SPANISH FOR ELECTRICIANS – 250+ ELECTRICAL TERMS AND PHRASES TO GET THE JOB DONE

We want to delve into the world of electrical work, which is one of our primary focuses within the construction industry. In this new blog, we aim to explore terminology and vocabulary specific to electricians that can be applied in your daily tasks. We understand the significance of effective and precise communication with your clients, especially in the field of electrical work.

To aid you in achieving clear communication, we have put together a Spanish guide tailored for electrical specialists. This guide has been crafted with the assistance of Online Spanish tutors who specialize in electrical terminology and its practical application within construction.

1. Vocabulary

We have focused on 250+ words and terms in Spanish, including 26 common phrases/questions. We have categorized these terms in the following categories:

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Hand Tools (In Spanish)

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Cutting Plier	Pinza/Alicate de Corte
Flat Plier	Alicate/Pinza Plana
Universal Plier	Alicate/Pinza Universal
Linemans Plier	Alicate/Pinza para Liniero
Slip joint Plier	Alicate/Pinza Ajustable
End Cutting plier	Pinza/Alicate de Corte Final
Diagonal Cutting Plier (Dikes)	Pinza/Alicate de Corte Diagonal
Nose Plier	Pinza/Alicate de Corte Punta de Nariz
Wire Stripper	Pela Cables
Double End Spanner	Llave Doble Extremos
Torpedo Level	Nivel de Torpedo
Split Level	Nivel Doble
Hammer	Martillo
Electrician's Chisel	Cincel
Skinning Knife	Navaja pela cables

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ENGLISH	SPANISH
Nut Driver	Destornillador para tuercas
Adjustable Wrench (Crescent)	Llave Ajustable
Tool Pouch	Funda para Herramientas
Straight Screwdriver	Destornillador Plano
Phillips Screwdriver	Destornillador de estrías
Tongue & Groove Plier (Channellock)	Pinza/Alicate de Ranura y Lengüeta
Handle Hacksaw	Sierra
Pencil	Lápiz
Tin Snips	Tijeras de Hojalateros
Roto Split (Armor Stripper)	Pelador de Carcasa Metálica
Scratch Awl	Punzón
Knock out punch Set	Abre Huecos
Allen Wrenches	Llaves Allen
Open End/Box End Wrenches	Llave de Boca Abierta/Llave de Boca Cerrada
Socket Set	Llaves de Enchufe
Cross Line Laser	Láser de Línea Cruzada
Conduit Bender	Dobla Tubos
Griding Machine	Esmeril

Power Tools (in Spanish)

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Voltage Tester	Probador de Voltaje
Tester	Probador
Flashlight	Linterna
Earth Tester	Probador de Aislamiento a Tierra
Amprobe	Probadores Eléctricos sin Contacto
Voltage-Ohm Meter	Multímetro
Polarity GFI Tester	Probador de Polaridad
Clamp Meter	Pinza Amperimétrica
Fluorescent Light Tester	Probador de Lámpara Fluorescente
ABC	Supervisor (bajo voltaje/sobre corriente)

Materials (In Spanish)

English	SPANISH
Cooper Wires/Cable	Conductores/Cable de Cobre
Aluminum Wires	Conductor de Aluminio
Surface Switch	Interruptor/Suiche superficial
Flush switch	Interruptor/Suiche de Descarga
Ceiling switch	Interruptor/Suiche de Techo

English	SPANISH
Ceiling switch	Interruptor/Suiche de Techo
Pull switch	Interruptor/Suiche de Tirar
Hangin Bed switch	Interruptor Colgante de Cama
Bell Switch	Interruptor para Timbre
Push Button switch	Interruptor Pulsador
One Way Switch	Interruptor/Suiche de Una Vía
Two Way Switch	Interruptor/Suiche Doble Vía
Intermediate Switch	Interruptor/Suiche Intermedio
Main switch	Interruptor/Suiche Principal
Pendant Holder	Sujetador colgante
Ceiling Rose	Cubierta para sujetador Pendiente
Socket Outlet	Toma de corriente
Casing Capping Wires	Cubre Cables
Miniature Circuit Breaker	Disyuntor en Miniatura
PVC Conduit Pipes	Tubería Conduit de PVC
PVC Bend	Codos de PVC
Coupling/Socket	Anillos/acoples/uniones
Fan Box	Caja tipo Ventilador
Deep Box One Way	Caja de una Vía

