

Lightning protection configuration for household distribution boxes



Article Overview

Home distribution boxes should be protected using a staged surge protection system with Type 1, 2, and 3 SPDs, properly grounded and installed according to Lightning Protection Zones (LPZ).

Key Principles

1. Lightning Protection Zones (LPZ): Use the LPZ model from IEC 62305-4 to guide SPD placement. LPZs define areas where lightning energy is progressively reduced inside a building. For a home:

- LPZ 0 → LPZ 1: Main service entrance; install a Type 1 SPD to handle the highest energy from lightning or utility surges.
- LPZ 1 → LPZ 2: Subpanels or distribution boards; install Type 2 SPDs to reduce residual surges.
- LPZ 2 → LPZ 3: Sensitive equipment (IT, home automation, AV systems); install Type 3 SPDs close to the load for final voltage limiting . 2. SPD Types and Placement:
 - Type 1: Installed at the main incomer; protects against direct lightning strikes and high-energy surges.
 - Type 2: Installed at subpanels or long feeders; protects downstream circuits.
 - Type 3: Installed near sensitive devices; ensures voltage is limited to safe levels . 3. Grounding and Bonding: All SPDs must be connected to a reliable grounding system. Equipotential bonding ensures that dangerous potential differences do not develop between electrical and metallic systems in the home . Keep connecting leads as sh...

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Protection measures, at an appropriate lightning protection level (LPL), are then implemented to reduce the risk to or below the

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