attach the enclosure to the upper mounting bracket.
8. Mark the holes (on stud center) for the lower mounting brackets and drill 5/32" pilot holes.
9. Use the 1/4" x 1-1/2" lagbolts to secure lower brackets to the wall.
10. Installation complete. The enclosure is now ready for utility wiring and installation of equipment.

#### 2.3.3 Populating the Cabinet and Turn-up

1. Make the necessary utility (per Section 2.5, *Connecting Utility Power*) connections to provide power to the enclosure.
2. Install the power supply.
3. Load the batteries and connect per the wiring diagram label on the enclosure door. Tighten hardware to battery manufacturer's specifications. Do NOT connect the battery string to the power supply at this time.
4. Connect the SPI, tamper switch and communications module at this time.
5. Install lid and door.
6. Apply utility power.
7. Connect battery string to XM Series 2 Power Supply.
8. Switch battery breaker on.
9. Wait for battery alarm to clear.
10. Unit is now ready to be placed into service.

## 2.4 Floor-mounted version

### 2.4.1 Dimensions and features

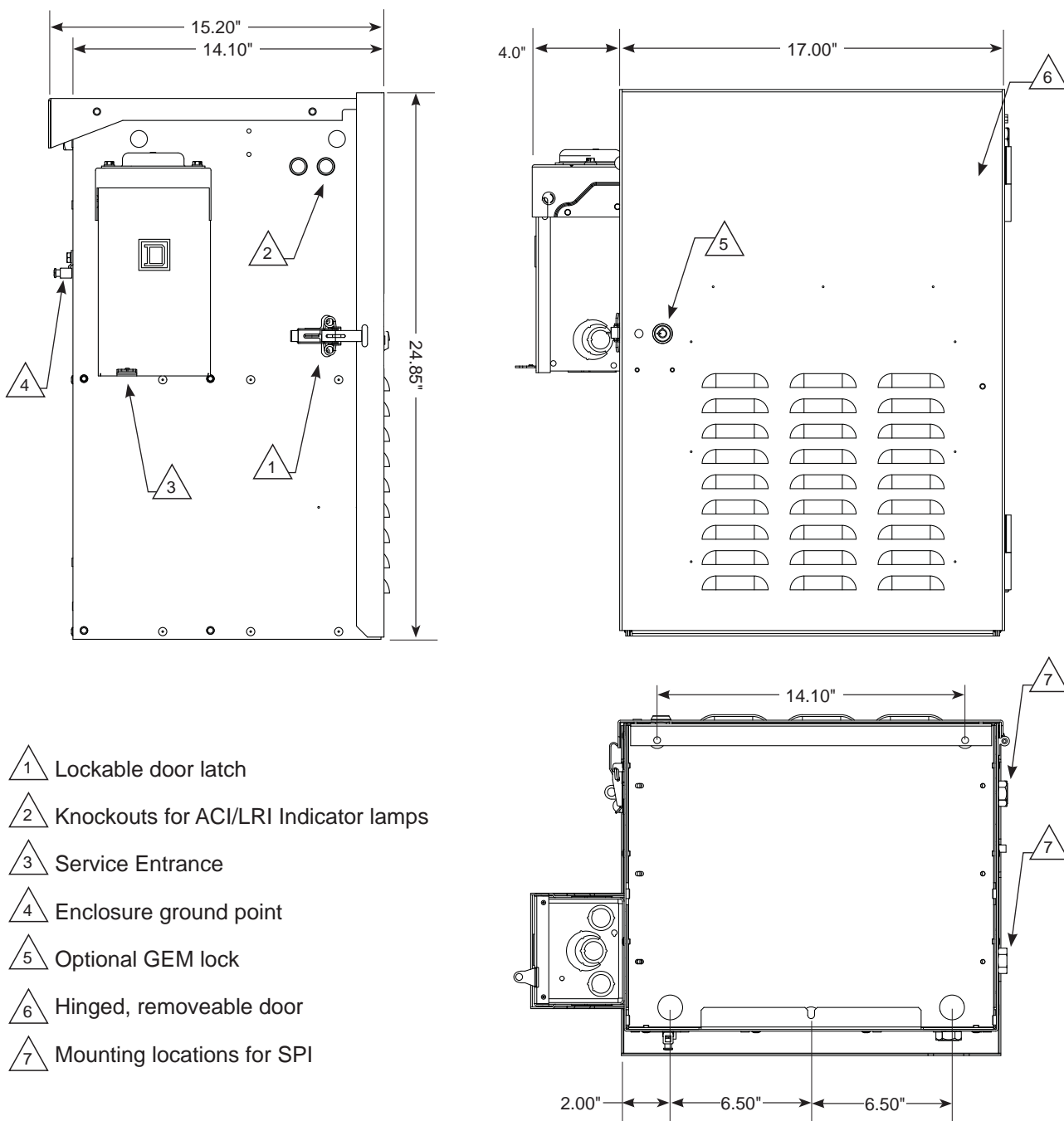


Fig. 2-6, Dimensions, Floor-mounted NPS Enclosure

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.4 Floor-mounted version, continued

#### 2.4.2 Installation

Tools required for floor-mounting configuration:

Masonry drill and bit

Vacuum for dust removal

Qty 3, 1/2" x 1-1/2" Masonry anchor bolts

Hand Drill with 5/32" bit

The floor-mounted version of the NPS Enclosure can be directly mounted to a concrete surface.

