Earth rod comparison and selection guide

Galvanised, copper-bonded, solid copper and 304L and 316 stainless steel side by side

KALOT EARTH RODS · GVER · ERCB · SCER · SSER 304L / 316

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316 stainless steel earth rod

SSER Austenitic stainless steel with molybdenum



Sizes
Diameters of 16 and 20; lengths of 1500 and 2000

Weight per 1500 mm length
2.38 and 3.72 kg

Joining lengths
Integral dowel; first earth rod and extension earth rods

Installation method
Driven; borehole in rocky soil

●●●●●	Corrosion resistance
●●●●●	Saline and chloride soil
○●●●●	Next to buried steel
○●●●●	Ease of driving
○$$$$	Relative cost

Best choice for
Coastal areas, saline and chloride soils and chemical plants; projects that call for IEC requirements.

304L stainless steel earth rod

SSER Low-carbon austenitic stainless steel



Sizes
Diameters of 16 and 20; lengths of 1500 and 2000

Weight per 1500 mm length
2.36 and 3.70 kg

Joining lengths
Integral dowel; first earth rod and extension earth rods

Installation method
Driven; borehole in rocky soil

○●●●●	Corrosion resistance
○○●●●	Saline and chloride soil
○●●●●	Next to buried steel
○●●●●	Ease of driving
○○$$$	Relative cost

Best choice for
Next to buried steel foundations, pipes and tanks; low-salt, well-drained soil.

Solid copper earth rod

SCER Copper throughout the cross-section

This product



Sizes
Diameters of 16 and 20; length 1500

Weight per 1500 mm length
2.68 and 4.19 kg

Joining lengths
M10 dowel; several lengths in line

Installation method
Borehole with ground improvement material, or driving in soft soil

●●●●●	Corrosion resistance
○●●●●	Saline and chloride soil
○○○●●	Next to buried steel
○○○●●	Ease of driving
$$$$$	Relative cost

Best choice for
Saline and corrosive soils, wherever very high durability is needed; installed in a borehole.

Copper-bonded earth rod

ERCB Steel core with copper coating



Sizes
5/8 and 3/4 inch; length 1500

Weight per 1500 mm length
1.95 and 2.76 kg

Joining lengths
Brass coupling; several lengths end to end

Installation method
Driven with a sledgehammer or power hammer

○●●●●	Corrosion resistance
○○●●●	Saline and chloride soil
○○○●●	Next to buried steel
●●●●●	Ease of driving
○○○$$	Relative cost

Best choice for
Most projects: buildings, substations, lightning protection and towers; driven to great depth at a sensible cost.

Galvanised earth rod

GVER Steel core, hot-dip galvanised



Sizes
Diameters of 16 and 20; lengths of 1500 and 2000

Weight per 1500 mm length
2.38 and 3.71 kg

Joining lengths
One piece; several parallel earth rods joined by galvanised conductor

Installation method
Driven with a driving cap, or in a borehole with GIM

○○○●●	Corrosion resistance
○○○●●	Saline and chloride soil
○○●●●	Next to buried steel
●●●●●	Ease of driving
○○○○$	Relative cost

Best choice for
All-galvanised earthing networks such as towers, fences and galvanised steel structures, and temporary site earthing; in neutral, well-drained soil.

Ratings compare these five earth rods with each other; more coins mean higher cost, based on metal prices on 21 Mehr 1405. Weights are per 1500 mm length.

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