



# EV CHARGING STATION FOUNDATION INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

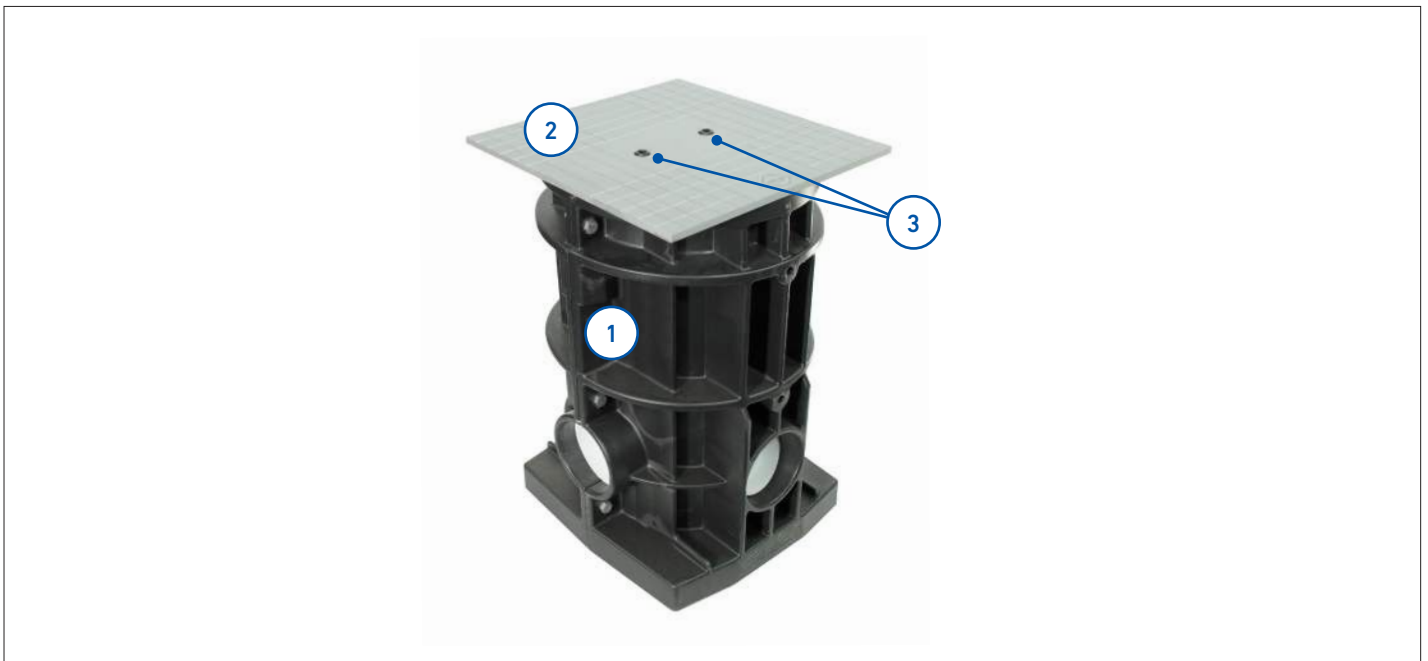


## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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## PACKAGE COMPONENTS



1. Foundation Base
2. Cast Aluminum Lid
3. 90 mm x 12 mm Allen head cap bolts (2)

### Tools Required:

- Back hoe or shovel(s)
- M10 Allen wrench
- Assorted drill bits
- Metal cutting hole saw with arbor for conduit pass through

## ⚠ WARNING

1. Always check with local codes to ensure compliance. You may need to adjust the guidelines provided here to comply with local regulations.
2. **ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:** 811 is the number used most in the U.S.
3. Use only qualified technicians for the task at hand. Improper installation can lead to equipment damage, injury, or even death of persons involved.
4. Follow all instructions for the charger unit being installed.

## PREPARATION

- 1** Prepare the site with substrate dug out to accommodate a hand tamper, 10" (254 mm) oversized, or vibrating plate, 24" (610 mm) oversized, on all sides of the foundation. The foundation is 15" (381 mm) in diameter.

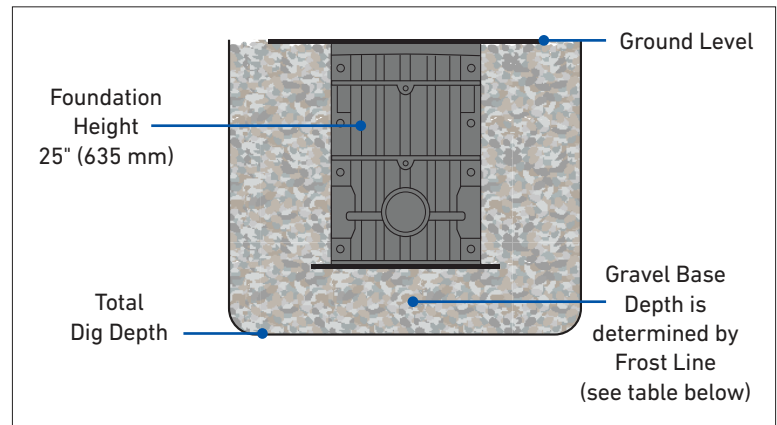
The foundation (Height = 25") requires a minimum gravel base of 6", making the minimum dig depth 31" (25" + 6"). A deeper gravel base is required for frost lines over 25". When the frost line exceeds 25", add 6" to the frost line to determine the proper dig depth.

**EXAMPLE:** 32" Frost Line + 6" = 38" Dig Depth.

Dig to the appropriate depth for your application (based on the frost line) and backfill with compacted limestone gravel until only 25" (the height of the foundation) remains.

In addition to backfilling with gravel to reach the correct depth, the foundation should also have a minimum of 11" (279 mm) of gravel around its sides. See drawing.

