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Mr. T. Carson  
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Re: Use of GFCI's In Existing Installations

Dear Mr. Carson:

Sometime ago you wrote proposing a change to Rule 26-700 (8) of the Canadian Electrical Code, Part I. Your proposal was to permit the use of a GFCI where grounding is not practical.

That subject caused a lot of interest and at least three different proposals were sent to the main Committee for balloting. It has finally been resolved and the next edition of the Code will contain a new subrule that will read as follows:

26-700 (9) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subrule (8), and where a grounding means does not exist in the receptacle enclosure, receptacles without a bonding conductor shall be permitted to be installed in existing residential occupancies provided;

(a) The receptacles contain ground fault circuit interrupters of the Class A type; and

(b) A bonding conductor is not extended from any ground fault circuit interrupter type receptacle, installed in accordance with Paragraph (9)(a), to any other outlet.

Many thanks for your interest and suggestion.

Yours truly,

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