#### **Concrete surface installation:**

1. Position the enclosure and use as template to mark drilling locations of 3 mounting holes.
2. Drill holes for anchor bolts, (remove dust as necessary) and install inserts.
3. Position empty cabinet over inserts.
4. Secure cabinet with bolts, lock washers and flat washers.

#### 2.4.3 Populating the Cabinet and Turn-up

1. Make the necessary utility connections (per Section 2.5, *Connecting Utility Power*) to provide power to the enclosure.
2. Install the power supply.
3. Load the batteries and connect per the wiring diagram label on the enclosure door. Tighten hardware to battery manufacturer's specifications. Do NOT connect the battery string to the power supply at this time.
4. Connect the SPI, tamper switch and communications module at this time. *For complete installation procedures, please see Section 2.8.*
5. Install lid and door.
6. Apply utility power.
7. Connect battery string to XM Series 2 Power Supply.
8. Switch battery breaker on.
9. Wait for battery alarm to clear.
10. Unit is now ready to be placed into service.

## 2.5 Connecting the Utility Power



### WARNING!

ONLY qualified personal should connect the utility power. Power must be connected in compliance with local electrical codes, and common safety practices must be observed.

### ATTENTION:

- Connection to utility power must be approved by the local utility before installing the power supply.
- UL and NEC require that a service disconnect switch (UL listed) be provided by the installer and be connected between the power source and the Alpha power supply.
- Connection to the power supply must include an appropriate service entrance weather head.

Utility power enters the enclosure through an .875" knockout on the side or rear of the NPS. The enclosure accepts a standard electrical fitting.

A "high-magnetic" trip circuit breaker must be used in order to accommodate the high-inrush currents normally associated with the start-up of ferroresonant transformers (400A, no-trip, first-half cycle). Do not replace this circuit breaker with a conventional service entrance circuit breaker. Alpha recommends Square D circuit breakers for 120V installations, and HACR (heating and air-conditioning) breakers for 240V installations. Alpha Technologies offers a high-magnetic Square D circuit breaker and a BBX option (a UL Listed service entrance). Contact your local sales representative for more information.

Description	Alpha Part Number	Square D Part Number
240V Installation — HACR (15A)	470-224-10	QO215
120V Installation — High-Magnetic (20A)	470-017-10	QO120HM
120V Installation — High-Magnetic (15A)	470-013-10	QO115HM
BBX — External Service Disconnect	020-085-10	QO2-4L70RB
BBX — External Service Disconnect	020-141-10	QO8-16L100RB

Table 2-1, Service Entrance Circuit Breaker Requirements



### NOTE:

Alpha recommends 12AWG wiring to accommodate a 90V power supply.

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.5 Connecting the Utility Power, continued

#### 2.5.1 Service Power

##### **ATTENTION**

Connecting to utility power must be performed by qualified service personnel in compliance with local electrical codes and common safety practices. Connection to utility power must be approved by the local utility before installing the power supply.

UL and NEC require that a UL-listed service disconnect switch be installed between the power source and the power supply. Connection to the power supply must include an appropriate service entrance weather head.

##### **NOTE:**

Utility power enters the enclosure through a 70A rainproof SUSE-rated breaker box.

The service entrance is wired as shown in the diagram below.

