

# Prohibitions on the Use of Explosion-proof Distribution Boxes



## Article Overview

Explosion-proof distribution boxes must avoid uncertified components, improper wiring, inadequate sealing, and installation in incompatible hazardous environments.

### Key Prohibitions and Restrictions

1. Use of Non-Certified Components Explosion-proof distribution boxes must only contain components certified for hazardous locations, such as ATEX, IECEx, or NEMA-rated parts. Using uncertified plugs, connectors, or circuit breakers is prohibited, as it can compromise the enclosure's ability to contain sparks or explosions and may violate legal safety standards .
2. Improper Wiring and Connections Cables passing through the enclosure must go through packing glands or interlocked plugs. Short-circuit protection is mandatory for each branch circuit, and connectors must match the current-carrying capacity of the circuit-interrupting devices . Exposed live conductors, insufficient creepage distances, or mismatched wire cross-sections are prohibited, as they increase the risk of arcing or ignition .
3. Inadequate Mechanical Strain Relief All connectors must have provisions to relieve mechanical strain. Failing to secure cables properly or allowing stress on connectors is prohibited because it can damage insulation or create sparks inside the enclosure .
4. Installation in Incompatible Hazardous Areas Explosion-proof boxes must be installed according to the hazardous area classification (e.g., Class I, Division 1 or Class II, Division 1). Using a Class II sealing compound in a Class I environment or installing a box in an area with incompatible gas or dust types is prohibited . The enclosure must match the protection type required (e.g., Ex d for flameproof, Ex i for intrinsically safe).
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Product Details□ Ex mark:Ex de IIC T4 Gb DIP A21 TA,T4 Intended use:zone 1,zone 2,zone21,zone22 Degree of protection:IP66

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First rule of explosion safety: You can't protect against what you haven't identified. Hazardous areas are classified by risk probability:

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5 Key Factors to Consider When Selecting Explosion

Selecting explosion-proof distribution boxes protects the safety of your staff in any

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Principle and applicable area of explosion-proof distribution box

Explosion-proof distribution boxes aren't just metal containers; they're engineered life-savers designed to contain potential disasters

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