

Generator Distribution Box Wiring



Article Overview

A generator distribution box should be wired using a four-wire system (two hots, neutral, and ground) through a transfer switch or interlock, with proper conductor sizing, grounding, and weatherproof connections to ensure safe and code-compliant operation.

Key Components and Wiring Overview

- **Generator Inlet Box:** Install a weatherproof, UL-listed inlet box rated for the generator's amperage (e.g., 30A or 50A) on an exterior wall near the main panel to minimize cable length and voltage drop . Use a twist-lock design for secure connection.
- **Cable Selection:** Use a four-wire cable (L1, L2, neutral, ground) suitable for outdoor and wet conditions, such as SOOW or THWN copper conductors. For 30A circuits, 10 AWG is recommended; for 50A, 6 AWG . Color-code wires: black/red for hots, white for neutral, green for ground.
- **Transfer Switch or Interlock:** Connect the generator to a manual or automatic transfer switch inside the building. The transfer switch isolates generator power from the utility grid and allows selected circuits to be powered safely . Each circuit passes through the switch, which has LINE (utility) and GEN (generator) positions.
- **Breaker and Panel Connections:** Install a double-pole breaker in the main panel corresponding to the generator's amperage. Connect the hot leads to the breaker, neutral to the panel's neutral bar, and ground to the grounding bar. Ensure neutral and ground are bonded only at the main panel to prevent floating voltages .

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