

How to select the main wires for the distribution box



Article Overview

Select main wires based on load capacity, wire gauge, insulation type, and compliance with electrical standards to ensure safe and efficient power distribution.

Determine the Load Requirements

Before choosing the main wires, calculate the total electrical load that the distribution box will handle. Consider the sum of all branch circuits and the maximum current expected. This ensures the main wires can safely carry the current without overheating or causing voltage drops .

Choose the Appropriate Wire Gauge

The wire gauge (cross-sectional area) must match the current-carrying capacity. Larger currents require thicker wires. For example, residential single-phase systems often use 10–16 mm² copper wires for main lines, while industrial three-phase systems may require 25 mm² or more, depending on the load . Always refer to local electrical codes or standards like NEC or IEC for precise sizing.

Select Wire Type and Insulation

Main wires should have insulation suitable for the environment:

- Indoor use: PVC-insulated wires are common....

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