

Circuit distribution box enclosure and panel

Article Overview

A circuit distribution box, or panel, is a protective enclosure that safely distributes electrical power from a main source to multiple branch circuits while housing circuit breakers or fuses.

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A circuit distribution box (also called a DB box, panelboard, or breaker panel) is the central hub of an electrical system. It receives incoming power from the utility or main supply and divides it into multiple circuits that supply electricity to different areas or devices within a building. The enclosure protects users from accidental contact with live parts and shields the internal components from environmental damage .

Components

Key components of a distribution box include:

- Circuit breakers or fuses: Protect individual circuits from overloads and short circuits .
- Busbars: Conduct electricity from the main input to the breakers .
- Main switch: Allows complete disconnection of power for maintenance .
- Residual-current devices (RCDs) or RCBOs: Provide additional protection against electric shocks and leakage currents

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