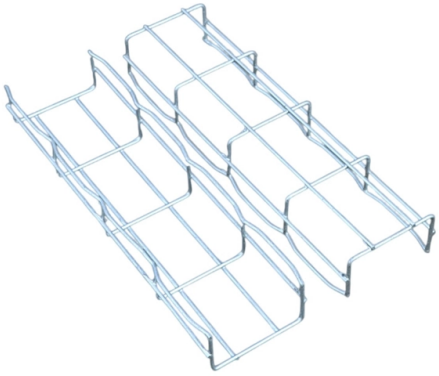
Opening holes on the distribution box



Overview

Use electric drill to drill holes at fixed points. The hole diameter shall be just enough to embed the expansion part of expansion bolt into the wall, and the holes shall be straight without skew.

Key Takeaways

Holes in a distribution box should be opened precisely, safely, and in accordance with manufacturer guidelines to ensure proper installation and electrical safety.

Purpose of Openings

Distribution boxes often require openings for incoming and outgoing conduits, wiring, or auxiliary equipment. Pre-punched knockout holes are provided by manufacturers, but additional holes may be needed for custom wiring arrangements or non-standard conduit sizes. These openings allow orderly cable entry while maintaining the integrity of the box and preventing hazards.

Proper Method for Opening Holes

Plan and Mark: Determine the exact location of the hole based on conduit spacing and wiring layout. Knockout holes should be used where possible, and any new hole should be at least 2 cm away from existing knockouts. Drilling: Use an electric drill at fixed points to create the hole.

Avoid long or irregular holes, and never use electric or gas welding to open holes. The hole diameter should match the conduit or expansion bolt size to ensure a secure fit. Alignment: Ensure that the holes are straight, uniform, and in line with the wall or mounting surface.

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Fix the box temporarily, then adjust and secure bolts after confirming horizontal alignment. Sealing: Any unused knockouts or openings must be sealed with appropriate plugs or seals to prevent accidental contact with energized components, moisture ingress, or pest entry. For plastic distribution boxes, twist-and-lock seals or asphalt-based sealants are commonly used.

Safety ConsiderationsDe-energize circuits before working on the box to prevent electric shock.

Wear PP

E, including safety glasses and gloves, to protect against metal burrs and debris. Avoid drilling near edges, corners, or formed bosses to maintain the box's structural integrity and enclosure rating. Drainage holes in boxes for damp or wet locations should be limited to 3–6 mm in diameter and placed at the lowest point of the box.

Summary

Opening holes in a distribution box requires careful planning, precise drilling, and proper sealing. Following manufacturer instructions and safety standards ensures that the box remains functional, secure, and compliant with electrical codes, while minimizing the risk of electrical hazards or structural damage.

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