

Distribution box for utility poles



Article Overview

Distribution boxes on utility poles safely distribute electrical power from the main supply to multiple downstream circuits while protecting equipment and users.

Purpose and Function

Distribution boxes, often called DB Boxes, serve as central points for distributing electricity from a main supply to various circuits. They house protective devices such as circuit breakers or fuses, which safeguard both the electrical system and end users from overloads or short circuits. On utility poles, these boxes are particularly important for outdoor and overhead power distribution, including residential, commercial, and street lighting applications .

Types of Pole-Mounted Distribution Boxes

- ABC Distribution Boxes: Designed for Aerial Bundled Conductor (ABC) systems, suitable for pole or wall mounting, providing secure and reliable power distribution .
- Pole-Mounted Cutouts: Fused switches attached directly to primary wires; they isolate problem areas during overloads or short circuits without shutting down the entire line .
- Street Lighting Cutouts: Specifically designed for outdoor lighting circuits, often lockable to prevent unauthorized access .
- Single-Phase and Three-Phase DB Boxes: Single-phase boxes are used for residential or small commercial loads, while three-phase boxes support industrial or large commercial facilities

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1.0 Introduction This Utility Handbook was developed to assist various users including but not limited to engineers, utility company representatives, and construction workers by providing high-level insight

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