

How to ground the branch wires of the distribution box



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Key Takeaways

To ground the branch wires of a distribution box, connect each wire to the PE (protective earth) bar using a properly sized yellow-green insulated copper wire, ensuring secure and reliable connections.



1. Locate the Grounding Bar (PE Bar) Open the distribution box and identify the grounding bar, often marked as "PE" or with a grounding symbol. This bar serves as the central point for all grounding connections inside the box . 2. Prepare the Ground Wires Use yellow-green insulated copper wires with a cross-sectional area that meets or exceeds local electrical code requirements. Strip the insulation at the ends to expose enough copper for a secure connection . 3. Connect Branch Wires to the PE Bar Attach each branch wire's ground conductor to the PE bar. Insert the stripped end into the terminal and tighten the screw firmly with a screwdriver to ensure a solid connection. This prevents loosening and ensures reliable grounding . 4. Ground Electrical Components If the distribution box contains metal components or devices that require grounding, connect them to the PE bar using copper wires. This ensures that all conductive parts are safely grounded and reduces the risk of electric shock . 5. Connect to External Grounding System For overall safety, connect the PE bar to the main grounding system or ground rod outside the building. Ensure the ground rod is properly installed in the soil and that the connection has low resistance, typically below 0.1 ohm for industrial setups . 6. Test the Grounding After all connections are made, use a voltmeter or ground resistance tester to verify that the grounding system is effective. If the resistance is too high, adjust the ground rod placement or add additional rods to achieve proper grounding . 7. Mark and Maintain Connections Clearly label all grounding connections for easy inspection and maintenance. Regularly check for loose connections or corrosion to maintain safety over time .

Additional Precautions

- Always wear insulating gloves and use insulated tools when working inside the distribution box .
- Ensure that the grounding wire is continuous and not broken or damaged.
- Follow local electrical codes and standards (e.g., NEC, IEC) for wire sizing and grounding requirements .
- For plastic distribution boxes, ensure the ground wire is connected to a metal part or mounting plate that is itself grounded . By following these steps, you can ensure that all branch wires and components in the distribution box are properly grounded, providing a safe and reliable electrical system.

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