

Secondary main switch of the engineering distribution box



Article Overview

The secondary main switch in an engineering distribution box serves as the primary isolation and control point for the low-voltage secondary distribution system, ensuring safe operation and continuity of service.

Function and Purpose

The secondary main switch is a key component in a distribution box or secondary switchboard. Its primary role is to disconnect the incoming supply from the secondary circuits, allowing maintenance, fault isolation, or emergency shutdowns without affecting upstream systems. In three-phase systems, this is typically a four-pole switch disconnect or MCCB, while in single-phase systems, a double-pole switch may be used. It may provide overcurrent protection if designed as a main circuit breaker.

Placement and Integration

In a secondary unit substation, the main switch is located close to the secondary busbars and transformers to minimize cable lengths and reduce voltage drop. The switch is often integrated with a bus tie breaker in selective or dual-bus configurations, allowing one bus to be isolated while the other remains energized, which improves service continuity during faults or maintenance. This setup can be automatic, limiting outage duration to a few seconds.

Operational Considerations

- **Isolation:** Provides a clear point to safely disconnect all downstream circuits.

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Unit Substations

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As the main switch is separated from the whole distribution box, it can also be used as the power supply

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Distribution box (aka distribution board, breaker panel, electric panel, breakerboard) is the enclosure where the

IFS switchboard design guide

A main molded case breaker or main fusible switch, within the sizes listed for panelboard design, can be included in the panel

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The distribution panel houses all critical components such as circuit breakers, earth leakage units, and timers, receiving input from a

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Secondary unit substations design guide

Secondary unit substations requiring a primary disconnect are furnished with Eaton's Type MVS metal-enclosed load interrupter

Distribution board

A distribution board (also known as a panelboard, circuit breaker panel or box, electric panel, fuse box or DB box) is a component of

10 Electrical Distribution System Arrangements Explained

Four basic circuit arrangements are used for the distribution of electric power: radial, primary selective, secondary

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