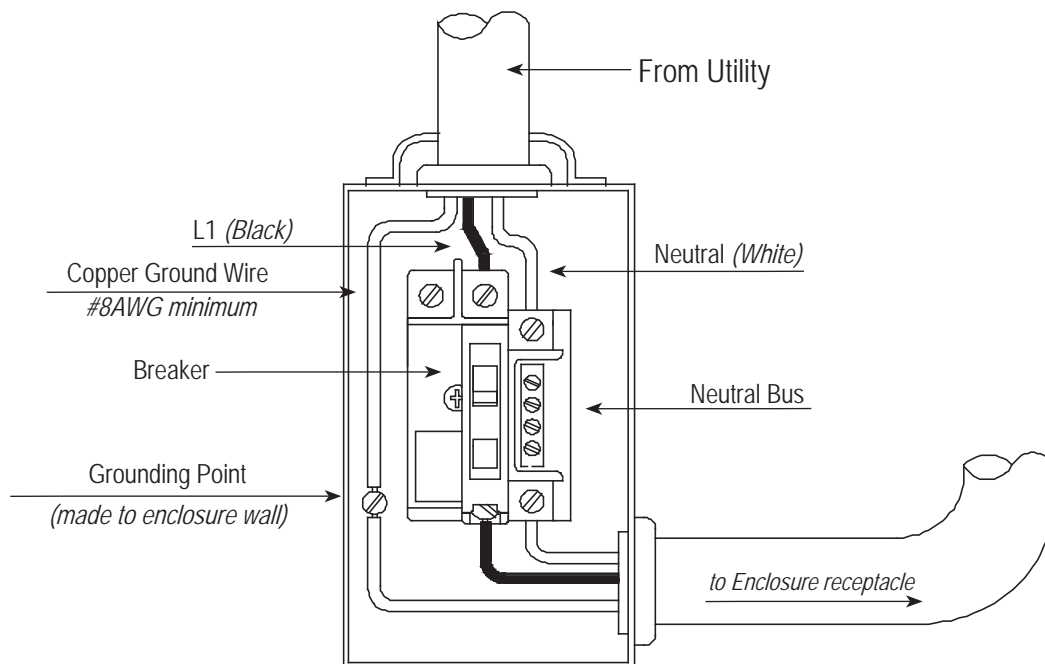


Fig. 2-7, 120Vac Service Entrance Wiring

2.5 Connecting the Utility Power, continued

2.5.1 Service Power, continued

The breaker quad option is wired as shown in the diagram below.

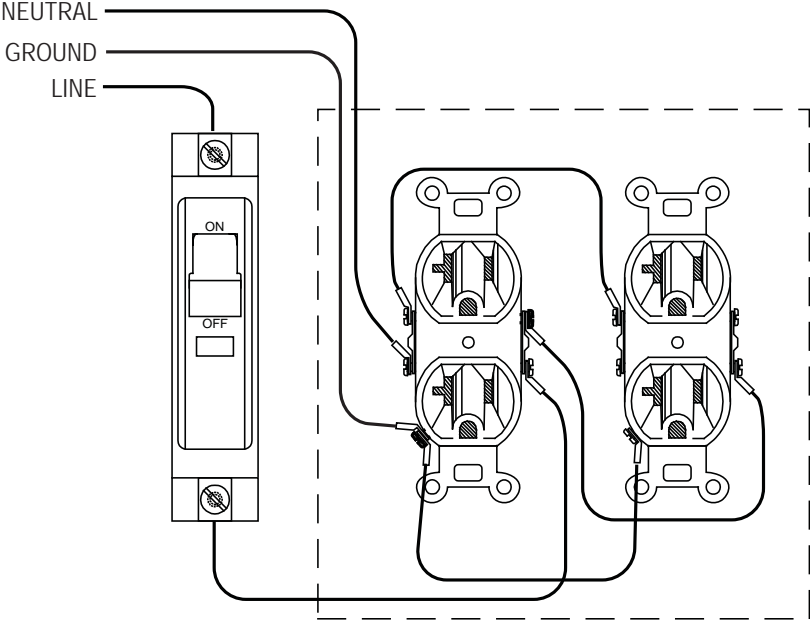


Fig. 2-8, Breaker Quad Option DSE-20 120Vac, 20A

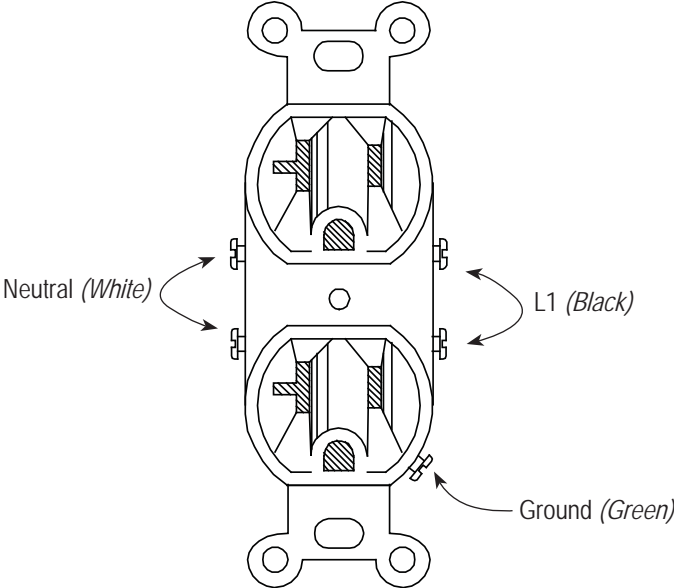


Fig. 2-9 520-R Receptacle Wiring

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.6 Connecting the Coaxial Cable

#### 2.6.1 Coaxial Cable Surge Protector Installation Instructions

Alpha recommends using coaxial surge suppression for enclosure protection. The Coax Surge Protector (Alpha P/N 162-028-10) includes 75 ohm surge suppressor, and mounting hardware. As shown below, the Surge Protector can be mounted in either of two locations on the cabinet.

**Required Tools:**

- Phillips screwdriver
- 3/8" socket and driver

1. Remove one of the 3/8" knockouts located in the upper rear (or right side) of the enclosure.
2. Attach the surge protector to the inside of the enclosure wall with provided hardware. The "Customer" connection will protrude from the enclosure.
3. Verify the star washers included in the kit are firmly in contact with the enclosure wall for proper grounding.

