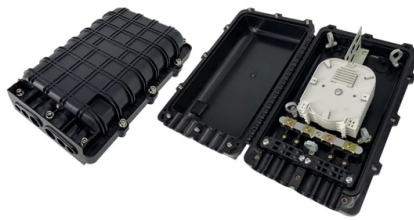


Calculation of the number of circuits in an indoor electrical distribution box



Article Overview

The number of circuits in a distribution box is determined by calculating the total electrical load, dividing it by the capacity of each circuit, and accounting for dedicated and general-purpose circuits according to NEC guidelines.

Step 1: Identify Circuit Types

- General-purpose branch circuits supply multiple outlets or lighting fixtures.
- Individual branch circuits supply a single high-demand appliance or equipment, such as a microwave, furnace, or EV charger .

Step 2: Calculate Total Load

- General-purpose load: Multiply the finished square footage of the area by 3 watts per square foot to estimate the minimum general-purpose load in watts .
- Dedicated loads: Add the wattage of high-demand appliances individually. For example, a microwave rated at 1,800W requires its own circuit .
- Continuous loads: Apply a 125% factor for continuous loads to size overcurrent protection devices correctly .

Step 3: Convert Load to Amperage

- Use the formula: $\text{Amps} = \text{Total Load (VA)} \div \text{Voltage}$. For most residential circuits, voltage is 120V for single-phase circuits and 240V for double-pole circuits

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