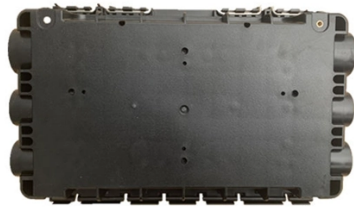


Sealing off the household electrical box and distribution box



Overview

This blog provides guidance on the best practices for air-sealing electrical boxes, outlining key tips and recommending reliable products suited for the job. An electrical box sealant is a specialized material used to create an air-tight and water-resistant barrier around electrical enclosures and their penetrations. When performing energy audits and building investigations in my very cold climate, I rarely see a house that doesn't have some air leaking around electrical boxes installed in exterior. This article explains how to safely air seal electrical boxes to tighten your home's thermal envelope. Electrical penetrations are often responsible for holes in the most critical locations in your envelope, making them a prime target when your goal is to air seal your home.



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sealing an installed electrical box

After the wall was sealed up (sheathing, tyvek, clapboards), I noticed cold air coming out of the new boxes, so evidently the electrician didn't use a sealed box. Does anyone have some

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