

How to install a circuit breaker in a network server rack



AI Overview

Installing a circuit breaker in a network server rack involves selecting the right PDU, mounting it securely, connecting the breaker to the power source, and ensuring proper labeling and load management.

Step 1: Plan Your Rack Power Layout

Before installation, determine the number of devices, their power requirements, and the rack units (U) available for PDUs and breakers. Network racks are typically 19" wide, and server racks may range from 42U to smaller sizes depending on your setup. Decide whether you need 0RU, 1RU, or vertical PDUs with built-in circuit breakers. Ensure the breaker rating matches the total load of the devices it will protect.

Step 2: Select the Appropriate Circuit Breaker and PDU

Choose a PDU with integrated circuit breakers or a separate breaker that can be mounted in the rack. For example, Cisco RP-Series PDUs provide two 20A breakers per receptacle group, while Eaton G4 PDUs offer detachable input cords and built-in breakers for outlet sections. Ensure the breaker type (single-phase or three-phase) matches your power source.

Step 3: Mount the PDU or Breaker

- Vertical or horizontal mounting: Use the rack's sidewall spaces or PDU trays for tool-less installation.
- Secure the breaker: If using a separate breaker, mount it in a rack-mountable panel or a remote power panel (RPP). Ensure it is firmly attached to prevent movement.

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