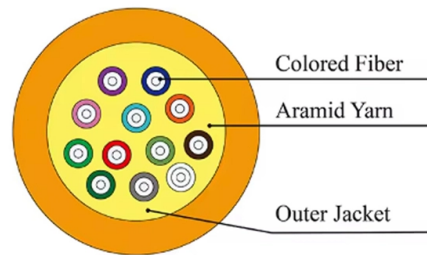


Standards for Installing Outdoor Distribution Boxes on Construction Sites



Article Overview

Outdoor distribution boxes on construction sites must be weatherproof, properly rated, grounded, and installed according to NEC and OSHA standards to ensure safety and compliance.

Regulatory Requirements

NEC Compliance: Outdoor distribution boxes must meet NEC Article 312 requirements, which include rain-tight enclosures (NEMA 3R or 4) for wet locations, proper bus bar sizing, overcurrent protection, and a main disconnect for systems over 100A. Grounding and neutral bars must be separate, and boxes should be mounted so that the front edge is no more than 6 mm from the finished surface . Field-installable circuit breakers with bolted connections are required for distribution boxes, while plug-in breakers are used in load centers .

OSHA Compliance: All electrical equipment must be approved, free from recognized hazards, and suitable for the intended purpose. Working spaces around distribution boxes must be clear, with at least 3 feet of front clearance and a minimum headroom of 6 feet 3 inches. Live parts must be guarded or enclosed to prevent accidental contact . Temporary wiring must use heavy-duty, UL-listed cords, and all boxes must have covers, with metal covers grounded .

Practical Installation Guidelines

- **Weatherproofing:** Use NEMA 3R or 4 enclosures to prevent water ingress. Avoid generic “weatherproof” boxes that do not meet rain-tight standards .

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All 120-volt, single-phase, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles shall be of the grounding type and their contacts shall be grounded by

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