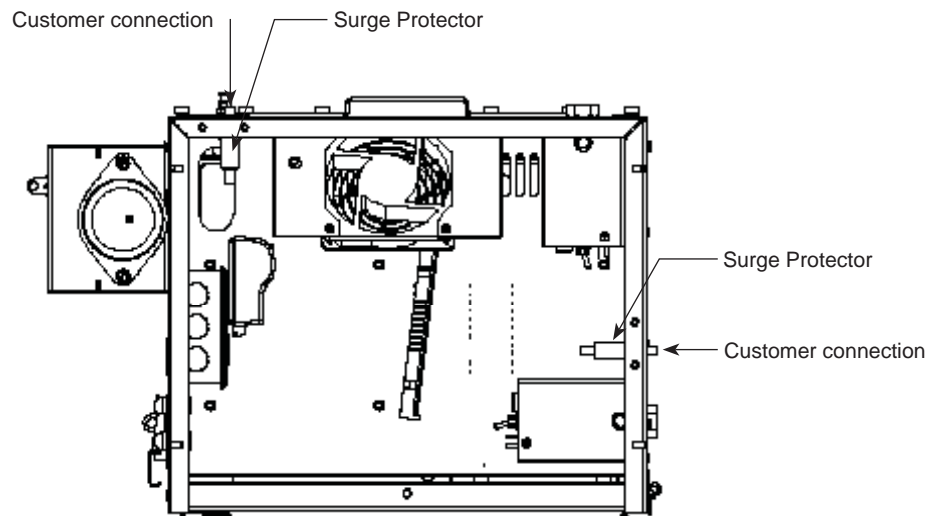


Fig. 2-10 Surge Protector mounting locations

## 2.6 Connecting the Coaxial Cable, continued

### 2.6.2 Connecting the Service Power Inserter (SPI)



#### WARNING!

Disconnect all power sources from the SPI (Service Power Inserter) before removing its cover. Verify that the SPI is disconnected from both the utility power and the power supply before beginning procedure.

The standard SPI (Alpha p/n 020-019-31) can be mounted in any of three locations as shown in the illustrations below. Three knockouts (one at the rear of the enclosure and two on the side) are available for this version of the SPI allowing greater flexibility with regard to the installation of the coaxial cable.

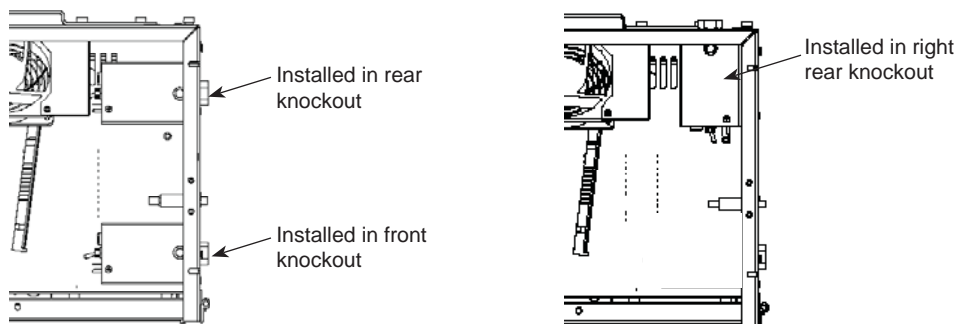


Fig. 2-11, Mounting locations for the standard SPI

#### Installation Procedure:

1. Use the hammer and punch to remove the 3/4" knockout from either front or rear location on the right side (as viewed from the front) or the right rear corner of the enclosure.
2. Use a 1" wrench to remove the output port fitting from the SPI.
3. Position the SPI inside the enclosure and fix in place by reattaching the output port fitting to the body of the SPI. Tighten to 130 in-lbs.
4. Disconnect the SPI from all power sources.
5. If needed, remove the cover, exposing the circuit board and seizure screw assembly.
6. Screw the Coaxial Termination into Output Port at the rear of the SPI, inserting the stinger into the seizure screw assembly.
7. To prevent arcing and failure of the unit, tighten seizure screw to 35 in-lbs.
8. Replace cover and reinstall screws.
9. Verify switch on front of SPI is on the ON position.

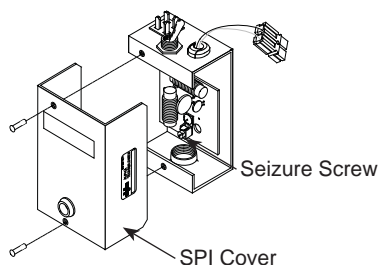


Fig. 2-12, Cover Removal

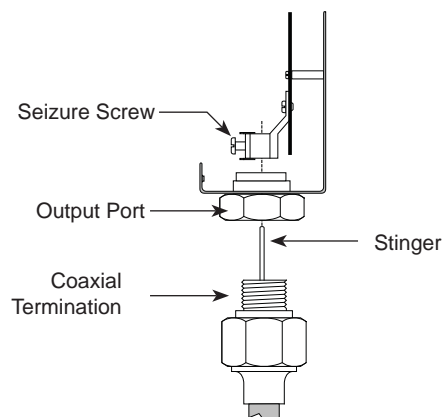


Fig. 2-13, Coaxial Cable Connection

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.6 Connecting the Coaxial Cable, continued

#### 2.6.3 Connecting the Service Power Inserter-RF (SPI-RF)

The SPI-RF (Alpha p/n 021-072-10) can be mounted in either of the two locations as shown below.

