

Distance between the distribution cabinet and the primary distribution box



Article Overview

The recommended minimum distance between electrical enclosures, such as a primary distribution box and a distribution cabinet, is typically 700 mm to 1.5 meters depending on standards and access requirements.

Recommended Clearances

BS 7671 specifies that for safe operation and maintenance, a minimum gangway or working space of 700 mm should be maintained between distribution cabinets or enclosures. This ensures personnel can safely access the panels for inspection, operation, or maintenance. In some cases, especially where both sides of the access way have live parts, a wider clearance of 1.5 meters is recommended to prevent accidental contact and allow safe movement. IEC 60364 and related IEC standards emphasize that electrical panels must be readily accessible and provide adequate working space around them. This includes front clearance for opening doors and side clearance for safe access to components. For residential installations, the recommended height for distribution boards is 1 to 1.8 meters from the floor, with sufficient space around the panel for safe operation.

Working Space Requirements

- Front clearance: Minimum of 3 feet (≈ 900 mm) in front of the equipment to allow doors to open at least 90 degrees and provide safe access.
- Side clearance: Minimum of 30 inches (≈ 760 mm) from the sides of the equipment.

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Wireway Depth: The maximum permitted distance for the through (wireway) beyond the front of panelboard is 6 inches, the trough's

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Side clearance: There should be a minimum of 30 inches of clearance from the sides of all electrical equipment, but in no case less

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Near the application concerned Sub-distribution and final distribution switchboards are generally distributed

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The size of the distribution box used in the room is generally different from that of the general industrial

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A primary distribution substation is the connection point of a distribution system to a transmission or a sub-transmission network.

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Moreover, power and lighting switch boxes must be set up separately—there shall be no shared enclosure with separate branch

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The distribution box shall be set below the main distribution box, and the switch box shall be set below the distribution box, and the

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Spacing Requirements for Power Distribution and Terminal Blocks

Most power distribution blocks available today are actually terminal blocks, and are recognized to UL 1059, the Terminal Block

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