

Distribution Box Circuit Breaker Issues



Article Overview

Circuit breaker malfunctions in a distribution box are usually caused by overloads, short circuits, aging components, or incorrect breaker selection, and require careful diagnosis and repair to ensure safety and system reliability.

Common Causes

- **Overload:** Breakers trip when the total connected load exceeds their rated capacity, such as running multiple high-power devices simultaneously. This is the most frequent cause of tripping and can be checked by calculating the total load against the breaker's rating (e.g., 35kW load on a 28kW breaker) .
- **Short Circuit:** Immediate tripping often accompanied by sparks, burning smell, or hot wires. This occurs when a live wire contacts a neutral or ground, creating excessive current .
- **Aging or Faulty Breaker:** Breakers older than 8-10 years or showing thermal discoloration may trip under normal loads due to worn internal mechanisms. Replacing the breaker with a certified unit can resolve this .
- **Incorrect Breaker Selection:** Using a breaker with the wrong type, curve, or voltage rating can cause nuisance trips, especially during equipment startup with high inrush currents .
- **Loose or Damaged Wiring:** Poor connections, damaged insulation, or improper installation at DIN terminals can lead to intermittent tripping or voltage drops .
- **Electrical Leakage:** Leakage currents to ground can trigger residual current devices (RCCB/RCBO), requiring inspection and isolation of the fault .

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