

Red and green wires in the distribution box



Article Overview

In a distribution box, red wires are typically live (hot) conductors, while green wires are used for grounding to ensure safety.

Red Wire Function

Red wires are generally hot or live conductors, carrying current from the electrical panel to devices or outlets. They are often used as secondary hot wires in 240-volt circuits, switched legs in 120-volt circuits, or as travelers in three-way switch setups. Red wires can also be used to split receptacles or connect hardwired smoke detectors, depending on the circuit configuration. They are energized under normal operation and must be handled with caution to avoid electric shock or fire hazards .

Green Wire Function

Green wires, or sometimes bare copper, serve as the Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC). Their purpose is strictly safety-related: they provide a low-resistance path for fault current if a live wire contacts a metal surface, such as an appliance casing or the distribution box itself. Under normal conditions, green wires carry no current. They are essential for preventing electric shock and ensuring proper operation of circuit protection devices like breakers .

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(1) Wiring method of distribution box 1) Generally, the incoming line of power distribution box adopts five wire system, that is, a, B

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Orange wires might indicate a lower voltage than a red wire, while blue and green together could signify digital signals.

Explanation of Wiring-Connection Diagrams

An electrician explains his house electrical wiring diagrams, which show the actual combinations of various wires at the electrical

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