

How to connect a dual-circuit circuit in a distribution box



AI Overview

A dual-circuit setup in a distribution box involves connecting two separate circuits to either a dual/tandem breaker or dual RCDs, ensuring each circuit has its own protection, neutral, and earth connections.

Components and Preparation

To wire a dual-circuit distribution box, you will need:

- A dual or tandem circuit breaker (for two 120V circuits in one slot) or dual RCDs for split-load protection.
- MCBs (Miniature Circuit Breakers) for each individual circuit.
- Neutral and earth busbars for proper termination.
- Appropriately rated cables and wires for the load.
- Tools for stripping, connecting, and securing wires.

Ensure the main supply is switched off before starting any work.

Wiring Procedure

- Main Switch Connection** Connect the incoming phase and neutral from the utility supply to the double-pole main switch or main breaker. This main switch will control the power to both circuits or RCDs.
- RCD or Dual Breaker Setup** For a dual split-load consumer unit, connect the output phase from the main switch to the input terminals of both RCDs. The neutral from the main switch goes to the common neutral busbar. Each RCD then feeds its associated MCBs, which protect individual circuits. For a dual/tandem breaker, attach the two hot wires from the circuits to the two separate terminals on the breaker face, ensuring proper torque (typically 20–25 in-lbs).
- Neutral and Earth Connections** Connect all neutral conductors from the circuits to the neutral busbar or RCBO terminals. Tie all earth wires together and connect them to the earth busbar in the panel. Ensure proper bonding and grounding according to local regulations.
- Circuit Distribution** Separate lighting and power circuits across RCDs to prevent total blackout if one trips. High-current appliances (cookers, showers, EV chargers) should have dedicated circuits. Logical grouping by area or function simplifies maintenance and troubleshooting.

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