# Method for drilling holes in cap-type junction boxes

## Overview

A Step-By-Step Guide To Drilling A Hole In A Junction Learn how to safely and effectively drill a hole in a junction box with this step-by-step guide. Perf.

## Key Takeaways

Drilling holes in cap-type junction boxes requires proper safety precautions, the right drill and bit, and careful technique to maintain box integrity.

### Safety Precautions

Before starting, turn off the power to the circuit at the breaker panel and verify with a voltage tester that no electricity is present inside the box. Wear safety goggles, gloves, and non-conductive footwear to protect against flying debris and accidental contact with sharp edges. Keep the work area clear to avoid tripping hazards or interference while drilling.

### Tool Selection

Drill: Use a cordless or electric drill depending on accessibility and power availability. Drill Bits: Choose bits based on the box material: Metal boxes: High-speed steel (HSS) or cobalt bits for clean, precise holes. Plastic boxes: Standard carbon steel bits are sufficient.

Hole Saws or Core Drills: For larger circular openings, a hole saw or core drill can provide precise cuts. Nibblers or Rotary Tools: For non-circular or custom shapes, a metal nibbler or rotary tool with a cutting bit allows controlled removal of material.

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### Drilling Technique

Mark the Hole Location: Measure carefully to ensure clearance for internal components and fittings. Use a marker or scribe to mark the center point. Center Punch (Metal Boxes): Create a small indentation at the marked point to prevent the drill bit from wandering.

Pilot Hole: Drill a small pilot hole (e.g., 1/4 inch) to guide the main drill or hole saw. Drill Slowly: Operate at a slow speed to prevent overheating and maintain control. For metal, apply light cutting fluid to reduce friction and prolong bit life.

Deburr Edges: After drilling, remove sharp edges with a file or deburring tool to prevent damage to wires or insulation.

### Code and Compliance Considerations

Drilling additional holes is generally acceptable for mounting purposes if done carefully, but field-made holes must be approved and should not compromise UL listing or NEC compliance. Screws or nails should not pass through the box in a way that could damage conductor insulation; use mounting holes or brackets as recommended. Always check local electrical codes and inspection requirements before modifying a junction box.

### Summary

To drill a hole in a cap-type junction box safely and effectively: De-energize the circuit and wear PPE. Select the correct drill and bit for the material. Mark, punch, and pilot the hole before drilling.

Drill slowly, use lubrication if needed, and deburr edges. Ensure compliance with electrical codes and UL standards. Following these steps ensures a safe, precise, and code-compliant modification of your junction box.

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