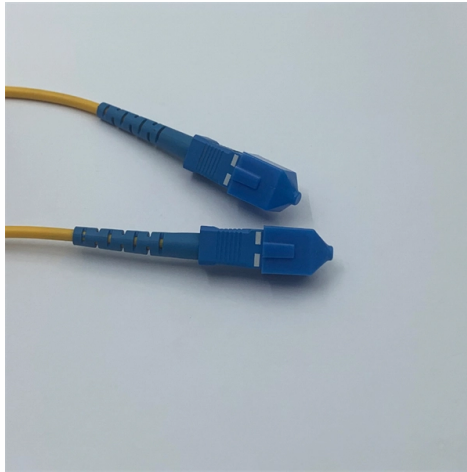


The distribution box is relatively tall



Overview

North American distribution boards are generally housed in enclosures, with the positioned in two columns operable from the front. Some panelboards are provided with a door covering the breaker switch handles, but all are constructed with a dead front; that is to say the front of the enclosure (whether it has a door or not) prevents the operator of the circuit breakers from contacting live electrical parts within. carry the current from incoming line (hot) conductors to the breakers.

Key Takeaways

A distribution box is typically installed between 1.3 meters and 1.7 meters above the ground, making a "relatively tall" box still within standard accessibility and safety guidelines. Standard Installation Heights

For wall-mounted distribution boxes, the recommended height is generally 4.5 to 5.5 feet (1.4 to 1.7 meters) from the floor, which allows easy access without excessive bending or stretching and protects the box from water or accidental impacts . Outdoor boxes should be mounted at least 3 feet above the ground to avoid dirt and moisture, while ground-mounted boxes are often raised 2 to 4 inches to prevent moisture damage . In residential settings, heights between 3 and 6 feet are considered acceptable, with lower heights preferred for older or disabled users .

Practical Installation Examples

- In basements, the bottom edge of a lighting or distribution box is often 1.5 meters from the floor.
- On walkways or first floors, the bottom edge may be 1.7 meters from the ground.

- Wall-mounted open distribution boxes can have their center at 1.3 meters if the box height is 0.8 meters, or 1.5 meters if the box is smaller . These variations ensure that the box remains accessible while accommodating different building layouts and box sizes.

Safety and Accessibility

Proper height placement ensures that the distribution box is easy to read, operate, and maintain. It also keeps the box away from wet areas, reduces the risk of accidental damage, and complies with standards such as BS 7671 and IEC 60364-5-52 . Regular inspection and maintenance are recommended to ensure continued safety and functionality.

Summary

A "relatively tall" distribution box is generally acceptable if it falls within the 1.3-1.7 meter range for wall-mounted installations. This height balances accessibility, safety, and compliance with electrical standards, making it suitable for both residential and commercial applications .

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