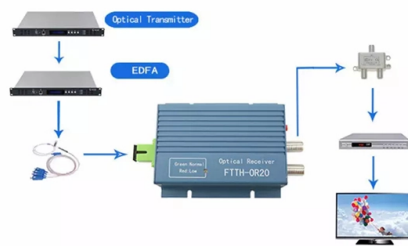


Requirements for the dimensions of the cable outlet slot in the distribution box



Article Overview

Cable outlet slots in distribution boxes must provide sufficient internal volume, depth, and clearance to safely accommodate all conductors, devices, and fittings without damaging insulation or violating NEC box fill requirements.

Box Volume and Conductor Accommodation

The internal volume of the box is the primary factor in determining slot dimensions. NEC Article 314 specifies that boxes must be sized to provide free space for all conductors, devices, and fittings. Each conductor is assigned a volume allowance based on its gauge, and all devices, clamps, and equipment grounding conductors (EGCs) must be accounted for in the total box fill calculation. For example, eight 12 AWG conductors require a minimum box volume of 18 cubic inches.

Depth and Clearance Requirements

The depth of the box must allow conductors to enter without kinking or abrasion. NEC 2023 Section 314.24 introduces clearances for side wiring entrances, ensuring that conductors and devices do not protrude beyond the knockout's centerline and maintain adequate spacing from the box walls. This prevents insulation damage and allows safe termination of devices.

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Boxes containing 6 AWG and smaller conductors must be sized in an approved manner to provide free space for all

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To determine the size of the outlet box when the conductors are of different sizes (insulation isn't a factor), follow these steps: Step 1:

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(3) Support Fittings Fill. Where one or more luminaire studs or hickies are present in the box, a single volume allowance in

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