

Distribution Box Circuit Numbering Guide



Summary of Content

Circuit numbering in a distribution box ensures each circuit is uniquely identified for safety, maintenance, and operational clarity.

Purpose of Circuit Numbering

Proper numbering of circuits in a distribution box allows for quick fault identification, safe isolation of equipment, and efficient maintenance. Each circuit is assigned a unique identifier, often reflecting its location, function, or phase, which reduces confusion and downtime during troubleshooting or upgrades .

Panel and Circuit Identification

- **Panel Numbering:** Each distribution board or panel is given a unique Electrical Identification Number. This number is used on schematics, labels, and documentation to reference the panel consistently .
- **Circuit Numbering:** Circuits within a panel are numbered sequentially, often starting from the incoming supply or main breaker. The numbering may follow electrical importance, such as incomers, transformer feeders, and critical loads .
- **Labeling Example:** A circuit breaker label might read L1 – Living Room Lights or AC3 – Bedroom AC, combining a code for the load type with a sequential number .

Wire Numbering Principles

Wire numbers in a distribution box follow four core principles: uniqueness, readability, continuity, and correspondence .

- **Uniqueness:** No two wires in the same system share the same number; prefixes or partitions are used for differentiation.

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Circuit chart (Regulation 514.9.1) — a durable chart or table must be provided at or near the distribution board. It must

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