How many amperes A are the switches in a three-level distribution box



Overview

The document discusses specifications for electrical distribution boards and main switches. It states that main switches come in various amperages, voltages as single, double or triple pole, and are iron clad.

Key Takeaways

The amperage of the main switch in a three-level distribution box depends on the total load of the system, typically ranging from 63A to 250A for low-voltage commercial or industrial installations.

Understanding the Three-

Level Distribution System

A three-level distribution system consists of: Main Distribution Board (MDB) – the top-level board receiving power from the transformer or utility supply.

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Distribution Boards (SDBs) – intermediate boards distributing power to specific floors or zones. Final Distribution Boxes / Switch Boxes (DBs) – the lowest level, supplying individual equipment or appliances. The main switch is installed at the top-level distribution board (MDB) and serves as the control point for the entire system, protecting all downstream circuits.

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Determining the Amperage

The main switch rating is determined by: Total connected load: Sum of all downstream loads (lighting, power outlets, motors, HVAC, etc.). Safety margin: Typically 25–30% above the calculated load to accommodate future expansion. Voltage level: For low-voltage systems (230/415V), standard main switch ratings are commonly 63A, 100A, 125A, 160A, 200A, or 250A.

For example: A small commercial building with total load around 40–50 kW may use a 100A main switch. A medium-sized industrial facility with 100–150 kW load may require a 160–200A main switch. Large facilities with multiple SDBs and high-power equipment may need a 250A or higher main switch.

Key Considerations

Coordination with downstream breakers: The main switch must be rated higher than the sum of all branch circuit breakers to prevent nuisance tripping. Protection type: Use a MCCB (Molded Case Circuit Breaker) or isolator switch with short-circuit and overload protection. Compliance: Follow local electrical codes and standards for low-voltage distribution systems.

Environmental factors: Ensure proper ventilation, dry installation, and accessibility for maintenance.

Practical Tip

Before selecting the main switch, perform a load calculation for all connected equipment and consider future expansion. This ensures the main switch can safely handle the maximum expected current without compromising protection or efficiency. In summary, while there is no single fixed amperage for a three-level distribution box, 63A to 250A is typical for low-voltage systems, with the exact value determined by total load, safety margin, and system design.

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Power, Voltage and Current Rating of Outlet, Switch & Plug

Current Rating: The current rating, indicated in amperes on the switch nameplate, shows the maximum amperes the switch can safely carry to the connected load circuit.

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