

Specifications for circuit breakers in household distribution boxes



Article Overview

A typical household distribution box includes a main switch, separate circuits for lighting, room sockets, and high-power appliances, with breakers rated according to load and safety standards.

Main Components

- **Main Switch:** Controls the entire electrical system, allowing complete shutdown for maintenance or emergencies, ensuring safety and easy isolation of the system .
- **Residual Current Device (RCD):** Monitors current flow and cuts power instantly if a leakage is detected, protecting against electric shocks .
- **Busbars:** Copper bars that distribute electricity to branch breakers efficiently, often using comb busbars for safety .
- **Neutral and Ground Bars:** Provide return paths and grounding for safe operation .

Typical Circuit Configuration

- **Lighting Circuits:** Usually separated from power sockets to maintain independent operation. Standard breakers are 10A for general lighting and 16A for bathroom or high-load lighting .
- **Room Socket Circuits:** Each room may have its own 20A breaker to isolate issues and simplify maintenance .
- **High-Power Appliance Circuits:** Appliances like air conditioners, electric stoves, and water heaters require dedicated circuits. For example:
 - Bedroom air conditioner: 16–20A breaker...

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Understanding Your Home's Electrical Breaker Box

The breaker box, also known as the electrical panel or distribution board, is where the main electrical supply for your home is

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