

How high can the temperature of an outdoor electrical distribution box get



Article Overview

Outdoor electrical distribution boxes can reach internal temperatures exceeding 60°C (140°F) under direct sunlight and high ambient conditions.

Temperature Factors

The temperature inside an outdoor electrical distribution box is influenced by several factors:

- **Ambient Temperature:** Standard equipment is designed for operation around 40°C, but summer heat can push internal temperatures higher .
- **Solar Radiation:** Direct sunlight can significantly increase surface and internal temperatures, often adding 30-50°F (≈17-28°C) above ambient .
- **Internal Heat Load:** Electrical components such as breakers, transformers, and busbars generate heat, contributing to the overall temperature rise .
- **Surface Materials and Color:** Metal enclosures, especially dark-colored ones, absorb more heat, while reflective or light-colored surfaces reduce temperature gain .
- **Ground Reflection:** Heat reflected from concrete or asphalt surfaces can further elevate the box temperature .

Potential Temperature Ranges

- **Typical Summer Conditions:** Internal temperatures can exceed 60°C (140°F), particularly in boxes exposed to direct sunlight and with high internal loads

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Although certain types of electrical equipment are robust, others cannot tolerate the high temperatures

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If the temperature within the enclosure increases to 60 ° C, the circuit-breaker sensitivity is increased, and it is likely to operate closer

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When unfavorable, high temperature ambient conditions exist and convection alone cannot adequately maintain an acceptable

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Factors for Determining Optimal Set Point The enclosure cooling unit is intended to keep electrical equipment in an

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Electrical enclosures IP66 for extreme temperatures from -60C to +250C, built for high humidity or very dry environments to protect

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Managing & maintaining temperature in enclosures

Managing electrical component temperatures can be accomplished in a variety of ways. One way is when air in the enclosure is

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Underwriters Laboratories standards limit the external surface temperature of transformer enclosures to 50°C (90°F)

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Electrical

Working with electricity can be dangerous. Engineers, electricians, and other professionals work with electricity directly, including

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