

What are the specifications for European household electrical distribution boxes



Overview

European Electrical Boxes Guide: How to Choose the Right OneA clear, no-fluff guide on selecting European electrical boxes—covering dimensions, materials.

Key Takeaways

European household distribution boxes are designed according to IEC 61439 and BS 7671 standards, with modular capacities, IP protection, and safety features suitable for residential installations.

Standards and Compliance

European distribution boxes must comply with IEC 61439 for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies and BS 7671 for electrical installations in the UK, which align with IEC standards . These standards ensure safety, performance, and proper current-carrying capacity. The older IEC 60439 framework has been replaced by IEC 61439, while IP protection ratings are defined under IEC 60529 .

Materials and Construction

- Plastic enclosures: ABS or polycarbonate, halogen-free, UV-protected for outdoor use .
- Color: Typically RAL 7035 grey for base and frame, with transparent PC windows for visibility .
- Mounting rails: TH35x7.5 symmetrical rails for modular devices .

- Metal enclosures: Require double insulation or covers for live parts .
Modular Capacity and Dimensions
- Module counts: Commonly 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 36, and 54 modules .
- Box sizing: For small loads (

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