

RESISTANCE OF GROUND ROD:

- One ground rod:
$$R_1(L, a, \rho) := \frac{\rho}{2\pi \cdot L} \cdot \left(\ln\left(\frac{4L}{a}\right) - 1 \right)$$

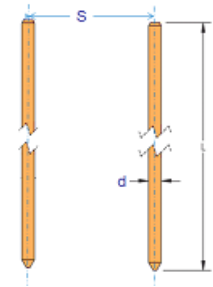
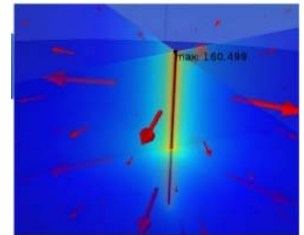
Where:

R = resistance in Ω d = distances - in cm a = rod radius (cm)
 ρ = resistivity in $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ S = space between rods (cm) L = Rod length (cm)

- Two ground rods:

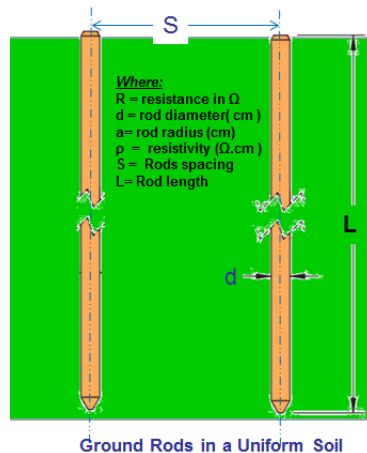
a) For $S > L$:
$$R_2(L, S, a, \rho) := \frac{\rho}{4\pi \cdot L} \cdot \left(\ln\left(\frac{4L}{a}\right) - 1 \right) + \frac{\rho}{4\pi \cdot S} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{L^2}{3S^2} + \frac{2L^4}{5S^4} \right)$$

b) For $S < L$:
$$R_3(L, S, a, \rho) := \frac{\rho}{4\pi \cdot L} \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{4L}{a}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{4L}{S}\right) - 2 + \frac{S}{2L} - \left(\frac{S^2}{16L^2} \right) + \frac{S^4}{256L^4} \right]$$

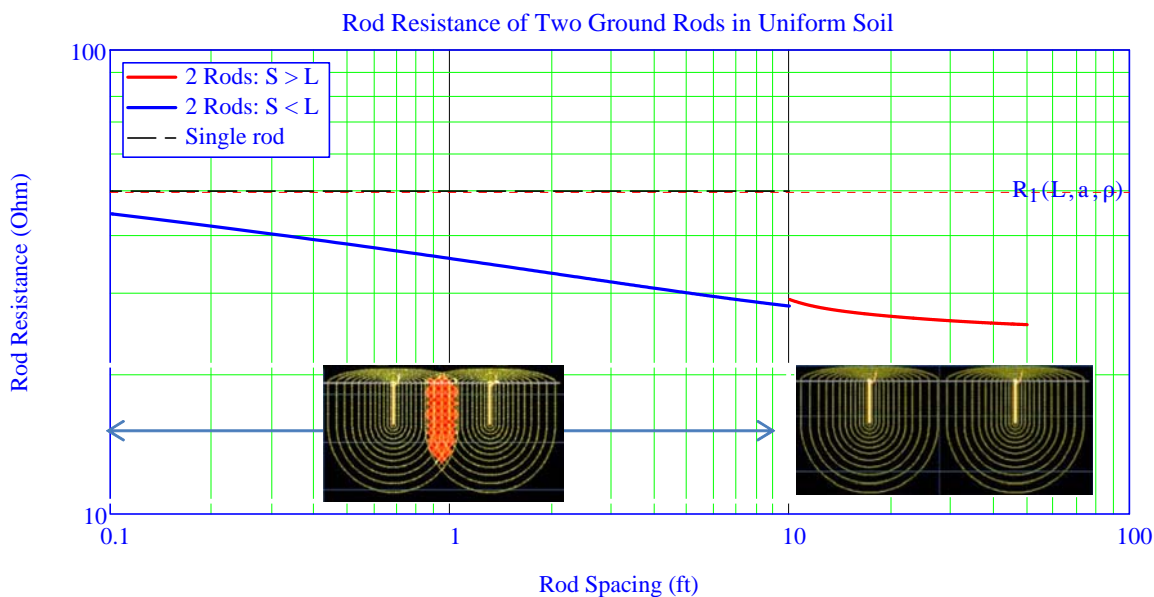



Example:

- Rod length: $L := 10\text{ft}$
- Rod diameter: $d := \frac{5}{8}\text{in}$; Radius $a := \frac{d}{2}$
- Soil resistivity: $\rho := 150\Omega \cdot \text{m}$
- Number of rods: n
- Rod Spacing: S , Buried depth: h := 24in
- One ground rod: $R_1(L, a, \rho) = 49.634\Omega$



Ground Rods in a Uniform Soil



	Hemisphere radius a	$R = \frac{\rho}{2\pi a}$
•	One ground rod length L , radius a	$R = \frac{\rho}{2\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{4L}{a} - 1 \right)$
• •	Two ground rods $s > L$; spacing s	$R = \frac{\rho}{4\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{4L}{a} - 1 \right) + \frac{\rho}{4\pi s} \left(1 - \frac{L^2}{3s^2} + \frac{2L^4}{5s^4} \dots \right)$
• •	Two ground rods $s < L$; spacing s	$R = \frac{\rho}{4\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{4L}{a} + \ln \frac{4L}{s} - 2 + \frac{s}{2L} - \frac{s^2}{16L^2} + \frac{s^4}{512L^4} \dots \right)$
—	Buried horizontal wire length $2L$, depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{4\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{4L}{a} + \ln \frac{4L}{s} - 2 + \frac{s}{2L} - \frac{s^2}{16L^2} + \frac{s^4}{512L^4} \dots \right)$
L	Right-angle turn of wire length of arm L , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{4\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{2L}{a} + \ln \frac{2L}{s} - 0.2373 + 0.2146 \frac{s}{L} + 0.1035 \frac{s^2}{L^2} - 0.0424 \frac{s^4}{L^4} \dots \right)$
Y	Three-point star length of arm L , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{6\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{2L}{a} + \ln \frac{2L}{s} + 1.071 - 0.209 \frac{s}{L} + 0.238 \frac{s^2}{L^2} - 0.054 \frac{s^4}{L^4} \dots \right)$
+	Four-point star length of arm L , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{8\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{2L}{a} + \ln \frac{2L}{s} + 2.912 - 1.071 \frac{s}{L} + 0.645 \frac{s^2}{L^2} - 0.146 \frac{s^4}{L^4} \dots \right)$
*	Six-point star length of arm L , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{12\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{2L}{a} + \ln \frac{2L}{s} + 6.851 - 3.128 \frac{s}{L} + 1.758 \frac{s^2}{L^2} - 0.490 \frac{s^4}{L^4} \dots \right)$
* (8 points)	Eight-point star length of arm L , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{16\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{2L}{a} + \ln \frac{2L}{s} + 10.98 - 5.51 \frac{s}{L} + 3.26 \frac{s^2}{L^2} - 1.17 \frac{s^4}{L^4} \dots \right)$
○	Ring of wire diameter of ring D , diameter of wire d , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{2\pi^2 D} \left(\ln \frac{8D}{d} + \ln \frac{4D}{s} \right)$
—	Buried horizontal strip length $2L$, section a by b , depth $s/2$, $b < a/8$	$R = \frac{\rho}{4\pi L} \left(\ln \frac{4L}{a} + \frac{a^2 - \pi ab}{2(a+b)^2} + \ln \frac{4L}{s} - 1 + \frac{s}{2L} - \frac{s^2}{16L^2} + \frac{s^4}{512L^4} \dots \right)$
⊗	Buried horizontal round plate radius a , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{8a} + \frac{\rho}{4\pi s} \left(1 - \frac{7}{12} \frac{a^2}{s^2} + \frac{33}{40} \frac{a^4}{s^4} \dots \right)$
	Buried vertical round plate radius a , depth $s/2$	$R = \frac{\rho}{8a} + \frac{\rho}{4\pi s} \left(1 + \frac{7}{24} \frac{a^2}{s^2} + \frac{99}{320} \frac{a^4}{s^4} \dots \right)$

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