Requirements for the wall thickness and dimensions of distribution boxes

Overview

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Key Takeaways

The minimum wall thickness for low-voltage distribution boxes is generally 1. 5 mm for the box body, with variations depending on material, purpose, and environmental conditions.

National Standard Requirements

According to national standards, low-voltage distribution boxes should have a wall thickness of at least 1. 5 mm, while metal auxiliary poles should be at least 1. 2 mm thick.

This ensures adequate mechanical strength, safety under electrical load, and resistance to environmental stresses such as earthquakes.

Material and Design Considerations

Material type: Steel, stainless steel, and aluminum boxes typically require thicker walls compared to iron or plastic boxes to maintain structural integrity. Seismic resistance: Boxes intended for earthquake-prone areas may need reinforced walls or additional structural support to prevent deformation. Temperature and environmental factors: Materials respond differently to temperature changes, so thickness may be adjusted to maintain durability and prevent warping.

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Mounting and internal components: Boxes with heavy busbars, transformers, or multiple feeders may require thicker walls or internal reinforcement to support the load. Examples from Industry StandardsWall-mounted steel distribution boxes: Standard versions often use 1. 5 mm steel sheets for both the cabinet and door, with mounting panels sometimes thicker at 2.

5 mm for added support.

Outdoor L

T distribution boxes: Fabricated from 2 mm galvanized steel sheets, with reinforced channels and slanted roofs for water runoff, meeting IP-55 protection standards. Custom or high-capacity boxes: Thickness may exceed 2 mm depending on KVA rating, busbar size, and mechanical requirements.

Summary

While 1. 5 mm is the baseline standard for most low-voltage distribution boxes, the final wall thickness should be determined based on material, load, environmental conditions, and safety requirements. For outdoor or high-capacity installations, 2 mm or more may be necessary to ensure compliance with IP protection ratings and structural integrity.

Proper selection ensures safety, durability, and reliable operation of electrical distribution systems.

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