

# ARTICLE 404

# Switches

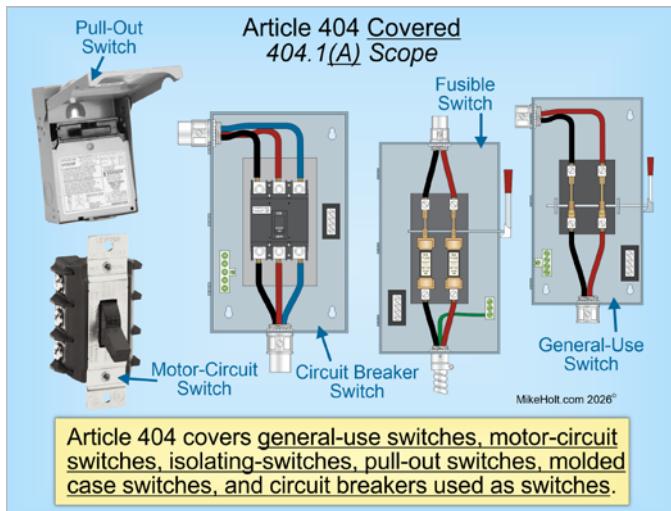
## Introduction to Article 404—Switches

This article applies to general-use switches, *motor-circuit switches*, *isolating switches*, pullout switches, circuit breakers used as switches and molded-case switches. These switching devices are intended for control and isolation in general distribution and capable of interrupting their rated current at their rated voltage. For *Code* users familiar with previous editions of the *Code*, the common snap switches used for lighting circuits are now covered by Article 406—Wiring Devices.

### Part I. Installation

#### 404.1 Scope

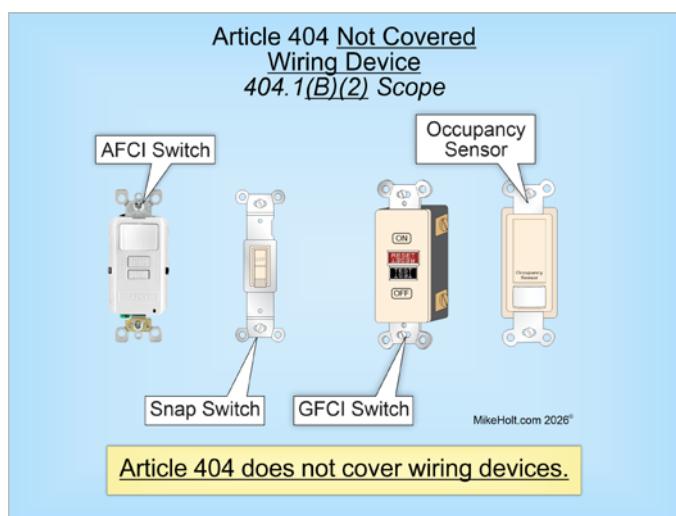
**(A) Covered.** This article covers general-use switches, motor-circuit switches, isolating switches, pull-out switches, molded case switches, and circuit breakers used as switches. ▶Figure 404-1



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**(B) Not Covered.** This article does not cover:

(2) Wiring devices ▶Figure 404-2

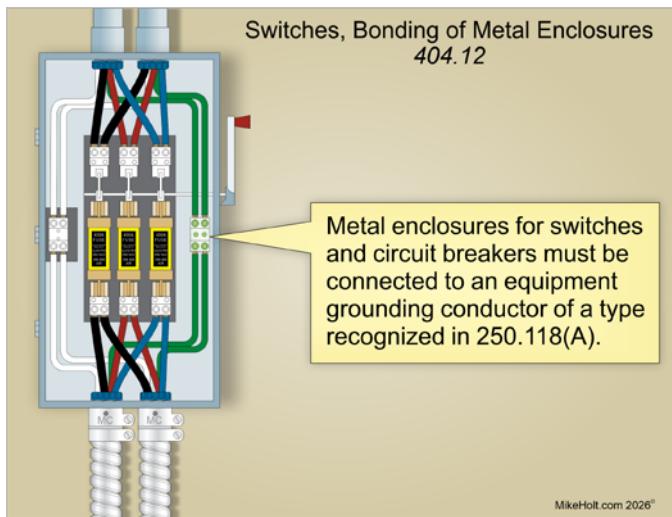


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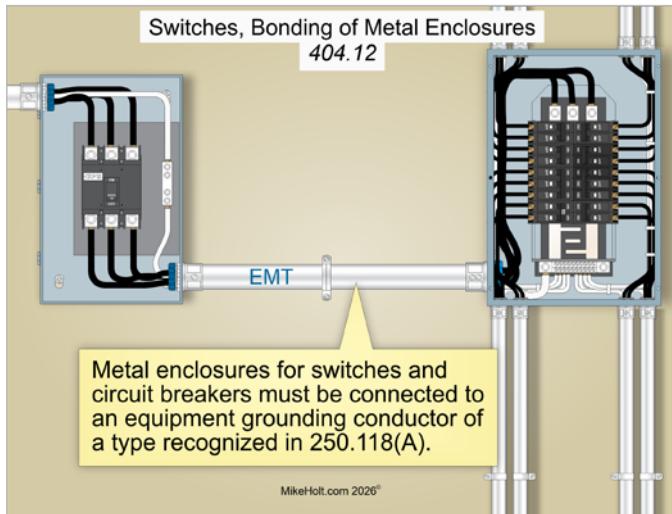
**Note:** See Article 406 for the requirements of general-use snap switches and other wiring devices.

#### 404.12 Bonding of Enclosures

Metal enclosures for switches and circuit breakers must be connected to an equipment grounding conductor of a type recognized in 250.118(A). ▶Figure 404-3 and ▶Figure 404-4

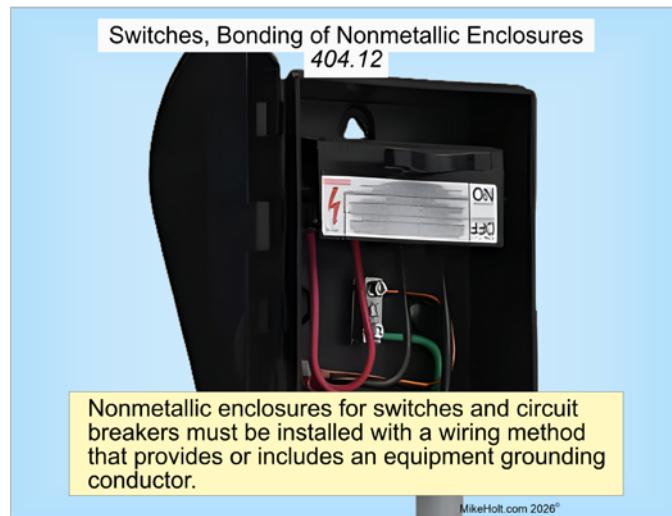


►Figure 404-3



►Figure 404-4

Nonmetallic enclosures for switches and circuit breakers must be installed with a wiring method that provides or includes an equipment grounding conductor. ►Figure 404-5



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