Tools required:

Hammer  
Punch  
1" wrench

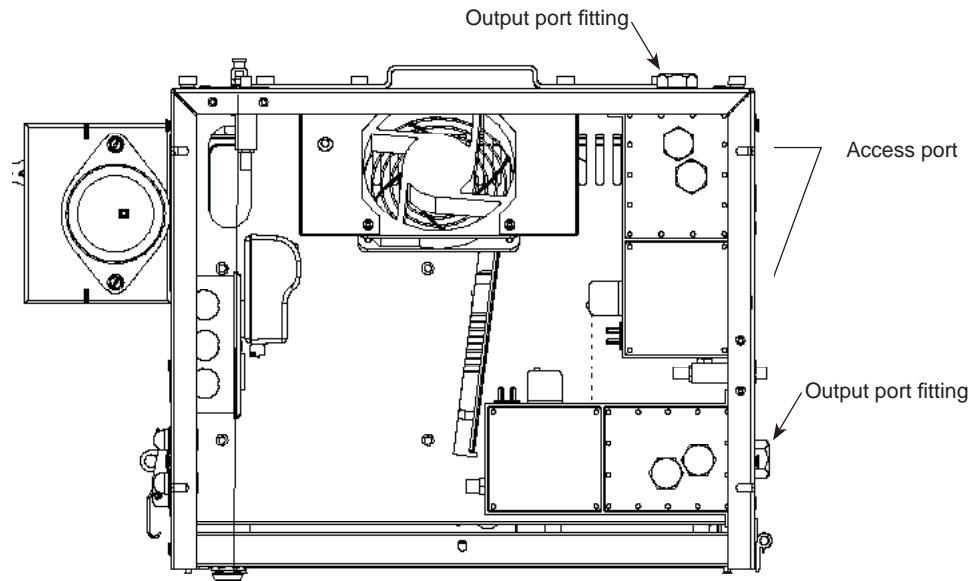


Fig. 2-14 Mounting locations for the SPI-RF

Installation Procedure:

1. Use the hammer and punch to remove the 3/4" knockout from either the right side (as viewed from the front) or the right rear corner of the enclosure.
2. Use a 1" wrench to remove the output port fitting from the SPI-RF.
3. Position the SPI-RF inside the enclosure and fix in place by reattaching the output port fitting to the body of the SPI-RF.
4. Disconnect the SPI-RF from all power sources.
5. Remove the access port cover, exposing the circuit board and seizure screw assembly.
6. Screw the Coaxial Termination into Output Port at the rear of the SPI-RF, inserting the stinger into the seizure screw assembly.
7. Tighten seizure screw to 35 in-lbs.
8. Replace access port cover and reinstall screws.
9. Verify switch on top of SPI-RF is on the ON position.

## 2.7 Battery Installation

### WARNING!

Battery systems represent a risk of electrical shock and high short circuit currents.

The following precautions must be observed when maintaining batteries:

- Remove all personal metal objects (watches, rings, etc.).
- Use insulated tools.
- Wear eye protection and rubber gloves.
- Observe circuit polarities.
- Do not make or break live circuits.
- Do not lay metal tools and hardware on top of the batteries.

The batteries are enclosed in cabinets with limited access. Again, extreme caution must be exercised when maintaining and collecting data on the battery system.

#### Battery Identification

Each battery contains a DATE CODE usually located on a sticker between the battery posts. This date code must be recorded in the battery's maintenance log. If batteries other than those installed by Alpha are used, consult the battery's documentation for date code type and placement.

Battery Date Code located in this box  
(1208 = DEC. 2008)

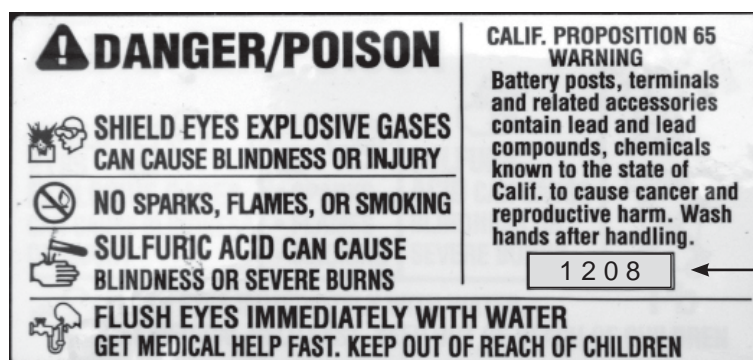


Fig. 2-15, Battery Identification Label

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.7 Battery Installation, continued

#### 2.7.1 Battery Installation Procedure



#### **WARNING!**

To prevent arcing, never allow live battery cables to make contact with the enclosure. Disconnect battery leads, or wrap the cable lugs with electrical tape.



#### **CAUTION!**

Threaded insert terminals require the use of 3/4" bolts. The use of 1" bolts will seriously damage the battery. The only exception is the terminal with the large spacer for the in-line fuse link.



