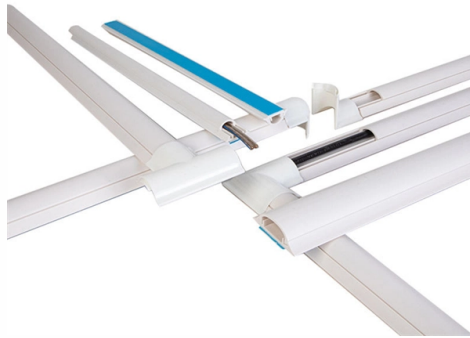


Ground wire connection location of distribution box



Overview

Where to Connect a Ground Wire in a Breaker Box This table dictates the minimum wire size necessary to carry the fault current long enough to trip the breaker.

Key Takeaways

The ground wire in a distribution box should be connected to the designated grounding bar (PE bar) inside the box, ensuring a secure and reliable connection. Steps for Proper Grounding



Locate the Grounding Bar: Open the distribution box and identify the grounding bar, often marked as "PE" or with a grounding symbol. This is the designated point for all ground connections .

Connect the Ground Wire: Use a copper core wire, typically yellow-green insulated, with a cross-sectional area meeting local electrical codes. Strip the insulation for the required length, insert the wire into the terminal on the PE bar, and tighten the screw firmly to ensure a secure connection .

Ground Electrical Components: Any electrical components inside the distribution box that require grounding should also be connected to the PE bar using copper wires. This ensures that all metallic parts are safely grounded and reduces the risk of electric shock .

Bonding in the Main Panel: In the main service panel, the ground bar should be connected to the grounding electrode system, such as ground rods or a Ufer ground in the concrete foundation. Neutral and ground are bonded only in the main panel; in subpanels, they must remain separate to prevent safety hazards .

Check for Reliability: Ensure all connections are tight, clearly marked, and free from looseness. Proper grounding reduces resistance and ensures the safe operation of electrical equipment .

Additional Considerations

- Use the correct wire gauge as specified by local codes (e.g., 10 AWG in the US for certain applications) to maintain low resistance and effective grounding .
- If the distribution box is metallic, the enclosure itself may also be bonded to the PE bar for additional safety.
- Regular inspection and maintenance of grounding connections are recommended to ensure long-term safety and compliance. By following these steps, the ground wire will provide a safe path for fault currents, protect personnel, and ensure proper operation of the electrical system.

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