

Cable selection for connection to the main distribution box



Summary of Content

Selecting the right cable for a main distribution box depends on load requirements, conductor material, insulation type, installation environment, and compliance with safety standards.

Key Factors in Cable Selection

1. **Load and Voltage Requirements** The cable must be rated for the total load it will carry and the system voltage. Undersized cables can overheat, causing insulation damage or fire hazards, while oversized cables increase cost and installation difficulty.
2. **Conductor Material** Copper and aluminum are the most common conductor materials. Copper offers higher conductivity and durability, while aluminum is lighter and more cost-effective but requires careful handling to avoid oxidation and connection issues.
3. **Cable Construction and Insulation** Choose cables with appropriate insulation for the environment. Indoor installations may use PVC or XLPE insulation, while outdoor or underground installations require UV-resistant, water-resistant, or armored cables. Single-conductor cables are easier to splice and install, whereas three-conductor cables reduce reactance and are suitable for compact installations.
4. **Environmental and Installation Conditions** Consider temperature, humidity, exposure to chemicals, and mechanical stress. Maintain proper bending radius during installation to prevent damage. For underground or outdoor runs, armored or sheathed cables provide additional protection.
5. **Compliance with Standards** Ensure cables meet local and international standards such as NEC, IEC, or IEEE 525 for substations and distribution systems. Using certified cables ensures safety, reliability, and long-term performance.

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If the relay type power distribution box, that is, the return line is connected to multiple distribution boxes

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