

The foundation of the distribution box is concealed



Overview

Concealed vs Open MCB Distribution Box: Which to Choose?

Confused between concealed & open MCB distribution boxes?

Compare their features, benefits & best.

Key Takeaways

The foundation of a concealed distribution box must be properly prepared, compacted, and aligned within the wall or ceiling to ensure stability, safety, and accessibility. Foundation Preparation

For concealed distribution boxes, the foundation is typically embedded within walls or ceilings, requiring careful excavation and compaction. If the box is raised, the foundation excavation should be at least 60 cm deep to protect incoming and outgoing pipes and ensure structural stability. The ground must be well-compacted to prevent settling, which could misalign the box or damage connected conduits.

Structural Support

Concealed DB boxes often include a support structure, such as a three-step or scalariform support, which allows the guide rails, cover plates, and circuit breakers to be mounted securely . The support is fixed to the housing using bolts through pre-formed holes, enabling level adjustment during installation to prevent horizontal tilt or excessive depth, which could interfere with panel access .

Installation Considerations

- **Pipe Alignment:** Inlet and outlet pipes should be arranged on the compacted foundation before embedding the box. PVC pipes are commonly used, with diameters matching the network requirements (e.g., DN50 for inlets, DN25–DN75 for outlets), .
- **Accessibility:** Even though the box is concealed, the front panel must remain accessible for maintenance, and the internal components like miniature circuit breakers should be mounted on guide rails for easy adjustment .
- **Material and Protection:** Boxes are typically made from cold-rolled steel, stainless steel, or flame-retardant ABS plastic, with anti-rust or baked finishes, achieving protection ratings of IP40–IP54 .
- **Alignment and Leveling:** During wall embedding, ensure the box is level and flush with the wall surface. Adjustable supports and pre-formed holes allow fine-tuning to avoid misalignment .

Benefits of Proper Foundation

A well-prepared foundation ensures the concealed distribution box is stable, safe, and durable, prevents damage to wiring and pipes, and allows for efficient maintenance and operation. Proper installation also enhances aesthetic integration with interior walls or ceilings while maintaining compliance with electrical safety standards . By following these guidelines, the concealed DB box will function reliably as a central hub for power distribution, protecting circuits and providing organized, safe access for residential or commercial electrical systems.

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