

Types of UK electrical distribution boxes



Overview

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Article Overview

UK electrical distribution boxes include consumer units, main distribution boards, sub-distribution boards, and specialized panels for residential, commercial, and industrial use.

Overview of Distribution Boxes

A distribution board (also called a panelboard, breaker panel, or fuse box) is a central hub that divides incoming electrical power into multiple circuits, each protected by fuses or circuit breakers. In the UK, domestic distribution boards are commonly referred to as consumer units, while commercial and industrial setups may use larger main distribution boards (MDBs) or sub-distribution boards (SDBs).

Key Types of Distribution Boxes in the UK

- Consumer Unit
- Primarily used in residential properties....

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