

Household electrical distribution boxes must be flame-retardant

Overview

Enclosures must be made in insulating material suitable to withstand the mechanical, electric and thermal stresses to which they may be exposed during ordinary or extraordinary operating conditions and must be age-proof and flame resistant. With the introduction of the 15th Edition of the IEE Wiring Regulations in 1981 the UK aligned the requirements of the regulations with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) worldwide electrical installation standard IEC 60364. While the IEC 60364 standard, Regulation 421. 201 was introduced because of reports from fire investigators of a recent trend of increasing numbers of fires involving consumer units having a moulded thermoplastic enclosure. When choosing plastic enclosures for electronics or industrial equipment, fire safety is a major concern. One important standard to know is the UL 94. Fire rated boxes are protective boxes designed to shield electrical components from damage during a fire. These include switches, circuit breakers, wiring, and other pieces of equipment.



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Amendment No. 3 to BS 7671:2008 (IET Wiring Regulations Seventeenth Edition), which was published in January and comes into

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