English	SPANISH
Deep Box Two Way	Caja de Dos Vía
Deep Box Three Way	Caja de Tres Vía
Deep Box Four Way	Caja de Cuatro Vía
Insulation Tape	Cinta Aislante/Teipe
End cap/Dummy	Tapa/Cubierta
PVC Solvent	Pegamento PVC
Casing/Capping	Cubierta/Canaleta
Juntion Box	Caja de Unión
Metal Box (from 1-2 module to 18 Modules)	Cajas Metálicas desde módulo 1-2 hasta 18 Módulos
Cover Plates (from 1-2 module to 18 modules)	Tapas (desde 1-2 módulos hasta 10 módulos)
Star Screw	Tornillos Tipo Estrella
Spring Wire	Resorte Pasa Cables
Round Sheet Dummy	Tapa Redonda
Fan Dummy Sheet	Tapa Tipo Ventilador
Angle Holder	Sujetador Angular
Indicator Switch	Interruptor Indicador
Dimmer	Variador/Regulador de Intensidad
Kit Kat Fuse	Fusible Kit Kat

English	SPANISH
TV Outlet	Salida para Tv
Two Pin Socket	Toma/Receptáculo de 2 pines
3 Pin Socket	Toma/Receptáculo de 3 pines
MCB (Miniature Circuit Breaker) (1 pole to 4 Pole)	Interruptor de Circuito Miniatura (desde 1 polo hasta 4 polos)
Isolator Breaker (1 Pole to 4 Pole)	Interruptor de seguridad (desde 1 a 4 polos)
DB Box	Tablero/Caja de Distribución de Circuitos
DP Switch	Interruptor/Suiche Doble Pole
Two Pin Plug	Enchufe doble Pin/Espiga
Surface Box	Caja Superficial
Change Over Box	Caja de Transferencia
Earthing Rod/Plate	Barra/Placa de Puesta a tierra
Earthing Chemical	Compuesto para Puesta a Tierra
Calling Bell	Timbre
Foot Lamp	Lampara de Pie
Bed Lamp	Lampara de Cama
Ceiling Lamp	Lampara de Techo
Tube Light	Lámpara tubular
Bulb	Bombillo
Ceiling Fan	Ventilador de Techo

English	SPANISH
Auxiliary Contact	Contactos Auxiliares
RCB	Interruptor Diferencial
DP MCB	Interruptor Especial para corto circuitos
Magnetic Contactor	Contactor Magnético
Overload Relay	Relé de Sobre Corriente
Coil	Bobina
Transformer	Transformador
Battery	Batería
Blank	Tapa Ciega
Coupling	Acoples/Conectores
Connector	Conector
MC Connector	Conector Multicontacto
Gangable Box	Caja Armable
Mud Ring	Anillo empotrable
1900 Box	Caja Cuadrada de 4” y 1 □” de profundidad
1900 Deep Box	Caja Cuadrada 4” y 2 1/8” de profundidad
8B	Caja Octogonal de 1 □” de Profundidad
8B Deep	Caja Octogonal de 2 1/8” de Profundidad
Bushing	Buje de paso

English	SPANISH
EMT (Electro Metallic Tubing (EMT)	Tuberia metálica
Cable Tray	Bandeja para Conductores
Unistrut	Soporte tipo “U”
Cutout Box	Caja de Protección Eléctrica
Fish Tape	Pasador de cables

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Basic Personal Protection Equipment For Electricians

English	SPANISH
Dielectric Helmet (Hard hat)	Casco Dieléctrico
Insulating Glove	Guantes Aislantes
Face Shields	Protector Facial
Overall	Overol/Braga/Ropa de trabajo

Areas of the Building/Home/Job Site

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Attic	Ático
Balcony	Balcón
Bedroom	Habitación/Cuarto/Dormitorio
Living Room	Sala de Estar
Dining Room	Comedor
Bath Room	Baño
Hall	Pasillo
Garage	Garaje/Cochera
Toilet	Inodoro/Baño
Stairs	Escaleras
Garden	Jardin
Patio	Patio
Basement	Sótano
Corridor	Corredor
Windows	Ventanas
Chimney	Chimenea
Roof	Techo
Plot Area	Área de la Parcela
Built-up area or Plitch Area	Área para la Construcción

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Carpet Area	Área de Alfombras
Floor Area	Superficie del Piso
Setback Area	Área de Urbanismo
Swimming Pool	Piscinaq
Park	Parque
Play Ground	Parque/Área de Juegos
Clubhouse	Casa club
Building	Edificio/Edificación/Construcción
Home	Hogar/Casa

