

Standard Configuration Method for Home Electrical Distribution Boxes



Summary of Content

A typical home distribution box includes separate lighting and socket circuits, protective devices like MCBs and RCDs, busbars, terminal blocks, and optional surge protection, all arranged according to safety standards and load requirements.

Circuit Allocation

Lighting Circuits: Usually protected by single-pole circuit breakers rated at 10A or 16A, sufficient for LED and conventional lighting loads. One lighting circuit per floor is common in multi-story homes, while a single-story house may only require one circuit . **Socket Circuits:** These are protected by double-pole circuit breakers with leakage protection, rated 16A, 20A, or 25A, depending on the expected load from appliances like kettles, computers, and TVs . **Special Circuits:** For electric vehicle charging, a dedicated circuit is required. For example, a 7kW charger needs a breaker rated at 32A with leakage protection, and the wiring must support the corresponding current .

Protective Devices and Configuration

MCBs and RCDs: Modern domestic distribution boxes often use RCBOs (combined overcurrent and residual current protection) for each circuit, ensuring that a fault in one circuit does not cut power to others. Alternative configurations include split-load or dual-RCD boards, but RCBOs are increasingly standard for new installations . **Arc Fault Detection Devices (AFDDs):** Recommended for AC final circuits to reduce fire risk from arc faults, following BS 7671:2018+A4:2026 guidance . **Main Switch:** Provides overall isolation for the distribution box.

Accessories and Wiring

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