#### **NOTE:**

In battery configurations made up of multiple battery strings, Alpha strongly recommends the use of in-line fuses.

#### **Procedure:**

1. Place the batteries on the enclosure's battery slide tray or battery shelf. Refer to Fig. 2-16 for correct battery arrangement. Position the batteries to allow maximum ventilation space between the batteries.
2. To make identification and record keeping easier, number and label the batteries. Record each battery's number and date code in the power supply maintenance log.
3. Using the battery arrangement diagram as a reference, connect the batteries in series to achieve 36Vdc. Torque terminal connections according to battery recommendations (see battery label for AlphaCell batteries).
4. Check the polarity and voltage of the battery cable connector with a voltmeter to verify correct connections. Do Not connect the battery string or strings to the power supply at this time.
5. The power supply battery charger collects battery temperature compensation information with a Remote Temperature Sensor (RTS) attached to one of the batteries. Refer to the diagrams to determine which battery to attach the RTS to. Attach the RTS about 1/3 of the way up from the battery's base with a strong adhesive tape. Route the RTS connector into the power supply compartment. Do Not connect the RTS to the power supply at this time.



#### **CAUTION!**

Recheck the polarity and voltage of the battery cable connector before proceeding. Connecting the battery string or strings to the power supply with incorrect polarity will cause a short-circuit, and possible equipment damage.

6. Route the battery cable connector into the power supply compartment. Do Not connect to the batteries to the power supply at this time.

