

Reasons for Rusting in Network Distribution Boxes



Article Overview

Rusting in network distribution boxes primarily occurs due to moisture exposure, poor material selection, inadequate sealing, and environmental factors.

Key Causes of Rust

1. **Moisture and Humidity Exposure** Exposure to damp air, rain, or high humidity is a major cause of rust in distribution boxes. Moisture can penetrate poorly sealed boxes, leading to corrosion of both the exterior and interior metal components, including breakers, busbars, and lugs, which can compromise electrical safety and functionality.
2. **Material Selection** Using non-corrosion-resistant metals accelerates rust formation. Boxes made from untreated steel are more prone to oxidation, whereas stainless steel or galvanized steel significantly reduce the risk of rust.
3. **Inadequate Surface Treatment** Lack of protective coatings such as powder coating, electrocoating, or liquid coatings allows oxygen and moisture to reach the metal surface, promoting corrosion. Even minor scratches or unpolished welds can become initiation points for rust.
4. **Poor Sealing and Design** Distribution boxes that are not properly sealed or have damaged gaskets allow water and air to enter. Outdoor boxes without sufficient waterproofing are particularly vulnerable to rain and condensation.
5. **Environmental Factors** Harsh environments, including coastal areas with salt-laden air, acidic or alkaline atmospheres, and high temperatures, accelerate corrosion. Vibration and dust accumulation can also contribute to surface degradation.
6. **Maintenance Neglect** Failure to regularly inspect, clean, and maintain the distribution box can allow rust to develop unnoticed. Untreated minor rust can spre...

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3) Although corrosion can occur inside a panel due to a humid environment, most panels with severe corrosion of the

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Other forms of coating, such as oil or wax, will also help to prevent rusting for the same reason. The size of the piece of metal can

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