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# Potential Equalisation Socket – POAG-PES-WM Series

[Equipotential Earth Bonding Connection Point]



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Innovation is at the heart of an evolutionary healthcare infrastructure. Challenging boundaries whilst being respectful of clinical skills are two valued philosophies which ensure knowledge led developments in bedroom architecture.

At **CABLEFLOW** we recognise the need to be different, to ensure product development offers practical and sustainable progression whilst always ensuring full compliance with Patient Safety Standards and improving the clinical environment for clinicians and patients alike.

We are proud of our British healthcare heritage which offers universal application around the world. Having been conferred both a prestigious **Queens Award for Enterprise: Innovation** and a **Kings Award for Enterprise: Innovation** users of our products and systems take confidence in this unique recognition of Cableflow as a market leader.

Recognised as Britain's foremost medical supply unit manufacturer our range of products whether standard or bespoke offer solutions to satisfy many in-patient design concepts across all clinical environments whether primary or tertiary care areas, and every speciality in-between.

In 2005 our **integra** product became the first and only linear bedhead trunking system to achieve Royal recognition with a **Queens Award for Enterprise: Innovation** from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This achievement was further endorsed in 2023 with a **Kings Award for Enterprise: Innovation** for our (POAG) equipotential earth bonding socket.

Improving the clinical architecture, patient and clinician experience whilst ensuring flexibility and adaptation in later use are hallmarks of our innovative bedhead solutions. Whether in an acute hospital setting or more domestic environments such as Hospice's and the like our systems can be tailored to your requirements.



## POAG-PES-WM series

### Potential Equalisation Socket – Wall Mount

Publication of BS 7671 (18<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Wiring Regulations) Amendment 2 defines that it is now a mandated requirement in accordance with Section 710 to provide *supplementary equipotential bonding* in a UK healthcare facility at every Group 1 and Group 2 medical location. The same requirement applies globally within HD 60 364-7-710.

In all such medical locations this earthing facility must be provided whether bedhead services are supplied within trunking systems (*medical supply units*) or by wall mounted outlets.

#### MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

The constant use of Medical Electrical (ME) equipment in the healthcare environment increases the risk to the patient if two separate ME items are touched simultaneously. Significant touch voltages within the medical location can occur and may be detrimental to both the patient or clinician.

In a healthcare environment the purpose of supplementary equipotential (*potential equalisation*) bonding is to equalise the differences in earth potential between differing metal parts that can be touched simultaneously, or to reduce differences of earth potential which can occur during the operation of ME devices and conductive parts of other objects.

#### REDUCING PATIENT AND CLINICIAN SHOCKS

Electric shocks can vary considerably in intensity although some shocks are so small they may not even be felt, particularly by an anaesthetised patient or clinical staff. However, the residual risk is that they lead to major issues such as Ventricular Fibrillation (VF) of the heart and this must be avoided.

Whilst such shocks of around 10mA may simply be experienced as an unpleasant tingle, an anaesthetised patient may not react to such a sensation in a way that would alert clinical staff and therefore go undetected, perhaps on several occasions. Larger currents can deliver a more fatal impact to a patient or clinical staff member.

To address this risk area it is essential that the medical location is properly earthed and all appropriate precautions taken to prevent any leakage current through the patient. This must not exceed 50 mA when assuming that the patient's body resistance is 1,000 Ohm.

Where surface mounted containment such as medical supply units is not used, the Cableflow **POAG-PES-WM series** provides a resilient polyester powder coated 1.2mm thick aluminium fascia plate to meet the requirements of BS7671 and HTM 06-01 in the patient environment.

#### VARIABLE CONFIGURATIONS

Supplied as a standard 1gang fascia configuration, it is fitted with 1, 2 or 4 gang POAG 6/25 potential equalisation sockets. Each fascia plate is finished in RAL 9010 and supported by a 25 year Applicators Guarantee and can be applied in all Group1 or 2 medical locations.



### MANDATED REQUIREMENT (BS 7671 & HD 60 364-7-710)

Supplementary equipotential bonding points must be provided in each medical location where ME equipment may be provided. All ME equipment should be manufactured with a corresponding inter-connection point in accordance with IEC 60601-1 to facilitate equipment connection by the use of a proprietary connecting lead.

