# What specifications of cables should be used in the distribution box



## Overview

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## Key Takeaways

Distribution boxes require high-temperature resistant copper cables with appropriate cross-sectional area, standard lengths from 1m to 10m, and secure connectors like M8, M12, or M16 for reliable power and data distribution.

### Cable Types and Materials

Distribution boxes typically use high-temperature resistant copper core cables to handle load currents safely and maintain durability under industrial conditions. For pre-wired industrial boxes, PUR (polyurethane) cables are common due to their flexibility, oil resistance, and suitability for constant movement applications. For high-voltage applications (10kV–40.

5kV), fully insulated and sealed cables are used to ensure safe operation in harsh environments like rain, snow, or sandstorms.

### Standard Cable Lengths

Standard cable lengths for distribution boxes range from 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, 5m, to 10m, with custom lengths available upon request. These lengths are designed to accommodate typical installation distances while minimizing excess cable slack.

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### Connectors and Terminations

Common connectors include M8, M12, M16, and M23 types, often pre-wired for ease of installation. Some boxes feature push-pull or guided connectors to prevent pin damage and ensure secure mating.

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D indicators may be integrated to show power and function status. Installation and Wiring ConsiderationsCross-sectional area: Must match the load current requirements to prevent overheating. Wiring process: Should avoid exposed copper and ensure clear wire identification.

Sealing: All cable inlets and cover joints must be tightly sealed to maintain IP67 protection against dust and water ingress. Grounding: The metal box, electrical installation board, and internal appliances must be properly grounded, with protective neutral wires connected via terminal boards.

### Environmental and Safety Ratings

Distribution boxes often have IP67 ratings, providing protection against dust and temporary immersion in water. For high-voltage junction boxes, fully insulated designs reduce line fault rates and allow installation underground or submerged when necessary.

### Summary

When selecting cables for distribution boxes, ensure they are copper core, high-temperature resistant, compatible with the box connectors, and of appropriate length. Proper installation, grounding, and sealing are critical for safety, reliability, and compliance with industrial standards.

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