

Correct Layout of Secondary Distribution Box



Article Overview

A secondary distribution box (subpanel) should be organized with clear separation of neutral and ground, proper placement of breakers, busbars, and protective devices, and sufficient space for wiring and future expansion.

Planning and Placement

When installing a secondary distribution box, select a location that is dry, accessible, and well-ventilated, typically at a height of around 1.5 meters for easy access. Ensure clear working space of at least 3 feet in front of the panel and 30 inches wide, extending from the floor to 6.5 feet, as required by NEC Article 110.26 . Avoid areas prone to dampness, excessive heat, or obstruction by storage.

Component Layout

A typical secondary distribution box includes:

- Main breaker or isolator: Acts as the feeder disconnect from the main panel.
- Busbars: Phase busbars for live conductors, neutral busbar, and dedicated ground bar.
- Circuit breakers (MCBs): Protect individual outgoing circuits.
- Residual Current Devices (RCCBs/RCBOs): Provide additional protection against earth faults.
- Surge Protective Devices (SPDs): Optional, for transient voltage protection....

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