

Enclosure Requirements for Distribution Boxes



Article Overview

A complete distribution box enclosure must be made of durable, insulated materials, properly sealed, grounded, and installed at a safe, accessible height with adequate protection against environmental and electrical hazards.

Material and Mechanical Requirements

The enclosure should be constructed from steel plates or high-quality insulating materials, while wooden materials are not recommended due to fire and durability concerns. For power distribution cabinets, cold-rolled steel plates are preferred, with minimum thicknesses of 1.5mm for general enclosures, 2.0mm for doors and panels, and 3.0mm for back panels to ensure structural integrity . The enclosure must include sturdy guide rails and mounting lugs for secure installation, typically made from flat steel of 40×4 mm and welded at the bottom left and top right of non-floor-standing boxes .

Protection and Sealing

The enclosure must protect internal components from water, dust, and mechanical damage, which is often indicated by IP or NEMA ratings. Higher ratings, such as IP65/IP66, are recommended for outdoor or industrial environments . All cable entry points and knockouts should be sealed with Class 3 sealing after wiring to prevent ingress of dust or moisture . The enclosure should also allow for adequate ventilation to prevent overheating

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