

Standard for labeling the size of electrical distribution boxes



Article Overview

Electrical distribution box dimensions are typically represented using height × width × depth, along with internal volume and component layout, following manufacturer size families and standards like NEC or IEC.

Dimensional Representation

- **External Dimensions:** The most common method is to specify the external height × width × depth in millimeters or inches. For example, a wall-mounted DB box might be 600 × 400 × 200 mm, while a freestanding industrial cabinet could be 2000 × 800 × 400 mm . External dimensions are used for planning installation space and mounting requirements.
- **Internal Usable Space:** Internal dimensions account for wall thickness, gaskets, hinges, and mounting hardware. This is critical for determining wire fill capacity, device placement, and future expansion . Internal volume is often expressed in cubic inches or liters.
- **Depth Notation:** Depth is particularly important for wiring and conductor bending radius. Standard depths vary depending on application, typically ranging from 1.5" to 3.5" for residential boxes, and deeper for industrial enclosures .
- **Box Type and Gang Count:** Single-gang, multi-gang, junction, or specialty boxes are represented by their face dimensions and number of device slots, which helps in selecting the correct size for switches, outlets, or breakers .
- **Standard Size Families:** Manufacturers often provide size families rather than a single universal standard. These families allow scaling of height, width, or depth while maintaining compatibility with mounting and internal layout . For example, wall-mo...

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