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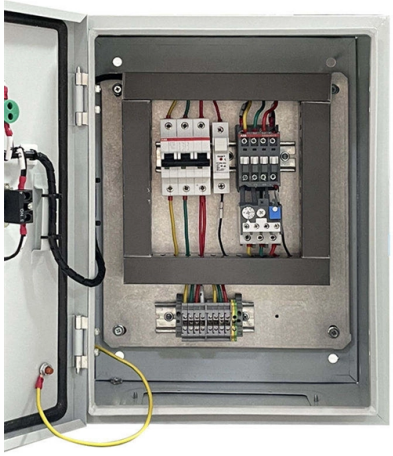

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Key Takeaways

The recommended installation height for a distribution box is typically between 1.3 meters (4.3 feet) and 1.8 meters (5.9 feet) from the floor, depending on accessibility and local standards.Recommended Heights
• Residential Settings: Mount the distribution box at 1.3 to 1.8 meters from the floor. For elderly or disabled individuals, a height of around 1.3 meters is suggested to ensure easy access without bending or stretching .

• Industrial Settings: Heights may vary depending on equipment layout, but the top of the panel should not exceed 2 meters (6 feet 7 inches) to keep circuit breaker handles within reach .

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• Outdoor Installations: Place the box at least 0.9 meters (3 feet) above ground to protect against water, dirt, and minor flooding .
Practical Considerations
• Accessibility: Ensure the box is easy to reach for operation and maintenance. The highest operating handle of a breaker should not exceed 2 meters above the floor .

• Safety: Avoid wet areas, bathrooms, or locations prone to physical damage. Ground-mounted boxes should be slightly elevated (2–4 inches) to prevent moisture damage .

• Working Space: Maintain a clear working space of at least 36 inches in depth and 30 inches in width in front of the box for safe maintenance .

• Compliance: Follow local codes such as NEC 404.8, IEC 61439, and BS 7671 to ensure proper installation, grounding, and protection .
Summary

For most installations, a height of 1.4 to 1.7 meters (4.5–5.5 feet) is ideal for wall-mounted distribution boxes, balancing accessibility, safety, and compliance. Outdoor or industrial setups may require adjustments, but the top of the panel should generally remain below 2 meters to ensure safe operation of breakers and switches . Proper placement also considers environmental protection, clear working space, and ease of maintenance.

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