

Grounding the live wire from the distribution box



Article Overview

A live (hot) wire should never be directly grounded in a distribution box under normal operation, as this creates a dangerous fault condition that can cause electric shock or trip circuit breakers.

Understanding Grounding and Live Wires

In a properly wired electrical system, the live (hot) wire carries current to the load, while the neutral wire returns current to the source. The ground wire is a safety conductor that normally carries no current but provides a low-resistance path to earth in case of a fault. Grounding ensures that exposed metal parts of equipment, such as the distribution box or appliance housings, do not become energized and pose a shock hazard.

What Happens if a Live Wire is Grounded

If a live wire comes into contact with the grounded parts of a distribution box:

- Immediate fault current flows through the ground path, which can be extremely dangerous if the grounding is inadequate.
- Circuit breakers or fuses should trip instantly, disconnecting the circuit to prevent fire or electrocution.
- If the grounding path has high resistance due to poor connections, corrosion, or insufficient wire size, the fault current may not be enough to trip protective devices...

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