

What size main switch for the distribution box should be



Article Overview

The main switch in a distribution box should be rated according to the total load of the installation and the type of supply, typically ranging from 40A to 100A for residential systems and higher for commercial or industrial setups.

Understanding the Main Switch

The main switch (or main circuit breaker) is the primary device that controls the flow of electricity into the distribution box. It provides isolation and, in some cases, overcurrent protection for the entire electrical system. In small residential boards, this is usually a double-pole switch for single-phase supply, while in three-phase systems, a three- or four-pole switch or MCCB (Molded Case Circuit Breaker) is used.

Factors Determining Main Switch Size

- **Total Load of the Installation:** Calculate the sum of all connected loads (lighting, appliances, HVAC, etc.) in amperes. The main switch rating should exceed this total load to prevent nuisance tripping.
- **Supply Type:** Single-phase systems typically use 40–100A main switches, while three-phase systems may require 100A or more depending on the building's power demand.
- **Cable and Busbar Ratings:** The main switch must match the current-carrying capacity of incoming cables and busbars to ensure safe operation.
- **Short-Circuit Protection:** The switch should have a short-circuit breaking capacity suitable for the maximum prospective fault current at the installation point

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