

What size incoming line should be selected for the primary distribution box



Article Overview

The incoming line size for a primary distribution box depends on the load, voltage, and phase configuration, typically ranging from 10 mm² for small residential loads to larger cross-sections for high-power or industrial applications.

Key Considerations

Phase and Wire Configuration: The primary distribution box usually uses a five-wire system: three-phase lines (A, B, C), one neutral, and one ground wire. For 220V single-phase loads, one phase, one neutral, and one ground are used. For 380V three-phase loads, all three phases plus neutral and ground are required . **Load and Voltage:** The wire size must match the expected current. For small residential lighting or low-power circuits, 10 mm² copper conductors are often sufficient. For higher loads, such as motors or industrial equipment, larger conductors are necessary to prevent overheating and excessive voltage drop . **Grounding:** The ground wire should be at least half the size of the largest phase conductor, but not less than 6 mm², in accordance with IEC 61439 standards . **Distance and Voltage Drop:** Keep the distribution box close to the service entrance (within 5 meters) to minimize voltage drop. Sub-distribution boxes should serve equipment within 30 meters . **Installation and Safety:** Ensure proper insulation, secure connections, and compliance with local codes (NEC, IEC, or equivalent). Use circuit breakers or air switches rated for the incoming current, and allow adequate space for bending and terminal connections .

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Lower cost Distribution primary systems come in a variety of shapes and sizes (Figure 2). Arrangements depend on

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Size determination, installation method and wiring mode of distribution ...

1) Generally, the incoming line of power distribution box adopts five wire system, i.e. three phase lines a, B and C (generally yellow,

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