

Standard bushing specifications for distribution boxes



Overview

ANSI Standard Bushing: Complete 2026 Specification & Procurement This guide targets power distribution system designers, procurement specialists and mainte.

Key Takeaways

Bushings in distribution boxes must meet electrical, mechanical, and dimensional standards, including insulation, voltage rating, and safety compliance according to IEEE, IEC, and EN standards. Electrical Requirements

Bushings are designed to provide safe insulation and continuity between conductors and the enclosure. They must withstand rated voltages and impulse voltages appropriate for the system, typically up to 36 kV for medium-voltage distribution boxes, and handle rated currents up to 4,000 A at frequencies from 15 Hz to 60 Hz (BS EN 50336:2021) . Bonding bushings and locknuts should ensure good electrical continuity and prevent rotation during installation (IEEE Std C57.20 and C57.38) .

Mechanical and Dimensional Requirements

Bushings must be mechanically robust to support cables and withstand environmental stresses. Standards specify minimum air clearances, bushing boot dimensions, and stress control requirements to prevent electrical breakdown (BS2562, IEEE, and IEC 60137) . They are available in various insulation types: fully insulated (oil/compound), partially insulated (oil/air), or air-insulated (air/air), depending on the application and voltage class .

Insulation and Material Standards

Bushings are typically made from epoxy, porcelain, or composite materials and must comply with IEC 60137 and EN 50336 for dielectric strength, partial discharge, and long-term reliability . Condenser and non-condenser bushings are distinguished by their internal construction and voltage handling capabilities.

Installation and Safety

Each outlet or cable box must have a cover or faceplate, and bushings should be installed to maintain proper clearances and prevent accidental contact. Earth connections, where required, must be specified and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and relevant standards . Bushings must also be tested for AC withstand, impulse voltage, and partial discharge before leaving the factory to ensure compliance with safety and performance standards .

Summary

In summary, bushings in distribution boxes must adhere to:

- Voltage and current ratings appropriate for the system (up to 36 kV, 4,000 A) .
- Mechanical robustness and dimensional compliance for safe installation .
- Insulation and material standards per IEC 60137 and EN 50336 .
- Electrical continuity and grounding through bonding bushings and locknuts .
- Factory testing for AC withstand, impulse voltage, and partial discharge . These requirements ensure safe, reliable, and efficient operation of distribution systems while complying with international standards.

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The bushing shall be fitted with a stud having an outer size of M12 for single hole flat pad lug with 50-70 mm² medium voltage cable

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