

Surge Protector Specifications for Distribution Boxes



AI Overview

Surge protectors in distribution boxes are typically Type 2 SPDs installed near circuit breakers to protect downstream equipment from voltage surges.

Types of Surge Protectors

Type 1 SPD: Installed at the main power entry of a building to protect the entire electrical system from external surges, such as lightning strikes. These devices are connected to the building's grounding system and can handle very high surge currents (e.g., 40kA or more) ().

Type 2 SPD: The most common type found inside distribution boxes. They protect downstream circuits and equipment from internal surges caused by switching operations or motor startups. Type 2 SPDs are usually installed next to circuit breakers or integrated within the panel for easy maintenance ().

Type 3 SPD: Installed close to sensitive equipment, such as computers or servers, providing point-of-use protection. These are often found in outlets, power strips, or device-specific panels ().

How to Identify SPDs in a Distribution Box

Location: Type 2 SPDs are typically mounted inside the distribution board, often near the main breaker or sub-breakers. Type 1 SPDs are at the main service entrance, while Type 3 SPDs are near the equipment they protect ().

Labeling: Look for markings such as "SPD," "Surge Protective Device," or manufacturer model numbers. Some SPDs indicate their maximum discharge current (e.g., 20-40kA for Type 2) ().

Physical Appearance: SPDs often resemble small modular devices with terminals for line, neutral, and ground connections. They may have LED indicators showing operational status ().

Standards Compliance: Certified SPDs will comply with standards like UL 1449 or UL 508A, which may be printed on the device ().

Placement Guidelines

Main Distribution Board: Type 1 SPDs for first-level protection against external surges.

Distribution Panels: Type 2 SPDs for second-level protection against internal surges.

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Electrical equipment can be protected against overvoltages by using surge protective devices, also known as SPDs. Legrand's range of surge protective devices provides solutions suitable for all types

Installation information and requirements

Lightning and surge protection may only be installed, put into operation and maintained by qualified electricians who are familiar with national and international laws, regulations and standards. Among

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Surge Protectors provide protection for devices from a voltage spike or power surges. The types of protection are Outlet Boxes, Outlet Strip, Power Distribution

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Consists of ensuring that any downstream SPD (in distribution enclosures or proximity SPDs) is correctly coordinated in energy terms with any SPD located upstream (TS 61643-12).

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