Parallel spacing of distribution boxes and switch boxes



Overview

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Key Takeaways

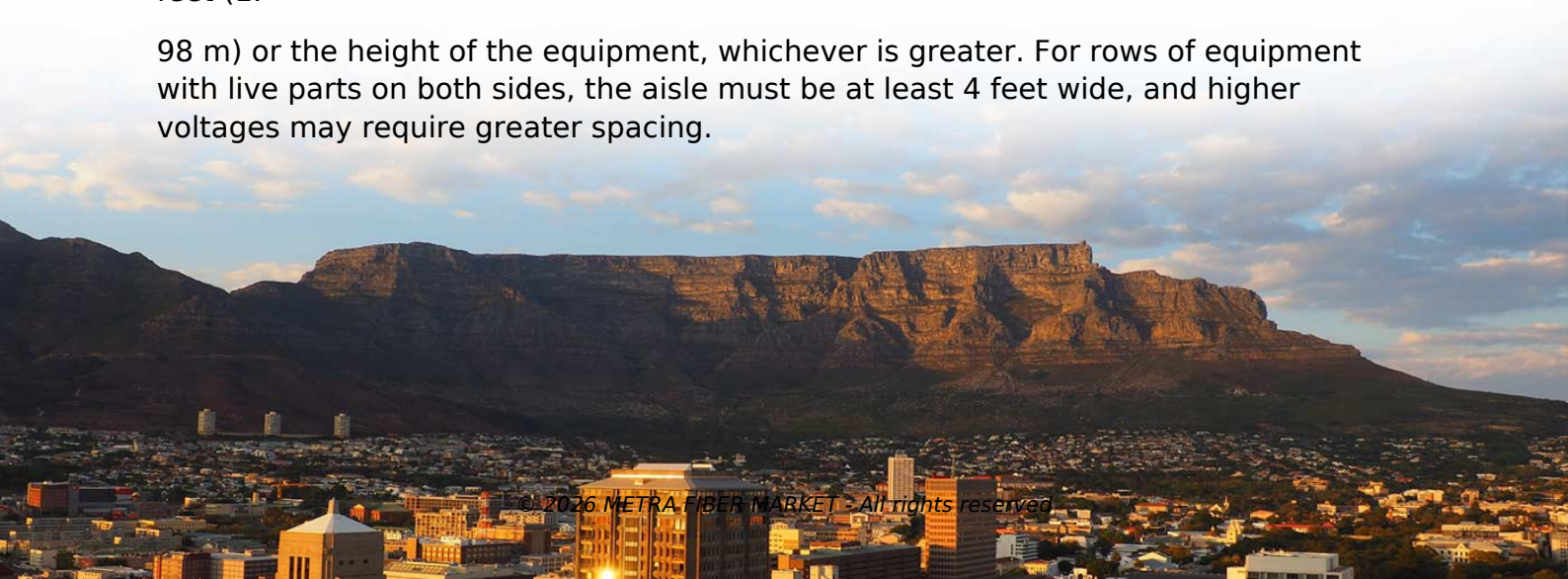
Distribution and switch boxes must maintain specific clearances and spacing to ensure safety, accessibility, and compliance with electrical standards.

General Working Space Requirements

For safe operation and maintenance, electrical equipment such as switchboards, panelboards, and distribution boxes require adequate front, side, and height clearances. The typical minimum clearances are: Front clearance: At least 3 feet (0. 91 m) in front of the equipment to allow doors to open 90° and provide safe access for maintenance.

Side clearance: Minimum of 30 inches (0. 76 m) from the sides of equipment, or at least the width of the equipment itself. Height clearance: Minimum headroom of 6½ feet (1.

98 m) or the height of the equipment, whichever is greater. For rows of equipment with live parts on both sides, the aisle must be at least 4 feet wide, and higher voltages may require greater spacing.



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Spacing Between Distribution Blocks

Power distribution blocks (PDBs) and terminal blocks have specific spacing requirements to prevent electrical faults: Air spacing: 1 inch (25. 4 mm) minimum at 600V between uninsulated live parts and grounded parts or opposite polarity live parts. Surface spacing: 2 inches (50.

8 mm) minimum at 600V over the surface. These spacings are based on UL508A and UL1953 standards and ensure safe operation in feeder circuits and industrial control panels. The spacing may vary depending on the short-circuit current rating (SCCR), voltage, and type of upstream overcurrent protection (fuse or breaker),.

Parallel Arrangement Considerations

When distribution boxes or switchboards are installed in parallel: Ensure adequate spacing between boxes to allow safe access for inspection, maintenance, and emergency operations. Parallel feeders improve reliability but require careful layout to maintain clearances for live parts and prevent accidental contact. For large switchboards (>6 feet wide or >1,200 amps), additional exits or doubled front working space may be required to prevent personnel from being trapped.

Summary

Maintain minimum front, side, and height clearances for all switch and distribution boxes.

Follow UL and NE

C spacing standards for air and surface distances between live parts. In parallel arrangements, ensure aisle widths and spacing allow safe access and comply with voltage-specific requirements. Always consider SCCR, voltage, and equipment size when determining exact spacing.

Proper adherence to these spacing guidelines ensures safety, operational reliability, and code compliance in electrical installations.

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The dedicated equipment space is commonly referred to as the equipment footprint (the space equal to the width and depth of the equipment). The dedicated equipment space also extends

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No, the Code requires a minimum working space of 1 m (39”) with secure footing be provided and maintained in front of electrical equipment such as panelboards (Rule 2-308 1)).

Minimum Spacings

The table provides detailed measurements for various voltage levels, indicating the necessary spacings for opposite polarities and live parts to ground. Additionally, it notes that different dimensions apply

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