

(a) *Dead-Front Assemblies.* Working space shall not be required in the back or sides of assemblies, such as dead-front switchboards, switchgear, or motor control centers, where all connections and all renewable or adjustable parts, such as fuses or switches, are accessible from locations other than the back or sides. Where rear access is required to work on nonelectrical

(1) *Depth of Working Space.* The depth of the working space in the direction of live parts shall not be less than that specified in Table 110.26(A)(1) unless the requirements of 110.26(A)(1)(a), (A)(1)(b), or (A)(1)(c) are met. Distances shall be measured from the exposed live parts or from the enclosure or opening if the live parts are enclosed.

Informational Note: *NFPA 70E-2018, Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace,* provides guidance, such as determining severity of potential exposure, planning safe work practices including establishing an electrically safe work condition, arc flash labeling, and selecting personal protective equipment.

(A) *Working Space.* Working space for equipment operating at 1000 volts, nominal, or less to ground and likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while energized shall comply with the dimensions of 110.26(A)(1), (A)(2), (A)(3), and (A)(4) or as required or permitted elsewhere in this Code.

110.26 *Spaces About Electrical Equipment.* Access and working space shall be provided and maintained about all electrical equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment.

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Exception: Locking provisions for a cord-and-plug connection shall not be required to remain in place without the lock installed.

110.25 *Lockable Disconnecting Means.* If a disconnecting means is required to be lockable open elsewhere in this Code, it shall be capable of being locked in the open position. The provisions for locking shall remain in place with or without the lock installed.

Exception: The field marking requirements in 110.24(A) and 110.24(B) shall not be required in industrial installations where conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons service the equipment.

▽ (B) *Modifications.* When modifications to the electrical installation occur that affect the available fault current at the service, the available fault current shall be verified or recalculated as necessary to ensure the service equipment ratings are sufficient for the available fault current at the line terminals of the equipment. The required field marking(s) in 110.24(A) shall be adjusted to reflect the new level of available fault current.

Informational Note No. 1: The available fault-current marking(s) addressed in 110.24 is related to required short-circuit current and interrupting ratings of equipment. *NFPA 70E-2018, Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace,* provides assistance in determining the severity of potential exposure, planning safe work practices, and selecting personal protective equipment. Informational Note No. 2: Values of available fault current for use in determining appropriate minimum short-circuit current and interrupting ratings of service equipment are available from electric utilities in published or other forms.

be documented and made available to those authorized to design, install, inspect, maintain, or operate the system.

Table 110.26(A)(1) Working Spaces

Minimum Clear Distance	Nominal Voltage to Ground	Condition 1	Condition 2	Condition 3
0-150	900 mm (3 ft)	900 mm (3 ft)	900 mm (3 ft)	900 mm (3 ft)
151-600	900 mm (3 ft)	1.0 m (3 ft 6 in.)	1.2 m (4 ft)	1.2 m (4 ft)
601-1000	900 mm (3 ft)	1.2 m (4 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft)	1.5 m (5 ft)

Note: Where the conditions are as follows:

- Condition 1 — Exposed live parts on one side of the working space and no live or grounded parts on the other side of the working space, or exposed live parts on both sides of the working space that are effectively guarded by insulating materials.
- Condition 2 — Exposed live parts on one side of the working space and grounded parts on the other side of the working space. Concrete, brick, or tile walls shall be considered as grounded.
- Condition 3 — Exposed live parts on both sides of the working space.

Exception No. 3: Meters that are installed in meter sockets shall be permitted to extend beyond the other equipment. The meter socket shall be required to follow the rules of this section.

Exception No. 2: In existing dwelling units, service equipment or panelboards that do not exceed 200 amperes shall be permitted in spaces where the height of the working space is less than 2.0 m (6 1/2 ft).

Exception No. 1: On battery systems mounted on open racks, the top clearance shall comply with 480.10(D).

▽ (3) *Height of Working Space.* The work space shall be clear and extend from the grade, floor, or platform to a height of 2.0 m (6 1/2 ft) or the height of the equipment, whichever is greater. Within the height requirements of this section, other equipment or support structures, such as concrete pads, associated with the electrical installation and located above or below the electrical equipment shall be permitted to extend not more than 150 mm (6 in.) beyond the front of the electrical equipment.

(2) *Width of Working Space.* The width of the working space in front of the electrical equipment shall be the width of the equipment or 762 mm (30 in.), whichever is greater. In all cases, the work space shall permit at least a 90 degree opening of equipment doors or hinged panels.

(b) *Low Voltage.* By special permission, smaller working spaces shall be permitted where all exposed live parts operating at not greater than 30 volts rms, 42 volts peak, or 60 volts dc. *Existing Buildings.* In existing buildings where electrical equipment is being replaced, Condition 2 working clearance shall be permitted between dead-front switchboards, switchgear, panelboards, or motor control centers located across the aisle from each other where conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that written procedures have been adopted to prohibit equipment on both sides of the aisle from being open at the same time and qualified persons who are authorized will service the installation.