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SYSTEMSHIELD™ ENVIRONMENTAL STORAGE LIMITS

PURPOSE

This document establishes allowable environmental conditions for the short- and long-term storage of SystemShieldTM Grounding Kits. It is intended for warehouse personnel, jobsite staging coordinators, distributors, and OEM partners who manage inventory prior to installation.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

SystemShield kits contain UL-listed copper conductors, pre-crimped compression lugs, zinc-plated steel hardware, and nylon cable management. All components are sensitive to environmental exposure over time. The following limits must be observed to maintain material performance and compliance.

APPROVED STORAGE CONDITIONS

| Parameter | Limit |
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| Indoor Temperature Range | 40°F to 95°F (4°C to 35°C) |
| Humidity (non-condensing) | ≤75% RH |
| Direct Sunlight | Not permitted |
| UV Exposure | Not permitted |
| Liquid Exposure (water, oil, solvent) | Not permitted |
| Surface Contact | Must be dry, clean, and non-metallic |
| Storage Duration (sealed, indoor) | Up to 12 months |
| Storage Duration (field staged, covered) | Up to 14 days without humidity control |

UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS

Kits must not be exposed to:

- Direct contact with moisture or pooling water
- Freezing and thawing cycles
- Open flame or high-temperature discharge zones
- Solvent vapors, acidic fumes, or corrosive gases

- Unprotected jobsite environments (dirt, debris, rodents)
- Unsealed concrete floor contact for more than 48 hours

HARDWARE AND FASTENER LIMITS

All screws, nuts, washers, and bolts are zinc-plated steel. To protect surface finish and mechanical torque integrity:

- Do not store near chemical degreasers or high-chloride environments
- Do not expose to outdoor air with salt or dust content
- Use vapor-barrier storage or desiccant packs if necessary

PRE-CRIMPED WIRE LIMITS

- Do not stress, uncoil, or pull on wires during storage
- Do not store in temperatures above 100°F for extended periods
- If exposed to moisture, visually inspect for oxidation before use
- Never attempt to re-crimp or replace factory lugs on-site

FIELD STAGING GUIDELINES

If kits must be stored at a jobsite:

| Condition | Requirement |
|-----------|---|
| Duration | Maximum 14 days before install |
| Enclosure | Lockable, weather-sealed box or container |
| Elevation | Off the ground using pallet or rack |
| Labeling | Do not remove factory labels or documentation inserts |

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LIMITS

Exposure beyond the limits defined here may void product warranty or compromise compliance with UL and NEC requirements. If a kit is believed to be exposed or damaged:

- 1. Complete the **Packaging Damage Checklist**
- 2. Submit a **Defect Report Form**
- 3. Quarantine the kit and contact SystemShield for evaluation

SUPPORT

For warehouse storage planning, site staging consultations, or custom packaging solutions:

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