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Continuous connection of main power distribution box at construction site



Overview

This document outlines health and safety procedures for temporary electrical installations on construction sites.

Key Takeaways

A main power distribution box at a construction site must be continuously connected with proper protection, grounding, and load planning to ensure safe, reliable, and code-compliant temporary power.Key Considerations for Continuous Connection



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1. Connection to the Grid: The main distribution box should be connected to the public power grid or a generator through a compliant site connection point. Early coordination with the utility or facility management is essential to clarify connection capacity, metering, and placement of the main and sub-distribution boards . 2. Load Planning and Dimensioning: Determine the total power demand by considering continuous loads (lighting, containers) and high inrush current equipment (hydraulic power packs, concrete splitters). Dimension the system for three-phase 400 V for heavy machinery and 230 V for smaller tools. Include diversity and simultaneity factors to prevent overloads . 3. Protection and Safety: Install circuit breakers, earth leakage protection (RCDs), and upstream safety devices to prevent overloads, short circuits, and electrical hazards. Use IP55 or higher-rated enclosures for dust and water protection, with IP67 connectors for outdoor or harsh conditions . Ensure grounding and bonding are properly implemented. 4. Distribution Structure: The main distribution box feeds sub-distribution boards in work zones. Use short feeders and adequate conductor cross-sections to limit voltage drop. Clearly label circuits and maintain organized cabling to allow safe operation and maintenance . 5. Mobility and Flexibility: Temporary power boxes should be portable and robust, allowing relocation as construction progresses. Use durable cables (rubber, H07RN-F) and cable drums to prevent trip hazards and mechanical damage . 6. Compliance and Testing: All installation work should be performed by qualified electricians and tested according to standards such as IEC 61439 and IEC 60364. Document unit tests and ensure ongoing maintenance to maintain continuous, safe operation . 7. Operational Considerations: Plan for reserves to accommodate peak loads or additional machinery. Regularly inspect connections, enclosures, and cables to prevent downtime and hazards. Ensure that the system supports transparent energy management and cost allocation across trades . By following these guidelines, a construction site can maintain a continuous, safe, and reliable power supply, supporting all phases of construction while minimizing risks of electrical hazards, equipment failure, and downtime.

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