New Zealand Secondary Distribution Box Parameters



Overview

All metering required by the Distribution Code shall be of an appropriate class of accuracy having regard to the duty performed.

Key Takeaways

Secondary distribution boxes in New Zealand are designed for low-voltage distribution (typically 230/400 V), with materials, mounting, and protection features specified to meet NZ Building Code and electrical safety standards.

Voltage and Capacity

Secondary distribution boxes, also referred to as sub-boards, typically operate at low-voltage levels of 230/400 V for residential and commercial applications, with allowances for future load growth. They are sized to handle the maximum expected demand and may include additional capacity for future expansion.

Construction and Materials

Distribution boxes are generally PVC-U or metal, with flush-mounted designs for domestic installations. Larger boards (over 40 MCB capacity) should have a metal door for durability and safety. Meter boxes feeding the distribution board can be metal, fibreglass, or PVC-U, with stainless steel preferred in coastal areas to resist corrosion.

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Mounting and Location

Height: Typically installed 1. 2 m to 2. 9 m above the floor.

Placement: Centrally located to minimize cable lengths and voltage drop, ideally near the area of highest demand (e.g., kitchen). Avoid under-stair locations if possible. Additional Boards: Sub-boards may be installed in separate areas such as garages or courtyards, fed from the main distribution board or meter box.

Protection Features

Surge Protection: Coarse protection for lightning or major faults is installed in the meter box, while medium protection guards against voltage surges or brownouts.

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D Protection: Required for safety, particularly in residential installations, to prevent electric shock. Earthing: Proper earthing is mandatory to comply with NZ electrical safety standards.

Metering and Integration

Secondary distribution boxes may integrate with smart meters or allow for remote electronic reading. The design should ensure that meter reading is accessible, either through a window in the box or via remote systems.

Summary

In New Zealand, secondary distribution boxes are low-voltage, centrally located, and constructed from durable materials with surge and RCD protection. They are sized for current and future demand, comply with NZ Building Code requirements, and may include smart metering integration for modern electrical systems.

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