Distance from main distribution box to sub-distribution boxes

Overview

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Key Takeaways

There is no specific NEC-mandated distance between a main panel and subpanels, but proper working space, accessibility, and conduit separation must be maintained.

NEC Guidelines

The National Electrical Code (NEC) does not prescribe a fixed distance between a main distribution panel and subpanels. Instead, it emphasizes safety, accessibility, and working clearances: Working Space: NEC 110. 26 requires a minimum clearance of 30 inches wide, 36 inches deep, and 6.

5 feet high in front of the panel to allow safe operation and maintenance. Conduit Separation: For conductors #4 AWG and larger, spacing between conduits entering panels should follow the 6X or 8X rule (6 or 8 times the conduit diameter) to preserve bend radius and prevent insulation damage. Accessibility: Panels must be readily accessible, not installed in bathrooms, closets, or behind obstructions.

International Standards

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C 60364 and BS 7671, similar principles apply: Panels should be easily accessible for operation and maintenance. Recommended mounting heights for residential distribution boards are 1 to 1. 8 meters from the floor, with 1.

3 meters suggested for elderly or handicapped users. Adequate working space must be provided around panels, and panels should be installed in areas free from water, dust, or other hazards.

Practical Considerations

While there is no strict distance requirement: Maintain enough space to route conductors safely between the main panel and subpanels without sharp bends. Ensure clear access for inspection, maintenance, and emergency shutoff. Follow conduit spacing rules for larger conductors to prevent damage during installation.

In practice, subpanels are often installed within the same room or adjacent rooms to the main panel, with spacing determined by conduit routing, building layout, and accessibility requirements rather than a fixed code distance. Proper planning ensures compliance with NEC or IEC standards while maintaining safety and functionality.

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NEC Requirements for Panelboards and Load Centers

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