

Aluminum cable slot at the inlet of the distribution box



Article Overview

Aluminum cables can be safely connected at the inlet of a distribution box using terminals designed for aluminum conductors, with attention to oxidation and proper torque.

Key Considerations for Aluminum Cable Connections

1. **Terminal Compatibility** Aluminum conductors form a non-conductive oxide layer when exposed to air, which increases resistance at the connection point. To ensure a reliable connection, use terminals specifically rated for aluminum cables or dual-rated terminals for copper and aluminum (). These terminals are designed to maintain conductivity and prevent overheating. 2. **Cable Slot and Inlet Design** Distribution boxes often feature cable slots or “PUSH IN” contacts that accommodate a range of conductor sizes, typically from 0.5 to 10 mm² (). Ensure the aluminum cable fits securely in the slot and that the slot is compatible with the cable gauge. For larger aluminum conductors, screw terminals may be required, and the maximum cable area should be observed (commonly up to 10 mm²) (). 3. **Installation Best Practices**

- **Clean the conductor:** Remove any oxide layer or debris before insertion.
- **Apply anti-oxidation compound:** This helps prevent further oxidation at the connection point.
- **Torque correctly:** Follow manufacturer specifications for tightening screws or clamps to avoid loose connections, which can cause overheating or arcing.
- **Power off:** Always disconnect power before connecting or disconnecting aluminum...

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