

How to install a lightning rod in a distribution box



Article Overview

A lightning rod should be installed with proper grounding and surge protection to safely divert lightning currents away from the distribution box and connected electrical systems.

Key Components

A complete lightning protection system consists of three main elements:

- Air terminals (lightning rods): Positioned at the highest points to intercept lightning strikes, typically made of copper or aluminum and extending 10–36 inches above the protected structure .
- Down conductors: Heavy-gauge cables that carry the lightning current from the rod to the ground, ensuring a low-impedance path .
- Earth termination network: Ground rods or plates that safely dissipate the current into the earth .

Steps for Safe Installation

- Determine Placement: Lightning rods should be installed at the highest points near the distribution box or on the roof above it. Ensure rods are spaced at regular intervals (about 20 feet apart) and near corners for optimal protection .
- Connect Down Conductors: Run a conductor cable from the lightning rod to the grounding system. Use cable clamps every 3 feet to secure the conductor along structural elements, avoiding sharp bends and keeping the path as straight and sho...

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As the electrical current begins to flow through the lightning rod, it must be conducted away from the structure on which the rod is installed, usually

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