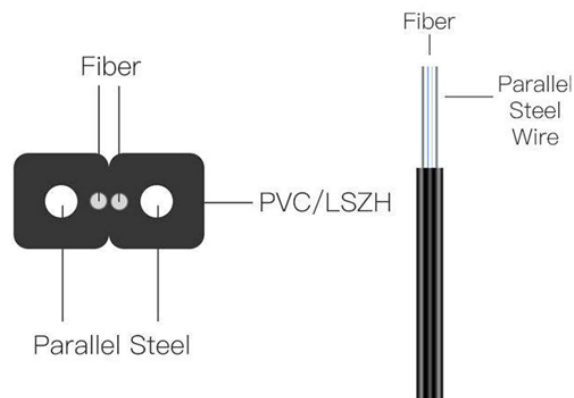


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Overview

When tackling the question of whether multiple circuits can share a junction box, the answer is yes, it is permissible under certain conditions. Can I have 2 sources of power (From 2 different panels) going into the same electrical box?

Both 120/240V. Only if you label the box that there are 2 sources of power. The design of residential electrical systems permits a specific exception to this rule, allowing two separate 120-volt circuits to share a single neutral. There are three circuits entering the box, but it appears that two circuits are sharing a single neutral. Everything appears to work (and has done so for 2+ years), but I'm curious if this is ok from a code point of view. Sorry with this being extra long but I wanted to provide all information I could think of for those folks that can answer. Original homeowner in a '92 tract home that. Junction boxes typically have one line and splice into parallel using one line and one neutral from home run, so what is this code about no longer being able to share neutral?

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Basically, two different 120V (hot to neutral) circuits from a 120/240V panel should only share the same neutral if the circuits are from different “legs” (L1 & L2) of the panel.



Insulated conductors that are connected to different power or distribution transformers or other different sources of voltage shall not be installed in the same box, cabinet, or fitting



Understand when and how two electrical circuits can safely share a neutral wire using opposite phases and essential wiring techniques.



"Fifteen amp" receptacles are permitted on a 20 amp circuit provided that there are at least two (two usually round singles or one duplex) of either amperage anywhere on that circuit.



Anyway, the simplest example of 200.4 (A) is using two single phase branch circuits on the same ungrounded leg, sharing a double size grounded conductor. Prohibited if the grounded ...



A multiwire branch circuit consists of two or more ungrounded conductors that have a voltage between them, and a grounded neutral conductor that has equal voltage between it and each ungrounded ...



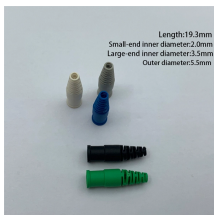
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Sharing junction boxes can be an efficient way to manage multiple circuits in a confined space. Understanding when it's appropriate to do so and the necessary considerations for sizing and ...



The adjacent circuit sharing the same neutral can still be live, leading to potential electric shocks. Without proper precautions, disconnecting a shared neutral wire while both circuits are ...



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How to connect a receptacle junction box with two electrical circuits going to it that share the same neutral wire. Details on what to do and what not to do ...

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