BS7671 clause 710.415.2.1 requires that in each medical location of Group 1 and Group 2 activity, supplementary equipotential bonding connection points shall be installed. It states:

*Supplementary equipotential bonding connection points for the connection of ME equipment shall be provided in each medical location, as follows:*

*Group 1: a minimum of one per patient location*

*Group 2: a minimum of four but not less than 25% of the number of medical IT socket-outlets provided per patient location.*

### ALL PATIENT LOCATIONS

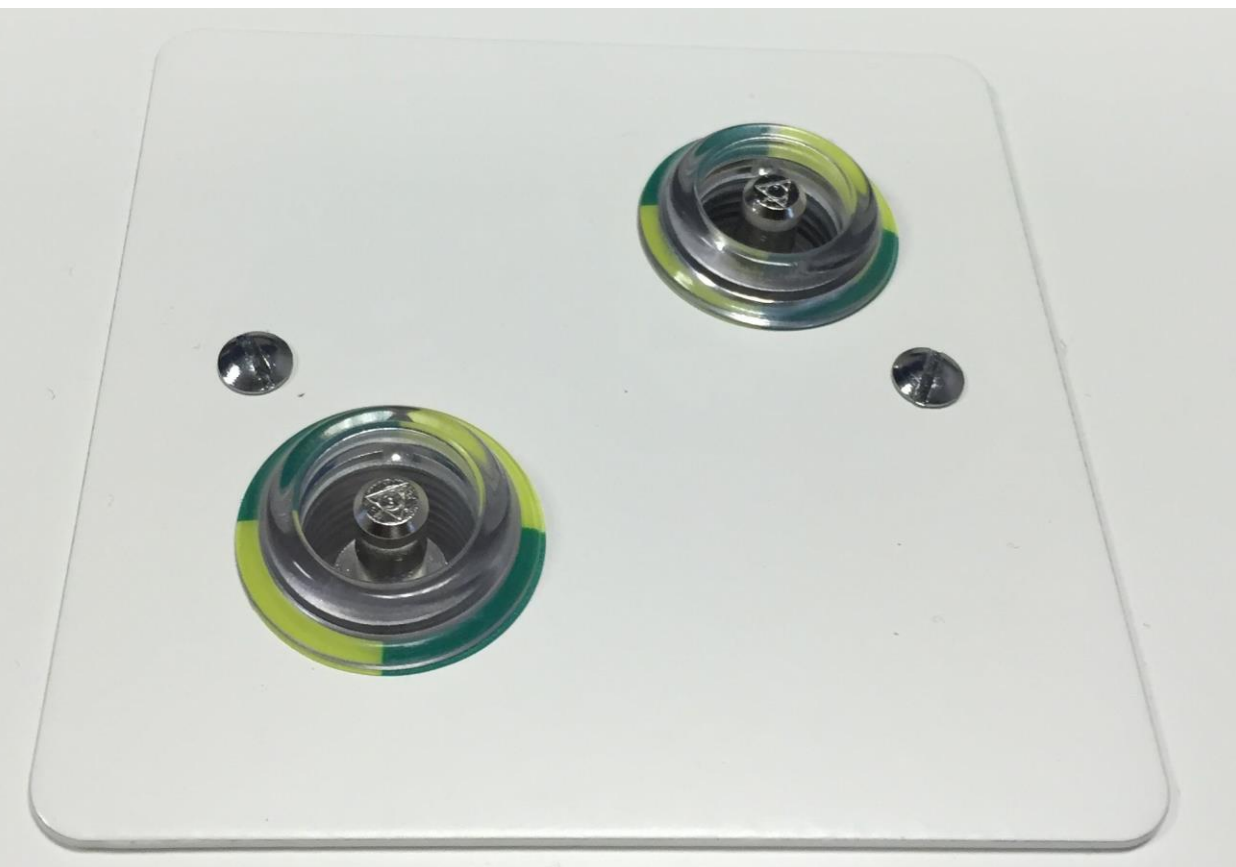
In practice this is any location within a healthcare facility where a patient may be treated, but not limited to being reviewed, consulted, treated, administered, retained overnight or for any form of procedure. The Regulation must be adhered to by designers and installers alike and verified by the Approved Person (AP) on each project.

