

How to install sockets in outdoor power distribution boxes



Article Overview

Outdoor sockets must be installed in weatherproof boxes with proper RCD/GFCI protection and IP-rated covers to ensure safety and compliance.

Key Considerations

Location and Planning: Choose a location near an existing power source to simplify wiring, but ensure the socket is at least 6 inches above ground and away from water sources like ponds or taps for safety and accessibility . Consider how many sockets you need and what devices will be powered to determine the correct load and cable size . **Weatherproofing:** Use a weatherproof electrical box rated at least IP66 for heavy rain or coastal exposure. For lighter exposure, IP44 may suffice, but IP65 or higher is recommended for direct rainfall . Ensure the cover allows use-while-connected if devices will remain plugged in outdoors. **Circuit Protection:** All outdoor sockets must have 30 mA RCD (Residual Current Device) or GFCI protection to prevent electric shock. This can be provided by the consumer unit or built into the socket itself . Failure to provide RCD protection is considered a safety defect.

Installation Steps

- **Turn Off Power:** Shut off the main breaker and verify with a voltage tester that the circuit is de-energized .
- **Drill Access Hole:** Create an opening in the wall for cable entry, ideally behind an existing indoor socket if running a spur .
- **Run Cable:** Feed a suitable outdoor-rated cable (e.g., 1 mm² or 1.5 mm² three-cor...

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Turn off the power at the circuit box for the outlet that you're connecting to. Locate the breaker inside your circuit box

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