

Circuit Distribution Box Numbering Rules



Article Overview

Circuit numbering in distribution boxes follows standardized rules to ensure unique identification, clarity, and safe operation, using sequential numbers, polarity conventions, and functional grouping.

General Principles

- **Unique Identification:** Each panelboard, switchboard, or distribution box is assigned a unique electrical identification number, which forms the prefix for all circuits within that panel .
- **Sequential Numbering:** Circuits are numbered sequentially, typically starting from the incomer or main breaker and proceeding through outgoing circuits in order of electrical importance, such as bus sections, transformer feeders, and plant loads .
- **Alphanumeric Extensions:** When necessary, letters or additional symbols can indicate phase, polarity, or special characteristics of the circuit .

Numbering Conventions

- **Three or Fewer Digits:** Circuit numbers generally use up to three digits for simplicity .
- **Polarity:** Positive circuits are assigned odd numbers, and negative circuits even numbers. Polarity changes after major voltage-drop components like coils or resistors .
- **Functional Grouping:** Circuits are grouped by function or protection type. For example:
 - Control and protection circuits: 001-099, 101-599
 - Excitation circuits: 601-699...

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