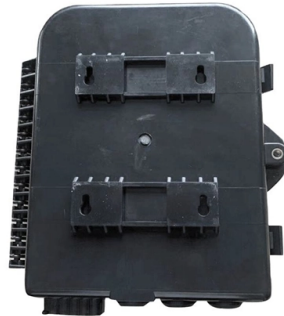


Distribute the spacing between electrical boxes



AI Overview

Electrical boxes or panels can be installed side-by-side as long as the required working space in front and around them is maintained, and doors can open fully. Key Clearance Requirements

Front Clearance: Maintain a minimum of 36 inches (3 feet) in front of all electrical equipment to allow safe operation, maintenance, and emergency access. This space must be clear of obstructions and allow doors to open at least 90 degrees (OSHA, NEC).

Side Clearance: The minimum side clearance is 30 inches, or at least the width of the equipment itself. This ensures a technician has enough shoulder-width space to work safely. Panels can be installed directly next to each other as long as the combined width meets this requirement and doors do not interfere with each other.

Height Clearance: Maintain a vertical clearance of 78 inches from the floor to the top of the working space. This ensures safe access for maintenance and inspection.

Practical Panel Arrangement Panels can be adjacent: Two panels can be placed side-by-side with minimal spacing between them, provided the front clearance is maintained and doors can swing open without obstruction.

Multiple panels in a row: Ensure that all panels can be accessed simultaneously. For example, in an electrical room, technicians should be able to open all doors and move freely between panels, allowing at least two people to pass safely.

Voltage considerations: For panels under 600V, a minimum of 1 meter (≈ 39 inches) between enclosures is recommended for fire safety and cable management. Higher voltages require increased spacing.

Summary When distributing electrical boxes: Ensure 36 inches of clear space in front of all panels. Maintain 30 inches of side clearance or the width of the equipment. Allow 78 inches of vertical clearance. Panels can be installed side-by-side if doors can open fully and front clearance is maintained. Consider roo...

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