

# Standard for Wall Thickness of Electrical Distribution Boxes



## Article Overview

Metal electrical distribution boxes typically have wall thickness around 1/16 inch, while plastic boxes range up to 1/8 inch, depending on environmental and load requirements.

### Wall Thickness by Material

**Metal Boxes:** Construction site distribution boxes made of stamped sheet steel generally have walls about 1/16 inch thick. This thickness provides sufficient structural strength to support conductors, devices, and covers while maintaining a compact external footprint. Metal boxes are often used in indoor and industrial environments where mechanical durability and grounding continuity are critical .

**Plastic/PVC Boxes:** Non-metallic boxes, including PVC or reinforced plastic, require thicker walls, up to 1/8 inch, to maintain structural integrity. The thicker walls compensate for the lower material strength compared to steel and provide resistance to impact, UV exposure, and moisture. Plastic boxes are commonly used indoors or in environments where corrosion is a concern .

### Standards and Compliance

- NEC (National Electrical Code) 314.28: Requires junction and distribution boxes to be made of non-combustible, corrosion-resistant materials suitable for the installation environment. Metal boxes must be thick enough to support internal conductors and...

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Box and cover material and plating specification; .062" minimum thickness, hot rolled, pre-galvanized steel, minimum spangle. ASTM

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L.T. DISTRIBUTION BOX FOR 100KVA 33/0.4 KV Transformer (3 phase, 200A) 1.  
DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS:-The L.T.

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