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GFCI Stickers

Code: 2017 Electrical Code
Section: 406.4(D)(2)

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Question 1:

When a GFCI protective device is installed for replacing a non-grounding-type receptacle with a grounding-type receptacle, must both types of stickers that are typically provided with the GFCI device (“GFCI PROTECTED OUTLET” & “NO EQUIPMENT GROUND”) be affixed to the wall plates of the replaced receptacles?

Answer 1:

It depends on the GFCI protective device.

Section 406.4(D)(2)(b) requires that the replaced receptacles that are of GFCI-type only be marked with “NO EQUIPMENT GROUND”.

Section 406.4(D)(2)(c) requires that the replaced receptacles that are not of GFCI-type but protected by a GFCI device such as a GFCI circuit breaker or the load side of a GFCI-type receptacle be marked with both “GFCI PROTECTED” & “NO EQUIPMENT GROUND”.

Question 2:

Excluding the requirements for replacing a non-grounding-type receptacle with a grounding-type receptacle as described in Question 1, when a GFCI protective device is installed, must the stickers that are provided with the GFCI device that state “GFCI PROTECTED OUTLET” be affixed to the wall plates of the receptacles that are GFCI protected?

Answer 2:

No.

Except when replacing a non-grounding-type receptacle with a grounding-type receptacle as described in Question 1, there are no other sections of the electrical code that mandate a receptacle or its wall plate be marked with “GFCI PROTECTED OUTLET”.

Installation instructions that state “Place a GFCI Protected sticker on every receptacle that lost power” during the “Test your work” phase of the instructions are not deemed mandatory for compliance with the electrical code.

