Standard for the Slot Depth of Distribution Boxes

Overview

Wireway Depth: The maximum permitted distance for the through (wireway) beyond the front of panelboard is 6 inches, the trough''s depth is 12 inches and switchboard''s depth is 24 inches.

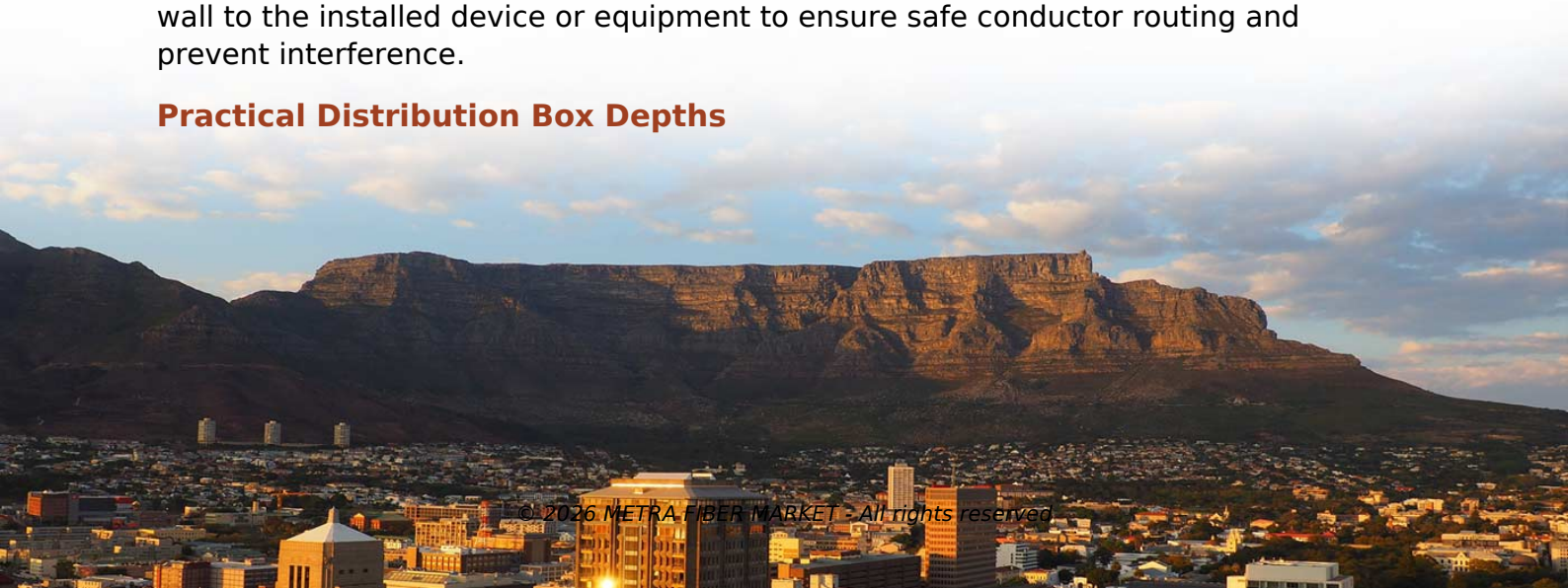
Key Takeaways

The standard slot depth for distribution boxes typically ranges from 13/16 inch (20–21 mm) minimum for 12 or 10 AWG conductors, with deeper boxes required to accommodate device projections and wiring clearance. NEC-Based Depth RequirementsAccording to the National Electrical Code (NEC 314. 24), the minimum internal depth of outlet or device boxes enclosing 12 or 10 AWG conductors is 30.

2 mm (13/16 in.). If the device or equipment projects more than 25 mm (1 in.) from the mounting plane, the box depth must be at least the equipment depth plus 6 mm (1/4 in.). For wiring entering the center portion of the rear of the box opposite the equipment, the minimum clearance increases to 13 mm (1/2 in.).

Side-wiring entries also require a minimum clearance of 13 mm (1/2 in.) from the box wall to the installed device or equipment to ensure safe conductor routing and prevent interference.

Practical Distribution Box Depths



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For residential and commercial distribution boards, manufacturers provide boxes with generous internal depth to allow easy installation of incomers, MCBs, busbars, and outgoing feeders. For example, ABB Mini Center Compact boards are designed with sufficient wiring space and adjustable mounting to accommodate various device sizes without obstructing other components. For KVA-rated distribution boxes (63, 100, 160, 315 KVA), the depth is determined by the size of busbars, isolators, and incoming/outgoing droppers.

Specifications indicate that the box must allow proper clearance for busbars, terminals, and insulating sleeves, with door overlap and sealing considered in the overall depth. While exact slot depth varies by KVA rating, the design ensures adequate spacing for safe operation and maintenance.

Summary

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C depth: 13/16 in. (30. 2 mm) for 12/10 AWG conductors. Equipment projection adjustment: Add 1/4 in. (6 mm) if device projects >1 in.

Rear or side wiring clearance: Minimum 1/2 in. (13 mm). Practical distribution boxes: Depth varies by manufacturer and KVA rating, designed to accommodate busbars, MCBs, and wiring safely. Selecting the correct slot depth ensures code compliance, safe conductor routing, and ease of installation, especially in high-density or high-KVA distribution boxes.

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Depth of Boxes

Boxes for outlets and devices must have an approved depth to ensure proper installation and prevent damage to internal conductors. For outlet boxes without enclosed devices, a minimum depth of 12.7

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