

Selection of Residual Current Protection for Distribution Boxes



Summary of Content

Selecting the appropriate residual current device (RCD) for distribution boxes requires considering device type, sensitivity, load characteristics, and coordination to ensure safety and system reliability.

Types of RCDs

Residual Current Devices are designed to protect against electric shock and fire caused by leakage currents. The main types include:

- Type AC: Trips for residual alternating current (a.c.) only; suitable for standard residential and commercial circuits.
- Type A: Trips for residual a.c. and pulsating direct current (d.c.); ideal for circuits with non-linear loads such as computers or LED lighting.
- Type B: Trips for residual a.c., pulsating d.c., and smooth d.c.; necessary for circuits with equipment like EV chargers or solar inverters.
- Type F: Designed for mixed-frequency residual currents, reducing nuisance tripping in appliances like washing machines and pumps .

Selection Criteria

When selecting an RCD for a distribution box, consider:

- Load type: Non-linear or inverter-based loads may require Type A, B, or F devices.

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Selection of Residual Current Devices (RCDs)

The selection of a residual current device (RCD), also known as a leakage protector, must be carefully tailored to the

Residual Current Devices (RCDs)

An accurate protection of people and electrical equipment against leakage currents can be achieved by installing Residual Current

Residual Current Device RCD Selection Tips

Choosing the right residual current device (RCD) is not just about picking a rated current and installing it in the panel.

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This simple procedure simulates a residual current condition and verifies proper tripping action. Any device failing to

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Selectivity of Residual Current Devices (RCDs)

Get all required information to verify your electrical distribution design's robustness, considering overloads and short

RCD Selection: How to Choose a Residual Current Device?

Whether buying RCDs to install in your home or specifying RCDs for a project, it is important to select the right type of

Coordination of residual current protective devices

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