How to galvanize the wiring joints of a distribution box

Overview

When distribution boxes need slim, precision work in tight spaces, TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding becomes indispensable.

Key Takeaways

Galvanizing wiring joints involves cleaning, fluxing, and applying a zinc coating to steel connections to prevent corrosion and ensure electrical safety.

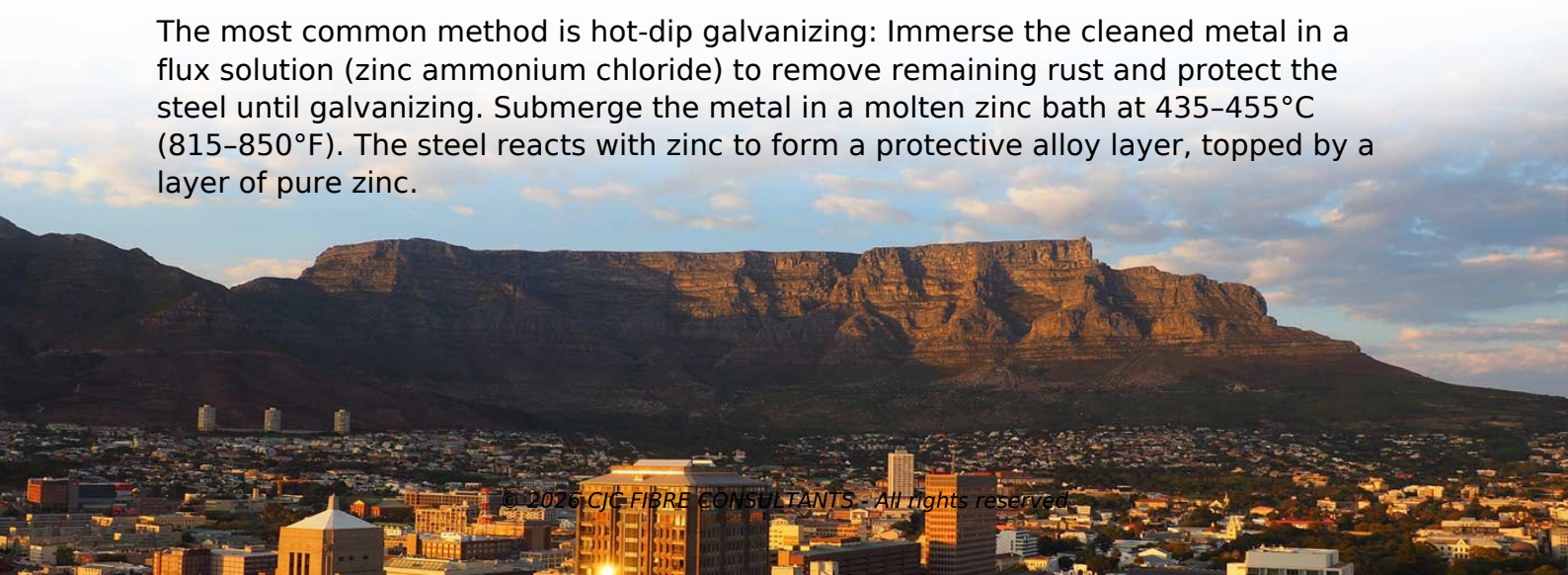
Surface Preparation

Before galvanizing, clean the metal surfaces thoroughly to remove dirt, grease, oil, paint, or welding slag. Use mild acids, hot alkali, sandblasting, or abrasives depending on the type of contamination. For rust or mill scale, pickling with hydrochloric or hot sulfuric acid is recommended.

Ensure all welds or joints are ground flush to avoid uneven zinc coating during galvanization.

Applying the Zinc Coating

The most common method is hot-dip galvanizing: Immerse the cleaned metal in a flux solution (zinc ammonium chloride) to remove remaining rust and protect the steel until galvanizing. Submerge the metal in a molten zinc bath at 435–455°C (815–850°F). The steel reacts with zinc to form a protective alloy layer, topped by a layer of pure zinc.



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Ensure immersion time is sufficient for uniform coating but not excessive, as prolonged exposure can alter the appearance and thickness of the zinc layer. Alternative methods include electrogalvanizing, sherardizing, or metallic spraying, which may be suitable for smaller or pre-assembled components.

Grounding and Electrical Safety

For distribution boxes, especially in explosion-proof or industrial environments, it is critical to: Install dedicated grounding wires inside the box. Connect the grounding wire to a grounding screw and extend it to the galvanized pipe or bus bar, ensuring tight, uninterrupted connections. Verify that jumper wires are properly sized and securely fastened to maintain both electrical safety and corrosion protection.

Sealing and Installation

Use threaded connections for pipes and junction boxes to maintain mechanical strength. Apply certified sealing compounds if the system is in a high-moisture or explosion-prone environment to prevent ingress of moisture or gases. Regularly inspect galvanized joints for coating integrity and ensure no loose fittings compromise safety.

Key Considerations

Smooth, flush welds and joints improve zinc adhesion and prevent dull or uneven coatings. High silicon content in welds can affect the appearance of the galvanized layer but does not significantly reduce corrosion resistance. Proper coordination between fabricator and galvanizer ensures consistent coating quality, especially for critical electrical components.

By following these steps, wiring joints in a distribution box can be effectively galvanized, providing long-term corrosion protection, electrical safety, and compliance with industrial standards.

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