

Standard dimensions and locations of indoor electrical distribution boxes



Article Overview

Indoor electrical distribution boxes come in standard size families, with single-gang boxes around 2" × 3" × 3.5" and larger junction or breaker panels ranging from 12 to 42 circuits, typically installed at accessible heights on walls.

Standard Dimensions

Residential and Light Commercial Boxes:

- Single-gang boxes: Approximately 2" × 3" × 3.5", used for one switch or outlet .
- Double-gang boxes: About 4" × 4" × 3.5", for two devices or switches .
- Junction boxes: Commonly 4" × 4" with variable depths (2.5"-4") to accommodate multiple wire connections .

• Round or octagon boxes: Typically 4" diameter × 1.5"-2.5" deep, used for ceiling fixtures or fans .

Industrial and Commercial Distribution Panels:

- Wall-mounted enclosures: Heights from 200 mm to 800 mm, widths 200 mm to 600 mm, depths 120 mm to 300 mm .
- Freestanding cabinets: Heights 1600-2200 mm, widths 600-1800 mm, depths 300-600 mm, often housing multiple breakers, bus bars, or control systems .
- Breaker panels: Standard residential panels typically support 12-42 circuits, while commercial panels may be larger and modular .

Typical Locations...

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