Common Terms & Phrases

ENGLISH	SPANISH
AC (Alternating Current)	Corriente Alterna
AFCI – Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter	Interruptor de Circuito por Falla de Arco
ALCI – Appliance Leakage Circuit Interrupter	Interruptor de Circuito por Corriente de Fuga en Electrodomésticos
Ampacity	Ampacidad
ANSI (American National Standards Institute)	Instituto Nacional de Normas Americanas
CSA – Canadian Standards Association	Asociación de Normas Canadienses

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Circuit	Circuito
Circuit Breaker	CortaCircuitos
Conductor	Conductor/Cable
Current	Corriente
DC – Direct Current	Current Direct
Dielectric Strength	Rigidez Dieléctrica
ELCI – Equipment Leakage Circuit Interrupter.	Interruptor de Circuito de fuga para equipos.
Flame Retardant –	Retardante de Llama (ignífugo)
Gauge	Calibrador de diámetros de cables
Ground Fault	Falla a Tierra
Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter	Interruptor de Circuito por Falla a Tierra
Grounded Neutral	Neutral a Tierra
Ground Wire	Conductor de Puesta a Tierra
Hot Wire	Conductor/Cable Energizado
Insulator.	Aislante
NEC – National Electric Code.	Código Eléctrico Naciona
NFPA – La NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)	Asociación Nacional de Protección Contra el Fuego
Neutral Wire	Conductor Neutro

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Nuisance Tripping	Interrupciones molestas
OSHA – Occupational Safety and Health Association.	Asociación de Salud y Seguridad Ocupacional.
Open Neutral	Neutro Abierto
Resistance	Resistencia Eléctrica
Reverse Phase	Fase Inversa
Short Circuit -	Corto Circuito
Voltage	Voltaje
Weatherproof	A prueba de intemperie (resistente al agua)
Power	Energía
Normally Open (N.O.)	Normalmente Abierto
Normal Close (N.C.)	Normalmente Cerrado
Loads	Cargas
Power Supply	Fuente de Poder
High Voltage	Alto Voltaje
Low Voltage	Bajo Voltaje
Frequency	Frecuencia
Difference of Potential	Diferencial de Potencial (Voltaje)
Home Run	Línea Directa
Amperage	Amperaje

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Amper	Amperio
Conductivity	Conductividad
Duct	Ducto
Watts	Vatios
Line Drop	Caída de Voltaje
Line Voltage	Line Voltage
Ohm's Law	Ley de Ohm
Resistivity	Resistividad
Serie Circuit	Circuito en Serie
Parallel Circuit	Circuito en Paralelo
Service Drop	Acometida
Service Entrance Conductor	Alimentador principal
Shielded Cable	Cable con Cubierta Metálica
Volt-Ampere (V.A)	Voltio-Amperios
Wattage	Potencia
Open Circuit	Circuito abierto
Closed Circuit	Circuito Cerrado
Three Phase	Trifásico
Monophase	Monofásico

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Biphasic	Bifásico
Ground Network	Red a Tierra
Bridge	Puente
Loaded	Cargado
Overcurrent	Sobre intensidad
Control Room	Cuarto de Control
Failure	Falla
Ground Fault	Falla a Tierra
Power line	Tendido Eléctrico
Tips	Puntas
Potentiometer	Potenciómetro
Balance	Equilibrio
Current Conductor	Conductor de Corriente
Contractors	Constructor
Electricians	Electricistas
Lamp	Lamparas
Pipe	Tubería
Jet line	Cinta de Nilón para pasar cables
Service	Servicio

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Commercial	Comercial
Residential	Residencial
Industrial	Industrial
Construction	Construccción

Electrician Verbs

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Close	Cerrar
Connect	Conectar
Turn on	Encender
Turn off	Apagar
Lose	Perder
Compare	Comparar
Install	Instalar
Stir	Remover
Cut	Cortar
Skin	Pelar
Disconnect	Desconectar
Control	Controlar
Program	Programar

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Pull	Halar
Striper	Pelador
To Build	Construir
Supply	Suminstrar/Suministro
Load	Cargar
Trip out	Disparar/desconectar
To Find	Encontrar/hallar

