

How to install the clamps that come with the junction box



AI Overview

Clamps secure cables entering a junction box, providing strain relief and protecting wires from damage. Understanding Junction Box Clamps A junction box clamp, also called a cable connector or strain relief fitting, prevents cables from shifting or being pulled out, protecting the internal wire splices from tension and abrasion. Metal boxes typically require external screw-type clamps, while plastic boxes often have self-tightening internal clamps. Step-by-Step Installation Select the Correct Clamp and Knockout Choose a clamp that matches the cable diameter. Remove the corresponding knockout from the junction box using a screwdriver or pliers. Insert the Clamp For metal boxes, insert the threaded portion of the clamp through the knockout from the outside. Secure it with a locknut on the inside of the box, tightening with pliers until snug. Plastic snap-in connectors automatically secure the cable when pushed through. Prepare the Cable Mark the cable about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch beyond the clamp. Cut and strip the cable sheathing back to the mark, exposing the conductors while leaving the outer jacket intact. Insert the Cable Push the cable through the clamp into the box interior. For screw-type clamps, tighten the screws until the clamp grips the cable jacket firmly, but avoid overtightening to prevent damage. Check Compliance Ensure the cable sheathing extends at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch into the box beyond the clamp, as required by the National Electrical Code (NEC). Verify that the cable is secure and cannot move freely. Tips and Safety Always turn off power before working on electrical boxes. Use proper tools such as pliers, screwdrivers, and wire strippers. For metal boxes, consider adding a pigtail ground wire if connecting multiple grounds. Ensure the box is large enough to accommodate all wires, splices, and clamps without overcrowding. By following these steps, you ensure a safe, cod...

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NEC requires junction boxes to meet size (box fill), material, accessibility, and grounding rules (per Articles 314 & 300). Non-compliance risks

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