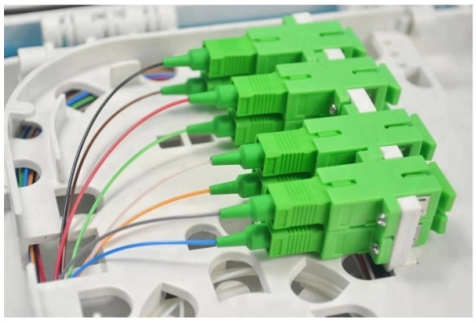
How to connect the wiring to the fire control cabinet



Overview

Understanding how to wire an FACP is essential for designing a reliable and efficient fire alarm system.

Key Takeaways

Wiring a fire control cabinet involves connecting the control panel to power, detection devices, and notification appliances following strict safety and code requirements.

Planning and Preparation

Before wiring, assess the building layout to determine optimal locations for smoke detectors, heat detectors, pull stations, and notification devices, ensuring compliance with NFPA 72 and local codes ( ). Design the system by mapping out wiring routes, zones, and device connections. Use fire-resistant, screened cables where required, and plan for segregation of low-voltage detector circuits from mains power ( ).

Power Supply

The fire control panel requires a dedicated electrical circuit, typically fused at 3A, or a double-pole isolating device. This circuit must be marked clearly as “FIRE ALARM: DO NOT SWITCH OFF” and should not be shared with other equipment ( ). Ensure the panel has a reliable emergency power source, such as a backup battery, to maintain operation during outages ( ).

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Connecting Initiating Devices

Initiating devices include smoke detectors, heat detectors, and manual pull stations. Each device should be wired to the control panel in dedicated zones, using properly labeled and organized wiring for easy identification and troubleshooting ( ). Use twisted pair or plenum-rated cables as appropriate for the environment ( ).

Avoid running cables near high-heat or high-moisture areas.

Connecting Notification Appliances

Notification devices, such as horns, strobes, and speakers, are typically wired in parallel so that all devices activate simultaneously during an alarm ( ). Ensure proper supervision and end-of-line resistors are installed to detect faults in the circuit ( ).

Outputs and Auxiliary Connections

Fire control panels may have remote outputs (REM), auxiliary outputs (AUX), and alert inputs. These are often open-collector outputs used to trigger other systems like sprinklers or mass notification systems. Follow the manufacturer's wiring diagrams carefully to ensure correct operation ( ).

Installation Best Practices

Secure and label all wiring to prevent accidental damage or misidentification ( ). Use cable glands for knockouts and blank off any unused openings to maintain fire resistance ( ). Segregate low-voltage circuits from mains power to prevent interference ( ).

Test the system after installation to verify proper operation of all devices, zones, and outputs ( ).

Safety and Compliance

Only a qualified and competent person should install and maintain the fire control cabinet ( ). Improper wiring can compromise system reliability and occupant safety. Always follow manufacturer guidelines, NFPA 72 standards, and local fire codes to ensure a safe and functional fire alarm system ( ).

By following these steps, you can wire a fire control cabinet safely, ensuring reliable detection, notification, and compliance with safety regulations.

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8 Zone conventional fire panel

Purpose This manual is intended as a guide for the installation and commis-sioning of Eaton Conventional 2, 4, 8 Zone Control panels. Content within this guide is for general application and

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