**NOTE:** Layers of gravel should be compacted every 3" to 6" (76 mm - 152 mm).



Frost Lines 0-25"	
Total Dig Depth	31" (787 mm)
Gravel Base Depth	6" (152 mm)
Frost Lines 26" and up	
Total Dig Depth	Frost Line + 6" (152 mm)
Gravel Base Depth	Total Dig Depth = 25" (635 mm) (Foundation Height)

**EXAMPLE:** 32" Frost Line + 6" = 38" Total Dig Depth  
 38" Total Dig Depth - 25" = 13" Gravel Base

- 2 Feed the conduit and route to the center bar. PLP recommends tie wrapping the conduit to the center bar for centering and ease of use later. See images.



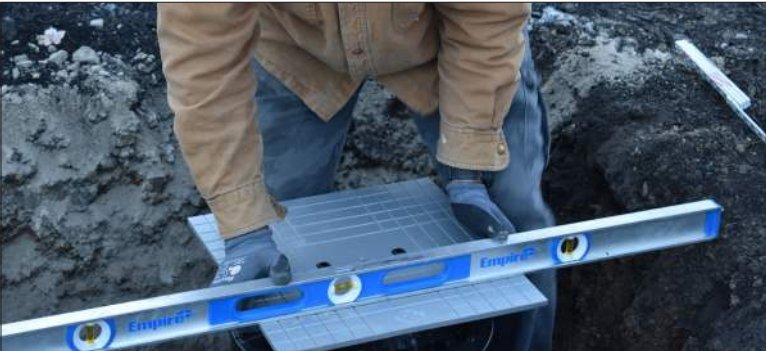
Ground prepared for installation of foundation; conduit ran and routed through open port to middle bar.



Conduit can be tie wrapped or wire tied to the middle bar for support.

- 3 Once the foundation is leveled and at the desired height for finishing the EV installation, begin to add gravel in 3-6" (76 mm - 152 mm) layers, compacting each layer with a manual compacting sledge or compacting machine. Ensure level status is maintained and that the gravel is filling the ribs on the exterior of the foundation. Repeat this process until the desired height has been reached. You may finish the surrounding area with concrete, paving stones, grass, mulch, or gravel.

**NOTE:** PLP recommends using a 3/4" (19 mm) compacted limestone or a locally available bedding stone.



- 4 Once the foundation is embedded into the gravel and compacted, remove cover and proceed to create a drill pattern using the template or mounting hardware for the charger of choice.



Gravel filled in, in 3"-6" (76 mm - 152 mm) increments, and then hand- or machine-tamped.



Completed foundation installation.

## CHARGER MOUNTING

- 5 Lay out the new template marking hole locations needed and drill into the aluminum cover. Place lock washers on the top part of the bolt to hold the bolts in place.



Use the charger's template to determine drill hole pattern. The ChargePoint CT4000 template is shown in the image above.

- 6 Drill into the center of the cover (dimple in plate is provided for a good start) for the conduit run. Oversize the hole by 1/8" (3 mm) for proper clearance for bushing or wire clamp.

**NOTE:** Starting with a smaller drill bit and working up makes for a quicker and cleaner job.



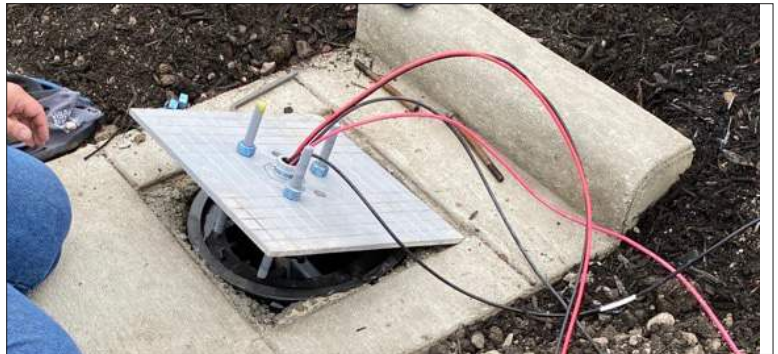
- 7 Attach the mounting bracket or plate for the charger/charger stand.

**NOTE:** Star lock washers can be used to hold the bolts in place as the lid is bolted back down the foundation.



- 8 After ensuring that no burrs or sharp edges are present, route cable through the large center hole. Extending the conduit up through the hole in the plate or routing just the wire will be a local decision based on the type of charger, mounting pole, and applicable codes.

**NOTE:** Using a bushing or wire clamp will help protect the wire during routing. PLP highly recommends protecting the wire at any potential contact or rub points.



- 9 Before attaching the aluminum cover, make sure that the foundation rim is clear of any gravel pieces that might make the adapter cover unstable after installation.



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Attach the adapter cover with the accompanying M12 x 90 mm bolts (2 pieces) through the recessed bolt holes in the top of the plate into the beam inside of the foundation using an M10 Allen wrench.

- If the bolts align with your charger's mounting bracket, they may also be used to attach the charger. PLP recommends that you switch to a hex bolt or a flange bolt for this purpose.
- The threads on the bar are M12 x 1.75.
- The maximum torque on the screw is 15 ft-lb. Greater torque will start to deform the bracket, which is part of the patented functionality to maintain the foundation's position in the event of vehicle collision damage.
- Some charging stations can be fastened using only one center screw (M12 x 90 mm), making the mounting plate rotatable at the foundation top. However, if larger charging stations are anchored, all three attachment points may be needed, and then the orientation of the beam will become important. Drilling holes in the aluminum cover will be necessary per the mounting plate attachment.

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At this point, follow the installation instructions for the charger that you have chosen.



Completed foundation installation, with an attached charger.



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