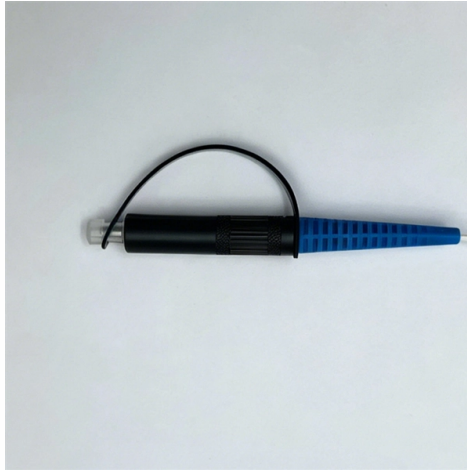


Wiring method for two lights in the distribution box



Overview

Wiring Multiple Lights and Switches on One Circuit Comprehensive guide to wiring multiple lights and switches. Includes components, advanced 3-way control.

Key Takeaways

Two lights can be wired from a distribution box using either independent switches or a shared switch, ensuring proper connection of hot, neutral, and ground wires for safety and functionality. Safety First

Before starting any wiring, turn off the main breaker to de-energize the circuit. Use a non-contact voltage tester to confirm that all wires are dead. This prevents accidental shock while working inside the distribution box or switch boxes .

Components Needed

- Distribution box with Main MCB and single-pole MCBs for each light circuit
- Two light fixtures
- Two switches (single-pole or a double switch)
- Electrical wires: typically 14/2 or 12/2 Romex depending on circuit amperage



- Wire nuts and grounding screws

Wiring Steps for Independent Control

- Power Input to Distribution Box: Connect the incoming phase (hot) wire to the Main MCB, and the neutral wire to the neutral bus bar. Connect the ground wire to the earth bus .
- MCB to Switches: Run separate wires from the output of each single-pole MCB to the corresponding switch. The hot wire from the MCB is connected to the switch terminal, while the neutral bypasses the switch and goes directly to the light fixture .
- Switch to Light Fixtures: From each switch, run a switch leg (hot wire) to the respective light fixture. Connect the neutral wire from the distribution box to the light fixture's neutral terminal. Connect all ground wires together and to the fixture and switch grounding screws .
- Pigtail: If using a double switch or multiple switches in one box, pigtail the incoming hot wire to feed both switches simultaneously. This ensures each switch can independently control its light .
- Final Connections: Secure all wire nuts, attach fixtures to their boxes, and fasten switch covers. Test the circuit by turning on the MCB and operating each switch to confirm independent control .

Wiring Notes

- Neutral wires always remain continuous and are not interrupted by switches.
 - Ground wires provide safety and must be connected to all metal boxes, switches, and fixtures.
 - For a shared switch setup, both lights can be connected in parallel to a single switch, with the hot wire from the switch feeding both fixtures and neutrals connected together .
 - Ensure wire sizes match the MCB rating: 14 AWG for 15A, 12 AWG for 20A circuits .
- By following these steps, you can safely wire two lights in a distribution box with either independent or shared control, maintaining proper grounding, neutral continuity, and compliance with standard electrical practices.

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