Dual circuit connection at the output of the distribution box



Overview

In dual-RCD boards, put at least one lighting circuit on each RCD so that if one trips, the building is not left in complete darkness.

Key Takeaways

Dual circuit connections at a distribution box involve splitting the output into two protected circuits using RCDs and MCBs, ensuring safe and balanced power distribution.

Overview

A dual circuit or split-load distribution box is designed to divide the electrical load into two separate circuits, each protected by its own RCD (Residual Current Device) and MCBs (Miniature Circuit Breakers). This setup enhances safety, allows selective protection, and ensures continuity of power in case one circuit trips.

Wiring Principles

Main Input Connection: The phase and neutral from the main supply enter the distribution box and connect to the main double-pole MCB or main switch.

RC

D Connections: The output of the main switch feeds two separate RCDs.

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Each RC

D protects a group of downstream circuits. The neutral wires of the RCDs are connected to a common neutral busbar, while separate neutral terminals may be assigned for each RCD to maintain isolation.

MC

B Connections: Each RCD feeds a bank of single-pole MCBs. The phase wire from the RCD output goes to the input of each MCB, while the neutral is connected to the corresponding neutral busbar segment. Load Connections: The output of each MCB is connected to the load (lights, sockets, appliances) using three wires: Phase (P), Neutral (N), and Earth (E/PE).

The earth wire is connected to the earth busbar, which is also bonded to the metallic body of the distribution box for safety.

Key Considerations

Load Balancing: Distribute high-power appliances evenly across the two circuits to prevent overloading a single RCD or MCB. Protection Ratings: Select MCB and RCD ratings according to the load requirements of each circuit. For example, lighting circuits may use 6–10A MCBs, while socket outlets may require 16–20A.

Neutral and Earth Links: Ensure that neutral and earth connections are properly linked and isolated where necessary to prevent leakage currents or faults. Dual Power Supply (Optional): In setups with a dual power source, a dual power switch box can automatically switch between primary and backup supplies, maintaining uninterrupted power to critical circuits.

Advantages

Enhanced safety through selective protection. Reduced risk of total power loss; one circuit can trip without affecting the other. Easier maintenance and troubleshooting due to clear separation of circuits.

Compatibility with dual power or backup systems for critical loads. By following these wiring principles and safety considerations, a dual circuit connection at the output of a distribution box ensures reliable, safe, and efficient power distribution for residential, commercial, or industrial applications.

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Connect the both phase and neutral terminal of the load (which you want to connect with DP MCB) to the output of the DP MCB, and the earth wire to the Earth link.

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