Replacing the main line with the relocation distribution box



Overview

How to Relocate Your Electrical Panel: Steps & CostsA detailed guide on electrical panel relocation: step-by-step process, cost factors, legal requirements.

Key Takeaways

You can relocate your main electrical line to a new panel using a distribution or junction box to splice and extend existing circuits, but it requires careful planning, code compliance, and proper permits.

Overview

Relocating a main panel involves moving the service disconnect and main breaker to a new location while ensuring all branch circuits remain functional. A relocation distribution box (junction box) can be used to extend existing wiring to the new panel without fully rewiring every circuit, which can save time and cost. Steps for Using a Distribution BoxPlan and Obtain PermitsCheck local electrical codes and obtain necessary permits.

Coordinate with your utility provider if the main service entry needs to be disconnected or rerouted.

Install the Junction/

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Distribution Box

Place a metal or NEMA-rated junction box at the old panel location. Make all splices inside the box using approved wire connectors or wire nuts. Ensure the box is large enough to accommodate all splices; deep 4" 2-gang boxes are recommended for multiple circuits.

Extend Wiring to the New PanelRun conduit (EMT or appropriate type) from the junction box to the new panel location. Pull additional wire lengths through the conduit to reach the new panel. Limit the number of circuits per conduit according to NEC rules (typically no more than 3 circuits per 3/4" conduit, with MWBC counted as one).

Connect to the New PanelTerminate all extended circuits in the new panel. Ensure proper bonding and grounding according to NEC 250. 24 and 310.

16 for conductor ampacity. Test all circuits for continuity and correct voltage before energizing.

Inspection and Safety

Have the work inspected by a licensed electrical inspector. Always turn off power at the main disconnect before working on circuits. Use protective gear and follow safety protocols to prevent electrical hazards.

Considerations

Voltage Drop: Longer feeder runs from the relocated main panel may require upsizing conductors to prevent voltage drop and maintain performance. Code Compliance: Panels must remain accessible and not be located in bathrooms, closets, or hazardous areas. Professional Assistance: While junction boxes can simplify relocation, consulting a licensed electrician is strongly recommended to ensure safety and compliance.

Using a relocation distribution box allows you to reuse existing circuits efficiently while moving the main panel, minimizing the need for full rewiring and maintaining code compliance.

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A detailed guide on electrical panel relocation: step-by-step process, cost factors, legal requirements, and pitfalls to avoid for a safe, compliant move.

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My main question is, how do I properly extend the conductors from the main so they reach the sub? My initial thought was to mount some junction boxes against the center stud, on the

Electrical Panel Relocation Tips and Costs

It is the process of transferring the main electrical distribution panel from one location to another. It involves disconnecting the wiring, removing the panel, and reinstalling it in a new position.

Moving an Electrical Panel (17 Things You Should Know)

You''ll need specially approved lugs and a junction box suitable for the service wire for the main service line. These are much larger than typical wire connectors and boxes and must be the

Size determination, installation method and wiring mode

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