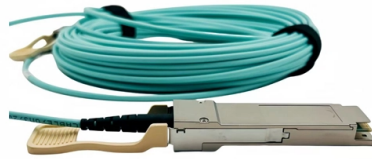


Size of incoming cable to the distribution box



Article Overview

The size of the incoming cable to a distribution box depends on the system voltage, load current, and number of phases, typically using a five-wire system for three-phase setups or three-wire for single-phase, with wire gauge selected according to current-carrying capacity.

Typical Incoming Cable Configuration

For most distribution boxes, the incoming line uses a five-wire system for three-phase power: three phase lines (A, B, C), one neutral line, and one ground line. The phase lines are usually color-coded red, yellow, and green; the neutral is light blue; and the ground is yellow with green stripes. For single-phase 220V loads, one phase, one neutral, and one ground are used. For three-phase 380V loads, all three phases plus neutral and ground are required. Special two-phase 380V equipment may use any two phases plus ground if needed .

Determining Cable Size

The cross-sectional area (gauge) of the incoming cable is determined by the expected load current and the type of installation. Undersized cables can overheat, causing fire hazards or equipment failure, while oversized cables may be unnecessarily costly. The selection should follow standards such as NEC, IEC, or local codes, considering factors like insulation type, ambient temperature, and installation method . For example:...

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