

How many watts is the distribution box



Article Overview

The wattage a distribution box can handle depends on its amperage rating and system voltage, typically ranging from 12,000 watts for smaller 100-amp panels to over 96,000 watts for large 400-amp systems.

Understanding Distribution Box Capacity

A distribution box, also called a DB box, panelboard, or breaker panel, is designed to safely distribute electrical power from a single input source to multiple circuits while protecting each circuit with breakers or fuses. The maximum power it can handle is determined by the main breaker rating (in amperes) and the system voltage.

Calculating Wattage

The total wattage capacity can be calculated using the formula: Total Watts = Voltage × Amperage. For example, in a typical residential system with 240 volts:

- 100-amp panel: $240\text{ V} \times 100\text{ A} = 24,000\text{ W}$ (continuous safe load is usually 80% of this, ~19,200 W)
- 200-amp panel: $240\text{ V} \times 200\text{ A} = 48,000\text{ W}$ (continuous safe load ~38,400 W)
- 400-amp panel: $240\text{ V} \times 400\text{ A} = 96,000\text{ W}$ (continuous safe load ~76,800 W),

Factors Affecting Wattage

- Number of Circuits: More circuits allow distribution to multiple devices but do not increase total panel capacity.
- Voltage Type: Single-phase vs. three-phase systems affect total power distributio...

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