

Cable crimped in the distribution box



Article Overview

A properly crimped cable in a distribution box ensures a secure, low-resistance, and mechanically stable connection, preventing electrical failures and fire hazards.

Importance of Proper Crimping

Crimping is the process of mechanically compressing a wire into a terminal or connector to create a reliable electrical and mechanical connection . In a distribution box, a high-quality crimp ensures that the cable remains firmly attached under vibration, temperature changes, and current flow, reducing the risk of loose connections, overheating, or fire .

Key Steps for Correct Crimping

- **Wire Preparation:** Strip the insulation to the correct length, ensuring all strands are intact and untinned, as soldered strands can lead to loose connections .
- **Terminal Selection:** Use a terminal or connector that matches the wire gauge and type. Only stranded wires should be used for crimping .
- **Tool Selection:** Use the appropriate crimping tool for the terminal type. Tools may include hex, indent, or dual-stage crimping systems, which provide superior mechanical and electrical performance .
- **Crimp Execution:** Insert the stripped wire fully into the terminal, then compress the terminal using the crimping tool until it releases. For splices, rotate and crimp both sides to ensure uniform compression .
- **Inspection:** Verify the crimp visually and, if possible, perform a pull test to ensure the wire cannot be pulled out. Go/No-Go gauges can be used to check crimp dimensions

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