

National Standard Main Distribution Box



Article Overview

A Main Distribution Box (MDB) is the central hub for safely distributing electrical power from the main supply to multiple circuits, incorporating protective devices and adhering to national safety standards.

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A Main Distribution Box (MDB), also known as a main distribution board, serves as the primary point for distributing electricity to various sections of a building or facility. It houses protective devices such as MCCBs (Molded Case Circuit Breakers), fuses, RCDs (Residual Current Devices), and busbars, ensuring both equipment protection and user safety. The MDB is essential in residential, commercial, and industrial installations, controlling power flow and preventing overloads or short circuits.

Components

Key components of a National Standard MDB include:

- **Enclosure:** Made of steel or durable plastic, providing protection against dust, water, and mechanical damage. Modern enclosures often meet IP or NEMA ratings for environmental protection.
- **Main Switch:** Allows complete disconnection of power to all circuits simultaneously.
- **Busbars:** Conductive bars (usually copper) that distribute power to individual circuit breakers. They are designed to handle fault currents and maintain low contact resistance.
- **Circuit Breakers and Fuses:** Protect individual circuits from overcurrent or short cir...

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