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Electrician Terms

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Hand me the measuring tape, please	Pásame la cinta de medir por favor
Let's call the electrician to install all the ceiling lamps	llamemos al electricista para que instale todas las lámparas de techo
The electrician checked the grounding of all outlets	El electricista checó la puesta a tierra de los toma de corrientes.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Could you please hand me the drill	Puede pasarme el taladro
How many bricks are there in that pile?	¿Cuántos ladrillos hay en ese arrume?
The ladder should lean more	Debes inclinar más la escalera
Does anyone know where the flat head screws are?	¿Alguien sabe dónde están los tornillos de cabeza plana?
Let's do a job analysis before starting the work	Hagamos un análisis del trabajo antes de iniciar la obra.
Staff must abide by safety regulation within work area	El personal debe acatar las normas de seguridad del área de trabajo.
Your gloves are broken, replace them please	Tus guantes están rotos debes reemplazarlos
How long does it take to build the house?	¿Cuánto tiempo nos lleva construir la casa?
We'll continue the construction of the road in summer	Continuaremos la construcción de la carretera in verano
That man works on the construction industry	Ese señor trabaja en la industria de la construcción
We'll call a construction company to make repairs of the house	Llamaremos al constructor para realizar las refacciones de la casa
We must keep the workplace clean and tidy	Debemos mantener ordenado y limpio el lugar de trabajo.
Could the electrician verify the circuits is turned off?	Verificó el electricista que el circuito está desenergizado?

ENGLISH	SPANISH
Electrical Field changes too fast we must keep updated	El área Eléctrica cambia muy rápido debemos mantenernos a la vanguardia
Electrician must be very qualify to do that Job	El electricista deben estar bien calificados para realizar esa labor
According the program the equipment need Electrical maintenance	De acuerdo al programa el equipo necesita mantenimiento Eléctrico
Pull the wire through the conduit, please	Por favor pasa el cable a través del tubo conduit.
Clean the conduit edges please	Por favor limpia los bordes del tubo conduit
Apparently the conductor get stuck in the middle of the conduit	Al parecer el conductor se quedó atascado en el medio del tubo conduit
Consult NEC to Know how many you can pass through 1” pipe.	Consulte el código Eléctrico Nacional para saber cuántos conductores pueden pasar por la tubería de 1”.
All the lights suddenly turned off, call the electrician to find out what the issue is, please	Las luces se apagaron repentinamente por favor llame al electricista para averiguar sobre la avería
Some Breakers are tripping out it’s necessary to redistribute the circuits	Algunos interruptores se están disparando es necesario redistribuir esos circuitos,
We found a broken cable that’s the reason of the failure	Encontramos un cable partido esa es la razón de la falla

2. COMMON SPANISH PHRASES FOR ELECTRICIANS

Typical Scenario on the Job site -We prepared some lists of typical scenarios an electrician would encounter on a job-site. You can read through the conversation and imagine yourself learning and speaking the same.

Supervisor (Supervisor): ¡Hola Juan! ¿Cómo va el trabajo hoy? (Hello Juan! How's the work going today?)

Electrician (Electricista): ¡Hola! Todo va bien, estoy revisando los circuitos en la sala de control. (Hi! Everything's going well, I'm checking the circuits in the control room.)

Supervisor (Supervisor): Muy bien, asegúrate de seguir todas las normas de seguridad. ¿Necesitas algún equipo adicional? (Very well, make sure to follow all safety regulations. Do you need any additional equipment?)

Electrician (Electricista): No, por ahora tengo todo lo que necesito. Gracias. (No, for now I have everything I need. Thanks.)

Supervisor (Supervisor): Perfecto. ¿Has encontrado algún problema en los cables o enchufes? (Perfect. Have you found any issues with the wires or sockets?)

Electrician (Electricista): Sí, encontré un cable suelto en la esquina. Lo estoy arreglando ahora mismo. (Yes, I found a loose wire in the corner. I'm fixing it right now.)

Supervisor (Supervisor): Excelente, gracias por estar atento. Avísame si necesitas ayuda con algo. (Excellent, thanks for being attentive. Let me know if you need help with anything.)

Electrician (Electricista): Lo haré, jefe. Continuaré con las inspecciones. (I will, boss. I'll continue with the inspections.)

Supervisor (Supervisor): Estupendo, sigue así. Manténnos informados sobre cualquier novedad. (Great, keep it up. Keep us informed of any updates.)

Electrician (Electricista): Claro, estaré en contacto. (Sure, I'll stay in touch.)

In this scenario, the supervisor and electrician discuss the progress of the work and safety precautions in a workspace. They also address any potential issues and emphasize communication.

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