## GRIDSMART.

 QUALITY BEST PRACTICES
## (1) cabinet grounding

A proper cabinet ground helps mitigate interference from electrical noise at the intersection.

- The U.S. National Electrical Code (NEC) recommends a maximum of 25 ohms for touch safety and telecommunications; PLC industry standards require a maximum of 5.0 ohms for logic reference purposes.
- Use a clamp-on ground meter to verify the cabinet ground.
- GRIDSMART requires the Diligent Instruments DLG Di-120b Tester (http://www.diligentinstruments.com/di-120.html).
- If the ground reading is higher than the recommended NEC value, check the connection between the cabinet ground wire and the ground rod for corrosion; clean if corrosion is present. If you are in an area with poor grounds, you may need to add a ground rod to the grounding system to improve the ground.


## SPECIFICATION: 25 Ohms Max

MEASURED:

## 2 AC POWER

Plug the GRIDSMART Processor into an outlet on the filtered side of the cabinet power. Do not use GFCI type outlet.

- The outlet needs to be checked to verify that all three connections for the outlet are properly connected.
- Using a digital voltmeter (DVM), check the ac voltage from the line to the neutral and the line to ground. Both readings should be $\sim 120 / 240$ VAC.

| SPECIFICATION: | HOT/NEU: 120/240VAC <br> HOT/GND: 120/240VAC |
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| MEASURED: | HOT/NEU: <br> HOT/GND: |



DLG Di-120b Tester


## (3) CABLE TYPE \& LENGTH

All GRIDSMART installations require burial grade, shielded, gel filled, CAT5e cable with solid core 24 AWG conductors. The shield will protect the data signals from radiated noise which is present in most intersections. LED streetlights have been found to be very noisy electrically and as more streetlights are switched to LED lights, the level of radiated noise will increase. The cable that GRIDSMART supplies and requires for all installations is Vertical Cable part \#059-487/S/CMXF.

- The maximum length that a segment of CAT5e can be is 300 feet. If the distance from the EPM to the camera is more than 300 feet, a repeater (RBA) must be used.
- When determining length of the cable, a cable tester that measures the length of the cable is required. Do not rely on sight distance or "walking off" the distance.
- Many times, there are service loops in the pull boxes and at the base of the pole, which will not be accounted for when you do not use a meter for measuring the cable length. GRIDSMART recommends the Triplett Real World Certifier (www.triplett.com/shop/real-world-certifier-rwc1000k/) for testing the cable. The tester will provide length measurements as well as cable quality measurements.

| SPECIFICATION: | Cable Length: 300 Ft Max <br> Real World Certification: 100 MB Min <br> Cable Type: Vertical Cable part \#059-487/S/CMXF |
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| MEASURED: | Cable Length: <br> Real World Certification: <br> Cable Type: |

## 4 CONNECT DRAIN WIRE

The drain wire for the shielded CAT5e cable must be connected to the ground post in the EPM (Ethernet Protection Module). A crimp lug should be attached to the end of drain wire to attach it to the ground post. The drain should only be connected at the EPM end of the cable.

- If you are using an RBA, the drain must be spliced so the drain is continuous from the junction box to the EPM. A 10 AWG Wire is required to connect the EPM ground post to the traffic cabinet ground rod.
- Using a digital voltmeter, you should measure 0 Ohms between the EPM Ground Post and the traffic cabinet ground rod.



Triplett Real World Certifier


