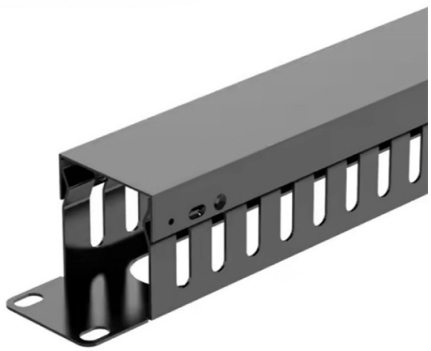
Requirements for bushings entering and exiting distribution boxes



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Bushings must be installed on conduit terminations entering or exiting distribution boxes to protect conductors from abrasion, especially for conductors 4 AWG and larger, unless the enclosure provides equivalent protection. Key Requirements1. Protection from Abrasion All conductors entering or exiting a distribution box must be protected from abrasion.

This is typically achieved using metal or plastic bushings on conduit threads at terminations, providing a smooth, rounded surface to prevent damage to insulation during installation and operation (NEC 300. 4(G), 344. 46).

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Conductor Size Considerations

Conductors 4 AWG and larger require special attention. They must be protected by an insulated-throat bushing, insulated-throat connector, or a listed metal fitting with a smooth, rounded insulating surface. Smaller conductors also benefit from bushings, but the NEC specifically emphasizes protection for larger conductors due to their rigidity and potential for insulation damage.

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Exceptions and Equivalent Protection

If the box, fitting, or enclosure is designed to provide equivalent protection, a separate bushing may not be required. For conductors installed in a raceway that provides physical protection between boxes or conduit bodies, additional securing or bushings may not be necessary, provided the raceway ends are fitted to prevent abrasion (NEC 314. 17(B), 300.

15(C)). 4.

Grounding Bushings

Grounding bushings are generally required only on the subpanel or termination end of EMT runs, not on both ends, unless local code or inspection requirements dictate otherwise. Bonding bushings are not always required for standard distribution box installations, but they may be used for added safety. 5.

Installation Best Practices

Ensure bushings are properly seated and secured on conduit ends. Verify that the bushing provides a smooth, rounded surface without sharp edges. Check that the bushing is listed for the specific conduit type (EMT, RMC, or flexible conduit).

Maintain neat cable management inside the distribution box to prevent conductor stress or abrasion against other components.

Summary

When installing conductors into or out of distribution boxes, always use bushings to protect insulation from abrasion, particularly for larger conductors. Exceptions exist if the enclosure or fitting provides equivalent protection, and grounding bushings are typically required only at the subpanel or termination end.

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C 300. 4(G), 300. 15, and 344.

46 ensures compliance and reduces the risk of conductor damage or inspection issues.

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Bond all conduits entering primary switchgear, main breaker panel, and secondary service entrance switchboard / panelboard with a ground wire connecting the grounding type

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Outlet Boxes: Outlet and junction boxes shall be a minimum of 4 inches square x 2 1/8 inches deep. Use of round boxes shall be avoided where conduit must enter the box through its side. This would result

What Are the NEC Plastic Bushing Requirements?

Rigid Metal Conduit (RMC) and Intermediate Metal Conduit (IMC) are generally required to have a bushing installed where they enter a box or enclosure, regardless of the conductor size

Bonding and Grounding, based on the 2020 NEC

A listed bonding wedge or bushing with a bonding jumper to the service neutral conductor is required when a metal raceway containing service conductors terminates to a ringed knockout.

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Construct J-boxes or pull boxes not over 150 cubic inches in size as standard outlet boxes, and those over 150 cubic inches the same as "Cabinets," with hinged covers of same gauge metal.

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Also available from Amazon: Cyclopedia Of Architecture, Carpentry And Building. Bushings The Rules of the National Electric Code require that conduits entering junction-boxes, outlet-boxes, or cut-out

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Each conduit shall enter and be securely connected to a cabinet, junction box, pull box or outlet box by means of a locknut on the outside and a locknut/bushing on the inside, or by means of a liquid-tight,

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