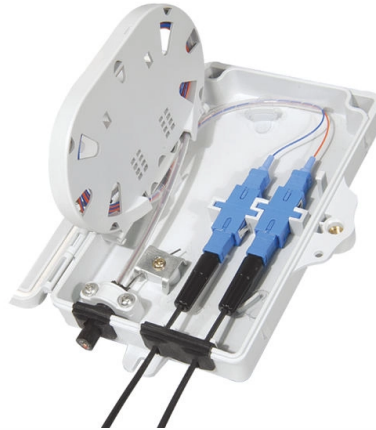


How to connect the pigtail



Article Overview

Connecting a pigtail wire involves twisting multiple circuit wires together with a short lead wire and securing them with a wire nut or connector to safely extend or join electrical circuits.

What is a Pigtail Wire?

A pigtail wire is a short piece of wire, typically 6-8 inches long, used to connect multiple circuit conductors to a single device terminal, such as an outlet, switch, or grounding screw. It allows the device to be connected without becoming part of the main circuit path, ensuring continuity even if the device is removed or fails. Pigtails are commonly used in residential, automotive, and industrial wiring projects.

Tools and Materials Needed

- Wire strippers
- Linesman pliers or standard pliers
- UL-listed wire nuts or pigtail connectors
- Pigtail wire matching the gauge and material of the existing circuit (e.g., 14-gauge for 15-amp circuits, 12-gauge for 20-amp circuits)
- Non-contact voltage tester for safety

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Turn Off Power: Shut off the circuit breaker and verify the wires are de-energized using a non-contact voltage tester.
- Prepare the Wires: Cut the pigtail wire to 6-8 inches. Strip about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of in...

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