

How to wire the SPD in the distribution box



AI Overview

SPDs should be wired in parallel with the supply in the distribution box, connecting live phases, neutral, and earth, and placed as close as possible to the main busbar for optimal protection. Placement and Type For effective surge protection, Type 1 SPDs are installed at the main distribution board to protect against direct lightning strikes, while Type 2 SPDs are used in secondary panels to guard against switching surges and distant lightning events. SPDs should be mounted after the main isolator or MCB and before any RCDs or RCCBs to ensure downstream circuits are protected. Keep the SPD as close as possible to the main busbar to minimize lead lengths, which improves surge suppression efficiency. Wiring Connections Three-phase system: Connect the SPD to L1, L2, L3 (live phases), N (neutral), and PE (protective earth) terminals. Single-phase system: Connect to L, N, and PE terminals. Ensure the SPD is wired in parallel with the supply, not in series, so it can divert surge currents without interrupting normal operation. Use short, thick wires to reduce impedance and improve SPD performance. The earth connection is critical; it must be connected to the main grounding system to safely discharge surge currents. Installation Tips Use an SMC distribution box or a larger enclosure for Type 1 SPDs; Type 2 SPDs can fit in smaller boxes. If space is limited, install the SPD externally in a separate box connected to the distribution board. Test SPDs every six months and check for warning signs like burned connectors to ensure ongoing protection. Follow IEC standards and local electrical codes for safety and compliance. Multiple SPDs can be used in series for enhanced protection, maintaining recommended distances between devices (e.g., 5-10 meters between voltage-limiting SPDs). Summary Proper SPD wiring in a distribution box involves parallel connection to live, neutral, and earth, p...

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What Is a Distribution Box? The distribution box can also be called a distribution board or an electrical panel. It is a centralized electrical unit designed

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