

Rust Removal from Outdoor Distribution Box Terminals



Overview

To improve the connection quality of an electrical contact or switch, you can remove oxidation or rust either mechanically and/or chemically. A brass or steel brush is the most common method of scrubbing off oxidation, although for sensitive contacts nylon is also used. This chemical reaction, often visible as rust on steel parts or a chalky white substance on aluminum terminals, is primarily. Written by Matt Pinkston, Operations Manager at Bright Electric— a licensed electrical contractor serving Evansville, IN for over 30 years. Generally limited maintenance is sufficient to care for rusted panels. Removing the rust, priming and then painting stops the issue. This guide will walk you through identifying different types of corrosion that might be affecting your panels and offer practical solutions to clean them up.



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Surface rust on the exterior can be wiped with a dry cloth, but never attempt to clean corrosion inside the panel.

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Apply a baking soda and water paste or a battery terminal protector spray to the terminals and let it sit for a few

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Mix a paste of baking soda and water, or grab some white vinegar or lemon juice. Apply the cleaner to the corroded

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