### POAG – PES CONNECTION

The **POAG-PES-WM** series of outlet plates are fitted with a potential equalisation socket (POAG-PES) complying with the universally accepted DIN 42801 standard. A clear polycarbonate injection moulded insulation housing encapsulates a green/yellow micro-film label displaying the IEC 60417-5021 symbol for potential equalisation.

The design of the moulding has been carefully considered to create optics which work simultaneously with the label to magnify the image from all viewable angles, whilst identifying the component as a potential equalisation (supplementary equipotential bonding) point in accordance with IEC 60 601-1.

The insulation housing holds a TUV certified POAG connecting pin to DIN 42801 for proprietary lead connection. The POAG pin is fully insulated from the metal facia plate by the moulding and ensures a clean earth path to the equipotential bonding bar of the installation. The POAG pin is manufactured from nickel-plated brass, supplied complete with nut/washer assembly and primed for connection to the equipotential bonding cabling of either 4mm<sup>2</sup> or 6mm<sup>2</sup>.



The complete **Cableflow POAG-PES-WM** assembly is proven to be resilient to all healthcare cleaning chemicals commonly used.

Each fascia plate assembly can be supplied with a 47mm deep BS 4662 back box and fixing screws ready for installation although these are not supplied as standard.

### HIGH-GRADE MATERIALS

The amalgamation of high quality British manufacturing and the finest grade materials in each component ensures reliable potential equalisation in medical locations, supported by the Cableflow reputation as a globally renowned manufacturer of medical workplace components.



### APPLICABLE STANDARDS:

- IEC 60601-1:** Medical electrical equipment – General requirements for safety
- ISO 11197:** Medical supply units – essential safety requirements
- IEC 60364-1:** Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 1: Fundamental principles, assessment of general characteristics, definitions.
- IEC 60364-7-710:** Electrical Installations of buildings – requirements for special installations or locations – Medical locations
- BS 7671:** 18<sup>th</sup> Edition Wiring Regulations + Amd 2
- DIN 42801:** Potential equalisation leads – Connecting pins
- DIN 42801-2:** Potential equalisation leads – Connecting sockets
- HTM 08-03:** (UK DoH) Bedhead Services

### ORDER INFORMATION - COMPLETE ASSEMBLY PART NUMBERS:

- 1gang outlet: POAG-PES-WM1
- 2gang outlet: POAG-PES-WM2
- 4gang outlet: POAG-PES-WM4

*If a 47mm BS4662 back box is required add digits 47 to the end of the part nr e.g:  
POAG-PES-WM1/47*

### THE KINGS AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE: INNOVATION

The POAG-PES was recognised by His Majesty King Charles III as an exceptional innovation which has proven its commercial success since launch and this success was recognised by the appointment of a Kings Award for Enterprise in the Innovation category in 2023. Just 47 innovation awards were made in 2023 across a total of 149 Awards to British industry.

The Kings Awards for Enterprise are recognised as the highest accolade of achievement for a British business and reflect well-established, innovative businesses that have proven their value to the UK economy and are financially stable. In 2005 Cableflow were similarly recognised with a Queens Award for Enterprise, also for Innovation from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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CA NI



