

Electrical parameters and specifications for secondary distribution boxes



Article Overview

Secondary distribution boxes (SDBs) are designed to safely distribute electrical power from a main distribution board to multiple sub-circuits, with specifications determined by load, protection requirements, and compliance with IEC 61439 and other regional standards.

Key Electrical Parameters

Load Capacity: SDBs must be sized according to the total connected load and anticipated future expansion. This includes calculating the maximum current for each outgoing circuit and the cumulative load on the busbars . **Rated Current and Short-Circuit Capacity:** The SDB should have a main incoming breaker or fuse rated for the maximum expected current. Short-circuit withstand strength must match the available fault current at the installation site to ensure safety during electrical faults . **Number of Outgoing Circuits:** The number of ways (slots) determines how many branch circuits can be connected. It is important to include spare ways for future expansion rather than selecting solely based on current needs . **Voltage Rating:** SDBs are typically rated for low-voltage AC systems (230/400V single-phase or three-phase) but may also be designed for DC applications in solar or telecom systems . **Protection Devices:** Each outgoing circuit should be protected by MCBs, RCBOs, or fuses. The SDB may also include residual current devices (RCDs) and surge protective devices (SPDs) for enhanced safety . **Busbar and Terminal Specifications:** Busbars must be sized to carry the total load without excessive heating. Neutral and earth bars should be adequately rated and arranged for easy wiring and maintenance

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