## 2.7 Battery Installation, continued

### 2.7.2 Battery Wiring Diagram

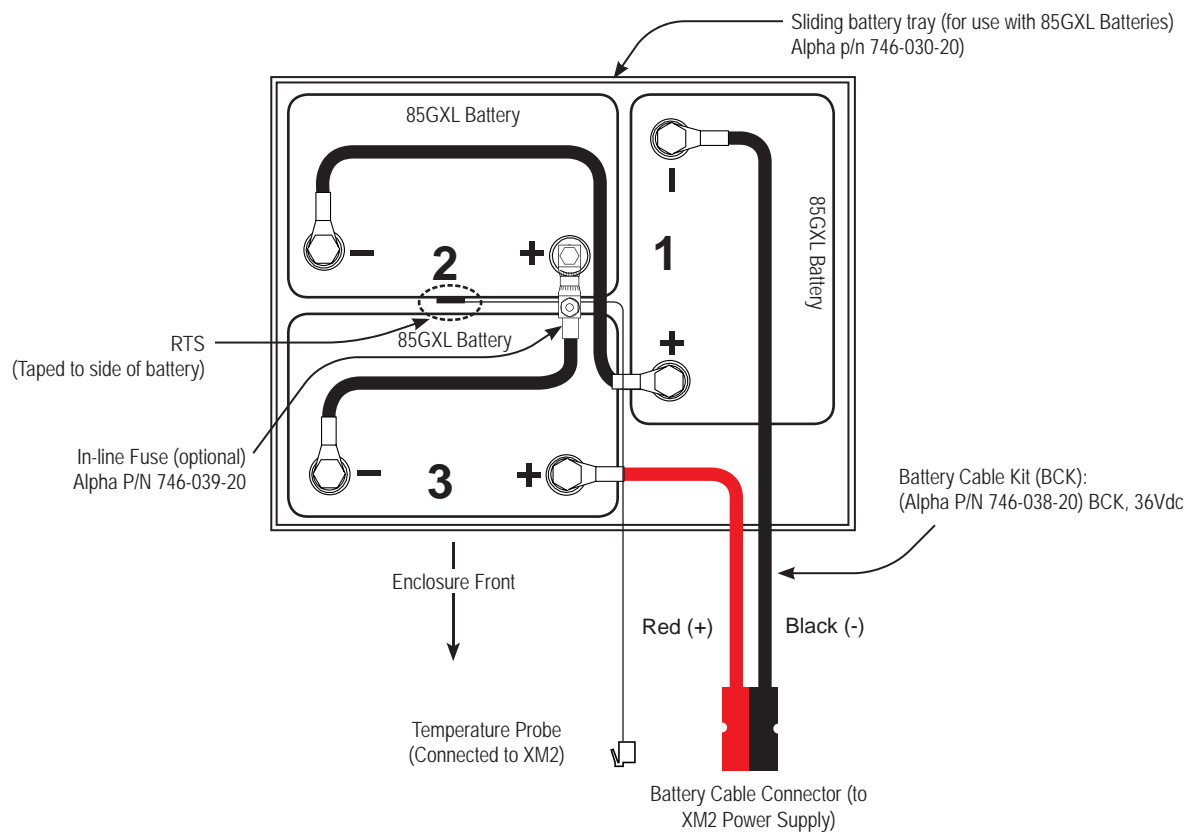


Fig. 2-16, NPS Battery Wiring Diagram with 85GXL battery string

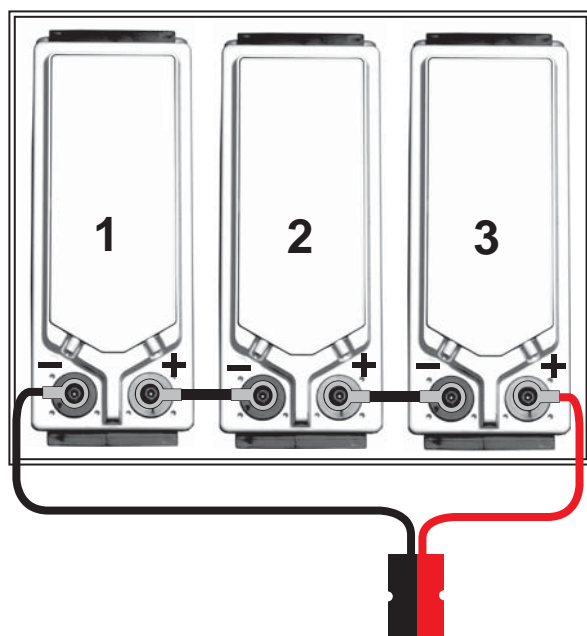


Fig. 2-17, NPS Battery Wiring Diagram with HPL115 FT battery string

## 2.0 Installation

### 2.7 Battery Installation, continued

#### 2.7.3 Battery Terminal Connections



**NOTE:**

Various types of batteries with different mounting styles and hardware may be shipped with the system. ALWAYS refer to the battery manufacturer's specifications for correct mounting hardware and torque requirements. Use only the hardware and torque recommended by the battery manufacturer.



**CAUTION!**

Threaded insert terminals require the use of 3/4" bolts. The use of 1" bolts will seriously damage the battery. The only exception is the terminal with the large spacer for the in-line fuse link.

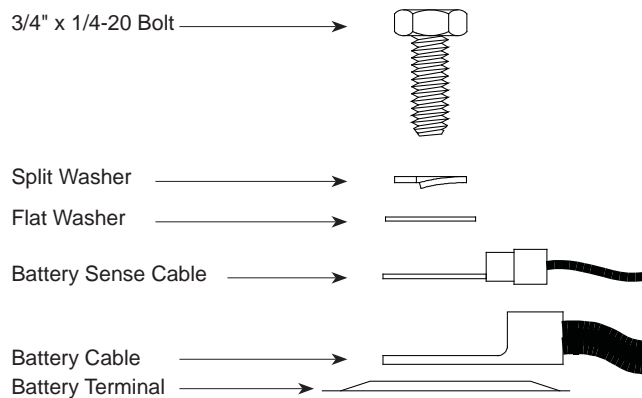


Fig. 2-18, Hardware stack-up, Threaded Battery insert

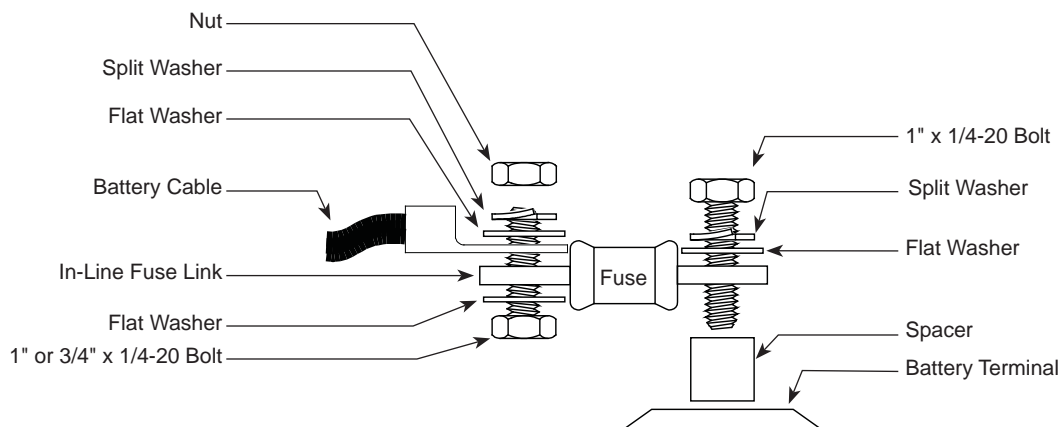


Fig. 2-19, Hardware stack-up, Threaded Battery insert with optional in-line fuse

## 2.8 Installing the XM Series 2 Power Supply

### Installation Procedure:

1. Before installation, inspect the power supply for damage or loose connectors.
2. Place the XM Series 2 Power Supply on the equipment (top) shelf of the enclosure.
3. Switch the BATTERY BREAKER (3) on the front of the power supply OFF. This prevents the inverter from starting when the batteries are first connected to the power supply.



### CAUTION!

Check the polarity and voltage of the battery cable connector with a voltmeter before proceeding. Connecting the battery string or strings to the power supply with incorrect polarity may cause a short-circuit, and possible equipment damage. Check all battery connections for proper installation. For complete battery installation procedures, see the “Battery Installation” section in this manual.