Document Reference	Document Description	Document Reference	Document Description
BS 476-10: 2009	Fire tests on building materials and structures. Guide to the principles, selection, role and application of fire testing and their outputs	BS EN ISO 9170-2:2008	Terminal units for medical gas pipeline systems. Terminal units for anaesthetic gas scavenging systems
BS 1363-1:2016 + A1:2018	13 A plugs, socket-outlets, adaptors and connection units. Specification for rewireable and non-rewireable 13 A fused plugs	BS EN ISO 7599:2010	Anodizing of aluminium and its alloys. General specifications for anodic oxidation coatings on aluminium
BS 1363-2:2016 + A1: 2018	13 A plugs, socket-outlets, adaptors and connection units. Specification for 13 A switched and unswitched socket-outlets	BS EN ISO 11197:2019	Medical supply units
BS 1363-4:2016 + A1 2018	13 A plugs, socket-outlets, adaptors and connection units. Specification for 13 A fused connection units switched and unswitched	ISO 19054:2006 + A1:2016	Rail Systems for supporting medical equipment
BS 5266-1:2011	Emergency lighting. Code of practice for the emergency escape lighting of premises	HBN 00-03	Designing generic clinical and clinical support spaces
BS 5733:2010+A1:2014	General requirements for electrical accessories. Specification	HBN 00-04	Circulation and communication Spaces
BS 6701: 2016	Telecommunications equipment and telecommunications cabling. Specification for installation, operation and maintenance	HBN 00-09	Infection control in the built environment
BS 6972: 1988	Specification for general requirements for luminaire supporting couplers for domestic, light industrial and commercial use	HBN 04-01	Adult in-patient facilities: planning and design
BS 7671:2018 + A2 2022	Requirements for Electrical Installations 18th Edition IET Wiring Regulations (incorporating Section 710 (Special Locations Medical Locations)	HBN 04-02	Critical care units
BS 8300-1:2018	Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people. Code of practice	HBN 4, Supplement 1	Isolation facilities for infectious patients in acute settings
BS EN 12206-1:2021	Paints and varnishes. Coating of aluminium and aluminium alloys for architectural purposes. Coatings prepared from coating powder	HBN 6	Facilities for Diagnostic imaging and interventional radiology:
BS EN 12464-1: 2021	Light and lighting. Lighting of work places. Indoor work places	HBN 07-01	Satellite Dialysis Unit
BS EN 13032-2: 2017	Light and lighting. Measurement and presentation of photometric data of lamps and luminaires. Presentation of data for indoor and outdoor work places	HBN 07-02	Main Renal Unit
BS EN 50083-2:2012	Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services. Electromagnetic compatibility for equipment	HBN 09-02	Maternity Care Facilities
BS EN 50085-1:2005+A1:2013	Cable trunking systems and cable ducting systems for electrical installations. General requirements	HBN 09-03	Neonatal Units
BS EN 50085-2-1:2006	Cable trunking systems and cable ducting systems for electrical installations. Cable trunking systems and cable ducting systems intended for mounting on walls and ceilings	HBN 57: 2003	Facilities for critical care
BS EN 60439-5: 2006	Low-voltage switchgear and control gear assemblies. Particular requirements for assemblies for power distribution in public networks	HTM 00	Building Engineering in the Health Sector
BS EN 60529:1992+A2:2013	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)	HTM 02-01	Medical gas pipeline systems
BS EN 60598-1:2021	Luminaires. General requirements and tests	HTM 06-01	Electrical services: supply and distribution
BS EN 60598-2-22:2014 +A1: 2020	Luminaires. Particular requirements. Luminaires for emergency lighting	HTM 06-02	Electrical safety guidance for low voltage systems
BS EN 60601-1-6:2010+A1:2013 +A2:2020	Medical electrical equipment. General requirements for basic safety and essential performance. Collateral standard. Usability	HTM 08-03	Management of bedhead services in the health sector
BS EN 60601-1-2: 2015 + A1:2021	Medical electrical equipment. General requirements for basic safety and essential performance. Collateral standard. Electromagnetic compatibility. Requirements and tests	HTM 17	Health Building Engineering Installations
BS EN 60669-1:2018	Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations. General requirements	HTM 2014	Abatement of electrical interference
BS EN 61000-6-3:2021	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Generic standards. Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments (formally BS EN 50081-1)	HTM 2020	Electrical safety code for low voltage systems
BS EN 61000-6-4:2019	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Generic standards. Emission standard for industrial environments	CIBSE LG 02: 2019	Lighting guide - Hospitals and health care buildings
BS EN 61000-6-1:2019	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Generic standards. Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments ( formally BS EN 50082-1)	CIBSE LG 3: 2001	Lighting guide - The visual environment for Display Screen Use
BS EN ISO 7396-1:2016 +A1:2019	Medical gas pipeline systems. Pipeline systems for compressed medical gases and vacuum	CIE	European Lighting Guide
BS EN ISO 7396-2: 2007	Medical gas pipeline systems. Anaesthetic gas scavenging disposal systems	NHS SPEC C49: 1997	Nurse Call Systems. Revision 3
BS EN ISO 9170-1:2017	Terminal units for medical gas pipeline systems. Terminal units for use with compressed medical gases and vacuum	EU MDR 2107/745	EU Medical Device Regulation
		UK MDR 2002	UK Medical Device Regulations (SI 2002 (no. 618, as amended)







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