

What size should a household 11-circuit distribution box be



Overview

Panel size is determined by NEC Article 220 load calculation. Most modern homes (2,000–4,000 sqft) require 200A service. The panel must have enough physical spaces for all circuits. A well-chosen distribution box ensures the safety and efficiency of your household electrical system. It takes the main electrical service from the utility and divides it into individual circuits that run throughout the house. The panel's “size” refers to its maximum current capacity. Standard sizes vary by type, but single-gang boxes are typically around 2” x 3” x 3.5”, while junction boxes often measure 4” x 4” with multiple depth options. Freestanding cabinets commonly range from about 1600–2200 mm in height, 600–1800 mm in width, and 300–600 mm in depth. Then, select a main switch that handles your total load. Finally, choose safety devices like RCBOs and Surge Protection Devices (SPD) for the best protection against faults and lightning.



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A distribution box, also known as a power distribution box or electrical distribution box, is used to distribute electrical power safely to multiple

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