

Calculated load of the distribution box



Article Overview

The load of a distribution box is calculated by summing the connected loads of all circuits, applying demand factors, and converting the total to amperage to ensure proper panel sizing.

Step 1: List All Circuits and Loads

Start by identifying every circuit that will connect to the distribution box, including lighting, receptacles, appliances, HVAC, and specialty equipment. Record the voltage and wattage or amperage for each device or circuit. Minor circuits like lighting and small appliances should not be overlooked, as they contribute to the total load .

Step 2: Apply Demand Factors

Not all devices operate at full load simultaneously. Use demand factors as specified in NEC Article 220 or local codes. For example, general lighting and receptacle loads may be calculated at 100% for the first 3,000 VA and 35% for the remainder. For multiple fixed appliances, a 75% demand factor may apply .

Step 3: Calculate Total Load in Volt-Amperes

Add the adjusted loads of all circuits to get the total connected load in VA (volt-amperes). For continuous loads, multiply the amperage by a continuous factor (typically 1.25) before summing with non-continuous loads .

Step 4: Convert to Amperage...

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