4. After verifying that the batteries, battery connections, and battery cables are connected properly, plug the battery cable connector from the battery string into the power supply's BATTERY INPUT connector (4). The connector is keyed and color-coded to fit in only one direction.
5. Plug the Remote Temperature Sensor into the TEMP PROBE connector located on the Inverter Module assembly on the front of the power supply (5).
6. If applicable, plug the optional Local/Remote Indicator lamp (LRI) cable into the LRI connector (6).
7. If you are installing a Tamper Switch (TMPR SW), plug it into the 2-pin TMPR connector, and plug the transponder cable into the transponder TMPR connection (7).
8. Plug the connector from the SPI into the power supply's OUTPUT 1A (8). If the enclosure has the optional AC Indicator (ACI) lamp, plug the connector from the SPI into the ACI and the connector from the lamp into the power supply's OUTPUT 1A. If the PIM option is installed, connect a second SPI to OUTPUT 2. Make sure that the SPIs “ALT/ON” switch is in the ON position.
9. If the installation includes a Module Retaining Cable option, attach the end of the cable to the hole provided at the top, rear, center of the enclosure. Thread the cable through the power supply handle and clip it back on itself.
10. The installation is complete. Do Not apply AC power to the power supply or switch the Inverter Module's BATTERY BREAKER ON. Refer to the power supply Operator's Manual for Start-up and Test procedures.

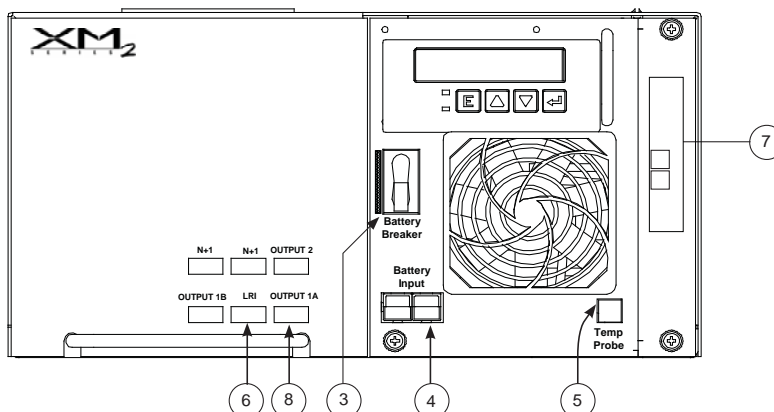


Fig. 2-20, XM Series 2 Power Supply

### 2.9 Cooling Fan Kit Installation

**NOTE:**

This procedure requires a service power supply (for example, an APP 915S or APP 9022S) to maintain power to the cable plant while fan is being installed.

**Tools Required:**

- Phillips Screwdriver
- Drill and bit for #6 screws

**Installation Procedure:** To install the optional NPS Fan Kit (Alpha p/n 745-101-20):

1. Open enclosure door and remove the enclosure lid.
2. Drill out holes on both sides of mesh.
3. Insert the fan through the top of the enclosure.
4. Attach the fan assembly to the two holes using the two #6-32 x 3/8" Phillips screws provided. Orient the fan assembly so that the exposed fan is up and the fan guard is down, as shown. Screw the screws in from the outside of the enclosure.
5. Plug one end of the fan's Y cable into the SPI wire. Plug other end of the Y cable into the power supply's OUTPUT 1A.

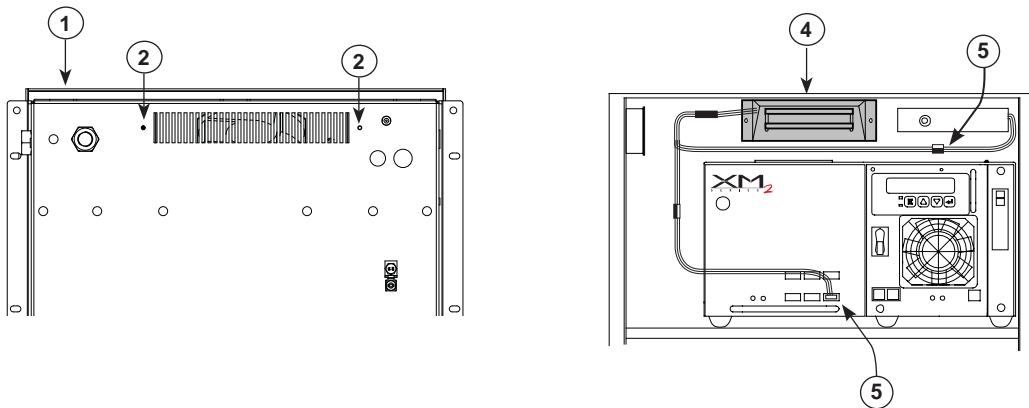


Fig. 2-21, Cooling fan installation configuration

### 2.10 Cooling Fan Kit Removal

To remove the fan kit, follow the procedure below:

1. Open enclosure door and remove the enclosure lid.
2. Verify power is removed from fan circuit.
3. From inside the enclosure, remove the two #2 Phillips-head screws.
4. Remove the fan housing.
5. Disconnect the two Fast-on connectors from the fan.
6. Replace lid and close door.



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