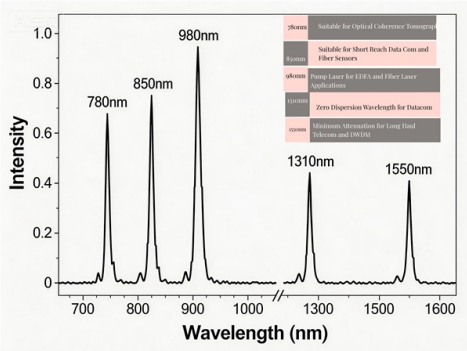
# How many volts does the distribution box use




## Overview

Electricity is delivered at a frequency of either 50 or 60 Hz, depending on the region. It is delivered to domestic customers as. In some countries as in Europe a supply may be made available for larger properties. Seen with an, the domestic power supply in North America would look like a, oscillating between −170 volts and 170 volts, giving an effective voltage of 12.

## Key Takeaways

A typical residential distribution box carries 120/240 volts, while commercial or industrial distribution boxes may handle higher voltages depending on the system design.

### Residential Distribution Boxes

In most homes, the distribution box, also called a breaker panel or electric panel, receives power from a step-down transformer that converts medium-voltage distribution lines (commonly 7,200 V or 12,470 V) to standard residential service voltage. The output from the transformer is typically 240 volts AC, delivered via a split-phase system, which provides 120 volts for standard outlets and 240 volts for high-power appliances like ovens, dryers, and air conditioners. Each circuit in the panel is protected by a breaker or fuse to prevent overloads.

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### Commercial and Industrial Distribution Boxes

Distribution boxes in commercial or industrial settings may receive low-voltage power (typically 230 V single-phase or 400 V three-phase) from the utility after step-down from medium-voltage lines, which range from 4 kV to 35 kV in primary distribution. These boxes distribute power to multiple circuits, each safeguarded by protective devices such as MCBs, RCDs, or fuses, and may include busbars, isolators, and surge protection devices.

### Key Points

The incoming voltage to a distribution box depends on the type of system and local standards. Residential panels: 120/240 V AC (split-phase) in North America. Commercial/industrial panels: 230 V single-phase or 400 V three-phase, sometimes higher depending on the application.

Distribution boxes ensure safe and organized power distribution, protecting circuits from overloads, short circuits, and leakage currents. Understanding the voltage in a distribution box is crucial for safe electrical work, proper appliance connection, and compliance with local electrical codes.

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In North America, it is common to wire large permanently installed equipment line-to-line. This takes two slots in the panel (two-pole) and gives a voltage of 240 V for split-phase electric power, or 208 V for

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Learn how a power distribution box works step by step—from incoming power to circuit protection and smart monitoring—for safe, efficient electricity delivery.

## Additional source notes

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