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How big is the electrical distribution box upstairs



Overview

Electrical DB Box Size Guide 2026 Find the right electrical DB box size for your home or project. Learn standard dimensions, Standard Electrical Enclosure.

Key Takeaways

Typical residential electrical distribution boxes range from 14-24 inches in height, 12-18 inches in width, and 4-6 inches in depth, depending on the number of circuits and manufacturer specifications. Standard Residential Distribution Box Sizes

For a typical upstairs electrical distribution board (DB) in a residential setting:

- Height: 14-24 inches (355-610 mm)
 - Width: 12-18 inches (305-460 mm)
 - Depth: 4-6 inches (100-150 mm) These dimensions accommodate standard main breaker panels with 12-24 circuit slots, allowing sufficient space for wiring, breakers, and future expansion . Depth is particularly important to ensure proper wire-fill capacity and compliance with NEC guidelines, especially if multiple wires or larger gauge conductors are used .
- Considerations for Selection
- Internal Volume: The cubic-inch capacity of the box must meet NEC wire-fill requirements to prevent overcrowding and ensure safe installation .

- **Future Expansion:** If planning for additional circuits, EV chargers, or smart home devices, a slightly larger box is recommended to allow extra slots and wiring space .
- **Mounting Type:** Wall-mounted boxes are most common for residential upstairs installations, while freestanding or floor-standing enclosures are typically used in commercial or industrial settings .
- **Material:** Boxes are available in metal (galvanized steel) or PVC, which can slightly affect external dimensions and installation workflow .

Summary

For an upstairs residential electrical distribution box, a wall-mounted panel measuring approximately 14–24 inches high, 12–18 inches wide, and 4–6 inches deep is standard. Always verify the specific manufacturer's specifications and ensure compliance with local electrical codes, including NEC wire-fill and breaker spacing requirements, to guarantee safe and efficient installation .

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